Car show hoping to attract a large crowd

Snyder Wheels car show and cruise will take place primarily on the Snyder square next Saturday, but club members hope out-of-town visitors will also take the day to shop in the community.

"Sure, one of our main goals it to have lots of classic cars on display and have related activities. And in doing so, bring in visitors to Snyder who will give local businesses a shot in the arm," said Jim Edmonds, club president.

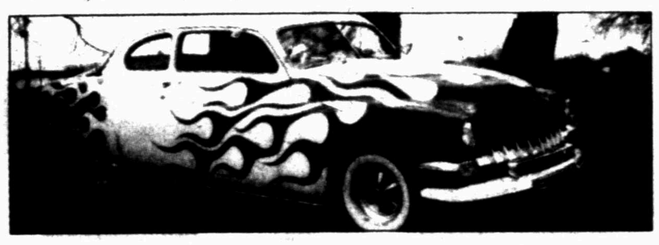
"We're patterning our show after the very-successful Vernon event that attracted 25,000 visitors last year," said Edmonds.

"Of course, we don't look for that many here this year, but we have plans for this to grow like Vernon's."

Edmonds said the show in Vernon had 35 cars on display in its first year, and 1,800 last year.

"We've talked to many business owners up there that say the car show weekend brings in about one-fourth of their year's business," said Edmonds.

The local event, co-sponsored by Sonic Drive In, opens with a swap meet Saturday on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church. Open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., car parts and accessories will be featured, but other items will be for sale, said Edmonds.



Vehicles like this one will be on display at the car show

During the day Saturday there will be a burn out contest beginning at 10 a.m., Hula-Hoop competition, 50s dress contest, and the car show.

The cars will be on display from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

One of the highlights of the day will be the cruise that will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until 9 in the evening.

"The cruise is open to everyone, regardless of what kind of vehicle you have," said Edmonds.

Edmonds said all proceeds from the event go to local charities.

"The more money we raise, the more we will have to give back to the community," said Edmonds.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Now is the time for all good men to come to."

The experts says small things make a really big difference when it comes to the battle of the bulge.

The same experts say Americans not only are losing the daily battle, but the fat enemy is winning the war.

According to a recent report, 60 percent of all Americans exceed their ideal weight. That's the politically-correct way of saying most of us are too fat.

The same report said that most people consume a majority of their high calorie and high fat foods during the prime-time TV watching hour. We doubt that, most men are already asleep in the lounge chair.

Eating just 100 calories less a day could result in a 10-pound weight loss in the course of a year. Translated, the experts say, that's just one-third of a candy bar.

Does that mean if we forego the entire chocolate bar, that we can then have a two-thirds sack of tater chips?

And no matter which diet is chosen, the experts all want us to get off the couch and get some exercise. And exercise just makes us hungry.

Then we came across this little item to add more confusion to the fat/skinny debate.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or the Americans.

On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink an excessive amount of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: eat and drink whatever you want. It's speaking English that kills you. Another possibility, learn a foreign language.

Just remember, a successful dieter is one who goes to great lengths to avoid greater widths.

It was the late Erma Bombeck who said it best in her dieter's prayer:

"Lord, if you can't make me thin, then make my friends look fat."



BARGAIN HUNTING — Linda, left, and Leslie Carrisalez were shopping for good deals Saturday at the Colonial Hill Baptist Church garage sale. The sale, held in Towle Park Barn, was a project of the church's youth. (SDN Staff Photo)

Applications due for United Way allocations for next year

Scurry County United Way will be reviewing allocation proposals during May.

Any non-profit agency wishing to seek funding from the United Way for their program for the budget year 2003 can apply by the Friday deadline.

The proposals will establish the basis upon which allocation decisions will be determined. A budget review committee will screen each application to determine how each agency serves Scurry County and how the money raised for the agency will be spent.

The proposals are due to the Scurry County United Way postmarked no later than noon, Friday, to be considered.

All forms must be complete and correct to be considered for an allocation.

Any agency wishing to apply needs to contact the Scurry County United Way by calling 573-5311, or by sending a written request mailed to P.O. Box 1411, Snyder, 79550.

Proposals have been mailed to the agencies affiliated with the Scurry County United Way in 2003.

These include Snyder Child Day Care Center, Boys & Girls Club of Scurry County, Gateway Family Services, West Texas Girl Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, the Salvation Army and the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

Only agencies that provide services to Scurry County area will be considered. All money raised benefits local agencies. The United Way only spends approximately 9 percent (or .09 per $1) of the funds collected for administrative costs.

Awards Day Tuesday...

WTC's year coming to a successful end

Students, faculty and staff at Western Texas College are gearing up for a busy couple of weeks on the campus as another school year draws to a close.

End-of-year festivities begin Tuesday with the annual Awards Day.

Departmental awards are to be presented by representatives of each department.

Also to be recognized at the ceremony are Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges as Jim Clifton, dean of student services, will recognize those students.

WTC vice president Bettie McQueen will introduce the nominees for outstanding male and female students and Dr. Greg Williams, president, will present the awards.

Faculty Association president Tammy Wesson is to serve as mistress of ceremonies.

John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, will provide the invocation and the WTC Community Singers will provide the entertainment.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Courtyard, weather permitting, and will continue until noon. A reception will be held immediately after.

Students will hardly have time to catch their breath after Awards Day, as WTC Graduation is slated Friday night.

The ceremony, also to be held in the Central Courtyard, is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. By Friday, 86 students had applied for graduation.

If bad weather forces the graduation inside, it will be held at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Finals also begin this week, starting Thursday.

Tuesday-Thursday classes, which begin at 9:25 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. will have their finals at those times Thursday.

Finals will continue through Wednesday, May 8.

The closing of the 2001-2002 school year also marks the end of the college's first year under new president Dr. Greg Williams.

Dr. Williams said Friday his first year at WTC and in Snyder "has been tremendous."

"My first year has gone really well, but we can always continue to improve," he said.

Dr. Williams said the WTC campus and its students, faculty and staff are what makes it a special place.

"I think those are the best things about us here at WTC and also here in Snyder," he said. "We have outstanding people here."

Dr. Williams added that he appreciates the dedication of all of WTC's employees during what he termed "a tough year financially."

"Everyone here has managed to stay positive and in doing so has established a foundation for a tremendous future at WTC."

Albany girl still missing

The search for 19-year-old Holly Sargent of Albany was continuing at noon Saturday, according to a dispatcher at the Shackelford sheriff's department.

A Department of Public Safety helicopter has joined the search teams that include game wardens in boats, trained dogs and riders on horseback.

The teenager was swept away in her mobile home during the flooding of Hubbard Creek Thursday afternoon.

Deadline here for transfers into SISD

Students who reside outside the Snyder Independent School District, but wish to attend the Snyder public schools during the 2002-2003 school year must complete application for transfer by Wednesday, or a tuition fee may be assessed.

Parents may come by the school administration building at 2901 37th Street to file for student transfers any time Monday or Tuesday. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

ASK US

Q—Is Cox Communications a monopoly business in Snyder?

A—It is the only cable TV company, but not the only source to receive television programming.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 68 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Saturday, 67; .15 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 6.32 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 50s; SW winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, high 85-90. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 55-60.



Jady Pittman
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:20 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.
Of 116 days in 2002, the sun has shone 110 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Peace, like charity, begins at home.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Mother is charged with assisting in latest suicide case

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — If prosecutors are right, Kathleen Holey did everything she could to help her son and daughter-in-law commit suicide: She drove them to an abandoned farmhouse, arranged pillows and blankets for their comfort and handed over a powerful narcotic.

The daughter-in-law survived, though, setting off an investigation that led law enforcement authorities to Holey.

After a puzzling two weeks, authorities have offered a clue to why the healthy 19-year-old couple had made a suicide pact: They were under investigation on suspicion of raping a 14-year-old girl.

Holey, a 42-year-old divorcee, has been charged with two counts of assisted suicide. She could become the first person convicted under a 1998 Michigan law enacted to stop Jack Kevorkian from helping terminally ill people kill themselves.

Clinton County prosecutor Charles Sherman said he believes Holey convinced the couple that killing themselves was their best option and could improve her chances of getting custody of their 8-month-old child. The baby had been taken from the couple by the state a week after the alleged rape and one day before the suicide attempt.

Jennifer Holey, the daughter-in-law found dazed and wandering after the suicide attempt, is charged with criminal sexual conduct for allegedly helping her now-dead husband, Patrick, assault the teen-age girl April 1.

Jennifer Holey, who is pregnant, was arrested after she was released from the hospital Friday. An arraignment is scheduled Saturday.

Police and prosecutors in two counties are still trying to determine what happened in the days leading up to the April 9 suicide.

"You can't conceive of wanting to help your child kill themselves," said Sherman, who filed the assisted suicide charges. "There has to be some reason. I'm just as anxious to know what that reason is myself."

Sherman said Kathleen Holey was resolute in her decision that suicide was the best way out for the teen-agers, who were married last August.

According to prosecutors, she drove the couple to a pharmacy to fill her prescription for fentanyl, a painkiller she used to treat chronic pain from a head injury.

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SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK — Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed April 28-May 5 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas. Members of various state conservation groups met with the governor to witness the signing of the proclamation. From left are: Edward Albrecht, chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Comfort; Robert Buckley, executive director of TSSWCB, Temple; Jose Dodier Jr., president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Zapata; Kris Parker, external customer relations, TSSWCB, Temple; Gov. Rick Perry; Kenneth Brandenberger, chairman, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Llano; Bob Pearson, committee member from Fairfield; Phillip Munden, committee member from Morgan; and Joel Clark, program specialist of TSSWCB, Buna. (Contributed Photo)

Blake bails out bodyguard accused in his wife's death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Blake doesn't have the option to post bail to get himself out from behind bars, but he paid $1 million to free his jailed bodyguard.

Blake posted bail for Earle Caldwell, who has been charged with conspiring to help the "Baretta" star murder his wife. Caldwell, 46, was released Friday from the downtown county jail.

Blake, who was being held without bail, will seek to have bail set at a court hearing next week.

Blake paid cash to free Caldwell, the actor's lawyer said. Blake also is paying for the man's legal defense.

"He's an employee and a friend and Robert felt responsible for him," attorney Harland Braun said.

Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson suggested that Blake's action will raise eyebrows in the legal community.

"It can begin to look like hush money," she said.

Caldwell has pleaded innocent to a count of conspiracy to murder Blake's wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, who was shot to death on May 4, 2001, in a car outside a restaurant.

Blake, 68, is charged with murder, conspiracy and solicitation to murder.

Prosecutors contend that Caldwell provided the actor with a handgun two months before the killing. A criminal complaint filed earlier this week alleges that Blake showed the gun to two people he solicited to kill his wife.

Prosecutors also alleged that in early 2001, Caldwell, at Blake's request, wrote and kept a list of items for use in the murder.

Among "overt acts" listed in the criminal complaint was a trip by Blake, his wife and Caldwell to rural Three Rivers, Calif., and Parker, Ariz., in April 2001.

On that trip, the complaint said, "Caldwell, armed with a handgun, hid in bushes on the banks of a river and jumped out while defendant Blake and Bonny Lee Bakley were together." The document did not elaborate.

Caldwell was not immediately available for comment.

In another development, a retired Los Angeles police officer who works as a private investigator said a report about comments Blake allegedly made to him were incorrect.

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press earlier this week that Bill Welch would testify that Blake said his life would be better if his wife was dead.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-4-12-19
Bonus number 23
Estimated jackpot: $400,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
22-25-27-28-29

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-7-6

10 children hurt in bus collision

DETROIT (AP) — A school bus carrying 10 students struck a van that ran a stop sign Friday, sending the students and both drivers to hospitals, police said.

Injuries appeared to be minor, police and Detroit Public Schools officials said. Some of the students complained of minor head injuries.

The bus was heading to Rosa Parks Middle School when the speeding van ran the stop sign.

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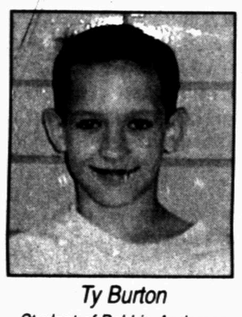
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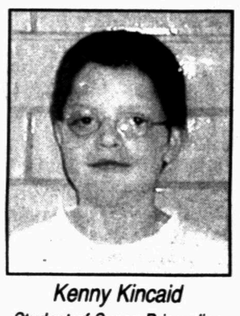
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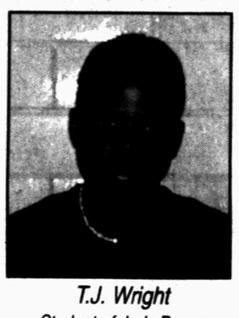
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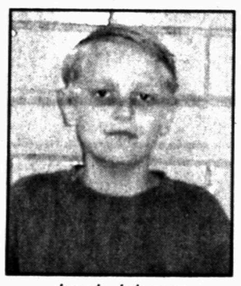
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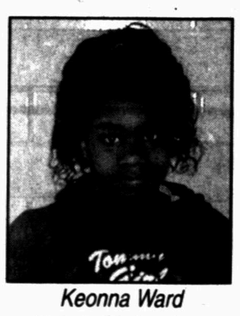
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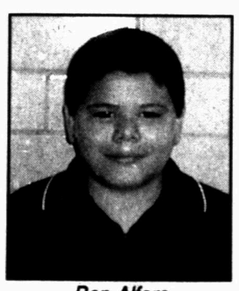

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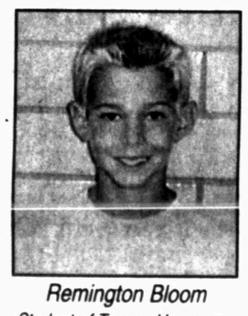

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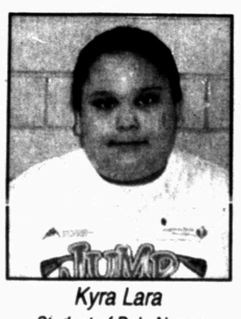

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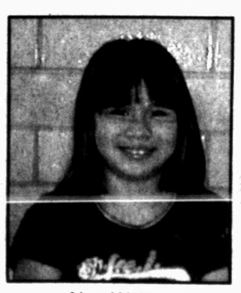

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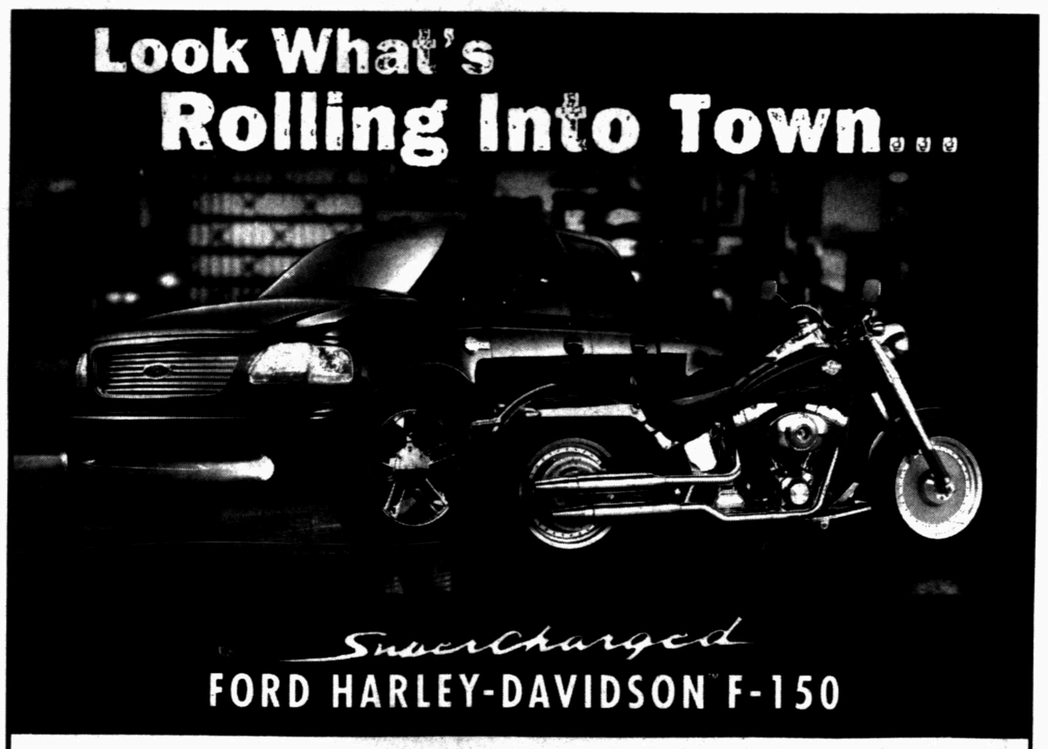

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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken fried chicken w/cream gravy, cream corn, mashed potatoes, pickled beets & onion, cutie pie

Tuesday

Beef stroganoff, peas and carrots, tossed salad, Jell-O w/topping

Wednesday

Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, baked potato, steamed broccoli w/cheese

Thursday

Red beans and ham, southern fried okra, green onion, white cake w/strawberries, cornbread

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, tomato wedges, banana pudding

Senior Center News

MayDay will be Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Booths will open at 2 p.m., the barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m., and the quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers will be needed all this week. Call 573-4035 if you can help on any day. A work schedule is available in the dining room for volunteers who can work at the coliseum on Saturday.

Barbecue tickets can be picked up at the center office through Friday or at the coliseum Saturday. Takeout meals will also be available. Homemade crafts can be brought to the center before Friday or at the coliseum Saturday. Home baked goods can be brought to the center on Friday or to the coliseum from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Breads, cakes, Rice Krispie bars and cookies all sell well. In order to comply with county health regulations, home baked pies cannot be sold.

The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket for the barbecue and Grady Morris will be the auctioneer for the quilts.

A few of the quilts are on display at local businesses. Quilts come in twin, queen and king sizes. Some are also embroidered, cross-stitched, appliqued, pieced, antique or baby quilts. Quilts also have a clown, a rabbit, angels, roosters or hens. Dolls, afghans and a large framed doily will also be sold.

As vacation times approaches, more volunteers for the home-delivered meal program are needed. This project requires 15 volunteers Monday through Friday. Each route requires a driver, a hopper, and a stacker. Loading the van and delivering meals takes about two hours. Call 573-4035 if you can help.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise is at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Senior citizens may participate in swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room.

Wednesday

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. and clogging at 2 p.m. The card game Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Newcomers are welcome.

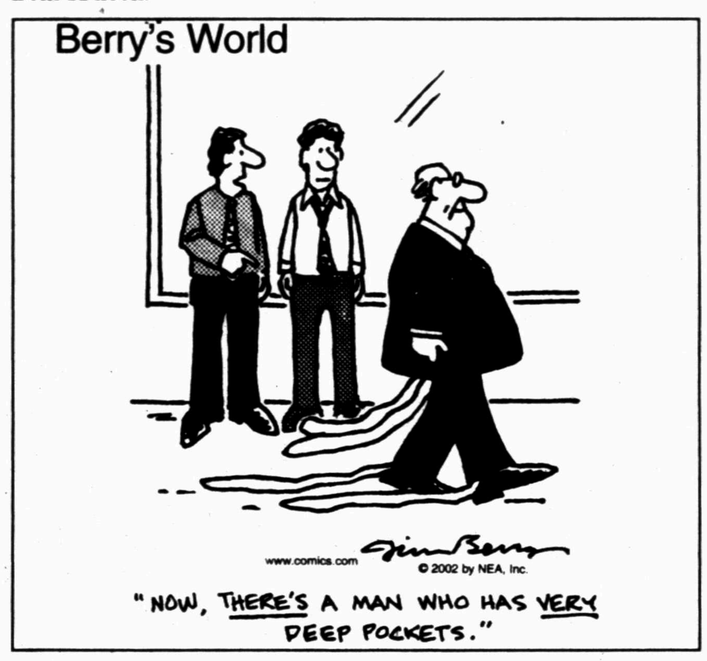
Thursday

The fabric painting class meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. Swimnastics class at WTC is from 10-11 a.m.

Friday

Volunteers will be needed to transport MayDay items to the coliseum and prepare booths for MayDay. At the center, volunteers will check blood pressure from 9:30-11 a.m. in the quilting area.

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and seniors may play eighty-eight from 11-noon.





Laura Canada

Canada joins Golden Key

SAN MARCOS — Laura Canada of Snyder has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a recent ceremony on the Southwest Texas State University campus.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Laura be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, networking and scholarships.

Canada will graduate in the fall at Southwest Texas State University. She has been on the dean's list each semester her freshman and sophomore years.

She is majoring in digital and photographic imaging.

Canada is the daughter of Britt and Tanya Canada of Snyder.

J.E. Brannen deploys for six months

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Johnny E. Brannen, son of Allison E. Brannen of Snyder and Ruthie A. Rohbraugh of Holcomb, Kan., recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf to support Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Brennen is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group. USS Hue City is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea.

Brannen graduated from Fort Elliot High School of Briscoe in 1995 and joined the Navy in June 2000.

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Missouri became the 24th state in 1821.



Lacie Thompson

Thompson recognized

Lacie Thompson, Ira High School sophomore, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Thompson is the daughter of Stacie Westmoreland of Ira and and Dennis Westmoreland of Snyder.

Grandparents include Eddie and Linda Williams and Foy Westmoreland, all of Snyder, and the late Mary Westmoreland.

Griffin produces Radner's story

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Merv Griffin jumped at the chance to bring the late comedian Gilda Radner's story into America's living rooms.

"She had the brashness of her comedy, but in her personal life there was such a sweetness. Sweetness, that's what I remember about her," Griffin said Thursday in recalling the "Saturday Night Live" star he called a friend.

Griffin is executive producer of Monday's ABC-TV movie "It's Always Something: The Gilda Radner Story," a dramatization of her best-selling autobiography that stars Jami Gertz.

Dog stranded for weeks on tanker rescued on Friday

HONOLULU (AP) — A dog aboard an abandoned fuel tanker finally has some company after 24 days alone at sea.

The crew of a tugboat rescued the dog from the tanker on Friday, a Coast Guard spokesman said. The rescuers found 2-year-old Forgea on deck and put her inside a portable kennel, Chief Petty Officer Tyler Johnson said.

"The crew had food for her and she came right up," said Capt. Gilbert J. Kanazawa, commander of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Honolulu. "They didn't have to do much to get her."

The burned-out tanker had been drifting in the Pacific, hundreds of miles southwest of Honolulu. On Friday, it was within 100 miles of Johnston Atoll, in U.S. territorial waters.

The dog had been alone on the 256-foot tanker since April 2, when the cruise ship Norwegian Star rescued the captain and 10 crew members. An engine room fire aboard the Indonesian tanker March 13 killed one crew member and knocked out power and communications aboard the ship, which serviced fishing boats with fuel and supplies.

The Coast Guard sent the salvage tugboat to prepare to move the tanker Insiko 1907 away from the island, concerned that it would break open and spill its 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

The mixed-breed white terrier appeared to be in good condition and was eating and drinking, Kanazawa said. The dog had lived on the tanker with the crew since she was a puppy.

Forgea had not been seen since Monday when she scampered below deck to evade fishermen from Honolulu trying to coax her off the ship.

An earlier $48,000 rescue attempt was abandoned after authorities said they believed the tanker had sunk with Forgea aboard. The Hawaiian Humane Society said that attempt was covered by donations and funds from the national society.

"We are thrilled," said Pamela Burns. executive director of the humane society.

Bradi Johnson inducted into honor society

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University student and Snyder resident Bradi Johnson was inducted into the Texas Eta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Honor Society for undergraduate students of mathematics, during its annual induction of new members on April 6.

This year's inductions bring the total membership in the chapter to 223. The chapter was installed at HSU in 1975.

