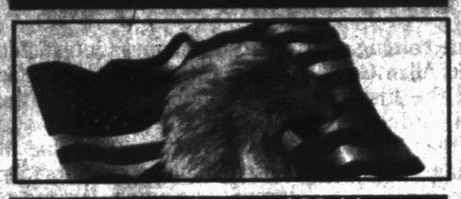
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Holy Week Services will begin on Monday

The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will be holding Holy Week Services beginning Monday and continuing through Friday.

Services will be at noon Monday through Thursday at First Presbyterian Church and on Friday, a special breakfast service will be held at First United Methodist Church.

On Monday, Michael Pigg of the Church of the Nazarene will deliver the message with the First Presbyterian Church providing the lunch.

Tuesday, Tom Woodward of Trinity United Methodist Church will be the preacher and Colonial Hill Baptist Church will provide the lunch.

Wednesday's message will be brought by Darold Baldwin of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association.

Trinity United Methodist Church and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will serve lunch.

On Thursday, Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church will preach and the lunch will be provided by East Side Church of Christ.

The Good Friday Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with the meal being served by members of the church.

Buddy Payne, pastor of the church, will deliver the message.

The public is invited to each service and lunch will follow the brief service presented daily.

A free-will offering will be taken daily to support the many ministries that are undertaken by the Ministerial Alliance on behalf of those in the community who need help with utilities or emergency housing.

The alliance also serves with the food cupboard, community garden and the summer free-lunch program.

"This is an opportunity to show our oneness in Christ during the week leading up to His death and resurrection," said Rev. Georgia Newell King of the First Presbyterian Church.

"Please join us in these meaningful services so that your Easter may be more joyful," said Rev. King.



Selden Hale, left, instructs Price Daniel correctional officers at the WTC firing range.



Price Daniel officers train at WTC range with Selden Hale

Eighteen correctional officers from the Price Daniel Unit took part in tactical weapons training Friday at the Western Texas College firing range.

Selden B. Hale, an Amarillo lawyer and former chairman of the board for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, led the course.

Hale has completed the FBI Pistol Course, handgun training at Thunder Ranch in Kerrville and is a court certified weapons expert.

He said the purpose of today's course is to teach the Price Daniel employees "to think on their feet."

"We are trying to put some pressure and some stress on the during their training," he said. "We want them to be able to think quickly and react properly in any type of situation."

Jim Petty, instructor of correctional officer training at WTC, said having Hale teaching the course benefits the local officers.

"He is as good as they get and we're happy to have him in Snyder," Petty said. "Our officers will get a lot out of this."

Hale said his next training session will be in Lamesa, but added that he could return to Snyder within the next month for additional training with more Price Daniel correctional officers.

"Snyder is a great place," Hale said. "I was first here as a member of the TDCJ board when we opened the regional warehouse. I've always liked Snyder."

Hale also said the Price Daniel staff is above par and that most of the local officers "are better at what they do than we are generally used to working with."

The correctional officers paid individually for the course and the Friends of the NRA covered ammunition costs.

'Shattered Dreams' program at SHS

Snyder High School students will see first hand Monday and Tuesday the dangers and consequences of drunken driving.

Students will participate in and view the Shattered Dreams Program to dramatize the problems associated with drinking and driving, according to Billy Evans, coordinator.

"Shattered Dreams is an educational program that can help save the lives of young people and others," Evans said.

The program, planned by community and school personnel, shows high school juniors and seniors how their dreams and those of their families and others can be shattered as a result of underage drinking.

Teen deaths in Texas are among the highest in the country. Statistics show that a person dies in an alcohol-related crash every fifteen minutes.

Following that time frame, a student will leave their classroom every fifteen minutes Monday to join the "living dead" representing those who die in accidents.

Other students will participate in a staged auto crash at 9:30 a.m. in front of Snyder High. Monday night, participants will attend an overnight leadership retreat to hear speakers and engage in group discussions.

An assembly scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday will include motivational speeches by participants, their parents and community leaders.

Mayor Francene Noah signed a proclamation Friday deeming Monday as Shattered Dreams Program Day in Snyder.

Mayor Noah said the program is worth the effort because of its benefit to students.

"This program will serve as an eye opener," she said. "If it saves one person from doing something stupid and getting hurt, then it is worth every hour and every dollar spent to make it happen."

The program was offered to Snyder students three years ago, but current SHS students weren't involved.

Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey and police officer Kyle Haley said they have seen dramatic decreases in alcohol-related accidents since that time.

"Speaking for the fire department, I can attest to the success of this program," Posey said. "We respond to accident scenes with other emergency personnel and since this program was given the first time, there has been a severe drop in accidents."

Officer Haley said only one alcohol-related accident involving youths has occurred since the last program.

Snyder ISD Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins said he is glad the students will get to see the program.

"I think this gives our students an opportunity to see the horror that is involved in an accident without experiencing the physical or emotional pain personally," he said. "And without losing their life or a loved one. It should make an impression."

Shattered Dreams is sponsored by the Snyder Police Department in cooperation with Snyder High School, Snyder Volunteer Fire Department, Snyder EMS, Texas Department of Public Safety, Cogdell Memorial Hospital and various other agencies and individuals.

One-act play wins, advances to state

For the 31st time and a new record, Snyder High School drama students have advanced from regional one-act play competition to the UIL state meet in Austin.

Director Brad Vincent and 21 students, including cast and crew, will trek to Austin May 1 to perform *The Tempest* at Bass Concert Hall at the University of Texas.

Little Elm's *Dancing at Lughnasa* also advanced and Canyon's *Tartuffe* was named alternate play in competition Friday in Odessa.

Snyder SHS thespians also garnered seven individual awards.

Tanner Beard earned his third best actor award this spring, previously winning at the district and area levels.

Regional all-star cast honors were presented to Clark Reed, Bobby Sands and Caleb Durham, who were similarly recognized at the area meet.

Honorable mention regional all-star cast nods went to Nicole Sloboda, Malorye Miller and Sara

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The people who do things that count usually don't take time to stop and count 'em."

Somebody famous once declared that "a penny saved is a penny earned."

These days, folks discard pennies, nickels and dimes as if they had no value.

But folks who remember real hard times are likely to still know the exact amount of loose change in their pockets.

Longtime Scurry County resident S.W. "Red" Trevey, father of Precinct 1 county commissioner Ralph Trevey, was in the office a few days ago with an article that underscored the importance of a few cents.

The article was from the 1940 Snyder Signal and was about Red's father, Emmitt Trevey. The article read:

"Emmitt Trevey of the Sharon community thought he was about broke until he got to rummaging through some of his old tax receipts this week.

"Amid his receipts he discovered a 50-cent check made out to him by R.L. Dunwoody, Jones County tax assessor-collector, in October of 1916.

"Mr. Trevey promptly brought the check to town, had an affidavit signed by tried and true county officials, and sent the uncashed check with speedy dispatch to Anson for payment.

"Immediately, payment for the check came back, with this explanation from Omar Burleson, county judge of Jones County.

"'As a matter of explanation, actually there is no way for the county to pay this check, but I take it as a matter of personal pride to see that Jones County does not default in any obligation. I am therefore paying this amount personally.

"'As further explanation, all county officers prior to 1935 were on a fee basis, but since 1935 Jones County is on a salary basis. The present tax collector, if he paid this sum, would simply be short this amount, and it is being paid the only way possible.'

"Since collection of the check almost a quarter-century old, Trevey has completed arrangements for a refreshment party that will be held in Snyder at which time Judge Omar Burleson and the county officials who helped him collect the check will be guests for free coffee or anything that doesn't cost over a nickel."

Red Trevey, who will be 92 next December, said he remembers that his dad hosted the party, but Red didn't get to attend.

Red noted that 50 cents, in those days, was a half a day's wages. But it wasn't all profit as it cost 2 cents to mail off the check for collection.

And in case the name Omar Burleson sounds familiar, it should. He was later elected U.S. representative. When he retired in 1976, Congressman Burleson was replaced by Charlie Stenholm from nearby Stamford.

ASK US

Q—What is the minimum age to take a concealed handgun course?
A—The Texas Department of Public Safety advises not to take the course until six months before one's 21st birthday, so the certificate will be current. One must be 21 to carry a concealed weapon.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



E.L. Ball...

...was born in Fluvanna in 1917 and has been a Scurry County resident since. He and his wife of 62 years, Noreen, have two children, Larry Ball and Jean Green, both of Garland. The couple also have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. E.L. enjoys watching the Dallas Cowboys and bull riding on television.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's a very short trip. While alive, live.

—Malcolm Forbes

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Easter Cantata

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church will present its Easter Cantata, "Christ the King" at the 10:50 a.m. service Sunday.

New support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a new support group session Monday. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. State president Tom Pritchard will speak on the current Texas legislature.

High school orientation

Parents of 8th grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium. Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, will provide information concerning high school registration, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs. 8th grade students also are invited to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Strikes and You're Out," followed by "Whosoever Will May Come."

American Legion meeting

The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at 1800 Ave. R. Both groups will hold election of officers at 7:30 p.m. May 12.

Lions Club meeting change

The Snyder Lions Club will attend Holy Week services Tuesday in place of its regular meeting.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

American Evening set at library

U.S. veterans will speak about their experiences while serving America at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library reading room.

AARP coffee

A come-and-go AARP recognition coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center. The public is invited and AARP information will be available.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 Wednesday in the school cafeteria to finalize plans for the sports banquet.

Car wash and bake sale

Northside Baptist Church youth will have a car wash and bake sale Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. for donations. Baked goods will be priced. All proceeds to to summer camp.

Avenue D Baptist revival

Avenue D Baptist Church will hold a revival April 20-25. Wes Massey will be the evangelist and the music evangelist is Don Thornton. Sunday services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. During the week, there will be a covered dish luncheon and noon services, and services at 7 p.m.

Medical account

A special account has been set up at West Texas State Bank (#3111245-20 under the name of LuLu Martinez) for Madalena Morelez who has cancer.

Ira pictures needed

Parents of seniors at Ira are asked to provide 3-4 pre-school or elementary-age pictures of their senior for a slide show being prepared for graduation. Send to Becky Hudgins at the Ira school no later than Friday, April 25.

Relay for Life quilt auction

The Friends for Life team is selling tickets for a hand-made pink ribbon quilt to be auctioned at the Relay For Life on April 25. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. For more information call the school credit union at 573-6568 or Rhonda May at Special Occasions at 574-1257. Tickets are available at either location.

Citizenship seminar

Texas Farm Bureau will sponsor a citizenship seminar June 2-6 at Angelo State University. Applications are being accepted by calling the Scurry County Farm Bureau at 573-9963. Deadline for applications is April 30. Any high school student entering the 11th or 12th grade in August is eligible. Registration and transportation fees provided by the local Farm Bureau.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

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.

Some study-abroad students return early

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Susannah Kurtz hoped to study Eastern and traditional medicine during a four-week program for medical students in Beijing. But two weeks into the program, Kurtz flew home, worried about doing hospital rotations in China because of the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

SARS has claimed at least 116 lives and sickened more than 2,700 people worldwide. In the United States, there have been 166 suspected cases of SARS, most among people who have traveled in Asia. None have been fatal.

Symptoms of SARS include fever, shortness of breath, coughing, chills and body aches. Hospital workers and family members are at greatest risk of infection.

"We just didn't know which hospitals had SARS patients there," said Kurtz, a fourth-year medical student at the State University of New York at Buffalo, who returned home April 5, ahead of 12 others in her program.

Around the country, universities that sponsor study-abroad programs in Hong Kong and mainland China are weighing the relative risk of leaving students in place versus having them fly home, since contagion can spread to nearby passengers on airplanes.

"I still would not put my son or daughter on a plane coming out of the region," said Allan Goodman, president of the Institute for International Education, which has more than 100 students in the region, including Fulbright scholars.

A student's chances of being infected with SARS still seems relatively small, he said. The institute is letting students decide whether or not to stay.

Among the 154,168 U.S. college students who studied abroad, 2,942 students from U.S. colleges participated in study programs in China in 2000-2001, according to the institute's most recent data.

"This is our fastest-growing program," said Jim Buschman, associate director of international programs at Syracuse University, which sent 40 students to Hong Kong last fall and another 31 this spring. Many look forward to business internships — where they can make contacts at multinational firms — in the last weeks of the program.

But Syracuse was one of the first schools to cut short its program, arranging for most students to return in early April. On Thursday, the State Department advised Americans not to travel to China unless it was necessary.

"I was shocked when I learned I was coming home," said Courtney Fein, a Syracuse junior who had started an internship at a United States-based public relations firm in Hong Kong.

Fein was mostly oblivious to the growing SARS epidemic until her final days, when she noticed a sharp drop in subway riders. By then, she, too, was wearing a mask on the subway to protect herself from germs.

"I wasn't scared at all. I was actually disappointed to be coming home," she said.

Dr. Richard Lee, an infectious disease specialist who led the SUNY-Buffalo program in Beijing, said it's probably safe for most students to stay in China.

"I would probably not send a group of medical students to China to do clinical things," Lee said this week. "If someone were going to go because they wanted to study Mandarin at Beijing University, I would say, 'Why not?'"

Big Country sets meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 4th annual meeting of the membership Saturday, April 26, at Hamlin High School Auditorium.

Member registration begins at 5 p.m. The meal will be catered by Johnny's BBQ.

An arts and crafts fair will begin at 4 p.m. The Texas Mesquites will provide entertainment in the auditorium at 5 p.m. and demonstrations will include solar water pumping.

The business meeting will convene at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

Directors will be elected for Districts 2, 8 and 9.

District 2 nominees include incumbent J.F. Dozier, a farmer and rancher in the Old Glory, Sylvester, Royston and Noodle areas.

Dozier is challenged by Russell Beakley, a farmer who lives near Rule.

Carl Williams is the candidate for District 8. He is a farmer and businessman from Camp Springs.

Sue Stephens is running for District 9. She is the office manager for Anderson and West in Snyder.

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Three Strikes And You're Out
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Whosoever Will May Come
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm

Army supports families with toll free hotline

Alexandria, Va. — The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is supporting families of deployed soldiers by providing a toll-free Family Assistance Hotline.

The number, 1-800-833-6622, is for use by family members of soldiers on active duty as well as those in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve called to active duty. The hotline will remain in operation indefinitely.

The call is free from the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Hotline staff takes calls from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT to answer family support-related questions.

Emergency assistance is provided between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. EST. While the hotline staff cannot give out information about a soldier's specific location, status, or mailing address, the staff has been instrumental in linking thousands of extended family members to the family support groups and rear detachments at the soldier's unit.

In addition to local and Army level assistance via telephone, family members can find answers to many routine questions about family readiness, Army Community Service, and deployment support resources online at the ACS Website, www.goacs.org, and at the Army Family Liaison Office website, www.aflo.org. Information about Operation Iraqi Freedom is at www.army.mil

The Army National Guard and the Army Reserve state and regional support commands also operate assistance lines, though they may not always be toll free. Information is available at www.guardfamily.org and www.army.mil/usar.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is the headquarters Department of the Army agency responsible for morale, welfare and recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide.

Velma Ward SDN winner

Velma Ward of 3202 Cherry Street is the March winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Turnrow meeting slated Thursday

A dryland small grains forage variety trial will highlight a Texas Cooperative Extension regional turnrow meeting near Snyder on Thursday. County agricultural and IPM Extension agents in Scurry, Borden, Mitchell, and Howard counties will host the meeting in conjunction with Extension agronomist Calvin Trostle, Lubbock.

This meeting will examine full-season forage growth among 27 varieties of wheat (bearded and beardless), rye, triticale, and small grains blends. The one-hour meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The field site is approximately 8 miles west of Snyder on US 180, then 5 miles straight south on FM 1606 (3 miles)/CR 3115 (2 miles).

For further information including driving instructions from other than Snyder contact the Scurry Co. Extension office, (915) 573-5423 or the Texas A&M Center in Lubbock, (806) 746-6101.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
7-18-21-29
Bonus number 17
Estimated jackpot: $850,000
Pick 3
(Day) 4-3-0
(Night) 0-7-1
Cash Five
2-10-18-22-24

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Sauerkraut & Sausage
Ranch Style Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Pear Halves
Sugar Cookies
TUESDAY
Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Green Beans
Peaches & Cottage Cheese
Peanut Butter Cookies
Garlic Toast
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Salad
Sliced Tomato/Lettuce Leaf
Tater Tots
Banana Pudding
Assorted Crackers
THURSDAY
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
Southern Fried Okra
Mashed Potatoes
Cucumber Shell Salad
Pineapple Upside/Down Cake
FRIDAY
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY

Senior Center News

The Community Sing begins at 6 p.m. this Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M. Volunteers provide the entertainment. Please join us.

The Senior Center Fundraiser is May 3rd at the Scurry County Coliseum. May Day begins at 2 p.m. with entertainment, food booths, and a silent auction. Volunteers are asked to donate homemade crafts and/or home baked items for the booths.

Breads, cookies, brownies, and diabetic items sell well. In order to comply with county health standards we do not sell home baked pies. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket. The barbecue tickets are available at the Senior Center office and volunteers are asked to sell tickets to the public. The seniors selling the most tickets will receive a cash prizes. The quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Grady Morris has once again volunteered his services as auctioneer. Volunteers are asked to call the center if they are able to gather silent auction items or work in booths. Anyone who has an interest in the elderly of our community is welcome to join us in our efforts to provide their needs. To help at May Day, please phone 573-4035.

MONDAY

Join us for party bridge at 9:30 a.m. We now have five tables and can make room for more. Daily at 11 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads a mild, 20-30 minute, exercise program.

TUESDAY

Seniors are encouraged to join the swimnastics class at Western Texas College. Attendance has reached 34. A volunteer leads the class with a lifeguard on duty. The class and parking are free. The class is from 10-11 a.m. in the physical education building. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain in the center dining room at 11 a.m. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet weekly at noon. Seniors are invited to join them for the noon meal and program.

WEDNESDAY

The AARP members will serve refreshments at the Senior Center from 9-11:30 a.m. This group meets the third Monday of each month in the conference room at the Senior Center. Periodically they have covered dish suppers in the evening. The members invite everyone to have refreshments and receive information on the AARP organization.

We have a small group of women who play pool at 9. Newcomers are invited to join us. We play bingo 10-11:45 a.m. with a break for exercise. Afternoon activities begin at 1 p.m. Seniors may play pinochle in the bridge room or line dance and clog in the dining room.

THURSDAY

Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College 10-11 a.m. At the center beginning at 10:30 a.m. we will have our egg hunt followed by the Sunshine Choir's presentation of their Easter program. At 11:45 we will have our traditional Bonnet Parade around the dining room. Women —and men — are encouraged to decorate a hat, cap, or bonnet and join us.

FRIDAY

The Senior Center will be closed for the Easter Holiday.

Some companies dodge taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — American corporations shouldn't be able to avoid paying U.S. taxes just because they buy a mailbox in another country, a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee said Saturday.

In the Democrats' weekly radio address, Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., attacked corporate expatriates that have relocated their headquarters offshore on paper only in order to claim they are not subject to U.S. taxes.

"This is bad for America and bad for our economy," he said.

One company whose jackhammers carved Mount Rushmore paid $28,000 to rent a mailbox in Bermuda in order to avoid a $40 million tax bill, he said. It later renounced its U.S. citizenship. He did not name the company.

When corporations do this, the federal tax burden they should have shouldered shifts onto individual taxpayers and working families, he said. Corporate expatriates will drain the federal Treasury of about $4 billion over the next decade, he estimated.

Neal, who is also a senior member of the House Budget Committee, said House Republicans slipped a provision in the energy bill to protect all of the corporate expatriates who have already left.

The bill pushed through by the House this week would protect the corporate expatriates who "cheat the American taxpayer and compete with American companies who stay," he said.

Meanwhile, he added, corporate expatriates are lining up for more than $2 billion in lucrative federal contracts with the U.S. government.

Tyco, formerly of New Hampshire, is now located in Bermuda. It avoids paying $400 million a year in taxes through its headquarters offshore, but was awarded $182 million in defense and homeland security contracts in one year, Neal said.

If Tyco had just paid its tax bill, Congress could have easily paid for 400 explosive detection systems which are needed to protect travelers at airports around the nation, he said.

"These are challenging times for all Americans, with war abroad and a struggling economy at home," Neal said. "The last thing the American taxpayer needs to hear is that while costs are going up, fewer will be paying in."

Portugal became a republic in 1910 when King Manuel II was forced to flee as the result of a revolution.

Deep Creek Boot & Shoe Repair
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2411 Ave. R
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Owner - Bill Tune
573-6208

Friends listened to slaying

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 16-year-old boy accused of gunning down his mother in February invited two friends to listen to the shooting over the telephone, according to statements made by the friends during a court hearing.

Prosecutors are seeking to certify the Haltom High School freshman as an adult in the Feb. 26 slaying of his mother, Toyanne Hightower, 33, at their home in Watauga. Hightower was shot once in the head with an assault rifle owned by her husband.

"My mom yelled at me last night. Mom told me that I was never going to see my fiancee," according to the boy's statement read in the hearing. "She was asleep in the living room. I shot her in the back of the head. I tried to clean up the living room."

The teen cried several times during Friday's adult certification hearing, and he was excused through part of the hearing because he said he wasn't feeling well.

The two friends told authorities that on the morning of Feb. 26, the teen put down the telephone and that seconds later they heard a loud bang.

The teen — now hysterical — picked up the telephone and told his friends that he was going to kill himself, according to the statements.

Authorities said the boy told officers that he carried his mother's body from the living room couch to a bedroom and tried to clean up the living room in an attempt to hide the shooting. He planned to shoot his father, Wayne Hightower, when he returned home, according to police.



PROCLAMATION — Snyder emergency personnel and SISD administrators joined Mayor Francene Noah Friday as she read and signed a proclamation declaring Monday Shattered Dreams Program Day. Pictured with Noah, center, are from left, Cy Posey, Snyder fire marshal; Kyle Haley, Snyder police officer; Dr. Ronny Collins, SISD supt.; Noah; Dr. Missy Jones, SISD asst. supt.; Terry Snyder, DPS trooper; and Penny Robertson, EMS technician. (SDN Staff Photo)

DNA rejects judges' request for recusal

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has rejected a request from the county's 22 criminal district judges to disqualify himself from any grand jury investigation of the Houston Police Department crime lab's troubled DNA section.

The judges met Friday to seek Rosenthal's recusal because prosecutors in his office may have to testify in a probe of the lab.

"It is apparent that employees of your office may be witnesses in any grand jury investigation of the Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory," Debbie Mantooth Stricklin, Harris County's administrative judge, wrote in a letter to Rosenthal that was released to the media. "I hereby request that you disqualify yourself from any grand jury investigation of this matter."

Stricklin's letter did not elaborate on whether the judges' request extends to other members of Rosenthal's office or whether they are requesting a special prosecutor — someone from outside the district attorney's office who would act as a prosecutor for this matter.

Rosenthal, however, refused to step aside.

"If we get to the point where there is a conflict of interest, I will recuse myself," Rosenthal told the Houston Chronicle. "But we are not even close to that yet."

Rosenthal disclosed Wednesday that a grand jury investigation had already been initiated more than a month ago. He said a decision is pending on whether that panel should be held beyond its term, which ends in May, to continue its inquiry.

He would not discuss the extent of the grand jury's work but said he arranged for jurors to tour the lab.

The lab came under fire after an independent audit in December, which revealed problems such as a lack of contamination controls and training for lab workers. The audit was conducted by two investigators from the Texas Department of Public Safety and an investigator from Tarrant County at the request of the police department.

To date, retesting has been completed on only one case, that of Josiah Sutton. He was released from prison March 12 after a new DNA test found that he could not have committed a 1998 rape.

Serving Overseas



Robert Garza

LCPOL Robert J. Garza, 21, a United States Marine, is currently serving in Iraq. Garza attended grade school in Snyder but he and his family moved to Irving and he graduated from Irving Nimitz High School in May of 2002.

He joined the Marines last June, and graduated from basic training in San Diego, Calif. in September.

Garza is the son of the late Sacavias Garza and Mary Yruegas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yruegas Sr. and the late Mrs. Santos Larralde .

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Becky Ochoa is serving on the USS Nimitz (CVN68), a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

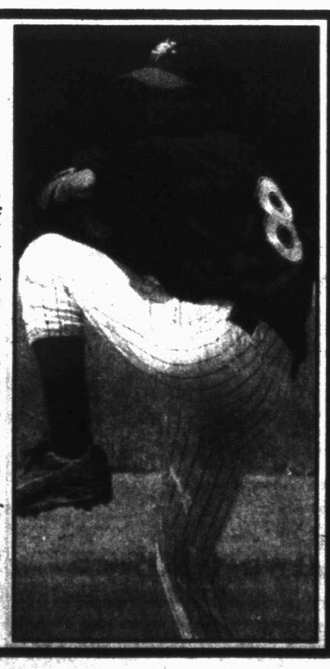
She was deployed on March 3, destination the Persian Gulf, to relieve the USS Abraham Lincoln.

The Nimitz' home port is San Diego, Calif. and has a crew of approximately 8,000.

She is the sister of Leroy and Eric Ochoa, both of Snyder.

(Information for this feature can be brought to the SDN office, mailed to Post Office Box 949, Snyder 79550 or e-mailed to gorman@snyderdailynews.com)

Preston Boothe



Preston is the 13 year old son of Powers and Pamela Boothe of Hidden Hills. CA. and the grandson of Russell and Barbara Yorgesen of Snyder and the late Vestal and Katheryn Boothe

Preston broke the Westhills, California Pony Baseball record last Spring by pitching 175 strike outs in 22 games in which he was limited to pitching 5 innings per game. Preston made "All Tournament Player" at the Arizona BPA Baseball Desert Classic in March, 2003. He threw a "no hitter" game.

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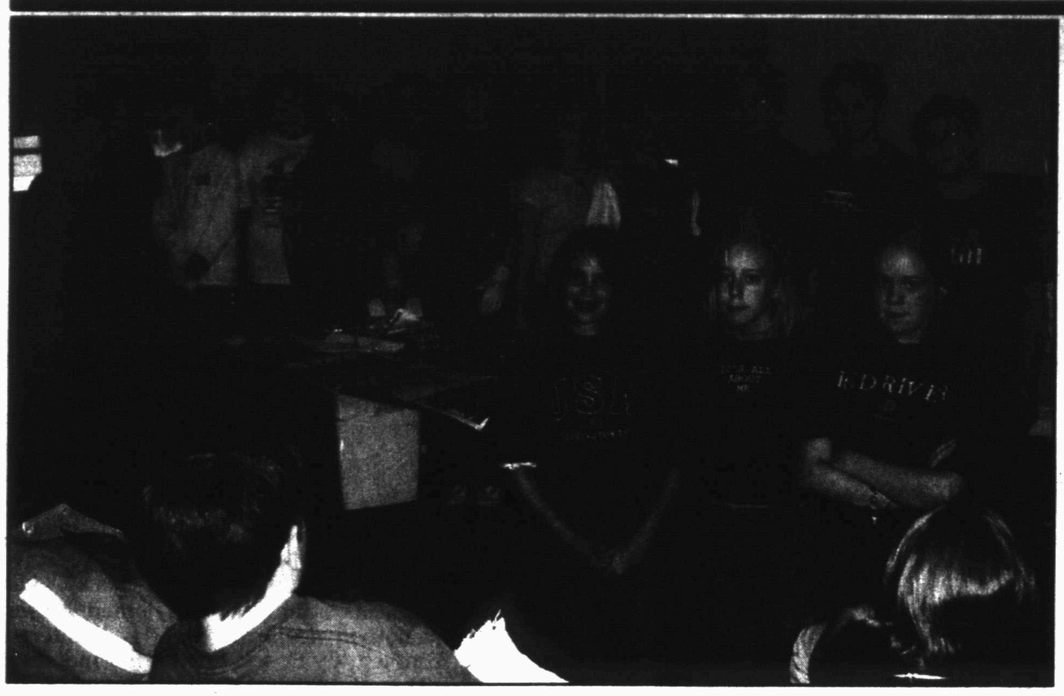
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SCIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS — Mrs. Barbara Owen's fifth grade class has been presenting physics and chemistry demonstrations to other fifth graders at Northeast during March and continuing this month as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life. On May 1, fifth graders will take the new science TAKS Test. The fifth grade TAKS also includes math on April 29 and reading on April 30. Students pictured from left are Aryn May, Megan Cooley, Monica Clanton, Kyra Lara, Raven Luna, Autumn Castillo, Eleanor Ashley, Megan Thompson, Tye Holley, Javiel Rowe, Jonathan Kerr, Brance Scott; and kneeling Stacey Clifton, Rachel Dupree and Meagan Downing. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Mediation ordered in lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A conservative San Antonio group that claims dozens of state agencies are not enforcing abortion facility regulations should try and resolve its lawsuit through mediation before bringing it back to court, a state district judge said Friday.

Judge John Coselli will wait to hear motions requesting that the Texas Justice Foundation's case should be thrown out or receive class-action status.

"If you are not able to solve the case in mediation, what I want you to do is schedule a time to come back and argue these motions," state District Judge John Coselli said Friday of a motion from the Texas attorney general's office to throw the case out and another to expand it from Allan Parker, the head of the foundation.

Parker filed the lawsuit in January 2002. He says it is an effort to make sure the state provides safe abortions by enforcing abortion facility regulations.

Eleven women and teenagers are plaintiffs in the case. They claim their abortions or a close family member's abortion resulted in either physical or emotional injury.

Parker wants the lawsuit expanded to a class-action. He said he presented the court with 145 affidavits collected from women who have had abortions recently. Although the affidavits aren't specific to the case, Parker said the women who filled them out after having an abortion were informed they could be used in a legal proceeding.

Peter J. Durkin, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Houston and southeast Texas, said the lawsuit is an attempt to chip away at a woman's right to an abortion.

"We should have no illusions on what this lawsuit is about," he said. "It is about making abortion more difficult to access.

"They want to return to the days when it was unsafe and illegal."

Parker noted his foundation's ongoing work to overturn Roe v. Wade in literature handed out to reporters outside the courtroom. However, when asked if his foundation was anti-abortion, he responded that the foundation supports "parental advocacy, and abortion terminates the parental relationship."

The case in Coselli's court names more than three dozen state agencies and individuals, including the State of Texas, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Medical Disclosure Panel and Texas Child Protective Services.

"We did sue a lot of people," Parker told Coselli Friday.

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Financial Focus

How Long Should You "Park" Your Money?

The stock market dropped every year from 2000 through 2002. And today, with increased global tensions, a struggling economy and mixed reports on corporate earnings, the market outlook remains uncertain. Consequently, you may have taken a time out from investing and "parked" substantial amounts of your assets in certificates of deposit, money market accounts or other investments in which your principal is generally protected. But how long should you keep this "parking spot"?

You may feel that putting your money in these kinds of vehicles is a safe way to "ride out" the turbulent markets. And, in the current political and economic environment, the stability of principal offered by CDs and money markets is indeed a factor to consider. And yet, you'll need to be careful not to keep too large a percentage of your funds in these types of investments for too long. Why? Because you could run into problems you may not have considered.

To begin with, keep in mind that the longer you park your money, the less safe it is from the threat of inflation. In today's low-interest-rate environment, many fixed-income vehicles offer returns that barely exceed the inflation rate - if they exceed it at all.

Your first thought might be that inflation isn't much of a threat today. And it's true that, over the past several years, inflation has been quite mild, especially in contrast to the period of the late 1970s and early 1980s. However, although inflation has been low, it hasn't disappeared entirely - and, over time, even a low rate of inflation can add up, eroding your purchasing power. For example, in just 20 years, an annual inflation rate of four percent would drive the value of a dollar down to $0.44.

Clearly, you can't afford to tie up too many of your investment dollars in vehicles that won't keep you ahead of inflation. But there's also another danger of "parking" your money for too long — the "opportunity cost" you pay for staying on the investment sidelines. Every "bear" market in history has ended, sooner or later — and the biggest gains in stock prices have usually been recorded in the first few months of a recovery. (However, you must remember that what's happened in the past doesn't necessarily indicate future results.) If you are still parked in money market accounts and CDs when the stock market turns around, you might miss out on growth opportunities.

So, given the dual needs of staying ahead of inflation and staying invested in preparation for a recovery, when should you think about pulling out of the parking lot? After all, neither you nor anyone else can predict the future course of the financial markets.

Here's the answer: Don't park — diversify. By keeping your investment dollars in a wide range of high-quality stocks, bonds, money market accounts, CDs and government securities, you can reduce the effects of market volatility and give yourself more chances to succeed.

Of course, your exact mix of investments should be based on your risk tolerance, your long-term goals and your time horizon. But even if you are, by nature, a conservative investor, you still won't want to keep too large a percentage of your assets stuck in fixed-rate vehicles. To achieve your long-term objectives, such as a comfortable retirement, you will more than likely need some exposure to stocks - the only asset class that, over time, has significantly outperformed inflation.

So, look over your investments carefully. Make changes when you need to keep your portfolio properly balanced, according to your needs and goals - but don't get stuck in "park."

Ranger loses his job at nat'l park

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — An outspoken Yellowstone National Park ranger who criticized unscrupulous hunters was not rehired this year for the first time in more than 30 years and a government watchdog group wants an investigation.

Park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said budget problems prompted officials to cut back its number of seasonal rangers this year.

But Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, which defends government employees who speak out on environmental issues, contends Bob Jackson wasn't rehired because of clashes with the National Park Service.

"Something stinks in that park," PEER general counsel Dan Meyer said Friday. "There's something odd going on. Somewhere in Wyoming political circles somebody has decided Bob Jackson is a liability that's got to go."

Jackson, the park's longest-serving seasonal ranger, was ordered by the Park Service in 2001 not to speak to the press after criticizing hunting guides who he claimed illegally lure elk from the park by placing salt licks just outside Yellowstone boundaries.

Elk hunting, which is illegal in Yellowstone, is permitted in bordering national forests, but the use of salt to bait game is not.

Park officials told Jackson in 2001 to return home to Promise City, Iowa, weeks ahead of schedule and said he wouldn't have a job in 2002. But PEER filed a complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel and the Park Service was ordered to rehire Jackson and remove the gag order.

Jackson said he feels that history is coming back to haunt him this year.

"I wasn't surprised," he said. "I figured from what had happened before that they would try to get rid of me."

Officials hired a full-time backcountry supervisor to replace Jackson, who patrolled the remote Thorofare area near the park's southeast corner.

Matthews said she would not comment on personnel matters, but added that Jackson could still be rehired to work in other areas of the park.

She said the park considers a number of factors when hiring park employees. "It's not necessarily seniority."

In a complaint filed Thursday, PEER asked the Office of Special Counsel to again order the Park Service to rehire Jackson in what would be his final year as a seasonal ranger. Jackson, 55, had planned to retire in 2004.

"I want Bob back in the park in Thorofare busting the chops of outfitters who are illegally using public property," Meyer said. "That's what all this is about."

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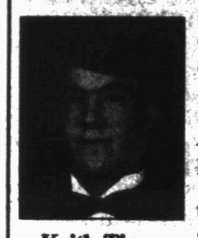
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Whatever happened to...

Staff Sgt. Keith W. Tiner, 1994 Snyder High School graduate, is now an Army recruiter in Lubbock.

While attending SHS Keith participated in journalism, and following graduation he worked as a correctional officer at the Price Daniel Unit.



Keith Tiner
1994

In 1995, he entered the United States Army while stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., with the 39th Military Intelligence Battalion. He was attached to the 18th Airborn Corps where he was a paratrooper for 2½ years.

He has served 7½ years in the military and is currently stationed with the Lubbock Recruiting Company.



Keith Tiner
2003

His wife is Biz Ramirez Tiner, also a 1994 SHS graduate, and they have one son, Jayden Keith Tiner. His parents are June Rawlings of Snyder and Ty Tiner of Longview.

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Airline employee at airport wounded when gun goes off

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A gun inside a checked bag accidentally discharged Friday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, injuring an American Airlines employee, officials said.

The worker was shot in the foot when the gun went off at a ramp area, an airport spokeswoman said. The worker was treated and released from a hospital.

The Transportation Security Administration is reviewing the incident, which appears to be a violation of federal law, Transportation Security Administration spokesman Nico Melen said.

