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Whitewater probe expands into new territory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's 3½-year investigation has expanded into new territory — whether President Clinton tried to influence a former White House intern's testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

The former intern, Monica S. Lewinsky, has signed a declaration in the Jones' lawsuit denying she ever had a sexual relationship with the president and stands by that assertion, her lawyer said.

Clinton's attorney, Robert Bennett, also rejected the allegations. "The president adamantly denies it. I smell a rat," Bennett told reporters as he arrived at the White House this morning.

Asked about reports of tape-recorded conversations about the alleged affair and purported efforts to conceal it, Bennett said, "I know nothing about that. Before I comment on it, I want to investigate it."

White House press secretary MikeMcCurry said the White House would cooperate with Starr.

A crush of reporters crowded into McCurry's office to question him about the latest allegations. Reading from notes, he said, "The president is outraged by these allegations. He's never had any improper relationship with this woman. He's made it clear from the beginning that he wants people to tell the truth in all matters."

"I can say that the president was quite firm about me making that statement," McCurry said.

After reading his statement, he referred reporters to Clinton's Whitewater attorney, David Kendall, for further information.

Attorney William H. Ginsburg of Los Angeles said his client, Ms. Lewinsky, has not been formally interviewed by prosecutors but that he has met in Washington with Starr's investigators.

Ginsburg said the Justice Department had approved a formal expansion of the Whitewater investigation. "I know that Janet Reno has definitely signed off," he said.

The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times, which first reported the development along with ABC News, said in today's editions that the three-judge federal appeals court panel that oversees Starr's probe also approved the expansion.

The latest development marks a departure for Starr's investigation, which for the past 3½ years has focused on the Clintons' failed Whitewater land venture and other Arkansas business dealings and whether since coming to Washington the first family or their aides have done anything to impede that investigation.

The Times and ABC News reported that Starr was investigating whether Clinton deployed his friend and trusted adviser, Vernon Jordan, a Washington attorney, to discuss with Lewinsky her testimony.

The two reported that Starr's office had received a tip from a former associate of Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, that prompted the investigation.

The Washington Post and ABC reported that Tripp provided Starr with audiotapes that she recorded of conversations she had with Lewinsky in which the former intern recounted details of a 1½-year affair she said she had with Clinton. Ms. Lewinsky started working at the White House in December 1995.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The guy good at making excuses is rarely good at much else."

"Getting even" was a characteristic that we didn't expect to find in a man of the cloth — or even a retired one.

For years — 32 of 'em in Snyder — Miller Robinson has looked at his share of pictures pushed his way by beaming grandparents.

Now that Miller and Sandra Robinson are grandparents, the retired Colonial Hill minister is getting even — and his approach is ecumenical.

In every coffee shop, Miller has unrolled a 12x18, bigger than life picture of John Miller Robinson, the son of Kinney and Ronda Robinson of Gatesville.

One afternoon at the Dairy Queen, the preacher attempted a second viewing only to be reminded that everyone had already seen it.

Miller bolted for the door, heading straight to his car. In just seconds he returned. "You haven't seen this one." It was an even larger blowup, at least 24 X 36 and also in living color.

Being so quick on his feet, Miller could have probably also been successful in politics.

Last month we attended a funeral and bumped into Kent Hance, the former U.S. Congressman from Lubbock who was an unsuccessful candidate for governor a few years back.

Hance now lives in Austin. In addition to his law practice, he works as a lobbyist both at the state and federal levels.

Like audiences at most funerals, there were folks who had not seen one another in a long time.

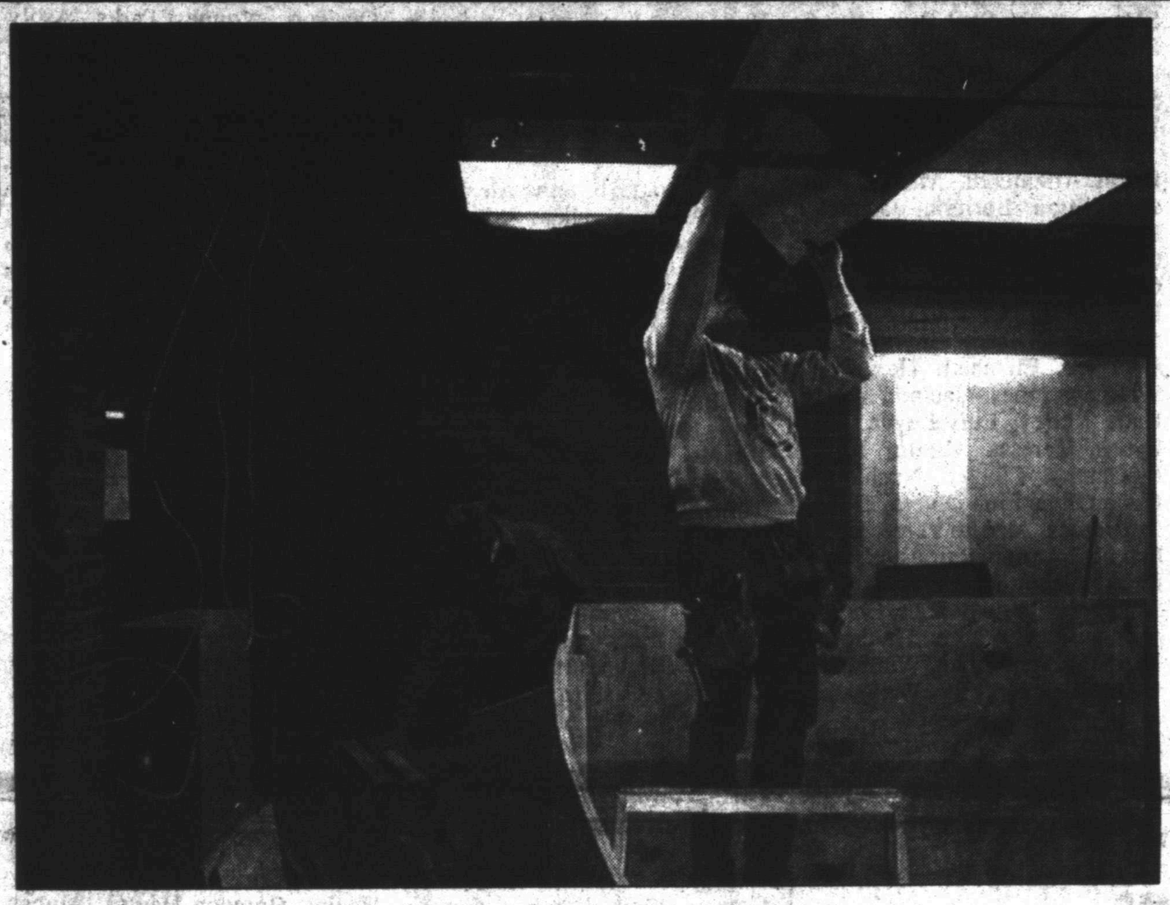
"Gosh, it must've been 10 years or more...you haven't changed a bit."

Overhearing that comment prompted Hance to tell a story about a fellow politican he was with in an Austin airport. The fellow congressman had happened upon a long-time supporter.

"Sure good to see you again," the politician said. "And how is that sweet, good-looking, smart, vivacious, cute and wonderful wife of yours?"

The man looked the congressman straight in the eye. "We divorced six years ago."

Being fast on his feet helped. Without even a stutter, Hance observed his friend's quick recovery: "And I think your darn well better off without her."



CEILING WORK — Donnie Gilbert, left, and Reece Northcutt, both with Henley Interiors of Lubbock, remove the ceiling in the former doctors' clinic at 5301 Trinity Blvd. The building will house Cogdell Memorial Hospital's physical, speech, and pediatric therapy departments and the Heart Gym. An early March opening is projected. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cuba abuzz with anticipation

Catholics get out the flock for today's papal visit

HAVANA (AP) — Cubans welcomed returning exiles and banner headlines heralded "His Holiness" today in the last hours before Pope John Paul II's arrival to the land of Fidel Castro. Aboard his plane, John Paul pressed Cuba for more freedoms and the United States for changes in the Cuba embargo.

"You now very well what I think about human rights — the same that I have spoken about in Poland and so many countries beginning in 1979," the pope told reporters aboard the flight taking him to Cuba.

When asked whether he had a message for the United States regarding its economic embargo on Cuba, John Paul said, "To change, to change."

Noting the interest the trip had generated in the United States, the pontiff said that "perhaps both Cuba and the United States are looking for a better way."

In Cuba, state-run Radio Rebelde urged Cubans — "believers and nonbelievers" — to line the pontiff's route from the airport.

Castro's government gave workers in the capital the afternoon off so they could turn out. Yellow-and-white Vatican flags flapped over the capital's streets, where bicyclists veered through trails of bus exhaust.

"It's very good for Cuba," said mailman Jorge Puig Lopez, who said he would go to see the pope. "I hope he makes an appeal for us against the U.S. embargo. That's the No. 1 thing."

Cuba's only daily newspaper gave the pope front-page prominence rarely granted anyone other than Castro: "Welcome Holiness John Paul II" it declared in black and red letters alongside a large photo of the pope.

Church leaders fanned out across the country to spread word of the pope's imminent arrival to a population that in many cases is no longer familiar with the workings of the faith. Prayer vigils were held in churches throughout the nation Tuesday.

Across the length and breadth of the island, the communist government was racing to finish preparations. Crews steamrolled fresh asphalt over potholed roads while officials prepared for large crowds for papal Masses.

"Everyone is crazy about seeing him," said Francisco Gilmes, a bartender in the neighborhood of Guanabacoa. He has been to church only once in his life, but he plans to take a bus to central Havana to see the pontiff.

Decorations along the pope's scheduled route were minimal — at least by the standards of other Latin American trips. The Vatican banners hung alongside red, white and blue Cuban ones.

While most Cubans agree the pope's five-day visit will change their country, they are divided over just what form the changes will take.

Foes of Castro hope it will weaken his communist regime, which came to power in 1959. The former altar boy-turned-socialist-leader hopes to gain stature for his government and support for an end to the more than three-decade-old U.S. economic embargo. And the Cuban church hopes to expand its influence.

In one dramatic homecoming that perhaps offers a preview of the pope's message, an exiled bishop whom John Paul invited to Cuba returned to his old church with an emotional appeal for Cuban Catholics to look past old hurts to the future.

Livestock show weigh-in today

Weigh-in of hogs and lambs begins this afternoon for the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale, which opens Thursday in the coliseum.

Weigh-in begins at 5 o'clock in the annex building. Steers must be in the barn by 1 p.m. Thursday.

The show runs through Friday with the auction slated for Saturday. It's open to the plublic and there is no admission fee. Snyder FFA will operate a concession stand.

Almost 300 animals will be shown during the event, which gets underway at 5 p.m. Thursday with the judging of hogs. Dale Schaffner of New Home is the swine judge. Clarence Spieker of Hermleigh is superintendent.

Steers and lambs will be judged on Friday, beginning with the steers at 6 p.m.

Dr. Chris Skaggs from Texas A&M will return as ring superintendent of the steer show. Eddie Eicke will be the superintendent.

Ross Stultz of San Angelo will judge the lambs. The ring superintendent will be longtime supporter Doug Foster.

The annual buyers' meal will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Just prior to the auction, Bobby Goodwin will announce all of the grand champions and present the traveling trophy, results of the commercial steer show and Caprock Scholarship.

Tommy Marricle will begin the auction at 1 p.m. More than 100 animals will be featured.

Ira seventh grader Candance Sanchez was awarded a belt buckle during last year's show for selling the most tickets for a gift certificate from Bar H Bar Family Outfitters. She is a cheerleader, plays on the basketball team and is the daughter of Gilbert and Carla Sanchez.

The winner of this year's buckle will be announced around noon on Saturday.