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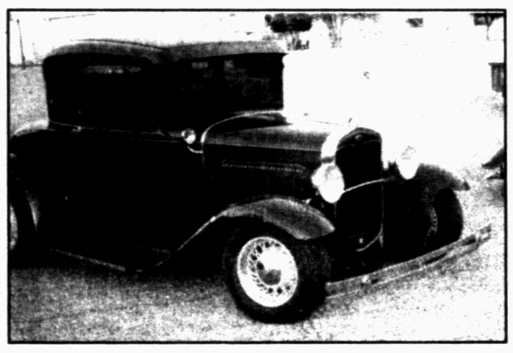
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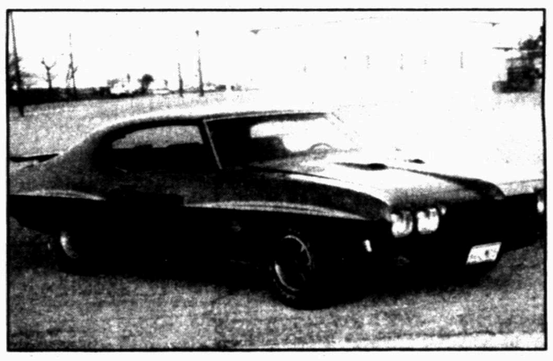
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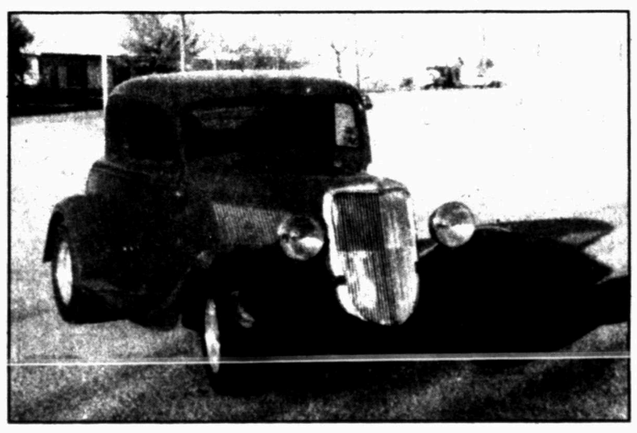
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Lawyer says girl accused in killing is not a monster

DALLAS (AP) — The lawyer for a 15-year-old girl who is charged with killing her 6-year-old brother and burying him behind her home said Friday that the girl is a "loving child" whose behavorial problems were not sufficiently treated.

Kimberly McCary, the girl's court-appointed attorney, said she's searching for the reasons why her client's problems were never adequately addressed.

"It's hard to know who to blame in this," McCary told The Dallas Morning News for its Saturday editions. "There are red flags to be acted on, and it's very tragic that it took this situation to figure that out.

"Had those red flags been acted on, she would have benefited greatly."

The girl and her 10-year-old brother have been charged with the murder of their brother, Jackson, who was stabbed and suffocated on April 15. They are being held in the Denton County Juvenile Detention Center.

Investigators have said the girl confessed to killing Jackson and led police to his body, buried under 2 feet of mud in the creek bank behind her family's Lewisville home. The 10-year-old confessed to holding his brother down, police said.

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Financial Focus

Avoid These Common Investment Mistakes

You may think that the fate of your investments probably hinges on the whims of the market. But that's not strictly the case. By avoiding some common mistakes, you can go a long way toward increasing your chances for long-term success.

Of course, everyone makes investments that, for one reason or another, just don't work out. You may not be able to prevent that type of "mistake." But there are plenty of steps you can take to avoid significant errors. Consider these suggestions:

•**Don't chase performance.** We'd all like to own those "hot" stocks — the ones that suddenly take off and carry the promise of big gains in little time. Yet, by the time most people turn their attention to a so-called hot stock, it may already be cooling off. Instead of chasing these supposed sizzlers, look for good, solid stocks that fit well into your portfolio.

•**Don't try to "time" the market.** If you always knew when to "buy low and sell high," then you'd undoubtedly become rich. But nobody can really predict when the market — or even an individual stock — has reached a peak or valley. Therefore, it makes little sense to base an investment strategy on efforts to time the market. You'll do far better by "dollar-cost averaging" — that is, putting in the same amount of money, at regular time intervals, in a diversified mix of investments. Dollar-cost averaging can reduce your overall investment costs and help smooth some of the volatility of the market; however, this technique cannot assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

•**Avoid "jumping in and out" of stocks.** A lot of people truly enjoy buying and selling stocks. But frequent stock trading has two major drawbacks. First, it's expensive: You'll rack up a lot of commissions by constantly buying and selling. Second, there's no evidence that heavy trading can improve your portfolio's performance. On the contrary, you may well do better by buying high-quality stocks and holding them for the long term.

•**Buy what you know.** A few years ago, many investors got caught up in the technology stock "craze." They were attracted by rapidly rising stock prices, but, in most cases, they did not fully understand the stocks in which they were investing. They didn't know the products, and they didn't appreciate the risks involved. That's why it's always a good idea to buy *what you know*. Before investing in a company, make sure you understand its products, its prospects, the outlook for its industry and other key factors.

•**Don't go it alone.** It's hard to become an astute investor on your own. That's why you may want to work with a financial professional - someone who knows your risk tolerance and time horizon, and who can help you understand how your various investments can work together to help you achieve your objectives. By following these basic guidelines, you may not become a world-renowned investor — but you may avoid a lot of those "potholes" that trip up so many people en route to their long-term goals. Ultimately, your investment success will be closely connected to the number of mistakes you *don't* make.

SHS band

Garners 2001-2002 sweepstakes

Snyder High School band students scored straight I ratings from the judges in recent UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest at Wayland Baptist University.

Those ratings, added to the I rating the band received in October in the UIL marching contest, earns the SHS students a sweepstakes.

Concert judge Cody Myers wrote, "Band I am thoroughly impressed — one of the best times I've ever heard on Emperata Overture. Band this was a really fine performance. Well prepared and well taught. Congratulations!!"

Concert judge Don Thoede wrote, "I am impressed with the musicality of this band. Wow, just some super players! You should be very proud of yourselves. It is a real joy for me to listen to young musicians play that well. You are a real credit to your school, your community, and yourselves. Congratulations for a job beautifully done!!"

Sight reading judge James Mallow wrote, " Boy, nice things are happening at Snyder! Hope you students realize how lucky you are to be in such a fine program! Many are not so lucky. Fine teaching, great student response. That's education at its best. Enjoyed your performance!"

Snyder High's band was to perform Saturday morning at the Lone Star Showcase in Dallas, hosted by Lake Highland High School. Their appearance is part of the group's spring trip which will include visiting Six Flags, Medieval Times and Malibu Speed Zone.

The SHS concert band has 76 members for the 2001-2002 school year.

Eight are flute players including, Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley, Amanda Greenwood, Meagan Langham, Emily Long, Candy McClintock, Codi Nichols, and Stephanie Williams.

Oboes are played by Kristina Mayer and Nikki Timora and Briana Burk plays the bassoon.

Sixteen students fill the clarinet chairs. They include Trent Boyd, Sara Bradberry, Krista Chaidez, Hope Cole, Kim Cooper, Melissa Jerome and Jeremee Lester.

Others include Katie Neves, Rosemary Sanchez, Kerissa Shipp, Whitney Stewart, Ashley Villegas, Whitney Warner, Amanda Whisenhunt, Dustin Whitson and Anna Williams.

Bass clarinets are Heather Polk, Ryan McAnally, Shavon Pesina and Stephanie Valadez.

Other students are Erika Estrada, contra-clarinet, and Sterling Millhollon, tenor saxophone.

Alto saxaphones are Jadon Guynes, Clark Reed, Erika Ynguanzo and Joseph Ynguanzo.

Twelve trumpet players include Jonathan Bell, Glenn Burns, Bonnie Cleveland, Matthew Garza, Candice Gordon, Matthew Kerr, Matthew Morris, Tyler Neves, Brandi Russell and Jason Williams.

Students playing French horns are Brandy Birkenfeld, Cindy Morin, Carcie Posey and Keeli Shoemake.

Trombone players are Nathaniel Clarady, Lynn Fogleman, Crystal Garcia, Thomas Hefner, Jason Hook, Paul Jackson, Patrick Jones and Molly Mason.

Baritones are Eric Courtney, Isaac Hernandez, Aaron Lindsey, Daniel Medrano, Isaac Sanchez, Matthew Stokes.

Tuba players are Chris Burchfield, Justin Stokes and Brock Tyrell.

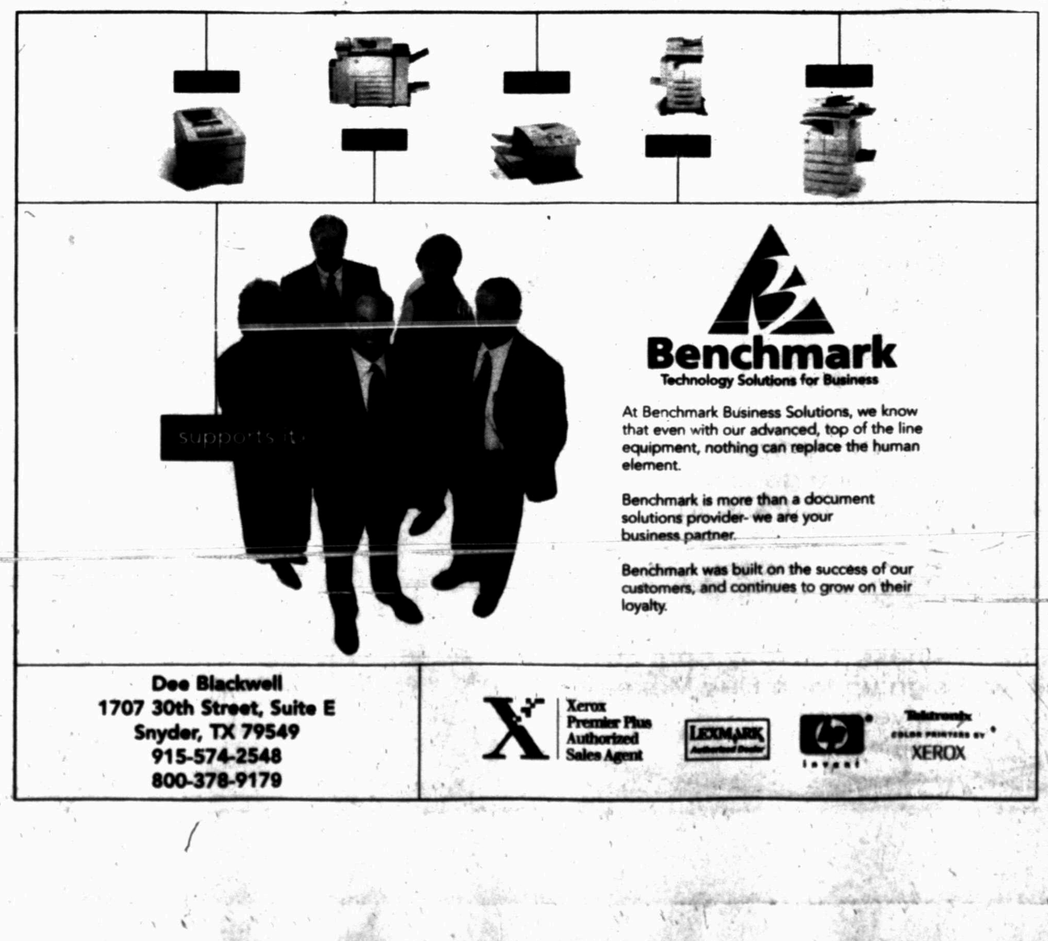
The percussion section includes Cody Beaver, Arthur Hernandez, Justin Cox, Nathan Graves, Gretchen Hollis, Morgan Miller, Blake Robertson and Justin Stoker.

Donnie Reston is the band director and Kay Kennedy is the assistant director.





SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS — Snyder High School concert band members for 2001-2002 include (top photo) front row from left, Nathan Graves, Melissa Jerome, Whitney Stewart, Katie Neves, Kerissa Shipp, Aaron Lindsey, Justin Cox, Stephanie Williams, Hope Cole, Heather Polk; second row, Amanda Whisenhunt, Sara Bradberry, Cindy Morin, Ashley Villegas, Kim Cooper, Gretchen Hollis, Brandi Russell, Candice Gordon, Codi Nichols, Blake Robertson, Sterling Millhollon; third row, Arthur Hernandez, Krysta Chaidez, Nathaniel Clarady, Thomas Hefner, Matthew Kerr, Meagan Langham, Molly Mason, Candy McClintock, Nikki Timora, Emily Long; back row, Briana Burk, Jason Hook, Jadon Guynes, Patrick Jones, Matthew Morris, Matthew Garza, Brock Tyrell, Paul Jackson. Other students (bottom photo) include front row from left, Rosemary Sanchez, Lynn Fogleman, Crystal Garcia, Carcie Posey, Erin Cooley, Anna Williams, Morgan Miller; middle row, Jonathan Bell, Isaac Hernandez, Isaac Sanchez, Bonnie Cleveland, Brandy Birkenfeld, Stefani Beck, Amanda Greenwood, Kristina Mayer, Shavon Pesina; back row, Glenn Burns, Justin Stokes, Daniel Medrano, Cody Beaver, Chris Burchfield, Matthew Stokes, Jason Williams, Dustin Whitson, Trent Boyd, Jeremee Lester, Clark Reed. Students not pictured are Erika Ynguanzo, Keeli Shoemake, Whitney Warner, Ryan McAnally, Stephanie Valadez, Erika Estrada, Joseph Ynguanzo, Tyler Neves, Eric Courtney, Justin Stoker. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



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12 miners killed

BEIJING (AP) — A gas explosion killed 23 coal miners in southwest China in the second deadly mine accident to strike the region this week, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.

Twelve miners survived the blast Wednesday evening at the mine in Panzhihua, Sichuan province, Xinhua said.

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Waffles
Sausage
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Cinnamon Toast
Thursday
Breakfast Tacos
Juice
Friday
French Toast Sticks
Fruit

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Tuesday
Beef Fajitas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Peaches
Wednesday
Roast & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Bread
Cake
Thursday
Stromboli
Salad
Peas
Ice Cream
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Cookie
Orange

Hermleigh

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Tuesday
Pancake Pups
Syrup
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
Biscuits
Fried Ham
Friday
Blueberry Pancakes
Syrup

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken & Rice casserole
Green Beans
Whole New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Soft Taco
Lettuce & Tomato
Salsa Sauce
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Barbecued Chicken
Potato Salad
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Pineapple
Thursday
Chili Cheese Fries
Pickles/Onion
Dorito Chips
Fudge Brownies
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad
Corn
No Bake Cookies

Snyder

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CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU (East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
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Strawberry Toast Pastry
Tuesday
Sausage on a Muffin
Wednesday
Fruit Muffin Square
Thursday
Rice Krispie Square
Friday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams

(Other Schools)
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Sausage Topped Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Sausage & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Popcorn Chicken Burrito
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Chicken BLT on a Bun or
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Salad Sandwich or
All American Chilidog
Frito Corn Chips
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Apple Cobbler
Thursday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Turkey & Noodles w/Roll
Tater Tots
Seasoned Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Beef Enchiladas or
Chicken Soft Tacos
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Blue Bell Mini Fruit Freeze

U.S. government gives $3.5 million in grants

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The government Friday awarded its first grants to prepare for embryonic stem cell research since President Bush gave approval for limited federal funding.

The $3.5 million given to four institutions will help them make stem cell lines available to researchers worldwide and train them how to handle and reproduce the cells, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Friday.

Bush said last summer he would allow federal funding for research on certain embryonic stem cell lines, or cell colonies.

The grants from the National Institutes of Health were awarded to Cellsaurus, a subsidiary of Bresagen of Athens, Ga.; ES Cell International Pte Ltd. of Melbourne, Australia; the University of California, San Francisco; and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation in Madison.

Embryonic stem cells are the basic building blocks of the body. They form within days of conception and are the ancestral cells from which all of the organs and others cells develop.

Scientists believe that research could lead to using the cells to replace or restore failing organs, treating such conditions as heart disease, spinal injury, diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

The use of embryonic stem cells is controversial because extracting the cells kills a living human embryo.

Last summer, Bush struck a middle ground, saying federal money could support this research but only on stem cell colonies in existence on Aug. 9, the date of his speech.

The four institutions who were given grants Friday have 17 of the 78 stem cell colonies eligible for funding.

Thompson said more grants would be awarded in the coming months.

Zero tolerance policy approved by cardinals

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As America's Roman Catholic leaders met at the end of a week dominated by unprecedented discussions on sexual abuse by priests, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia insisted they have embraced a "zero tolerance" policy for clergymen who have molested children.

"All of the cardinals are agreed on zero tolerance, and by that I mean that we all are agreed that no priest guilty of even one act of sexual abuse of a minor will function in any ecclesial ministry or any capacity in our dioceses," said Bevilacqua, who hosted seven other U.S. cardinals at a benefit dinner Friday.

Other cardinals, including Edward Egan of New York and Francis George of Chicago, have said they aren't sure the pope called for a "one-strike-and-you're-out" policy when he met with U.S. cardinals this week.

On Friday, George continued to question whether one policy should fit all cases.

"But if I am in a clear minority, and I suspect I am, then I will go along with it," he said.

As they left Rome, the cardinals agreed they would recommend a process to defrock any priest who has become "notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory sexual abuse of minors."

No single cardinal or bishop can enact a national policy, since each diocese is autonomous. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, at its meeting in June, is expected to vote on whether to approve a national policy that will be binding in every diocese.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington said the church may create an advisory panel of experts to help bishops devise new policies for handling sex abuse cases. He said bishops in every diocese have committees of lay people to advise the church on social issues.

Eight cardinals were in Philadelphia to attend a $1,000-a-plate fund-raiser for Catholic University in Washington. All but one had met with the pope this week at the two-day meeting at the Vatican on the sex abuse problem.

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, who has been under public pressure to step down after it was disclosed that the archdiocese repeatedly reassigned a priest accused of abusing children, received a standing ovation as he entered the hall.

"I don't think it was a standing (ovation that said) 'Hey everything you did was right.' I think it was a standing (ovation that said) 'Hey, we know you've had your problems. You've taken it with good grace," said one guest, George Egge, 64, of Arlington, Va.

Guests leaving the dinner, which was closed to reporters, said speakers did not mention the scandal.

Hours earlier, six cardinals attended a late-afternoon service at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

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SPORTS



FLOATING ON AIR — Snyder's Corey Clay competes in the long jump Friday at the Region I-4A track and field meet in San Angelo. Clay finished fourth in the event and will compete again Saturday in the triple jump. (SDN Staff Photo)

Athletes shine on first day of regional meet

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The high level of talent of the Region I-4A track and field meet was no surprise, but it was still an impressive sight to see.

Four meet records fell during preliminaries, and more will be in jeopardy for Saturday's finals as Region I athletes proved worthy of their hype Friday night at the ASU Multipurpose Sports Complex.

Snyder came up short in two of its six bids to make it to the state meet. SHS has four events still to come on the final day.

Corey Clay started things off with a fourth-place finish in the long jump. The senior jumped 3½ inches farther than he did at the district meet with an effort of 22-1½.

Brownwood's Cody Grady won the event with a leap of 22-9¾. Quinchun Carey of Fort Worth Eastern Hills was second at 22-7¾.

"Corey performed well," said SHS coach Roger White. "That was farther than he jumped at district. Like all of the other events at this meet, this was a tough one. There are a lot of great athletes here, and Corey beat a bunch of them."

Clay has another shot at notching a state berth Saturday in the triple jump.

Senior Wade Pinson is through to the finals of the 110-meter high hurdles with the second-fastest qualifying time. Pinson crossed the line in 14.35 seconds.

Jay Vanderford of Azle posted the quickest time at 14.15 seconds. Running in the same heat, Pinson and Vanderford were neck-and-neck through eight hurdles, with the Azle runner gaining the winning margin over the final two flights.

"That was a good race for Wade," White said. "He didn't have to push too hard, and we know we're right there with the best. We just have to run our race in the finals."

In addition to the 110 hurdles final, Pinson gets his shot in the high jump on Saturday.

Snyder, a long shot to make the finals in the 4x400 relay, nearly pulled it off. The SHS foursome of Michael Murphrey, Bradley Spells, Jason Guynes and Clay posted the ninth fastest time at 3:29.58. The top eight advance to the finals.

FW Dunbar streaked around the track in 3:13.89, only a half second off the regional record.

"We knew it would be tough to make the finals, but we made it close," said White. "I'm really proud of these kids. Nobody even gave them a shot to get here in this event when the season started. They've come a long way this season."

Also competing Saturday is Charles Kerry in the 1,600, which doesn't hold preliminary heats.

Dunbar's showing in the mile relay was one of three near record-shattering marks.

Estacado came within .42 of a second of breaking the sprint relay record. The Matadors ran a 41.17 in the prelims. Estacado's Antoine Shepard were only a tenth of a second off the 100-meter mark with a 10.31.

Four records fell on the girls side, two of them by FW Eastern Hills.

Eastern Hills broke the 4x400 relay record by almost four seconds with a time of 3:50.94. It also set the 4x200 mark after posting a 1:39.99.

The other records set were by FW Boswell's Chaunte Boswell in the 100 at 11.65, and FW Trimble Tech's Marquisha Sefas in the 200 with a time of 24.08.

The top two in each event qualify for the state meet scheduled for May 10-11 at Austin.

Region I-4A Track and Field Meet

REGION I-4A TRACK AND FIELD MEET
At ASU Multipurpose Sports Complex
BOYS

Team standings (through 4 events): 1. (tie) North Richland Hill Birdville and Brownwood, 18; 3. Southlake Carroll, 12; 4. Stephenville, 11; 5. (tie) Fort Worth Eastern Hills and Clint Mountain View, 8; 7. (tie) Borger and Andrews, 7; 9. (tie) El Paso Parkland and Frenship, 6; 11. (tie) Snyder, Hereford, San Elizario and Dumas, 4; 15. (tie) Mineral Wells, Grapevine and Plainview, 2; 18. Wichita Falls Rider, 1.

Field Events

Discus: 1. Andrew Roemisch, Stephenville, 178-11; 2. Brett Valdez, Brownwood, 168-3; 3. K.C. White, Andrews, 153-7; 4. Jarrod Horton, Hereford, 151-7; 5. Cody Hess, Southlake Carroll, 151-0; 6. Donny Rowe, Andrews, 150-7.

Pole vault: 1. Ty Barrington, Southlake Carroll, 15-7; 2. Toby Zeit, NRH Birdville, 15-7; 3. James Neslage, Borger, 14-3; 4. Dee Marlatt, Dumas, 14-0; 5. Dusty Street, Plainview, 13-6; 6. Jeremy Underwood, Stephenville, 13-0.

Long jump: 1. Cody Grady, Brownwood, 22-9¾; 2. Quinchun Carey, FW Eastern Hills, 22-7¾; 3. Jose Torres, EP Parkland, 22-2; 4. Corey Clay, Snyder, 22-1½; 5. Miguel Valley, Mineral Wells, 22-½; 6. Steven Hughes, Borger, 22-0.

Running Events

3200: 1. Derek Yorek, NRH Birdville, 9:32.36; 2. Alex Ramos, Mountain View, 9:36.57; 3. Josh Hawkins, Frenship, 9:44.62; 4. Irving Alvidrez, San Elizario, 9:45.71; 5. Rob Morrow, Grapevine, 9:57.40; 6. Tommy Rushing, WF Rider, 9:58.06.

Qualifiers for Saturday's Running Finals

4x100 relay: 1. Estacado, 41.17; 2. FW Dunbar, 41.30; 3. FW Wyatt, 41.82; 4. North Crowley, 42.17; 5. Borger, 42.19; 6. Mineral Wells, 42.98; 7. WF Hirschi, 43.16; 8. Southlake Carroll, 43.31.

110 hurdles: 1. Vanderford, Azle, 14.15; 2. Pinson, Snyder, 14.35; 3. Wagner, FW Boswell, 14.52; 4. Stoglin, Brownwood, 14.54; 5. Scott, Estacado, 14.75; 6. Morrison, WF Rider, 14.78; 7. Mulli, Clint, 14.88; 8. Jones, Southlake Carroll, 14.89.