Guns are permissible inside checked luggage, but the weapons must be unloaded and the passenger must be authorized to carry a weapon. It is illegal for passengers to carry any weapon aboard.

The bag with the gun had been properly screened for explosives, Melen said.

The FBI took a 50-year-old Key West, Fla., woman into custody at Kansas City International Airport in connection with the incident. The woman, who was flying from Key West to Kansas City, was scheduled to have an initial court appearance on Monday.

"We don't believe there was any malicious intent involved, or links to terrorism," said FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza.

An American Airlines representative had no immediate comment.

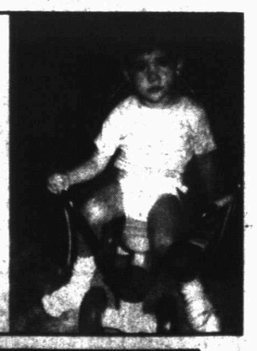
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Becky Stewart winning fight with cancer

She is continuing to walk a harrowing journey, but Becky Stewart feels that she has gotten this far and will make it all they way because the Lord is walking with her. She plans to continue this journey April 25 when she will walk in the survivor lap of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life at Tiger Stadium. The special lap celebrating life begins at 6 p.m.

Stewart has a condition called myelodysplasia, which is preleukemia. She is in full remission following a stem-cell bone marrow transplant from an adult donor in late October. This transplant is done with a live donor who takes injections to increase production of stem cells.

Once this was accomplished, the donor who is anonymous for at least a year was hooked up to a machine with an IV in each arm. Blood was drawn from one arm, run through a machine which harvested the stem cells and then the blood components were given back to the donor in the other arm.

Her oldest brother, Larry Paulk of Lubbock was a perfect match to provide Stewart with the stem cells, but he was diagnosed with acute lymphosetic leukemia, and was told that he would be fine, but that he could not provide the cells for his sister.

She said that his condition was brought to public attention in December 2002, when it was linked to exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Stewart was concerned for her brother, who has to just keep a close watch on his cell counts, but that she was not disheartened by having to postpone the transplant.

"I just took it that the Lord wanted me to wait."

Her eventual donor was found through the National Bone Marrow Program in Minnesota. After a year, she will be able to meet or correspond with the person who gave her the gift. "When I was having the procedure done, I just felt such peace and joy in my surroundings. I was thrilled that someone was willing to give that part of himself for me," she said. Stewart.

She had no reactions or complications after the procedure, which was done at Zale-Lisphy a private hospital affiliated with Southwestern Medical Clinic and physically connected to Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Prior to the transplant, Stewart had to undergo chemotherapy and a rigorous schedule of total body radiation to kill her bone marrow and get ready for the new cells. Afterwards, she was isolated in an area with other patients with immuno-depressed systems who had received a transplant or were waiting for one.

She credits Dr. Robert Collins, Head of the Bone Marrow Transplant Department of Southwest Medical Center in Dallas, with taking good care of her. Dr. Collins is also a professor of medicine, and he told Stewart that of all the patients he sees, patients with a strong faith just seem to do better.

While her husband Bruce and three daughters were in Snyder, Stewart had to remain in the Dallas area until April for weekly visits with her team. Her sister-in-law, Christy Paulk of Greenwood stayed with her from before her transplant until she was able to come home this month.

"We missed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's with the family, but we did the best we could in Dallas," she said. She added that Christy took on a lot of responsibility because she was not able to stand and cook, clean, do laundry or any ordinary chores.

Stewart's daughters, Aaryn, a senior at SHS, Elizabeth, a junior, and Charley, a sixth-grader, did get to come for a visit during Spring Break.

With the help of Marla, a social worker at Southwest Medical Center, Stewart found an apartment through Ark House. This is an organization that provides patients and families who need medical treatment with a place to stay in the Dallas area at a low rate. "The apartment has twin beds, a couch that makes into a bed, a full kitchen and furnished living room.

"First United Methodist Church of Richardson provides this service and it has been great for me," Stewart said, adding that she pays $15 per day and all the bills are taken care of by the church.

After returning to Snyder on Valentine's Day, Stewart went back to Dallas on Feb. 28 to see her doctors about an enlarged lymph node. Dr. Rege removed the lymph node and suggested that she may have a virus.

After a PET scan during the first week of March, she was given a four-hour infusion of antibiotics for treatment of what seemed to be a virus. It was noted that the doctor found questionable spots in her neck, under her right arm and in her stomach, which were attributed to a virus.



STEWART FAMILY — With the support of family and friends and her faith in the Lord, Becky Stewart is winning her fight with cancer. Pictured are Becky and her husband, Bruce, and their daughters, (from left) Aaryn, Charley and Elizabeth. (Contributed Photo)

During her follow-up visit the doctor suggested another PET scan because he did not feel that she had a virus, but that something did need to be checked into. The second PET scan came back as "resolved." The problem had been resolved and there was nothing of concern found in the PET scan.

"I was cured by the Lord. He is why that test came back totally resolved," she said.

Her fellow members from Colonial Hill Baptist Church have been wonderful, according to Stewart. "Many sent cards and prayed for me. Even people in the community who don't even know me were praying for me, and I want them to know that those prayers were answered and I doing great." She still hasn't been back to church, because she has to be very careful about being exposed to germs with her immune system still being depressed. "I miss being at church and I'm anxious to get back," she said.

During February, Stewart was able to quit taking the anti-rejection drug prograft, and she is pleased with her gain in strength.

"I can walk a mile now. I have to wash my hands a lot, as do those around me, but I have done exceptionally well," she said, adding that she was never bedridden during this entire ordeal.

Stewart will have a special blood test during her next visit to Dallas on Thursday. She said that while her donor cells have taken over her bone marrow, her immune system is still depressed, and doctors want to see what level of donor cells are working in her immune system. Her red and white blood cell counts are low, but by no means as low as they were when her journey began and she regularly had blood transfusions.

"Knowing that people were praying for me and receiving cards from the community helped to really uplift me. I stood on faith and let the Lord do His work." Stewart added that people often look back on things and see God at work, but she knew all the while that He was by her side and that everything was going to be fine.

The community will celebrate with Stewart and others who have battled against cancer and won at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Scurry County later this month.

"I think Becky Stewart is another reason we have to show up at the relay and stand together with her to show that we can overcome this, and she is proof of that," said Terrisu Mann, relay chairperson.

Producer quits 'Hitler' project

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A production company executive working on a CBS miniseries about Hitler has resigned in the wake of attention stirred by his comments about the project.

Ed Gernon, an executive producer on "Hitler: The Rise of Evil," was asked to leave Alliance Atlantis earlier this week, Daily Variety reported. He was an executive vice president of movies and miniseries for the company.

Gernon gave an interview to TV Guide in which he said that fear was behind the German public's acceptance of Hitler's policies.

Gernon also said Americans were supporting President Bush's Iraq policy "because of the fear of what will happen if they don't." He was not quoted directly linking Bush to Hitler.

A message left Friday with Alliance Atlantis for Gernon was not immediately returned.

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SPORTS

Tigers pummel Denver City, 15-3

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

With the stretch run of the schedule on the horizon, the Snyder Tigers needed to dispatch Denver City to stay in the catbird seat of District 3-3A.

Consider it a job well done.

With another offensive barrage and a solid outing from starter Tyler Trout (1-0), the Tigers blew the doors off the Mustangs, 15-3, Friday night at Moffett Field.

The Tigers (14-9, 6-1) pounded out 18 hits, and skipper Charles Bollinger said the team once again executed at the plate.

"We worked on the hit and run, and the guys are hitting it great," he said. "Our guys are working hard and we have some leaders out there."

Trout got the call in his first district start, as Bollinger juggled his starting rotation in anticipation of the final three games on the schedule.

"I wanted to keep everybody fresh for next week," he said.

Trout went three innings, allowing just one earned run on three hits.

"I felt good," Trout said. "I've been anxious and ready for this. We have a lot of confidence. We've got our offense where it needs to be."

Ty Collier struck out two of the three batters he faced in the fourth, and, after serving up a leadoff single, Logan Hill struck out the side in fifth to finish it off.

After a leadoff single and an error gave Denver City (6-18, 0-7) a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, the Tigers responded to tie it, as Chance Greenwood drove in Blake Grimmett with a one-out double.

The Tigers then opened the floodgates in the second frame, plating eight runs on nine hits off Mustang starter Chris Welcher (0-3).

Shawn Roemisch led off the inning with a single, and Trout chased him around with a double.

Marcus Villarreal drilled a single to score Bradley Price and Trout, and the rout was on.

Grimmett, Greenwood and Hill all produced RBI in the inning, and Roemisch collected his second hit of the inning off reliever Marcus Barber.

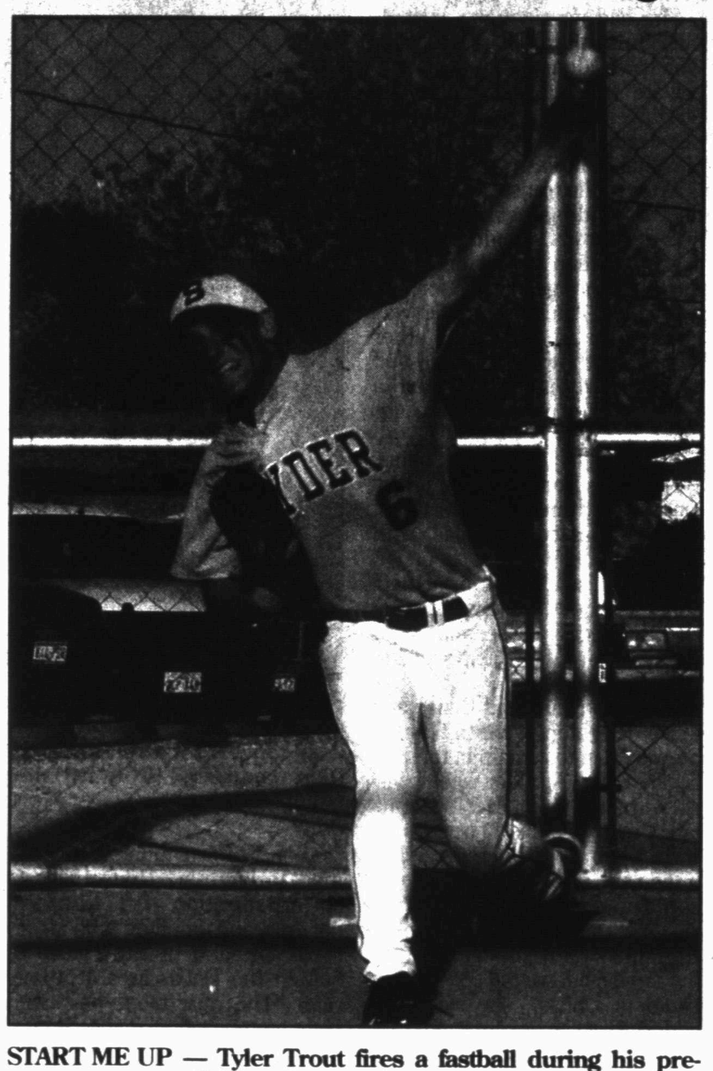
The Mustangs scored two more in the third, before the Tigers put the game away with five-run fourth inning against an overmatched Mustang team that Snyder outscored 30-4 this season.

"No matter who you play, you play because we love the game," Bollinger said. "It's easy to lull yourself to sleep against a team not as good as you. You not only want to compete against the other team, but you want to compete within yourself."

Snyder now faces the most daunting part of its district schedule, with road games at Merkel and Seminole slated for next week, before the season finale April 22 against Sweetwater at home.

"Our guys know the next three teams are out to get us," Bollinger said. "Merkel is in a must-win situation and they have a good club. We have two road trips, and I think the pressure is on those other teams."

The other two games in district also were halted by the mercy rule, as Sweetwater kept pace at the top of the standings with a 10-0 spanking of Seminole.



START ME UP — Tyler Trout fires a fastball during his pregame warm-ups Friday. Trout won his first district start over Denver City, going three innings in the 15-3 blowout. (SDN Staff Photo)

Merkel routed Lamesa, 13-3.

Snyder will travel to Merkel to challenge the Badgers in a 5 p.m. contest Tuesday.

The Tigers slipped past Merkel, 7-4, in their first meeting March 28, using a four-run fifth inning to gain the victory.

District 3-3A Standings

Team	District	Overall
Snyder	6 1	14 9
Sweetwater	6 1	18 5
Seminole	4 3	13 8
Merkel	4 3	9 9
Lamesa	1 6	5 17
Denver City	0 7	6 18

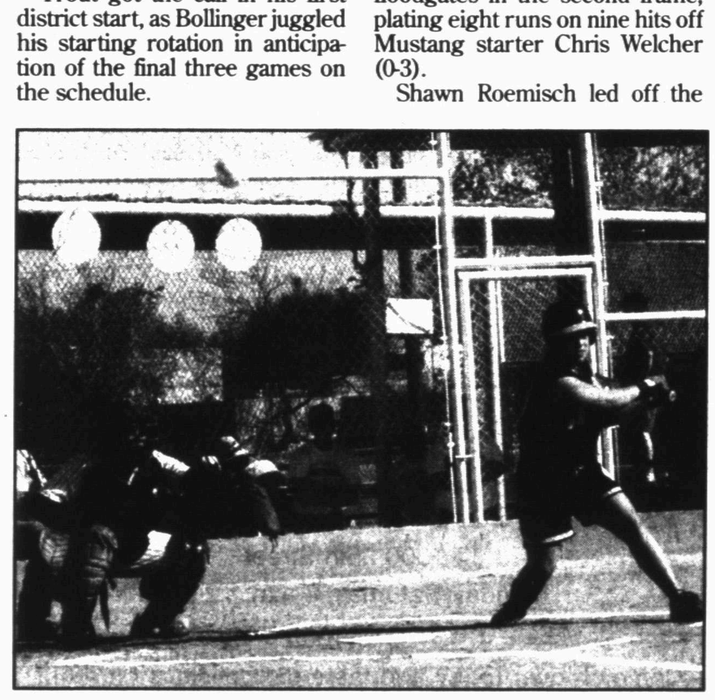
Denver City	ab	r	h	bi
Welcher p	2	2	1	1
Acosta lf	3	0	1	1
Hinson cf	2	0	0	1
Warren c	2	0	0	0
Barber 3b	2	0	0	0
Griffin 2b	2	0	0	0
Schexnayder rf	2	0	1	0
Green	1	1	1	0
May ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	18	3	3	3

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Grimmett 2b	4	3	3	2
Pena ss	3	1	2	2
Greenwood cf	4	2	3	4
Ramon 3b	4	1	3	1
Hill 1b	4	1	1	1
Roemisch c	4	1	2	1
Price lf	3	2	2	1
Trout p	2	1	1	1
Collier p	2	0	0	0
Villarreal rf	3	3	1	2
Totals	33	15	18	15

		R	H	E
Denver City	103 00	3	3	1
Snyder	181 5x	15	18	2

E — Roemisch, Pena, Barber . LOB — Snyder 5.

Denver City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Welcher	11/3	10	9	9	0	1
Barber	12/3	2	1	1	2	0
Warren	1	6	5	5	0	0
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Trout, 1-0	3	2	3	1	2	1
Collier	1	0	0	0	0	2
Hill	1	1	0	0	0	3



HEADS UP! — Lady Tiger third baseman Dara Chambers sends a foul ball in the direction of the Snyder dugout in the second inning Friday. The Lady Tigers whipped Lamesa, 10-0, to clinch the District 3-3A title. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers win district crown

Amber Luecke picked the perfect time to get her first district win.

The freshman lefty struck out seven Lady Tors in a five-inning shutout, as the Snyder Lady Tigers (32-3, 8-0) clinched the District 3-3A championship Friday with two games to spare.

"It's nice," head coach Shelley Hayes said. "The girls have worked hard all year, and they are ready to move on to the playoffs and face some tougher teams. They want to be challenged."

Hayes said she expected her club to be successful, but didn't imagine being 29 games over .500 with two contests left in the regular season.

"I knew we had the potential," she said. "We learned something from last year, when we should have been in the playoffs (in 4A). Our motto this year was 'New season, new attitude, unfinished business, and I think the girls were more focused this season."

Senior shortstop Shelley Fisk helped ensure the district clinching victory, playing her usual stand-out defense and driving in five runs while going 2-for-2, plating two on a single, two on a double and one on a sacrifice fly.

Dara Chambers had another good day at the plate batting in the two-spot, going 2-for-3. Chambers accounted for three of Snyder's 10 runs.

Kelsi Johnson, playing second in place of Val Hernandez, hammered an RBI double, and Ashley Martinez and Luecke each collected a hit and an RBI.

Hayes said that the team will use the same approach in the final two games as it has all season.

The team will close out the district schedule next week with a trip to Denver City Tuesday and a home finale against Sweetwater.

Currently, the Tigers are slated to take on District 1-3A second runner-up Perryton in the area round of the playoffs May 3, with the site to be determined.

Miscues haunt WTC

A frustrating first season for WTC baseball team continued Friday, as the Westerners literally dropped both games of a midday twinbill to Odessa Junior College.

"In reality we won both games, but we let them have it," said head coach James King. "We win both games if we can just catch fly balls and grounders. We had the lead in both games, but errors cost us wins."

WTC took a 7-6 lead into the seventh inning, before Odessa took advantage from a leadoff walk from Westerner hurler Ricky Bockhorn to plate the winning run.

"Walks and errors killed us," King said.

The Wranglers also stole the second game, using a misplayed groundball to top the Westerners 13-12 in the nightcap.

John Bewely was tagged with the loss, but King said Bewley did not pitch badly.

He said he is as frustrated as his team.

"It's the same old story — the guys are battling but come up short," King said. "It happens in a first-year program. We get so close to winning and just give it away."

WTC was scheduled for another midday doubleheader against Odessa Saturday.

Shawn Thomas and John Bewely were slated to start.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	1	.889	—
Boston	6	4	.600	2½
Toronto	5	5	.500	3½
Tampa Bay	4	6	.400	4½
Baltimore	3	6	.333	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	8	0	1.000	—
Chicago	6	4	.600	3
Minnesota	4	6	.400	5
Cleveland	3	6	.333	5½
Detroit	0	9	.000	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	3	.700	—
Anaheim	5	5	.500	2
Seattle	4	6	.400	3
Texas	4	6	.400	3

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Johnson 0-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 0-0), 1 p.m., 1st game
Baltimore (Lopez 0-1) at Boston (Wakefield 1-0), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Radke 1-1) at Toronto (Walker 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 1-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Stewart 0-0) at Detroit (Cornejo 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Drese 0-0) at Seattle (Meche 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Halama 1-0) at Anaheim (Callaway 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota (Mays 1-1) at Toronto (Hendrickson 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Colon 0-0) at Detroit (Knotts 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 0-0) at Cleveland (Ric.Rodriguez 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Daal 0-1) at Boston (Lowe 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 0-1) at Seattle (Moyer 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 2-0) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 1-1), 4:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	6	4	.600	—
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	1
Florida	5	6	.455	1½
New York	4	6	.400	2
Atlanta	4	7	.364	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	7	2	.778	—
Pittsburgh	7	3	.700	½
Chicago	5	5	.500	2½
St. Louis	4	5	.444	3
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	3½
Milwaukee	3	7	.300	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	10	1	.909	—
Colorado	6	4	.600	3½
San Diego	5	6	.455	5
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5½
Arizona	2	8	.200	7½

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Millwood 1-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los (K.Brown 1-0) at San Francisco (Schmidt 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 1-1) at Florida (Pavano 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Seo 0-0) vs. Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-0) at San Juan, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Williams 1-0) at Houston (Redding 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 1-1) at San Diego (Eaton 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 0-1) at Arizona (Schilling 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 2-0) vs. Montreal (Day 1-1) at San Juan, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 1-0) at Cincinnati (Dempster 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 0-3) at Florida (Redman 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 0-0) at Houston (Oswalt 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wells 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-1), 2:20 p.m.

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Date: April 19th 7 a.m.-6p.m.
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SPORTS

Woods struggles in opening rounds at Augusta National

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Before teeing off at the Masters, Tiger Woods had some advice for his college playing partner.

"Enjoy yourself," Woods told U.S. Amateur champ Ricky Barnes.

Woods didn't have that luxury.

It wasn't a fun day for the two-time defending champion at Augusta National — and not just because Woods had to grind out 28 holes on a squishy, elongated course.

Seeking an unprecedented third straight Masters title, Woods stumbled through the rain-delayed first round Friday. He finished with a 4-over-par 76 — his worst opening at a major since he was a 20-year-old amateur playing the U.S. Open in 1996.

When Woods arrived at the clubhouse for a brief layover, he had yet to make a birdie and was seven shots behind the amateur.

Barnes thoroughly enjoyed his first trip to the Masters, opening with a 69 despite the toughest scoring conditions for a first round at Augusta National since 1988.

Asked whether he expected to be seven strokes ahead of the world's greatest player after 18 holes, Barnes deadpanned: "You're kidding."

When the horn sounded to end play for the day, the sun had already slipped behind the Georgia pines, and Woods was back on track. He played the first 10 holes of the second round at 2 under to finish at 2 over for the tournament.

But he was still far off the pace being set by a left-hander seeking his first major — and, no, we're not talking about Phil Mickelson.

Canada's Mike Weir was at 6 under, one of just four players in the red when darkness fell. Only 18 players made it through 36 holes; the rest of the 93-man field was set to return Saturday morning to finish up the second round.

Barnes was in the exclusive below-par group, still holding on at 1 under when play stopped. First-round leader Darren Clarke, who opened with a 66, dropped two strokes in the second round but remained at 4 under.

Then there's Mickelson, still lugging around that dreaded title of Best Player Never To Win A Major. It looks like Lefty will be in contention again, standing 2 under with seven holes left to play in the morning.

This one is a bit of a surprise. Mickelson took a month off for the birth of his third child and didn't feel as though his game was in peak condition for a major.

"I'm not going to look at my position until the end of the second round," he said. "I want to see how I play the last seven before I really try to find out where I stand."

Woods got off to a dreadful start: four errant swings left him with a 40-foot chip for bogey. It dropped, a shot that might be worth remembering if he makes a charge on the weekend.

But Woods still has a lot of work to do.

Not only was it his highest first-round score in a major since turning pro, it was his worst start at any PGA Tour-sanctioned event since a 76 in the 1998 Western Open.

Even more ominous: No Masters champion has ever started with worse than a 75; no winner has ever been 10 strokes out of the lead after 18 holes; and Woods has never opened with worse than a 72 in any of his 37 career victories.

He was unfazed by the deficit.

"Obviously, I would like to be a little better than I am," he said. "But I'm on the right track. I don't have to play a great second round, just have to play a solid one. That's what I'm doing."

Indeed, Woods got himself on track with a birdie on his 22nd hole. He unleashed a big smile, licked his finger and gave the sign that indicated, "Put one on the board."

He birdied two of the next three as well, but a bogey on his next-to-last hole put a bit of a damper on Tigermania.

"I'm right where I need to be," Woods said. "I've still got a chance at the tournament, and there's a long way to go. The leaders aren't going to run away and hide here with the way the conditions are."

Weir bolstered his score by making a bunch of 5- and 6-foot comebackers after sliding putts past the hole. Those are the shots of a Masters champion-in-the-making.



LURKING — Tiger Woods reacts to his birdie on the 16th during second round play of the 2003 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Friday. (AP Photo)

WTC rodeo team is strong in Odessa

BIG SPRING —Western Texas College saddle bronc rider Cody Horwedel was in first place heading in to Saturday's short round, earning a score of 76 in the long round of the Howard College rodeo.

B.J. Lawson prepared for the short round with a second-place time of 6.9 seconds in steer wrestling.

Several other riders and ropers had top ten finishes Friday night, including breakaway roper Ashley Ryan, who earned third place with a time of 3.1 seconds.

Three bareback rider head into the short round, with Tyson Thompson leading the WTC team with a fourth-place score of 65.

Jake Marshall is right behind Thompson, capturing fifth with a 64, while Clay Bunney's 62 was good enough for ninth.

Sam Spreadborough and Hadley Hunting garnered scores of 63 and 60, and sit in ninth and 10th in saddle bronc.

Ashley Hadley was fourth in goat-tying with a 9.3, and earned a ninth-place time of 17.87 in barrel racing.

Teammate Shiloh Whitaker was sixth in barrel racing with a 17.62.

Clay Long finished 10th in calf roping to make it to the short round.

The Howard College rodeo was slated to end Saturday night.

Palmeiro gets 494th; Rangers top M's, 4-2

SEATTLE (AP) — Buck Showalter is happy to have a front-row seat to watch Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro make some baseball history.

"It kind of slaps you in the face when you make note of some of the people he's passing and approaching," the first-year Rangers manager said Friday night after Palmeiro hit his 494th homer to pass Lou Gehrig for 19th place on the career list.

Palmeiro's two-run homer in the fifth inning helped the Rangers overcome Chan Ho Park's wildness and beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2.

The 38-year-old Palmeiro is six home runs shy of becoming the second player to reach the 500-mark this season. The Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa did it April 4.

Showalter thinks it's about time the underrated Palmeiro, in his 16th major league season, get some well-deserved credit.

Palmeiro hit his fourth homer of the season and his 11th at Safeco Field — the most for any visiting player — off Freddy Garcia (1-2) after Alex Rodriguez walked. It was Palmeiro's 41st career homer against the Mariners.

Rodriguez, who at 27 became the youngest player to hit 300 homers April 2, shook Palmeiro's hand as he walked through the locker room with a large ice bag attached to his right knee.

Park (1-2), who lasted only 5 2-3 innings and gave up 10 earned runs in his first two starts against Anaheim and Seattle, pitched five innings and stranded 10 Mariners. He gave up just one run on three hits, seven walks, a hit batsman and a balk, striking out five.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet Monday night at 7 in the film room.

SGSA board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the BP Pipeline office.

Girls softball signup

Snyder Girls Softball Association will hold a sign-up Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's church hall.

Ages four and up are eligible but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. Cost is $30 or $25 for an additional child. Participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and a parent or guardian.

Babe Ruth try-outs

Babe Ruth try-outs will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the high school practice field. All players who signed-up for Babe Ruth should attend.

Stars beat Oilers; Oilers beat up Stars

DALLAS (AP) — Once the Edmonton Oilers knew they were beaten, they decided to beat up the Dallas Stars.

The top-seeded Stars evened the first-round series at a game apiece with a 6-1 victory Friday night. The seven goals were almost an afterthought, though, considering all the penalties — 39 for 132 minutes, the vast majority coming in the third period.

"If we lose the game, we were going to at least take our toll physically on the opposition," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said.

In other games Friday night, New Jersey beat Boston 4-2 to take a 2-0 lead, and Philadelphia beat Toronto 4-1 to tie that matchup 1-1. Five teams can take 2-0 leads on the road Saturday.

The New York Islanders are at top-seeded Ottawa, and No. 6 Washington visits No. 3 Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference. In the West, No. 7 Anaheim is at No. 2 Detroit, sixth-seeded Minnesota plays at third-seeded Colorado, and No. 4 Vancouver hosts No. 5 St. Louis.

The eighth-seeded Oilers led 1-0 midway through the first and were starting to think about taking a 2-0 series lead home for Game 3 Sunday night.

Then Dallas scored three times in the first period — twice by Scott Young — and got another from Jason Arnott with 1:08 left in the second.

At the time, only 12 penalties had been called.

Then, as the second intermission began, Dallas' Derian Hatcher and Brad Isbister of the Oilers got into a shoving match that drew three penalties.

Another 24 followed in the final period — so many that only 4:15 of the third was played at five-on-five, and none of the final 11:45.

FIRST ROUND

Friday, April 11

New Jersey 4, Boston 2, New Jersey leads series 2-0

Philadelphia 4, Toronto 1, series tied 1-1

Dallas 6, Edmonton 1, series tied 1-1

Saturday, April 12

Washington at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.

Anaheim at Detroit, 3 p.m.

Minnesota at Colorado, 3 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

New Jersey at Boston, 3 p.m.

Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

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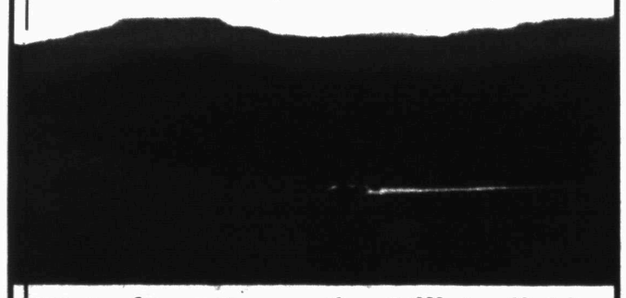
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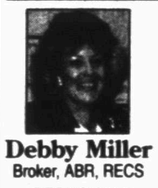
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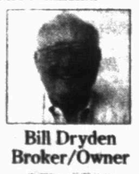
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Bushes pay $268,719 in fed income taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush reported $856,056 in adjusted gross income for last year and paid $268,719, or about 31 percent, in federal income taxes, the White House announced Friday

Bush and his wife, Laura, listed as income his presidential salary and investment income from trusts that hold their assets.

The income and tax figures were a bit higher than the previous year, when the Bushes reported $811,100 in adjusted gross income and paid $250,202, also about 31 percent, in federal income taxes.

The White House also released the 2002 tax return filed by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne. They reported $1.2 million in adjusted gross income and owed $341,114 in taxes. The income figure was significantly lower than the $4.3 million earned during his first year in office and the $36 million he earned the year before becoming vice president.

The Cheneys overpaid their 2002 taxes by $95,858. During the year, they paid $436,972 through withholding and estimated tax payments. Their final bill, however, was only $341,114 . They elected to apply $20,000 of this overpayment to next year's taxes.

Besides his $190,134 government salary, Cheney earned $162,392 in deferred compensation from Halliburton Co., the Dallas-based energy services firm he headed until Aug. 16, 2000. Cheney elected in 1998 to recoup over five years a portion of the money he made in 1999 as chief executive officer of Halliburton.

"The amount of deferred compensation received by the vice president is fixed and is not affected by Halliburton's current economic performance or earnings in any way," according to a statement released by the vice president's office.

The vice president's office made the statement to explain the deferred compensation. Cheney's office has repeatedly stated that the vice president doesn't have a financial interest in the success of Halliburton, nor does he have anything to do with defense contracts.

A subsidiary of Halliburton recently received, without having to bid, a contract to fight oil well fires in Iraq. The contract could yield the company as much as $7 billion over two years.

The White House released the Bushes' federal Form 1040 for 2002 with attached schedules after the couple left for a weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat.

The Bushes reported itemized deductions of $84,118 — including $69,925 to churches and charitable organizations, such as Southern Methodist University, Evergreen Chapel at Camp David, Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, and the government's Combined Federal Campaign. The charitable deductions represented about 8 percent of their income.

The Bushes paid $19,902 in state property taxes on their ranch near Crawford, Texas — up from $18,823 the year before.

The Cheneys' return reports Mrs. Cheney's wage and salary income from her work at the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based think tank, as well as compensation from serving on the boards of directors of Reader's Digest and American Express Mutual Funds Board Services Corp.

The Cheneys donated $121,983 to charity last year, primarily from a donation of royalties Mrs. Cheney received from Simon & Schuster for her book "America: A Patriotic Primer" and money received for her forthcoming book, tentatively titled "A is for Abigail."

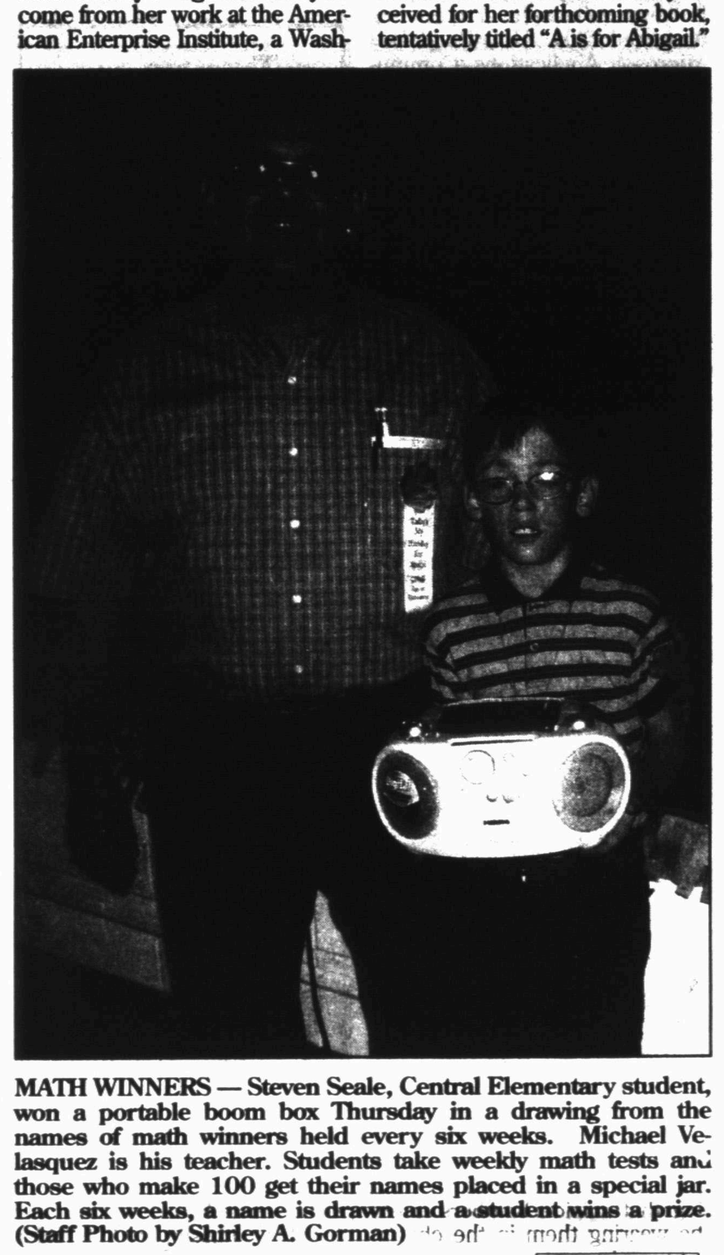
California sues restaurant chains

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The state sued companies that own 16 of the nation's best-known restaurant chains for allegedly failing to warn customers that some seafood they sell contains potentially harmful mercury.

Lawsuits filed Thursday in Los Angeles and San Francisco superior courts claim that restaurants such as Morton's, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Benihana, were not following Proposition 65 guidelines. The guidelines require businesses to post warnings when they expose people to carcinogens.

They claim the restaurants serve fresh or frozen swordfish, tuna or shark, which contain enough mercury compounds to trigger the law's provisions. The state is seeking an injunction requiring the restaurants to post warnings, as well as civil penalties of $2,500 per day for each violation.

Other affected chains are Red Lobster and Olive Garden (Darden Restaurants); Chili's, Macaroni Grill and Little Italy (Sue Brinker International); Outback and Roy's (Outback); Chart House (Sue Landry's Restaurants); Bennigan's (Metromedia Restaurant Group); Cheesecake Factory; Hof's Hut; Claim Jumper; and P.F. Chang's China Bistro.



MATH WINNERS — Steven Seale, Central Elementary student, won a portable boom box Thursday in a drawing from the names of math winners held every six weeks. Michael Velasquez is his teacher. Students take weekly math tests and those who make 100 get their names placed in a special jar. Each six weeks, a name is drawn and a student wins a prize. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Circulatory problems often afcect us oldies

DEAR DR. GOTT: My internist has prescribed several different medications to control my dizziness, which he believes is caused by hypoglycemia. Despite the therapy, I am still dizzy, extremely fatigued, have blurred vision, insomnia, staggering, anxiety and forgetfulness. I'm 77 and realize that some of my symptoms may be related to aging — but all of them?

DEAR READER: Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is diagnosed by a blood sugar level below 45 milligrams per deciliter in the presence of faintness, lightheadedness, hunger and lassitude. Treatment consists of a low-sugar diet with frequent feedings and occasional snacks of fruit when symptoms appear. To my knowledge, there is no medicine to treat this condition.