Candance Sanchez

Weapons inspector says he may test Iraqi resolve

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The chief U.N. weapons inspector declared today he may send inspectors to Iraqi presidential sites within days, testing Iraqi resolve to keep the suspected weapons sites off-limits.

Iraq, for its part, proposed that inspectors drop their demands to examine all the presidential sites pending more negotiations, weapons chief Richard Butler said.

Butler, who flew to Bahrain today after two days of talks on the latest Iraq-U.N. standoff over his teams' work, said he told Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz that the Iraqi proposal "flies in the face" of U.N. demands for full access to all suspected weapons sites.

The freeze in demands for entry to presidential sites would end confrontations with inspectors, whom Iraq has blocked from visiting so-called sensitive sites, including Saddam Hussein's palaces.

Butler said he was not sure how the U.N. Security Council would react to the proposal.

In Hong Kong, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook insisted that Iraq cannot be allowed to select which sites inspectors visit.

"If we allow that, then we will never be able to assure the world that we have succeeded in stopping Saddam Hussein (from) having a chemical or biological capacity," Cook said.

"Every week, Saddam Hussein is creating enough additional anthrax to fill two missile warheads," he claimed.

U.N. weapons inspectors believe Iraq developed anthrax, a germ agent that can be fatal even in microscopic amounts, as a main toxin in its biological warfare program.

Butler also said today that he told Aziz he may send a U.N. inspection team to search one of the sites Iraq has declared off-limits.

"I cannot rule out that tomorrow or the next day ... I will authorize an inspection to one of the presidential sites," Butler said.

ASK US

Q—When is the last day to pay property taxes without incurring a penalty?

A—Normally it would be Jan. 31, but since that is a Saturday, the deadline will be Monday, Feb. 2.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 40% chance of light rain. Cloudy. Low, mid 30s. N wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High, mid 40s. N wind 5-15 mph.

Jordan Lester
Rain

Sunset: 6:09 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Of 20 days in 1998, the sun has shone 20 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Unknown

Immigration impacts lower-skilled workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigrant labor has depressed the wages of Americans in lower-skilled jobs by as much as 12 percent, according to a new study by a think tank that contends immigration rates are too high.

Native-born Americans who labor in lower-skilled jobs bear the greatest wage brunt from a federal immigration policy that focuses mainly on family reunification, giving less attention to prospective newcomers' skills or education, says the Center for Immigration Studies.

The center, in an analysis of Census Bureau statistics, estimated Tuesday that wage losses for native-born Americans in lower-skilled jobs are at significantly higher levels than other researchers have concluded.

In a widely publicized study last year performed for the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, the National Research Council found that immigration benefits the national economy overall and has little negative effect on wages for most native-born Americans. That analysis, however, did say lower-income workers are slightly more likely to be adversely affected by immigration, with wages depressed by perhaps 5 percent over 15 years.

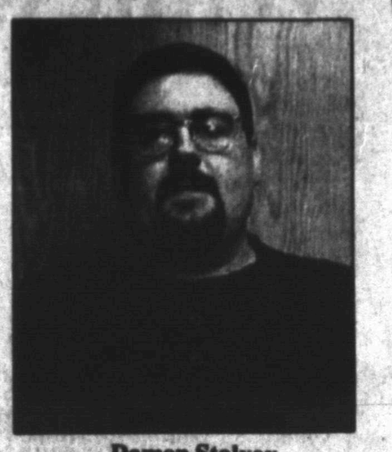
The Center for Immigration Studies estimates far higher impacts.

A 1 percent immigrant increase in the composition of lower-skilled occupations reduces wages for the native-born by 0.8 percent, said study author Steven Camarota. Since that workforce is 15 percent immigrant, the study concludes wages for U.S.-born workers may be depressed by an average 12 percent.

"A 12-percent loss in wages for the poorest Americans strikes me as a cause for concern," Camarota said at a news conference Tuesday.

Camarota's definition of lower-skilled workers as those with a high school degree or less — a pool that comprises 25 million U.S.-born workers — drew criticism from an economist for the labor-backed Economic Policy Institute, who noted that the categorization would encompass high-paying jobs such as those in the auto industry.

The analysis doesn't attempt to quantify the benefits produced by the foreign-born workforce — now numbering nearly one out of every nine U.S. workers — whether in the form of economic output, taxes paid or cheaper prices passed on to U.S. consumers as a result of lower wages.



Damon Stalvey

Stalvey new youth minister at First UMC

Damon Stalvey has been the youth minister at First United Methodist Church since the first of January.

He and his wife, Amber, are from Goldthwaite where he had served as the program director at the First United Methodist Church for 2½ years. He worked with younger children as well as youth.

Previously, he has been an intern youth minister at Greenwood United Methodist Church in Greenwood, his hometown.

At the local church, he is in charge of the Wednesday and Sunday Bible studies for youth and he coordinates all youth activities such as mission trips and retreats.

Last weekend, FUMC youth attended a retreat.

Stalvey said he is looking forward to working with young people at his new church. A goal is to push for a more service oriented youth group.

He said the Lord called him to become a youth minister. He noted that during his formative years, he had had good youth ministers.

Stalvey attended school in Greenwood, graduating from high school in 1991. He later earned a degree in Bible from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, graduating last August.

He said he is glad to be in West Texas which always has the warmest and best communities.

Youth ministry is his life, but when time permits he likes sports also.

Goldcoat members listed

The list of Goldcoat members published in Sunday's SDN was outdated. The following is the current list of members;

Ernie Armstrong, Scott Bolton, Betty Bredemeyer, Dee Chasteen, Daniel Chasteen, Joan Bunch, John DeLille, Jack Denman, Alisha Cooper, Bill Dryden, George Cormack, Dink Foree, John Gayle, Donna Gray, Mel Zane Gilbert, Brenda Hedges, Betty House, Nelda Huddleston.

Also Roy Kidd, Harry Krenek, Howard Limmer, Lannie Lee, Darren Jackson, Jack McGlaun. Jeffrey Martin, R.C. Patton, C.R. Perez, Elizabeth Potts, Elois Pruitt, Phil Ragland, Sam Robertson, Ernest Sears, Ricky Fritz, Pearlene Nolan.

Others are, Derwin Thompson, Daryl Thomas, Max von Roeder, Rod Waller, Don West, Kent Wright, Rob Sanders, Nancy Smith, Wade Hatter, Tara Hatter, Trent Driggers, Marty Akins and Mark Cypert.

The newest members include Nancy Stansell, Carl Burleson and Gayle Burleson.

Snyder Schools

Fall semester perfect attendance

Snyder Junior High School

Eighth grade: Melonie Adams, Kallie Billingsley, Loryn Brown, Stacy Copeland, Taylor Daniell, Jennifer Deel, Shay Franks, Amber Garcia, Jeri Garcia, Amanda Greenwood, Melissa Jones, Joshua Key, Vanessa Lara, John Logan, Leticia Martinez, Richard Martinez, Maria Moran, Tyler Neves, Stephen Ortegon, Sidney Owen, Saul Pena, Brodie Pierce, Jeffrey Proctor, Cruz Renteria, Jennifer Ruiz, Jamie Snider, Steven Torres, Jason Williams, Erika Ynguanzo.

Seventh grade: Luz Alvarez, David Arizmendi, Marina Barrera, Olivia Barrera, Jacquelyn Beccue, Scottie Boone, William Cotton, Tiffany Craig, Rowdy Cumbie, Colby Driggers, Shelley Fisk, Elisabel Gonzales, Cassandra Guerrero, Jason Guynes, Janie Hembree, Elizabeth Hernandez, Whitney Jones, Jacinda Judah, Katie Kerley, Luis Leyva, Cory Lyons, Teressa Martin, Joshua McGaha, Cindy Nachlinger, Oscar Oliva, Lina Olvera, Zipporah Peoples, Alberto Perez, Hailey Putnam, Adrian Ramos, Richard Reed, Karen Rodriguez, Afton Schwertner, Eric Sickler, Christopher Sorrells, Travis Thompson, Isaac Vasquez, Grady Wellmaker, Kasey Wemken, Clay Williams.

West Elementary

Sixth grade: Marco Aguirre, Raul Alcala, Ashlye Amox, James Baldwin, Shana Blackard, Mandy Bruns, Ruben DeLoera, Michael Deolloz, Kevin Fenner, Christy Garcia, Katie Haggard, Matthew Hale, Jennifer Halverson, Samuel Hardin, Gretchen Luis, Meagan Langham, Chad Martin, Diane Morin, Sara Pavlovsky, Jose Perez, Andrew Richburg, Brian Rios, Jacob Rodriguez, Lee Scott, Kati Smith, Lacie Thompson, Sara Thornhill, Matthew Vasquez, Temeka Wells, Amanda Whisenhunt, Fahamisha Wofford, Joseph Ynguanzo.

First grade: Ryanna Alexander, Erik Arias, Abraham Arizmendi, Jaclyn DeLeon, Kayla Liccardi, Stephen Luna, Timothy Matthies, Nakita Pickerel, Shelbie Talavera, Jessica Timora, Weston von Roeder, Chelsea Young, David Zalman.

Kindergarten: Dawn Alexander, Kevin Arias, Remington Bloom, Kelsi Fulford, Alexander Hernandez, Michael Strong, Timothy Wright.

Northeast Elementary

Rebecca Aguirre, Sandra Alfaro, Kolter Bartels, Jacy Beccue, Eder Borrego, Adrian Brooks, Briana Burk, Chris Callahan, Lico Castillo, Billy Christensen, Nathaniel Clarady, Darrell Cook, Jesus Cosio, Amanda Covington, Courtney Cox, Casey Crain, Leslie Dean, Josefina Deanda, Esme Estrada, Natasha Evans, Lupe Ferrusca, Amanda Flores, Michael Garza, Nallely Garza, John Anthony Gomez, Cassie Gordon.

Also, Nathan Graves, Devin Gutierrez, Jerrica Gutierrez, Paul Haines, Thomas Hefner, Heather Holmes, Brooke Jackson, Paul Jackson, Patrick Jones, Matthew Kerr, Russell Lee, Annie Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Martin Martinez, Meggan Minor, Matthew Morris, Codi Nichols, Raul Olvera, Francisco Ornelas, Crystal Pena, Tony Pena, Megan Perkins, Heather Polk, Phil Rice, Jessica Rodriguez, Chris Smauley, Jessica Stansell, Carol Tavarez, Karen Taylor, Tyler Thompson, Nikki Timora, Joshlyn Tovar, Bryan Welborn, Logan West, Chelsea Wood.

East Elementary

Omar Alcala, Jeremy Alvarado, Manny Aparicio, Yuliana Arellano, Zech Arizmendi, Ashley Bailey, Kim Bell, Barrett Bowlin, Jason Cave, Bryan Clifton, Will Floyd, Stephanie Grant, Cesar Guidos, Salvador Guidos, Alejo Gutierrez, Caleb Gutierrez, Joshua Gutierrez, Santino Hermosillo, Tyler Hogan, Christopher Holloway.

Also, Ashley Hyer, Katherine Johnson, Emily Jones, Kasey Krop, Cale Lancaster, Jana Lewis, John Liccardi, Erica Little, Chris Lopez, Valerie Lopez, Amber Luecke, Austin Lyle, Victoria Martinez, Curtis Mason, Landry Matthies, Megan McCormick, K.D. Morrell, Amanda Murray, Amanda Orosco, Danny Ortegon, Whitney Parks, Ashly Pavlovsky, Samantha Pena, Aeryal Peoples, Garrett Pinson.

Others are, Claire Pollard, Sequoya Powell, Blake Reed, Jeremy Reed, Matthew Reigh, Kim Rodriguez, Jeremy Ruiz, Kelli Rushing, Sergio Sarabia, Blake Seale, Tina Speedon, Breanna Talavera, Anya Terrazas, Orlando Vasquez, Jay Weaver, Marcus Williams, Kiki Wofford, Glyn Wright, Ofelia Zamora.