100: 1. Shepard, Estacado, 10.31; 2. Johnson, FW Wyatt, 10.38; 3. Clemmons, North Crowley, 10.81; 4. Hunt, Estacado, 10.89; 5. Lepe, EP Burges, 10.92; 6. Carey, FW Eastern Hills, 10.97; 7. (tie) Luna, Southlake Carroll and Ingram, WF Hirschi, 11.02.

400: 1. Tatum, North Crowley, 48.26; 2. Davis, FW Dunbar, 48.39; 3. Davis, Mineral Wells, 48.92; 4. Luna, Southlake Carroll, 49.36; 5. Quintana, Dumas, 49.88; 6. Robertson, FW South Hills, 49.89; 7. Cooper, Estacado, 50.06; 8. Dominguez, EP Ysleta, 50.17.

300 hurdles: 1. Solomon, FW Eastern Hills, 38.18; 2. Scott, Estacado, 38.20; 3. Vanderford, Azle, 39.13; 4. Morrison, WF Rider, 39.98; 5. Wagner, FW Boswell, 40.91; 6. Mulli, Clint, 41.10; 7. Rodarte, EP High, 41.38; 8. Lopez, Mountain View, 41.44.

200: 1. Johnson, FW Wyatt, 21.70; 2. Shepard, Estacado, 22.13; 3. Hunt, Estacado, 22.41; 4. Lepe, EP Burges, 22.43; 5. Howard, North Crowley, 22.46; 6. Morgan, Southlake Carroll, 22.56; 7. Andrade, Burkburnett, 22.69; 8. Cooper, WF Hirschi, 22.74.

4x400 relay: 1. FW Dunbar, 3:13.89; 2. North Crowley, 3:20.41; 3. Southlake Carroll, 3:21.22; 4. FW South Hills, 3:21.95; 5. Mineral Wells, 3:22.79; 6. Dumas, 3:23.09; 7. WF High, 3:26.92; 8. Granbury, 3:28.01. Also: 9. Snyder, 3:29.58.

GIRLS

Team standings (through 4 events): 1. Stephenville, 18; 2. Hereford, 11; 3. (tie) Granbury, North Richland Hills Birdville and Estacado, 10; 6. (tie) Big Spring, Lake View, Borger and Burkburnett, 8; 10. (tie) Brownwood and Dumas, 6; 12. (tie) Palo Duro, Levelland and Azle, 4; 15. (tie) Burleson, Wichita Falls Hirschi and Pecos, 2; 18. (tie) Southlake Carroll, Canutillo and Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 1.

Field Events

Discus: 1. Cookie Lonergan, Stephenville, 133-11; 2. Cierra Butler, Big Spring, 125-3; 3. Jayme Williams, Dumas, 120-10; 4. Linda Rosema, Azle, 118-4; 5. Stephanie Herrera, Pecos, 116-0; 6. Maria Hurtado, Canutillo, 115-1.

Pole vault: 1. Tommie Powers, NRH Birdville, 10-6; 2. Julia Hubbard, Lake View, 10-3; 2. Heather Bashaw, Stephenville, 10-3; 4. Melissa Brown, Hereford, 10-0; 5. Cayce Nash, Burleson, 9-6; 6. Michelle Bernhart, Hereford, 9-0.

Long jump: 1. Shatoy Hill, Estacado, 19-2; 2. Marilyn Sauls, Borger, 18-11½; 3. Jessica Nickerson, Brownwood, 18-9, 4. Erica Mims, Palo Duro, 18-7; 5. Kimberly Booker, WF Hirschi, 18-6½; 6. Zulaykah Ali, FW Eastern Hills, 17-10¾.

Running Events

3200: 1. Rachel Collins, Granbury, 11:27.13; 2. Katie Leonard, Burkburnett, 11:31.55; 3. Amy Crox, Hereford, 11:47.83; 4. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 11:52.02; 5. Angie Synatske, Stephenville, 11:57.90; 6. Lauren Swenson, Southlake Carroll, 12:24.71.

Qualifiers for Saturday's Running Finals

4x100 relay: 1. FW Wyatt, 46.94; 2. FW Eastern Hills, 47.07; 3. Levelland, 47.90; 4. North Crowley, 48.00; 5. Crowley, 48.24; 6. WF Hirschi, 48.75; 7. Palo Duro, 49.27; 8. FW Boswell, 49.31.

100 hurdles: 1. Minor, North Crowley, 14.62; 2. Liggins, FW Arlington Heights, 14.92; 3. Matthews, FW Dunbar, 15.20; 4. Baker, Canyon, 15.29; 5. Rentfro, Dumas, 15.42; 6. (tie) Meyer, Grapevine and Phillips, Lake View, 15.44; 8. Blackshear, Levelland, 15.76.

100: 1. Bayne, FW Boswell, 11.65; 2. Sefas, FW Trimble Tech, 11.74; 3. Guy, FW Wyatt, 11.83; 4. Abigide, Plainview, 12.06; 5. Nickerson, Brownwood, 12.17; 6. Rose, Levelland, 12.24; 7. Smith, Burleson, 12.35; 8. Gates, WF Hirschi, 12.46.

4x200 relay: 1. FW Eastern Hills, 1:39.99; 2. Crowley, 1:42.02; 3. Big Spring, 1:42.95; 4. WF Hirschi, 1:43.11; 5. Brownwood, 1:44.81; 6. Palo Duro, 1:45.12; 7. FW Dunbar, 1:45.16; 8. Mineral Wells, 1:46.24.

400: 1. Stevens, FW Eastern Hills, 56.71; 2. Koening, Hereford, 57.11; 3. Wooldrige, Southlake Carroll, 58.61; 4. High, Hereford, 58.83; 5. Hunter, North Crowley, 59.24; 6. Lee, FW Eastern Hills, 59.56; 7. Jones, Cleburne, 1:00.26; 8. Gilliam, WF Hirschi, 1:00.50.

300 hurdles: 1. Baker, Canyon, 45.53; 2. Minor, North Crowley, 45.87; 3. Liggins, FW Arlington Heights, 46.42; 4. Phillips, Lake View, 46.78; 5. O'Connor, Southlake Carroll, 46.88; 6. Kennedy, Mineral Wells, 46.89; 7. Robertson, Stephenville, 47.56; 8. Blackshear, Levelland, 48.12.

200: 1. Sefas, FW Trimble Tech, 24.08; 2. Bayne, FW Boswell, 24.63; 3. Jacques, Brownwood, 25.48; 4. Abigide, Plainview, 25.49; 5. Ali, FW Eastern Hills, 25.55; 6. Magers, Big Spring, 25.60; 7. Wooldrige, Southlake Carroll, 25.76; 8. Richardson, WF Hirschi, 26.28.

4x400 relay: 1. FW Eastern Hills, 3:50.94; 2. FW Wyatt, 3:54.39; 3. Crowley, 3:59.44; 4. Hereford, 4:00.74; 5. Mineral Wells, 4:05.28; 6. Stephenville, 4:05.44; 7. Frenship, 4:05.84; 8. WF Rider, 4:07.37.

Cowboys hit the practice field

IRVING (AP) — Quincy Carter sympathized with the Dallas Cowboys' latest first-round draft pick. He really did.

But not for long.

The second-year quarterback went after rookie safety Roy Williams pretty early in the Cowboys' first minicamp of the offseason Friday. Carter figured it's only fair, considering his rugged rookie season of a season ago.

"Hey, nobody was taking it easy on us last year," Carter said between practices at the camp Friday. "He's a rookie and he's got a lot on his mind. But when he catches on, watch out."

Carter and a few other veterans took the practice field for the first time this offseason with the Cowboys' eight draft picks and several other new players, including free-agents La'Roi Glover and Bryant Westbrook.

Their presence added to an optimism permeating the Cowboys' Valley Ranch training complex that was never more tangible than in the minutes following the first day of their three-day minicamp.

"It's kind of like the day after Christmas," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo, grinning as he walked off the practice field. "The enthusiasm was really good today. I'm excited about this group."

The Cowboys hope this enthusiasm translates into a few more wins this season, following a two-season stretch that has produced a 10-22 record and criticism for ill-advised draft picks and free-agent signings.

Owner Jerry Jones and his staff are still being lauded by most draft experts for the team's haul last weekend, which produced three players that the Cowboys had rated as first-rounders. Two of them, Colorado guard Andre Gurode and Pittsburgh wide receiver Antonio Bryant, were picked in the second round.

That followed an offseason that included the signings of defensive tackle Glover from New Orleans, cornerback Westbrook from Detroit, linebacker Kevin Hardy from Jacksonville and deep snapper Jeff Robinson from St. Louis.

Those moves have added three projected starters to a defense that ranked fourth in the NFL last season, yet ranked near the bottom in takeaways with 25. They filled in the biggest hole on special teams.

Williams, who shrugged off the struggles of his first practice, said he's ready to see how the Cowboys' defense will come together.

"I feel like I was meant to be here," he said. "I'm going to be part of a special group. I couldn't even go to sleep last night, but now I feel very comfortable."

If he felt comfortable on the field Friday, it's not because Carter was trying to go easy on him.

After connecting on a deep pass to receiver Reggie Swinton, Carter looked over at the former Oklahoma All-American and playfully taunted him.

"What, did you think we were Kansas?" Carter yelled to Williams, poking fun at one of the rookie's former college opponents.

Hardy is being held out of the camp to allow his surgically repaired knee more time to heal. He's expected to be ready by training camp.

Snyder sports banquet set for Thursday

The Snyder High School Sports Banquet is set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's place off of Hwy. 208.

A hamburger supper will be served, and recipients of the annual sports awards will be announced for every sport except football.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the SHS office. Varsity athletes get in free.

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Sunday, April 21
Boston 92, Philadelphia 82
Dallas 101, Minnesota 94
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 87
Detroit 85, Toronto 63

Monday, April 22
New Jersey 95, Indiana 79
Seattle 98, San Antonio 90, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, April 23
Orlando 111, Charlotte 103, OT, series tied 1-1
Utah 93, Sacramento 86, series tied 1-1

Wednesday, April 24
Detroit 96, Toronto 91, Detroit leads series 2-0
Dallas 122, Minnesota 110, Dallas leads series 2-0

Thursday, April 25
Boston 93, Philadelphia 85, Boston leads series 2-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Portland 96, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0

Friday, April 26
New Jersey 85, Indiana 84, New Jersey leads series 2-1

Saturday, April 27
Charlotte at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
Boston at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29
Detroit at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, April 24
Ottawa 3, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 3
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2, OT, Carolina leads series 3-2
San Jose 2, Phoenix 1

Thursday, April 25
Detroit 4, Vancouver 0, Detroit leads series 3-2
St. Louis 5, Chicago 3, St. Louis wins series 4-1
Boston 5, Montreal 2, series tied 2-2
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0, OT, Colorado leads series 3-2

Friday, April 26
Ottawa 2, Philadelphia 1, OT, Ottawa wins series 4-1
Toronto 6, N.Y. Islanders 3, Toronto leads series 3-2
San Jose 4, Phoenix 1, San Jose wins series 4-1

Saturday, April 27
Montreal at Boston, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 29
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

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SPORTS

Carr leads Texans through workout

HOUSTON (AP) — Maybe David Carr should give Hollywood a try. He already has the good looks, and he put on a good act for his new Houston Texans teammates.

Carr, the No. 1 pick in last weekend's NFL draft, led the Texans' first rookie draft class through the first workout of minicamp Friday, looking calm and controlled in the two-hour drill.

"A rookie quarterback ... they look out of place." Capers said. "But he didn't look out of place to me."

Carr had a different perspective.

"I felt a little out of place at the start," he said. "At Fresno State, I knew the offense. I was like a coach on the field. Here, I have to learn everything. I'll learn it after a while."

Carr already is learning that he's not ready to take over the team's sole leadership role. For now, he'll leave that to Pro Bowlers Tony Boselli and Gary Walker.

"Mr. Walker was barking and telling me what I was doing with my cadence that it was tipping off the other team," Carr said. "I haven't taken any snaps in the NFL and he's been to Hawaii so I think I'd better call him 'Mr. Walker.'"

Capers will put the Texans through five workouts over three days in the first minicamp with all 101 players together. They worked twice Friday and will repeat that Saturday before finishing with one workout Sunday.

"We've got 28 of 29 guys today that went through this for the first time," Capers said. "You can see that the players that have been here over the last 41/2 weeks, they know what to do.

"The new players are swimming a little bit right now. We threw a lot at them mentally, but as long as they continue the approach they did today, and give that kind of effort, we'll get better."

Carr said he's looking forward to working with the veterans, especially left tackle Boselli, who will be largely responsible for protecting his blind side on passing plays.



TAKING THE LEAD — Snyder senior Wade Pinson clears a hurdle on his way to the second-fastest time in the preliminaries of the 110 hurdles Friday at the regional track meet. The finals are scheduled for Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS game reset for Saturday

After a day's wait, the Snyder Tigers get their chance at the Andrews Mustangs.

Snyder and Andrews square off at 7 Saturday night at Moffett Field in the District 4-4A finale. The teams were scheduled to meet Friday, but had to postpone the game due to rain.

The Tigers (10-3, 22-9-1) must win to keep their hopes alive for the top seed heading into the playoffs. Snyder enters the final game tied for second in the standings with Frenship, one game behind Andrews (11-2, 18-4).

A Snyder victory, combined with a Frenship win over Lake View would create a three-way logjam for first place.

Snyder, Andrews and Frenship would meet Monday at a neutral site for a district tournament to decide playoff seedings. The Tigers would receive a first-round bye in the tournament by virtue of their two-game sweep of Frenship.

The district's top seed receives a first-round bye in the Class 4A state playoffs. The runner-up will face Dumas, Pampa or Amarillo Caprock in the bi-district round. The third seed draws Canyon High.

In the only district game played on Friday, the Big Spring Steers downed Plainview, 3-0.

	District		Season	
Team	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
***-Andrews**	**11**	**2**	**18**	**4**
***-Snyder**	**10**	**3**	**22**	**9**
***-Frenship**	**10**	**3**	**20**	**7**
Big Spring	**8**	**6**	**10**	**16**
Estacado	**5**	**8**	**9**	**15**
Lake View	**4**	**9**	**9**	**16**
Plainview	**3**	**11**	**10**	**18**
Levelland	**2**	**11**	**6**	**20**

*-clinched playoff spot

Friday's results: Andrews at Snyder, ppd.; Levelland at Estacado, ppd.; Lake View at Frenship, ppd.; Big Spring 3, Plainview 0.

Western Texas heads to finals

STEPHENVILLE — The Western Texas men are riding high heading into the finals of the Tarleton collegiate rodeo.

With a solid effort in Friday night's second performance, the Westerners have nine competitors qualified for Saturday's final round.

On the women's side, Randus London remained the only Lady Westerner qualified for the short-go, with most WTC women due up in Saturday morning's slack.

For the men, Tyson Thompson leads the bareback riding, with Nathan Reid sitting fifth.

Joseph Gernentz leads the calfroping, with Sean Prater third. Steven Turner is third in the bull riding. Sam Spreadborough holds down the third spot in the saddle bronc riding, and J.W. Todd is fifth.

Todd sits fifth in the steer wrestling. Cimarron Boardman and Reg Cully are 10th in the team roping event.

Rangers' win streak ends at two games

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chuck Finley had plenty of room for error thanks to Russell Branyan and Omar Vizquel.

Branyan homered twice, and Vizquel added a solo shot and scored another run to power Finley and the Cleveland Indians to a 7-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

Finley gave up just two runs despite allowing nine hits in five innings. He stranded eight runners, including the bases loaded in the fourth without allowing a run.

"It was a little sloppy. I really didn't get in my grove," said Finley, 10-18 in his career against Texas. "But I was able to make some pitches when things got tight. Fortunately, I had some leeway also."

Even though Finley had trouble with his command, Indians manager Charlie Manuel was pleased with the results.

"Finley got us through five innings. He battled through it," Manuel said. "He gave me what I wanted and he won the game."

Cleveland won for just the second times in 11 games since a 10-game winning streak. Texas missed its first three-game winning streak of the season and dropped to 7-15, one game better than its worst start ever — 6-16 in 1982.

Vizquel led off with a double, putting the Indians ahead to stay when he scored on Matt Lawton's groundout. He led off the third inning with his third homer.

"I know that's not my game," Vizquel said. "When I go to the plate, I'm not thinking home run. I'm trying to hit the ball on the ground and do the things I can do to help my team."

Vizquel finished 3-for-4, including a ninth-inning double, and Jim Thome added two hits for the Indians, who finished with 11 hits — eight in the first 5 1-3 innings off Doug Davis (2-2).

Branyan's two-run homer to left in the second put the Indians up 3-0, and his leadoff homer to right in the fifth made it 5-1. He has five homers this season and five career two-homer games.

Davis gave up seven runs on eight hits.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	14	9	.609	—
New York	13	10	.565	1
Atlanta	12	12	.500	2½
Florida	11	12	.478	3
Philadelphia	8	15	.348	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	14	8	.636	—
Pittsburgh	13	8	.619	½
St. Louis	11	12	.478	3½
Houston	9	13	.409	5
Chicago	8	13	.381	5½
Milwaukee	7	16	.304	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	15	8	.652	—
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	1
San Francisco	13	9	.591	1½
San Diego	12	11	.522	3
Colorado	7	16	.304	8

Friday's Games
Los Angeles 10, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 1, Milwaukee 0
San Diego 10, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 9, Houston 0
Arizona 5, Florida 3
St. Louis 7, Montreal 6, 11 innings
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 3-1), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-1) at Cincinnati (Rijo 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Crudale 0-0) at Montreal (Chen 2-0), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-4), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-1) at Colorado (Chacon 1-3), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 2-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Howard 0-0) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 1-0) at Florida (Penny 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston (C.Hernandez 1-0) at Atlanta (Lopez 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 4-1) at Florida (Beckett 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 2-1) at Cincinnati (Haynes 2-2), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 4-1) at Montreal (Ohka 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-2), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 1-0) at Colorado (Jennings 1-2), 3:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	6	.700	—
New York	15	9	.625	1
Tampa Bay	9	12	.429	5½
Baltimore	9	13	.409	6
Toronto	8	13	.381	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	8	.652	—
Minnesota	14	9	.609	1
Cleveland	13	10	.565	2
Kansas City	7	13	.350	6½
Detroit	5	16	.238	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	17	6	.739	—
Oakland	13	10	.565	4
Anaheim	8	14	.364	8½
Texas	7	15	.318	9½

Friday's Games
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Cleveland 7, Texas 4
Baltimore 10, Kansas City 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 1
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Anaheim 4, Toronto 0

Saturday's Games
Tampa Bay (James 0-1) at Boston (Lowe 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 1-0) at Detroit (Cornejo 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-1) at Oakland (Fyhrie 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-2) at Kansas City (Byrd 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Baez 3-1) at Texas (Beil 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-1) at Seattle (Garcia 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Eyre 1-2) at Anaheim (Sele 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 2-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 2-2) at Kansas City (Rekar 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lyon 1-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 2-1) at Oakland (Hudson 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 3-1) at Seattle (Moyer 3-1), 4:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 3-2) at Texas (Valdes 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ladies' match play tournament

A ladies' match play tournament is scheduled for May 4-5 at the country club golf course. Format is two-person, low ball, low total. Cost is $25 per player. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is bingle, bangle, bungle.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Sunday couples tournament

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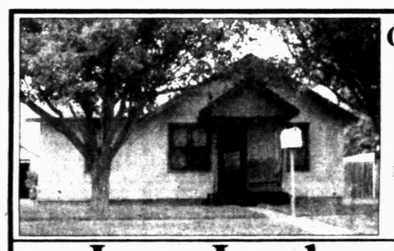
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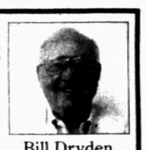
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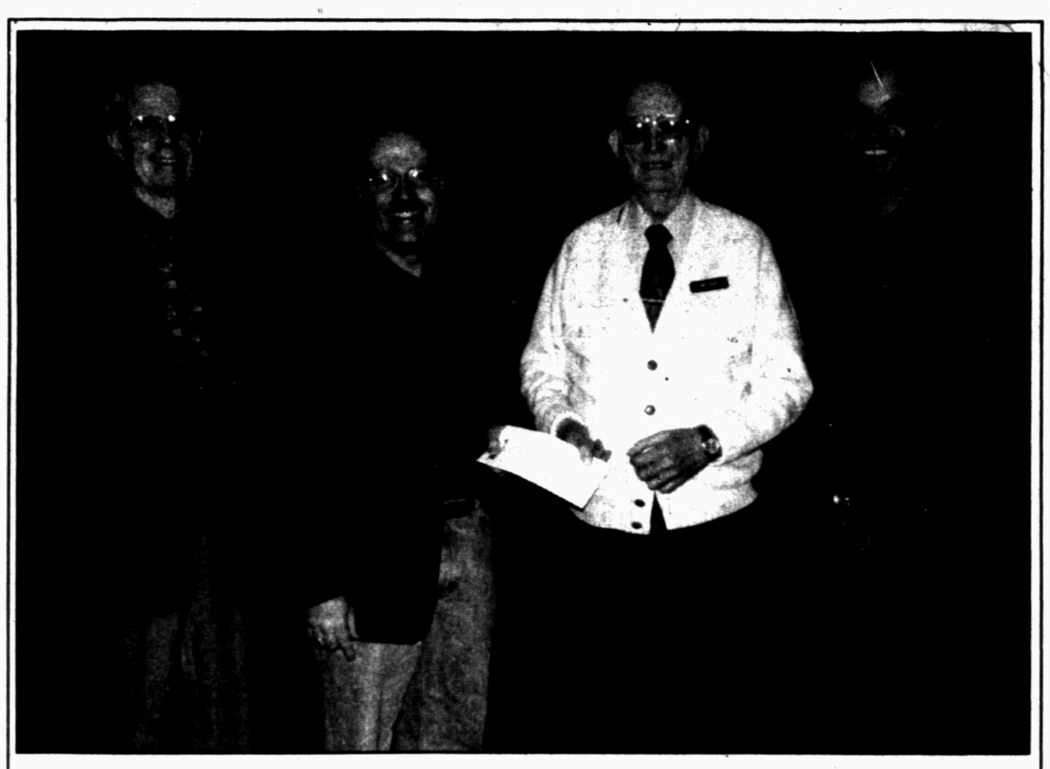
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Tourist arrives at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A South African entrepreneur arrived at the international space station on Saturday for an eight-day, seven-night cruise that cost him $20 million.

Mark Shuttleworth, only the second person to buy his way into space, pulled up in a Russian capsule piloted by his Russian commander, ending a two-day journey that began on a launch pad in Kazakhstan. The space station's bell heralded their arrival.

More than an hour later, the hatches swung open and Shuttleworth and his two crewmates floated into the space station. They shook hands with the three residents and accepted calls of congratulations from dignitaries at Russian Mission Control.

Shuttleworth did not speak during the brief welcoming ceremony, allowing his colleagues to do all the talking. His VIP calls were coming up on a later orbit.

The 28-year-old businessman is the first African citizen to fly in space — he's been dubbed an Afronaut back home — and his trip as a space tourist has generated huge excitement in South Africa.

Shuttleworth, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gidzenko and Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori accomplished their primary job with the successful docking of their Soyuz spacecraft, which will now serve as the space station's lifeboat. They will leave next Saturday night in the Soyuz that has been attached to the 250-mile-high complex for the past six months.

Inside space station Alpha, the two Americans and one Russian who have been residents since December were delighted to have more guests. They said goodbye April 17 to seven visiting shuttle astronauts who spent a week doing extensive construction work.

"It's always great to see new faces," American astronaut Carl Walz said in welcoming Shuttleworth and his crewmates.

The visit by this Soyuz crew should be much more relaxing. And the visit by another tourist should be much less taxing for everyone.

Almost exactly one year ago, California money manager Dennis Tito became the world's first paying space tourist, courtesy of the Russians. NASA opposed Tito's trip, saying he would interfere with space station work and possibly even endanger the crew. The Russians prevailed, however, and the rift between the two countries' space programs lasted for months.