Given your age, I'm more concerned that your symptoms could reflect a circulatory deficiency. For example, temporary interruptions of blood flow to the brain related to small blood clots (transient ischemic attacks) are a common cause of fatigue, visual disturbances, poor coordination and forgetfulness in the elderly. Also, heartbeat irregularities and arteriosclerotic blockages in the brain's arteries may contribute to these symptoms.

I suggest that you seek a second opinion from another internist or, preferably, a neurologist. In my opinion, you need further testing — such as blood analyses and imaging studies of your brain and its circulation — to determine the cause of your problem. If, indeed, you do have hypoglycemia, your doctors, working in concert, should be able to offer suggestions about diet and additional therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypoglycemia." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My two brothers were saved by brain aneurysm surgery. I am the eldest and have been advised to have MRI screening performed in the event that I also may have an aneurysm. However, my insurance company has refused to pay for this expensive testing, because I don't have symptoms, such as headache. Why would an insurance company refuse to make an exception to their screening policy?

DEAR READER: They refuse because MRI testing is expensive and such companies are more committed to their bottom lines than to the health of their subscribers. The tendency of certain types of aneurysm to run in families is well known, and your physician is correct that screening is appropriate. However, without symptoms, you are unlikely to be approved for testing. As I see it, you have three options.

1. Have the MRI and pay for it out of pocket.
2. If you develop headaches or blurry vision, visit your doctor immediately and demand the test.
3. Consider switching to an insurance plan that will pay for the test.
4. Wait and see, which isn't necessarily the most cautious plan of action.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In winter, my sister keeps the thermostat at 58 degrees in her house, claiming that the cooler temperature will discourage the growth of germs, thereby keeping her family disease-free. I'm a nurse and have never heard of this theory. Am I missing something?

DEAR READER: I think not. A cool house in winter will do little more than save heating costs, a valid goal in these days of rising oil prices. The anti-germ theory is just a rationalization for being ecologically responsible and financially parsimonious. I, too, do it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a bladder problem: frequent urination with burning. My doctor placed me on sulfa, which helped, but once the pills were discontinued, the problem returned, and the cycle continues. Should I take antibiotics all the time? I'm reluctant to take an additional drug, because I'm already on gout medication, something for my blood pressure and medicine for my arthritis.

DEAR READER: The symptoms you describe suggest a urinary tract infection (UTI). Painful, frequent urination — with or without blood in the urine — that improves with sulfa antibiotics is a classic description of cystitis (bladder infection). However, your case is somewhat unusual in that the symptoms return once you have completed a course of treatment. Either you have a chronic infection, which is not eradicated by the sulfa, or you are experiencing repeated acute infections.

In my opinion, a urine culture will provide the answer. During the test, your urine is collected in a special way (to avoid contamination). Samples of it are then added to material that has been enriched to encourage the growth of bacteria. After a day or two in an incubator, the culture is examined by a laboratory technician to determine whether any bacteria from your urine have thrived and grown. Normal urine is sterile; it contains no microorganisms, and the test is negative.

On the other hand, if your urine is infected, the bacteria can be isolated, identified and further tested to discover which antibiotics would be the most effective treatment.

For instance, your urine may be infected with bacteria that are inhibited but not killed by sulfa. Therefore, as long as you take this medicine, your symptoms are controlled. Once the antibiotic is stopped, however, the bacteria are free to grow and cause a new round of symptoms.

In this case, an alternative, more effective drug would be required to rid your urinary tract of all infectious agents. After a second or third course of antibiotics, you should have another culture to make sure that the medication has done its job.

If you are experiencing repeated UTIs, you urine culture will show bacteria when you have symptoms and will be free of microorganisms at other times.

Of course, you could have urinary frequency and burning that are not due to infection. Several bladder afflictions, including interstitial cystitis, are not caused by bacteria. In this situation, you should be seen by a urologist for further testing such as cystoscopy, during which the specialist examines your lower urinary tract with a lighted tube.

In fact, since you seem to have ongoing UTIs, you might consider a urological consultation anyway. Ask your doctor about this. I am not aware that medicines for gout, hypertension and arthritis would cause the symptoms you describe.

Lastly, remember that gout can cause kidney stones that may be "silent" (produce no symptoms). Such stones, however, can form the basis for a chronic infection. Therefore, the urologist will also recommend imaging studies (X-rays or ultrasound exams) to investigate this possibility.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a large rectocele and need to know more about my condition. Is surgical repair necessary, and will it interfere with my having a colon examination next year?

DEAR READER: A rectocele is weakness in the tissues between the rectum and the vagina, so that on straining, the lower rectum will bulge into the vagina — or, in severe cases, actually protrude (prolapse) from the vaginal opening.

The situation, which is caused by repeated childbirths, is not dangerous and will not affect health. Nevertheless, it is a nuisance and an embarrassment that sometimes interferes with intimate activity, and can be associated with constipation and urinary dribbling.

Rectocele repair is standard surgery for gynecologists. You should consider having it done if the rectal bulging "gets in your way" or interferes with normal daily activities. The procedure will not have any effect on your planned colon study.

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Chaos spreads in Baghdad looting

By The Associated Press

As looting spread Saturday to new areas of Baghdad, U.S. officials said 1,200 police and judicial officers will go to Iraq to help restore order. In western Iraq, U.S. forces stopped a busload of men who had $630,000 in cash and a letter offering rewards for killing American soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, at U.S. Central Command, said the 59 men, all of military age, were captured while heading toward Iraq's border with Syria. He said he did not know the men's nationalities nor who wrote the letter offering rewards.

The Central Command also said a "significant-sized" force of Marines headed north from Baghdad on Saturday to attack Iraqi military positions part way toward Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, one of the last bastions of his collapsing regime. No engagements had been reported so far.

In Baghdad, where U.S. troops have been wary of suicide attacks, Marines showed reporters a cache of about 50 explosives-laden suicide-bomb vests in an elementary school less than 20 feet from the nearest home.

At a nearby junior high school, seven classrooms were filled with hundreds of crates of grenade launchers, surface-to-air missiles and ammunition. Residents said Iraqi soldiers and militiamen had positioned weaponry throughout the neighborhood before U.S. forces moved in.

"We didn't imagine this much stuff here," said Lt. David Wright, of Goldsboro, N.C. "Every 200 meters we find something."

Searching for weapons, and for holdout pro-Saddam fighters, has been the primary task of American troops in Baghdad. But U.S. officials, criticized for doing too little to curtail the looting, say restoration of law and order will become a higher priority.

The State Department said it is sending 26 police and judicial officers to Iraq, the first component of a team that will eventually number about 1,200.

Much of the looting has targeted government ministries and the homes of former regime leaders, but looters also have ransacked embassies, hospitals and private businesses.

Also pillaged was the Iraq National Museum, the country's flagship archaeological showcase, which featured priceless artifacts dating back to 5,000 B.C. Reporters visiting it Saturday saw row after row of empty glass cases, many of them smashed, and bits of broken pottery and sculpture on the floors.

U.S. forces reopened two strategic bridges in the heart of Baghdad — giving looters easier access to territory that had previously been spared. U.S. soldiers watched but did not intervene as plunderers swarmed into several government buildings and emerged with bookshelves, sofas and computers.

Aid organizations, as well as many Baghdad residents, have pleaded with U.S. officials to crack down on the looting.

"The humanitarian situation is worsening as a consequence of widespread lawlessness," said InterAction, a Washington-based coalition of more than 160 U.S. aid groups. Iraq-based relief workers with CARE said hospitals are "in absolutely dire straits," with some looted and others closed to prevent looting.

Abbas Reda, 51, a Baghdad engineer with five children, was distraught at the looting of schools and hospitals.

"If one of my family is injured where will I take them now?" he asked. "The Americans are responsible. One round from their guns and all the looting would have stopped."



SOLEMN JOB — Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division put a dead Iraqi in a body bag into a grave in a makeshift cemetery near Baghdad International Airport Friday. The soldiers picked up Iraqis that were killed at the airport to be buried. (AP Photo)

U.S. soldiers bury enemies

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq (AP) — The first one was lying on his side, about 500 yards away behind a brown building, baked by the unforgiving desert sun. His rump was pocked with bullets.

He was an Iraqi soldier, and he was dead.

The Americans, four of them, sprang from their vehicles. Silently, efficiently, each grabbed a limb and lifted. In one fluid movement, their fallen opponent was slipped into a body bag, zipped away, dispatched onto a truck. It drove off, leaving only the soldier's dark-green loafers behind.

They journeyed across the world to fight — and, if necessary, to kill. And they did. But for U.S. forces on the battlefields of Iraq, the duty doesn't end there.

For those sent into battle, one of war's most emotionally difficult duties is burying the dead. And the simple fact that the bodies are enemy dead does not mean the task is easy.

"It has to be done," Lt. Col. Lee Fetterman, 41, of Cooperstown, N.Y., said Friday. "It's a responsibility we have. We're the only ones who can."

The notion is fast becoming familiar to soldiers from the 101st Airborne deployed at Baghdad International Airport, the renamed Saddam International Airport. For days, they have become intimately acquainted with body bags and their trappings.

Earlier this week, American soldiers fired weapons at Iraqis to defend the airport after it was seized by U.S. forces. Friday's mission was to collect the bodies of three dead Iraqis on the airport grounds and bury them according to Muslim custom.

Suicide vests found in school

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Scores of black leather vests stuffed with explosives and ball-bearings were found by U.S. Marines at a Baghdad school, along with empty hangers hinting that suicide bombers might be wearing them in the chaotic city.

More than 40 of the vests — on hangers and shrouded in plastic — lay on the floor of a classroom Saturday morning, two days after Marines discovered them in an elementary school in a middle-class neighborhood.

"Odds are high that someone is out there wearing one," said Marine Lt. David Wright, 27, of Goldsboro, N.C.

A junior high school about 150 yards away was filled with hundreds of huge crates of weapons, rocket-propelled grenades, surface-to-air missiles and shoulder-launched rockets.

Residents said members of the paramilitary Fedayeen came into the neighborhood of Zayuna about a month ago in pickup trucks in the middle of the night. The Fedayeen fighters unloaded the weapons in the two school compounds, each one just yards from the nearest houses.

The residents said they had no idea what was being unloaded.



TAKING A BREAK — Soldiers from the Third Infantry Division rest inside their Bradleys at Baghdad International Airport on Friday. A Texas flag can be seen on the vehicle on the left. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key developments in the war in Iraq:

— Two C-130 transports landed at Baghdad's international airport with 24,000 pounds of medical supplies from the Kuwaiti government and the international Committee for the Red Cross for hospitals in Baghdad.

— The Iraq National Museum was looted. The museum featured priceless artifacts dating back more than 5,000 B.C. Reporters visiting it found empty glass cases, many of them smashed, and bits of broken pottery and sculpture.

— Residents in a Baghdad neighborhood complained that U.S. soldiers haven't cleared cluster bombs dropped during the war. The residents said three people were killed and one injured trying to pick them up.

— The U.S.-led coalition turned its focus to Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, where fighters are believed to be regrouping for a last stand. But after being battered by intensive bombing, the city may fall without much of a fight, U.S. military officials said.

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Main suspects in Cole bombing escape

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Ten key suspects in the bombing of the USS Cole escaped from a Yemeni prison Friday, dealing a major blow to the investigation into the 2000 attack blamed on the al-Qaida terror network.

A massive manhunt is underway for the men, including chief suspect Jamal al-Badawi, who allegedly bought the dinghy packed with explosives and rammed by suicide bombers into the anchored destroyer refueling in the southern Yemeni port of Aden.

Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed in the Oct. 12, 2000, attack.

The fugitives were jailed inside the tightly guarded central intelligence building in Aden.

An Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity that the fugitives escaped through a hole in a bathroom wall inside the room they were being detained in.

Earlier, officials close to the investigation said on condition of anonymity that the men smashed a window inside the building and fled.

The different accounts could not immediately be reconciled.

Prison officers gave the men permission to go to the two-story prison complex's courtyard for their daily morning break before they escaped, the officials said.

It was unclear whether the men escaped before or after the daily break and there were no details on whether they were assisted by anyone inside or outside the prison.

Officials said the men may have left Aden for al-Qaida strongholds in the northern province of Shabwah.

A U.S. diplomat refused to comment on the escapes.

A manhunt has been launched and photographs of the escapees have been distributed to police and intelligence agents. Police also searched homes belonging to relatives of the fugitives, the officials said.

The Interior Ministry official told the Yemen state news agency Saba that a reward was being offered for information leading to the escapees' capture. He did not disclose the amount.

The jailbreak likely will have major repercussions for Yemen's security apparatus, which has come under close scrutiny in the wake of the Cole bombing and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

The United States has blamed Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network for the Sept. 11 attacks and the bombing of the Cole.

The 10 fugitives, some of whom are believed to be linked to al-Qaida, were part of a 17-man group arrested following the Cole bombing.

Yemen, a tribal-dominated country on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, committed itself to joining the war on terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks and has allowed U.S. forces to enter the country and train its military.

In November, a CIA Predator drone fired a missile at a car carrying several suspected al-Qaida operatives, killing Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, bin Laden's top operative in the country.



FINAL PERFORMANCES — Western Texas College's *Fortinbras* will continue performances at 7:30 Saturday night and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. Students pictured from left are Mandi Mitchell, Brandy Birkenfeld, Ryan Ballard, Chris Hensley, Monica Rose, Holly Gwyn, Lacey Rowe, Tedrick George, Michael Gonzales, Clint Hill and Jacob Brumley. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Al Pacino will screen two movies at festival

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Pacino will screen the movies "Chinese Coffee" and "Looking for Richard," both of which he directed and stars in, during the Tribeca Film Festival.

Pacino will discuss his career as an actor and a director when he presents the 2000 film "Chinese Coffee" May 8 at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center. He and Jerry Orbach co-star as old friends who discuss their careers, their friendship and the women in their lives over a long night.

On May 10, he'll show "Looking for Richard," his examination of Shakespeare's "Richard III," to a group of high school students, then discuss the film with them as part of this year's Family Festival.

One-act heads to state

Continued From Page 1

Cantu, repeating their district and area contest recognition.

Director Vincent showered his students with praise.

"It's really exciting for me to see a group that works this well together to get rewarded. A coach or director over their career will work with students that have a lot of talent, but their teamwork might not be as strong or they won't get along as well as you would like for them to. But every once in a while students will have talent and get along with each other and appreciate the entire process. This is one group that is a joy to work with. They support each other and it's really exciting to see a group that puts team first to be recognized."

The Tempest cast includes Beard, Cantu, Miller, Sands, Durham, Reed, Sloboda, Miller, Rachel Cave, Erin Cooley, Jason Hook, Paul Jackson, Blake Robertson, Jeffrey Scott, Cole Welch and Josh Knox.

Crew members are Jerry Ashley, Marissa Chaidez, Justin Cox, Jeff Stanfield, Lacee Kincaid and Bret McClendon.

Hometown performances for *The Tempest* have been set at Worsham Auditorium, including 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 25 and 28 and 2 p.m. April 27.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for students.

Three arrested in Snyder

•Arrests

Snyder officers took Jessie Medrano, 22, of 2805 Ave. I into custody at 12:29 a.m. Saturday on felony charges of aggravated assault, family violence.

Deputies arrested a 17-year-old female at the Law Enforcement Center at 4:25 p.m. Friday on a warrant or making a false report to a police officer.

Officers arrested a juvenile male in the 600 block of 31st Street at 5:30 p.m. Friday for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Officers responded to that location because the juveniles were discharging fireworks.

Another juvenile was issued a citation for possession of tobacco products.

•Thefts

Mildred Ramos requested officers at 608 27th Street at 3:40 p.m. Friday to report that someone forced entry into her home through the back door and stole several firearms.

Officers responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a residence would be submitted.

Cindy Gill reported her purse was stolen from her vehicle at 10:40 p.m. Saturday. She later advised her purse was returned to her by another woman, but that some money was missing.

•Criminal trespass

A woman requested an officer in the 1800 block of 38th Street at 5:40 p.m. Friday and reported another female subject was harassing her. Officers served that female with a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the residence.

•Noise complaint

Officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of 34th Street just after midnight Saturday because of loud music and a resident agreed to lower the volume.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $31.90 at 7:45 a.m. Friday.

Ira incumbents will serve again

Ira school trustees named incumbent trustees Shane Smith and Dennis Taylor duly elected during Thursday night's regular board meeting.

Neither drew an opponent and state law allows districts to save the cost of an election if there are no contested races.

In other business, trustees heard the financial, utility and tax report as presented by business manager Jan Duke.

Trustees also set the graduation day for next year as Saturday, May 29 as not to conflict with Snyder High School's graduation on May 28.

Two plead guilty

Two people entered guilty pleas in 132nd District Court Thursday. One was sentenced on two counts.

Twana Pounds, 27, of Fort Worth pleaded guilty to bail jumping on an original charge of delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Pounds to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for bail jumping and 10 years on the delivery charge from 2001.

Joe Wayne Fox, 38, of George West received a five year probated sentence for possession of a controlled substance in Sept., 2002.

He was also fined $1,000 and ordered to participate in the treatment alternative to incarceration program.

Births

William and Jessica Myers of Snyder announce the birth of their son, William David Myers, at 7:24 p.m. on April 11 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Linda and W.D. Myers, Cherri Martin and David Green, all of Snyder.

Obituaries

Lela Jordan

1941-2003

ROSENBERG — Lela Jordan, mother of Ellen Hall of Snyder, died Thursday, April 10, in Sugar Land.

Service for Mrs. Jordan, 61, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg. Interment will follow in the Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 30, 1941 in Roswell, N.M., she was preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Mary Tyson and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors also include three sons, Randall Carr of Richmond, Rodney Carr of Anton, Ed Jordan of Houston; another daughter, Mary Hernandez of Rosenberg; a son-in-law, Cary Hall of Snyder; a sister, Frances House of Reklaw; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Alan Rios

1974-2003

MIDLAND — Alan Ray Rios, relative of several Scurry County residents, died Friday, April 11, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Service for Mr. Rios, 28, is pending at Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 22, 1974 in Midland, Mr. Rios was a 1992 Midland Lee High School graduate.

Survivors include his parents, Andy and Aurora Rios of Midland; a brother, Arthur Lynn Rios of Midland; a sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Jarod McMorries of Parachute, Colo.; his grandparents, Nellie Rios of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Herrera of Hermleigh; his aunts and uncles, Sally and David Botts, Manny and Frances Rios, Josie and Jesse Hernandez, Bella and Lupe Lopez, all of Snyder; Tom Rios of Plano, Rick Rios of San Angelo and Rosie Vincent of Midland; aunts and uncles, Jesse and Anita Rios and Janie and Ted Mireles, all of Hermleigh, Bob and Frick of Dunn and Maria and Abel Galaviz of Austin; and 25 cousins.

Pallbearers will be Danny Duniven, Steven Viera, Marcos Almuina, Efrain Gonzales, Rick Rios and Keith Tiner.

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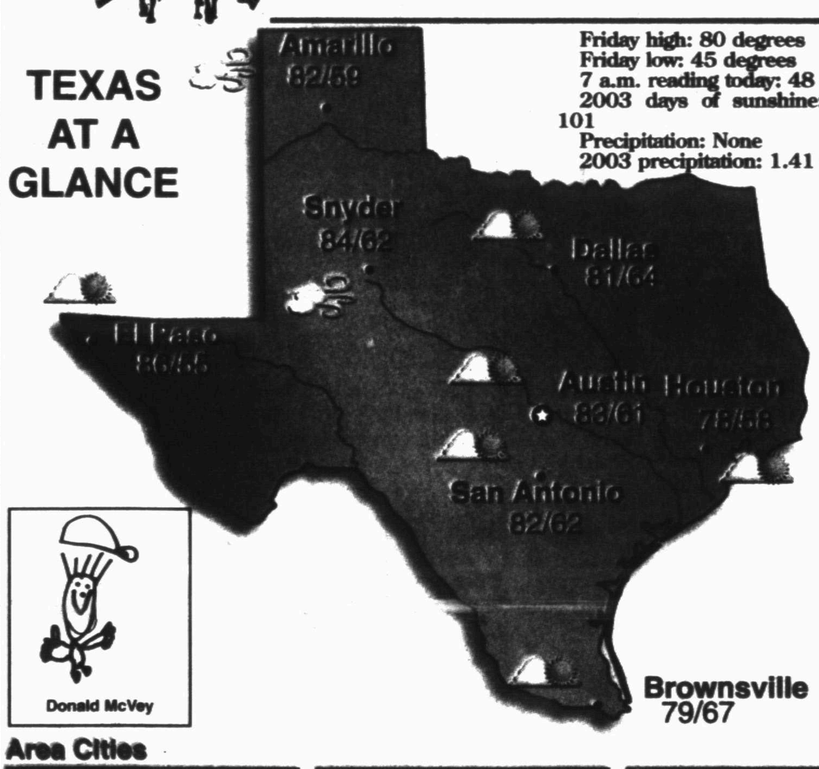
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 4/13	Mon 4/14	Tue 4/15
84/62	86/56	80/47
Partly cloudy skies, with gusty winds developing during the afternoon.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Friday high: 80 degrees
Friday low: 45 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 98 of 101
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Donald McVey

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	84	64	windy
Amarillo	82	59	windy
Austin	83	61	pt sunny
Beaumont	77	56	mst sunny
Brownsville	79	67	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	62	windy
Corpus Christi	77	65	pt sunny
Corsicana	80	57	mst sunny
Dallas	81	64	pt sunny
Del Rio	87	66	pt sunny
El Paso	86	55	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	63	sunny
Gainesville	82	60	windy
Greenville	79	60	pt sunny
Houston	78	58	pt sunny
Kingsville	81	64	pt sunny
Livingston	78	52	mst sunny
Longview	79	53	mst sunny
Lubbock	84	62	cloudy
Lufkin	79	53	mst sunny
Midland	84	63	pt sunny
Raymondville	81	64	pt sunny
Rosenberg	78	57	pt sunny
San Antonio	82	62	pt sunny
San Marcos	82	62	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	80	55	pt sunny
Sweetwater	86	62	windy
Tyler	80	56	mst sunny
Weatherford	82	60	windy
Wichita Falls	85	64	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	73	49	mst sunny
Boston	51	35	pt sunny
Chicago	61	47	mst sunny
Dallas	81	64	pt sunny
Denver	78	46	pt sunny
Houston	78	58	pt sunny
Los Angeles	60	51	rain
Miami	81	67	pt sunny
Minneapolis	72	55	windy
New York	57	37	sunny
Phoenix	88	60	mst sunny
San Francisco	56	47	rain
Seattle	57	40	rain
St. Louis	71	56	pt sunny
Washington, DC	64	42	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23	May 1

UV Index

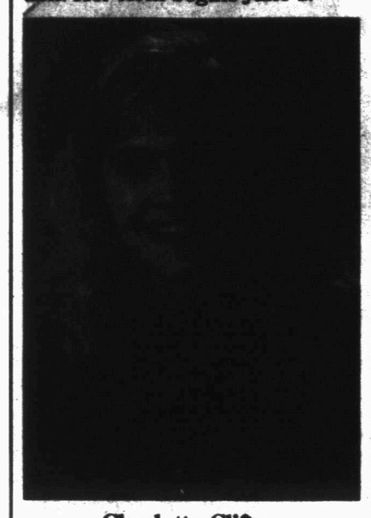
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High	High	High

The UV index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Charlotte Clifton elected to TCTA committee chair

AUSTIN — Charlotte Clifton, who teaches sophomore and junior English at Snyder High School, has been elected statewide Governance committee chair of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. Her term begins June 1.



Charlotte Clifton

TCTA is an independent, nonunion association for Texas teaching professionals, which was founded in 1927 and now has 47,000 members across the state.

Clifton was elected to a two-year term on March 7 at TCTA's annual convention in Austin. In this position, she will oversee the committee that recommends changes and reviews proposals affecting the Association's structure and governance.

As chair of a statewide committee, she also will serve on the 10-member TCTA Executive Committee and on the board of directors. The 2003-04 TCTA board also will include Wendell Whittenburg of Sweetwater and David Kasinger of Abilene, serving as directors representing District 14.

Clifton has been a TCTA member for 18 years, and has served on the TCTA board as District 14 director since 1999. She has served as co-chair of the statewide Teacher Personal Services committee, and has been a member of the Student Issue and Budget committees.

In addition to her statewide service, Clifton is active on the local level with the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association, where she has served as president for the past five years.

Clifton earned her bachelor of science in elementary education from Lubbock Christian University and her master of education, reading education and reading specialist certification from Texas Tech University.

TCTA is the only statewide teachers association that limits active-level membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.



PIE IN FACE — Thursday wasn't Northeast coach Chris Porter's day. Not only did he get wet sponges lobbed at him but Alexis McNeil hit him with a cream as well. But it was all in fun. Students paid for chances to take aim at Porter, Malcolm Crawford, left; and Joe Green. Judy Garza captured the moment for Northeast while Ashley Silva and Gabby Arredondo look on. Eduardo Arellano can be seen in back. All monies raised benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Celebrity chef, wife have second baby

LONDON (AP) — Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and his wife, Jules, have become parents for a second time, a spokesman for the couple said Friday.

Daisy Boo Oliver was born Thursday at a London hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Her older sister, Poppy Honey, was born in March 2002.

Catherine Zeta-Jones, Douglas win suit

LONDON (AP) — Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas on Friday won their lawsuit against a celebrity magazine that published "cheap and tacky" photographs taken by paparazzi who crashed their wedding.

The amount of damages was not immediately announced.

The Hollywood couple claimed that the afterglow of their lavish wedding 21/2 years ago was spoiled by the paparazzi shots printed by the celebrity magazine, Hello! The couple had a $1.55 million deal for exclusive pictures with another magazine, OK!

High court judge John Lindsay ruled that the couple's "commercial confidence" was breached.

"I find the Hello! defendants to have acted unconscionably and by reason of breach of confidence they are liable," the judge's written ruling said.

However, the judge rejected the couple's claim that the magazine had breached their right to privacy. At the time of the wedding, he ruled, there was no such right under British law.

"We deeply appreciate that the court has recognized the principle that every individual has the right to be protected from excessive and unwanted media intrusion into their private lives," Zeta-Jones and Douglas said in a statement released at the court.

Testifying to a packed courtroom on Feb. 10, Zeta-Jones complained that the "cheap and tacky" images published by Hello! made her look overweight and the reception appear to have "bad disco lighting."

Zeta-Jones and Douglas had sought $775,000 from Hello! while Northern & Shell PLC, publisher of OK!, asked for $2.6 million.

"This is about a woman having the right to have her wedding the way she wants it," Zeta-Jones had testified.

Asked about a paparazzi shot showing Douglas feeding her wedding cake, she retorted, "I don't usually like my husband shoving a spoon down my throat to be photographed."

Douglas testified the couple knew there would be intense interest in their wedding.

"The best way to solve this was to make a deal with one publication," he said during about two hours of questioning.

Douglas and Zeta-Jones reportedly spent $2 million for their Nov. 18, 2000 wedding at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Their guest list of 350 included Sean Connery, Sharon Stone, Jack Nicholson, Steven Spielberg and Anthony Hopkins.

Wedding planner Simone Martel, testifying by video, said three security companies, the New York Police Department and the fire department were all involved trying to insure privacy at the wedding.

However, photographers Rupert Thorpe and his wife, Michelle Day, sneaked into the Plaza and used hidden cameras to snap images which were sold to Hello!

Passover - April 16-24
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April 20



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University Baptist Church...

Williams, Ward marry in Odessa

ODESSA — Dena Atkinson Williams of Odessa, formerly of Snyder, and Jason Ward of Odessa were married in a 6 p.m., March 8 ceremony in University Baptist Church.

Jimmy Hull performed the double-ring vows.

Terri and Mike Brasher of Ira are parents of the bride and Ray and Connye Ward of Odessa are parents of the groom.

Candlelighter was Isaac White, nephew of the bride of Snyder.

Marine Odom, cousin of the groom from Odessa, was pianist and vocalist. Another vocalist, Stephanie Crisp, sang "Blessed" and "The Wedding Song."

Tyler Williams, son of the bride from Odessa, gave his mother in marriage.

She wore an ivory, floor-length off-the-shoulder gown with beading and lace around the top and around the waist.

The bride carried a dozen white roses, one-half dozen pink roses, baby's breath, tulle and butterfly wisps with pink and burgundy ribbon.

Lena White, sister of the bride from Snyder, was matron of honor. Jessica Ward, sister of the groom of San Angelo, was bridesmaid. They carried bouquets of three pink roses interspersed with baby's breath, tulle and butterfly wisps that were tied with pink and burgundy ribbons.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Ward
(Contributed Photo)

Flower girl was Destiny White, niece of the bride from Snyder, and ring bearer was Tyler Williams, son of the bride from Odessa.

Honorary flower girl was Makayla White, niece of the bride from Snyder.

Best man was Ray Ward, father of the groom of Odessa. Groomsman was Bill Ward, brother of the groom of Odessa. Anthony White and Zachary White, nephews of the bride of Snyder, were ushers.

They wore black tuxedos with burgundy vests and black bow ties.

Joyce May of Snyder and Becky Powell of Midland registered guests and also served at the reception.

The reception was held at the Holiday Inn Center in Odessa. Included in the decorations were two crystal candelabras with a balloon and tulle table canopy. The two-layer heart shaped wedding cake, was iced with buttercream and had a raspberry filling.

Serving at the bride's table was Bernice Duarte of Odessa.

Patsy Curry, grandmother of the groom, made the groom's German chocolate cake. The table was centered with a burgundy floral arrangement.

Following a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Ward are at home in Odessa where the groom is a truck driver for Tuboscope.

A truck driver for five years, the groom was born in Big Spring and lived in San Angelo 14 years, moving to Odessa in 1998. He is a 1995 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo.

The bride, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, also graduated from Western Texas College in 1998 with an associate degree. Born in Carizzo Springs, she lived in Snyder 16 years and moved to Odessa in 1999.



Bridal Registry

Vanessa Jones and Chad Arnwine
Christina May and Brett Gibson
Riley Tatum and Russell Wall
Lisa McNair and Brandon Jones
Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Ellen Strayhorn and Hisham Musallam
Whitney Webb and Michael Loper
Jemma Richburg and David Sutton
Jodi Dennis and Cory Mandrell
Jina Miller and Brandon Rollins
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By Phillip Alder

North 04-12-03
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♥ J 2
♦ A J 7 6 3
♣ 5

West
♠ 5 2
♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ A Q

East
♠ 4
♥ A K 8 5
♦ 9
♣ K J 9 8 6 4 3

South
♠ Q J 9 6 3
♥ 10
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
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Pass	1 ♥	2 NT	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Did he anticipate this column?

By Phillip Alder

Franz Kafka wrote, "All human errors are impatience, a premature breaking off of methodical procedure, an apparent fencing-in of what is apparently at issue."

That's a good thing for bridge players to bear in mind. There is a natural reaction impatiently to charge forward. Suppress it! There are no prizes for speed.

Now that you have been forewarned, how would you plan the play in this five-spade contract? West cashes the club ace, then shifts to hearts, East winning with the king and trying to cash the ace.

The bidding was chaotic, with no one sure who could make what. North's two-no-trump overcall showed at least 5-5 in spades and diamonds, the unbid suits.

Should East, despite the vulnerability, have bid six hearts? I lean toward the affirmative side, but maybe you disagree.

To make the contract, you must guess the diamond suit. The odds table says to cash the ace and king. But don't act prematurely — get as much information as possible before committing yourself.

After trumping the second heart, ruff a club in the dummy, draw trumps ending in hand, and ruff your last club in the dummy. Here, you learn that East started with one spade and seven clubs. He must have at least four hearts for his jump to game in that suit. So, you know that he has at most one diamond. Play a diamond to your king, then lead a diamond to dummy's jack, claiming when the finesse wins.

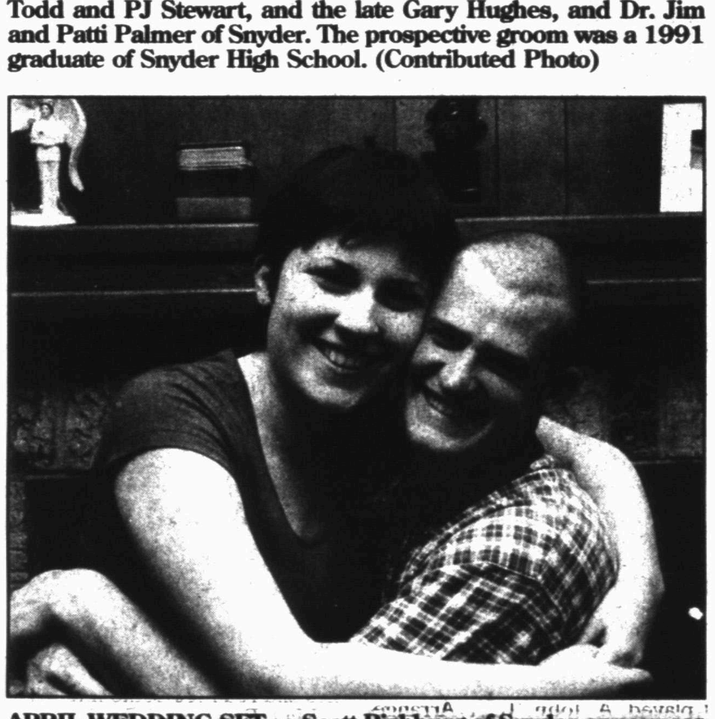
By far the most common mistake made by my students is playing too quickly.

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PALMER-HUGHES ENGAGED — Nikky Hughes and J.K. Palmer, both of Los Angeles, announce their engagement and wedding plans for July 12. The ceremony will be held in a Japanese garden at the bride-elect's parents' home in Sedalia, Colo., the foothills of the Rockies. Parents of the couple are Todd and PJ Stewart, and the late Gary Hughes, and Dr. Jim and Patti Palmer of Snyder. The prospective groom was a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School. (Contributed Photo)



APRIL WEDDING SET — Scott Richburg of Snyder announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Jemma Christine Richburg, to David Terry Sutton Jr. He is the son of David and Jeanette Sutton of Snyder. The couple will marry at 7 p.m. on April 19 in the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)



Summer Ray and Clark Campbell
(Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, April 4

A Group

1. Gwen Riggs, Anne Spitler.
2. Durelle Gorman, Anita Talbott.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
4. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group

1. Durelle Gorman, Anita Talbott.
2. Betty Courtney, Tizzy Hall.
3. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.
4. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

Tuesday, April 8

1. Margaret Birdwell, Peggy Hardin tied with Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Dora Blakey, Dorothy Rosson.

Ray, Campbell former WTC students make wedding plans

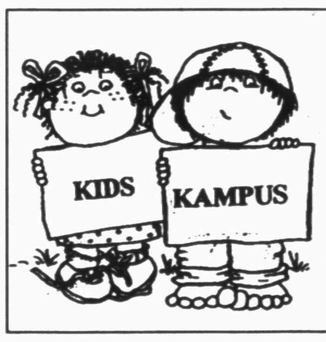
Don and Amelia Ray and Lee Ruth Campbell, all of Goldthwaite, announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Summer Ray of Wichita Falls, to Clark Campbell of Byers.

Summer is the daughter of Greg and Tracy Ray of Electra and the niece of Curtis and K'Ann Fletcher of Snyder. Clark is the son of Sam and Cathy Campbell of Goldthwaite. Grandparents of the couple are Wes and Pat O'Neal of Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Head and Lee Ruth Campbell, all of Goldthwaite.

Summer attended Western Texas College and will graduate from Midwestern State University in May with a bachelor's degree in business.

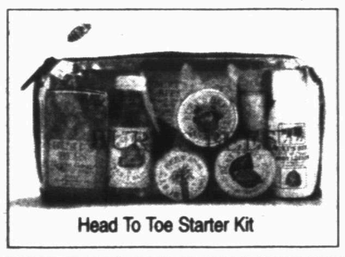
Clark also attended WTC and is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is the agricultural science teacher for Byers ISD.

The couple will be married June 7 in the First Baptist Church in Electra.