Central Elementary

Gabriel Aguilar, Leticia Aguilar, Norma Aguilar, Michael Alaniz, Rayna Alaniz, B.J. Alonzo, Cinthia Arellano, Casey Arnold, Jamie Arnold, Jodi Ascol, Gloria Benitez, Kunal Bhakta, Zack Block, Zane Block, Brett Bowlin, Allie Brewster, Brent Burleson, Kendra Burns, Ted Cerda, Kelton Clayton, Lucy Colunga, Sarah Covington, Alyssa Davis, Tomasa De La Cruz, Malcolm Deavers, Andrew Dupree, Starla Early, Clay Fritz, Whitley Fulford, Wolfie Garcia, Gus Gonzales, Nolan Grady, William Greenwood, Bryan Guerra, Chris Gutierrez, Ashley Hagins, Brandon Hagins, Amber Hildreth, Steven Hubanks, Rubi Jaimes, Josh Keller, Stetson Kincheloe, Staci Lee, Ralston Loveall, Amber Loyola, Shannon Mangis, Jesus Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Dillon Matthies.

Also, Chris Medrano, Marissa Medrano, Jeremy Mills, Claire Morris, Yolanda Munoz, Perla Oliva, Janie Ornelas, Josephine Ornelas, Maria Ornelas, Gerardo Padron, Louisa Pena, Matthew Pesina, Kelbi Pitner, Wesley Price, Cody Reed, Candace Rice, Amanda Rivera, Joe Rivera, Justin Rivera, Lisa Rivera, Zachary Rivera, Tara Robertson, Jeremy Rodriguez, Cheyene Roemisch, Manuel Sandoval, Amy Sauceda, Matthew Schoolcraft, Ricky Silva, Casey Smith, Corbin Smith, Da Norris Smith, Adrian Sosa, Adriana Sosa, Matthew Sosa, Levi Stahl, Jordan Stansell, Ross Taylor, Thomas Thurmond, Courtney Tyrrell, Matt Vanderpool, Bryce Westmoreland, Sydney Wright, David Yanez, Sebastian Zamora, Lupe Zuniga.

Datebook

Jan. 20, 1998

Today is the 20th day of 1998 and the 31st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, the first patent for the roller coaster was received by L.A. Thompson of Coney Island, N.Y.

On this day in 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the nation's 35th president.

On this day in 1973, 1,976 musicians performed in the second inaugural parade for President Richard Nixon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ruth Saint Denis (1877-1968), dancer-choreographer; George Burns (1896-1996), comedian; Federico Fellini (1920-1993), film director; Patricia Neal (1926-), actress, is 72; Edwin Aldrin Jr. (1930-), U.S. astronaut, is 68; David Lynch (1946-), director, is 52; Paul Stanley (1950-), singer, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the first officially recognized basketball game was held at a YMCA training school in Springfield, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's nothing like mixing with woman to bring out all the foolishness in a man of sense." — Thornton Wilder

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, high winds tore part of a roof off a building in Post Falls, Idaho, and carried it 70 yards in the air.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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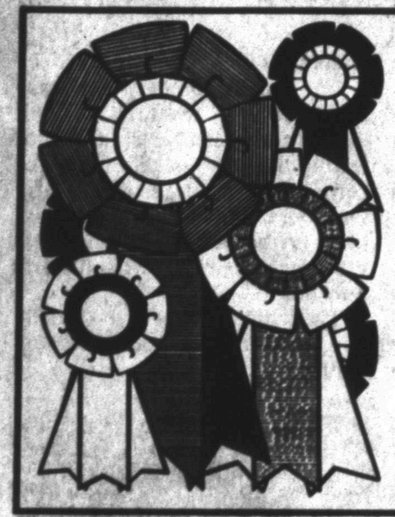
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TOP TEACHER — Donna Farley accepted a plaque naming her "Teacher of the Quarter" by the Snyder Rotary Club. Rotary director Bill Covey made the presentation. Mrs. Farley teaches the gifted and talented fifth grade class at Northeast Elementary. J.B. Roberts, District 5730 Governor and 40-year Rotary member, spoke at the meeting. He was accompanied by his wife, Ramona. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

No big revelations in first day after Bush's Library opens

HOUSTON (AP) — In a handwritten message to President Reagan in September 1990, then-Vice President George Bush wrote at the end of a "Dear Ron" note about a death in Bush's family: "I'm back now, ready to wrestle Saddam to the ground."

That was one of the more colorful revelations that surfaced in Tuesday's first day that some of the documents of Bush's presidency went on display in the new George bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M in College Station.

For the most part, documents dealing with even the most dramatic episodes of the nation's 41st chief executive seemed to provide little more than muted background detail, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday.

Emerging from pale file folders, stored in uniform gray boxes, were the minute-by-minute record of Bush's telephone calls to foreign leaders as the Iraqi army of Saddam Hussein plowed into Kuwait in 1990.

The same was true a year later during the attempted Soviet coup, when Bush spoke repeatedly with Boris Yeltsin as he held out in Moscow, and finally with a shaken but freed Mikhail Gorbachev.

There's data, but not the drama or the give-and-take of policy debate, the Chronicle reported. That is likely to emerge as the remaining 36 million or so documents from Bush's administration become public over the next decade or more.

"The meatier stuff, let's be honest, is going to be in the staff files," said Warren Finch, supervising archivist at the federally operated library on the Texas A&M University campus.

Deputies round up about 200 stray emus in Parker County

WEATHERFORD (AP) — Rounding up about 200 of the estimated 400 stray emus believed to be roaming Parker County may have been the easy part for the county's deputies.

The hard part may be figuring out what to do with the large, prehistoric-looking birds.

They once were hailed as something that could do for modern-day Texas ranchers what the longhorn steers did for ranchers in the 1860s. In recent years, their value has plummeted.

Parker County Chief Deputy Larry Fowler said officials believe there may be between 100 and 200 emus still roaming the countryside.

But county officials say they are pleasantly surprised to learn that some individuals are interested in acquiring the abandoned birds.

Callers have inquired from as far away as Missouri, officials say.

"Maybe we can have an adopt-an-emu program," Fowler told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I don't know about the legality of it — that would be up to the court and the county attorney — but it would be a way for us to recoup some of our costs."

He said officials could decide to sell the emus, give them away or come up with another means of disposal.

Keeping the birds at a ranch in southern Parker County for 15 days, as required by a court order, will cost the county between $3,000 and $4,000. A Feb. 2 hearing is scheduled to decide the emus' fate.

Fowler said four of the emus had to be destroyed and about half of the birds were in poor health because of malnourishment.

Many emu owners simply turned them loose rather than pay the high cost to feed them when the demand for emus plummeted, officials say.

The birds were first sighted in Parker County in October and since then they have frightened small children and injured livestock, including expensive quarter horses.

The owner of the emus was not identified by authorities and no decision will be on any charges until after a court hearing, Fowler said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

In this room, North's three-diamond cue-bid showed a high-card spade raise. Palmer (West) led the diamond ace. Not sure who had the missing diamonds, Palmer continued with the diamond king. Now the contract was safe. Breed (South) ruffed and led the spade queen. After winning with the ace, West forced South with another diamond, but with both majors splitting favorably, Breed had no trouble in winning 10 tricks: four spades, five hearts and the club ace.

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The women's winners

By Phillip Alder

The 1997 Women's Knockout Teams was won by Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Mildred Breed, Tobi Sokolow, Renee Mancuso and Shawn Quinn.

In the final, they beat Kathie Wei-Sender, Juanita Chambers, Stasha Cohen, Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer.

This deal from the final presented a defensive dilemma for the two Wests, and a declarer-play difficulty for one North.

At the other table, four spades was declared by North because South passed initially, then artificially showed a major two-suiter. Montin (East) led a diamond, Meyers (West) winning with the queen and switching to the club 10. Now Chambers (North) had the key decision to make. Fearing the club 10 was a singleton, she won with her ace. Then Chambers played a trump to dummy's jack. However, West won with the ace and led a club to partner's king; another club from East sealed declarer's fate. If she ruffed high in the dummy (South), East would score a trump trick. But when declarer discarded from the dummy, West ruffed. As you can see, if North had played a low club at trick two, she would have got home.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Victims of domestic violence have the law on their side

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman who signed herself "Living a Nightmare," who had been a victim of domestic violence dating back to her honeymoon. You provided her with some solid advice; however, some information was missing from your reply that would benefit all women involved in violent relationships.

Victims of domestic violence need to be made aware that their abusive spouses are breaking the law. Domestic violence is a crime, and it should be reported to the proper authorities. "Living a Nightmare's" husband has already broken her nose, her wrist, her shoulder, and caused a miscarriage by kicking her when she was four months pregnant. In her case, calling the police is long overdue.

In addition to ordering the booklet you recommended, women should know that help is a phone call away. Confidential assistance is available 24 hours a day through domestic violence hotlines throughout the country. I suggest getting started by calling 1-800-799-SAFE, a nationwide toll-free hotline that can provide immediate help and connect women with the resources nearest them.

Those in violent relationships also need to understand that an entire generation of children are at risk, because domestic violence is a learned behavior that's passed along to the next generation. Research shows that in homes where a father is physically abusing his spouse, the children are more likely to grow up to participate in violent relationships themselves. This should be of great interest to "Living a Nightmare," as she already recognizes that the home lives of her children are "terrible." If she understands that her children are likely to repeat the pattern themselves, I'm sure she'll want to call for help at once.

Abby, please print this to make "Living a Nightmare," and everyone in a similar situation, aware of these facts. Last year I was fortunate enough to become involved in a public awareness campaign to generate awareness of, and put an end to, domestic violence. If it helps just one woman, we will have accomplished a great deal.

SCOTT A. LYNCH,
HALES CORNERS, WIS.

DEAR SCOTT: I hope it does, because I have been told that the problem has reached epidemic proportions in this country. Domestic violence cuts across all social, economic, educational, religious, ethnic and cultural lines, and there are no stereotypical perpetrators or victims. I have received letters concerning women who physically abuse their boyfriends and husbands, and domestic violence also occurs in same-sex unions.

When people hear about a physically abusive relationship, the first question they usually ask is, "Why doesn't she leave?" Only when people start asking, "Why is he using violence?" will we be able to end the problem.

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DEAR ABBY: Our friends moved in down the street from us and have proceeded to copy every original design idea we have used in our yard and house. Not only have they copied our surroundings, they have joined every club and organization we belong to, and we bump into them everywhere we go.

If we say we did something or went somewhere, the next thing we hear is, "We should do that." And they do. My husband thinks we should move, but I love our house and don't want to be uprooted. I don't want to lose their friendship, but I would like to keep our house distinctive. Any ideas?

CONFUSED NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: People imitate those whom they admire. They also do it if they are insecure about their own taste and judgment. Be candid and tell them that although you feel flattered, being copied detail for detail makes you very uncomfortable. Then offer to help them make unique selections of their own.