To avoid further conflict, NASA and the space agencies of Russia, Europe, Canada and Japan established criteria for future space station visitors. Shuttleworth met all the guidelines and went through eight months of cosmonaut training in Russia and one week of instruction at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Because of his U.S. training, Shuttleworth will have more leeway aboard the space station than Tito did.

Shuttleworth, who made his fortune off the Internet and negotiated his ride with the Russians, is flying several science experiments. He also plans to chat with South African schoolchildren via ham radio over the next week. Long before his flight, he created the "Hip To Be Square" campaign — or Hip2B2 — to promote science and math education in South Africa.

At 28, he is among the world's younger space travelers.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Where's 'Caroline'?

Q: Why, oh why can't we get "Caroline in the City"? I do like "Taxi," but it's on too late at night. I would stay up to watch "Caroline." **— B.M., Topenish, Wash.**

A: I checked the TV listings for your area, and I discovered that you CAN see "Caroline in the City" — if you want to stay up until 2 a.m. Check your local listings for the channel. TV stations juggle their programming frequently, so scan your local listings before you abandon all hope. If you have Internet access, you can check your local station's Web site, the network's Web site, or TVGuide.com (http://www.tvguide.com).

Q: I was wondering if you had an address where I can write to Ron Howard ("Happy Days") and Rob Reiner ("All in the Family").

Also, I saw an episode of "Gunsmoke" the other day that starred Kay Lenz. I liked her in "Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday," with Lee Marvin. Anyway, I was wondering if she is still acting. If so, what has she done lately? **- B.K., Grand Island, Neb.**

A: You can write to Howard at Imagine Entertainment, 1925 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067. Reiner is at Castle Rock Entertainment, No. 135, 335 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Lenz is still acting. Her most recent film is the 2001 release "Southside," and she has appeared in episodes of "Once and Again," "ER" and "Touched by an Angel."

Q: Whatever happened to Capucine, the woman who starred with John Wayne and Stewart Granger in "North to Alaska"? I have never seen her in anything else. I thought she played a good part, and she was a beautiful lady. **— M.B., Hattiesburg, Miss.**

A: Capucine appeared in many more films after "North to Alaska," including "The Pink Panther" and "What's New, Pussycat?" Most of her other films were European. She suffered from severe depression, and in 1990 she killed herself by jumping out of the window of her 8th-floor penthouse apartment.

Q: I need some help. I love the 1975 movie "The Hiding Place," set in World War II, about the ten Boom family. It follows them as they become the hub of a "underground railway" moving Jews and others out of Holland. It also follows Corrie ten Boom after she is betrayed to the Nazis and taken to a concentration camp. Our local video store can't find one to replace their missing copy, and I really, really want a copy of my own. **— K.P., Greenwood, Ark.**

A: You can get a new copy of "The Hiding Place" for $14.98, or a used copy for $10, from Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com). If you're feeling generous, you can pass the information along to your video store so they can replace their copy.

Q: Could it be that Mariska Hargitay is the daughter of Mickey Hargitay and Jayne Mansfield? (She's on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.") - J.C. P., Montague, Calif.

A: It could be — and it is! Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay had two other children, Miklos Jr. and Zoltan.

TRIVIA: Ron Howard made his professional acting debut at the age of 2 when he starred, with his parents, in a Baltimore stage production of "The Seven-Year Itch."

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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White House loses in farm bill deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers drove another nail into the government's experiment with a market-oriented farm policy, and firmly rejected the Bush administration's overhaul proposals, by agreeing on a six-year bill that boosts subsidies to grain and cotton growers.

The 1996 Freedom to Farm law was supposed to wean farmers from government supports but never had its intended effect. Commodity prices collapsed in 1998, and Congress responded with a series of annual bailouts to supplement regular subsidy programs.

The White House last fall requested an overhaul of subsidies that would benefit more farmers while discouraging excess production of surplus crops.

Under an agreement made final by congressional negotiators Friday, the new bill would boost agriculture spending by 70 percent, raising subsidy rates and adding new programs. Included in the deal is an 80 percent increase in spending on land-conservation programs as well as new subsidies for bioenergy and rural development.

"I don't think there's a chance in the world the president won't sign this," Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said Friday. "It's a reasonable farm bill."

The White House fought against increasing crop subsidy rates and pushed for creation of a Canadian-style system of subsidized savings accounts to help farmers manage swings in their income.

Lawmakers turned down both ideas. Virtually the only victory for the White House came on an election-year proposal to restore food stamps to noncitizens who have lived in the country for five years, an idea to appeal to Hispanic voters.

"The administration basically didn't get anything they wanted," said Bruce Babcock, director of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University.

"They really weren't a part of this discussion," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said in a statement Friday that the bill could have been worse. "Many objectionable provisions have been eliminated," she said.

The bill would increase planned agriculture spending by $73.5 billion over the next 10 years, the limit allowed by last year's congressional budget agreement. Existing programs are expected to cost about $107 billion over the same period.

Details of the legislation, which still must be approved by the full House and Senate, were still subject to change, pending revised cost estimates.

Price guarantees, known as loan rates, will be increased for several major crops under the bill, and it also revives a target price system, abolished by the 1996 law, to provide additional income. The loan rate for wheat would rise nearly 9 percent; the corn rate would go up 5 percent.

In a victory for Southern producers and large Midwest farms, growers and landowners will still be allowed to collect crop subsidies in unlimited amounts.

Four killed in casino shooting

LAUGHLIN, Nev. (AP) — Four people were shot to death after fighting erupted between motorcycle gangs at a casino early Saturday, authorities said. At least nine other people were shot or stabbed, hospital officials said.

About 100 people were taken into custody and bridges over the Colorado River were temporarily closed to traffic, according to the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The shooting occurred on the first floor of Harrah's during the 20th annual River Run, a large gathering of motorcycle clubs that brought up to 80,000 people into the gambling resort this weekend, said Larry Tunforss, a spokesman for the Bullhead City, Ariz., Fire Department, who confirmed the deaths.

Harrah's director of marketing, Laura De La Cruz, said an altercation between rival motorcycle gang members erupted shortly after 2 a.m. She would not give any other details, referring questions to police.

Tunforss said about 100 people inside the casino were either handcuffed or spreadeagled on the floor by police after the shooting.

He said SWAT teams and law enforcement officers from across Arizona and Nevada were called into the area to guard against any other problems.

Aniko Kegyulics was sitting at a bar with her boyfriend when she heard yelling and gunfire.

"There were so many gunshots everything turned gray. Everybody fell to the floor. It was crazy," she said.

Police began allowing people inside the casino to leave about 8 a.m., she said. She passed a body covered with a bloody sheet as she left the casino, she said.

At Western Arizona Regional Medical Center in Bullhead City, 10 male patients were being treated, said hospital spokeswoman Ruth Padilla.

The hospital began receiving patients about 2:25 a.m., she said. Three men in critical condition — two with gunshot wounds and one with an injury to the skull — were flown to University Medical Center in Las Vegas, she said.

Padilla said of the seven men still at her hospital, two were undergoing surgery and were in critical condition. She said the other five were listed in fair condition. Padilla said the injuries ranged from gunshot and stab wounds to injuries sustained in fist fights.

Tunforss said the Red Cross was providing cots for the officers to sleep on because all the hotels in the area were booked.

Two arrested for alcohol

•Arrests

Snyder officers arrested two subjects at 1 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 24th Street. Taken into custody were a 21-year-old man for public intoxication and a 19-year-old man for consuming alcohol as a minor and evading arrest.

•Criminal trespass

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning to a man at 11 p.m. Friday ordering him to stay away from the residence of a woman who filed a complaint earlier in the week.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop Friday afternoon reported a gas drive off in the amount of $13.

Obituaries

Dick Roberts

1923-2002

Richard T. "Dick" Roberts, a former reporter for the Snyder Daily News, died Wednesday, April 24, after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Roberts, 78, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel with the Rev. San Williams, pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Japonica Cemetery in Kerr County.



Dick Roberts

Born July 14, 1923, Mr. Roberts served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a multi-engine pilot instructor and in the Southwest Pacific with the Far East Air Service Command.

Mr. Roberts moved to Austin from Snyder in 1965. He was retired from the Texas Department of Transportation where, for several years, he was editor of the department's travel literature.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Jones Roberts of Austin; his nieces, Elizabeth Armentrout and Leslie Sutter of Ohio; and cousins, Ann Alton Haynes and Jean Alton of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to University Presbyterian Church (2203 San Antonio, 78705), Hospice Austin (4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100, 78759), the Humane Society of Austin (124 W. Anderson Lane, 78752), or to the Texas Nature Conservancy (Box 1440, San Antonio, 78295).

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Irene Simmons

1908-2002

Edith Irene Simmons of San Angelo, former longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, April 27, in Regency House in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Simmons, 93, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Phillips of Northside Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born on Nov. 13, 1908 in High, Tex., she married C.T. Simmons on March 15, 1935. He died Dec. 19, 1985. Mrs. Simmons was a homemaker and a member of Northside Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Hershey Crumley of San Antonio; a sister and brother-in-law, Vera and Robert Alexander of San Angelo; and two sisters-in-law, Jean Crumley of Texarkana and Ruth Crumley of San Marcos.

Elena Garcia

1937-2002

Elena Garcia, 64, died Friday, April 26, at her Snyder residence after a lengthy illness.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Calvary Baptist Church The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor, will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 24, 1937 in Orange Grove, she married Amado Garcia on July 20, 1956 in San Diego, Tex. Living in Roscoe and Fluvanna before moving to Snyder, she was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Amado Garcia of Snyder; two daughters, Catalina Jones of Snyder and Maggie Garcia of Dallas; seven sons, Raul Garcia of New Boston, George Garcia of Fort Stockton, Manuel Garcia and Mario Garcia, both of Snyder, Alberto Garcia of Forney, Samuel Garcia of Big Spring and Timothy Garcia of Groesbeck; her father, Frank Guerrero Sr. of Roscoe; two sisters, Virginia Camacho of Floydada and Juanita Correa of Hondo; four brothers, Teodoro Gonzalez of Banquete, Tex., Remigio Gonzalez of Robstown, Gilberto Gonzales of San Diego, Tex., and Frank Guerrero of Freer; and 19 grandchildren.

Matthew Chaney

Infant

EASTLAND — Matthew Dean Chaney, great-grandson of Gloria Browning of Snyder, died Friday, April 26, in a Fort Worth hospital.

He was born April 5 in Fort Worth to Mark and Pamela Chaney.

Service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Shawn Brewer was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Mark and Pamela Chaney of Eastland; paternal grandparents, Gayle and Julie Chaney of Eastland; maternal grandparents, Gene and Dorothy Kea of Eastland; maternal great-grandparents, Wayne and Beth Kea of De Leon; great-grandparents, Loyd and Opal Elrod and C.B. and Marie Chaney, all of Eastland.

He was preceded in death by great-grandmother, Margie Chaney.

Hazel Haynes

1898-2002

Hazel Emily Haynes, former longtime area resident, died Saturday, April 27, in Andrews Health Care Center in Andrews.

Service for Mrs. Haynes, 103, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Ave. D. Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hermleigh Cemetery.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1898 in Erath County and married Marlin Jackson Haynes on Feb. 22, 1920 in Erath County. He died on Oct. 3, 1991. Mrs. Haynes was a homemaker and a member of Ave. D. Baptist Church. She lived in Hermleigh from 1935 to 1967 and then in Snyder until two years ago when she moved to Andrews.

A daughter, Melba Huddleston, preceded her in death in 2000.

Survivors include five sons and four daughters-in-law, Marshall and Faye Haynes of Wink, Roscoe and Peggy Haynes of Andrews, Billy Donn and Sue Haynes of Mason, Mich., Leon and Doris Haynes of Coleman and Jimmy Haynes of Seagraves; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a number of great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Ben Richey Boys Ranch, 501 Ben Richey Dr., Abilene, 79602.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Chicken dinners

The First United Methodist Church will have a chicken fried steak or chicken strip dinner beginning at noon Sunday. Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children. Takeouts are available. Proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre.

AARP officer training

AARP officers will have a training session at 10 a.m. Monday in the home of M.J. Merritt, 2301 40th St. All officers and others interested in learning about the duties are invited and to bring a covered dish.

Seniors' parents meeting

A meeting of parents of SHS seniors will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center.

SJHS showcase

Snyder Junior High will host a showcase for incoming 7th graders at 6 p.m. Monday. Parents and students are asked to meet in the auditorium and then tour the building. Various departments will have displays and information available.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Angels: The Other Part of God's Creation," followed by "Deliver Us from Evil."

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira Independent School District will hold kindergarten registration Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration is for students who will turn five before Sept. 1. At the time of registration, a birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record is required.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cancer board meeting

Directors of the Scurry unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Society members will discuss the latest information they have learned about an ancestor and explain the steps taken to find it. Visitors are welcome.

SHS sports banquet

Snyder High School's sports banquet is set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's place. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased at the school office.

Hermleigh ISD transfers

Hermleigh ISD is accepting applications for transfer for 2002-2003. Applications may be picked up in the high school office and all transfer requests must be turned in by Tuesday.

CNA classes

Snyder Oaks Care Center will start free certified nurses' aide classes toward the end of this month. Go by 210 E. 37th for application. Call 573-9377 for more information.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Prayer breakfast

Everyone is invited to Colonial Hill Baptist Church from 7-7:45 a.m. Thursday to observe the National Day of Prayer. The church is located at 37th St. and El Paso.

Car show, cruise

Classic cars will be on display from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot as the weekend's car show gets underway. The show will feature live music from the 1950s, '60s and 70s. The Snyder Wheels Sonic Drive In cruise will be held next Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. following the swap meet and car show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the square.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

A Pyron Cemetery meeting will be held at 11 a.m. next Saturday in the Hermleigh community center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet is set for 7 p.m. Monday, May 6. Reservations can be made at the Ira school office.

End of school dance

An Snyder 8th grade end of school dance with a Hawaiian theme will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club. There will also be games and cost is $5.

American Legion officers

The American Legion will elect officers Monday, May 13, in a 7 p.m. meeting at the legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15 year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson

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Texas forced to test cattle for tuberculosis

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas cattlemen could face losses of up to $788 million if federal agriculture officials continue to push a set of proposals calling for more stringent testing on breeder cattle following two outbreaks of tuberculosis.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials are considering sanctions against Texas — the nation's largest cattle exporter — because of the outbreaks, blamed by state officials on the import of Mexican feeder cattle.

State officials say the scrutiny could taint the image of Texas beef, and federal officials expect the changes could cost cattlemen from $260 million to $788 million or more.

"It's a huge deal," veterinarian and cattleman Gary Warner of Elgin told the Austin American-Statesman for its Saturday editions. "I think people are just now starting to realize the economic impact of this."

Since 2000, most Texas cattle have been declared TB-free by the federal government. But within the next few weeks, the USDA is expected to strip the state of that status.

The state must endure the TB designation for two years before the federal government will reconsider its decision. Only two states, Texas and Michigan, are not considered TB-free by the federal government.

Two outbreaks of the bacterial infection triggered the change in Texas' federal designation.

Last summer, an infected herd was found and destroyed in Fayette County, just east of Bastrop County in Central Texas, and state officials recently have killed a herd at a beef and dairy operation in Pecos County in West Texas.

Infected cattle spread the bacteria by coughing, bellowing and snorting in the confines of a feedlot or pasture.

Last year, state animal health officials detected 64 cases of TB in Texas cattle. Investigations on 50 cases are complete, and 48 involved cattle originally from Mexico, said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the livestock regulatory agency.

"Texas livestock brokers import nearly 1 million Mexican feeder cattle a year," Logan said. "TB continues to be a problem in many Mexican states."

Tuberculosis in cattle can spread to humans, but human infection is rare because of the pasteurization of milk products and the physical inspection of the beef carcasses for the bleeding lesions that characterize infection, Logan said. TB in humans can be fatal, but is easily treated.

Because of the TB designation, feeder cattle sent across state lines will need to be tagged for identification starting in January.

The tests require holding herds in pens for three days and are expected to cost ranchers $3 to $5 an animal. Last year, 1.4 million cattle were shipped out of the state, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission.

The size of the Texas cattle industry makes the test a daunting one for state officials, who are working to determine how much it will cost to test and keep up with the state's 153,000 herds, Logan said.

"We don't have a system right now to deal with this," Logan told the newspaper.

Tuberculosis in cattle produces coughs, as legions grow on the animal's lungs, lymph nodes or other internal organs.

The TB troubles come at a bad time for the Texas beef industry, which is already ailing after suffering huge losses because of drought.

Dr. Terry Conger, state epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission, said Texas' tubercular distinction might inhibit some out-of-state buyers from buying Texas cattle.

"That's certainly possible," Conger said.

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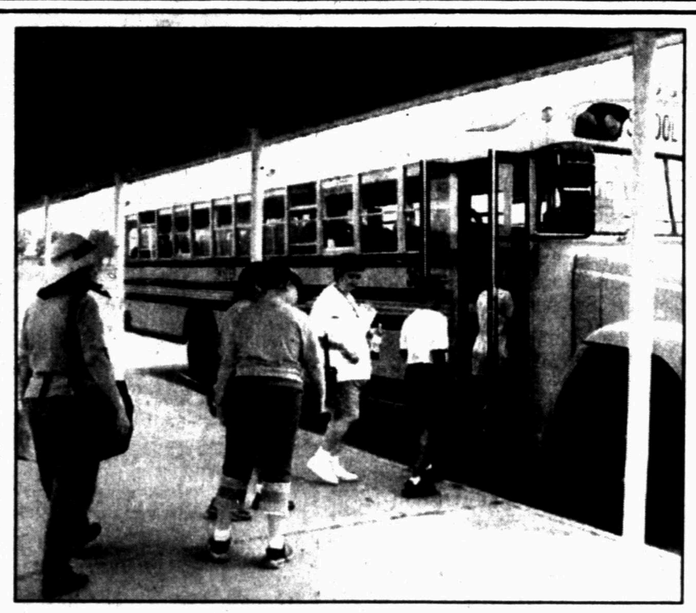
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East field trip





Some East Elementary students, teachers and parents trekked to the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock last week. Dale Neves and students board the bus in the photo at right and in the bottom photo Coach Kenneth Parker helps Carla Bavousett, bus driver, load refreshments. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Chernobyl residents remember disaster, but worry about jobs

SLAVUTYCH, Ukraine (AP) — Hundreds of people, many of them still working at the Chernobyl power plant, braved the biting cold on Friday to lay flowers and light candles at a memorial service to loved ones who died in the world's worst accident 16 years ago.

"I come every year," said Lyubov Rasovova, who was fortunate to have the day off from her job at Chernobyl on the day of the accident, April 26, 1986. Every year survivors mark the anniversary in the nearby town of Slavutych at 1:23 a.m., the moment when the explosion occurred, spewing radiation across Europe.

Rasovova manages a storage facility at Chernobyl and knew many of the 26 men and two women whose portraits are etched into the low, gray granite wall in the square commemorating workers who were killed within days of the explosion. Thousands more people in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia have since died from radiation-related illnesses.

Chernobyl closed in December 2000, but the work of dismantling the plant continues. While remorse for the past was foremost in people's minds Friday, there were also fears about the impending job losses when the work is finally finished.

About 1,500 people have left Slavutych since 2000 and more flight is expected. The city was built in the aftermath of the accident to house workers.

TAKS field test

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) is a new testing program to be administered for the first time in Spring 2003.

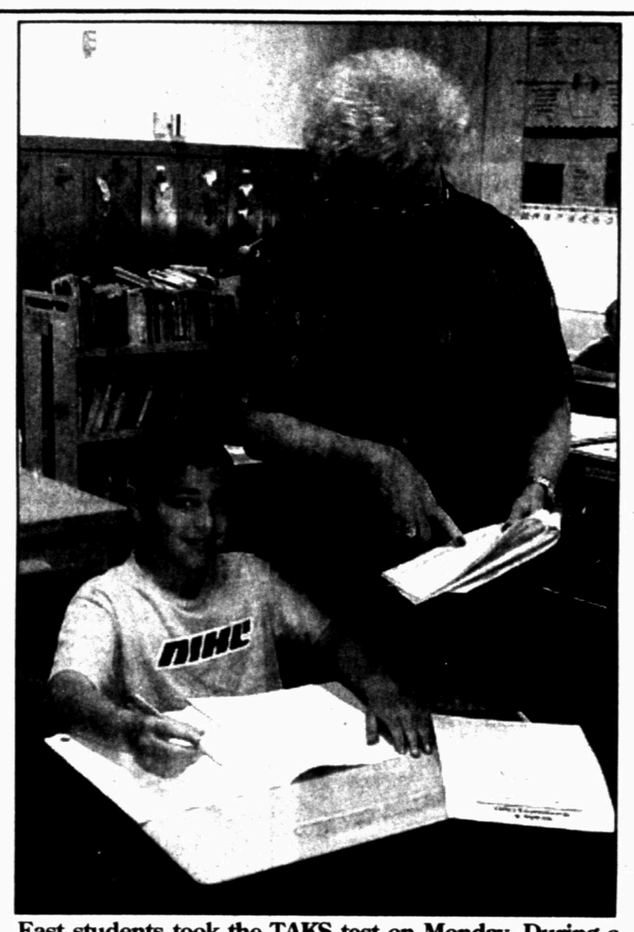
As part of a three-year development process, the TAKS program is now in the field-testing stage. Items for the TAKS test must be field-tested before that can be used to measure student learning.

The TAKS field test for grades 3-11 began Monday and will continue through May 10. Each district develops a local testing schedule to administer the tests during this testing window.

East Elementary students took the test on Monday.

Subjects tests are assigned to districts and by campus and grade and include writing (revising and editing only) at grades 4 and 7; mathematics at 3-11. English language arts (ELA) at 10 and 11, social studies at 8, 10 and 11, and science at 5, 10 and 11.

Some forms are included in the field test to link TAKS items or to collect data about the relationship between TAKS and TAAS.



East students took the TAKS test on Monday. During a practice test, Janie Carroll explains the directions to Manuel Sandoval. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

IRS asked to revoke group's nonprofit status

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Republican party has asked the IRS to revoke the nonprofit status of Henry Cisneros' voter registration group, saying it favors Democrats against federal rules.

The GOP says the Every Texan Foundation should not receive the benefits of nonprofit status, including tax exemption.

"The group should no longer be allowed to circumvent the campaign contribution disclosure laws that other political committees must adhere to," said Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Texas GOP.

Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor and federal housing secretary, denied that the group favors Democrats or is breaking IRS rules. He says there is a GOP consultant on the foundation's six-member board and there are plans to invite Republicans to future events. Former President Clinton, a Democrat, is speaking at an event in Houston on Friday.

"It's disappointing, to say the least, that people are spending energy to criticize a group whose sole mission is to register voters," said Ray Martinez, the foundation's executive director.Martinez also said nonprofit organizations supported by the GOP have had Republicans appear at fund-raisers.