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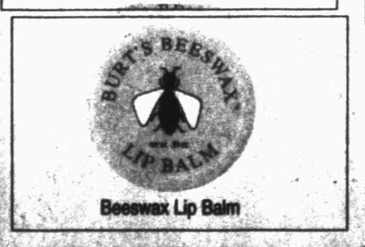


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Deere, Trujillo pledge solemn vows in First United Methodist Church

Leslie Janelle Deere and Cory John Trujillo were married at 3 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2002, in the First United Methodist Church.

Chuck Sammons, brother of the groom of Midland and pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church in Snyder, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Stacey Tavarez and Robert and Donna Salge, all of Abilene. The groom's parents are Rudy and Anniece Trujillo of Snyder.

The church was decorated with aisle markers of mixed Christmas greens, holly, white snowflake lilies, red poinsettias and million star gyps, all accented with wired muted red ribbon with touches of silver.

Two large arrangements of red and white poinsettias mixed with silk wintergreens accented with touches of silver and red taffeta ribbons placed on silver pedestal wedding stands. Five 15-light fan candelabras with red poinsettias combined for the backdrop for the couple's exchanging of vows. Two seven-light candelabras were placed behind the Lord's Supper table that was draped in white satin with assorted candlesticks.

Five-light candlesticks were in each window, with assorted candlesticks and red poinsettias placed throughout the church. The aisle was lined with white to resemble snow for the bride.

Candelighters were Banks Alexander and Cory Chesser, both of Snyder.

Kim Gorman played the harp as guests entered the church and for the seating of the parents. Cody Tavarez, brother of the bride, escorted the bride's mother. The groom escorted his parents, hugging and kissing his mom and shaking hands with his dad as they were seated.

Cindy Nix, friend of the family sang, "Let It Be Me," accompanied by D'Ann Preston at the piano. As the maid of honor and bride's attendants entered, she played A John Tesh Arrangement of "Halcyon Days."

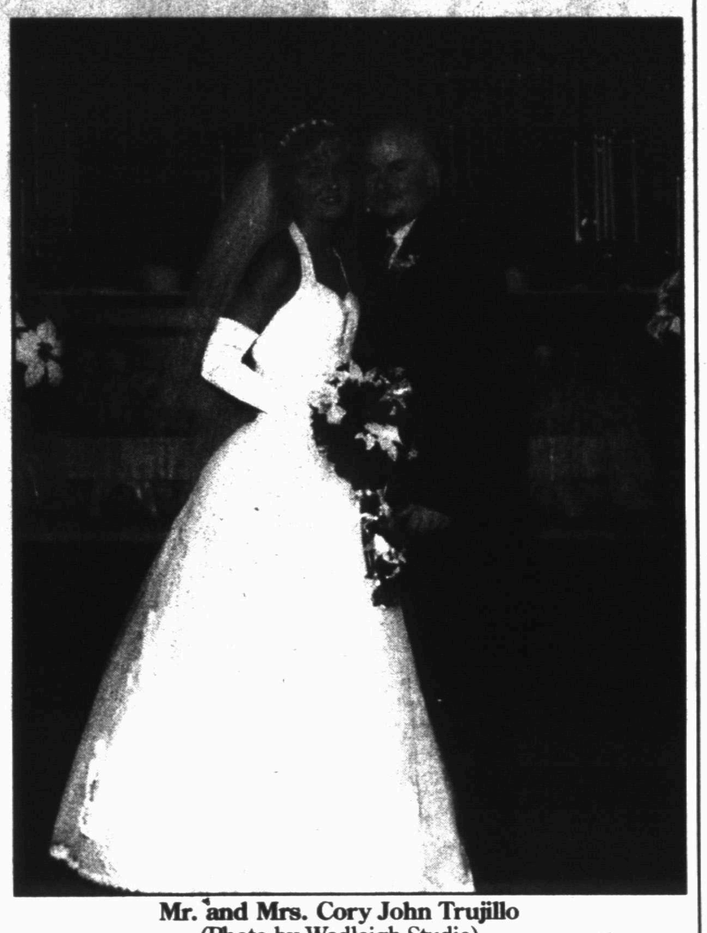
As the bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, D'Ann played "Faithful and True Bridal Chorus," by Lohengrin.

During the lighting of the unity candle, Cindy sang "The Lord's Prayer." D'Ann played "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" as the couple and their attendants exited.

The bride chose a long white halter gown by Artemis, with beaded pearl flowers with lace trim. She also wore a long veil with diamond flower tiara and elbow-length satin gloves. Her bouquet, made by her mother, was a red, white and silver miniature poinsettia with tiny pearls, ribbons and tiny white lights.

In keeping with tradition, something old was her stepmothers' wedding band and something new was her gown. Something borrowed was a diamond and ruby pendant, given to the groom's mother on her first wedding anniversary by the groom's father, and something blue was her garter.

Stacey Shaw, the bride's sister from Enid, Miss., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Allison Cornett and April Lollar of Snyder. All wore Forever Yours gowns of red satin and they carried bouquets of white miniature poinsettias with red and silver ribbons, also made by the bride's mother.



Mr. and Mrs. Cory John Trujillo
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Twin daughter's of Quincey and Kim Hines of Abilene, were flower girls. They wore white organza dresses and carried white baskets with red ribbons filled with artificial snowflakes.

Zachary Deere, son of the bride, was ring bearer. Three cousins, Shawn Deere of Snyder and Travis and Joshua Shaw of Enid, Miss., accompanied him. All wore black tuxedos with tails, silver fullback vests with silver ties and red rose boutonnieres.

Matt Preston of Snyder was best man. Groomsmen were Jay Ball and Rick Schwertner of Snyder. Ushers were Cody Tavarez of Abilene, brother of the bride, James Allen Shields and Banks Alexander of Snyder.

The groom wore an Andrew Fezza Savoy tuxedo with tails, a silver fullback vest, a silver Windsor tie and a red rose boutonniere. Best man and groomsmen all wore black Classic tuxedoes with silver fullback vests, silver Windsor ties and red rose boutonnieres.

Starling Shields of Snyder registered guests as they entered the church. The table was draped in white satin, a picture of the bride and groom when they were toddlers, framed with the inscription "a life long search has reached its end, I have found both my love and best friend," and a silver candlestick with white candle sat atop the table. Starling presented guest with cards of thanks embedded with flower seeds to plant, and as the flowers grow, also will the couples' love and the memories they will always cherish.

The reception dinner was held at Rudy's Restaurant. Guests were served baked ham with cherry sauce, roast beef with au jus, baked or mashed potatoes, green beans and corn. A salad bar held an assortment of different salads along with fresh fruit.

A 16-foot cake table draped in white held both the bride's and groom's cakes. The bride's four-tiered white cake with white frosting was adorned with tiny pearls draped around all layers, accented with white doves. It was topped with a porcelain bride and groom. Almond punch was served from a silver punch bowl. Kim Hines served the bride's cake.

Melonie Schwertner served the groom's cake. It was a red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting decorated in the NASCAR track with miniature racecars. Coffee was served from a silver service beside mint chocolate kisses and assorted nuts. Floating candle snowflakes and a bride and groom snow couple were placed in the center of the table. Patsy Hart of Snyder made the cakes.

The couple reside in Snyder.

The bride was born in Abilene, graduated from Abilene High in 1997 and is employed by Suntrax.

The groom was born in Ocala, Fla., and was reared in Snyder, graduating from SHS in 1998 and from T.S.T.I. in Sweetwater in 1999. He is employed at Big Country Auto Land.

A shower was held for the couple on Dec. 15 in the home of Francine Noah. Other hostesses include Debra Davis, Vina Strayhorn, Shirley Pate, Dorothy Taylor, Linda Hardy and Lea Ann Shields.

An early childhood friend of the groom, Sterling Doty who attends West Point, along with his parents, Bob and Darla Doty from Stephenville surprised the groom when they entered the church. It had been several years since the friends had seen each other.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Chocolate Chip Muffin
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Donut
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Texas Cinnamon Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
No School

LUNCH
Elementary Schools
Monday
Cheese Enchiladas or
Crispy Beef Tacos
Refried Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan on a Bun
or
Turkey & Noodles
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Popcorn Chicken Burrito or
Crispy Beef Taco
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Corn Bread
Thursday
Wrangler Lunch
Campfire Cheeseburger
Frito Corn Chips
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Pickle Wedges
Fresh Watermelon

LUNCH
High School and Junior High
Monday
Beef Enchiladas
Chicken Soft Taco
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan on a Bun
Turkey & Noodles
Pepperoni Pizza
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Popcorn Chicken Burrito
Crispy Beef Taco
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Corn Bread
Thursday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Waffle Fries
Tossed Salad w/Dressing
Fresh Watermelon

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and juice is served with breakfast.

Monday
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Sausage
Toast
Thursday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Out for Easter Holidays

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Quesadillas
Salsa Sauce
Tater Tots
Tortilla Chips
Pineapple Slice
Tuesday
German Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Corn Bread
Fruit Nut Bars

Wednesday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Strawberries & Peaches
Thursday
Stromboli
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Oranges

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk and juice is available for breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Sausage on a Stick
Tuesday
Waffles
Bacon
Wednesday
Homemade Burritos
Thursday
Assorted Cereal
Toast
Friday
Out of School

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Quesadillas
Spanish Rice
Salad
Pears
Tuesday
Hamburgers
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Tater Tots
Banana Pudding
Wednesday
Sliced Turkey w/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Easter Cake
Thursday
Sack Lunches

Jones is expecting

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — What could be the world's fastest baby is on the way.

Olympic champion Marion Jones and boyfriend Tim Montgomery, the 100-meter world-record holder, confirmed Thursday that Jones is pregnant. The baby is due this summer.

Jones will not compete in any events this year, including the world championships in Paris, where she would be the defending 200-meter champion.

But she promises to be ready for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

"We couldn't be happier," the 27-year-old Jones said in a statement released from the couple's home in Raleigh.

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Ellen Strayhorn & Hisham Musallam
Jillian Vieth & Isaac Spoor
Jessica Perkins & Danny White
Dawne & Kris Randolph
Lora Sweetman & Ben Poe
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FOREE WINS CAMERA — Dink Foree, right, won the video camera given away at the Snyder Oaks Care Center's chamber of commerce ribbon cutting and open house Wednesday. (Contributed Photo)

Tourist attraction

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago has a new tourist attraction — at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

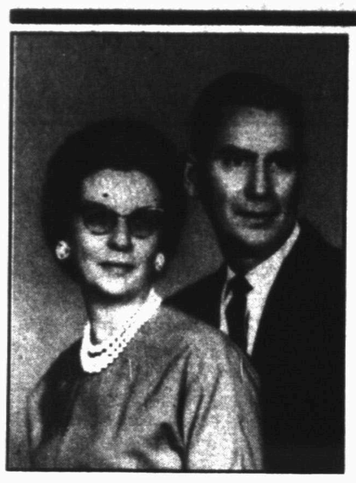
Divers towed an old ferry to a spot 10 miles off Navy Pier on Thursday and sunk it, to make a place recreational divers can explore underwater.

The 75-year-old Straits of Mackinac used to haul vehicles and passengers across the waterway of the same name in upper Michigan.

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Angelia and Arvis L. Carey

Careys celebrate 64th anniversary

Angelia Jacobs and Arvis L. Carey were married on April 15, 1939 in Burkburnett.

They have lived at 119 Browning in Snyder for 51 years and said that they "are glad to call Snyder home."

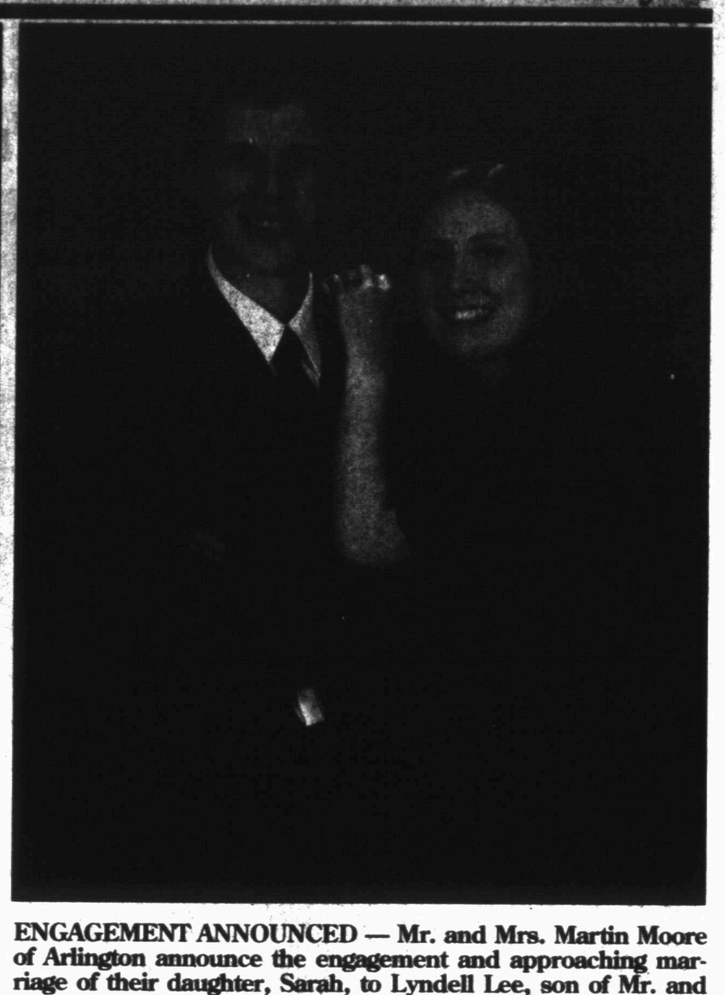
Arvis retired from Texaco in 1982 and Angelea has always been a homemaker who loves to make quilts.

They have a daughter, Leslie Jan Watson of Abilene; a son, Scott L. Carey of Ft. Stockton; four granddaughters and four great-granddaughters.

Angelia and Arvis are members of East Side Church of Christ.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED — The children and grandchildren of E.B. and Pat Dennis hosted a golden wedding anniversary celebration Feb. 21-23 at the home of Jal and Michele Dennis of Wylie. Highlights of the party were an informal dinner at Saltgrass in Richardson and attending the theatre in Dallas viewing "I Love You–You Are Perfect–Now Change," a musical comedy of a longtime marriage. From left, front row, are Trace Dennis, E.B. and Pat Dennis, Jared Dennis; back row, Summer and Mark Love, Jal and Michele Dennis, Mike and Marci McCormick, Cory Mandrell and Jodi Dennis. Eli Love, 19 months old, is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Martin Moore of Arlington announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Lyndell Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Lee of Snyder. The wedding is planned for June 28 in Arlington. (Contributed Photo)

Bob Hope turns 100

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Hope, who celebrates his 100th birthday next month, will be named "Citizen of the Century" Tuesday by the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Hope won't be attending, but participants in the plaque dedication ceremony will include Kelsey Grammer, Phyllis Diller, Dennis Miller and Cindy Williams.

The ceremony in front of the Hollywood Entertainment Museum will coincide with the release by Universal Studios Home Video of the "Bob Hope 100th Birthday Tribute Collection," 12 DVDs featuring 17 of his movies.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

We hope you enjoyed this past week, as you celebrated National Library Week with us. We thank all our patrons for their wonderful support.

Join the library board and library staff this Tuesday evening, April 15, at 7 p.m. for another literary evening entitled, "An American Evening." Books about soldiers and American history will be displayed and several local veterans will be speaking.

Rex Nall will talk about his experiences as a soldier in World War II, and Eddie Don Floyd will share anecdotes about his tour of duty during the Korean War. Any other veterans attending will be invited to share their thoughts also. Attend this evening and give your thanks to these fine veterans.

Currently, the Scurry County Library is in the midst of its periodical fundraiser. Since some of our previous sponsors of magazines have moved away or have decided to no longer sponsor a magazine, we are in need of new sponsors.

Some of the magazines that need to be adopted are Cobblestone (for children), Jet Magazine, Latina, Family Circle, Organic Gardening and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Most of these magazines are approximately $20 a year, except for Jet which is $38 a year.

If you, your club, or your business can sponsor one of these magazines, call the library and arrange your tax-deductible donation. If you wish, we will put your name on the magazine cover so that everyone knows you are supporting literacy and current events at the Scurry County Library.

The library will be closed April 18-19, for Good Friday and Easter. It will reopen on April 21 with the usual hours.

Remember, Storytime is every Monday morning at 10 a.m. Bring your preschooler for stories and games.

Don't forget the "American Evening" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the library reading room. Come and listen to stories of sacrifice and courage for our country. No matter how you feel about war, you will find the stories of these veterans very touching and inspiring.

Noise not welcome

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — In America's most mannerly city, it would be downright rude to rev one's motorcycle engine too loudly, the city council says.

Some bikers planning to attend a nearby rally next week say an ordinance approved Tuesday is not hospitable at all.

"It's scaring the bikers. We're not welcome," said Tommy Murray of Hanahan. "You're not going to go somewhere where you're not welcome."

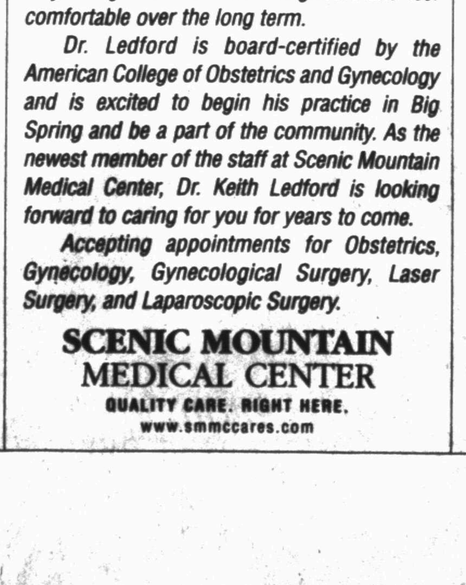
The council amended the city's noise ordinance to ban loud revving of engines. Supporters say it's aimed at noisy motorcycles and is not intended to spoil the rally.

As many as 50,000 bikers are expected to attend the Heritage Motorcycle Rally next week in suburban Ladson, although bikers are expected in downtown Charleston and other areas as well.

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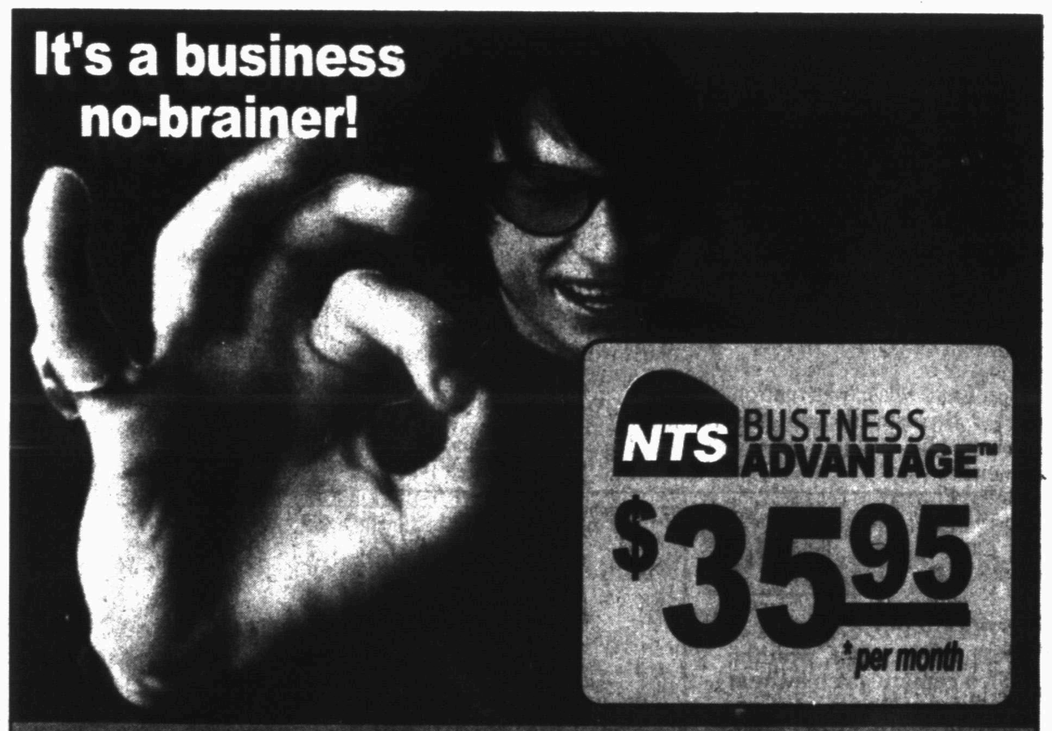
Dr. Keith Ledford is a dedicated advocate for quality health care for women. Having practiced for more than 20 years as an OB/GYN physician in many prominent medical facilities, Dr. Ledford believes in a comprehensive and caring approach that is built on patient trust.

Dr. Ledford was born and raised in Detroit where he attended Michigan State University. He is married to Willa Ledford who is a native of Oklahoma. Together, they have decided to make Big Spring their home, because they prefer to live in a smaller community where they can get to know their neighbors and feel comfortable over the long term.

Dr. Ledford is board-certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is excited to begin his practice in Big Spring and be a part of the community. As the newest member of the staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Dr. Keith Ledford is looking forward to caring for you for years to come.

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Wings program presented at junior high

Dr. Jon Hunter, from Texas A&M Veterinary School's Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, and his son, Adam, presented programs recently at Snyder Junior High School.

Wings Across Texas, experiential learning for middle school students, is provided through PEER a partnership involving Texas A&M University, the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Members of the PEER team make presentations throughout the school year. The 45-minute activities include *Water — Our Most Previous Resource* and *The Jade Dragon*, the one SJHS students participated in.

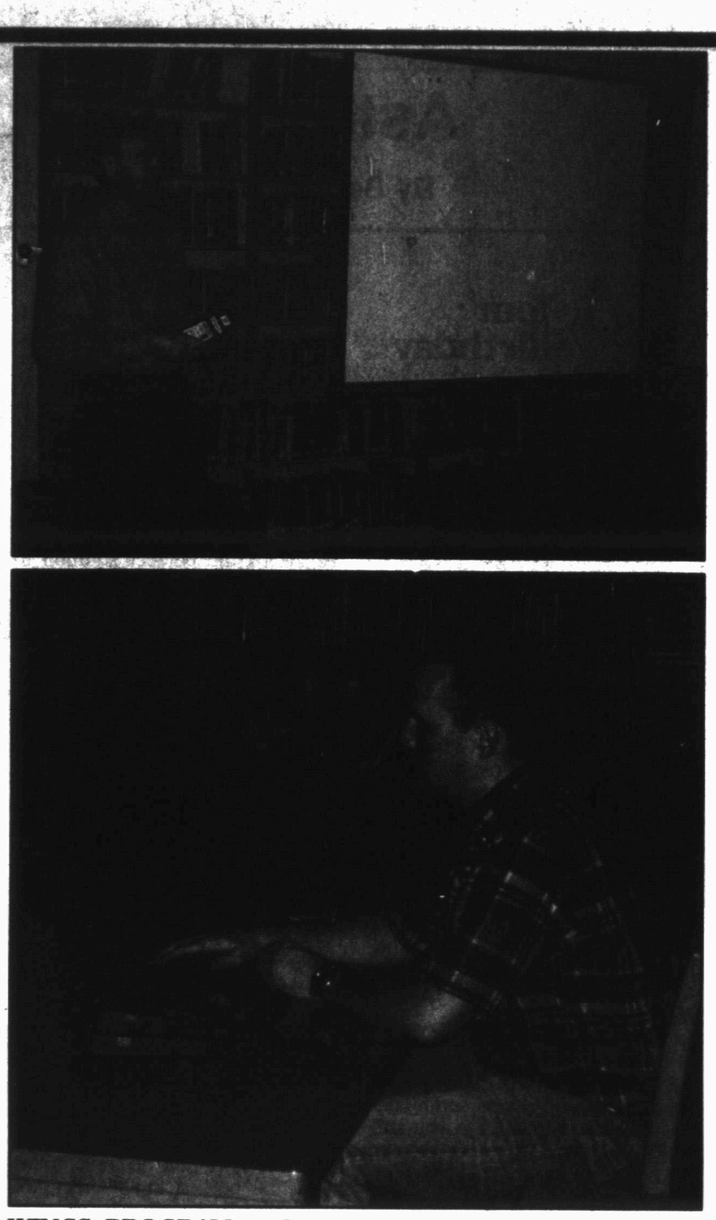
Prior to the visit, students had been divided into three-member teams. They had also read the *Jade Dragon*.

This is a story that involves two young teenagers in Texas who travel to China to retrieve a family heirloom.

During their journey, to the Three Gorges Dam project along the Yangtze River, one of the students meets his grandfather who is dying of lung cancer.

Using keypads and a wireless response system, a series of English, social studies, science and mathematics problems pertaining to the story line are presented to the students.

Wings Across Texas is a not-for-profit, 501c3 corporation supported by a grant provided by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.



WINGS PROGRAM — Jon Hunter, top photo, and his son, Adam, bottom photo, recently presented a program, Wings Across Texas, at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Executions are down in world

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people executed by governments worldwide fell dramatically last year, but increased in the United States, which is the only known country to apply the death penalty for crimes committed as juveniles, Amnesty International reported Friday.

The report, "Death Penalty Worldwide: Developments in 2002," said that 1,526 people were known to be executed in 31 countries in 2002. China, Iran and the United States accounted for 81 percent of all executions.

The worldwide total is down from 3,048 executions in 2001, mainly because of a sharp drop in Chinese executions. Amnesty counted 2,468 executions in China in 2001. The total fell to 1,060 in 2002.

China implemented a "strike hard" policy in 2001 that imposed death sentences on people convicted of lesser crimes and resulted in a surge in executions, according to Amnesty spokesman Alistair Hodgett.

Iran had the second-most executions last year, 113, followed by the United States with 71, according to the report. The U.S. total was an increase of five from the previous year.

Cyprus, Serbia and Montenegro abolished capital punishment, while Turkey abolished the death penalty in practice, according to the report.

Last year, the United States was the only known country to execute people who committed crimes as juveniles.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, the three people put to death for juvenile crimes were:

—Napoleon Beazley, 17 at the time of his crime, 25 when put to death.

—T.J. Jones, 17 at the time of his crime, 25 when put to death.

—Toronto Patterson, 17 at the time of his crime, 24 when put to death.

Missing Australian teen resurfaces during trial of her alleged murderer

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australian teenager Natasha Ryan, who disappeared four years ago and was presumed dead, has resurfaced — midway through the trial of an alleged serial killer charged with her murder.

Ryan, now 18, was found Thursday, hiding in a closet at her 26-year-old boyfriend's home just half a mile from her mother's home in Rockhampton in Queensland state.

She was being questioned on Friday by police who earlier interviewed her boyfriend. It was not immediately clear whether charges would be filed.

Ryan's dramatic reappearance coincided with the trial in a Queensland court of Leonard John Fraser, 51, who was charged with the murder of her and three other women whose bodies have been found.

Prosecutors immediately dropped the charge against Fraser for Ryan's murder, although the three other murder counts remain.

The case has been adjourned until Monday, when Fraser's lawyers are expected to argue that they also be withdrawn and the entire trial abandoned.

Fraser had pleaded innocent to all four murders.

Ryan disappeared when she was 14. Her family had been so sure she was dead, they held a memorial service for her a year ago.

A police spokesman said officers raided the boyfriend's house after a tip-off arising from Fraser's trial.

Ryan's father, Robert, confirmed his daughter's identity over the phone by asking her to tell him his pet name for her. She answered correctly.

Detectives questioned the boyfriend Scott Black on Thursday night before releasing him and referring the case to the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions.

Black, a milkman, had been fined $600 in 1998 for obstructing a police investigation in a previous incident in 1995 when Ryan ran away from home for the first time and stayed in a hotel.

Robert Ryan's second wife, Debbie Ryan, said her husband had been hit "pretty hard" by the shock of discovering his daughter was alive.

Natasha Ryan returned to her mother's home Thursday night. The house was besieged by media Friday but neither Ryan, her mother nor Black have made any public statements.

The family's lawyer Ross Lo Monaco said that when police phoned the mother, Jenny Ryan, on Thursday to tell her they had found Natasha, she at first assumed they were talking about a body.

Second former FBI agent quits U.S. lab in Chinese spy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second former FBI agent who acknowledged an affair with a suspected Chinese double agent has resigned his sensitive security post at a California nuclear weapons lab, law enforcement officials said Friday.

William Cleveland Jr. worked in Chinese counterintelligence before taking a job at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He resigned Thursday as chief of security, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Livermore spokeswoman Lynda Seaver did not immediately respond to a message left early Friday morning.

Cleveland is one of two former FBI counterintelligence agents who acknowledged lengthy affairs with the alleged double agent, Katrina Leung. Leung is being held without bond on charges of passing secrets to the People's Republic of China while also an intelligence "asset" on the FBI payroll.

The other agent, James J. Smith, is free on $250,000 bond on charges of gross negligence for allegedly allowing Leung access to classified materials during their two-decade affair.

Cleveland is not charged and is not referred to by name in affidavits filed after Smith and Leung were arrested. Law enforcement officials confirmed he is the former agent referred to in the documents.

Throughout the affidavits, Cleveland is referred to as an unnamed supervisor in Chinese counterintelligence in the FBI's San Francisco office. Smith worked in Chinese counterintelligence in Los Angeles, where Leung is a prominent political activist and socialite.

The court documents say Cleveland acknowledged a lengthy sexual relationship with Leung that continued after he left the FBI and went to work at the Livermore lab. The documents also say that in 1991, he listened to a tape of Leung and her Chinese intelligence contact that made clear to him she was passing secrets to China.

After Cleveland confronted Smith about it, Smith insisted that he had addressed the problem — and nothing more was done until an investigation that began a few months after FBI Director Robert Mueller took office in September 2001.

The documents do not say whether Leung obtained any classified information from Cleveland. The items that she allegedly obtained from Smith include lists of FBI agents' names, a memo about Chinese fugitives and a telephone list involving an investigation into Peter Lee, an employee at defense contractor TRW Inc. who pleaded guilty in 1997 to passing secret information to China.

FBI officials say the investigation is continuing and that more charges are possible. They also say that so far, nothing has emerged to indicate that the information provided by Leung constitutes a major breach of national security.

Federal study: More smokers are lighting up occasionally

ATLANTA (AP) — While the percentage of American smokers hasn't significantly changed over the past few years, a federal survey has found a bump in the number of occasional smokers.

Analysts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said increased cigarette prices, higher taxes and smoking bans in public areas are likely reasons people are smoking less frequently.

A comparison of annual state surveys conducted from 1996 to 2001 shows that while the percentage of smokers remained steady, the number who said they smoked only occasionally rose in 38 states and the District of Columbia.

"This is still a phenomenon that we don't fully understand," said Terry Pechacek, associate director for science for the CDC's Office for Smoking and Health. "When it was first picked up in the 1980s, it was discounted in the public health community as an almost aberrant phenomenon. It was almost unusual for someone not to be a daily smoker."



FOR A GOOD CAUSE — Snyder coaches, staff and students recently participated in a basketball game to raise money for Relay For Life. The American Cancer Society's fundraiser is set April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. (Contributed Photo)

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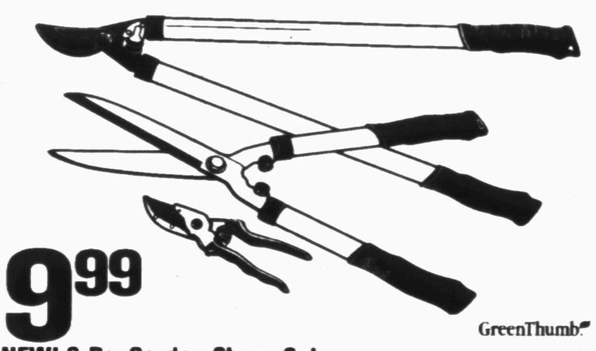
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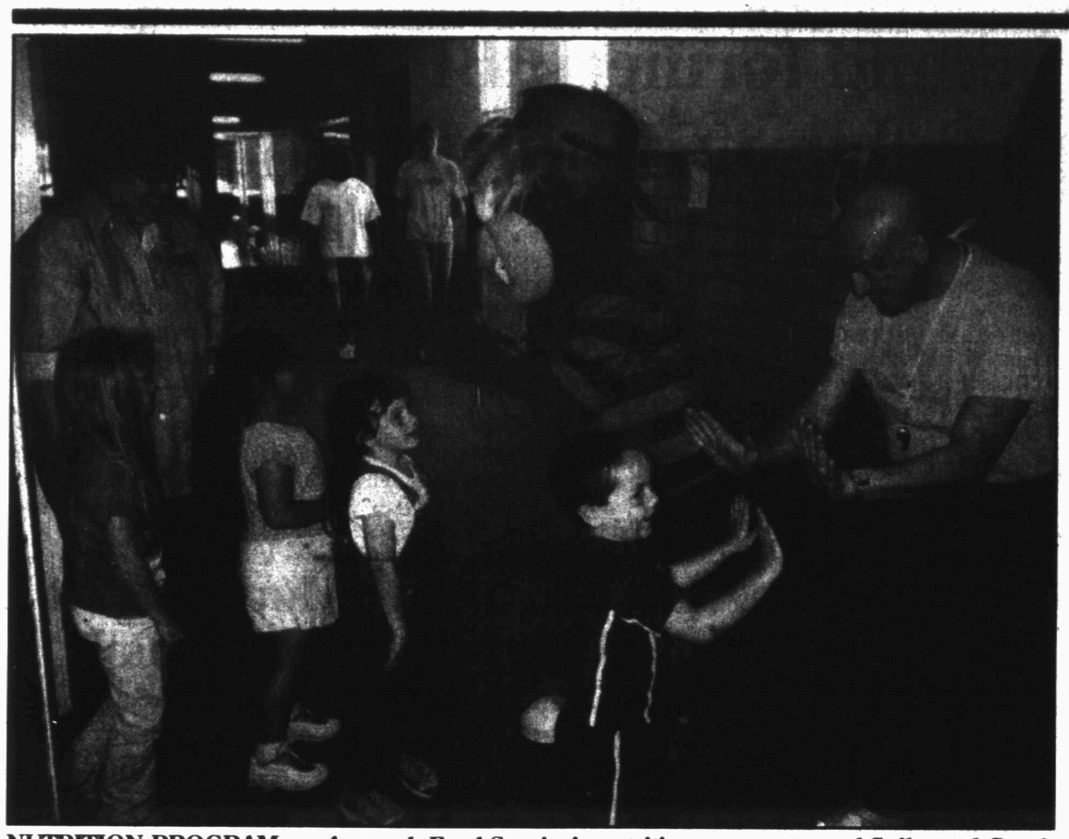


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NUTRITION PROGRAM — Aramark Food Service's nutrition mascot named Spike and Coach recently visited Snyder ISD's kindergarten through second grade students. Aramark prepares meals for Snyder ISD. (Contributed Photo)

Duncanville teen takes up fight to save academy for the gifted

DALLAS (AP) — Like many college students, Adam Smith lives in a dorm room and spends weekends hanging out with friends. In between, there is lots of studying and test taking.

There's just one difference with Smith — he's not in college yet.

Smith is one of 400 students at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, where the state's brightest high school juniors and seniors get a regular diploma while taking courses that count toward a college degree.

Before he graduates in May and heads off to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the 18-year-old has one last extracurricular activity, a parting gift for next year's class.

Smith is asking fellow students and administrators to tell lawmakers to pass legislation that would help the academy, called TAMS for short, survive a growing budget crisis. He's even taken his message to the masses with a Web site, www.tamsi.net.

"I'm doing this to ensure that it's there for the people behind me," the Duncanville native said. "If I didn't come to TAMS, I would still be in my old high school. I would have exhausted my opportunities in math and science. Coming to TAMS has really given me a great opportunity to challenge myself."

The academy on the campus of the University of North Texas, in Denton, gets money from two sources: a special appropriation from the Legislature and the Texas Education Agency's school foundation fund, dean Richard Sinclair said.

Since it was created by the Legislature in 1987, the amount of money the academy gets from the TEA fund has dwindled. The reason, Sinclair said, is because the academy's TEA funding is linked to how much the Denton County school district gets from property taxes.

The number of county residents has skyrocketed in recent years, lowering the amount of money the district gets from TEA — TAMS included, Sinclair said.