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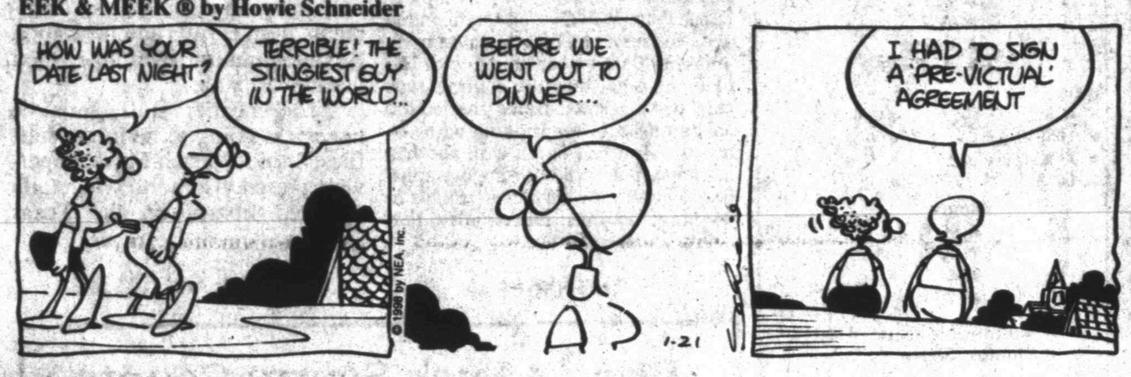
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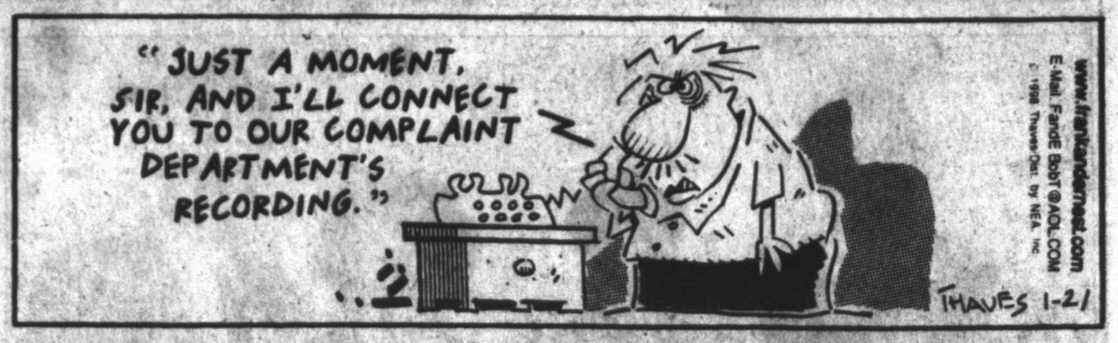
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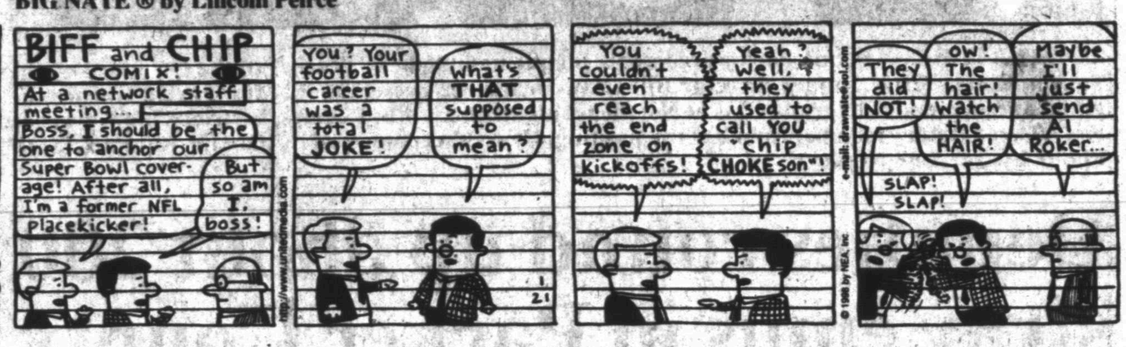
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34 Dumb one
35 Beget
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43 Secret agent
44 Worldly
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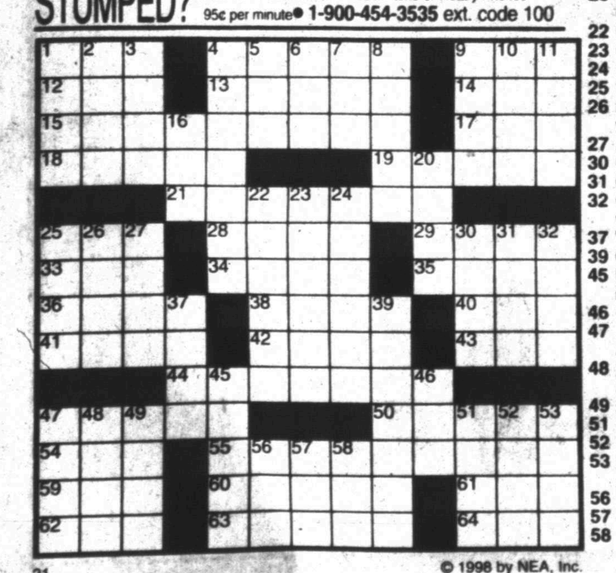
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11 Makes angry
16 Question
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22 Cattleman
23 Most dismal
24 Prophet
25 Languish
26 I cannot tell — —
27 Actress Ward
30 Goals
31 Cough —
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37 War god
39 Cancel out
45 Units of matter
46 Urge
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53 Barber's call
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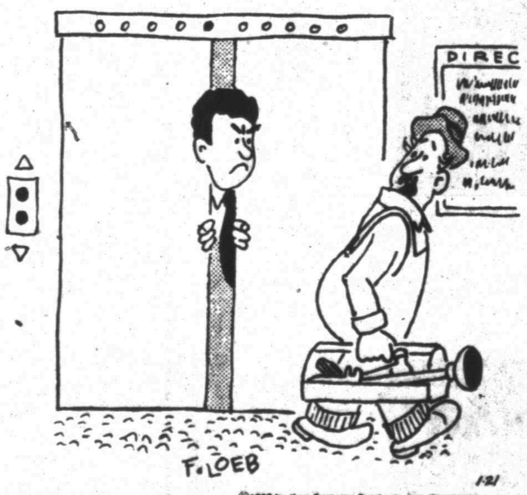
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SPORTS

Tigers suffer first district loss, 69-61

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — The Snyder Tigers faced a harsh reality Tuesday night — 2-4A is one of the toughest basketball districts in this half of the state.

Snyder had its hopes of starting 3-0 dashed by the Plainview Bulldogs, 69-61.

The setback leaves the Tigers at 2-1 in district play, one game back of first-place Lamesa.

"This was a big win for us," Plainview coach John Smith said. "I was very impressed with Snyder's effort when they started to come back. They're right up there with the best in the district."

After trailing by as many as 21 points in the third quarter, the Tigers made a second-half rally to close the gap to five.

"I thought our guys showed tremendous determination in the second half, but it was a tough mountain to climb," Snyder coach Bud Birks remarked, "Plainview is a very good team. They hit some timely three's and we missed some easy shots."

The Bulldogs closed the opening half with a 10-2 run, capped by a Curtis Thompson three-pointer as the horn sounded.

Plainview quickly widened the 15-point gap to 49-28, midway through the third quarter.

But then Jimmy Taylor took over.

The 6'6" senior poured in all 14 of Snyder's points during a 14-3 streak which cut the deficit to 53-42.

Following two Toby Delce free throws, the Bulldogs answered with another buzzer-beater.

Plainview's Rod Ansley, who finished with 31 points on the night, drained another long-range jumper as time expired for a 58-44 tally.

But again Snyder would rally.

Down 65-53 at the 4:10 mark, Delce got free for a layup to start a Tiger run.

Alvin Fabre then picked the pocket of a Plainview player at midcourt and Chris Riggins registered the bucket with just under two minutes remaining, trimming the margin to nine points.

Delce capped the rally, working in the paint for two open shots to bring Snyder within five of the lead at 66-61.

But with only 43 seconds showing on the clock, the Tigers were forced to foul.

The Bulldogs made three of eight attempts from the stripe down the stretch, while Snyder couldn't find the range from behind the arc.

Delce finished with 13 points, but the Tigers were led by a game-high 34 from Taylor.

Taylor controlled the low block for Snyder right from the start, pouring in 16 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in the first half.

"We couldn't stop Taylor all night," Smith said. "He's a great player that had a great night."

Plainview came out gunning to begin the contest. The Bulldogs opened with a 10-2 run, before the Tigers closed to 19-13 at the end of the first quarter.

But the second period began much like the first, as Plainview put together a 9-2 streak for a 28-15 advantage with four minutes left in the half.

Ansley continually broke down the Snyder defense, using his quickness to drive to the basket for layups.

The Tigers committed a traveling violation with 36 seconds left in the second, giving Plainview the chance for the three-pointer at the buzzer.

SNYDER — Fabre 2 0-2 4, McNair 1 0-0 3, Riggins 2 1-3 5, Smith 1 0-0 2, Taylor 16 2-6 34, Delce 5 3-4 13. Totals 27 6-15 61.

PLAINVIEW — Mata 3 1-1 9, Brooks 5 4-4 14, Ansley 11 7-13 31, James 1 0-0 2, Brotherton 0 0-3 0, Thompson 2 0-0 5, Bell 0 5-8 5, Quisenberry 1 1-2 3. Totals 23 18-31 69.

Snyder	13	10	21	17	— 61
Plainview	19	19	20	11	— 69

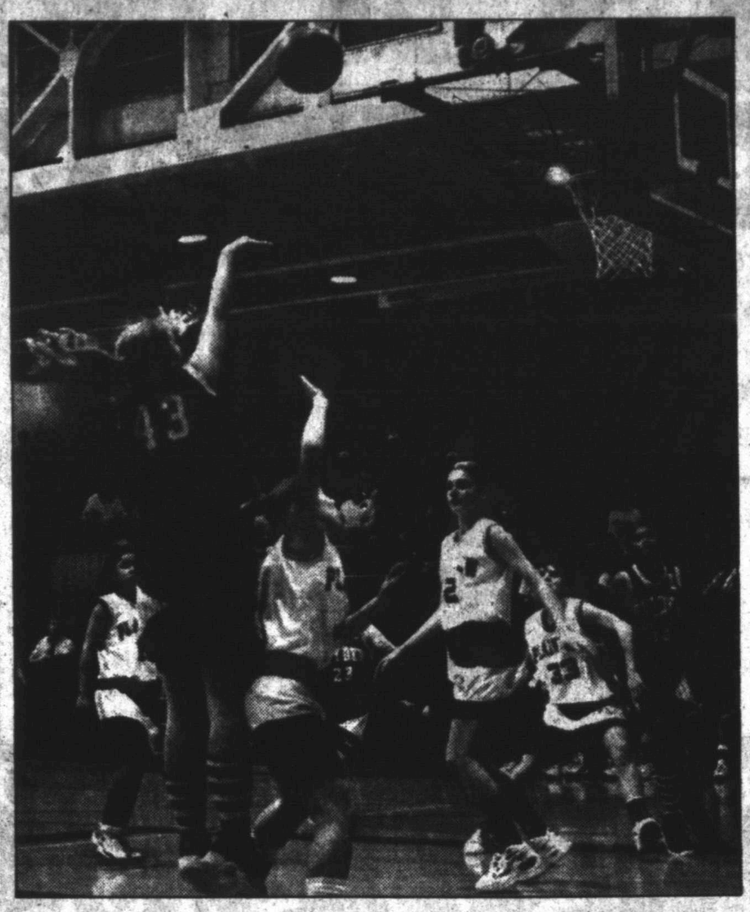
Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (McNair), Plainview 5 (Mata 2, Ansley 2, Thompson). Rebounds: Snyder 32 (Taylor 18), Plainview 26 (Ansley 9). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Plainview 16. Fouled out: Snyder — Delce; Plainview — James.

2-4A Boys

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Lamesa	3	0	1.000	-
Snyder	2	1	.667	1
Estacado	2	1	.667	1
Levelland	1	2	.333	2
Plainview	1	2	.333	2
Frenship	0	3	.000	3

Tuesday's Results — Plainview 69, Snyder 61; Lamesa 71, Frenship 58; Estacado 63, Levelland 50.

Friday's Games — Lamesa at Snyder; Levelland at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.