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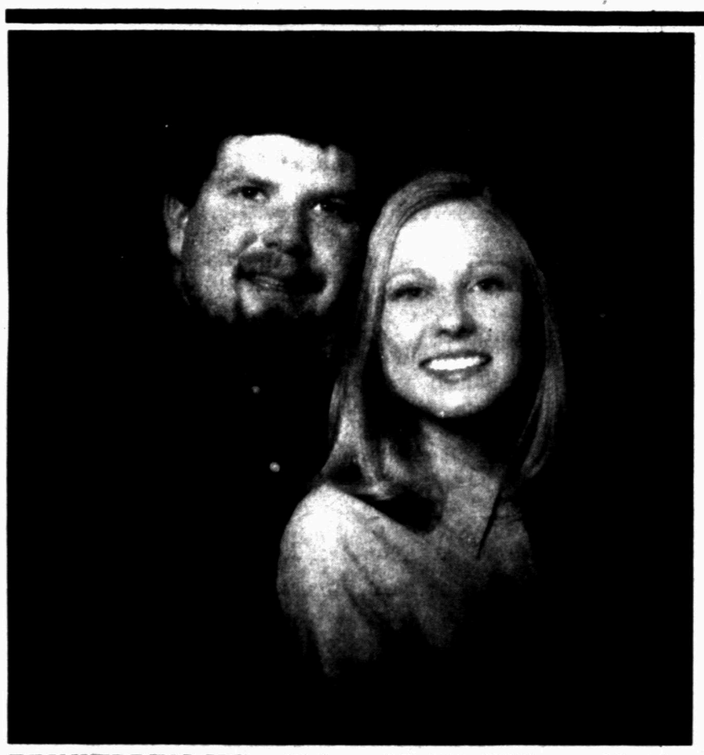
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JULY WEDDING SET — Ricky and Debbie Williams of Snyder and Jennifer Voss of Snyder announce the engagement of their children, Misty Williams and Brad Hinton. They plan to exchange vows on July 11 in Galveston. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club will not meet this week. It will meet next Thursday for a field trip to native plant nurseries in Midland.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

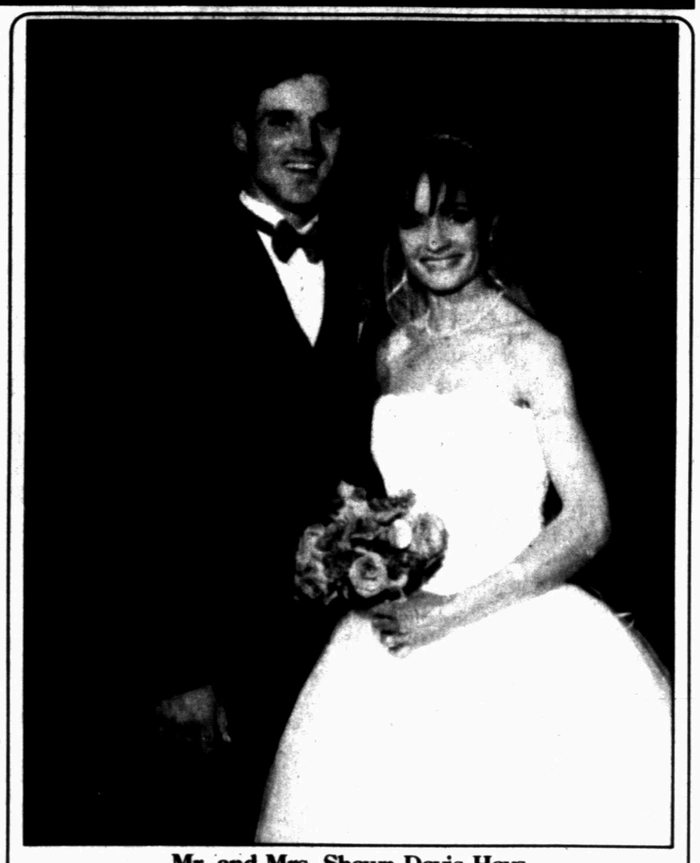
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SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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



Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Davis Hays
(Contributed Photo)

Greeman, Hays wed in Ft. Worth

Tammy Jo Greeman of Tishomingo, Okla., and Shawn Davis Hays of Snyder were united in marriage at 4:30 p.m. on March 2 in the Historical Stockyard Hotel in Fort Worth.

Officiating was Bill Wilson of the Sulphur, La., Episcopal Church.

The bride's parents are Walter and Jocelyn Greeman of Tishomingo. Her grandparents are the late Martha McAlpine, the late Mackie McAlpine and the late Gerald and Beulah Greeman.

The groom's parents are Randy and Jessie Jo Hays of Snyder and his grandparents are T.J. and Fannie Jo Ault of Lampasas and S.D. and Judy Hays of Snyder.

The altar area was decorated with two white heirloom pedestals with large Boston ferns, framed fan candelabra with bridal flowers and greenery rambling through the candelabra that held white taper candles. A separate brass stand held the unity candle with two white taper candles on either side that were lit by the mothers of the bride and groom preceding the ceremony.

Rose petals lined the center aisle for the bride's entrance. Escorted and given in marriage by her father, she wore a strapless floor-length gown with a fitted bodice beaded and embroidered with clear beads and pearls. The full satin skirt was overlaid in tulle.

Her bridal veil was bound with satin fastened onto a beaded and pearled headpiece. She carried a round hand-tied bouquet of lavender calla lilies, lavender roses, green berries and dark purple stock.

Maid of honor was Michelle Cowan of Ardmore, Okla. Bridesmaids were Brianne Robbins, niece of the bride from Healdton, Okla., and April Shepperd of Post Falls, Idaho, and Tery Neish of Bartlesville, Okla.

They wore two-piece, pale peach taffeta gowns with fitted halter tops featuring princess seams and low-cut backs fastened with covered buttons. They carried bouquets of round wispy hand-tied lavender roses, lavender lilacs and lavender freesia.

Katie Burris, niece of the bride from Healdton, was flower girl. Lance Greeman, nephew of the bride from Milburn, Okla., was ring bearer.

Randy Hays, father of the groom, served as best man. Harper Conner from Germany, Shelby Bufkin of Irving and Johnny Lack of Austin were groomsmen. Ushers included Kevin Holt of Snyder and Trey Rentz of Houston.

The groom wore a Black Chaps Hudson tuxedo by Ralph Lauren, a gray and black print vest and tie. Groomsmen and ring bearer wore the same style tuxedo with bow ties and cummerbunds.

Jennifer Krance of Fresno, Calif., registered guests.

A reception was held at the Stockyards Hotel in Fort Worth.

The white wedding cake had caramel icing decorated with strawberries dipped in white chocolate cascaded over sides of the cake. White satin wedding bells, edged with pearls and topped with white tulle bows and white lily of the valley, adorned the top of the bride's and groom's cake.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted March 1 by Randy and Jessie Jo Hays of Snyder at the Mercado Juarez Restaurant in Fort Worth.

Their honeymoon was a trip to Hawaii, followed by a cruise to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

They reside in Sulphur, Okla.

The bride, a 1992 graduate of TRC High School in Truth or Consequences, N.M., and a graduate of New Mexico State University.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School. He attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville and Blenn Jr. College in College Station.

Shawn is employed with Carrousel Farms in Sulphur where he trains and shows quarter horses in team roping and calf roping events.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-27-02
♠ 9 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A J 9 4 3
♣ K J 5

West
♠ J 8 7 4 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 10 6 2

East
♠ A Q 3
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ K 2
♣ 9 8 4 3

South
♠ K 10 5
♥ A J 9
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ A Q 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

Saturday, April 27, 2002

The sixth look at the third

In the deck, a king outranks a queen, but in this deal, a queen defeats a king — sort of. For our last look at third-hand play this week, you are East, defending against three no-trump. How would you plan the defense after West leads a fourth-highest spade four?

Although five diamonds will make here, if North always heads for a minor-suit game with that type of hand, he will be a big loser in the long run.

There are three reasons why experts play better than the rest of us: They count more, and they count more, and they count more. (The book that most improved my game, "Killing Defence at Bridge" (Houghton Miflin, 1994) by Hugh Kelsey, has "count" or "counting" in five of the 12 chapter titles.) And in my view, even more important than tracking trumps is tallying high-card points. (Obviously, if you wish to be an expert, you must count both.)

Here, you, East, have nine points, dummy contains 14, and declarer holds 15-17. This means your partner, West, clutches a miserable 0-2 points. So, West cannot have the spade king. If you win trick one with the spade ace and continue with the spade queen, declarer will calmly duck. South will win the third spade, take the diamond finesse, and collect an overtrick.

Instead, play the spade queen at trick one. Declarer can hardly duck; he may instantly lose five spade tricks, or four fast spades and a later diamond. But if South does win trick one, he can no longer make the contract. When you win with the diamond king, you continue with the ace and another spade to defeat the contract.

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Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries do.

Robbers steal roses

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A robbery by any other name would smell as stinky.

Someone swiped the entire stock of roses at Country Floral and Gifts early Thursday. And the thieves didn't stop with the 400 roses — they also took more than 100 stuffed animals and ripped apart candy bouquets to take the chocolate.

"It was a clean sweep," said owner Lynda Worm. "They stole our vacuum cleaner."

Most upsetting to her, however, was the loss of a three foot, bright pink, stuffed bunny that had been in the family for 15 years.

"It's a sentimental thing," she said. "We just want it back."

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JUNE MARRIAGE PLANNED — Jim and Lisa Blume of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Monica Blume, to Ty Estes. Ty is the son of Mark and Denise Estes of Memphis, Tenn., also former Snyder residents. A 7 p.m. wedding is planned for June 22 in Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Genealogical Society holds March meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Society members continued their Heirloom Show and Tell program at the March meeting in the Scurry County Library.

One member showed two pre-1943 quilts, which had belonged to her mother. Both quilts were made from homegrown cotton that had been hand picked and carded by the family.

The first quilt shown was a Friendship quilt. It was made with white cotton squares that had signatures of family and close family friends on them. Each square held a special memory, all different and unique. The names were written on each individual square with a crayon. The square was then pressed with a hot iron to set the color. With the passing of time the colors had faded, so a few years ago the society member embroidered over the names with colorful thread. Family and family friends in the Bright Star Community in Rains County, Texas quilted the Friendship quilt.

The other quilt was hand-sewn by her mother with small, even stitches. It was made of a bright, carnation pink colored, cotton material with white squares that had a variety of garden flowers in beautiful colors placed in the center of each square. Crayons had been used to color the flower design on the fabric. Her mother had embroidered around each flower leaving an array of colorful flowers over the entire quilt.

Another member showed a primitive, 100 year old, slender, brass oil can about six inches by two inches in size. It had a pouring spout that folded up against the side of the can when not in use. The oil can had been used in her father-in-law's Scurry County Blacksmith shop many years ago.

She also had a small, brass 1873 alcohol lamp made in Waterbury, Conn. The small lamp was similar to an oil lamp and was an adjustable wick-burning lamp. It had an embossed, looped handle like that of a coffee cup on the lamp-side, which could be used to hold the lamp. Some alcohol lamps used a mixture of turpentine and alcohol, which burned very hot making them dangerous to use. They were most often used to heat coffee and tea.

A member's treasured Blue Back Speller was shown. It had been handed down from her grandfather, George Grant, to her father in 1910.

She also showed a 100-year-old blue and white, granite cup and saucer that had been part of a set of dishes that included the dishpan for washing the dishes. A member with mend-ets had mended the cup when holes in the cup made it impossible to hold water. The cup and saucer had belonged to her paternal grandparents.

Another item she had was a wooden butter mold her grandfather had made many years before from a cheese box.

A very old, bone handled, three-tine fork was from a set that belonged to her parents.

An unusual purple, iridescent, carnival class toothpick holder had belonged to her great-grandmother, Isadora Victoria Drummond Minefee.

An assortment of items, things her father had kept as keepsakes in an old T.C. Shaw Jr.'s cigar box, were interesting. The most prized cigars sold for two cents each. Inside the box was a Kay Woody High Test fountain pen her father had used as a youngster. The pen was the type that had a rubber bladder with a filling mechanism when depressed and released caused suction and filled the bladder with ink.

Her mother's scissors, darkened with age, was also in the box. They were not only used to cut feed sacks, but were used to cut out patterns and material by both her mother and her father. Patterns were cut for dresses, coats and hats. The material was sewn by both parents to make clothing for the member and her twin sister.

The box also contained marbles her father had played with when he was a boy in the early 1900s.

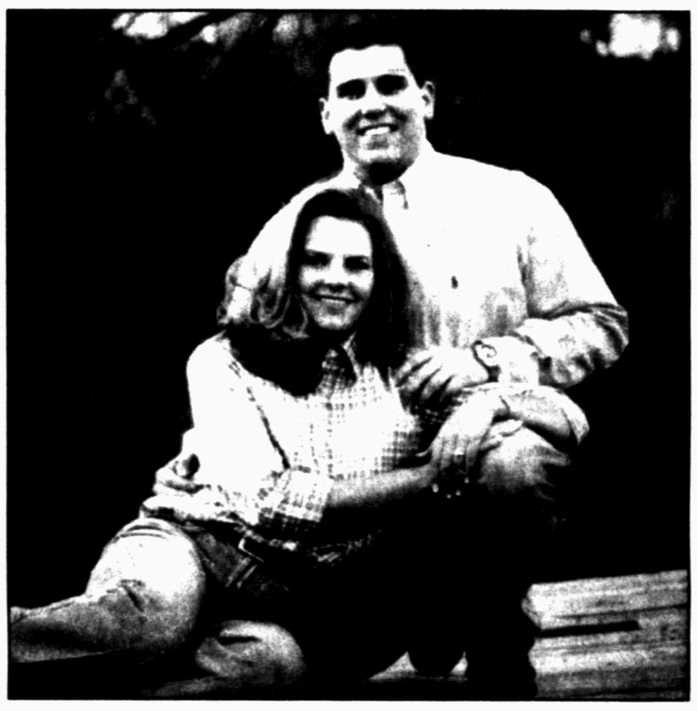
A birthday card given to her father in the 1940s from the member and her twin sister brought back bittersweet memories.

The last heirloom shown was a long, rope type, strand of cobalt blue seed beads that was a gift given to her mother when she was a girl in about 1914. The necklace had one tiny green bead among the blue beads. It was a game, when she was a girl, to see how long it would take her to find the green bead.

Society members showing family heirlooms were Dot Campbell, Doris Beard, Bessie Merritt, Joanne Sterling and Jo Thrower.

The next Scurry County Genealogical Society meeting will be Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Library. Society members will discuss the most current information they have learned about their ancestor and tell the steps that they had to take to find the information.

Visitors are invited to attend. Annual membership dues are $12.50 per person and $15 per couple.



ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT — Dr. and Mrs. Charles Church of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Leann, to David Charles Wilson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilson of Abilene, formerly of Snyder. The couple will marry Aug. 3 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate the month of April, with an emphasis on libraries and their place in our lives.

Many people think that the library staff gets to sit and read all day long; unfortunately, all library staff grab their reading just like you. They try to read during those few minutes after the kids are in bed, and right before they go to bed themselves.

Library work involves a great amount of computer work, paper work, and solving disputes with patrons. Books are really very dirty and require not only repair, but also cleaning.

We deal with some of the same questions from patrons day after day, and many times we receive new questions that later cause us to laugh. To give you an idea of the questions we deal with everyday, we present a few for your pleasure.

"Do you have books here?"

"Do you have a list of all the books I've ever read?" (Actually, with computers, we can tell you the titles of the books you have checked out from our library.)

"Do you have that book by Rushdie: 'Satanic Nurses'?" (Actual title: "Satanic Verses")

"I was here about 3 weeks ago looking at cookbooks, and found one with a really good recipe. Do you know which one I had?"

"Can you tell me why so many famous Civil War battles were fought on National Park Sites?"

"Do you have any books with photographs of dinosaurs?"

"I'm looking for information on carpal tunnel syndrome. I think I'm having trouble with it in my neck."

"I need to find out Ibid's first name for my bibliography."

"My friend told me about a book. She says it has a red cover, and it is about a young woman whose brother disappears. The author's last name starts with either an 'E' or a 'G', I think. Do you know which book it is?"

"I need a color photograph of George Washington."

Almost every librarian has had the following happen with a volunteer on the first day: "Your books were all disorganized in this section, so I arranged the books by height. Now the tallest are first, with those of the same height, grouped together."

Although she was kidding, one of our local favorite persons had this comment, "Could you start ordering books that aren't so heavy?

When I fall asleep reading, those heavy books hurt when they fall on my face!"

Just when we think we have heard everything, we hear a new question. It makes our lives interesting, however, so thank you for your questions.

Come see us at the Scurry County Library!

Scott Brimble gets taste of freedom

OKANOGAN, Wash. (AP) — Dental floss and some toothpaste was all it took for inmate Scott Brimble to get a taste of freedom.

Brimble apparently used the items to break out of an Okanogan County Jail exercise yard, county Sheriff Mike Murray said. He apparently used floss and toothpaste, which is abrasive, to weaken wire mesh, which he then pried apart to escape, Murray said.

Jailers noticed Brimble was missing at 5 a.m. Sunday from the outdoor recreation area where he had been taken after complaining of claustrophobia, Murray said.

Investigators believe Brimble had been planning the escape for about a month, he said.

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BONATO-BEARD ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beard of Snyder announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Jeremy David Beard of Colorado Springs, to Mary Jo Bonato. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bonato of Colorado. An 11 a.m., May 11, wedding is being planned in Trinidad, Colo. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge Scores

Bridge games were played at Snyder Country Club and directed by Monte West.

Friday, April 19

A Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Tizzy Hall.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Jane Hinton.

B Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Tizzy Hall.
3. Peggy Hardin, Maribeth Vestal.

Tuesday, April 23

A Group

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Linda West, Monte West.

B Group

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TO WED IN JUNE — Calvin and Karen Goebel of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deidra D'Ann, to Billy Cheyenne Burleson. He is the son of Tina White of Snyder and Caroldon Burleson of Midland, and the grandson of Bobbie Browne of Snyder. Grandparents of the bride are Jennetta Bailey of Snyder, the late John Bailey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goebel. The couple will marry at 2 p.m. on June 22 in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Man upset over haircut threatens salon

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — A man who was upset over a haircut allegedly threatened to ram a salon with his pickup truck.

Paul Peyton III, 29, was upset with the grooming he received at a Fantastic Sam's salon, Kootenai County prosecutors argued this week during Peyton's trial.

Peyton drove his truck onto the sidewalk in front of a salon in Post Falls on Dec. 12. Peyton denied trying to hit the salon, telling police he had put the truck in the wrong gear and accidentally lurched forward.

Peyton is charged with felony aggravated assault. If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

Peyton had gotten a haircut a week earlier at a different Fantastic Sam's in Coeur d'Alene. Unsatisfied with the job, he later returned and was offered a second cut — after which he demanded his money back.

Peyton was told he would have to talk to the owner.





Arbrey and Marvine Blalock
(Contributed Photos)

Blalocks to celebrate 50th anniversary in Lubbock

Aubrey and Marvine Blalock were married on May 4, 1952 in Monahans.

A family dinner is planned to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, May 4, at their son's home in Lubbock.

Their sons and daughters-in-law are Aubrey Moell and Dianne Blalock Jr. of Portland, and Barry and Cindy Blalock of Lubbock. The Blalock's grandchildren, Kevin and Joseph Blalock of Portland and Brad, Stuart and Spencer Blalock of Lubbock, will also attend.

Aubrey was born on July 27 and Marvine was born on Oct. 11, 1933. They met in July of 1951 in Snyder. They lived in Kermit after they married and moved to Snyder on Jan. 21, 1957.

Mr. Blalock worked for BHP Petroleum for 31 years and Marvine retired as secretary for Colonial Hill Baptist Church where they are long-time members.

Births

Bobby Landin and Rita Rubio of Lamesa announce the birth of their son, Corey Ryan Landin at 8:27 a.m. on April 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Corey weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Irael and Eva Landin of Lorenzo and maternal grandparents are Eli Rodriguez of Victoria and Hector Rodriguez of Snyder.

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RELAY FOR LIFE — A TEAM EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

The Board of Directors of the Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society wishes to commend the community for its support of the fourth annual Relay For Life. At this time, with money still coming in, we have counted over $53,000 which will be used to fight this dreaded disease. Thank you for your hard work and generosity in raising this much money. Thanks to The Team Captains for organizing their teams; Nan Swanson, First Presbyterian Church, for the invocation; Laquita Culwell, R.N. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, for presenting the cancer survivors with medals; Tom & Brenda Martin for donating the Survivor Medals; the Boy Scouts for the flag raising ceremony; Snyder ISD and Mike Carter for the use of the track and field; Snyder High School FCCLA for decorating and placing the luminaries around the track; Delta Kappa Gamma for doing the luminaries; Boy Scout parents and members of the STAR program for cleanup after the event; Sheriff Darren Jackson for providing security at our bank nights; Scott Crenwedge & Scurry County Coliseum; First Baptist Church for the use of their tent; Scurry County Precinct Barn; David Tate & Community Supervision & Corrections Department Volunteers; Terri Powell, Marsha Levins, & Sandy Hodges for painting the sponsor signs; Ken Robinson, Aramark Supervisor, for ice and cups; Davidson's IGA and United Supermarket for water, drinks, and donuts; the entertainment which included Luis Alaniz & "Baile Foklorico De Guadalupe", Seth Rosson, Miriah Cearley, Lyn Fogleman & Friends, Bluff Creek Edition and Cindy Nix, Glenda & John Hollingsworth, and "Mumble Some" Band; Snyder Daily News; and to Jimmy Castillo, American Cancer Society District Representative from Lubbock for all his support. A Big Thank You to those individuals and businesses who made donations and supported our team fundraisers to benefit the Relay For Life.

We especially want to thank **TERRY BOWDEN** for his talent, his sound system, and his time dedicated to the Relay; to **WEST TEXAS STATE BANK** for allowing us to use their facilities in preparing for this event; and to the following businesses for sponsoring our Relay:

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Action in District Court

In the marriage of Beth Denice Mauldin and Lloyd Allen Mauldin Jr., divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Willie Pearl Edwards, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Bluebonnett Savings Bank, order of nonsuit.

Ira ISD vs. Montecristo Royalty Fund 1988, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. A&V Tire Service, dba West Texas Tire Service, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Horace V. Proctor, order of dismissal.

Ira ISD vs. Donald Everett Sundermann, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Complete Services Inc., order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Chem Mark Corp., order of dismissal.

Ira ISD vs. Faynell Gray, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Kinder Morgan CO2 Co., order of dismissal.

Tempest Recovery Services Inc. vs. Minerva Fuentez, order granting non-suit.

Thomas and Brenda Boley vs. Robert Braden Doolittle, agreed settlement.

Malven and Bobby J. Donelson vs. Nelson D. Hogg, The First National Bank of O'Donnell, Roger Doss and Don R. Kidd, judgment for defendant.

Deed Records

Swartz & Brough Inc. to Robbie and Betty Nolan, Lot 33 in Block E of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Tony Keigan Fennell to Nicanor Escamilla and Francisca Martinez Colunga, the north 60 feet of Lot 4 in Block 35 of the Lund Park Addition.

Mel Martinez to A&M Investment, Lot 18 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Jodie Zemina Thomas to Lonnie C. and Rita J. Hammitt, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of the Forrest Addition.

Mel Martinez, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Juanita and Arthur DeLoera, Lot 1 and the east 1-foot of Lot 2, Block 2 of the Highlands Addition.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Christopher M. and Cheynenne Thomison, 1.401 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ronald D. and Lee Spruill to Frank and Mary Selvera, the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Manry Addition.

Virginia Mae Fulks to Michael W. Stephens, Mark H. Stephens, Max B. Stephens and Melinda L. Stephens Roach, the west 30 feet of Lot 2 and the east 45 feet of Lot 3 of the Replat of Block 72 and the Replat of the east 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 73 of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Margie Sumruld Cole, independent executrix of the estate of Roy Heath, to Albert DeLoera, Lot 17 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Lewis Elliott to Sonia C. Rodriguez, the south 140 feet of the east 70 feet of Block 4 in Block 10 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Vollie Sorrells, independent executor of the estate of Margy Sorrells, to Vollie Sorrells, tract one being Lots 1 and 2 in Block 11 of the Colonial Hill Addition; tract two being the south 36 feet of Lot 2, Block 2 of the Colonial Hill Addition; tract three being the south one-half of Section 453, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being Lot 6 and the north 24 feet of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Andrew Fredrick Buchanan Jr. and Jeanne Buchanan Johnson to Andrew Fredrick Buchanana Jr. and Jeanne Buchanan Johnson, an undivided survivorship interest in Lot 12, Block C of the Westridge Addition.

Francis Janette Huddleston to Gabriel Miranda and Ana Laura Esparza, Lot 2 in Block 6 of the Manry Addition.

Scurry County Appraisal District, Trustee for the Hermleigh ISD, to Bobby Lack, the south 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 34 and the east one-half of Lot 12 in Block 35 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Christopher Michael and Mahriah Cheynenne Thomison to Daren R. and Rose E. Broadhead, 5.0 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dolwin G. Smallwood, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Leona Smallwood, et al, to Robert E. and Carolyn J. Barbee, tract one being 22 acres in Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 82.5 acres in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bobby Lack to J.D. and KAT Inc., the east one-half of Lot 12 in Block 35 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Defense chief says allied troops are capturing al-Qaida forces almost daily

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had a firsthand look Friday at the cooperation from a new strategic partner in Central Asia — a foothold for American and allied airpower in the war on terrorism.