This year, the academy expected $600,000 but got $400,000. Had it been separate from the school district, TAMS would have received $1.3 million, Sinclair said.

"We don't have a tax base," Sinclair said. "We're just one little school. We're sort of caught in a catch-22 sort of situation."

Added Smith: "As a student coming from the TAMS academy, I think their math is a little off."

The issue has been taken up by state Rep. Myra Crownover, R-Denton, who is sponsoring House Bill 1363, which would remove the academy from the school district, boosting its funding.

TAMS students must pay $4,500 for room and board; the annual $6,000 tuition is paid by the state.

"If we don't get this chance in the legislature, we're going to be in the position of having to ask the families to pay the tuition cost, in addition to room and board," Sinclair said. "Our greatest concern is that the economically disadvantaged students aren't going to be able to come to the academy, and that's just going to be terrible."

TAMS is one of two two-year early college entrance programs in Texas.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 13, 2003

There's a good chance you could get involved in an endeavor in the year ahead with someone you've known for a long time. The union will derive benefit for both, and the alliance will forge a strong bond.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A friend of yours who is not necessarily a reliable source may let you in on what she or he believes is a great buy. Check out prices and quality elsewhere, or you could be taken.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Watch your back today or someone undeserving might try to take credit for something you accomplished. Stand up for the credit you are entitled to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Before being talked into making a commitment today to an endeavor about which you know little, better check out what this promise entails. It might be bigger than you think.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful not to be too talkative today — it could cause you to get careless and reveal some confidential fact entrusted to you and could lead to the undoing of your trustworthiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do not put too much stock on a promise made to you today by a group with whom you'll be involved socially. Once you're out of sight, their good intentions may disappear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't have any trouble performing tasks that you choose to do or enjoy doing. When it comes to jobs being thrust on you, however, it could be another matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone in your social group who has an axe to grind may attempt to involve you in his or her petty politics today. Don't allow yourself to be used as a pawn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's important not to be wishy-washy today when it comes to issues that affect the welfare of your family. You're the one who is bold enough to stand up for what's right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Things aren't always what they appear to be, so be appreciative of what you have instead of being envious of everybody else. If you had all the facts, you'd think differently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take care that those extravagant whims you get from time to time do not rear their ugly heads today. Your inclinations for instant gratification could cause you to buy a lot of worthless stuff.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you are specific enough about what you want, a friend who is willing to help you advance your interests might be confused about what you want and could cause harm instead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take your emotions too seriously today, because your ability to analyze situations accurately isn't up to par. You could see things either too negative or unduly optimistic.

Monday, April 14, 2003

It would prove to your benefit in the year ahead to concentrate on projects or enterprises that are bold and stalwart. Your success will provide you with personal fulfillment and rewarding dividends that can't be bought.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Chances are some knowledge you recently acquired could come in mighty handy today when you realize it's the perfect solution to apply to a problem you're confronted with. Good thing you listened.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Hang tough when negotiating a financial contractual agreement today. Call the other guy's bluff if the terms appear out of line. If you still don't get a satisfactory deal, walk away from it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's going to be up to you to show some leadership and become the motivating force in a partnership arrangement today. Your counterpart will follow your cues and supply the back-up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Having both the insight to know where your opportunities lie and a willingness to be enterprising in going after what you want will make you a big success today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone you thought you hadn't been able to reach and make progress with could put this erroneous assumption to rest today when the person finally becomes responsive to your overtures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Friends who have you in their corner today will be pretty darn lucky. You'll come through for them and give them fresh courage and strength to carry on with what needs to be done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your mental faculties are especially keen today and can be focused on most any project you fancy, but cash in on your cerebral prowess by selecting the toughest ones to work on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because you're willing to work hard and long for what you hope to accomplish today, the aspects indicate you'll have excellent chances of achieving them and possibly even more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may need the gauntlet to be thrown down today in order to get you going. Otherwise, unless you are faced with some type of challenge, your attitude is likely to be too easygoing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do nothing that is devious, but by the same token don't be too obvious about your purposes today, either. Use the indirect approach in all your undertakings to achieve your ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try to team up with friends or associates who are as energetic and enthusiastic about what they're doing today as you are in order to ease your restlessness. They're your cure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The more ambitious an undertaking is, the better you'll be able to perform and push yourself today to achieve your ends. Channel your efforts toward some kind of worthwhile objective.

Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Student newspaper shut down over April Fools' Day issue

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — Stetson University suspended publication of its student newspaper and fired the editorial staff because an April Fools' Day issue included profanity, racist jokes and a sex column advocating rape and domestic violence.

The Reporter, founded in 1887 and billed as the state's first college newspaper, was shut down Wednesday for the remainder of the school year.

Staff members said they were given 15 minutes to clear their belongings out of the office as the locks were being changed.

The Reporter traditionally pokes fun at the faculty, student groups and itself with an April Fools' edition renamed The Distorter. But school officials say the students went too far this year.

"There's not much in this year's Distorter that you can laugh about," said Michelle Espinosa, the dean of students. "We believe very strongly in students' need for autonomy. But the students do assume responsibility for their editorial decisions."

Inside the fake issue, the Howard Thurman lecture series — designed to promote racial dialogue — was satirized with an article about a racist Civil War enthusiast drinking beer at a podium. The weekly sex column was written in Ebonics. Another phony advertisements included a spray that "Kills townies dead" and one featuring profanity in giant block letters, "Because we are allowed to print it," it said.

"We pushed some buttons that may not have needed to be pushed," said sex columnist August Brown.

Though no longer affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention, Stetson is still considered a conservative school. Alcohol wasn't allowed on its DeLand and St. Petersburg campuses until 1995.

The newspaper had been under pressure from administrators to tone down the content of recent editions. After the April 1 edition, school officials said they were inundated with calls and e-mails from upset alumni, faculty and students.

Staffers said they were disappointed they were fired without warning and that even people who had no say in the paper's editorial content lost their jobs.

"We've learned a lot in the last week as students and journalists," said fired editor in chief Teresa Schwarz. "I think that's something they're overlooking."

Administrators and student leaders will work to start a new student newspaper in the fall, Espinosa said. Former staff members may reapply and will be considered for rehiring, she said.

Philbin gets star on Hollywood walk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Who wants to be a millionaire with his name on the Hollywood Walk of Fame? That would be Regis Philbin.

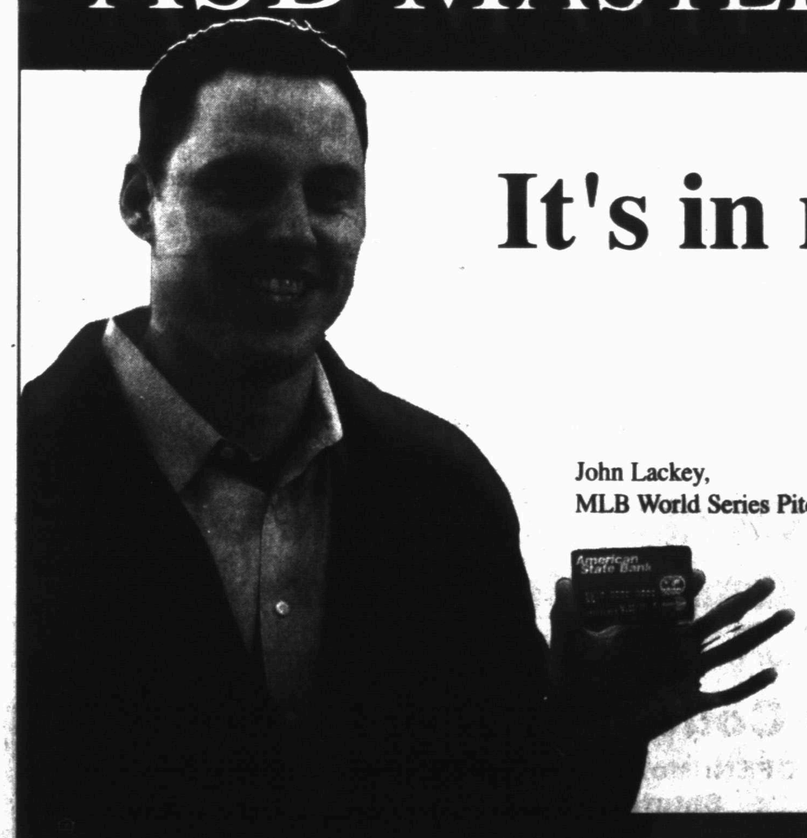
The daytime co-host of "Live with Regis and Kelly" and former star of the ABC's evening game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" received the 2,222nd star on the Hollywood Boulevard sidewalk.

Disney chairman Michael Eisner, talk show host Larry King and comic Don Rickles were among the celebrities who gathered Thursday to praise Philbin for his 40 years of broadcast experience.

The New York-born TV personality joins recent honorees including Steven Spielberg, Nicole Kidman and Morgan Freeman.

"I guess they've loosened up the rules lately to include people like me, but I'm grateful for it and it's a big thrill. But I don't consider myself to be in their league," the 71-year-old Philbin said.

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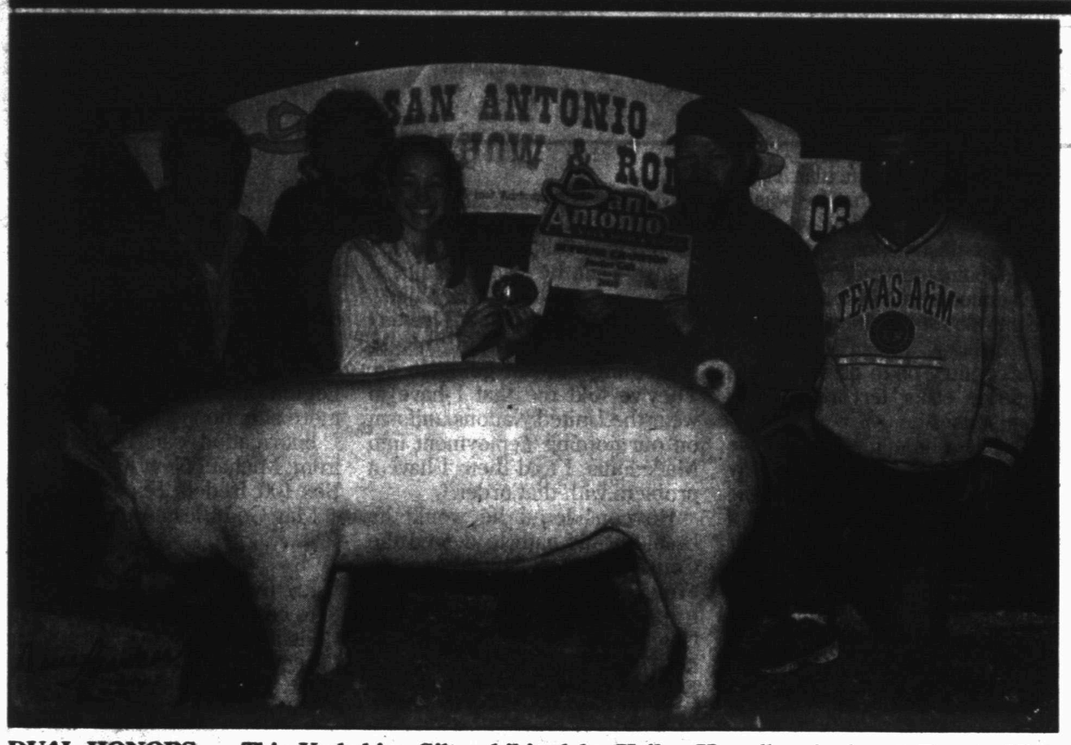


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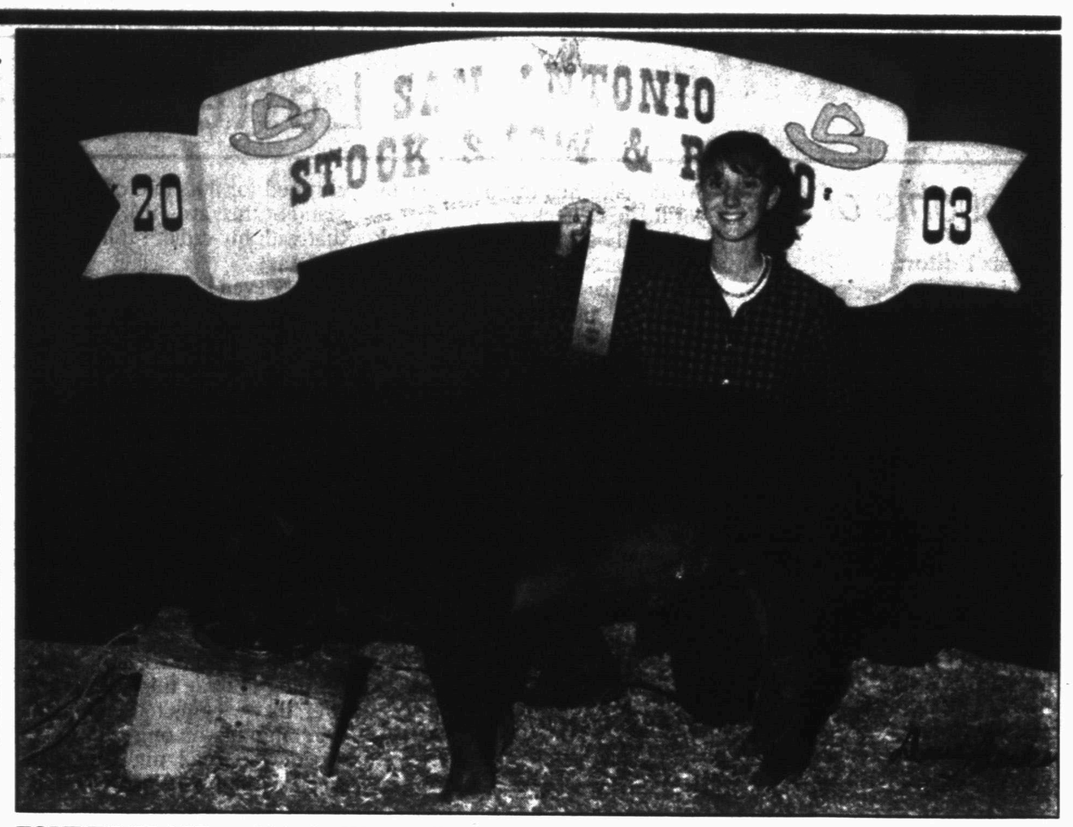
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DUAL HONORS — This Yorkshire Gilt exhibited by Kailey Howell, a junior at Bronte High School, recently garnered both Champion and Supreme Champion honors at the San Antonio Stock Show. She received a $10,000 scholarship, a new CM trailer, and a belt buckle. Pictured with Kailey are from left, her brother, Wes, her mother Kathy, judge Steve Nichols and her dad, Rick Howell. Kailey is the granddaughter of Ray and Betty Atkinson and Wilson and Joy Howell, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



FOURTH PLACE — Valerie West, 17, a junior at Hermleigh High School and member of Hermleigh's FFA chapter, recently exhibited the fourth place Lightweight Duroc at the San Antonio Stock Show. She is the daughter of Larry and Lori West of Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)

Future rodeo stars go through spring training

TERRELL (AP)— Cowboys on horseback herd a group of ornery bulls from their grassy pasture on a chilly early spring morning, while Jim Gay rides ahead to give one a personal escort.

The black-hatted rancher, bundled up against the cold, runs the humpbacked animal into a solitary pen, where it will be kept away from the others.

"He's his own worst enemy," Gay explains. "He wants to fight all the time, and he can't whup anything. He's like Saddam Hussein."

Bucking bulls come in different sizes, colors and dispositions. Those best at twisting, turning and tossing a cowboy on his backside within eight seconds — the "rankest" bulls — are groomed for rodeo stardom at top venues.

Rodeos are riding a crest of popularity. The 10-year-old Professional Bull Riders Inc., which bills itself "the toughest sport on dirt," fills arenas across the country and showcases riders on television.

Bull riding is the most popular of rodeo events, as fans watch diminutive cowboys wrestle to stay aboard a surly, 1-ton beast. Top riders share fan admiration with animals such as Hammer, Sling Blade and Blueberry Wine.

But before the biggest, baddest stars take the rodeo spotlight, they are groomed at places like Neal Gay's 1,000-acre ranch near Terrell, about 30 miles east of Dallas.

The Gay family name is synonymous with rodeo. Neal Gay founded the Mesquite Championship Rodeo in 1958. Son Don is an eight-time world champion bull rider.

Don's brother, Jim, runs the family's bull-raising operation. An avid baseball fan, he calls the program "spring training" for athletes trying to crack the major leagues.

The ranch provides bulls and other livestock for the Fort Worth Stock Show rodeo and the Mesquite rodeo, which draws 200,000 fans a year.

On a recent day, a team of ranch workers opened and closed a labyrinth of gates, sorting the bulls into pens. A few were to be shipped to PBR events in Fort Worth and Laredo. Some were kept apart because they don't get along with their own kind.

"Most of the time, we don't have any trouble," Jim Gay said. Then, pointing to a bull with a head caked in mud, he added, "Two of these bulls have been fighting. They live with each other out here and they still don't get along."

After the bulls are sorted out — a periodic chore — Gay, 40, and a ranch hand loaded bags of feed for a bumpy pickup ride to surrounding pastures. A pesky coyote streaked across the horizon in broad daylight, and Gay wished aloud that he had his gun.

A herd of cows at one feeder was dwarfed by a monstrous bull named Durango, once a notorious fixture at the Mesquite rodeo. Now the animal enjoys semiretirement as a sire. One of his wobbly calves stood nearby.

"One day," Gay said, "we'll see if he'll buck."

For years, many of the bulls targeted for the arena were purchased at sale barns; whether they could buck was simply the luck of the draw. These days, the focus is on genetics. Gay has even introduced small, feisty Mexican fighting bulls into the mix.

Through breeding programs involving artificial insemination, DNA testing and embryo transfer, owners try to pass genes from their most athletic bulls to future generations. But there are no guarantees.

"Probably the greatest horse that ever lived was Secretariat, but he was not a real great sire. Some of these bulls are fantastic bucking bulls, but they never gave off any great calves," said North Carolinian Tom Teague, part owner of Little Yellow Jacket, last year's PBR Bull of the Year.

Still, Teague said the process is all about taking advantage of great genes.

"You look at Little Yellow Jacket, his father is still bucking, and he's great bull," Teague said. "All of us, that's what we're trying to do is get great bulls."

The career of a bucking bull starts with tryouts in isolated ranch arenas far from roaring crowds. Ranch hands put dummies on the back of young bulls and wait to see what the animal does.

"They'll come out and [illegible]art to spin," Teague said. "When the bull is young, they'll spin and think, 'That's the way I threw that thing off my back.' When he get a little older, maybe about 3, we start putting people on them."

Lee Akin of Weatherford, Okla., who has been riding bulls professionally since 1995 and has a number of injuries to prove it, said the toughest bulls have a combination of qualities including size and a great spin move.

"When you take power and speed and a bull that's not predictable," Akin said, "your top bulls, they have all that."

Bulls can live into their teens — they hit their rodeo prime around 5 — and the best buckers eventually become lynchpins of breeding programs.

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Letters to the editor

Thoughts of war

Dear Editor:

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields

This part of a poem called "In Flanders Fields." A soldier named John McCrae wrote it during World War I.

I have thought of it often the last few weeks as the world debates its future. No one wants war. I can understand when France and Germany balked at a situation where there seems to be no clear solution.

But an alliance is an unconditional pact where sometimes you have to make a commitment when the final solution is far from clear.

On 9-11-2001 we declared war on terrorism. Th first battle took place in the skies over Pennsylvania, not far from Gettysburg and Trenton, N.J. where other battles have been fought. Those who no longer have a voice have passed the torch. If we go alone, we will go for them.

Bill Muncey
Stephenville, Texas

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank the citizens of Snyder who helped my daughter (a Texas Tech student) after her SUV rolled on Hwy. 84 early Sunday morning (3-30-03).

Among those we need to thank are the wonderful gentleman who stopped to help her get out of the vehicle and called your EMS people, Mary, with EMS, who called to reassure me that Becca was, indeed, fine, just shaken & sore and that they would take her to your hospital for further checks.

Your hospital staff, who took every care to ensure that she was fine before she was released, and the hospital staff members who took the time to locate Becca so I could speak with her. I'd also like to thank the man who was covering Bill's Auto on Monday & let us in to get her belongings from her truck (or what's left of it). Your town's citizens really reached out and touched her life in a very positive way. Our family will always remember and appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
Thomas and Robin Belsha
Rebecca Belsha

Stuck with cable

Dear Editor:

Well I see our Snyder leaders have done it again. They still have their eye on the dollar.

When they were getting another cable company to move in, the only thing they concentrated on was the money they would get, completely ignoring the quality of the product, I didn't like their choice but what could I do?

I had settled back and accepted the fact that the money I had spent upgrading my sound system, stereo and surround sound etc. would stay idle until they, COX, moved out.

But now I find they are here until 2015 with their 100-year-old audio system. I doubt they will ever install a better system because they can't even get the AM right.

Monaural is the basic. One notch above a crystal set and they have about 30 decibels difference from one channel to the next. Can you imagine the trouble they would have with even stereo? To think you get this outdated audio at a premium price.

I will give them some credit; I have been able to watch a complete movie without it coming apart most of the time. It's a mystery to me that anyone would rent a movie and have them cut the sound to mono and it sure rubs me wrong that I am being charged for 50 some odd music stations that are AM. I can do that with my radio. I think it has AM on it.

They even killed the stereo on our local radio station. It would be interesting to know how many stereo systems are obsolete in Snyder now. How can you get "high speed Internet" with a 100-year-old system?

Omer T. Pointer

Misunderstood

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe I find myself needing to write this letter: however, there seems to be a misunderstanding among some of those who read my letter last week about my meaning. I totally support the actions of our president! It was my intention to use sarcasm as a way to point out what I believe is the obvious and the reasons why the actions taken by our president were 100 percent right. Every event I referred to was a historical event that was documented, so I didn't believe there could possibly be a misunderstanding about what I was trying to say.

I am so proud to have a president of courage and conviction, a strong Christian man who is guided by his conscience and not by an opinion poll. I love my country, and those of you who know me, know you will not find a more dedicated patriot than I. For those of you who do not know me, please allow me to inform you that I spent more than 20 years in the service of my country in the U.S. Army. Although I was raised to have a strong sense of patriotism and love for my country, this belief was solidified during the time I was stationed overseas in, what at that time was West Germany.

At that time there was a man-made barrier separating many of the countries in Europe. It was commonly referred to as the "Iron Curtain." I thank God that this ugly wall no longer stands and that people are free to cross back and forth throughout Europe, but I am grateful that I was able to see it and to witness for myself what can happen at the hands of an oppressive government. I remember thinking at the time that it should be mandatory for every young person to go there and take a border tour and observe what can happen when a government is not based upon freedom and liberty, a government that will hold its own people hostage. This is the type of government that I believe Saddam Hussein had established, and it is my belief that he would not have been content with just being the leader of Iraq. I strongly believe that he was determined to turn every Arab nation against the United States in particular. There can be no doubt that he was in the process of building weapons of mass destruction; I will once again point out that this was a well-documented fact. Can there be any doubt that he would have been willing to use them against this country or to provide them to some other terrorist to use against us?

War is a hideous way to solve our problems, and it was my experience during my time in the military that, like me, very few of those who proudly serve their country in uniform ever want to go to war. However, we always stand ready to defend this great nation so that our children can benefit from the same freedoms that we have. These freedoms came at a great cost in the sacrifice of those who came before us; many gave the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives so that we could continue to enjoy these freedoms. Sadly, this tradition of our country's finest continues to this day as we see many of our countrymen and women who have paid the supreme sacrifice for our country by giving their lives for their country. I thank God for these fine Americans, and I pray that He will comfort their families and give them peace.

It is my hope that whether or not you agree with this "war," you will please continue to support the fine men and women who serve our country and make it possible for you to voice your opinion without fear of reprisal from our government. They serve with pride and are to be commended for their sacrifice and their service.

Steve Tyler

Freedom

Dear Editor:

The first thing our people fought for was the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Freedom to worship is they chose was the reason the first people came to America.

Those who join our Armed forces take this oath:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the uniform code of military justice. So help me God."

It is obvious that the soldier stands up for the Constitution over anybody. It would take a lawyer to prove otherwise. Enlisted men have been punished for taking orders contrary to international law. The Constitution overrules all international law.

Michael New is the Patrick Henry of our time. August 21, 1995 phone call to dad from Germany: "Dad, he said, I think I'm going to be court-martialed." "What have you done?" "I haven't done anything," he said. "It's for something I'm not going to do. They've told me that I have to wear the United Nations uniform on our coming deployment into Macedonia, I told them I have a problem with that order."

He considered he would be breaking his oath to defend the Constitution, as I understand it, "Your oath defending the Constitution. Our common bond" "Deputy Chief of Staff for personnel, the Pentagon Washington, D.C.

This is an example our Congress and President's should follow.

Mr. New was court-martialed and given a bad conduct discharge. He is in court to clear his name.

It would seem to me the wonderful men who defended our country and are members of the Armed Forces, and the American Legion and VFW should pay more attention to this matter.

Information can be obtained from: Michael New Action Fund, Box 100, Iredell, Texas 76649.

May God Bless America.

Surry Gillum

P.S. Everyone has responsibility to be informed and defend the Constitution. Do you inform your Congressman you do not want a one-world government which will tax you and tell you what to do?

Poor Rix's Almanac 'Smart Questions...Stupid Answers'

by Rix Quinn

Dear Poor Rix: People have populated earth a gazillion years. Why haven't they improved? – Biology Student

Poor Rix has no answer, but I will ask my dog, who claims to be almost human.

Actually, people possess remarkable powers. We can walk, run, swim, and even fly (if we hold a boarding pass). Other creatures aren't so adaptable.

Fish can swim, but walk poorly. Birds can fly, but often misjudge altitude, and end up as hood ornaments. Some snakes can squeeze you to death…but who wants an affectionate reptile?

Bears possess power, but hibernate all winter, and miss some great parties. Rabbits multiply quickly, but can't understand other math. Amoebas divide, but separate from their better halves.

Beavers build constantly, but live a dam hard life. Wild pigs are unpredictable, and can boar you senseless. Turtles appear gentle, but rarely come out of their shells.

Owls look smart, but if you ask if they know about George Washington, they'll reply "Who?" However, animals can learn by trial-and-error.

Scientists discovered that even wild beasts master complicated tricks if rewarded with food. But those researchers soon ran out of snacks. So the animals escaped, and rewarded themselves with a treat they named "biologist on a bun."

Despite this minor research error, over the centuries folks have survived with intellect, ingenuity, and improvisation.

And when cornered – unlike animals – some folks can even fib their way out of trouble.

Which goes to prove that, occasionally, a myth is as good as a mile.

Got a question for Poor Rix? E-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	6
Snyder ISD	4
Ira ISD	3
DCOS	1
City of Snyder	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0



Spare me, please, the 'woulda-coulda-shoulda'

by Joe Klock, Sr.

As Dragnet's Sergeant Joe Friday used to say, let's go with "just the facts;" i.e., the facts as seen from this humble scribe's observation point.

Fact #1: We, the people, following our then-existing laws, elected George W. Bush President of the United States. By the margin of a gnat's eyelash, more voting Americans thought it should have been Al Gore, but it wasn't.

Fact#2: Some weeks ago, President Bush asked Congress - also elected by us-all - for authorization to act against Iraq at a time and in a manner of his choosing. Almost unanimously, Congress gave him that power. Those voting in favor of this authorization included just about all of the several Sinators and Reprehensibles who now loudly protest that it shouldn't have been given to him. But it was so given, and by them-all.

Fact #3: The President, after consultation with his advisers, chose to initiate military action against the Sodamned Insane regime. A number of people around the nation subsequently took to the streets, stridently proclaiming that we could have/should have relied on continued diplomacy (read "endless debate in the Divided Nations") and compromise (read "capitulation to prejudiced adversaries").

Fact#4: We are, as this is written, in a war that involves hundreds of thousands of our mostly-young men and women, whose lives are at risk as they go about executing the military's battle plan. Pacifists around the world continue to argue that we could have given the diplomats and UN inspectors more time, but we did not do so, and that's that.

Fact #5: The objective of this war, as of all wars, is to win. We could suspend the action and/or settle for half measures, as we have done in the past, but unless our leaders do a complete about-face, the only acceptable conclusion will be the complete and unconditional removal of an undeniably criminal regime. Some people wish there could be an alternative conclusion, but this will simply not happen.

Fact #6: War is a dirty game, played by participants whose mission is to hurt people and damage things, while their opponents are trying to reply in like manner (with almost no 'liking' involved). Some humanitarians wish there could be a kinder and gentler strategy, but there will be none once the battle has been joined.

Let's pause here to give those readers who do not concede that the preceding points are factual, an opportunity to spare themselves further aggravation by reading no more of this opusette.

Moving right along (with due deference to the thinking Left), if there is at least some validity to the foregoing, it is difficult to understand the objectives of some so-called "anti-war" activists.

For sure, they have a constitutional right to express their "woulda-coulda-shoulda" opinions, including their view that the war should be stopped immediately. That's what free speech is all about, and long may it wave.

However, they go beyond the pale of responsible behavior when they stage such bizarre spectacles as "die-ins" that block busy city streets with their limp carcasses and, too often, their America-bashing signage.

True, they attract newspaper space and network news snippets; and, one may assume, they get off emotionally, but they also obstruct emergency vehicles and people with more productive agendas to pursue.

Their influence on those in charge of the war is, at best, on a par with that of a Dixie Chick or a listing-to-port movie star, and their liberal gibberish/sing-song sloganeering contributes less than nothing to intelligent discourse.

It does, though, give comfort and encouragement to the adversaries of our nation, regrettably including both present and former beneficiaries of our largesse and rescue missions.

As they say in politically correct typing classes, "now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their country." That admonition was never more pertinent than right now.

If we 'woulda' done things differently, we 'coulda' written a different page in recent history, and maybe future history will conclude that we 'shoulda' followed another path.

But the inescapable truth is that we, the people, following the procedures that we either put in place or delegated to others, find ourselves in what the late Jimmy Durante characterized as "da sichyayshun dat prevails."

We should, therefore, stand in solidarity behind our leaders in government and our valiant combatants in the field until the matter at hand has been resolved.

Meanwhile, those of us who are neither in power nor under fire should restrict ourselves to responsible debate and fervent prayer that our leaders are doing the right thing.

Martin Sheen, by the way, is only in the Oval Office on Wednesday nights.

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Posting bill a bad idea for Texas

By Heber Taylor, Galveston Daily News

Texas traditionally has informed its citizens of public business by requiring governments to publish public notices in community newspapers. Senate Bill 1359, filed by Sen. Jon Lindsay, a Houston Republican, would put an end to that tradition - at least for school district.

Lindsay's bill would eliminate the requirement to publish public notices on government business in a newspaper. Instead the information would be published solely on the Internet.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. The Galveston County Daily News, for example, publishes legal notices that appear in the print edition on its online edition at no additional charge. Right off the bat, we ought to admit the obvious: Newspapers have a financial stake in this issue.

However, for most newspapers, the financial stake is small. For most daily papers, public notices account for less than 5 percent of the revenue. By law, newspapers publish legal notices at their lowest published rates for classified advertising.

While newspapers have a small financial stake in this debate, we think there's a much larger issue: the public's right to know. All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales and adoption of new tax rates and budgets. Will allowing school districts to stop publishing notices in the newspaper help inform people? Or will it just make thinks worse?

First, consider the digital divide in Texas. Many Texans, especially those in poor or rural areas, don't have Internet access. Posting notices of bidding opportunities for small contracts on the Internet will effectively keep them out of the hands of many small business people. Is that a good thing?

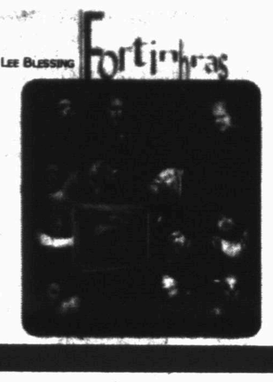
Second, the Internet is a wonderful place to hide things in public. Documents that seemed to offer a blueprint for the Sept. 11 disaster were posted on the Internet months before the tragedy occurred, yet the public didn't become aware of them until months after the tragedy. There are millions of documents on the Internet. If officials were allowed to publish bid notices solely on the Internet, would favored cronies have an easier time getting to these public documents than the average person who wanted to bid?

And what of the argument that publishing on the Internet is cheaper? The entire cost for school districts is estimated at $3.1 million. That's the total for 1,100 school districts over five years. Is that too much to pay for adequate public access? And if it is, what will we do when someone in Austin decides that publishing information about competitive bids on the Internet is too expensive? Will we tack the bid notices on a bulletin board at the district's administration building?

Will cronies get calls letting them know where to find those opportunities, while everyone else has to check every bulletin board for the same information?

For years, Texas newspapers have opposed efforts to limit public access. But the Texas Press Association was curious about what the public wanted. So it commissioned a study, conducted by Newton Marketing & Research, a market research firm located in Norman, Okla., to find out what Texans think. The survey of 1,002 adults showed that they prefer that public notices be published in the newspaper, rather than the Internet. Of those sampled, 81 percent read a community newspaper. Of those, 86 percent believe legal notices should be published in a newspaper on a regular basis. Of the 19 percent who do not read a Texas community newspaper, 60 percent believe legal notices should be published in a newspaper on a regular basis. Only 9 percent of those sampled use Web sites to seek information on public meetings or public notices. There's absolutely nothing wrong with using the Internet to give the public notice in addition to newspaper notice.> But the bill being debated today would end access to a lot of public> information to a lot of people. It's a bad idea.

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WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Sunday, April 13, 2003
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WTC Theatre Production
Fortinbras
Taking up where Shakespeare's *Hamlet* left off, this comedy creates a comic revisioning of a minor character in the classic play.
April 10, 11, 12 at 7:30pm
April 13 at 2pm (Sunday Matinee)
For reservations, call 573-8511 ext. 234

Volunteer fundraisers receive prizes for efforts

















Let's See What Develops

By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

A large note of gratitude goes out to the people of Ira, Hermleigh, Colorado City and Snyder, and to the others in the area and elsewhere, who made donations to WTC towards the Car Giveaway.

Repeating that which was already stated on KSNY during the giveaway, literally more than a thousand of our friends and neighbors will be able to drive by our new sports complex at summer's end and say, *"I own part of that!"*

Even as I compose this column, dirt work is being finished up on the baseball field, and has begun on the softball field, and the pressbox frames have been fabricated and rolled out by Sam Walker's welding students. Drive by and take a look at the progress!

Special thanks goes out to: (1) Emelda Garcia, Shanon and Neri DeLoera, and Albert DeLoera at ***Texas Finance / Texas Rapid Returns***;

(2) Ann Bradfield, Leesa Johnson and Drew Bullard at ***Bullard Computer Solutions***;

(3) Yvette Ramos, Vanessa DePaz, Kendra Krop, Kayla Carreon, and Kaila, Carolyn and Bob Barbee at ***Barbee Medical Supply***;

(4) Erica Soliz, Lorie Kendrick, Bonnie Stokes, Terri Blocker, Pam Reston, Jackie Smith, and the "Unsinkable" Fran Farmer at ***First American Bank.***

Kudos go out to the following WTC personnel for their active part in receiving donations and dispensing chances: Linda Englert, Melanie Schwertner, Michael Pauchet, Joyce Boyd, Darla Wiggins, Jeff West, Donna Robinson, Patricia Claxton, Tammy Wesson, Deborah Baremore, and Kyle Smith. Also participating were WTC's Zelma Irons, R. J. Torres, Julie Sentell, Cindy Fritz, Gina Goolsby, Glenda Boyd, Dr. Greg Williams, John Gibson, Donna Morris, Chris Mackey, Ellie Wood, Jerry Corkran. Others actively helping were WTC employees Patty Kuhl, Dan Osborn, Ruth Richburg, Dr. Jim Palmer, Ben Sum, N.C. Smith, Margie Green, Carolyn Osborn, Mike Thorton, Donna Billingsley, and Raul Alcala.