WITH A FLICK OF THE WRIST — Snyder's Kameron Kallemeyn puts up a shot during district action Tuesday night at Plainview. The Lady Tigers fell, 48-37, to the Lady Bulldogs. Snyder continues 2-4A play Friday when it hosts Lamesa at 6:30. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira ups record to 18-1

HIGHLAND — The Lady Bulldogs are heading into district with a full head of steam.

Ira improved to 18-1 Tuesday night with a 44-34 victory over Highland.

Although held below their normal average, the Lady Bulldogs enter district play Friday at Westbrook averaging 66½ points per contest.

Against Highland it was Morgan Clements leading the way offensively with 15 points, while Terri Robinson pointed in 13 more.

But just as impressive was the defensive effort turned in by Jamee Goolsby, Audra Oliver and E'Lissa Goolsby.

The three Lady Bulldogs teamed up on Highland's scoring leaders, surrendering only 19 points combined to Beth Parsons and Rosa Valdez.

Following Friday's 5 p.m. loop opener at Westbrook, Ira will host Grady at 6:30 Tuesday.

Ira 44, Highland 34
Ira: Morgan Clements, 15; Terri Robinson, 13; Korby Calley, 4; Brook Wilkes, E'Lisa Goolsby, Jamee Goolsby, Kristen Harless and Tara Allen, 2.

Quick start wins for Ira

HIGHLAND — The Ira Bulldogs used a 21-point first quarter to propel them to a 68-56 victory Tuesday night over Highland.

Ira jumped to an early 21-12 advantage and led 38-28 by halftime.

The Bulldog defense kept the pressure on Highland in the second half, preserving Ira's 14th victory of the season.

Ira (14-5) will tipoff its district schedule Friday at Westbrook.

Against the Hornets, four Bulldogs posted double digits, led by Jerek Brown's 19.

Logan Daves poured in 14, with senior Billy Keith Box adding 13 more. Drew Wall finished with 10.

Following Friday's 6:30 contest, Ira will host Grady at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Ira 68, Highland 56
Ira: Jerek Brown, 19; Logan Daves, 14; Billy Keith Box, 13; Drew Wall, 10; Jose Juarez, 8; Caleb Wilson, 4.

Cardinal rally fails

HERMLEIGH — The Lady Cardinals simply ran out of gas Tuesday night.

Hermleigh slashed a 15-point fourth-quarter deficit to only five with three minutes remaining, before falling 69-55 to Sands.

The Lady Cardinal rally was led by Jennifer Roemisch who finished with 19 points, while Melissa Brasuel poured in 10 more.

Sands led by one after the first quarter, four by halftime and 15 by the start of the final period.

But with just under three minutes, Hermleigh had fought its way back into the contest.

The last few minutes, however, belonged to Sands.

Hermleigh, now 9-8 on the season, opens district play Friday night when it hosts Highland at 6:30.

Sands 69, Hermleigh 55
Hermleigh: Jennifer Roemisch, 19; Melissa Brasuel, 10; Crystal Callaway, 8; Brandy Wood, 6; Kendra Dacus and Randi Kay Herrington, 5; Sheena Jackson, 2.

Lady 'Dogs' speed tops Snyder's size

PLAINVIEW — The Lady Tigers had a four-minute lapse in the third quarter and Plainview parlayed it into a 48-37 district victory Tuesday night.

Snyder trailed the first-place Lady Bulldogs by only three points to open the second half.

But the Lady Tigers stumbled in the third quarter, going scoreless for the first four minutes of the period.

By the time Snyder could get to its feet, Plainview had seized a 32-23 margin. The nine-point deficit was too much against the speedy Lady Bulldogs.

"We felt we pretty much gave it away," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "We couldn't stop their backdoor plays and once they made their run, we couldn't recover.

"But I think we learned some things that will help us through the next five games of district."

Following a first period which found the score knotted at 8-8, the Lady Tigers put together a streak of their own to start the second.

Two buckets from Jamie Burleson and one from Ashley Delce propelled Snyder to a 14-8 lead only two minutes into the quarter.

But the Lady Bulldogs came roaring back and it took a Melanie Kidd 12-foot jumper to level the tally at 21-21 with just over a minute remaining in the half.

Plainview's Brittany Reinart broke loose for a layup with 15 seconds left for the 23-21 halftime score.

"I thought we did a good job of handling their press," Archer stated. "But they were getting easy buckets off the backdoor plays. We talked about it at halftime, but couldn't get it taken care of."

Next came the four-minute drought to open the third period. Snyder didn't register a basket until a Delce layup at the 4:01 mark.

Down by nine, the Lady Tigers managed to move closer on a three-point play from Delce and a Shannon Hall 14-footer for a 34-28 Plainview advantage.

Other than the lapse in the third, Snyder stayed on track offensively, but couldn't put the clamps on the Plainview's speedy shooters.

The two teams traded buckets five times to begin the fourth.

Burleson and Delce had baskets for Snyder, until the Lady Bulldogs registered back-to-back scoring trips for a 42-33 lead with 3:02 left.

Mandy Hess streaked for a layup and Melanie Kidd nailed a jump shot from 10-feet to get within seven points.

But Plainview's defense stepped up, denying any open looks from the outside over the final two minutes.

The loss gives the Lady Tigers a 2-3 record to close out the first half of the 2-4A schedule.

Next up for Snyder is a rematch Friday with Lamesa at the SHS gymnasium.

The Lady Tigers fell victim to a second-half comeback by the Tornadoes in the district opener.

SNYDER — Hess 1 0-0 2, Kidd 3 1-2 7, Peoples 2 1-2 5, Delce 4 2-6 10, Hall 1 2-4 4, McGuire 1 0-2 3, Burleson 3 0-0 6. Totals 15 6-16 37.

PLAINVIEW — Sansom 2 4-4 8, Shaw 5 0-2 10, Washington 0 2-2 2, Riddley 7 3-4 17, Bates 1 2-4 4, Reinart 1 0-0 2, Bass 1 1-3 3, Daniel 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 12-19 48.

Snyder	8	13	7	9	— 37
Plainview	8	15	11	14	— 48

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (McGuire). Rebounds: Snyder 36 (Delce 7), Plainview 33 (Sansom 5, Riddley 5). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Plainview 14. Fouled out: none.

2-4A Girls

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Plainview	5	0	1.000	-
Levelland	4	1	.800	1
Snyder	2	3	.400	3
Frenship	2	3	.400	3
Estacado	1	4	.200	4
Lamesa	1	4	.200	4

Tuesday's Results — Plainview 48, Snyder 37; Frenship 54, Lamesa 40; Levelland 61, Estacado 27.

Friday's Games — Lamesa at Snyder; Levelland at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	30	14	3	63	140	95
Philadelphia	26	11	9	61	140	100
Washington	23	17	8	54	135	124
N.Y.Rangers	16	20	12	44	121	130
Florida	15	23	10	40	120	137
N.Y.Islanders	16	26	6	38	122	139
TampaBay	9	29	8	26	82	148

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	25	16	7	57	145	115
Pittsburgh	24	15	9	57	131	110
Boston	21	16	9	51	117	109
Ottawa	19	21	8	46	111	115
Buffalo	17	21	8	42	111	120
Carolina	17	25	6	40	118	137

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	11	8	68	149	99
Detroit	28	12	10	66	159	114
St.Louis	26	18	6	58	144	122
Phoenix	21	19	8	50	133	131
Chicago	19	20	9	47	116	110
Toronto	14	24	7	35	106	136

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	9	16	64	146	116
LosAngeles	20	19	8	48	133	132
Edmonton	17	22	9	43	122	138
SanJose	16	24	6	38	109	128
Anaheim	15	25	8	38	109	143
Calgary	12	27	10	34	122	151
Vancouver	12	28	8	32	126	169

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 0, Pittsburgh 0, tie
N.Y. Rangers 3, St. Louis 1
New Jersey 3, Detroit 1
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 0
Chicago 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Edmonton 6, Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 4, Calgary 3

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	14	.632	-
NewYork	22	16	.579	2
NewJersey	22	17	.564	2½
Washington	21	20	.512	4½
Orlando	20	21	.488	5½
Boston	17	21	.447	7
Philadelphia	13	23	.361	10

Central Division

Indiana	26	11	.703	½
Chicago	28	12	.700	-
Atlanta	26	13	.667	1½
Charlotte	23	16	.590	4½
Cleveland	22	16	.579	5
Detroit	18	20	.474	9
Milwaukee	18	22	.450	10
Toronto	6	33	.154	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	26	12	.684	-
SanAntonio	27	13	.675	-
Minnesota	22	16	.579	4
Houston	18	18	.500	7
Vancouver	11	30	.268	16½
Dallas	7	32	.179	19½
Denver	2	36	.053	24

Pacific Division

Seattle	32	9	.780	-
L.A.Lakers	30	9	.769	1
Phoenix	25	12	.676	5
Portland	22	16	.579	8½
Sacramento	17	23	.425	14½
L.A.Clippers	10	31	.244	22
GoldenState	7	30	.189	23

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 103, Milwaukee 93
Portland 86, Cleveland 84
Dallas 107, Seattle 98
Vancouver 88, Denver 77
Phoenix 87, Golden State 69

Wednesday's Games
Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Thursday

WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger, 5:50.

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Snyder tourney.

Friday

Lamesa varsity girls and boys at Snyder, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Lamesa JV boys and girls at Snyder, 5 p.m.

Highland varsity girls and boys at Hermleigh, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Ira JV boys, varsity girls and boys at Westbrook, 3:30, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Snyder tourney.

Saturday

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Snyder tourney.

BIG 12 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baylor	5	0	1.000	-
Kansas	5	1	.833	½
Oklahoma	4	1	.800	1
Nebraska	3	1	.750	1½
Missouri	3	3	.500	2½
Iowa St	2	2	.500	2½
Oklahoma St	2	3	.400	3
Kansas St	2	3	.400	3
Texas Tech	1	3	.250	3½
Colorado	1	3	.250	3½
Texas	1	4	.200	4
Texas A&M	0	5	.000	5

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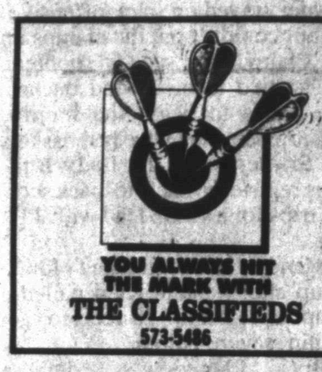
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Senators revive vouchers, block grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an attack on "Washington bureaucracies," Senate Republicans have revived plans to push subsidies for private and religious education as well as grants to replace several programs run by the Education Department.

The Republicans' education agenda, announced Tuesday, will mean certain conflict with the Clinton administration and congressional Democrats. There are only a few areas where agreement is likely, such as reading programs and expansion of alternative public schools.

Needing an election-year message to counter Clinton's focus on an issue of top importance to voters, the Republicans stressed they are providing financial backing to education as well — but with fewer federal strings attached.

"Our education plan could pay the salaries of over 50,000 teachers and buy over 1 million new computers every year," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., chairman of the leadership task force on education. "The main point is that the decision is made by parents and communities, not Washington bureaucracies."

Republican governors and the House Republican leadership endorsed the plan. Democrats called it a warmed-over attempt to destroy public education and the Education Department.

"The rhetoric Senate Republicans use to describe their education agenda has improved dramatically," said Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "Unfortunately the substance of their agenda hasn't changed that much."

Senate leaders gave no price tag for their proposal, which would provide tax breaks, consolidate some existing spending and increase spending in at least one area: money for states to pay their share of the cost of federal requirements to educate disabled children and young adults.

The top item was a revival of the "A-plus Education Savings Account," which would let parents, sponsors or others open savings accounts with tax-free interest and withdrawals for education starting in kindergarten. The money could be used for any regular school expense and also for private or religious school tuition.