After an overnight flight from Washington, Rumsfeld was greeted at the Manas airport 20 miles west of the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek by Defense Minister Gen. Esen Topov and U.S. Brig. Gen. V. Wayne Lloyd of the West Virginia Air National Guard, commander of the American forces here.

Air forces of seven other allies are based here — Australia, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, South Korea and Spain.

They fly fighter jets, cargo planes and refueling aircraft for missions over Afghanistan.

After a briefing on air operations, Rumsfeld was speaking to an assembly of troops.

In an interview on the flight from the United States, Rumsfeld told reporters that U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan are capturing al-Qaida and Taliban fighters "almost every day, in small numbers."

The comment indicated that U.S. soldiers are having more regular contact with enemy forces than American officials had suggested in recent weeks. Rumsfeld was not specific about the location of the encounters and did not say whether any senior al-Qaida figures had been killed or captured recently.

He said U.S. and allied troops are finding "pockets" rather than concentrations of al-Qaida fighters. However, he declined to comment on news reports that U.S. commanders have expanded the war into neighboring Pakistan by sending small groups of U.S. combat troops on clandestine reconnaissance and attack missions.

"We do not characterize what other countries are doing or what we are doing in other countries," he said.

He did acknowledge that "agencies of the United States government" other than the Defense Department were involved in the apprehension last month in Pakistan of Abu Zubaydah, the senior lieutenant to Osama bin Laden who is being interrogated at an undisclosed location.

Rumsfeld said he looked forward to greeting U.S. and allied troops in Afghanistan this weekend.

Many different objects used as money in Africa, IMF says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money can be artistic, the International Monetary Fund says, a point it is proving with an exhibit of oddities used as money in Africa, such as throwing knives, farmers' hoes and coiled iron anklets.

"The Artistry of African Currency" also displays the use as money of salt, woven cloth strips, colored glass beads, sword blades, copper wire and white cowrie shells.

The scientific name for one variety of cowrie shells records their role as money: cypraea moneta. Coming from tiny snails, they're small, easy to count and hard to counterfeit.

Linda Kamel, director of the IMF Center, explained how African ideas of money differ from Western concepts. Instead of holding wealth as paper money or entries in an electronic ledger, an African may store it as a long spear blade or a woman's heavy anklet.

The use of iron and copper as money can make a village blacksmith into a kind of banker, she said. His services are needed if part of the wealth is to change hands. The IMF banks on a different scale, lending billions of dollars and other currencies to governments in financial straits.

Objects highly valued in Africa often resemble family heirlooms or savings accounts, tapped only in case of need or big occasions such as weddings."Even today if you go to look for diamonds upcountry in the Congo, where regular money is scarce, you'd do well to take along a bunch of hoes you can exchange for food and lodging," said Alex Shoumatoff, a travel writer.

Shoumatoff, who married a woman of the Tutsi people in Rwanda, noted that on their marriage he gave three cows to her parents as "bridewealth," a common practice in Africa. It reverses the old European custom of the bride's parents giving her away with a dowry. "Bridewealth" compensates parents for loss of a daughter's services: African women raise much of the family food and sell the surplus in local markets.

An explorer of the early 1900s reported that people of high status among the Kuba of central Congo used throwing knives for a variety of purchases, including other weapons, slaves and wives. The knives were said to have been broken into small pieces for spending, and only a well-off chief could have afforded to keep them whole.

The African money will be on display at the IMF Center through Nov. 22.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Star shines on silver screen and in old soldier's memory

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed reading about all the random acts of kindness in your column. I recall one from many years ago.

I was a teen-aged recruit in the U.S. Army, stationed on a large rural sheep ranch near Pomona, Calif., prior to being sent overseas during World War II. We men slept in tents, ate from field kitchens, and washed, shaved and bathed out of our Army helmets.

I read in the local newspaper that the Hollywood Canteen was throwing a big party and dance for the servicemen. Since I had that weekend off, I dressed in full uniform, jumped into an Army supply truck and headed for Pomona. From there, I hitchhiked to Los Angeles and the Hollywood Canteen.

The party was a huge success. However, finding shelter for the evening was next to impossible at any price during the war years. After the gala event was over, I was dozing on a chair when I was awakened by a petite elderly lady who said she was the mother of the actor Cesar Romero, and if I hurried she would get me a place to sleep that night. An auto awaited, and with two other servicemen I was driven to Beverly Hills. A secretary greeted us at the residence and directed us up the huge spiral staircase and into one of the five bedrooms available.

Abby, we were in the home of the movie actor and art collector Edward G. Robinson! He had turned over his home to the USO while he was in New York.

I retired to a huge bed and had a good night's sleep. In the morning, a knock on my door informed me that breakfast was ready — and what a breakfast it was!

I left a thank-you note in Mr. Robinson's study and soon was on my way back to camp.

Through the years I have watched Edward G. Robinson's classic films on television, and I will never forget the generosity of that great film star. — **REMINISCING IN RENO**

DEAR REMINISCING: Old movie buffs will love your letter. To borrow a phrase from Bob Hope, another great star who did his share to entertain the servicemen during World War II and other wars and conflicts, "Thanks for the memories."

DEAR ABBY: I have been married four times. My second husband, "Mike," and I are close friends. I hurt him terribly when I left him for a younger man 16 years ago.

About a year after my fourth divorce, Mike contacted me and we met for lunch. We have been best friends ever since. He does not date — and sometimes I think he is still in love with me. However, I cannot get past what happened between us even though it was all my fault.

Abby, do you think it is healthy to be so close to someone you were once married to? I don't see how we could ever reconcile, but I love spending time with Mike and would hate to lose our closeness. — **MARY IN ARIZONA**

DEAR MARY: I see nothing wrong with having a friendship with a former spouse as long as no one is hurt in the process. As for a reconciliation — never say "never." Stranger things have happened.

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DEAR ABBY: During the past 50 years, my handsome and loving 83-year-old brother has been married and divorced eight times — maybe more. Between marriages he has lived with a number of women off and on.

Now he has made yet another conquest. After knowing a woman in her 70s for only three weeks, they tied the knot. I don't know how it's possible to fall in love that fast; I guess some people do. However, now my brother wants me to meet his "bride" and prepare a fancy dinner in their honor.

I have flatly refused. I have no desire to meet another of his brides and make a big to-do about it. What do you think, Abby? Am I wrong? I am 84 and can't take any more of this nonsense. — **HAD ENOUGH IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: You're not wrong. I don't know how many of these wedding celebrations you have hosted for your brother, but at this point I think you should be a guest at THEIR wedding banquet. And tell your brother I said so.

DEAR ABBY: I am a new father to my precious 13-month-old baby girl.

My 76-year-old grandmá (my daughter's great-grandmother) helps us frequently by baby sitting, but doesn't like being stuck indoors for hours at a time. My mother just told me that Grandma is buying an infant car seat so that she can drive the baby around town.

Abby, the thought of my grandma behind the wheel makes me uncomfortable. I know I must say something, but she is one headstrong lady and won't like what she's hearing.

The bond between my daughter and her great-grandma is wonderful, so another sitter is out of the question. What is the best approach to all of this, Abby? Please respond quickly. — **PROTECTIVE NEW DAD, SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NEW DAD: Seventy-six isn't necessarily over the hill. However, if you have any doubts about your grandmother's ability to drive safely with your child in the car, you MUST assert your parental responsibility and protect your child. There is no way to sugar-coat it.

DEAR ABBY: Please inform your readers that the American Association of Poison Control Centers has recently launched a new national toll-free telephone hotline for poison emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week — 1-800-222-1222.

The poison center can answer questions about household products, chemicals at work or in the environment, drugs (prescriptions, over-the-counter, herbal, illegal or animal medicines), snake bites, spider bites, plants and mushrooms.

More than 70 percent of poisonings are preventable. Readers can also call the hotline for poison prevention information and for stickers to post the new hotline number in their homes. Having the poison emergency number handy can save a life. — **LINDA B. KALIN, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS**

DEAR LINDA: Thank you for sharing this important information. Your letter is a "keeper."

Readers, no matter what your location is, this one number will connect you to lifesaving advice and helpful information from your nearest poison center. All services are free, confidential and available for the hearing-impaired and for those who do not speak English as a first language.

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Nevada now offering license plates with mushroom cloud

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Even as Nevada officials fight against their state becoming the nation's nuclear waste dump, authorities are offering license plates depicting a nuclear blast.

The fund-raising plate, which honors Nevada's atomic past, has been criticized as ill-timed and inappropriate. Others don't mind the idea of cars with mushroom-cloud license plates sharing roads with tractor-trailers hauling radioactive waste.

"Nevada being Nevada, this is a unique subject," said Rick Bibbero, 55, a real estate agent who won $500 with his design for the license tag.

Besides the mushroom cloud, the brown and purple plates show the nucleus-and-atom logo for atomic energy and Albert Einstein's formula for the theory of relativity.

Nuclear testing was conducted above and below ground from 1952 to 1992 at the Nevada Test Site, the federal reservation north of Las Vegas that, at 1,375 square miles, is larger than Rhode Island. More than 100,000 workers helped develop the nation's nuclear arsenal in Nevada, and more than 800 fell ill for their efforts.

"You wouldn't find California trying to memorialize something like this, but this is our past," said Bibbero, who said he is neutral on the Yucca Mountain project.

Under the Yucca Mountain plan, the federal government will entomb 77,000 tons of highly radioactive waste beneath a volcanic ridge 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Kalynda Tilges, of Citizen Alert, an outspoken opponent of nuclear testing and the Yucca Mountain repository, had a word for the license plates: "Abomination."

"If they're talking about the legacy of the Test Site, I don't think they should use a mushroom cloud unless they show what it did to the people who live here and worked out there," Tilges said.

State lawmakers approved the plates last year, and the bill's sponsor, Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus, said she recalled little opposition.

"This is an important part of Nevada history, and national and international history," said Titus.

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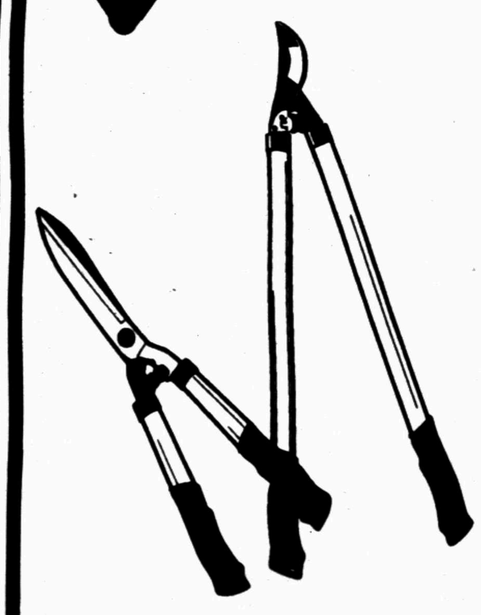
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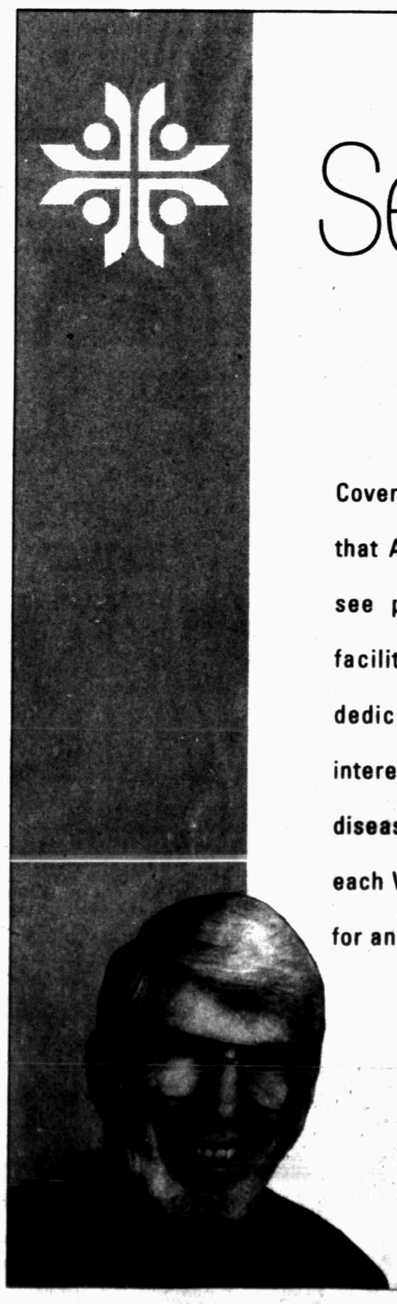
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Saturday, April 27, 2002

Today is the 117th day of 2002 and the 39th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1773, the British Parliament passed the Tea Act. The act undercut all other competitors, and created a monopoly for the East India Company. This led to the Boston Tea Party, which in turn contributed to the onset of the Revolutionary War.

On this day in 1861, West Virginia seceded from Virginia, in order to form its own state.

On this day in 1937, the first Social Security checks were distributed in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Gibbon (1737 - 1794), historian; Mary Wollstonecraft (1759 - 1797), writer/activist; Samuel F.B. Morse (1791 - 1872), inventor; Ulysses S. Grant (1822 - 1885), U.S. president; Coretta Scott King (1927 -), civil rights leader, is 75; Casey Kasem (1932 -), disc jockey, is 70; August Wilson (1945 -), playwright, is 57; Ace Frehley (1951 -), musician, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Boston Celtics hired Arnold "Red" Auerbach as a coach. The Celtics won nine NBA titles during the 16 seasons Auerbach coached the team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The same energy of character which renders a man a daring villain would have rendered him useful to society, had that society been well-organized." - Mary Wollstonecraft, "Letters Written During a Short Residence in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark" (1796)

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

Sunday, April 28, 2002

Today is the 118th day of 2002 and the 40th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, the first steam-powered whaling ship in the United States began its first voyage. The vessel, commanded by Ebenezer Morgan, was called the Pioneer.

On this day in 1945, Benito Mussolini was shot by the Italian Resistance in Dongo, Italy. His mistress, Clara Petacci, and members of his entourage were also shot.

On this day in 1947, Thor Heyerdahl and his crew sailed from Peru on a voyage to Polynesia. They traveled aboard Kon-Tiki, a vessel made of balsa wood.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Monroe (1758 - 1831), U.S. president; Lionel Barrymore (1878 - 1954), actor; Harper Lee (1926 -), writer, is 76; Ann-Margret (1941 -), actress, is 61; Jay Leno (1950 -), talk-show host, is 52; Kim Gordon (1953 -), musician, is 49; Penelope Cruz (1974 -), actress, is 28; Jessica Alba (1981 -), actress, is 21.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, boxing champion Muhammad Ali had his title taken away because he refused to serve in the United States armed forces.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The American continents ... are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers." - James Monroe, The Monroe Doctrine (Dec. 2, 1823)

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

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House approves breaking up INS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has taken the first step toward disbanding the beleaguered Immigration and Naturalization Service and splitting the agency's responsibilities into two new Justice Department bureaus.

The INS "carries out neither of its crucial missions effectively, enforcing our immigration laws or providing services to immigrants," Rep. James Sensenbrenner said before the House voted Thursday to dismantle the INS. "We must practice tough love and abolish the INS."

The Senate's turn comes next week when a measure sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., heads to subcommittee. INS Commissioner James Ziglar is to appear May 2 before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration.

"Sept. 11 taught us that immigration and border security issues are too important to be ignored and mishandled," Kennedy said.

Both the House bill and the Senate measure would eliminate Ziglar's position.

Under Sensenbrenner's plan, which passed the House on a 409-9 vote Thursday, the Justice Department would create a single agency to enforce laws and keep unqualified people from entering the United States. A second agency would smooth the way to possible citizenship for legal immigrants.

Sensenbrenner's plan would create a new associate attorney general to oversee the new agencies. Kennedy's would rely on what he said would be a stronger immigration affairs director.

"Now is not the time to diminish the power of the person running the nation's immigration agency," he said.

Many in Congress believe abolishing the INS is necessary because of a series of foul-ups.

Notice of previously approved visa extensions for two of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers was mailed months after the attacks. Also, a government aviation newsletter was still being mailed to another hijacker long after his death. Although all 19 hijackers came on valid visas, several were illegally in the country at the time of the attacks.

The immigration service also has been criticized for years because of huge backlogs of applications for naturalization or permanent residence.

We should "stop giving more and more money to the agency each year as a reward for squandering the money we gave it the year before," Sensenbrenner said.

Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., refused to wait on the Bush administration to attempt an internal reorganization of the INS. The White House and the Justice Department, in return, waited until hours before the vote to publicly endorse the GOP-pushed bill.

Attorney General John Ashcroft also said they would work with the Senate or a House-Senate negotiating committee to make the changes to the measure. "This is not the end of the journey," Ashcroft said. "This is an important first step essential to the journey's end, but not sufficient to get us there."

Seven Democrats voted against the bill.

Man tries to smuggle opium in drug-soaked tablecloths

CHICAGO (AP) — A man was arrested at O'Hare International Airport for allegedly smuggling opium-soaked tablecloths into the country from Thailand, authorities said.

Michael S. James of Minneapolis was arrested April 18 with 90 of the tablecloths sealed in plastic bags in his luggage, according to court records and investigators.

The opium was bound for the Minneapolis area, where it would have been processed to produce more than 9 pounds of heroin worth about $5 million, police said.

The smuggling method was "amazingly ingenious," said Lt. John Cich, who leads the narcotics unit of the Hennepin County, Minn., Sheriff's Department.

Police in Minneapolis, acting on a tip, notified U.S. Customs agents in Chicago that James was coming through, and a drug-sniffing dog detected the opium in his two suitcases, officials said.

Two other men, Vong Her of St. Paul, Minn., and Fai Yang of Eau Claire, Wis., were arrested after meeting James at the airport. They allegedly paid James and gave him a free plane ticket to fly overseas and go back to Minneapolis with the tablecloths, according to criminal complaints.

James told authorities he was to be paid $10,000 and knew his suitcases contained drug-soaked tablecloths. All three men were charged last week with importing drugs.

Celebrities help raise money

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson and Tony Bennett headlined a concert at the Apollo Theater to raise money for the Democratic Party's nationwide campaign to encourage more people to vote.

The event at the historic concert hall in Harlem on Wednesday night also featured former President Bill Clinton and comedian Chris Tucker.

"I love the Apollo. I love being in Harlem," Clinton said before introducing Jackson to the cheering crowd.

The theater, just blocks from Clinton's New York office, has been a performance venue for more than eight decades, featuring artists from Billie Holiday to James Brown.

Earlier Wednesday, Clinton and Tucker joined Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe and the Rev. Al Sharpton on an outdoor stage at the New York University campus for a voter registration rally.

The events were among 30 planned in 13 states Wednesday, including five in the city.

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Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

The evolution debate

With the controversy over teaching evolution in public schools is heating up again, it may be a good time to resubmit a proposal I first made 20 years ago.

The debate centers on the place that evolution, creationism and the Johnny-come-lately theory of "intelligent design" should have in the public-school curriculum.

My solution to the argument is to change just one word in how we frame the issue. We need only substitute the word "tell" for the word "teach."

The word teach has the connotation of indoctrination — of implanting information and ideas which are to be learned and absorbed.

We teach our children the 3 R's and good manners with the end in mind that such instruction will sink in and be applied in their lives. We teach brotherhood and tolerance so that those who are taught will be led to follow these beliefs. So, it is natural that parents who believe in evolution do not want their children to be "taught" creationism.

But teaching and telling are two different things. Couldn't we tell our children about evolution, creationism and the "intelligent design" theory without scaring anyone into feeling we are trying to take over their minds one way or the other?

As a parent, I want my children to know about the theory of evolution. I also want them to know — as part and parcel of being educated persons — that there are a lot of people who don't believe in evolution — who believe the world and humankind were created as the Bible says.

I want them to know how such a view of the origin of the world got started and what legitimacy, if any, it may have — both from a scientific standpoint and as a way of stating a truth which science alone can only dimly hint at.

It is not that evolution is necessarily untrue. It is just that, if humanity is a special creation of God, then the artist — which the author of the creation story in Genesis most certainly was — may do a better job than the scientist of getting us to see this.

To "tell" — not "teach" — this to schoolchildren is not to indoctrinate them with any particular philosophy. It is to get them to understand how it is that we have two or more opposing philosophies of the origin of man and the world. We may need them all.

Some, like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), want creationism out of the schools, particularly out of science classes.

The fundamentalists are determined to prove that the creationist view is every bit as scientific as the evolutionist view. That is why today's breed of creationists call themselves "scientific creationists."

While most scientists, looking at the earth's geological column, conclude that the many thousands of feet of rock strata were deposited over millions of years, the "scientific creationists" take the position that, in a great cataclysm like the flood in Noah's time, these strata could have been deposited rapidly in a short period of time. They thus have no trouble in going along with the Bible reckoning that the earth may only be about 10,000 years old.

The new player in this debate is the "intelligent design" theory which holds that a mind or intelligence — which may or may not be God — must have had a hand in the creation of humanity and the universe since anything so complex and wonderful could not have resulted from random forces at work in nature as Darwin held.

Whichever of these theories is true, it is probably worth saying that science's insistence that all truth conform to the letter of scientific truth is impoverishing us. Science, of course, must be true to itself. But, it must not, on that account, rule out all other expressions of truth. Symbols, such as angels or the Bible story of creation, seek to express truths that cannot be adequately apprehended in any other way.

Let's tell this to our children.

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	4
City of Snyder	3
DCOS	3
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
Snyder ISD	1
WTC	1

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY



North of Forty by Red Green

Night and day

I'd like to offer an observation about mixed marriages — a morning person should never marry a night person. Believe me, conflicting shifts is the hardest part of any union. The difference between day people and night people is like ... well, like night and day.

At the crack of dawn, the morning person is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, while the night person is bleary-eyed and bushy-tongued. But, in the wee hours, Missus Merry Morning has lapsed into deep hibernation on the couch and is snoring so loudly, Mr. Night Owl can barely hear his infomercials.

Burning the collective candle at both ends can put a strain on any marriage, and sadly, no amount of coffee can change a day person into a night person or vice versa. The only way to save one of these unnatural unions is to concentrate on the afternoon, the only quality time where nobody's tired or cranky.

So, I say get together for a romantic candlelight lunch, slap on that song "Afternoon Delight" and let your bio-rhythms do the rest.

DVD OR NOT DVD

I picked up one of those DVD players on sale a few weeks ago and the picture quality is amazing — there are nose hairs out there I'd never seen before.

Now, they make a big deal out of the "interactive menus," but I was working under the impression that all menus were interactive, like when you go into a restaurant and point to where it says "steak," it shows up a little later and then you eat it.

Now that's interactive. OK, the steak may come with things I don't want, like vegetables, but so does the DVD. Like, say, the outtakes. These are scenes of guys who make upwards of the gross national product of Malaysia messing up their lines. When I'm getting paid to do a job, I don't videotape myself making mistakes and then charge people to watch.

Then there's the one I really can't figure out: the deleted scenes. We all know these things were cut out for a reason. I don't really need to see the Godfather slow-dancing with a lawn jockey, even if it does help explain the whole horse head thing.

I'll tell you the kind of extras I'd like to see — good acting, better stories and more movies where the plot revolves around a riding mower.

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I'm like, "Miss, you have no idea what my unique moisture needs are." Long story short, I end up dropping 35 bucks on a shot glass-size bottle of margarine-colored goo and feeling like a world-class chump.

On my way out, I look back and see another guy with a desperate look in his eye getting the same pitch and reaching for his wallet. Why are we falling for this stuff? Just so that when we're 90 people will say, "Gee, you don't look a day over 85!"

Maybe, but I'll tell you what, the goo really works. Now, my storm door hinges squeak with a youthful confidence they never had before.