Thanks to all of you, we'll be able to open up our facilities this fall to little leaguers all the way up to collegiate athletes and say: **"PLAY BALL!"**

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Upper left: WTC Recruiter Deborah Baremore hit the jackpot at the Car Giveaway Volunteer Drawing with her name drawn three times for prizes, including two from Tiger Health and Fitness. Owner Melody Martin, right, awards Deborah with a free one month membership to Tiger Health and Fitness and one month free of tanning.

Top center: What are the odds of the same person winning the top $500 prize, courtesy of ING representative Jamie Phillips, left, for two years in a row? Zelma Irons defied the odds by doing so, and proving that lightening can strike twice in the same place.

Upper right: Registrar Ann Galyean is congratulated by Dennis Noblett for having her name drawn for a free oil change from Angie Strickland, owner of Fast Oil Change.

Center left: Dennis Noblett gives Tonya Canada, Computer Science Instructor, her drawing prize of a free pedicure courtesy of Tracy Toland, owner of Techno Salon Tan and Nails.

Center: Vicky Rowland of Student Admissions is congratulated by Dennis Noblett, as her name was drawn to receive a free manicure courtesy of Tracy Toland, owner of Techno Salon Tan and Nails.

Center right: Deborah Baremore is congratulated by Kaila Barbee for winning $30 worth of jewelry from Barbee Medical Supply in Snyder.

Bottom center: Gerald Corkran, Fine Arts Division Chair, was the drawing winner of a second certificate for a free oil change from Angie Strickland and Fast Oil Change of Snyder.

Bottom right: Jeff West's name was drawn as the winner for a free oil change from the Auto Clinic (formerly Davenport's Auto Clinic). Jeff works in WTC's Maintenance Department.

Getting to Know You



Deborah Baremore: Recruiter
Hired October 6, 1986

What led you to WTC:

In 1986, as my husband says, "The oil field quit us" and I needed to find a full-time job. At the time, I was working as a contract employee for then SACROC and knew that my days were limited. Through a friend, I heard that the Counseling Office was looking for a secretary. So, I went and put in my application and the rest is history.

Where do you go from here:

Hopefully, I'll be able to retire from WTC.

Most memorable moment at Western Texas College:

Wearing a suspender dress, showing Kathy Hall my new T-shirt from Vegas, and Jim Clifton walking in. One of those moments that you had to be there!!

Hardest decision I've ever made:

After working as the Counseling Secretary for 15-1/2 years and moving over to the position of Recruiter.

Favorite Book and Favorite Author:

Well, I have several: Stephen King, Michael Connelly, Tami Hoag, Deannie Francis Mills, Rita Mae Brown, Jeffrey Deaver, James Patterson, etc. etc.

Favorite Movie:

A tie: Titanic and Armageddon.

Favorite Spare Time Activity:

I love to read!! I think that my face is a familiar one at the Scurry County Library. If I'm not reading, I knit, count cross-stitch, and drag race with my husband.

Name of Family Members:

My husband, David, and our daughter, Ashley. My mother-in-law, Elree, lives here in Snyder. My mom is in Roswell, NM, as well as my younger brother. I have an older sister that resides in Bentonville, AR, and another brother that lives in Oviedo, FL.

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be:

I think it would have to be my dad. He passed away in February 1985 suddenly and I never had a chance to tell him goodbye. I also would ask to spend some of that time talking to my father-in-law who passed away in September 1988. He was here during the oil boom days of Scurry County and I would love to have a chance to ask many questions about those days.

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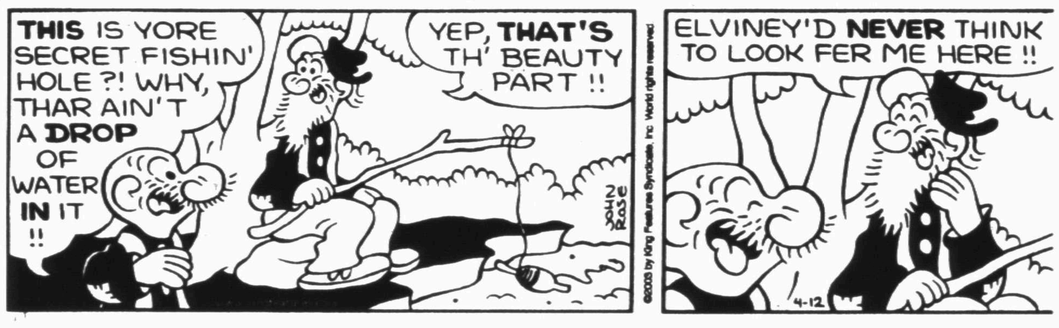
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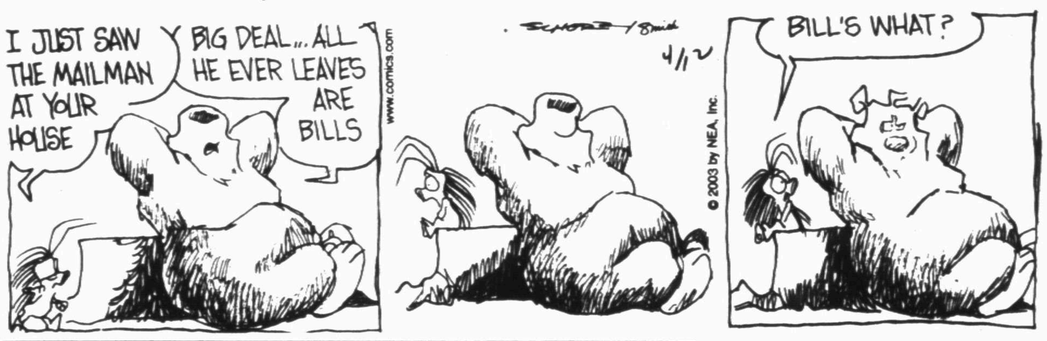
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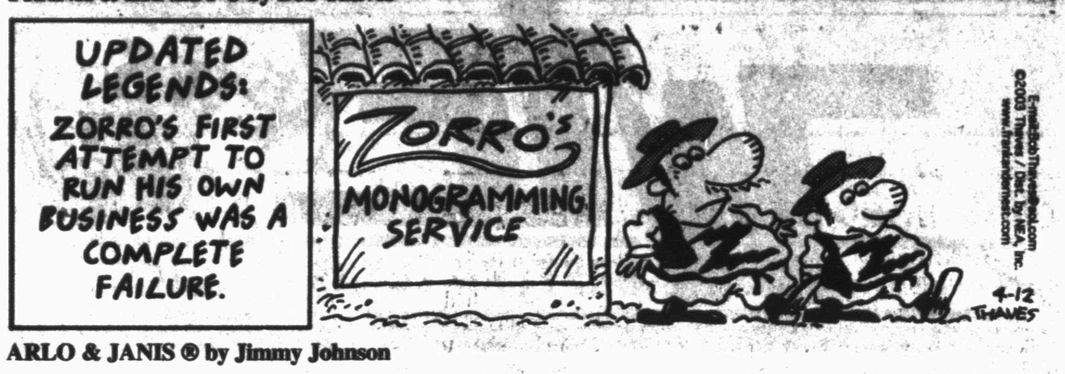
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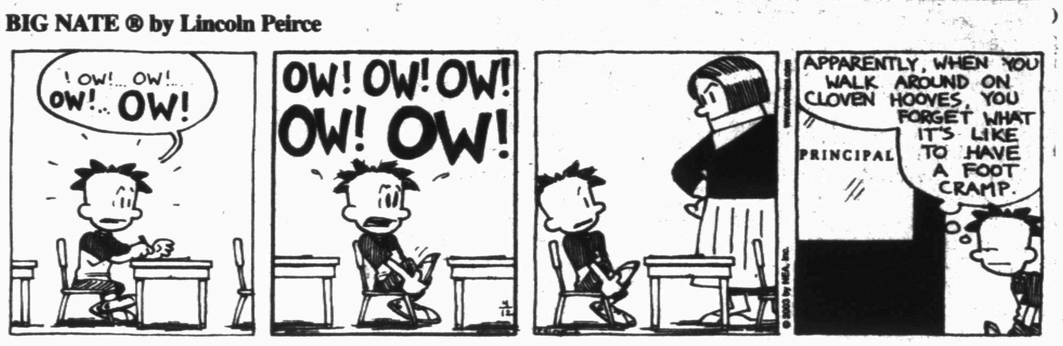
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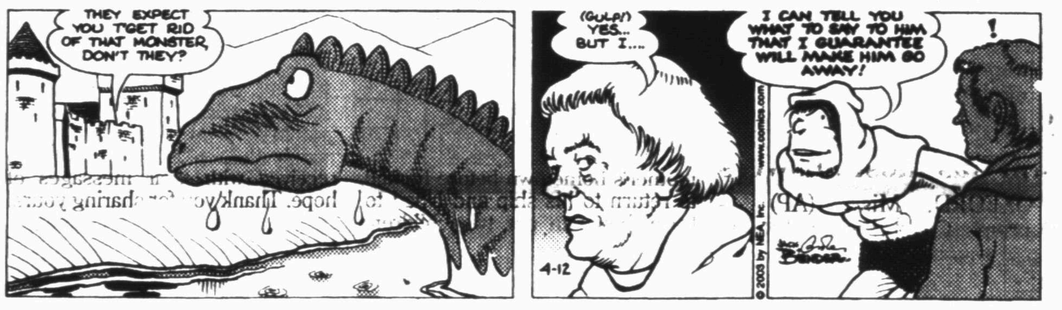
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12 Confess
13 Nope (hyph.)
14 Unrefined metal
15 Cartoon bear
16 Long story
17 Farrow of films
18 Rough drawing
20 Bundle
22 Write on glass
23 Co. honcho
24 Movie villain
27 Read rapidly
31 Sty matriarch
34 Cruel
35 Ocean fish
36 Polite cough
38 Fuss
40 Greet a dog
41 Timber wolf
42 A Muppet
44 Quick swim
46 Show of hands
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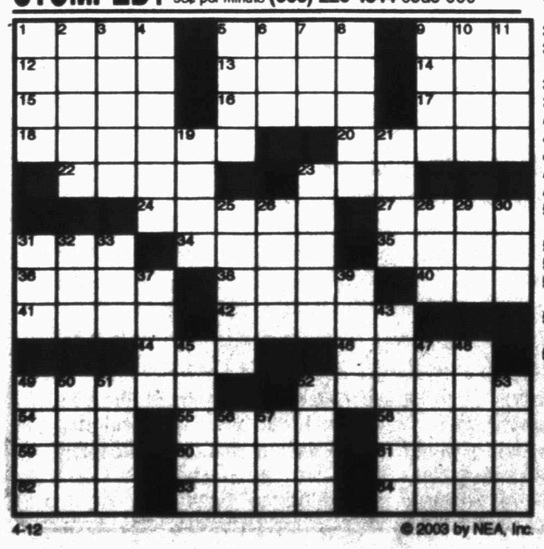
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11 Stem's end
19 Lab class
21 Throw a party
23 Skeptical one
25 Fable writer
26 Tanks
28 Coffee holder
29 Nurses' org.
30 — "King" Cole
31 "My gal" of song
32 Gloating cry
33 Duck's foot feature
37 Style
39 Gush over
43 Thief
45 Homer's tale
47 Pithy
48 "In" crowd
49 Charts
50 Hideous giant
51 Beep
52 Rip apart
53 Make watertight
56 Cloud's region
57 Recline

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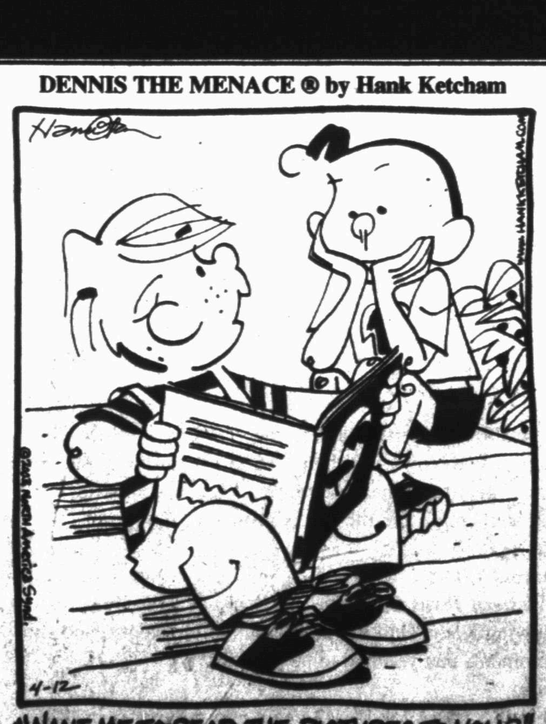
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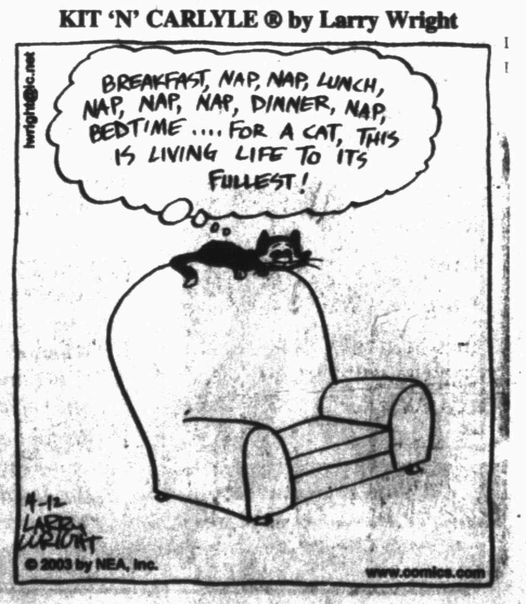
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl's troubled past makes friend fear for her future

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl with a problem. For a couple of months, a close friend of mine, "Casey," was going out with "Michael," a boy from school. They broke up two months ago because Mike wanted to date other girls. Casey was crushed when it happened, although only a week later she was telling everyone (including Mike) that she was "over him." I know it was a lie.

Casey has had major problems in the past — depression and an eating disorder. It's obvious to me that she hasn't gotten over Mike. In no way is he interested in Casey romantically, but she talks about him 24/7.

Abby, I don't know what to do for Casey. I feel like yelling at her to get the message that Mike's not interested. I've told her that she needs to let go, but it's no use. What now? — **WORRIED ABOUT MY FRIEND IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR WORRIED: Casey needs some new activities and new interests so she can stop replaying those old tapes in her head. One way to help her forget about Mike would be to introduce her to some new friends. You could also suggest she get into some new activities so she'll have something else to talk about.

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DEAR ABBY: Over the holidays, my stepdaughter told her father and me that she is being married again and to save the second weekend in May. Shortly after, we received a formal invitation in the mail. About three weeks ago, my husband's ex-wife called to give us a list of what she had spent on the wedding and to request "our share" of the cost — to the tune of $3,000.

This will be the second marriage for both the bride and groom, who are in their mid-30s. They live together in the home they own and have a successful business. By all accounts, they're doing very well.

Since my husband and I are not part of the wedding party (he was not asked to walk his daughter down the aisle) and we had no part in the wedding plans, I feel that whatever "Mom" wishes to spend is up to her, but we owe nothing more than what we originally promised to give the newlyweds.

Are we off base here? — **PUT OFF IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.**

DEAR PUT OFF: Certainly not. Since this is a second wedding, and the bride and her fiance are well-established, and since you were not consulted or even asked to be a part of the ceremony, I see no reason why you should pay more than you have already promised.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are both 50-plus. We are being married in four months — the second marriage for both of us. We have maintained separate households and we really need nothing.

How can we send invitations to family and friends and let them know that no household gifts are needed? Please help. — **BRIDE-TO-BE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Add the following to your invitation: "No gifts, please. Your presence will be our cherished gift, and we respectfully request no other."

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a Navy wife whose husband is currently deployed. Two months after he left, his mother passed away after a short, fierce battle with colon cancer. My grieving husband barely made it home in time for her funeral, and he never got to tell her goodbye.

My husband and I spent 10 emotion-filled days together in his mother's hometown before he had to return to his ship and I had to travel home to our two children. Out of that terrible heartache, we received a blessed gift — we discovered that we're pregnant!

However, our "happy news" has created an awkward situation: Now that I'm beginning to "show," people who don't know about my husband's mother are asking when I'm due — and I can see them mentally add the months my husband has been deployed. One woman actually counted out loud on her fingers and then exclaimed, "But he's gone! How is it that you're expecting?"

Our children are 13 and 11, and people have asked in their presence if they come from previous relationships — and if this new baby will be my husband's and my first child together. One of my daughter's teachers even had the nerve to ask her who the father of the baby is! My darling daughter responded in typical teen-age fashion, "My dad, of course!" Then she rolled her eyes.

How should we as a family respond to these outrageous inquiries? I am at a loss. — **NAVY WIFE AND MOTHER IN WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR NAVY WIFE AND MOTHER: When you are asked who the father of the baby is, smile and reply, "Ask my husband when he gets home. He was there when it happened."

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DEAR ABBY: On Sept. 11, I tragically lost my brother, New York firefighter Michael Kiefer of Ladder 132 in Brooklyn. He was only 25 when he died, and his greatest dream was to be a New York firefighter. He lived his dream for only nine months.

The pain of losing my brother in such a violent and senseless act has been unbearable. My parents told me about the "pennies" letters in your column — how each time someone finds a penny, it means a loved one in heaven is thinking of us. I cannot begin to tell you how true this has been for my family.

Whenever one of us is feeling especially down about Michael, we always find a penny. An example: My brother loved to go to the gym, so one day I decided it was time for me to get back in shape and make him proud. All during my workout I told my angel brother I was doing it for him. As I walked out of the gym, there it was — a bright, shiny penny! I knew then that Michael was proud of me. It truly was a penny from heaven, and without a doubt from my brother, whom I love and will miss for the rest of my life. Michael, you will always be our hero and you will never be forgotten! — **LAUREN M. KIEFER, FRANKLIN SQUARE, N.Y.**

DEAR LAUREN: I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your heroic brother. The "pennies from heaven" letters have moved many of my readers. And one day I hope to publish a collection of the letters I have received with their messages of hope. Thank you for sharing yours.

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Scalia: Constitution still has most answers

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said it is dangerous to read between the lines of the 214-year-old Constitution, however tempting it may be.

Strict adherence to the actual words used by the authors still answers most modern problems, Scalia said.

Scalia, speaking at the University of Mississippi on Thursday, said he considers himself an "originalist" or "textualist." He said he uses an 18th-century dictionary to make sure he understands just what the 1789 document's words meant to the men who wrote it.

"Over the last 50 years, the court has felt free to give the Constitution new meanings that weren't in the text originally," he said.

He cited grandparents' rights, abortion rights and the former ban on the death penalty as foreign to the Constitution's text. Eventually, such free-lancing can render the document meaningless, Scalia said.

Scalia, who was appointed to the court by President Reagan in 1986, warned against the allure of a "living Constitution."

"It's a lovely thought, a lovely phrase, but it will destroy us or destroy the Supreme Court as we've known it," Scalia said.

Scalia said democracy offers legislatures, not courts, the chance to address any issue.

"Persuade your fellow citizens and pass a law," he said.

The only U.S. president who never married was John Buchanan.

NASA picks landing sites for twin $800M Martian rovers

PASADENA, Calif (AP) — NASA unveiled the landing sites Friday where it hopes to land twin rovers on Mars next January to look for geological evidence that the Red Planet was once a warmer, wetter place hospitable to life.

Data gathered from NASA satellites orbiting the planet suggest both sites once abounded in water.

One is a crater into which a now-dry river apparently once emptied, perhaps filling the basin with a brimming lake. The other is a plain rich in hematite, an iron mineral that typically forms in standing water.

The sites, both near the equator in the southern hemisphere of Mars, are halfway around the planet from each other. They are each 60 miles to 120 miles long and roughly 12 miles wide.

"They aren't the safest sites, they aren't the riskiest sites, they are the best sites," said Steve Squyres, a Cornell University geologist and principal investigator for the instruments the rovers carry.

Scientists are confident the scientific tools carried by the $800 million pair of rovers will enable them to operate as robotic field geologists. The landing sites, Gusev crater and Meridiani Planum, have been studied more closely than any other spots on Mars.

Each rover will land at about 40 mph, swaddled in a cocoon of airbags just like 1997's Pathfinder mission with its much smaller Sojourner rover.

Engineers fear rocks taller than about knee-height could puncture the airbags. The landing sites had to be at fairly low altitudes to provide enough atmosphere to fill the parachutes that will help slow the rovers as they plummet to the surface.

The sites also needed to be within a narrow band of the planet's equator to ensure the rovers' solar panels receive enough sunlight to meet their power needs. Each rover carries eight, 0.1-ounce pellets of radioactive plutonium dioxide that generate 1 watt of heat apiece to keep the six-wheeled robots warm at night.

Each rover weighs 400 pounds and can move at a top speed of roughly 2 inches a second — about the same as a Galapagos tortoise. During the 92-day missions, each rover is expected to travel about 2,000 feet and make close-up observations of at least a half-dozen rocks.

Which rover will land where is still tentative: NASA can change the order as late as a month after the launch of the first spacecraft, slated for May 30.

The British Beagle 2 spacecraft is targeting a third location on Mars, Isidis Planitia, for its December landing. That area is thought to contain sediments washed down from highlands to the south.

On the Net:
NASA:
http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mer

Hijackers executed for stealing ferry

HAVANA (AP) — Three men charged with terrorism for hijacking a passenger ferry last week were executed Friday after summary trials, the government reported.

The men were prosecuted Tuesday in summary trials for "very grave acts of terrorism" and given several days to appeal their sentences, according to a statement read on state television.

The sentences were upheld both by Cuba's Supreme Tribunal and the ruling Council of State, and were carried out at dawn Friday, the statement said.

Capital punishment in Cuba is always carried out by firing squad. It has been used sparingly in recent years.

Another four men received life sentences, it said.

No one was hurt when the group, reportedly armed with at least one pistol and several knives, seized the ferry and its 50 passengers in Havana Bay early April 2 and ordered the captain to sail to the United States.

Later that day, the 45-foot ferry Baragua ran out of fuel in the high seas of the Florida Straits, and officers on two Cuban Coast Guard patrol boats that chased them there tried to persuade the hijackers to return to the island.

The hijackers allegedly threatened to throw passengers from the boxy, flat-bottomed boat overboard but soon agreed to let the ferry be towed 30 miles back to Cuba's Mariel port for refueling.

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Marriage Licenses

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Some states want more services taxed

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mike Hardesty has spent nearly $1,000 on tattoos, including a dragon on his right arm and a couple of Harley-Davidson designs. He doesn't like an Ohio plan to start taxing tattoos.

"It just never has been in the past, so why start now?" said Hardesty, 47, who builds custom motorcycles. "We pay tax on everything else."

At least 18 deficit-ridden states are so desperate for money that they are seeking to either boost their sales tax or extend it to goods and services — from tattoos to manicures to wheelchairs — that until now have been left untouched. Health spas, farm equipment, pest control, even prosthetic devices — all could soon be subject to a raft of new taxes.

Tax supporters say the economy has changed since the first sales taxes were imposed in the 1930s, and services make up a bigger chunk of consumer spending than goods. Ohio Tax Commissioner Tom Zaino says national consumer spending on services has risen from 40 percent in 1959 to 58 percent in 2000.

"There's a lot of thinking going on about how our tax systems are designed and where our economy activity is and what taxes are based on," said Alysoun McLaughlin, a tax policy specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures. "As the economy is moving increasingly toward a service economy, it's a logical place for states to look."

The proposals come as many states face their worst financial crisis in 60 years; 36 have budget gaps this year, according to NCSL.

In Nebraska, lawmakers may extend the 5.5 percent sales tax to a number of services, including labor on car repairs.

The unevenness of the tax system frustrates Dan Blackburn, who owns a Fremont, Neb., service station. If the tax extension is approved, customers will pay an additional $8.40 in state and local sales taxes for the $120 in labor it costs to fix an oil leak.

"It's so hard to keep straight what they want taxed and don't want taxed," said Blackburn, 38. "It would simplify things if they just taxed everything."

Besides services, some states may begin collecting taxes on previously exempt goods. In Kansas, there's a plan to tax the sale of prosthetic and orthopedic devices such as walkers and wheelchairs.

That would add $3.70 to the cost of a $75 walker and almost $80 to a $1,500 wheelchair, said Jennifer Schwartz, whose daughter Jessica, 11, has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair.

"You're hitting at a population of vulnerable people and also at a population that already has significant out-of-pocket costs," she said.

In Connecticut, lawmakers have already imposed a 6 percent sales tax on health club owners and newspaper and magazine sales to help close a $650 million deficit.

"When times were good, we could exempt them," said Rep. Andrea Stillman, co-chairwoman of the House Finance Committee. "When times are tough, it's a painful step we have to take."

The new tax will add about $14 to the annual cost of a $228 membership at Blast Fitness in Newington in suburban Hartford. Owner Michael Krassner, 33, said the proposal punishes people who cost the state less by working out and staying healthy.

"These people should be rewarded," Krassner said. "They should get money back."

Extra money from raising sales taxes makes them more appealing than other tax changes, said Harley Duncan, executive director of the Federation of Tax Administrators, which represents state tax officials.

Closing loopholes in business taxes, by contrast, simply recoups money lost over time as companies have found ways to lower their tax bill, Duncan said.

In Ohio, Gov. Bob Taft has proposed extending the 5 percent sales tax to dry cleaning, cable TV, real estate sales and purchases, interior design — and tattoos. The proposal would raise $1.3 billion over two years.

Several Ohio lawmakers say they won't vote for more taxes, especially in a bad economy. They're pushing plans to cut state government and lower taxes to spur spending.

"If we grow the economy, the sales tax receipts will recover as a result of more personal wealth in our state that can be spent on items that people have a need for," state Rep. Mike Gilb, a Republican tax attorney.

Tattoo artist Jan Gawronski said business is slow enough without passing along the state tax to customers.

"It's putting another straw on the small businessman's back," said Gawronski, gesturing with tattoo-covered arms at his small, tidy shop near downtown Columbus. "I understand Ohio's having financial difficulties, but taxes will run people out of business."

On the Net:
National Conference of State Legislatures: http://www.ncsl.org
Federation of Tax Administrators: http://www.taxadmin.org

Nolan Ryan was the first major-league baseball player to earn a salary of $1 million. He started earning that amount playing for the Houston Astros in 1979.

Date Books

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Today is the 102nd day of 2003 and the 24th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died while in his fourth consecutive term of office.

On this day in 1955, a polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk was announced to be "safe, potent and effective."

On this day in 1987, "21 Jump Street" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777-1852), statesman; Beverly Cleary (1916-), writer, is 87; Herbie Hancock (1940-), musician, is 63; Claire Danes (1979-), actress, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, former heavyweight champion Joe Louis died from a heart attack at the age of 66.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 9) and full moon (April 16).

Sunday, April 13, 2003

Today is the 103rd day of 2003 and the 25th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, "Silent Spring," by Rachel Carson, was first published. The book's publication has been hailed by many as the beginning of the environmental movement.

On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black actor to win the Academy Award's "best actor in a leading role."

On this day in 1992, the Chicago River broke through a freight tunnel wall and flooded the tunnel system below Chicago's business district.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), U.S. president; Butch Cassidy (1866-1909), outlaw; Samuel Beckett (1906-1989), writer; Al Green (1946-), singer, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, the first major league baseball strike, which began on April 1, came to an end.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are all born mad. Some remain so." — Samuel Beckett, "Waiting for Godot" (1952)

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

OPTIONS FOR ALCOHOL PROBLEMS, PART I

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, and it seems fitting to not only talk about the problem of alcohol use, abuse and dependence but to also discuss the options and available help for those who either suspect they have a problem with alcohol or for those who are caught in the grip of the disease of alcoholism.

In order to clearly explain this, it is important to distinguish the role of the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection, Alcoholics Anonymous and the various chemical dependency treatment centers.

First of all, there seems to be some confusion about what SACADA, sometimes referred to as CADA or the Council, does. We've been mistakenly referred to as the "place where you take AA classes." It is important to understand that one does not "take" AA classes. Alcoholics Anonymous is in no way connected to SACADA because the AA program does not affiliate with any outside organizations.

To quote its literature, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism." This comes from the preamble, commonly read at meetings, which goes on to say that the "only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking." Members of AA do not pay dues or fees, but donations are taken before or after the meeting to cover items such as literature, coffee or building expenses.

AA is a support group that networks recovering alcoholics with each other and newcomers — those who are just beginning to seek help for their alcohol problem. To quote again from its literature, "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety."

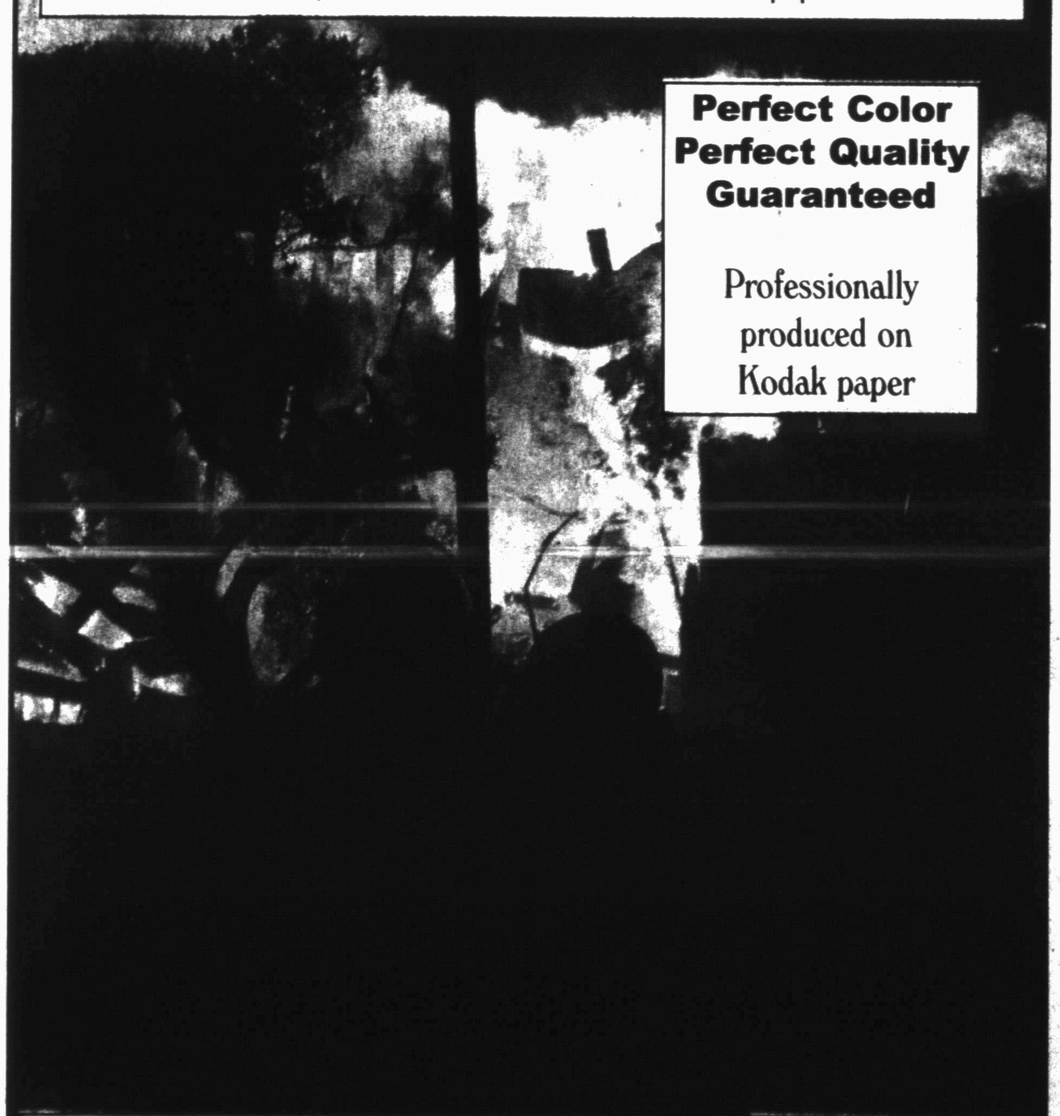
Recovering alcoholics and newcomers gather at meetings, which are most often held in the evenings, to share on topics relating to the disease of alcoholism and the hope of recovery. Those sharing often discuss how their days have gone and any problems they are experiencing as they relate to what is called "working their program." The steps, which range from admitting you are powerless over alcohol to a point of helping others, are designed to help alcoholics address the problem of living "life on its own terms." As AA literature states, they are suggested steps for recovery.

This is a very brief overview of just one option available to alcoholics locally. Hopefully it is clear that AA operates separately from any outside enterprise or organization.