The measure, introduced by Coverdell, was blocked twice last year by filibusters.

The proposal also includes $75 million in 1999 for voucher experiments enabling children of low-income parents to attend private or religious schools where the public school is found to be unsafe because of crime, drugs or discipline problems. Last year, Congress rejected several voucher proposals.

Another measure calls for converting about $3 billion in programs to block grants and requiring that 95 percent of another program, Title I aid to poor districts, go to the classroom. A similar measure passed the Senate last year but was dropped during House-Senate negotiations.

Other provisions would permit federal dollars to be used for testing teacher competency, provide $210 million to improve reading, allow Justice Department grants to be used for victim and witness assistance for teachers and students and encourage the spread of charter schools — experimental public schools that run outside the normal rules and regulations.

Earlier Tuesday, at a news conference by the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, Democratic pollster Stanley Greenberg and Republican pollster Ed Goeas said 76 percent of registered voters surveyed earlier this month would support spending $30 billion in federal tax dollars over the next decade for schools.

However, the support for the two unions' proposal may not be deep.

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Albertsons	46	1-16	45 7-16 46 1-16+ ¼
AlldSignal s	36	3-16	35¾ 36¼+ 7-16
Alltel	42¾		42¼ 42 3-16— ¼
AmerOnline	97¼	95	5-16 96 11-16+13-16
AmStores s	21¾	21	9-16 21¾— ¼
Ameritech	85¼	84	3-16 85¼+ 1-16
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Amoco	83	82	7-16 82¾— 7-16
AndarkPtr	61¼	60¾	60¾— ⅝
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AtlRichfld s	78	77	7-16 77⅝—11-16
ATMOS Egy	28	5-16	27¾ 27¾— ⅛
Aviall	14		13⅜ 13¾— ⅛
BakerHughes	40⅛	39	1-16 39⅝—15-16
BellAtl	90⅜	89	9-16 90¼— ⅛
BellSouth	59	5-16	58 9-16 59 + 3-16
BethSteel	8	11-16	8 9-16 8⅝— 3-16
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Chevron	78	5-16	77¼ 77⅜— 3-16
Chrysler	34	13-16	34 9-16 34 11-16+ 1-16
Coastal	56¾		56 9-16 56 9-16— 5-16
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WalMart			41 5-16 40¾ 41 — ⅜
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Man arrested for felony DWI

A 39-year-old Snyder man was arrested early today for felony driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested Joel Vernon Nesmith of 700½ 20th Street at 12:42 a.m. in the 2900 block of Avenue B.

Four people were arrested Tuesday, including three on outstanding warrants.

A 21-year-old Robert Lee man was taken into custody at 8:04 a.m. in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive on DPS warrants out of Lubbock County for speeding. At the same time, a 24-year-old Colorado City man was arrested for no driver's license, no liability insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A misdemeanor warrant out of Deaf Smith County resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old Snyder man at 2:41 p.m. The man was wanted on a warrant to revoke his probation on an original charge of evading arrest.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old Snyder resident at 4:52 p.m in the 4300 block of College Avenue on five city warrants including failure to appear on traffic tickets.

In other activity Tuesday, officers were notified at 8:07 a.m. of tires being cut on a Snyder Independent School District van over the weekend. The van had been parked behind the high school cafeteria. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers are investigating a report of someone taking mail from mailboxes in the 3300 block of Avenue U.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 3:49 p.m. from Town & Country as a person failed to pay for $5.04 worth of gas.

A two-vehicle accident shortly before 6 p.m. in the 2500 block of 25th Street sent one person to Cogdell Hospital by private vehicle where she was treated and released.

Keri Kemp, 2801 38th Street, was treated and released from the hospital. She was driving a 1991 Geo which was involved in an accident with a 1996 Dodge pickup driven by MariLynn Groves of Box 201.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Christy Ellis, Elizabeth Gonzales, Daniel Yanez.

DISMISSALS: Amanda Luera and baby boy, Rube McKinley, Jewel Stewart, Loraine Tipping.

CENSUS: 41 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-27, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Bobby and Christy Ellis of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 3:08 p.m. on Jan. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 3½ ounces.

Pedro and Elizabeth Gonzales of Snyder are parents of an eight-pound, four-ounce daughter at 10:54 p.m. on Jan. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Cory and Ratha Lelek of Wichita Falls announce the birth of their son, Jacob Cade Lelek, at 8:19 p.m., Jan. 14 in Sheppard Air Force Medical Center in Wichita Falls. He weighed eight pounds, nine ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lelek of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Khieu of Midland. Great-grandmother is Dee Lelek of Colorado City.

Gilbert and Amanda Arizmendi of Snyder announce the birth of their six-pound, 4½-ounce son, Michael Anthony Arizmendi, at 4:47 a.m. on Nov. 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Locadio and Alice Luera, Fernando and Mary Romero and Gilbert and Linda Arizmendi, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents include Asencion Castillo, Juan and Sally Avila, Emma Arizmendi, all of Snyder, Paula Garcia of Ganado and Gilbert Arizmendi of Brownsville.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How risky is TB treatment?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a retired 62-year-old secretary in excellent health. During my last annual exam, I had a TB skin test. The doctor said that it was positive, making me a "recent converter." He immediately prescribed six months of INH antibiotic therapy. Rather than taking the drug, I went for a second opinion. The new doctor said that I could get hepatitis from INH. Should I risk hepatitis or take my chances with TB?

DEAR READER: Tuberculosis, a bacterial lung infection, is ordinarily associated with a positive PPD skin test. When a person converts from a negative PPD to a positive, the implication is that he or she has recently been exposed to TB. This raises the enormous problem of whether to treat the skin test conversion. I say "enormous" because, as you pointed out, the MINIMUM length of treatment is six months and the drug has the potential for causing liver inflammation, a serious side effect.

If you were a health-care worker or were obviously exposed to TB because of volunteer work with the homeless in the community (or had a close friend or relative with tuberculosis), I wouldn't hesitate prescribing INH and other anti-TB therapy; the risks of not taking the drug surely outweigh the risks of taking it.

However, in someone your age without obvious exposure, I'd be more reticent. For one thing, the test could be wrong — a so-called "false positive." For another, a casual, pedestrian exposure (on a bus or plane, for example) will not usually result in a significant infection. In this case, the expense, inconvenience and risks of therapy outweigh the minimal advantages.

In my opinion, you should have a chest X-ray. If this test is normal, it can be repeated in six months, along with another PPD. If the X-ray reveals tuberculosis infection, you should have treatment.

As I implied, whether or not to treat is a highly individualized matter. Perhaps you could resolve the issue by getting a third opinion from a lung specialist, who will take a meticulous history of any possible exposure, examine and X-ray you, and then help you decide if therapy is truly necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Years ago, a doctor told me that stools that float mean one thing, and feces that sink mean another. Please enlighten me.

DEAR READER: Normally, fecal matter sinks in the toilet bowl because it is heavier than water.

However, sometimes normal stools float if they contain a lot of air.

By and large, however, floating stools may indicate a high concentration of fats. This may be due to normal dietary variations. Or it may indicate an intestinal problem, such as malabsorption.

If your stools consistently float, you should bring this to your doctor's attention. He will probably order a stool-fat exam and other tests.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have asthma. Can I take aspirin? I need the drug because I have a history of blood clots in my legs. However, I certainly don't want to risk worsening my asthma.

DEAR READER: The precise cause of asthma is unknown, but asthma attacks can certainly be caused by allergies. If an asthma-prone patient breathes pollen-laden air, eats food to which he is allergic, or takes medicine to which he is sensitive, an acute asthma attack can appear with very little warning.

Aspirin allergies are relatively common. Therefore, asthmatics with such a sensitivity should certainly avoid aspirin. However, for the majority of asthmatics, aspirin is safe.

In your case, the drug is needed to retard clotting and prevent dangerous consequences. Therefore, I believe that the benefits outweigh the potential risks. Ask your doctor about this, but I'm confident that he will agree with my analysis.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've noticed that you address impotence on a fairly regular basis. Why don't you give equal time to premature ejaculation?

DEAR READER: For three reasons.

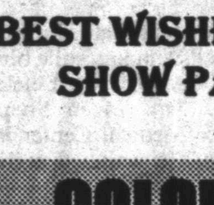
First, impotence is far more common than premature ejaculation (the inability of the male to postpone orgasm). Millions of men suffer from erectile dysfunction, which is generally related to the aging process. Thus, this affliction is of more interest to my readers, and I get more letters inquiring about its treatment.

Second, impotence usually has a physical cause, notably poor circulation (from arteriosclerosis) and alcohol abuse. Moreover, it is a common side effect of many drugs that are used to treat a wide variety of illnesses, most of which — in their own right — can cause impotence.

Third, premature ejaculation almost always has a psychological basis. Therefore, the problem — which is quite obvious to its victims — is traditionally treated with counseling. There is really very little to say about premature ejaculation: If you have it, you should seek help from a mental health professional.

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Scurry County Country



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension

Maintaining your goal

Once you've made a change, it can be difficult to stick with it. One way you can maintain your goal is to keep a log or journal. If your goal is to exercise and lose weight, keep a log of the activity you do each day and record your weight once a week. Just weigh yourself once a week, preferably in the morning. You should only lose at a rate of 1-2 pounds a week. Also, record how you are feeling, weather conditions, and other factors which may affect your exercise or eating patterns.

Resolve to exercise

When we resolve to exercise, we are doing one of the best things for our health we can do. Often we are excited about the activity at first, but after a week or two, we begin to come up with all the reasons we can't exercise.

Even the busiest person can fit exercise into his/her schedule with a few of these ideas:

—Park your car farther away from your destination than usual and walk the rest of the way.

—Take a walk at lunch or during daily breaks from work.

—Walk with family or friends to make walking a social event.

Equipment

Exercising does not require a lot of equipment or expense. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes and you can get some exercise. Walking is one of the best and least expensive forms of exercise you can do. Other inexpensive forms of exercise include the following:

—Weight lifting — use canned food items for weights instead of buying more expensive 1, 2 and 5 pound weights.

—Stretch — you need no special equipment to do stretching activities and it's great for maintaining or increasing flexibility.

—Jogging — this only requires a good pair of shoes. Try to run on surfaces when possible to reduce impact on your knees.

Age

You are never too old to exercise. Studies have shown that even 90-year-olds are able to perform and benefit from exercise. Be sure to check with your physician or health care provider about any special health conditions. Your physicians can recommend the best form of exercise for you.

Swimming is a great exercise for individuals with joint problems. It increases all three aspects of importance: strength, flexibility and endurance.

Weather — weather conditions can be a hindrance to exercising. With the right information, we can continue to exercise in most weather conditions. If you are doing outdoor activities, you might consider an indoor activity when the weather changes begin to affect your activity.

Enjoyment — exercise does not have to be boring, nor does it have to be something you dislike doing. Do something you enjoy or something you must accomplish and add a little physical activity to it. Try these ideas:

—Be an active gardener — digging, stretching to trim stems and branches.

—Go for a bicycle ride with the whole family — pack a healthy picnic and make a day of it.

—Take a walk around the block with your spouse to relieve the stress of the day and have time with one another.

—Jump rope with your kids.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,000 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 15 Sale. Cows were steady to $2 better. Calves and yearlings were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 35 to 43; canners and low cutters: 27 to 34; slaughter bulls 42.50 to 50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 107; 400 to 500; 85 to 100; 500 to 600, 77 to 90; 600 to 700, 75 to 82; 700 to 800, 72 to 78.

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Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 75 to 85; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 500 to 725; grade, 350 to 500.