Quote of the Day: "Some men are born with humility. Some achieve humility. Others have it thrust upon them." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story." Watch for the feature film Red [illegible] at a theater near you.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Facts (Brazoria County)

Foreign oil

Those who are bankrolling terror around the world seem to be everywhere these days.

Governments in the Middle East and elsewhere send money to Hezbollah, the Islamic Jihad and other organizations that send young men and women into crowded marketplaces to blow themselves up, along with as many civilians as they can.

Groups formed under the guise of charitable and humanitarian causes across the United States, including Texas, have allegedly funneled money to al-Qaida and other radical, anti-American forces.

A series of public service announcements popping up everywhere on television tells us that those people buying illegal drugs are helping to fund terror, as some of that drug money makes its way into the wallets of evildoers.

And who else is helping to pay for terroristic, evil causes?

Look in the mirror.

Each and every one of us, in our own small way, is thwarting a war we have been so passionately and patriotically fighting since Sept. 11. It happens while we are doing the most common of things filling up our gas tank.

Unbeknownst to most of us, as we watch the numbers blip quickly by on the gas pump, a portion of the money we are spending is flowing directly back to the person we consider to be one of the most evil men on Earth, and one of the greatest purveyors of terror, Saddam Hussein.

Iraq is the sixth-largest supplier of oil to the United States, accounting for about 9 percent of our total supply. While in theory the money we spend on that oil is supposed to go toward humanitarian aid to the people of Iraq, none of us should be so naive as to believe thats the case. No, our oil money is actually going toward Saddam's attempts to buy or create weapons of mass destruction, and toward his pledge of giving $25,000 to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

That we are willingly bringing oil in from a country that is our stated enemy is indicative of the hypocrisy of our society. We are sacrificing our brave young men to make the world a safer place, but we are unwilling to sacrifice our gas-guzzling vehicles to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and in turn further handicap those who regularly spread the evil our soldiers are fighting.

Houston Chronicle

Taking the right AIDS drugs

The advent of increasingly effective drugs to hold AIDS in check has made it possible, literally, to live with HIV. But this ever-insidious virus is showing frightening signs of mutating beyond the control of some medicines, meaning some patients who were doing well on their drug regimens now are sickening.

Altering the mix of anti-AIDS drugs can keep patients one step ahead of their illness. And there are lab tests to help doctors determine which drugs to add or eliminate. What is needed now is for the Texas Medicaid program to pay for the testing.

Most states already cover the cost of testing for drug resistance, but Texas does not. Paying for testing here could help doctors avoid having to search by trial and error for the right combination of drugs that will hold the HIV virus at bay. Taxpayers could avoid massive charges for Medicaid AIDS patients' ineffective drug prescriptions.

Not paying for testing means patients can become sicker than they need to, leading to a downward spiral of lost jobs, housing and quality of life. What's more, experimenting to find the right drug mix gives the virus more time to develop increasing resistance to treatment.

Testing is not cheap. But then, not testing can be more expensive. A typical drug regimen runs around $1,000 a month. If the medicines no longer work, that's money down the drain.

When Texas Medicaid officials consider the question in the coming weeks, they also should tackle concerns that some doctors will overuse the tests, thus needlessly shifting funds away from treatment. And they should require future monitoring for how well testing fits into overall AIDS case management.

For now, it seems, Medicaid coverage for the testing will help AIDS patients avoid inappropriate therapies because their doctors are forced to prescribe medicines blindly.

The Dallas Morning News

Human cloning

President Bush is pressing Congress to ban human cloning. Last year, the House voted to ban such cloning. The Senate is expected to consider the issue this spring, with the possibility of a compromise whereby cloning for disease research would be allowed. The best compromise, however, would be to ban reproductive cloning and put a moratorium on research cloning.

The much-respected National Academies support a ban on reproductive cloning given its dangers, but argue for allowing research cloning. The academies reflect the current scientific questions, but not necessarily society's full underlying ethical debate. The President's Council on Bioethics is addressing those, and if you want to see some lively, thought-provoking debates, read the transcripts of the council's meetings (www.bioethics.gov/transcripts.html). The views on the council are varied, and a final report expected this summer should reflect those varied views.

The discussions have nuance. The most basic question, of course, is when does life begin. And the next is, what respect should be afforded that life. This is the area of most profound and legitimate disagreement among people of varying beliefs and religions. A respect for reproductive privacy flows out of differing views on this subject.

However, individuals' rights to reproduce and to heal themselves should not totally outweigh society's interests. This is especially clear when it comes to reproductive cloning. And for the same reasons that close relatives are not allowed to marry, reproductive cloning should be banned.

Cloning is not some far-fetched possibility. This month, Italian fertility specialist Severino Antinori reportedly said a woman in his cloning project was eight weeks pregnant. Unfortunately, cloning in other species has had some horrible outcomes. Even if technology is perfected, cloning of humans for reproductive purposes lacks social imperative given the growing world population and the serious dangers of abuse.

The French and Germans have proposed an international ban on human reproductive cloning, but the U.S. wants to include research cloning in the ban. That requirement will slow progress on the international convention.

Banning cloning for research involves different trade-offs than banning reproductive cloning, which most agree is objectionable. In research cloning, a cloned embryo is formed for its stem cells. Stem cell therapy to cure diseases and prolong lives may be more successful if the cells are taken from clones of the person needing the treatment. Mr. Bush opposes the destruction of embryos for [illegible] lives.

Given the varying views on when life begins, a more persuasive argument against research cloning for stem cells is simply that the line to cloning is being crossed.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Graduation
Friday, May 3
WTC Courtyard
7:30 pm

Weekend April 27-28, 2002

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Let's See What Develops



By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

A minister named Stuart M. Pedersen tells the story of his son, Stephen, as a five-year-old. Stephen was reciting for his parents a Bible verse from memory. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only forgotten son…"

Well, I forgot two items from last week's column: First, my heartfelt thanks to Ken Robinson, Aramark's Food Director for SISD. Ken offered to help WTC volunteers work the SHS gym's concession stand during the Harlem Entertainers basketball game. Secondly, I left out one significant word in the humorous anecdote at the end of the column. The story actually goes as follows: The IRS can put real fear in some people.

IRS Agent: "First time you've been audited?"

Taxpayer: "Yes! How did you know?"

IRS Agent: "Well, you DON"T have to spread eagle."

Let us give thanks…A large expression of gratitude goes out to Bill (III) and Nancy Wilson, and to Bill Wilson, Jr., for their donation from Big Country Autoland, of the 2002 Chevy Silverado pickup truck. Thanks, also, to the Big Country staff and sales team who have gone the second mile to help us facilitate this gift.

The plan is to accept $25 tax-deductible contributions specifically earmarked for WTC's new baseball and softball programs, and those donors have the opportunity to be included in the July 4th drawing for the truck. There will be only 1000 contributions taken for this vehicle, and the winner will be announced at 2:00 at Wal-Mart following the July 4th parade in Towle Park.

The truck is being displayed beside the west WTC entrance, and will also be on display this coming Saturday, May 4, at the Car Show and Cruise sponsored by Snyder Wheels and the Sonic Drive In. WTC personnel will be with the truck taking contributions from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

There is no limit to the number of contributions given by one individual. One must be 18 or older to contribute, and it is open to everyone with the exceptions of WTC personnel, Foundation Board members, or Trustees, and their spouses and children living at home.

Let's give a hand to…

Our thanks to the following businesses that are receiving contributions and distributing chances:

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Contributions may also be given to Melanie Schwertner in the President's office located in the WTC Administration Building.

And finally…A group of clergymen were attending a conference in Scotland. Several of them set off to explore the area. Presently they came to a river spanned by a temporary bridge. Not seeing the notice that said it was unsafe, they began to cross. The bridge keeper ran after them to protest.

"It's all right," declared the spokesman, not understanding the [illegible] "We're Presbyterians from the conference."

"I'm no' caring aboot that," was the reply. "But if ye dinna get off the bridge, you'll all be Baptists!"



Better Odds than the Lotto

In helping the growth of Western Texas College, Big Country Autoland recently donated this 2002 Chevy S10 pickup to be given away on Thursday, July 4, at Wal-Mart. Proceeds will benefit the new WTC baseball and softball programs.

Tax-deductible contributions of $25.00 will purchase a chance to win the truck, and only 1000 chances will be made available. Donations can be given at the following locations:

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Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College Avenue
Bill Wilson's Big Country Autoland, Hwy 84-180 and 208
The KSNY Radio Offices, 2301 Avenue R
The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Office, 2302 Avenue R
The WTC President's Office in the Administrative Building

The truck can also be seen, and contributions made, this Coming Saturday, May 4, at the Car Show and Cruise (sponsored by Snyder Wheels and the Sonic Drive In), to be held on The Square from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Happenings
April 29-May 4

Monday
Water Gun War
Near Museum 2pm
Tuesday - Pool Party
WTC Pool 5:30pm
Wednesday
Twilight Breakfast
Cafeteria 9pm
Finals Begin
Friday, May 3 - Graduation
Courtyard - 7:30pm
Friday, May 10
End of Spring Semester

Pre-Registration for Maymester Summer and Fall now Underway

Pre-Registration for currently enrolled students began April 22nd.

Eligible students should contact the Counseling Center to make an appointment.

Students may pre-register for the Fall as well as Maymester and Summer sessions at the same time!

Individuals enrolled in a developmental class due to not passing a portion of the TASP, will be scheduled after May 13th, when their grades become available.

If they have left the Snyder area, they can call us; registration could easily be done over the phone.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, and let us know if you have any questions.



SGA Elects Officers for 2002-03

The WTC Student Government Association recently elected new officers for the 2002-03 academic year. Pictured are, left to right: Lucretia Woodard, Secretary; Beau Blair, President; Michael Hembree, Vice President; and Kristi Sterling, Historian. Not pictured is Sam Schiaart, Parliamentarian.

Have You Seen This Person?

She's Janet Halbert, and she's been teaching English at Western Texas College for 31 years. She's retiring from WTC in May and wants to compile a MEMORY BOOK of her years at WTC. So, if you were a student in one of her classes, or know someone who was, she'd like you to please take a minute, sit down, and write her a note of your memories of being in her class. Or, if you're a current or past colleague, neighbor, or friend, she'd also appreciate hearing from you.





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Just jot your story or wishes for her retirement in a note (or letter) and send it to her at:

Western Texas College
6200 College Ave.
Snyder, TX 79549.

Or you can e-mail her at jhalbert@wtc.cc.tx.us

Please include your full name (your maiden name if you knew her before you married) and what years you were in her classes at WTC. And, if it's been a few years since you were in her class, she'd also like to know what you're doing now (so she can tell how she influenced you!)

May 10 is her last day, so [illegible] to her by then, although she will still accept them after that date — remember how she'd always take "late papers"? She says to tell you all "thanks for the memories."

Western Texas College

The Graduating Class, Board of Trustees, and Faculty of Western Texas College announce Spring Commencement Exercises Friday, the Third of May Two Thousand and Two Seven-thirty in the evening Western Texas College Central Courtyard

(In the event of inclement weather, commencement will be held at Colonial Hill Baptist Church)

Spring 2002 Final Exam Schedule

Day Classes

Class Meeting Time	Exam Time
8-8:50 MWF	8am, Monday, May 6
9-9:50 MWF	9am, Friday, May 3
10-10:50 MWF	10am, Wednesday, May 8
11-11:50 MWF	11am, Monday, May 6
12-12:50 MWF	Noon, Friday, May 3
1-1:50 MWF	1pm, Wednesday, May 8
8-9:15 TTH	8am, Tuesday, May 7
9:25-10:40 TTH	9:25am, Thursday, May 2
10:50-12:05 TTH	10:50am, Tuesday, May 7
12:15-1:30 TTH	12:15pm, Thursday, May 2
1:40-2:55 TTH	1:40pm, Tuesday, May 7
3:05-4:20 TTH	3:05pm, Thursday, May 2

Evening Classes

Monday Evening	6:30pm, May 6
Tuesday Evening	6:30pm, May 7
Wednesday Evening	6:30pm, May 1
Thursday Evening	6:30pm, May 2

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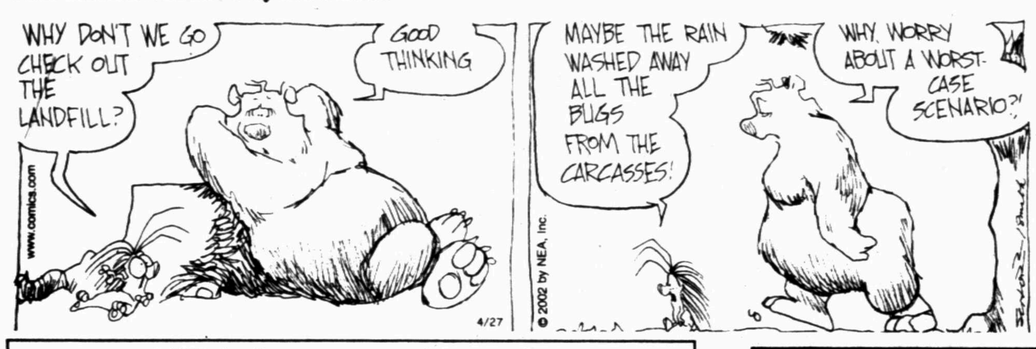
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Wingless insect
5 Off-road vehicle
8 Staffer
12 Use a drill
13 Latin 1002
14 Got taller
15 Charged atoms
16 Multiply
18 Tom's cry
20 Hero sandwich
21 Family mem.
22 Arizona city
25 Go-aheads
28 Actress Raines
29 Puerto —
33 Have in mind
35 "This weighs — —!"
36 Heavy metal
37 Most demure
39 Mail out
40 Bradley or Sharif
42 Sorority letter
43 Called from the Alps
46 House pet
49 Domestic bird
50 Had a mortgage
53 Orange/coconut dessert
56 Hera's son
58 Senor's coin
59 Droop
60 Fissure
61 Catch a glimpse
62 Dixie st.
63 Throw a party for

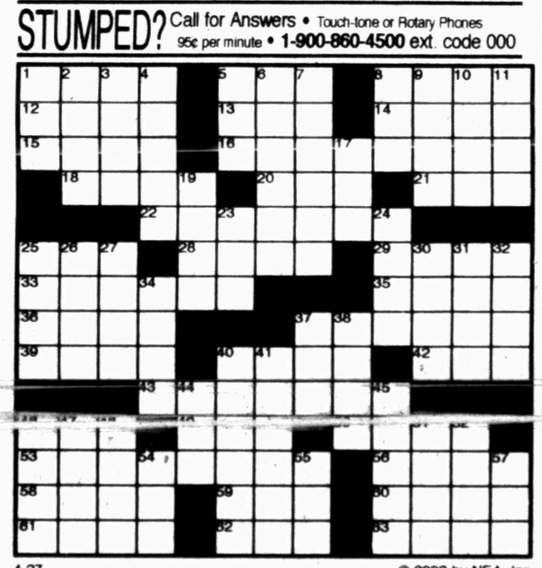
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4 Early moralist
5 Yvette's boyfriend
6 Tree trimmer
7 Alpaca cousin
8 Census info
9 Some nest eggs
10 Bandleader
Arnaz
11 Female sheep
17 Baseball stat
19 Invitation info
23 Dilapidated
24 ER picture (hyph.)
25 Fixes a squeak
26 Elbow counterpart
27 Comedian Laurel
30 Road to Rome
31 Blackjack
32 Suspicious of
34 Whirlpool
37 Lo- — (not fattening)
38 Layered cookie
40 Black Sea port
41 Hireling
44 Gloating cry
45 Happy or Doc, e.g.
46 Promontory
47 Iowa town
48 Recipe amt.
51 Buffalo's lake
52 Adroit
54 Judge Bean
55 — Khan
57 Canonized Mlle.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"You'll have to come back later. They're not biting today!"

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Hello Snyderites!



Here we are with our second edition of our Chamber newsletter. We have had several nice comments about the newsletter being in the paper and several didn't notice it at all! However, we mail them out every month and several folks never look at it in their own mail box so I'm not sure as yet which you like the best. Let us know how you feel.

There is lots of news. As we run pell-mell into spring and summer, Sandra and I are getting ready for all of it now because there won't be room in between events to prepare for the next one. We have six weeks in a row where there is a major event every week so we're already ordering, planning, making endless lists and getting our ducks in a row for a busy time. Plan ahead-stay organized! That's our motto.

Since this newsletter pretty well sums up future events, I want to share with you a "miracle." No healing, no burning bushes, but just a simple everyday "aha" experience that I was privilege to witness.

Joe and I breed, raise, train and race thoroughbred horses. It is our great passion and as we've traveled all over Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas to races, sales, etc. We've had some of the greatest fun, seen some of the most interesting and varied country, and the most gorgeous sunrises, sunsets and wildflowers you can imagine. We haul our own horses in our "Po Boy, mom and pop" stable operation. I say that to establish that I notice and cherish lots of God's miracles. It also doesn't take much to make me cry over beautiful "miracles." This morning about 5:30, Joe excitedly woke me and said, "your baby is here!" I've been waiting 11 months for this little horse. We especially picked out and purchased the mare from a ranch in Oklahoma, then took her to Nacadoches to be bred to "Waynes Crane," who is the finest stallion in Texas. After her "marriage" we brought the mare home, have watched her for 11 months for fear she'd lose this precious hand picked package.

I jumped up and headed outside in my pj's and it wasn't even light yet! As the baby struggled to stand, it reminded me of an old timey yard stick, you know the wooden ones that unfold one joint at a time! As the little racehorse finally got everything up, he stood there in all his wobbly, crooked legged glory, and tried to run! He promptly fell back down on his front knees and the whole process of unraveling and steadying began all over again. With his mama nuzzling and neighing after about an hour, he was dry, a little steadier and had already had his breakfast, and all of a sudden, he tried it again. He ran! As my heart literally filled my chest, I began to cry. I had already thanked God for the beautiful healthy new baby, but I was so filled with awe at the miracles we see everyday, and take for granted. With the new baby came a whole new set of hopes and dreams for the future, but for right now, just to see him struggle to unravel and straighten his legs, to finally stand and then to run reminded me of our lives. Each new day brings some sort of hope, a lot of challenges, a lot of falling down and getting back up one joint at a time. But with a nuzzle or kind word from friends or family, a lot of encouragement and a lot of self-discipline and desire, we all can run. Look for the miracles!

Love Donna

PS Would you like to help me name him? He'll be ready for the Kentucky Derby in only two short years! Talk about miracles!

Snyder Independent School District

Date: April 25, 2002

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Snyder Independent School District will offer a pre-kindergarten program if 15 children qualify for services. To be eligible for this program a child must be at least four years of age and meet one of the following criteria:

- unable to speak and comprehend the English language
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It's only 4½ weeks until Western Swing. We start it all off with decorating to begin on May 30. We will be getting ready Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday if any of you would like to come out to the coliseum and help. Several of our Western Swing couples are coming to town early to help and we are really grateful that they love Snyder and this event enough to pay to work! The motels are all full or nearly full, the RV Park is over a third full and we are selling advanced tickets everyday. Our program is ready to be printed (if you haven't bought your ad yet and you could help us out by buying one, please call us), the decorations are ready to go up, the meals are planned and the phones are ringing off the wall for information. This is by far the largest and longest event we have all year. Last year we had folks from every state and six countries who spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to get here, then thousands more during the week. Snyder's economy will definitely benefit from our guests and we hope your cash registers jingle. Ads in the program are a great way to insure that, as well as a booth for the week or a sponsorship. Call us if you need more information. Night tickets (after 5:30 p.m.) are only $12.50 so come on out and enjoy the greatest music in Texas all week and it's right here at home. I think you'll be proud of the festival when you see how much good clean fun everyone is having and how many folks it brings to town.

If you'd like to volunteer to help, we need 24 folks every hour. Call Betty House at 573-0654 or Sandra and me at the chamber at 573-3558. Talk about a Texas sized party, we're giving one, and we need all the help we can get!

DEEP CREEK PROJECT

The waters of Deep Creek are flowing better all the time as the Price Daniel inmates continue to clear the banks and creek bed. Not only is one of our major eyesores getting a major face-lift, but also now the water can even flow down the creek bed without being stopped by weeds, bushes, trash and mud.

The current project will start at the 37th street bridge across from Winston Park, and follow the creek bed all the way to 25th street bridge by Timely Pawn. The focus right now is the over-grown area from the 30th street bridge behind IGA, the shopping mall, down past Bealls, McDonalds, Long John Silver, United and American State Bank. The creek winds around behind all those businesses and has become a dumping ground for cement building parts, dirt and trash. Several buildings in that area have been torn down and rebuilt over the years and a lot of the debris shoved off into the creek and onto the bank. As the sand on the bank slides down into the creek, so do the rock piles and trash, clogging up the passageway. Cutting down the brushes, trees, the thickets and weeds and clearing the rocks, lumber and pipes out of the creek bed will be long hours of work, but it already has become a source of pride and excitement for the citizens of Snyder. The lumber is neatly cut and stacked as it is cleared, and the smaller brush and limbs have been put through the "chipper." Snyder folks have picked up the lumber and hauled it for various uses, and several have used the chipped bark in their gardens. The inmates are grateful to be out in the fresh air working each day. They are so proud of the job they are doing and all the praise they're receiving for the way it's shaping up.

I would like to thank Chris Smith for heading up the project from the Daniel Unit, the City of Snyder for their chipper and dump trucks, the BCD for helping us with equipment, the people who donated private funds for the renovation, Ralph Trevey for the trailer for the guard's horses, Grimmett Brothers for equipment and help, the DCOS for all they've done and the committee for their time and energy. Most of all I'd like to thank Warden Wilhelmenia Howard for always encouraging her staff and the inmates to be good corporate citizens of Snyder. They do all they can to make this a better place to live for all of us. They have planned a gazebo, a fishing pond, picnic areas, benches, tables and even flowers up and down the creek. It's not easy to find folks who make your dreams come true, but all I have to say is "'I'd like to have" or "we need a " or" the kids would like a " - and they say, "let's do it!" Deep Creek will flow again and look really great while it's doing it.

GOLDCOAT & MEMBERSHIP NUMBER KEEP CLIMBING

It seems more and more of our citizens are working together to save our town! New members this month are College Avenue Coin Laundry and Scott Campbell. This brings the number of new members so far in 2002 to 10. This speaks highly of our community as more and more businesses and citizens work together to get more accomplished.

Our goldcoat organization, the wonderful backbone and workforce of our community, also keeps growing. New members are Dr. Greg Williams, Judy Hays, Albert Deloera, Tati Nail, Teresa Cornett, Able and Sherry Deloera.

We want to thank each of you for the contribution you make of your time and talents.

NEW CITIZENS ARRIVING FROM ARKANSAS

In spite of what we think, there is a real housing shortage in Snyder! Ask our newest citizens, the air force families arriving to go to work at the newly built air force facility located at Winston Field. Twenty-three families are looking to re-locate and the shortage of rent property and "up to date" homes seems to be a real problem for most of them. It seems we need to entice a builder to come and build homes with more modern styles.

Many of these families are looking in Sweetwater and Big Spring and plan to commute rather than live here. They say the lack of shopping facilities, homes and general overall look of our town has been disappointing.

This is beautification week. Please clean up around your home and business and pick up trash. Those with old cars, scrap metal, old appliances, auto parts or farm equipment etc., please put it behind a fence or throw it away! Pardon me, but our pride isn't showing! When tourists and strangers come into town and think our town is ugly and that we don't notice or care upsets me. I love Snyder, and she can't clean herself up! Dump trucks are available for trash hauling and extra garbage pick ups are encouraged-if you'll just "clean it up." Tthanks to the City of Snyder for tearing down several of the old buildings around town. Call the chamber or the city to have your "ugly" trash hauled away.

If you have a house for rent, in good condition, in a nice neighborhood, please call one of our member Realtors. If you can improve the look of your home or business, please "clean it up"! Snyder's future might just depend on you!