In next weeks column, further discussion will be given on AA as well as the role of SACADA and treatment facilities in combating the problems created by alcohol use, abuse and dependence.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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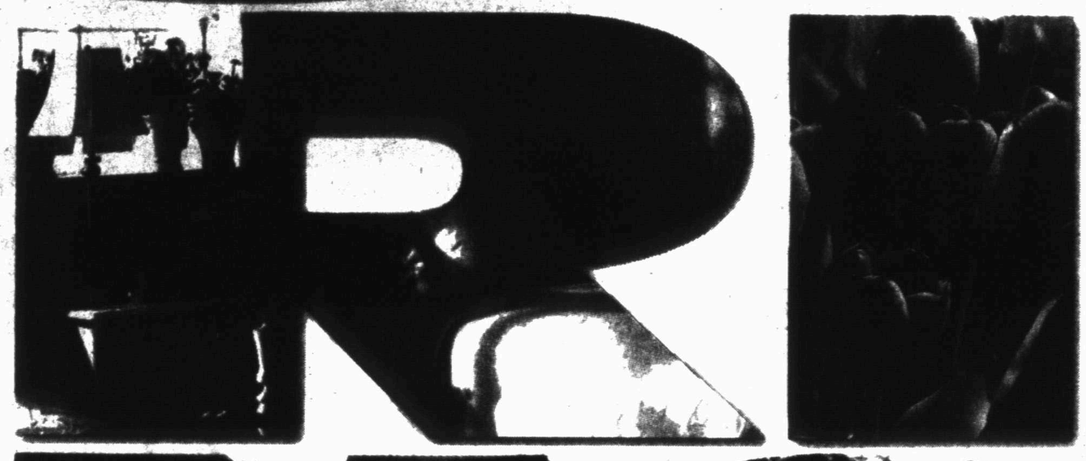


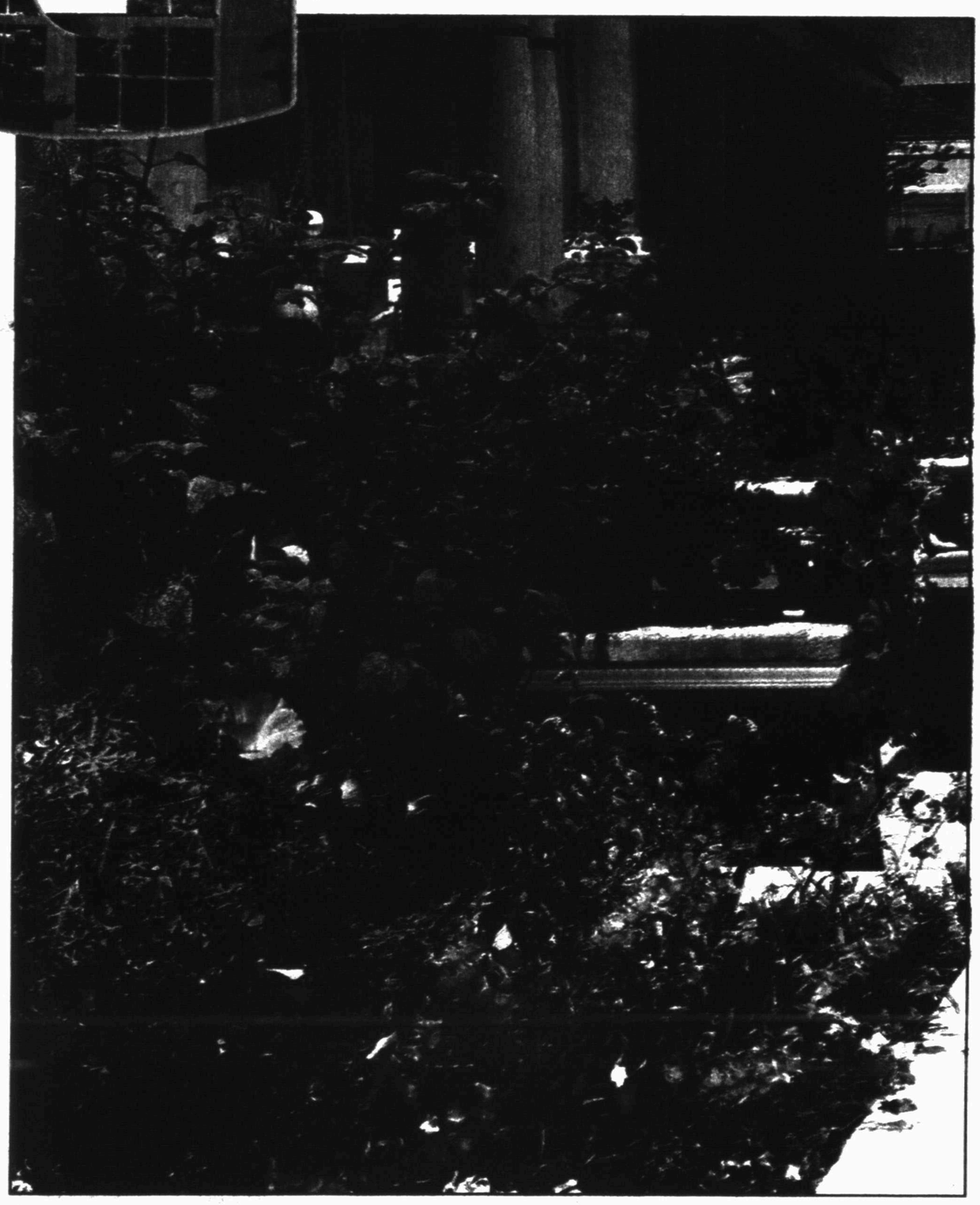
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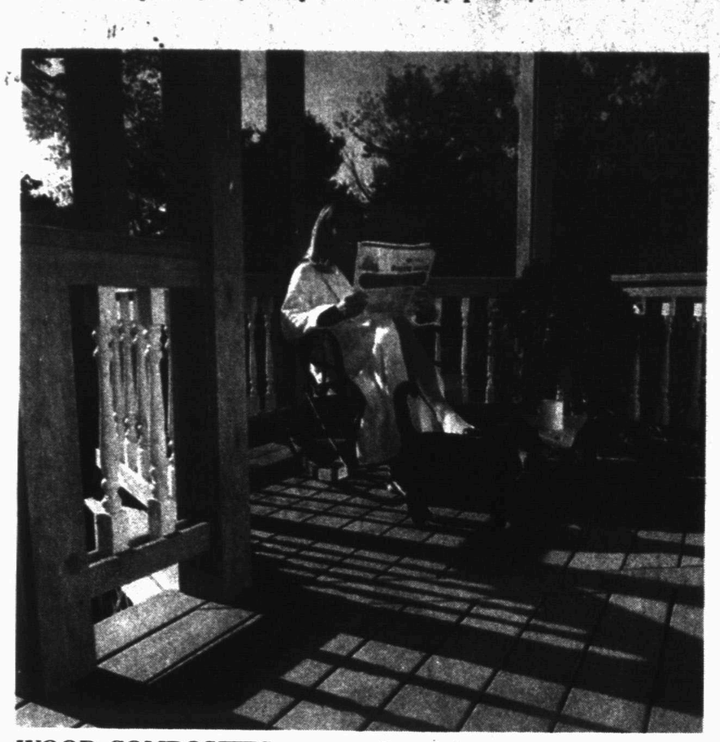


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Section C

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Meet me on the deck



WOOD COMPOSITES are a safe, environmentally friendly, splinter free, durable, moisture- and insect-resistant option for decks.

(MS) – Americans love their decks. Whether it's a child's birthday party, a summer barbecue, a moment of quiet reflection or a Sunday brunch, they are, for many, their favorite outdoor living spaces. What, you may ask, could be controversial about a deck?

The most popular widely used decking material, pressure CCA treated lumber, was will be voluntarily pulled from the decking market last this year amid concerns that the arsenic used in its manufacturing poses a health risk. Many homeowners and contractors If you're seeking a safer decking alternativeoption, started to look at little closer at a fascinating technological solution called wood composite decking. Combining the look of wood with the longevity of plastic, composite decking has emerged as the best alternative.

Wood composites are safe, environmentally friendly, splinter free, moisture and insect resistant, easy to care for, and last several times longer than natural, pressure or copper treated lumber. When comparing the variety of composites available, however, what should a homeowner consider?

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Preparation is key for successful garden

Eliminating weeds and preparing the soil for your flowers and vegetables are important first steps in growing a bountiful garden. But, removing sod, turning tough soil, breaking up overgrown weeds and hauling heavy compost are tasks many of us find difficult and tiring. That need not be the case, however, if you're armed with the proper tools.

This year, when getting your beds ready for spring planting, be sure to have the following tools on hand:

- Spade – for slicing and cutting sod or for creating a straight edge around the bed;
- Fork – to turn over the soil or dig up and loosen weeds;
- Round-point shovel – to break up large clumps of dirt and remove rocks and roots;
- Square-point shovel – for transferring dirt and compost to your new bed.

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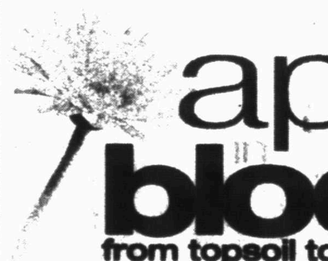
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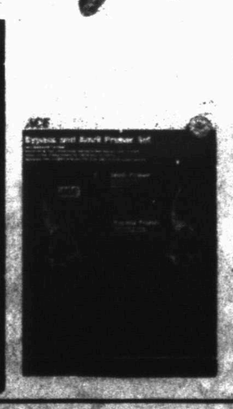
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What's your junk worth?

Top ten mistakes made when spring cleaning

You could be tossing $100 bills in the trash every time you clean out the house or garage.

The values of ordinary-looking items have skyrocketed in recent years, according to Tony Hyman, host of "What's It Worth" on CBS-TV. Because many valuables were inexpensive or look like junk, folks don't realize how much these items are worth to today's collectors. In turn, they get thrown away or sold on lawns for pennies.

The top 10 items you should never sell at a yard sale include:

10. Halloween decorations: Papier-mache, jack-o-lanterns and cardboard skeletons have value as does anything, even crepe paper decorated with cats and witches.

9. Banana-seat bicycles: In good condition, these 1970s toys bring $500 and up and can be sold with one phone call.

8. Costume jewelry: Plastic and rhinestones that cost $5 or less in the 1930s and 1940s frequently bring multiple hundreds of dollars today (a plastic 1940s frog pin recently sold for $4,800).

7. Christmas decorations: The season may be over, but collectors' love of glass ornaments, Santa figures and early artificial trees of feathers or aluminum goes on.

6. PEZ(R) dispensers: These candy toys remain a hot item, with record prices being set for those without feet.

5. Electric trains: Experts predict values to fall sharply in coming years and advise selling now. Lionel model trains from the 1950s can put thousands of dollars in your pocket.

4. Hawaiian shirts: If it's all silk or rayon and has a colorful print, a shirt will likely bring between $50 and $1,000.

3. Cast-iron cookware: Any skillets, griddles, roasters, muffin pans and other cast-iron cookware made in the United States are likely to be valued from $10 to $1,500, especially lids and odd shapes.

2. Cigarette lighters: Values of the big names like Ronson(R), Zippo(R), Evans and Dunhill(R) can range from $5 to $5,000, so expert advice is essential.

1. Pottery marked with a maker's name: A $130 yard sale vase was sold by its new owner for $39,000 with the help of an expert referred by Dr. Hyman.

Other common items with uncommon values include beer mugs, pocket knives, electric guitars, briar pipes, war souvenirs (even Vietnam), transistor radios, calculators, 78 and 33 rpm records, cap guns, auto owner's manuals, cookie jars, nodder dolls, Disneyland souvenirs, lace, yo-yo's (especially rhinestone studded), board games based on TV shows and hundreds of other items.

To find out if you own something valuable you need expert advice; then you need to find out who wants it at a fair price. There's only one good buyer of cigar boxes in the country, and people who want sewing machines and cocktail shakers can be equally hard to find.

For 23 years, Hyman has been helping amateurs sell their possessions by publishing names, addresses, phone numbers (and now e-mail addresses) of experts like those you see on TV appraisal shows.

The 640-page, 10th edition of Hyman's "Trash or Treasure: Guide to the Best Buyers" introduces readers to the top 1,000 collectibles experts in the United States and Canada. To order, send $29.95 plus $5 shipping to Trash or Treasure, Box 3028-B, Pismo, CA 93448. Credit card orders call (805) 773-6777 after 9 a.m. Pacific. Give the name of this paper when you order and you will also receive "What's It Worth? The World's Most Accurate Price Guide."

"It's like having your own private roadshow in your home," says one reader, "but even better, because I didn't have to stand in line for hours and could ask about hundreds of items, not just two."

"People are a lot richer than they think," Hyman says. "But most folks don't know how and where to cash in."

You don't need to know whether you have a $5 fishing lure or a $5,000 lure, Hyman says, as long as you deal with honest experts. Ask them what you have. Experts will know, and the honest ones will pay you fairly.

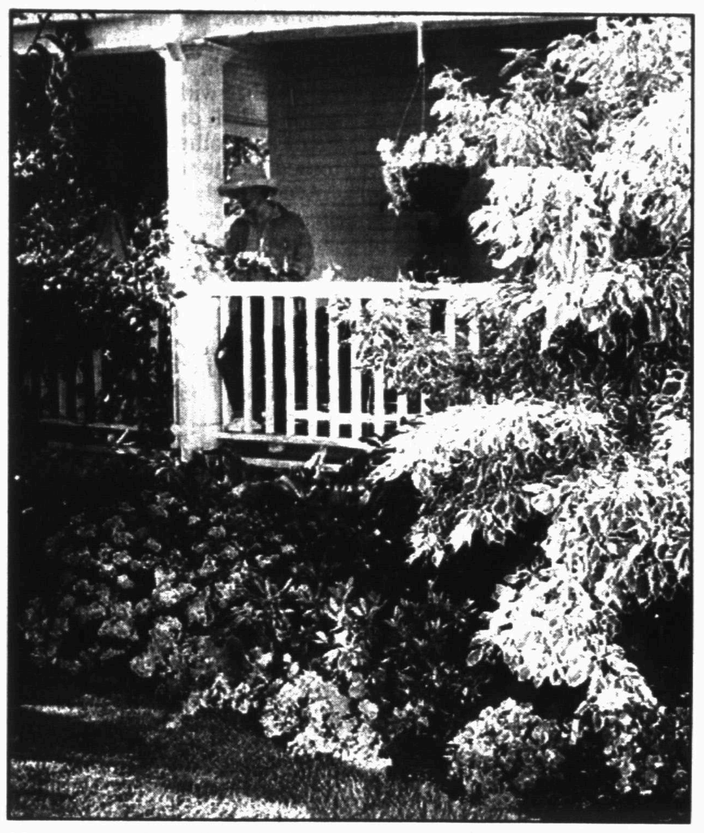
When a toy 1966 Hot Wheels(R) Volkswagon can be worth twice as much as a real car, it's important to deal with the right buyer.

Did you know ... ?

According to the lawn experts at Scotts, the best time to water your lawn is between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. However, if this is not possible, afternoon waterings are okay. Lawn diseases are more apt to be a problem when the sun is absent, so avoid evening waterings. Contrary to popular belief, watering the lawn during daylight hours does not cause the grass to burn. In fact, the water cools the lawn and helps protect it against the harsh, hot summer sun.

Save money this season with easy do-it-yourself landscaping projects

(MS) – Outdoor landscaping plays a vital role in enhancing the home's beauty and value; yet, for many, professional landscaping can be a pricey proposition. The good news is that there is a wide variety of landscaping projects that homeowners can do themselves. Many are easier than one may think.



TREE PLANTING

One of the easiest and most satisfying landscape projects to try first is planting a tree. Most trees have either bareroot, or balled and burlapped root systems. The root system will determine the proper procedures for planting.

Bareroot trees are always dormant and their roots lack soil of any kind. When purchasing or receiving a bareroot tree, be sure to inspect the root system; it must be kept moist until ready to plant. Prune any damaged, rotten or discolored roots.

When getting ready to plant, dig the hole to a size that will accommodate the roots without bending, pruning, or crowding them. Build a cone of soil in the bottom of the hole, spread the roots out over the cone, and fill the hole halfway with soil that has been mixed with Miracle-Gro(R) Garden Soil for Trees, Shrubs and Ornamentals, which helps condition the soil for improved aeration and moisture retention. It also contains Miracle-Gro(R) Plant Food to get the tree off to a great start.

Next, water the soil to eliminate air pockets, fill the hole completely, water again, and build a heap of soil around the hole. Be sure to stake the tree to prevent roots from being uprooted by strong winds. Then, apply mulch like Nature ScapesTM by Scotts(R) Color Enhanced Mulch to insulate the roots and protect against compaction. Nature ScapesTM protects your tree and maintains its vibrant color all year long. Finally, for easy feeding with no mess, use Miracle Gro(R) Shake 'N Feed Slow Release Plant Food to ensure the tree receives balanced nutrition and enjoys long-term health.

When planting balled and burlapped trees, dig the hole only to the depth of the ball height. The sides of the hole should be kept rough, because a smooth-sided hole can lead to girdling, or encircling, roots that can damage or kill the tree in later years. The width of the hole should measure 24 inches greater than the ball diameter. Again, build a cone of soil in the bottom of the hole, spread the roots out over the cone, and fill the hole halfway with soil that has been mixed with Miracle-Gro(R) Garden Soil for Trees, Shrubs Shrubs and Ornamentals. Then alternately add soil and water until the hole is completely filled and has no air pockets. Staking of the tree is required for the first 6 months.

MULCHING

Mulching is another do-it-yourself landscaping project that can enhance the beauty of property. A quality mulch like Nature ScapesTM is ideal for beautifying and accenting garden beds all year long. It also provides numerous benefits to soil and the plants growing in it. Mulch reduces erosion, conserves moisture, increases infiltration and percolation (the movement of water into and around in the soil), reduces and/or inhibits weed growth, and insulates the soil (keeping it warmer in winter and cooler in summer).

For proper mulching, first remove weeds and rocks from the application area. Then apply a pre-emergent weed control such as Miracle-Gro(R) Garden Weed PreventerTM to stop weeds from germinating. Then spread mulch over the soil surface around and between plants. For plants with low-hanging branches, gently lift the branches and spread it completely around the base of the plants. For seeded flowers and vegetables, wait until seeds germinate and plants have started to develop before applying mulch. Apply 2 to 4 inches of mulch, depending on the size of the plants. For smaller annuals or seeded plants, apply the lesser amount, but cover the soil surface. Yearly additions of smaller amounts will replenish the mulch and improve its appearance. However, avoid piling mulch directly against the bark of trees as this may encourage insects and bark decay. Also avoid direct contact with house foundations or wood structures. Nature ScapesTM is available in three colors: Classic Black, Sierra Red, and Deep Forrest Brown, offering the perfect aesthetic complement for any landscape.

Planting trees and proper mulching are just two landscaping projects that are ideal for do-it-yourselfers who want to increase the beauty and value of property while avoiding the cost of a professional landscaper. Fore more gardening tips, visit miracle-gro.com or scotts.com.

Transform flea market finds into shabby chic treasures

(MS) – The return of warm weather also means the return of tag sales and flea markets – the key to shabby chic. But if your find is just a bit too shabby, spray paints and coatings can help transform trash into treasures. Is the avocado green finish on that $3 dresser just a little too retro? Don't despair – the right preparation and paint can help you update the look and create something you love in just one afternoon.

Correct surface preparation is the key to a happy ending. When working with painted, stained or unfinished wood, sand the surface and remove any dirt. If you're painting bare wood or metal or dramatically changing the color of a painted piece, use a primer before painting. Look for fast-drying latex spray paints and soap-and-water clean up, and carefully follow the instructions on the can.

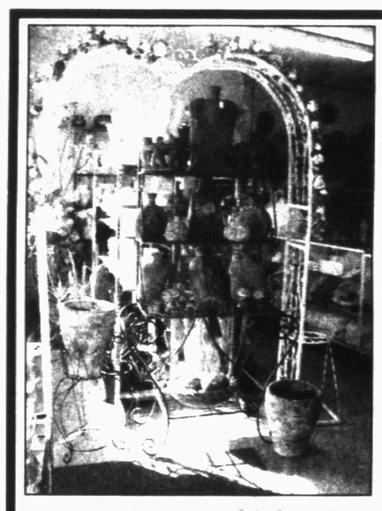
Stage a practice run before you start. First, test your paint and spraying technique on a scrap piece. Then spray a small test patch on an inconspicuous area of the project. Be sure to protect your work surface with a drop cloth or newspaper.

Once the prep is done, the fun begins. Bye-bye avocado green; hello Pine, Kiwi Green or Chenille Sage. Dated becomes updated with Home DecorTM latex spray paints from Krylon(R), available in 40 colors. Try mixing and matching colors, like Freesia drawer knobs on a Plum Royale dresser. Or, use stenciling and masking to create dynamic patterns. As you paint, spray on thin coats to avoid runs and drips.

Now, it's time to accessorize. Details can make a room, and today's paints and finishes revitalize secondhand finds. Spray-on faux finishes in textured stone, antique crackle or soft suede to rejuvenate and update wicker baskets, plastic storage containers, wooden frames or ceramic lamp bases. Glass paints in brilliant, translucent hues or soft, frosted shades enhance glassware. In two easy steps, Krylon Looking Glass(R) paint creates a dramatic, mirrored surface reminiscent of mercury glass.

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With a little planning and preparation, Krylon products give flea market finds a new life. For application tips and project ideas, call (800) 4-KRYLON (1-800-457-9566) and request the Flea Market Finds Literature Collection, K-8361, or visit their Web site at www.krylon.com.



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Painting plastic has just gotten easier

For the do-it-yourselfer, it's a dream come true. If you ever considered plastic home and garden items such as resin lawn chairs, children's toys, planters and mailboxes "unpaintable," you were right. Those slick plastic surfaces had to be sanded and primed or the paint would puddle on the surface. Even then, when the project was dry, the paint often peeled off in sheets. Plastic has been a tiger that couldn't change its stripes -- until now.

A technological breakthrough from Krylon(R), a leading spray paint manufacturer, is now making painting plastic simple. New Krylon Fusion(R) is a no-sand, no-prime spray paint that bonds securely to all kinds of plastics and dries to a beautiful, durable finish.

Whether color-coordinating a set of patio pots, revitalizing a weathered lawn chair or renovating a plastic playhouse, the paint promises a factory-like finish that is safe for children. It applies easily to a range of surfaces including PVC, vinyl, resin, ceramic, glass, tile, wood, metal, wicker and other hard-to-bond-to surfaces, resists chipping and fading and doesn't peel.

Justin Kalvitz, product manager, Krylon Retail Products says, "In 2001, 101 billion pounds of plastic resins were produced in the United States, according to American Plastics Council industry statistics. With plastic resins replacing wood and metal for items ranging from shutters and fences to mini-blinds and deck furniture, the need for a paint that applies easily to plastic surfaces, and adheres reliably, is clear."

Kalvitz says consumers participating in market research were so enthusiastic when they saw the finish produced by Krylon Fusion, they immediately began talking about where they would use it. The new spray paint creates endless opportunities to personalize with color or to revitalize faded or stained plastic items that otherwise would be tossed on the trash heap.

Available in a palette of 16 shades ranging from primary colors and traditional hues such as Hunter Green and Burgundy to trendy, decorator shades such as Blue Hyacinth, Buttercream and Honeydew, the spray paint offers new ways to infuse home and garden accents with color and style.

Imagine transforming a faded and worn garage-sale playhouse into a splashy red fire station using Red Pepper, or a pastel palace using colors such as Fairytale Pink and Dover White. Or use River Rock, a neutral, contemporary shade, to turn a simple Adirondack chair into a subtle decorating accent. Brighten up a faded plastic fence, or be inspired by the look of hand-painted home furnishings, using stencils to enhance plastic patio pots, planting tables and more. Even those icons of the 50s, pink plastic yard flamingos, can have a new coat of colors.

When spray painting with Krylon Fusion, use newspapers to protect surrounding areas and work in a well-ventilated space. For best adhesion, wipe down surfaces to be painted with a standard paint thinner, and follow all directions on the aerosol can. The spray paint dries to touch in 15 minutes and achieves maximum adhesion in one week.

The Krylon line includes a wide selection of paints and paint-related products for indoors, outdoors or around-the-house.



Add charm and elegance to any home

(MS) – The magic of a good porch is truly remarkable. It's where we sit to watch our children play in the yard or to catch the last rays of the setting sun. Rocking chairs, swings and settees with overstuffed pillows are out there, with a nice end table to hold our cool drinks. Dogs lie down near our feet, searching for shade and a scratch behind the ears. We all have memories associated with porches. But what about the porch itself?

Whether you're thinking of adding a front porch, a back porch overlooking the pool, a second-story overlook or perhaps just updating what you have, choosing the right materials for the job is paramount. Decking and support materials will fall easily into place, but the baluster railing system is where you really get to make a personal statement.

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Secrets to creating a successful rose garden

There is a classic Italian song, "Rose Rosse," about a young man who uses red roses to seduce a fair maiden. But she was not the first to fall prey to the potent flower; everyone from the ancient Romans to the more contemporary women in "The Bachelorette" have used roses to woo the objects of their affection. Although, the rose is nearly 35 million years old,



according to fossils, it is the flower's relationship with mankind that has made its beauty timeless.

The flower has long been a favorite with royalty – emperors in 17th century Europe used the flower – from rose petal confetti at feasts to rose water baths – to flaunt their wealth. It has also has been used for medicinal purposes, perfumes, even food throughout the ages.

About 5,000 years ago, the Chinese began cultivating roses in gardens, and soon everyone wanted a piece of the magic for their homes. Today, nearly 25,000 people are members of the American Rose Society, an organization dedicated to promoting the rose's survival and history.

Looking to stop and smell the roses in your own backyard? These 10 secrets will help you have a garden blooming with roses in no time:

1. Ask your local nursery or garden center experts which roses grow best in your climate. Or, you can do your own research at the local library in gardening encyclopedias or online at www.everyrose.com or The American Rose Society's Web site at www.ars.org. If you are a novice gardener, you will want to look into disease-resistant varieties and those that require less maintenance. You can get fancier later, when your thumb is a bit greener.
2. Sunny spots with well-drained soil are the best homes for a rose gardens, advises "Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening" (Houghton Mifflin Co.)., by Roger Holmes and Rita Buchanan. They need at least half a day of sun to stay healthy.
3. The ideal soil has a pH level -- the amount of acid in the soil – of 5.5 to 7.0, according to the Home and Garden Showplace, a garden center in Murfeesboro, Tennessee. (Test kits are available at most garden centers or nurseries).
4. The first step to planting your rose garden is to remove soil from an area 18 to 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep. Add organic matter like manure and lime to help nourish the roots. When you're ready to actually plant your roses, soak the roots in water or puddled clay (available in most garden centers or nurseries) for several minutes. Cut off root ends that are broken or damaged – they'll be hanging by a few hairs. Check with a gardening professional or a gardening encyclopedia about how much spacing to leave between rose plants because it varies by number and variety.
5. Never leave rose plants strewn about while waiting to be planted. The roots can dry up and die if exposed to air even briefly. Instead, keep them covered with soil or water while planting the others.
6. During the first three to four weeks after planting your roses, you should water them often, whenever the top 2 inches of soil feels dry. Once that delicate period has passed, soak the bed every seven to 10 days. Be sure to water them in the morning and take care to keep the moisture off the leaves to prevent insect and fungus infestation.
7. Fertilize your new roses about three months after planting, then should put down 3 to 6 inches of mulch. Mulch helps retain moisture, control soil temperature, prevent weeds and increase nutrients.
8. Before pruning, always coat your shears in an equal parts water and bleach mixture to protect your roses against bugs and diseases.
9. Spring is the best time for planting roses. To make sure your rose garden stands out, you can plant other seasonal plants, such as spring bulbs like tulips or daffodils or low-growing summer flowers like marigolds.
10. The best rose gardens are truly treated them with tender, loving care. Take the time to take care of your new garden.

The old myth that you can nourish plants by talking to them might not be such a bad idea.

Learn pruning esssentials

For the homeowner, a tree is an investment. One of the best ways to protect your investment is by pruning the tree's branches. Pruning may seem like an easy task, but it is a job best left to a professional arborist. A bad pruning job can cause even more problems than not pruning at all. But you can help your arborist by assessing your tree's problem areas.

PRUNING REASONS

1. To preserve the tree's health by taking out diseased or insect-infected damage
2. To reduce safety hazards, such as broken or dead branches, and to clear branches from wires
3. To promote the tree's structure for future growth as it matures. For example, branches that are rubbing together should be removed.

WHEN TO PRUNE

There's no wrong time to prune, but an ideal time is late winter before the new spring growth. You get a good picture of the branch structure at this time of year because the leaves are off. Also, because a lot of people only think about their trees in the summer, late winter tends to be the busiest season for arborists. You can be a smart tree owner and a frugal one, too, by scheduling tree maintenance during the winter. Ask for a winter discount.

TIPS FOR PROPER PRUNING

While a certified professional arborist will know the proper pruning techniques, it is also a good idea to know a thing or two yourself.

* You always want a clean cut with no peeling bark. Never twist a branch off, as this will prevent proper healing and make the tree susceptible to disease and harmful insects.
* Never put anything over the wound of a tree. Years ago, people would put tar, cement or paint on the cuts and wounds of trees as home remedies. Research has shown that these foreign materials actually hinder the healing of the tree and cause far more harm than good.

Remember, pruning is best done in late winter, but if you have a potential safety hazard, call a professional immediately. To find a certified arborist, check the your local nursery, telephone directory or log on to the International Society of Arborculture's Web site at www.isa-arbor.com.



Use care when working on your home improvements

Spring home-improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the decor of the home. Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

Protecting **YOUR HEALTH**

- Make sure that ladders and stepladders are in proper working order and platforms have been constructed safely.
- Increase the ventilation in a room to reduce the effects of dust and fumes.
- Wear a mask to minimize the amount of dust and fine particles that you inhale.
- Wear safety glasses to protect eyes from flying debris.
- Wear gloves to protect skin from injury and irritation.
- Keep all chemicals and tools away from children and pets, and out of the way of corridors in your work area.

Following Instructions

- Always read manufacturers' operating instructions before using any equipment.
- Make sure that you use any materials or chemicals safely, complying with statutory legislation regulating the use of hazardous substances.

Electricity

- Disconnect any electrical equipment when it is not in use, even if it is for a short time.
- Switch off the power supply when decorating around switches or wall outlets and when cleaning them.
- Consider using a ground-fault interrupter to prevent electrocution.

Deadheading promotes plenty of garden blooms

A great way to promote a continuous blooming garden is to deadhead regularly. Deadheading is the practice of trimming off spent flowers and it helps your garden in two ways: it helps get rid of old, dying blooms, making your garden tidier, and it encourages plants to bloom again, so you can get more color out of each plant.

When blooms start to fade, brown, curl or otherwise look unattractive, that's the time to trim them off, allowing the other flowers to shine. Deadheading also keeps plants from setting seed, which also promotes flowering all season long and helps to reduce disease problems.

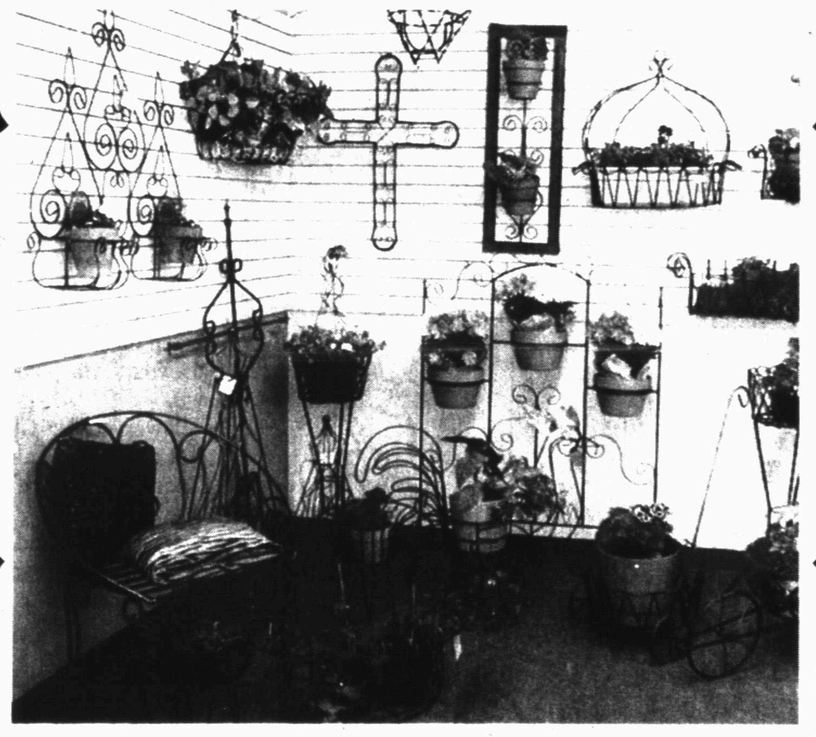
You can deadhead throughout the season as blooms die as well as after the blooming season for each plant. Use sharp shears to make strong, clean cuts without ragged edges. A particularly good tool for this work is the Comfort GripTM Floral Snip from Fiskars Garden Tools. The micro-tip stainless steel blades are perfect for fine, precise cutting. The 5-inch Comfort Grip handle features a non-slip grip that's easy to control and reduces hand fatigue.

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Save time with easy painting pointers

The walls and ceilings throughout a home usually form the backdrop for room furnishings, drapes and other decorations. Choosing a color can be hard enough, but choosing the right kind of paint can be just as important. Some people prefer a water-based matte finish, others like something oil-based and glossy, while still some prefer a textured look. At a home center, it's easy to get overwhelmed by aisle after aisle of paints and equipment. Following are some hints for navigating your way through the paint options, courtesy of "Decorating Hints & Tips" (DK), by Julian Cassell and Peter Parham.

TYPES OF PAINT

No matter how many different varieties there are, they all fit into a number of broad categories. In general, water-based paints are the most popular because they're relatively easy to work with and dry quickly.

• Flat latex paint is water-based and has a dull, matte finish. It remains one of the more popular options because it's user-friendly – easy to work with and low odor. Flat latex is suitable for all walls and ceilings, especially those freshly plastered, since it allows the plaster to dry out thoroughly.

• Vinyl flat latex is water-based, but it's easier to clean than traditional flat latex paint; it dries to a wipeable-matte finish. It's also more durable – suitable for all walls – since the paint's matte properties help to conceal many surface imperfections.

• Vinyl gloss latex paint is water-based and quick-drying. It dries to high sheen. The gloss finish makes washing easy, and makes the paint a good choice for kitchens and bathrooms. It also can be used for all walls and ceilings.

• Store-brand flat latex is a paint created by most major paint stores and home-improvement stores – a brand exclusive to that store. This paint is an ideal choice for achieving a traditional flat paint finish on all interior surfaces.

• Semigloss paint is oil-based and dries to a medium sheen. Although many brands are available, some have less of an odor, and are more user-friendly than others. This paint particularly is suitable for high-wear areas.

• Quick-drying semigloss paint is a water-based acrylic type of semigloss. Typically a low-odor item, it also is washable and dries to a medium sheen. Some brands contain fungicides to fight mold and mildew buildup – making it another good choice for kitchens and bathrooms.

• Textured paint is a water-based thick matte. It can be left plain or painted over, and can have a pattern superimposed. Textured paint is very durable and ideal for concealing surface imperfections and small cracks.

MEASURE TWICE

No matter which type of paint you choose, accuracy when estimating the amount you need will save you money and reduce waste. Calculate the surface areas of walls by multiplying the height of a room from the ceiling to the floor (or baseboard) by the entire length of the perimeter of the floor. Use the same dimensions to calculate the surface area of the ceiling. Do not subtract the areas of doors, windows and extras like molding, wall or window recesses, pillars and covered beams from your calculations. This way, you can be sure that you will have paint left over for any necessary touch ups later on. Also, remember that most walls will require two coats of paint.

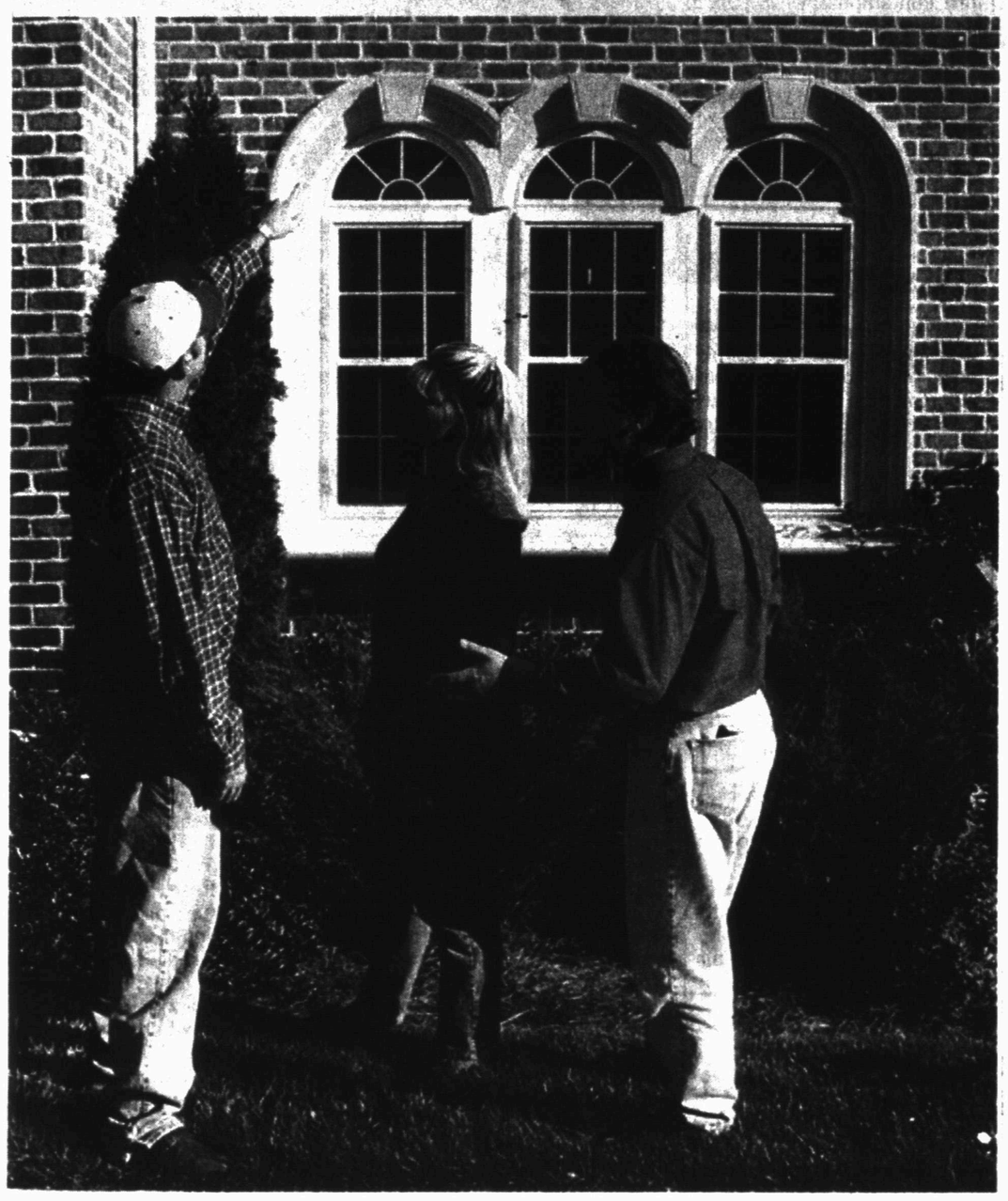
SAFETY FIRST

As with any home-improvement project, safety always should be the one of your first and foremost concerns. Here are some safety pointers to consider.