Springers: 300 to 640; baby calves: 75 to 175; doodlers: 125 to 175.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,255 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 17 Sale. The market was active and demand was good. Stocker and feeder steers were $2 to $6 higher on 600 pounds and lighter. Heavier cattle were $1 to $3 higher. Packer cows were steady. Bred cows were steady. Pairs not enough to test market.

Steers:
200 to 400: 98 to 114
400 to 500: 95 to 109
500 to 600: 85 to 97
600 to 700: 74 to 85.50
700 to 800: 72 to 77.50
Heifers:
300 to 400: 82 to 89
400 to 500: 75 to 84
500 to 600: 72 to 77.25
600 to 700: 69.50 to 71.50
7000 to 800: 66.50 to 71.50
Young bred cows: $400 to $565
Medium age to older bred cows:
Young cows and calves:
Medium age to older cows and calves: $450 top $600
Packer cows: 27.50 to 41.25.
Packer bulls: 46 to 52.25

Small farmers' role important

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — At a time when many businesses think bigger is better, a University of California economist says small-scale farmers still play important economic and social roles.

Desmond Jolley, who directs the Small Farm Program at University of California, Davis, likes to recite a list of benefits small farms provide. They range from controlling nearly half the nation's natural resources such as forests and wetlands, to innovations such as composting to developing new products large growers then adopt, such as salad mixes.

"Small farms are responsive to consumers' concerns and demands," Jolley told the National Association of Agricultural Journalists. "They support total economies and communities. The more small farmers you have, the more robust the local economy. And they are taxpayers."

There's lots of them in California. Jolley says 70,000 of the state's 80,000 farms fall in the small farm category with gross sales below $100,000 a year.

Soybean futures rise; corn goes up

CHICAGO (AP) — Soybean futures rose sharply and corn futures gained Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade as rebounding Asian currencies buoyed hopes for new export demand. Wheat futures retreated.

Soybean futures led the gains amid heavy buying of soybean oil futures, which suggested there may be new export and domestic demand on the horizon. The National Oilseed Processors Association last week reported strong demand for soybean oil.

Soybeans also gained amid hopes Asian nations currently going through an economic crisis will step into the market soon to buy American commodities. As their currencies have strengthened over the past few days against the U.S. dollar, American goods have become cheaper to purchase.

Reports of dryness in some Brazilian soybean and corn-growing regions also boosted the market.

High Plains cotton better than figured

LUBBOCK — Like a runner who has trouble getting out of the starting blocks, the 1997 cotton crop on the Texas High Plains had area producers anxious early in the season. But steady strides and a late season "kick" brought home a winner at the finish line.

By Christmas, the yield for the 25-county area around Lubbock was nearing three millioin bales of good quality lint. While slightly under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's estimate of 3.5 milion bales, growers and ginners were pleased at the outcome of a hectic season.

"For such a cool, wet, windy start, we're really surprised how well the crop turned out," said Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here. With ginning not to be completed until mid-January, many area crop watchers are predicting a final yield of some 3.25 million bales. The area's five-year seasonal average is 2.7 million bales, according to USDA.

Bad weather with below normal temperatures wiped out some 250,000 acres of the 3.5 million which were planted in the area called "the world's biggest cotton patch." Area growers harvested an estimated 3.25 million acres.

The yields could have even better, except for heavy losses to insect pests, said Dr. James Leser, cotton entomologist with the Extension Service here. A survey conducted annually for the Belt-wide Cotton Conferences showed that insects teamed up to reduce area yields by 18.4 percent.

"The boll weevil accounted for 74 percent of this yield loss, with over 50 percent of the loss occurring late in the growing season," Leser said. In spite of spending more than $36 million to combat the boll weevil, producers still lost yield valued at $148 million, he reported.

The quality of the crop is good, said Wendell Wilbanks, manager of the USDA cotton classing office at Lubbock. Of the more than 2.3 million bales already classed there before Christmas, the lint was averaging 33.81 in length, micronair of 38.39, and strength of 29.19 grams per tex. Color was good and 80 percent of the samples had leaf grades of 1-4, with an average grade of 3.48

"Percentage-wise, the leaf doesn't look bad," Wilbanks said, "although the 20 perent that had (grades) 5-7 think it is terrible." Buyers discount bales with high leaf content.

Commodity Roundup

By CLIFF EDWARDS
AP Business Writer

Coffee futures surged Tuesday on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York amid concern inventories of gourmet arabica beans will become critically low before an expected bumper Brazilian harvest brings new supplies to market.

On other exchanges, cocoa futures rose sharply after an industry report showed fewer investors in the market than previously believed. Soybean futures also rocketed higher, amid heavy demand for soybean oil.

Coffee rose 6.6 percent after weekend reports that indicated Brazil and Colombia, the world's largest growers, will ship far less coffee in coming weeks that previously expected.

The Brazilian Federation of Coffee Exporters estimated exports in January will total only 800,000 bags weighing 132 pounds each, down from 1 million bags estimated earlier this month and 37 percent below last year's shipping figures. February coffee exports also are expected to be 45 percent below year-ago levels.

And Colombia, the second-largest grower behind Brazil, will ship fewer supplies than in previous years because of poor growing weather, pest infestations and continued labor unrest, according to Hernan Uribe, acting general manager of Colombia's National Coffee Federation.

Colombian truckers are threatening to strike next week, which could temporarily halt shipments. The reduced shipping promised to make supplies tight even as the peak consumption period winds down.

Roasters in the past few weeks have delayed making new purchases, however, working hand-to-mouth in anticipation of what is expected to be the largest Brazilian crop in 11 years and a larger Colombian harvest. But with the bulk of those new supplies not arriving until late June, roasters likely will begin a scramble to fill their inventories, analysts said.

Arabica inventories in exchange warehouses continue to remain tight. The exchange reported after trading had ended that certified stocks rose 1,122 bags weighing 132 pounds each over the past week to 100,704 bags, but still tight.

Arabica coffee for March delivery rose 11 cents, or 6.6 percent, to $1.781 a pound, the highest since Dec. 15.

Cocoa futures rose 2.7 percent on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange after the Commodities Futures Trading Commission reported many speculators and small traders had exited the market recently, reducing the chance of a major selloff.

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Experts suggest more soy in U.S. diets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A soy drink a day might keep the doctor away.

So say scientists and nutritionists studying the potential of soy to lower the risks of cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis and diminish the hot flashes of menopause.

They've focused on estrogen-like components of soy protein called isoflavones that appear to somehow protect health.

"I don't know of any food that brings so much to the table as soy foods," said James Anderson of the University of Kentucky, a leading nutrition researcher.

The problem with telling people to eat more soy is that food labels don't tell how much isoflavones are in the product — even the isoflavone-rich drinks from the sponsor of a "Health Impact of Soy Protein" symposium Tuesday.

The $50,000 symposium was underwritten by Protein Technologies International of St. Louis, a DuPont subsidiary that makes soy protein.

Soybeans have long been a staple of Asian diets and may be responsible for lower cancer rates in that region. Though they have been cultivated in the United States since 1829, they caught on more as cattle feed than as something for the dinner table.

But proponents say that should change, given the apparent health benefits for both women and men.

"We're beginning to see the rationale for how soy has an effect in cancer, heart disease, and potentially the bone and brain," said Stephen Barnes, a pharmacology and toxicology professor from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Like raloxifene, a designer estrogen that builds bone in menopausal women without promoting breast cancer, soy isoflavones act selectively. Barnes said there is no evidence that they promote cancers stimulated by estrogen.

Thomas Clarkson, a professor in the department of comparative medicine at Wake Forest University, is interested in how soy isoflavones mimic the estradiol form of estrogen. Marketed as Premarin, it alleviates the hot flashes, osteoporosis, heart disease and cognitive changes of menopause.

"Current hormone replacement therapy has been a dismal, dismal failure from a public health point of view," because only 20 percent of the women who could benefit from it are taking it, Clarkson said.

But soy offers potential benefits for women who can't take estrogen. In monkey studies, soy and Premarin were "about equal in reductions in total cholesterol," while soy was better than Premarin in bringing down so-called bad cholesterol and increasing so-called good cholesterol, Clarkson said.

Further, "soy estrogens are absolutely as good as estradiol" in protecting brain function, he said.

For men, soy protein also appears to protect against prostate cancer. And Anderson's 1995 analysis of 38 studies, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, suggested soy protein lowered cholesterol.

"Soy protein is potent and has the potential of significantly lowering" fats in the blood, he said. "Who should use soy protein? All of us."

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998

In the year ahead, it will be pleasurable and easy for you to work with new acquaintances, though things might not run as smoothly where traditional partnerships are concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment might be questionable today regarding decisions that affect your career. Think your moves through carefully and don't yield to pressure. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Temper your schemes with a realistic prospective. Even though you might think in grandiose terms, small, critical details could be your nemesis.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be more protective of your possessions than usual today. If you're careless, a stranger might take a shine to something you're especially fond of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your judgment is reasonably good today pertaining to matters that affect you alone, but not when you try to extend your thinking to cover others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you may tend to count too much on people or on things you think you have coming to you. This unwise approach could lead to disappointment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not wear out your welcome today if you're invited to a friend's place. If you arrive early, try to be numbered among the first to leave.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you may have to rely upon today may not be there when you need him or her. The moral of this story is to count on yourself and not others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you get involved in an intense debate with an adversary who feels as strongly about an issue as you do, things could get quite heated today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some pressure might be brought to bear on you today regarding an old obligation. If it isn't resolved satisfactorily, it could continue to fester.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Though you may solicit advice from others today, their input isn't likely to sway you and you might go about doing things as you initially intended.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It could be advantageous today to give credence to health matters. Do not overexert or overindulge yourself, especially with food or drink.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might have trouble managing youngsters today, but not nearly as much as you could have if you let outsiders instruct you on running the show.

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Veteran sent to prison for slaying son-in-law

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A World War II veteran who blamed a flashback to his days as a war prisoner for fatally shooting his son-in-law has been sentenced to at least 35 years in prison.

Richard Keech, 78, said he had been pushed beyond his limit by the actions of the son-in-law, Nicholas Candy.

"The result, you all know," Keech said in a quiet voice at Tuesday's hearing. "My daughter is free."

He was sentenced to 35 years to life in prison for fatally shooting his daughter's estranged husband in 1996. His lawyer said he would appeal.

A jury in November convicted Keech of first-degree murder, rejecting the former Marine's contention that he thought he was shooting a Japanese guard when he shot Nicholas Candy, then chased him down and fired four more bullets into the fallen man.

"As one Marine to another, I now proceed with a heavy heart," Superior Court Judge William T. Garner said before handing down the sentence.