May Day

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May 4th
Senior Center Fundraiser

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4:30-6:00 p.m.
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Tickets may be purchased at the door.
Carry-outs available

Homemade Baked Goods

Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show

SNYDER IS THE PLACE TO BE SATURDAY, MAY 4

Besides all the fun we will be having at the Coliseum, Snyder Wheels Car Club will be having a car show on the square. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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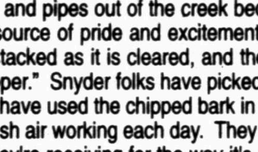
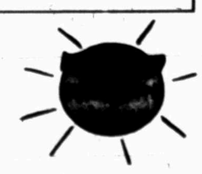
JULY 4TH PLANS UNDERWAY

July 4th is just around the corner. We planned and ordered the fireworks show. $8,250 worth of memories and celebration to be shot "up in smoke!"

The thing that makes it all worthwhile is to look around about 9:30 that night. The park is a swarm of people all wearing flags, stars and strips. All hot, tired and full. The kiddos are running everywhere, quilts are spread out over the park in anticipation of the fireworks, children are wearing glow in the dark necklaces and the carnival lights are still blazing with hundreds waiting in line for rides. The vendors are loading vans with remnants of the two day offerings. Sandra and I are holding each other up and smiling goodbyes to the folks who filled the armory and getting ready to go up on the hill and check out the fireworks crew. Perry Westmoreland and company and Terry Butler are doing last minutes safety checks of the cannons and fuses and all of a sudden, the first crack sounds.

It's like a Norman Rockwell picture of small town America. Thank God. I love 4th of July in Snyder. A parade a mile long full of folks lining the whole path, BBQ, food of every

May 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 WTC Graduation 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Senior Center May Day Scurry Ct Coliseum Snyder Wheels Car Show
5	6	7	8 WTC Classes Dismissed	9	10 Edwin Jackson Retirement Party 2:30 p.m. MAWC	11 Open Rodeo Annex
12 Jay Huckabee Historic Homes of Scurry County May 12-31	13	14 Tx Ft Rails State Wide Meeting in Tulia Development Training Seminar	15	16 Jay Huckabee Reception 10-12 p.m. Historic Society of Snyder	17 Goldcoat Luncheon 12:00 Noon Supestar Wrestling 8:00 p.m.	18 Lamb Sale Annex
19	20 Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.	21 Development Training Seminar	22	23 Hermleigh Schools Dismissed	24 SHS Graduations Scurry County Coliseum SISD Classes Dismissed Hermleigh Graduation Ira Schools Dismissed	25 Ira Graduation 7:30 p.m.
26	27 Memorial Day Chamber will be closed In Observance of Memorial DAy	28	29	30 Decorate for Western Sing	31 Decorate for Western Swing	

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University N.C. drops early decision admissions program

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The University of North Carolina is dropping its early decision admissions program, becoming the first major U.S. university to end the increasingly controversial policy, officials said.

"Carolina has taken this step because we believe it will best serve our future students and their families," Chancellor James Moeser said Thursday.

The practice allows students to get a quick response from their first-choice college in exchange for a promise to attend if admitted.

Early admission was first used in the 1950s by elite colleges, but the practice spread about a decade ago. Now more than 400 colleges and universities invite high school seniors to apply ahead of the crowd, a College Board survey found.

Critics claim the policy can force teen-agers into premature decisions and can give unfair advantage to those with money and admissions know-how.

Some schools avoid that pitfall by offering a nonbinding "early action" program.

Defenders call early admission efficient. They say problems occur only when it is used to fill too many slots.

At the University of North Carolina, the school's early admission program allowed students who applied by Oct. 15 to be notified about their status by Dec. 3.

"We've observed growing pressure on students to choose colleges earlier simply because they believe it is their best chance to get in, without the benefit of the considerable maturation that takes place in the senior year of high school," said Jerome Lucido, vice provost for enrollment management and director of admissions.

The university had dropped binding early decision in the early 1970s and resumed the practice for freshmen applying for admission in fall 2000.

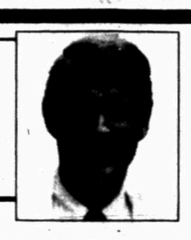
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Bone density test is appropriate after menopause

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 70-year-old great grandmother who had a hysterectomy for fibroids in 1975. Since then, I've been on hormone replacement therapy.

I've repeatedly asked my doctor for a bone density test. But he refuses, saying the "hormones should keep your bones strong." However, my mother and aunt had osteoporosis. Now, much to my surprise, my daughter, 50, has it, too. I have no other risk factors. Should I consult another physician or simply demand a bone density test?

DEAR READER: While it's true that your hormone therapy will lessen your chances of developing osteoporosis, I am impressed by your family history and wonder about the very real possibility that you, also, could have brittle bones. Consequently, I endorse your position. Get a bone density.

We're not talking about open heart surgery here. The bone density is a simple, safe, painless and inexpensive test. What could you possibly lose by having it done? More important, you have a great deal to gain by discovering early osteoporosis and treating it before complications, such as spinal compression fractures, appear. I don't know why your doctor has dug in his heels. His reluctance seems to me to be more a macho concern than a bona fide health issue. Here's what I would do:

The next time you have an appointment, sit down with your practitioner and address the issue in the following non-judgmental manner: "Doctor, I respect your judgment. However, I am concerned about the possibility of osteoporosis. As you are aware, there is a family history of the affliction, and I need to know that my bones are sound. Therefore, I respectfully request that you lessen my anxiety and order a bone density test. Thank you." Even the most churlish practitioner should respond to this approach. If not, he is a dope and needs a lesson in good doctoring; make a change to a physician who is more sympathetic to your needs — and more reasonably flexible.

Another option: Many communities subscribe to wellness programs for older citizens. Such programs enable recipients to have certain tests done without their doctors' specific approval. These tests include serum cholesterol determinations, carotid ultrasound exams, abdominal aortic aneurysm echograms and bone densities. While there is a modest charge for these services (which may or may not be covered by Medicare), they are well worth the price.

In any case, I believe that your concerns are justified. Let me know the results of the testing.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly "Winning the Battle of the Bulge") that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet send $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 87. For the past few years, my white blood cell count has been low (2,600). An oncologist found nothing wrong and urged me to have a repeat count every 6 months. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: The normal white blood cell count should be above 4,800. At times when it isn't, doctors must consider serious bone marrow problems, hematological disorders — or lab error. In my experience, many older patients have low WBC counts; this is not a reason to worry, if the patients are otherwise healthy.

I suggest that you have the WBC count repeated periodically. If it continues at a low level, a consultation with a hematologist would be in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend who drinks copious amounts of water to fight high blood pressure. I have a running argument with this lady.

I am taking hydrochlorothiazide for hypertension. Because this is a kidney-stimulant, I excrete water. Am I doing myself harm? Should I, in fact, boost my fluid intake?

DEAR READER: Normal people use a certain amount of water for metabolic purposes and excrete the rest. In contrast, hypertensives appear to retain excessive amounts of fluid. The reason for this is not completely understood, but appears to involve sodium. People with high blood pressure retain salt, which worsens hypertension — and fluid retention. For this reason, diuretics (kidney stimulants) are frequently used to treat high blood pressure.

In my view, the disagreement between you and your friend is basically a non-issue. If she chooses to increase her fluid intake, fine; it will neither harm her nor lead to any health benefits. In contrast, you — in addition to using the medication — should reduce your intake of salt. This should benefit you. Your water intake is not a concern but the consumption of salt is. Therefore, all things being equal, increased water consumption is, in your case, not a health hazard because you, too, will excrete the water you do not need for normal metabolism.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 77-year-old farmer who stays active, eats sensibly, avoids tobacco and alcohol, and am tormented by severe itching. This occurs only in the winter and involves the skin around my waist — no rash, just itching. It begins in late October, lasts until spring and is not helped by moisturizing creams. Interestingly, last winter my wife and I took off for a two-week vacation in Florida. Within three days after our arrival, the itching disappeared, only to return with a vengeance when we traveled home to New Jersey. Any ideas?

DEAR READER: Without examining you, I hesitate to venture a diagnosis. However, your description of the malady is so characteristic that I'll go out on a limb. You appear to be suffering from a common skin condition called "winter itch." The cause of this is unknown but the affliction occurs only in the winter months and is relieved by warm weather. I recommend that you apply an over-the-counter cortisone cream twice a day to relieve your symptoms. If this ploy doesn't work, I advise you to see a dermatologist for a diagnosis — or, perhaps, a prescription for a more potent steroid cream. Incidentally, winter itch is not a dangerous disorder and is not a hazard to health.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take 1,500 milligrams of niacin a day to reduce my blood cholesterol level. Could this vitamin cause me to flush and my heart to pound?

DEAR READER: By all means. These symptoms are common in patients taking niacin and are not harmful. They can, however, be ameliorated by taking one aspirin along with the vitamin every day. Try this approach and let me know if it is successful.

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Veterans disagree on choices

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Texas veterans engaged in a political battle Thursday over support for the state's top gubernatorial candidates.

Fans of Republican Gov. Rick Perry, a former Air Force pilot, say Democrat Tony Sanchez offended them by saying Perry has never had a meaningful job outside of politics.

Sanchez's camp says his comments were taken out of context and that Sanchez has veteran support.

The debate began last week when Perry pressured Sanchez to release detailed tax returns and Sanchez questioned Perry's business dealings.

"This man, who has spent 17 years as a state employee, never having held a meaningful job outside of politics and government, became a millionaire while in public office," Sanchez said April 15.

On Thursday, the Perry campaign held a news conference where some veterans said Sanchez's comments were disrespectful.

"Tony Sanchez needs to know that military service is tough, demanding, life-threatening work," said Jerry Patterson, a Vietnam veteran and GOP nominee for land commissioner.

"The governor of Texas is commander in chief of our National Guard forces and is expected to be a leading proponent of Texas military bases and personnel. Mr. Sanchez's negative attitude about military service raises concerns about his judgment and ability to serve the citizens of Texas," said Patterson, a retired Marine.

Sanchez's camp said Perry is distorting the truth and that military service is government work.

A few hours after the Perry news conference, the Sanchez campaign announced the formation of "Veterans for Sanchez."

"His charges are not only insulting to me, but to my late father who was in the Air Force, my deceased brother, who served in the Navy, and everyone who has ever put on a uniform," Sanchez said. "How dare he question my patriotism?"

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Sunday, April 28, 2002

An unexpected change could occur in the year ahead that might cause you to lose your footing for a bit, but turn out to be a blessing in disguise that opens up new vistas you've overlooked.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take a deep breath and resolve to let the day have its way, because it is likely that a lot of disruptive, unsettling and confusing factors will rule, and you need to remain calm. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Better clear the cobwebs out of your brain, or else you could end up the victim of your own erratic thinking. Haphazard procedures will create many complications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If a scatter-brained friend of yours gets the upper hand, he or she will enmesh you in uncomfortable entanglements. Don't allow yourself to be talked into doing something crazy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must not let impulsive first thoughts end all other considerations, especially if there is something important that needs to be considered. Weigh every aspect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Select patience rather than speed as your partner when taking on an important project. If you vow to make haste slowly, you can achieve the results you desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be extra watchful when the control of joint issues is not directly under your supervision. Carelessness or indifference could turn out to be costly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Starting the day off by nitpicking over irrelevant matters could establish a pattern for the entire day of bickering and misunderstandings. Be a peacemaker, not a squabbler.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Toying around with gadgets and gizmos when you don't know what you're doing could foul things up for you. It might be a costly thing to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Have fun and enjoy yourself, but don't get carried away and splurge on momentary gratification. Spender's remorse is sure to set in later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Usually you have a firm hold on things you start, but you might leave a wake of loose threads hanging all over the place and weave yourself into a web.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Optimism is one thing, but partaking in a wild idea that hasn't got a prayer of working is just plain foolish, especially if it is reckless.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Watch out for a fire in your pocket caused by all the money trying to burn a few holes. It isn't likely you will have too much of it left at the end of the day if you're not diligent.

Monday, April 29, 2002

The overall theme of your life in the year ahead will be kindness coupled with action in all your undertakings. This will not go unappreciated and will yield you much happiness and success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone in high places likes you, as you'll discover when the proof comes by way of some kind of monetary reward. It could be a raise, bonus or gift. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your ability to gain support for a cause you believe in comes naturally to you. Others will recognize the truth and worth of these issues because of your sincere presentation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The quiet way you present your worth to others speaks loud and clear to those who are looking for the right person to bring into a promising venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Good things can happen for you when you find yourself in the presence of associates who think in progressive and aggressive terms. Try to hang out with these types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Instead of merely paying lip service to your ambitious inclinations, take action to help bring them into being. Energy well directed will spark success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The encouragement you so naturally give to others makes you a very popular person. Don't be surprised if your presence is requested by more than one circle of friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The time to step in and do your stuff is when you see others thwarted by something overwhelming. You're well-equipped to make the necessary improvements for them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Knocking yourself out to be cooperative will be more appreciated by your mate than you think. This simple act will draw great love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Performing beyond the call of duty at work can yield more than material rewards. Respect, honor and an elevation in position could be among the peripheral recompense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make overtures to let someone important to you know how you feel. The time is ripe to forge new relationships of great worth.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you sense you're on the right track of something that can make your life more secure, lock it down now while aspects favor you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of bogging you down, an overloaded schedule could cause you to perform more effectively than usual. It'll spur you on.

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Boy loses part of his foot

HOUSTON (AP) — Surgeons have amputated part of a 9-year-old boy's leg after his left foot was run over by a train.

Christopher Solomon, a third-grader at E.O. Smith Education Center, was attempting to cross train tracks in northeastern Houston at about 7 a.m. Thursday when he was hit.

Following emergency surgery, officials say Solomon is alert and in good condition at Ben Taub General Hospital.

"This boy is blessed to be alive," said Dr. Eldon Hopkins, an orthopedic surgeon at Ben Taub.

Children who saw the accident ran for help at a nearby fire station.

Houston Independent School District spokeswoman Lisa Bunse said counselors met one-on-one with children who saw the accident.

"The kids were pretty traumatized," Bunse said.

Hopkins said the boy arrived at the hospital with his foot almost completely severed, attached by one tendon.

Dallas eyes starting truancy courts

DALLAS (AP) — City officials say proposals for truancy courts will help deal with increasing absenteeism in the school system.

A plan to go before the City Council would establish the specialized courts by June in Dallas County.

"Something definitely needs to be done for the kids," County Commissioner Mike Cantrell, who has pushed for truancy courts, said Thursday. "We hope the school district and county can prevail upon the city to ... give us the ability to handle these cases in a timely and consistent manner."

Such courts would operate in county-owned buildings in northwest Dallas and the city's southside Oak Cliff section with county support personnel and would not require city funding. Some council members said Thursday that they would support the courts' creation as long as the city didn't have to contribute.

With few exceptions, Texas students must attend school until they are 18. They are supposed to have no more than three unexcused absences in a four-week period, or 10 in six months to receive credit and comply with state law.

After sending a warning letter, a school district can file charges against a student and parent with punishments including fines of up to $500 for each full or partial day missed.

Dallas County Justice of the Peace Thomas Jones, who handles all Dallas Independent School District truancy cases, said he has a backlog of 30,000 cases and hears 800 cases a week.

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Dear Parent(s):

This summer, Snyder Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2002-2003 school year.

Classes will be held for 6 weeks at the Jr. High campus and will begin on Monday, June 3, 2002 and end on Thursday, July 11, 2002. A bus will pick up students at their home each day and bring them back home after the classes are dismissed. If less than 10 eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered.

Student Schedule:	**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays**	**Wednesdays**
	7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	**7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.**
	No Meals	**Lunch Provided**

Please fill in the section below and return it to any elementary campus principal by Friday, May 3. Late enrollment will not be accepted.

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_____ **Yes, my child is eligible and will attend summer school. I understand that my child will be dropped from the roll if attendance falls below 90%. If you agree to allow your child to attend summer school, you must be committed to seeing that the child attends every day unless he/she is ill. There will be no tuition charge for the courses, but parents will be responsible for supervising the efforts of their children.**

_____ **No, my child will not attend.**

Student Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Social Security No. _____ **Age** _____

Home Address _____ **Home Telephone** _____

Mailing Address _____ **Work Telephone** _____

Parent's Signature _____

Estimados padre(s):

Este verano, el Distrito de escuela de Snyder tendrá escuela de verano para niños bilingües que entrarán en Kinder o grado 1 para el año escolar 2002-2003 que necesitan ayuda con instrucción.

Las clases serán por 6 semanas en la escuela Jr. High y empezerán por el lunes 3 de junio y se terminarán el jueves 11 de de julio 2002. Un bos llevará a los niños en su casa cada día por la manaña, y los llevará a la casa cada día cuando se despiden las clases.

Horario estudiantíl	Lunes, Martes y Jueves	Miércoles
	7:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.	7:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
	No ofrece comida	Se ofrece comida

Por favor complete la forma que sigue esta pájina y devuélvela a la escuela de su niño(a) para el viernes 3 de mayo, 2002. Matriculación tarde no será aceptado.

3 de mayo

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_____ Si, mi niño(a) asistirá escuela de verano. Yo entiendo que si no está en escuela 90% de los días el/ella ya no podrá participar en estas clases. Si Ud. está de acuerdo que su niño(a) asista escuela de verano, Ud. necesita estar cometido a segurar que su niño(a) atienda estas clases todos los días, nada mas si está enfermo, no. No cobran por estas clases, pero los padres son responsables por dirigir el esfuerzo de sus niños.

_____ No, mi niño(a) no asistirá.

Nombre de niño(a): _____ Fecha de nacimiento _____

Social Security # _____ Edad _____

Dirección - número de casa (Home Address) _____

Dirección en donde recibe correo (Mailing Address) _____

Número de teléfono _____ _____ Número de trabajo o de emergencia _____

Firma de padre _____

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Q & A

Alcohol abuse & alcoholism

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. In recognition of this serious problem, the next two Q&A columns will be dedicated to the facts on alcohol, alcohol abuse, and alcoholism.

FAQ's on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Part 3 of 4

Q #12: If an alcoholic is unwilling to get help, what can you do about it?

This can be a challenge. An alcoholic can't be forced to get help except under certain circumstances, such as a violent incident that results in court-ordered treatment or medical emergency. But you don't have to wait for someone to "hit rock bottom" to act. Many alcoholism treatment specialists suggest the following steps to help an alcoholic get treatment:

Stop all "cover ups." Family members often make excuses to others or try to protect the alcoholic from the results of his or her drinking. It is important to stop covering for the alcoholic so that he or she experiences the full consequences of drinking.

Time your intervention. The best time to talk to the drinker is shortly after an alcohol-related problem has occurred—like a serious family argument or an accident. Choose a time when he or she is sober, both of you are fairly calm, and you have a chance to talk in private.

Be specific. Tell the family member that you are worried about his or her drinking. Use examples of the ways in which the drinking has caused problems, including the most recent incident.

State the results. Explain to the drinker what you will do if he or she doesn't go for help—not to punish the drinker, but to protect yourself from his or her problems. What you say may range from refusing to go with the person to any social activity where alcohol will be served, to moving out of the house. Do not make any threats you are not prepared to carry out.

Get help. Gather information in advance about treatment options in your community. If the person is willing to get help, call immediately for an appointment with a treatment counselor. Offer to go with the family member on the first visit to a treatment program and/or an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Call on a friend. If the family member still refuses to get help, ask a friend to talk with him or her using the steps just described. A friend who is a recovering alcoholic may be particularly persuasive, but any person who is caring and nonjudgmental may help. The intervention of more than one person, more than one time, is often necessary to coax an alcoholic to seek help.

Find strength in numbers. With the help of a health care professional, some families join with other relatives and friends to confront an alcoholic as a group. This approach should only be tried under the guidance of a health care professional who is experienced in this kind of group intervention.

Get support. It is important to remember that you are not alone. Support groups offered in most communities include Al-Anon, which holds regular meetings for spouses and other significant adults in an alcoholic's life, and Alateen, which is geared to children of alcoholics. These groups help family members understand that they are not responsible for an alcoholic's drinking and that they need to take steps to take care of themselves, regardless of whether the alcoholic family member chooses to get help.

You can call the National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) at 1-800-662-HELP for information about treatment programs in your local community and to speak to someone about an alcohol problem.

Q #13: What is a safe level of drinking?

For most adults, moderate alcohol use—up to two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women and older people—causes few if any problems. (One drink equals one 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.)

Certain people should not drink at all, however:

Women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant

People who plan to drive or engage in other activities that require alertness and skill (such as using high-speed machinery)

People taking certain over-the-counter or prescription medications

People with medical conditions that can be made worse by drinking

Recovering alcoholics

People younger than age 21.

Q #14: Is it safe to drink during pregnancy?

No, drinking during pregnancy is dangerous. Alcohol can have a number of harmful effects on the baby. The baby can be born mentally retarded or with learning and behavioral problems that last a lifetime. We don't know exactly how much alcohol is required to cause these problems. We do know, however, that these alcohol-related birth defects are 100-percent preventable, simply by not drinking alcohol during pregnancy. The safest course for women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant is not to drink alcohol at all.

For help for yourself or someone you know, there are many national and local resources. The National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service provides a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-662-HELP, offering various resources and information. Through this service you can speak directly to a representative concerning substance abuse treatment, request printed material on alcohol or other drugs, or obtain local substance abuse treatment referral information in your State.

Locally, you can call the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) at 573-1141 or 800-658-6722 for treatment referrals, video, books, and literature on substance abuse, as well as area meeting schedules for Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon.

Twenty claim one-half of lottery jackpot

PARIS (AP) — When Bryan Collard was at the dry cleaners, he got a crazy call from someone at Sesame Solutions, which Collard manages.

The caller said he and 19 others who had pooled their money for lottery tickets had one of two winning numbers for Wednesday night's estimated $17 million jackpot..

"I thought it was a little early for a joke. I didn't believe them," Collard said Thursday.

It wasn't until he reached the plant and saw people running around and laughing that Collard began to believe.

Fifteen of the 20 winners are employees of Sesame Solutions. The rest are family members who were added to the pool.

A second winning ticket was bought in Wichita Falls.

The winning numbers were 10, 11, 13, 25, 35 and 39.

Owner Glenn Smith said the employees expect to get about $4.25 million because they took a cash option on the ticket. After taxes, approximately $2.83 million will be available for the pool — or about $142,000 for each person.

"The government gets a lot of it. The government should be happy," he said in a story in The Paris News on Thursday.

"We'll take it," his wife, Tina, added.

Employees at the plant have played the lottery for several years. Whenever the jackpot gets to about $10 million or more, secretary Barbara Gilliam collects the money. The winning ticket was one of $40 worth that Henry King bought at a convenience store.

Employee David Harris left his phone off the hook Wednesday night, and when his cousin couldn't reach him by phone, he came to Harris' residence and rang the doorbell, waking him up.

"I put my shirt on backwards," Harris said. "I put my shoes on. I didn't even tie them. I just slapped them on."

Once he finds out how much money he will get, Harris said, he plans to buy a house and set up a trust fund for his children.

"I'll probably keep working," he said. "Once I leave this earth, I just want to know there's something for my kids."

Armed Services head won't seek re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bob Stump, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, won't seek a 14th term this fall, according to aides to Republican leaders.

Stump, R-Ariz., notified House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., that he planned to issue a statement Friday, the aides said.

Stump, 75, was first elected to the House as a Democrat in 1976. He changed parties in 1981 after voting for President Reagan's tax cuts and has been elected 10 times since by comfortable margins.

He took over the Armed Services chairmanship last year and has used his position to push for President Bush's missile defense plan, a pay raise for military personnel and $2 billion in additional military construction.

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CDC says bacteria may be culprit

ATLANTA (AP) — Bacteria stirred up by metalworking fluid may have caused an outbreak of respiratory problems at an Ohio brake manufacturer that left more than 100 people sick, the government said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that 107 workers at the TRW Inc. plant in Mount Vernon missed work in 2000 and 2001 because of respiratory illness, including symptoms of asthma and bronchitis. About 400 people work at the plant.

An investigation found high levels of a species of bacteria in metalworking fluid at the plant, the CDC said. Machinists probably were exposed to airborne particles of the fluid, the agency said.

More tests were needed.

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