• Prevent injury – be sure to store painting materials and tools away from children and pets. Many products contain chemicals that may be harmful to the body.

• Follow instructions – read all manufacturers' guidelines with regard to proper use of materials and equipment before you begin your project.

• Climb safely – inspect all ladders and stepladders to make sure they are safe to use and show no serious signs of wear.



A Spring cleaning checklist

There's lots of small-scale chores that can be done in the spring. Start inside and then as it gets warmer, move outside. Here's some tips courtesy of abcnews.com

INDOORS

• Refrigerators and freezers: Vacuum the coils at the back of the units.
• Furnaces: Replace old air filters.
• Air conditioners: Vacuum built-up dirt off the coils.
• Clothes washer: Clean the inlet screen.
• Caulking: Replace caulking around the tub and sink that has a black, mildew appearance.
• Tile grout: Clean tile grout between ceramic tiles in your kitchen and bathroom.

OUTSIDE

• House exterior: Repair damage such as cracks or punctures.
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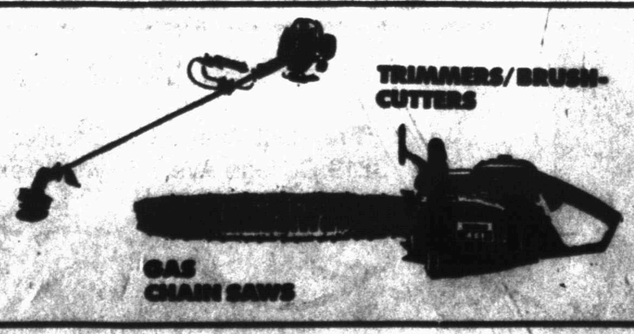
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Get Your Garden Growing With Basic Tools

"April showers bring May flowers," the adage goes. However, when it comes to gardening – a pastime that lasts year-round – showers alone don't cut it.

In order to have a lush and vibrant garden harvest of flowers, vegetables, herbs and spices – not to mention a healthy lawn adorned with bustling leafy trees and well-kept hedges – you'll have to get working on your greens.

Whether your garden spans acres of land, a few yards or merely the length of your urban apartment's window box, that plot of land requires special care and attention. But before you begin imagining the solace of tending your garden under the sun while the warm rays massage your shoulders and back, or the thrill of picking the season's first harvest, you need to consider a few basic items that will help you sow the seeds for a successful garden.

Tools – You may have a "green thumb," but usually it takes a tool in hand to make it useful. Some basic tools every gardener should own include gardening gloves, a hand fork and trowel, pruners, a spade, fork and hoe, a watering can and hose, wheelbarrow, lawn mower and rake.

Soil – More often than not, what your garden yields is only as good as the soil it grows from, so healthy soil should be every gardener's top priority. A good way to start is by digging into and turning over the soil. This increases the amount of air spaces in the soil and encourages plant growth. Clearing away weeds and debris is also important, and when necessary, weedkiller and fertilizer can remedy problem soil conditions.

Bulbs and seeds – Before you select the bulbs or seeds you'd like to plant, consider what kind of climate is most suitable for what you're planting. Consider the maximum growth the plant will achieve, how it will thrive in your specific soil conditions, and what kind of aesthetic appeal it might contribute in relation to the other plants or trees you're planning to grow.

Trees, shrubs and flowers – In addition to new bulbs and seeds, you need to make time for the plants you've already grown. Pruning trees and shrubs encourages them to flower and grow, while keeping them manageable and neat. Flowers, specifically roses, annuals and some perennials, benefit from deadheading – removing dead flower heads to encourage new buds.

Lawn – Mowing the lawn makes grass more dense and less susceptible to weeds. Grass grows most rapidly during mild or cool weather, especially when the ground is moist, so you'll have to mow more frequently in the spring and fall to keep a well-tended lawn. In summer, or when the weather is warm and dry, mow less frequently and set the mower blades higher.

Borders, fences and hedges – From elaborate landscaping to creative boundaries to shading to just plain privacy, the reasons for creating borders, raising fences or planting hedges are many. A border of flowers or plants can lend a personalized, artistic mark to a garden. Fences, which range from sturdy constructions to lighter-weight trellises, can provide an effective screen as well as an ideal place to plant climbers, hedges or various vines.

Gardening is year-round, yet rewarding work. The more you tend your garden, the more responsive it will be. So get your tools ready and "plot" your agenda – you'll soon be reaping the ripe rewards of a healthy, well-kept garden.



Build a greenhouse in your own backyard

Spring is in the air, and the flowers are nearly in full bloom. Do you wish it could be like this all year? Maybe it's time to consider building and maintaining a greenhouse in your own backyard.

The ancient Romans were the first to protect plants from nature's blast by housing them under slabs of rock on top of heated pits. By the 18th century, explorers began to create glasshouses, closer to the greenhouses we know today. But it was not until 1800 that gardeners realized light was more important to a plant's health than simply heat.

In 1851, Sir Joseph Paxton, a horticulturist for a British duke and the leading landscaper of his generation, erected London's Crystal Palace, a prefabricated structure made with iron and glass – the first of its kind in the world. Paxton's creation was a milestone for architectural design and greenhouse development. It set the stage for future greenhouse design.

But the greatest achievements for home greenhouses have come in the last 40 years. Today, about 1,500 people are members of the Hobby Greenhouse Association, a group that provides enthusiasts with advice on the upkeep of home greenhouses.

If you are thinking about constructing and maintaining a greenhouse in your own backyard –whether it be to have fresh vegetables year-round or simply because gardening is your passion – here are some things to consider:

TYPES OF GREENHOUSES

Keepers of a hot greenhouse should maintain a temperature of at least 65 F, ideal for tropical or exotic plants.

The temperature remains about 55 F in a warm greenhouse, which is perfect for growing flowers such as sunflowers or vegetables such as lettuce that you would normally plant outdoors. In other words, this type of greenhouse is the right investment for those who want to protect their outdoor gardens in the winter months.

In a cold greenhouse, the temperature should be between 40 and 45 degrees. This climate is best for growing seedlings, which rarely require lots of heat and is a great place to get a jump-start on summer gardens, including coveted tomatoes, a plant that is often hard to grow. Plant databases and encyclopedias are excellent research tools that can help you decide which plants would grow best in each type of greenhouses.

BUILDING YOUR GREENHOUSE

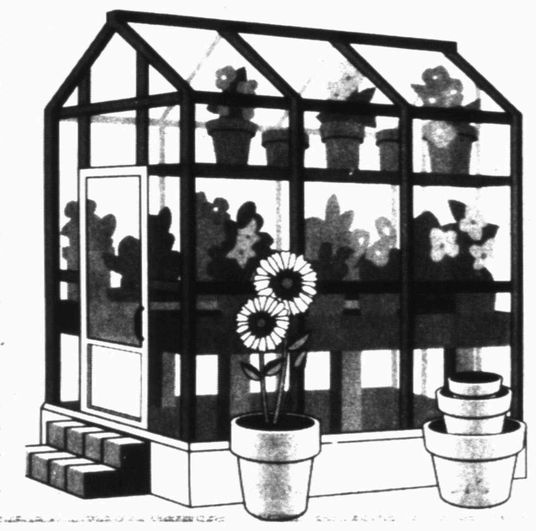
After you have decided what type of greenhouse you will have, you need to start planning its location. Pay attention to the parts of your backyard that get maximum amounts of sunlight during the day. Greenhouses should receive at least six hours of direct sunlight a day, but you can supplement light with lamps if necessary, especially during winter's shorter days. Check with experts at a nursery, garden center or commercial greenhouse for advice on what type of supplemental light will serve your needs. (It varies, depending on the types of plants you are growing.)

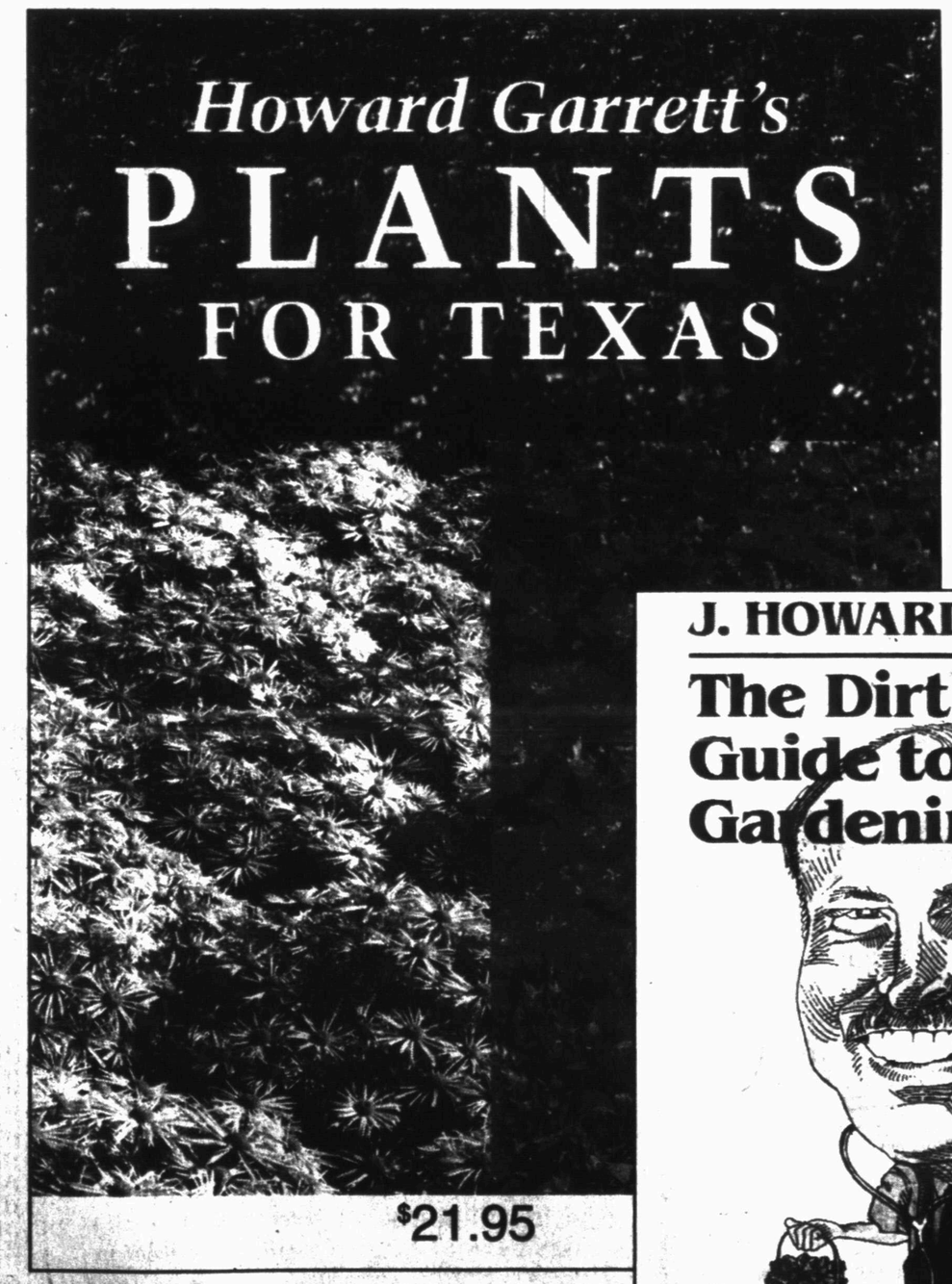
Also, consider the design of your greenhouse. For example, if you live in a snowy climate, you will have to build a house with an arched, rounded roof that forces the precipitation to the ground. Mounds of snow piled on top of the greenhouse could cause structural damage and reduce the temperature inside. You also have to decide if you want a freestanding greenhouse that is separate from your home or one that is attached. Its really a matter of personal taste and, again, depends on your reasons for building a greenhouse. Consult greenhouse experts and think about all of your options.

When building a greenhouse, you can use foam or rigid board insulation in the foundation to prevent the freezing ground below from affecting the temperature inside. This will help lower heating costs.

MAINTAINING YOUR GREENHOUSE

The fun begins once your greenhouse is up and running. The key to success is paying attention to your plants. Always keep the temperature constant, and water and fertilize plants as directed. Be aware of each plant's maintenance needs. For example, a rare orchid or African violet probably will require more attention than an onion or daisy. Remember, as a greenhouse keeper, green is now your signature color. Wear it well.





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Brick offers a durable, attractive and affordable alternative for decks

(MS) – In light of the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement regarding the phase-out of arsenic-laced, pressure-treated lumber, homeowners across the country are re-thinking the safety of their existing wood decks and looking for alternatives for new construction.

So, what's the alternative? Many people building or rebuilding a deck initially consider using lumber treated with one of the non-arsenic-based pesticides being introduced into the market. A masonry material like brick, however, offers an option that not only solves the immediate safety and environmental issues, but provides a more attractive, durable and useful surface that will remain virtually maintenance-free for years to come. Brick, one of the "greenest" building materials that's been around for thousands of years, can be used to cover a masonry-constructed deck, creating a natural extension of a brick home or a value-added addition to any home.

Sam McGee, co-owner of North Carolina-based McGee Brothers Masonry, the largest masonry contracting company in the country, says a brick deck is easy and affordable to build and can solve many of the common homeowner complaints about wood decks. According to McGee, advantages of a brick-covered masonry deck include the following:

* Solid and dependable – A brick deck, like a brick house, is solid and dependable. No swaying in the breeze or shaking when the kids jump on a solidly constructed masonry deck.

* Totally inflammable – A brick deck takes the worry out of family barbecues or portable outdoor fireplaces. While fallen embers have been known to ignite wooden decks, a brick deck's flame resistance will protect both your deck and your home.

* Splinter free – No more annoying splinters to keep you or your kids from enjoying your deck without shoes. No more stubbed toes, either. Unlike lumber, which can warp to create an uneven surface, a brick deck will maintain the integrity of its design for decades to come.

* Ages like a fine wine – Instead of fading and warping that comes with a wood deck, you can expect your brick deck to improve with age, taking on a rich patina associated with the brick streets of days gone by. And while regular refinishing and resealing are mandatory for keeping up a wood deck's appearance, no maintenance ever required for brick surfaces.

* Useful space – Because an elevated brick deck creates a solid, impenetrable surface, the space below can be used as extra outdoor living or storage space with protection from the elements.

McGee, whose company has built hundreds of brick decks, says the cost of a brick deck is comparable to a lumber deck, with brick running about 25 percent more than lumber decks.

"A brick deck shouldn't be cost prohibitive to anyone. We build lots of small brick decks on starter homes, and in the long run it's a good investment for homebuyers and for homebuilders. Given the choice, I've never had a customer choose a wood deck over brick." McGee notes that a ballpark price for a medium-sized wood deck is $15 per square foot, while a brick deck will run around $20 per square foot.

Brick Industry Association Vice President Tom Perry, commented on the dilemma facing homeowners who want a deck, but don't want the carcinogenic additives that have traditionally come with pressure-treated lumber. "We understand your concerns, and we want to help. Brick – made from the primal elements of earth, water and fire – is about as back-to-nature as a building product gets. We can guarantee not only your safety from chemical treatment methods, but fire resistance, durability and virtually no maintenance for the life of the product, which for brick may be longer than your own lifetime."

Perry suggests homeowners looking for an outside living area that doesn't necessarily need to be elevated consider a brick patio, which is less expensive than a wood deck and can be installed by most do-it-yourselfers. A downloadable guide for installing brick pavers without mortar is available at www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf.

For more information on brick paving products, distributors and masonry contractors, visit www.brickinfo.org or look in your local yellow pages under brick distributors or mason contractors.

Practice safety while at work on lawn, garden and home projects

(MS) – Whether you're clipping, cutting, mulching or mowing, chances are you'll be using motorized equipment or tools for your spring cleaning, lawn and garden maintenance or home improvement projects. While powerful electric or gasoline motors with whirling metal blades or grinding razor-sharp teeth make many household chores easier, they can also make them dangerous.

In the United States, approximately 78,000 people make hospital visits each year because of lawn mower mishaps; an estimated 84,000 victims are treated in emergency rooms after power saw accidents and more than 90,000 injuries occur with lawn and garden equipment.

The safety professional at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend that you follow these safety precautions when using lawn and garden equipment and power saws:



LAWN MOWERS

* Before operating your mower, make sure you read the owner's manual thoroughly, noting all safety and operating instructions. Learn the controls well enough to stop the machine quickly in an emergency.

* If you have a gasoline-fueled mower, store the gas in a safety can. Fill the mower outside, away from possible ignition sources. Before starting the mower, be sure it is on level ground and disengage all clutches.

* Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage shed or basement.

* Electrically powered lawn mowers should not be used on wet grass. Use an extension cord designed for the outdoors and rated for the power needs of your mower. To reduce the risk of cutting the cord while you're mowing, start mowing in the area nearest the electrical outlet, then mow away from the outlet so the power cord will be behind you.

* Make sure all safety guards are in place and keep the mower's blades sharp. If you do hit a foreign object or have a mower malfunction, turn off the mower and disconnect the power cord before inspecting for damage.

* Keep your hands and feet away from the mower's blades. Never reach under the mower while it's in operation, and make all adjustments with the motor off.

* Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers. Your shoes should provide good traction to reduce slipping and have sturdy soles to resist punctures. Never work barefoot, in sandals or in canvas shoes.

* Never leave a lawn mower on while unattended. Curious children, eager to help, may get injured.

LAWN-GARDEN TOOLS

* Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions.

* Always look for the familiar UL Listing Mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product. The seal indicates the product has been tested for fire, electric shock and related safety hazards.

* Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, don't use it or attempt to repair it yourself. Return the product or have a qualified repair shop examine it.

*. Keep your clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.

* Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled immersible. When using tools outside, make sure they are appropriate for outdoor use.

* Use only properly rated outdoor extension cords with outdoor electrical tools. Make sure power tool or garden appliance is off before plugging it in. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.

* Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when turned off but still plugged in.

* Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools and appliances in the rain.

* Have a qualified technician install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles in all outdoor outlets. Test your GFCIs monthly.

* Never carry an appliance by the cord. Always grasp the plug – not the wire, before removing a cord from a receptacle.

Power Saws

* A blade guard is a necessity. Buy a saw with the guard you feel most comfortable using, and keep it on at all times. Some types, such as sabre saws, cannot be designed with a guard; be especially careful to avoid contact with the blade. Before operating saws with guards, make sure they are in place and working properly.

* Make sure the power saw is off before plugging it in. When you are finished, turn off the motor. Make sure the blade is stopped and unplugged before cleaning around the saw.

* Always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback. Kickback can occur when the blade jams or binds in the wood and throws the saw toward the operator (portable power saws) or the wood toward the operator (stationary equipment).

* While operating the saw, keep the cord away from the cutting area and position it so that it will not be caught on the work piece.

* Make sure you use the right saw for the task. For example, don't use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs. A chain saw is the appropriate tool in this case.

* A properly sharpened saw blade provides better and safer performance. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback. Saw blades that are chipped, bent, or damaged should be discarded immediately.

* Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place.

* Keep children away from the work area and equipment at all times.

* Use rubber or other non-slip matting around the work area to prevent trips and falls. Keep the floor clean.

* Don't wear watches, bracelets and long sleeves while cutting. They can get caught in the saw's moving parts.

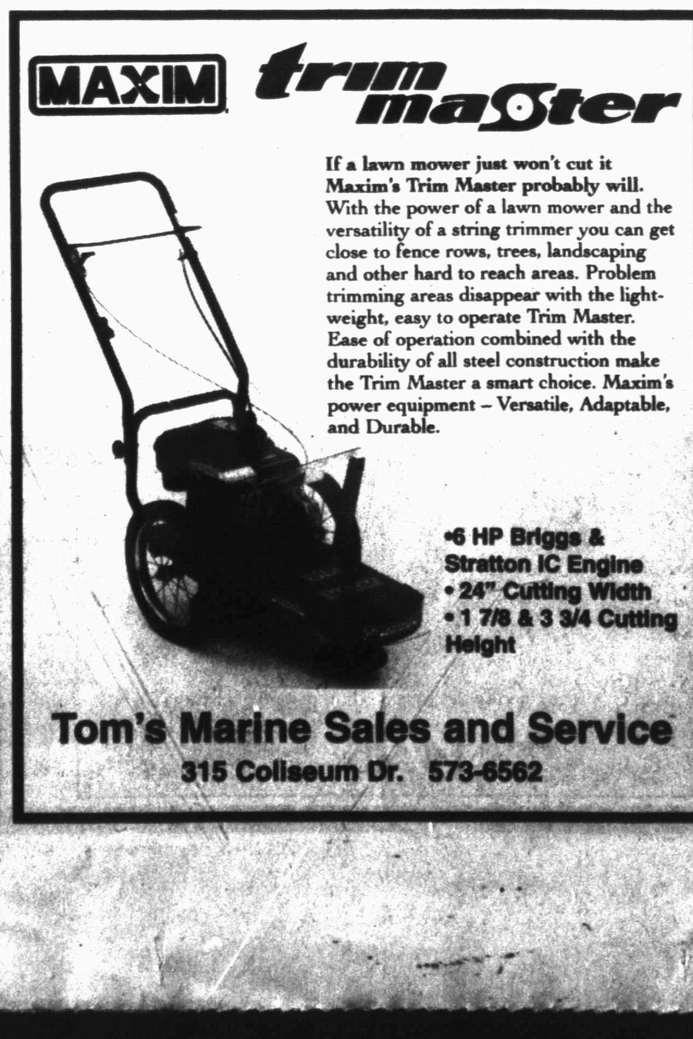
* If you need to use an extension cord with your saw, make sure it's in good condition and is heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw.

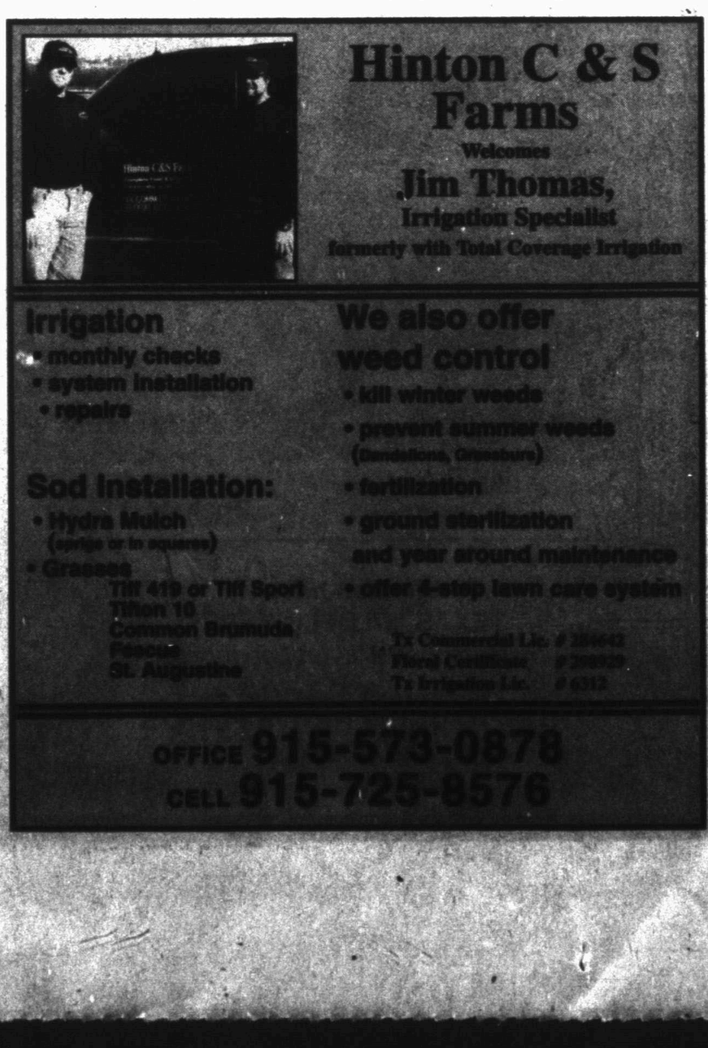
For more information and tips on safe use of ladders, extension cords and GFCIs, visit www.ul.com/consumers.











Vitamin C helpful for plants, too

When most people are sick or want to avoid getting sick, they overdose on orange juice, citrus fruits and other vitamin C-rich drinks and foods. They have been fed the info that the vitamin helps fend off disease and infections. But humans are not the only ones who reap the vitamin's benefits. Plants high in vitamin C are more resistant to ozone damage, according to ongoing studies by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS). Ozone is one of the most potent natural pollutants. When it enters living cells, it breaks into particles, called free radicals. These free radicals can bond to particles in the living cells and harm the plant. It is usually evident on leaves, leaving lesions, yellow or brown discoloration or bleaching.

Sometimes ozone damage can occur with little or no visible evidence on the plants. It reduces a plant's ability to fend off disease and pest infestation without any exterior signs.

Keeping plants healthy is the best prevention against ozone damage, according to staff at Kemper Center for Home Gardening in St. Louis.

Healthier soil leads to healthier plants. Soil should be porous, not compacted and fertilized with a non-nitrate fertilizer. Nitrate fertilizers have been shown to lower vitamin C production in plants. Picking plants for your garden that are naturally resistant to ozone damage is another method of prevention. ARS research found that snap peas are one of the best plants at blocking ozone with vitamin C. Other beans have shown equally high resistance rates to air pollution. Gladiolas, geraniums and cucumbers also show a particularly strong resistance to ozone pollution, according to a study done at Auburn University in Alabama.

Many scientists believe vitamin C is a critical ingredient for growing healthier, safer plants in the future. Scientists are currently studying ways to genetically alter plants so that they create more vitamin C. Craig Nessler, a professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, is currently studying ways to genetically alter plants to produce more vitamin C. He recently discovered a method using genes from a rat that causes lettuce to produce seven times more vitamin C than normal. Nessler wants to use this research to find other, more consumer-friendly ways of spurring vitamin C production in plants. "We realize that a plant altered by a rat gene wouldn't appeal to consumers," he said. Perhaps if researchers can find better ways to helps plants use vitamin C, the damage to gardens and crops could be kept under control.

Spider mites: the secret plant killer

Something you can barely see could be harming your plants. These are spider mites – nasty, nearly invisible pests that affect the health, beauty and productivity of plants. If their numbers get large enough, they can wipe out an entire greenhouse or field of crops.

The easiest way to spot spider mite infestation is by the miniscule white spots that appear on the plant's leaves. Sometimes, the mites weave abundant amounts of fine webbing around the leaves. The pests grow no larger than a pinhead and come in many varieties. The most common type, the two-spotted spider mite, is light green with two black spots on its back.

The spider mite population explodes during hot, dry weather. Female mites can lay up to 10 eggs a day, producing about 110 mites during their 15-day life span. In low humidity and high heat in regions like the Southwest, females reproduce even faster.

They attack both indoor and outdoor plants, including fruits, vegetables, flowers and or ornamental plants. While they thrive in the warm, dry greenhouse conditions they have been known to attack field crops such as strawberries, grapes and apple orchards.

Because the pest can survive in so many conditions, finding a predator to kill off the spider mites is no easy task. The plant's type, temperature, humidity and location (indoors or outdoors) all factor into choosing the right predator. A strawberry field in California, for example, would need a different type of predatory mite than an ornamental plant in a Florida home. Sometimes a combination of predators is needed.

Companies across the country say there is a natural way to fight these troublesome pests. They call it Augmentative Biological Control, or ABC. In short, it is fighting mites with mites by introducing other species that, when put on your plants, feeds on the spider mites.

There are drawbacks to such biologically controlling spider mites. Pesticides tend to fight other pests and diseases as they control spider mite populations. In some cases, predatory mites are visible and can detract from the plant's attractiveness. If applied too late, the effectiveness of ABC is reduced. It is best to release predatory mites early in the growth of your plants when spider mite populations are low. Additional applications of the predatory mites need to be made every two to four weeks.

The predatory mites come packed in shaker bottles which cost about $25 each. Most companies provide a free consultation to determine the best combination of mites needed for your garden, greenhouse or flower patch. There are several Web sites where the predatory mites can be bought commercially. Visit www.benemite.com for more information.

A new rose color astonishes gardeners

(MS) – The most unusually colored rose to come out in the last decade, 'Hot Cocoa' is a plant every gardener must grow.

This hardy floribunda rose has it all. The flowers grow in fragrant clusters, and each bloom is large, fully double and well formed. The deep rust-colored buds open to reveal a chocolatey haze of velvet smoke tones. Lighter in hot weather, and darker in cool, 'Hot Cocoa's' flowers are always changing and always a mysterious blend of smoky colors that defy description. And unlike some novel roses of the past, 'Hot Cocoa's' range of colors is universally appealing. In other words, you'll love it.

Not only is the smoky chocolate orange color amazing, 'Hot Cocoa' is a plant so exceptional that you'd want to grow it even if it didn't have flowers. The foliage is deep green and so glossy it looks as if someone shined each leaf individually.

Great flowers, super foliage – that's enough, right? Wrong. The 'Hot Cocoa' plant is so disease resistant that it was unaffected by last season's insidious nationwide blackspot epidemic.

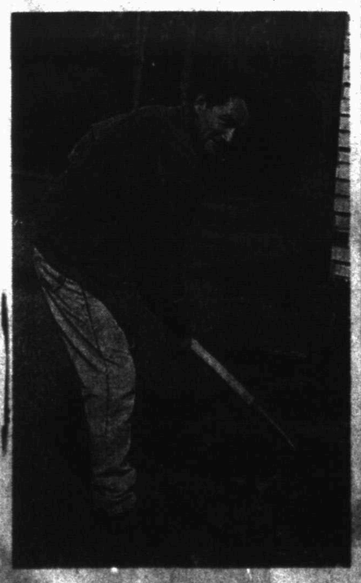
Naturally disease resistant, 'Hot Cocoa' can remain blackspot free without spraying, from early spring right through early fall. This, of course, makes 'Hot Cocoa' exceptionally easy to grow. Just a little water and fertilizer keeps this plant vigorous and free blooming all season long.

It's excellent as a cut flower, but 'Hot Cocoa' really shines in the garden where its glossy foliage draws the eye to the ever-present multitude of blooms.

Keep allergies at bay this Spring

For people with allergies, a lawn or a garden can be synonymous with itchy eyes, constant sneezing and a scratchy throat. Green thumbs and outdoor enthusiasts either take these health setbacks as a spring rite of passage or stay indoors to avoid feeling ill. But there are ways to lessen the pain. These tips from health experts should do the trick. That way, allergy suffers can enjoy the spring season outside without just looking at it through a window.

* Watch when you go outdoors. Pollen counts are higher in the afternoon in the spring and in the early morning in the fall. They are also lower during and right after rainfall or on cool, cloudy days.
* If going outside, pretreat yourself with antihistamines or nasal sprays.
* Change your clothes and shower after working outdoors. You can even have special clothing or shoes for gardening or outdoor activities.
* Avoid wearing heavy perfumes or colognes when outdoors.
* Keep windows closed in your home. Avoid using window or attic fans, which can bring pollen indoors.
* Do not dry clothes outside – pollen can get trapped in clothing.



Get an 'edge' on the war between beds and creeping grasses and weeds

(MS) – Borders add a finishing touch to a landscape. They also serve a vital purpose: defending beautiful beds from creeping grasses and weeds. Today, there are many edging products available for gardeners, but a new, innovative border is available to gardeners and landscapers seeking a long-lasting, low-maintenance edging.

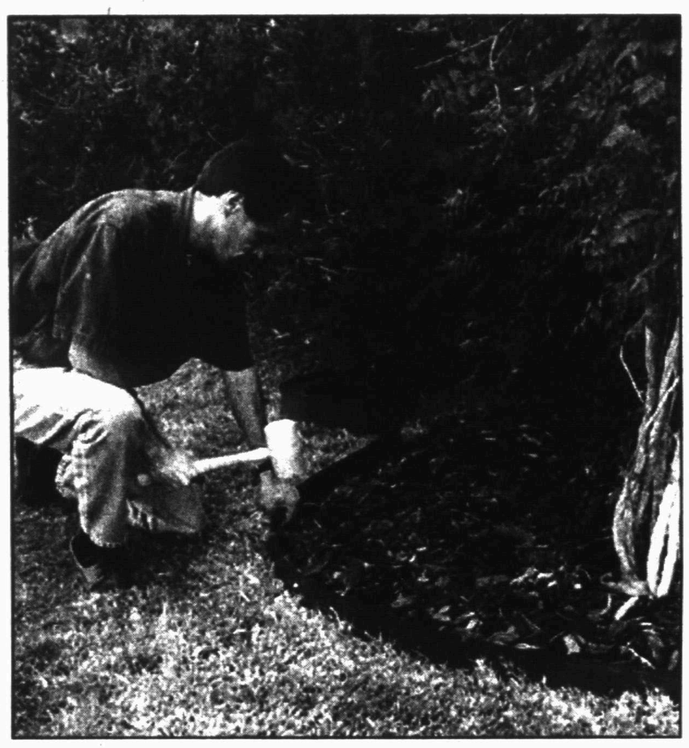
Landscape contractors across the country are all abuzz about a new edging product called Fiber Edge(TM). Created by Easy Gardener Inc., the product has been described as one of the first major edging developments to come along in 20 years.

What's all the hoopla about? One continuous flexible fiberglass edging piece that comes in a roll package and is easily carried, transported and stored, Fiber Edge uncoils straight and bends easily to conform to any type of landscape design. The pros say it's durable, yet flexible, lightweight and easy to use, and can even outperform metal, plastic and wood edging.

The good news for the everyday gardener is that you don't have to be a professional to use it. The only "special tools" you'll need to install the edging are a garden hose, a spade and a mallet. Once you've figured out the location and the shape of the area to be edged, use your garden hose as a guide by laying it where you plan to put the edging. Line up the edging, dig a small trench and hammer it into the ground with the mallet. It's that simple.

The product is guaranteed not to rust, warp, rot or fade. Made of strong UV-resistant fiberglass, it will last for years in any type of outdoor environment. Best of all, you can have a professional-looking landscape with a do-it-yourself price.

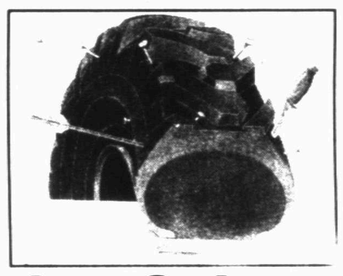
Fiber Edge comes in an attractive grass green color that will blend perfectly with any lawn and complement flowerbeds and gardens nicely. The edging is available in 20- and 100-foot roll packs at your favorite garden or home center.



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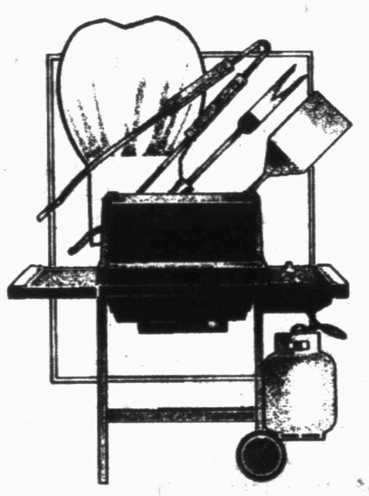
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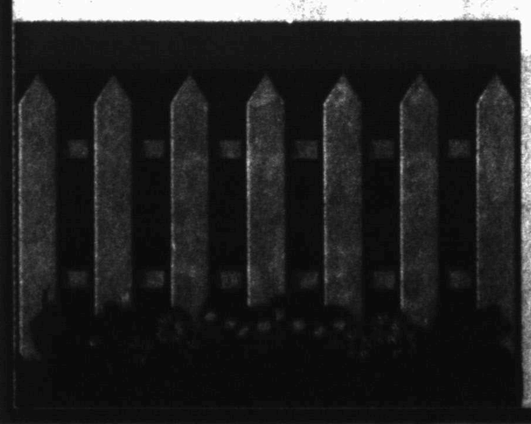


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