During the hearing, Keech described Candy as an evil man who terrorized his daughter and said the killing was "a story about a father's love for his daughter."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Donnie Chorn, Clara Tate; 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; program, Virginia Lowrance; hostess, Vettie Faye Gardner; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; hostess, Genetha Payne; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

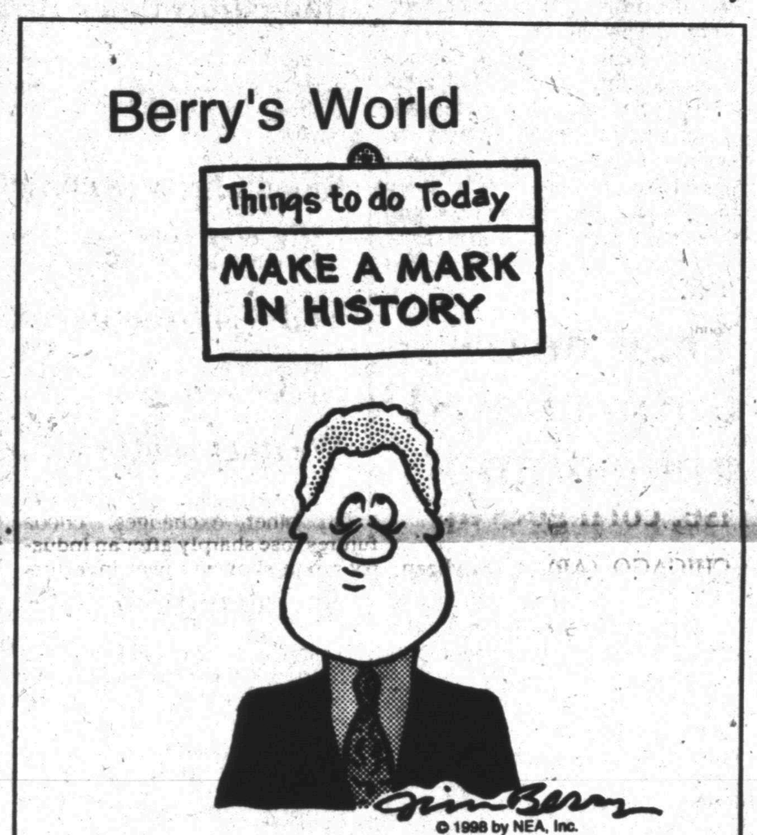
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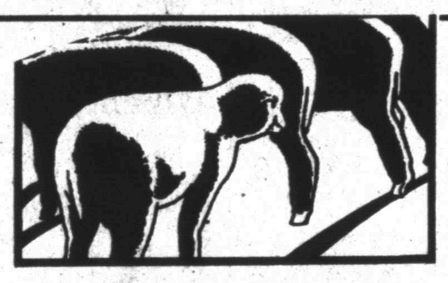
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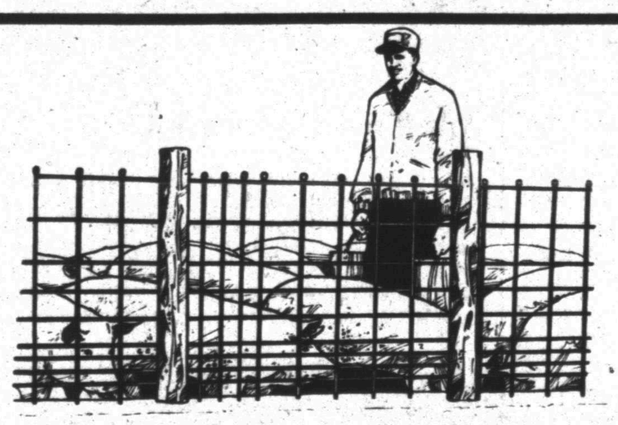
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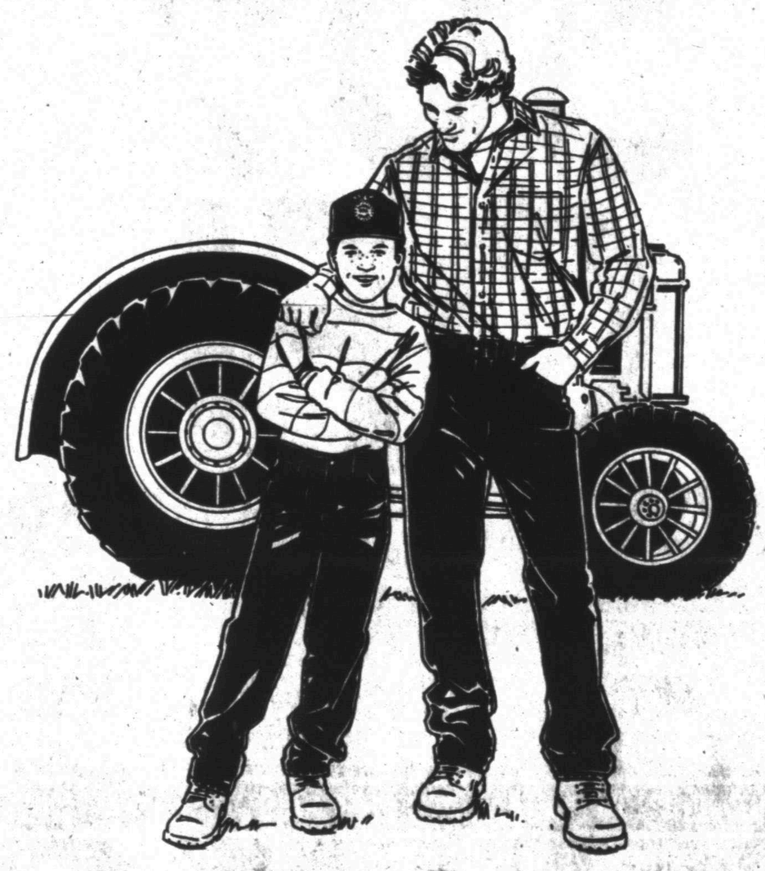


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Obituaries

Mal Stevenson

1920-1998

Funeral service for Malven K. Stevenson, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church. Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Stevenson, longtime Snyder businessman and civic leader, died Monday, Jan. 19, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Stevenson, 77, retired in July as the owner of Stevenson Real Estate. Prior to becoming a realtor in the early 1960s, he was the owner and operator of Stevenson's Cash Grocery.

Born July 11, 1920 in San Angelo, he graduated valedictorian from Sweetwater High School in 1937 and from Texas Christian University in 1941. At TCU, he was class favorite his junior and senior years and he was voted most popular in 1940. He was president of his sophomore and junior classes and was president of the student body during 1940-41. He attended the Harvard School of Business in 1941.

Mr. Stevenson served in the U.S. Air Force and was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel and commanding officer of the 21st Statistical Control Unit, serving under Gen. James Doolittle. At the conclusion of World War II, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, America's highest honor for non-combat service.

He married Frances Tiahrt on April 23, 1945 in Fort Worth.

A resident of Snyder since 1949, he was named Snyder's Outstanding Young Man by the Chamber of Commerce in 1952. He was a past-president of the Snyder Rotary Club and a member of Snyder Country Club.

Mr. Stevenson served on the Snyder City Council from 1952-54 and he served as mayor of Snyder during 1954-56.

Mr. Stevenson was named to the Snyder ISD board of trustees in 1958 and he served until 1962. He was president of the board in 1960.

Mr. Stevenson was a member of the City of Snyder Charter Commission. He also served as a director of the Lower Colorado Water District, and he also served on the county juvenile council.

A member of the First Christian Church, he was an elder and and served multiple terms as board chairman.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Stevenson of Snyder; a daughter, Cheril Hardy of Fort Worth; a daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Ben Karr of Fort Worth; a sister, Marjorie Hager of Houston; and five grandchildren, Halie Hardy, Katherine Hardy, Kendall Karr, Ryan Hardy and Brandon Karr.

Pallbearers will be Bill Dryden, Ted Crenwelge, Pete Greene, David Holt, Milton Ham, Terry Huestis, Ross Blanchard and Joe Vincent. Honorary pallbearers will be elders and deacons of the First Christian Church, and the board of directors of the Snyder Rotary Club.

The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church education fund or to the American Heart Association.

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Mrs. Dunagan

1892-1998

MIDLAND — Ada Hicks Dunagan, who lived in Scurry County as a young girl, died Monday, Jan. 19, in Midland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dunagan, 105, was set for 1 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Burial was to follow in the Monahans Cemetery.

Born in Bibb County, Ala., she moved from Snyder to Gaines County as a teenager. She married John Claiborne Dunagan in 1913 in Gaines County. She moved to Midland in 1925.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Music Club, Needle Craft Club and the Alathean Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Helen Reeves of Pharr, Lorena Jones of Midland and Virginia Hardy of Abilene; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Sam Perrin

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sam Perrin, who was a writer for comedian Jack Benny for 40 years, died Jan 8. He was 96.

Perrin was nominated for Emmy awards seven times and won twice — in 1959 and 1960 for his work on "The Jack Benny Show."

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Countdown continues for shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA aimed for a Thursday night launch of Endeavour to Mir despite minor space shuttle problems and a gloomy weather forecast.

Meteorologists today said there is a 60 percent chance that clouds or thunderstorms will delay the 9:48 p.m. liftoff. The outlook is the same for Friday.

Technicians coped this morning with a variety of shuttle problems, including an erratic pressure sensor on a fuel tank, transient errors in an electronics unit, and a malfunctioning circuit breaker for a liquid-oxygen tank. None of these was expected to delay the flight, shuttle test director Jeff Spaulding said.

NASA is eager to launch Endeavour as soon as possible to pick up American David Wolf on Mir and drop off his replacement, Andrew Thomas.

The Russian space agency plans to launch a fresh Mir crew Jan. 29, the same day Endeavour is supposed to undock from the station. Managers would prefer not having the shuttle there when the Soyuz spacecraft arrives with three more men; that would result in a crowd of 13 on the linked craft.

Trial nears for proposed nuke dump

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — Groups who have sparred for years over the location and safety of a proposed state radioactive waste dump finally squared got a chance to make their arguments count today.

Several weeks of trial-like hearings to determine whether the hotly debated dump should be built began before two hearings officers in this tiny West Texas town that could become its home.

Doug Caroom, an attorney for the state waste disposal authority, told the officers that site proponents would be presenting technical evidence to support their position that Sierra Blanca is a suitable location.

He urged them to focus on state regulations and argued that any opposition testimony outside that narrow area did not belong in the proceedings.

"Much of the opposition is, we believe, based on the fear of the unknown and misinformation," Caroom said.

But opposition attorney David Frederick said issues such as the dump's impact on this community of 600 about 90 miles southeast of El Paso and the potential for contamination must be considered.

"I think anybody that thinks this is an ideal, perfect site is not seeing clearly," Frederick said.

The proceedings represent the last stage of state efforts to bring plans for a low-level site to fruition, and possibly also a final chance to convince the Legislature that the project can be carried out.

Officials with the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority feel they must secure a license for the facility before the next Legislative session in 1999 or the state will begin looking at other alternatives, said Lee Mathews, the agency's general counsel.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

County clerk computer training

The county clerk's office will be closed all day Thursday for computer training.

Central Parent Council

Central Parent Council will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

Ratite association to meet

Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Shack.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

February 3 is the deadline for ordering 1998 Snyder High School yearbooks. The cost is $40. No extra books will be ordered; this will be the only time to purchase them. Call 573-6301, ext. 35.

DECA fund-raiser set

DECA students are seling coupon booklets, a $250 value, for $12 each. All coupons are from local merchants. Booklets can be purchased from any DECA student or by calling Lisa Williams at 573-6301. The deadline to purchase a booklet is Jan. 30.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Concern Without Worry," followed by "Getting to Know God's Provision," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will conduct a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

TOPS 50th anniversary

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) invites everyone to a 50th anniversary open house from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at 2501 35th Street.

Weather spotting class

George Mathews of the National Weather Service in Midland will present a severe weather spotting class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Fire Station. Fire Chief Terry McDowell said the public is invited.

Spring portraits at Ira ISD

Spring portraits will be taken for grades K-12 at Ira next Wednesday. No money is needed that day, unless you are doing "friendship" pictures which cost a $2 sitting fee per person, to be paid that day. Exact change is necessary. Up to five people will be allowed in a photo. Families will not be charged a sitting fee per person. Families need to call the school to set up a time. Group pictures of each class with its sponsor or teacher will be taken. Proofs will be sent home, when they come in, for orders to be placed.

Pancake supper set

Snyder High School Senior Class will sponsor a pancake supper at McDonald's from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 29. Tickets are $2.50 and available from any senior or by calling 573-1400 and leaving a message.

Windbreak trees

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Jan. 31. A variety of evergreens and hardwoods is available. The district is also offering evergreens in one-gallon yearling size for fill-ins. For more information, contact the Upper Colorado SWCD at 573-6317 or go by 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Road to Recovery program

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

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti production Feb. 18. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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(zero, three, zero)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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(twelve, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-six)