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Ask Us

Q—How much of its goal has been reached by Scurry County United Way?

A—United Way officials said Friday that 53 percent of the goal, or $38,288 of the $72,200 target has been reached. United Way will close out the current year on Jan. 18. Donations are still needed and can be made at the chamber of commerce.

Local

Work center

Scurry County Work Center board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at 3100½ 37th Place.

Boosters

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet following Monday's 6 p.m. junior high basketball game.

ADD meets

Attention Deficit Disorder organization will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder National Bank.

UWSA

United We Stand, America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn. Members and visitors are invited.

Nursing center

Snyder Nursing Center family council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to plan the year's activities and elect officers. All family members are urged to attend.

HISD

A student holiday and in-service scheduled Jan. 14 at Hermleigh ISD has been changed to Jan. 21, administrators have announced. The original school holiday, Jan. 14, will now be a regular school day.

Hotline

Students and parents may receive information about college selection, admissions, testing, financial aid, entrance requirements, majors and other topics by calling the 1994 College Information Hotline this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The number is 1-800-253-8989.

Talent show

Snyder Oaks Care Center activity department is sponsoring a country music talent show Saturday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Towle Park Barn.

To enter, send a post card listing three musical selections, name and telephone number to the center's activity department, 210 37th St. before Jan. 14.

For more information, call Deanna McClure at 573-9377.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Low near 30. South wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, fair. High in the mid 60s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 45 degrees; low, 23 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 23 degrees; no precipitation.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:57. Sunrise Sunday, 7:43. Sunset Sunday, 5:58. Sunrise Monday, 7:43. Of 7 days in 1994, the sun has shone 7 days in Snyder.

WORKSHOP — Snyder High School senior David Krenek, junior Paige Gayle, and seniors Hayley Patterson and Jennifer Rios, from left, look over materials to be reviewed in a Financial Aid Workshop set for 7 p.m., Jan. 13 in the SHS student center. Dennis Carlton, financial aid advisor at WTC and Corky Swanson, financial aid advisor at McMurry University, will conduct the workshop for juniors, seniors and parents of SHS, Hermleigh and Ira. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local impact...

Officials endorse plan calling for more prison beds

From Local, Wire Reports

AUSTIN — State leaders on Friday endorsed a plan calling for the immediate construction of additional prison beds — including at least 300 more beds at the Price Daniel unit in Snyder.

The plan calling for fast-track construction of 15,000 additional prison beds to help relieve crowding in county jails was announced by top state leaders meeting Friday.

Cost of building the new prison beds, which are to begin opening within six months, will be about $165 million.

The money will come from prison bond funds already approved by voters, plus emergency funding authorized by the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker.

On Dec. 23, the plan was first revealed that called for construction of 300 dorm-style beds inside the present security perimeter fences of the state's 16 1,000-bed facilites. This would include Snyder, Colorado City, Lamesa, Pampa and Childress. Maximum security units such as the French Robertson in Abilene would be expanded by 600 beds.

Between 40 and 50 additional jobs would result from the 300 beds added here, officials predicted. Approximately 100 jobs would be needed for units receiving 600 beds.

One TDCJ official said there is a possibility of 600 beds in Snyder by building a two-story dorm. Final approval of the plan is expected next Friday at the regular meeting of the TDCJ board in Austin.

State leaders who have been working on the plan have been conferring with top TDCJ officials, therefore prompt board approval is expected.

On Dec. 27, TDCJ revealed another economic boost for Snyder by announcing plans to build a $5 million regional distribution facility on state-owned land adjacent to the Price Daniel unit.

In addition to a distribution facility, the agency plans to construct a vehicle maintenance facility. The warehouse is expected to create 40 to 50 additional jobs here.

TDCJ said the distribution center would be 120,000 square feet, and envisions that construction could begin within three months and that the facility be operational within a year.

"I am glad we were able to fund a way to ease the burden on county jails," said Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

"Also, this agreement gives the state an opportunity to live up to its responsibility to the counties in a cost-effective and expedient

(See PRISON, Page 12A)

Board appointments on list for commissioners Monday

Three agenda items, including the annual appointment of county board members, face the Scurry County Commissioners Court when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court is expected to discuss board appointments, but the actual appointments are not expected until the court's Jan. 17 session.

At the end of 1993, the court discussed policy concerning board appointments which requires a board member to rotate off after completion of a second term. The court, however, is not required to appoint a member to a second term, but policy limits the number of consecutive terms.

At the December meeting, the court pointed out that the purpose of the policy is to give continuity to county boards an to have a system to encourage more citizen involvement in county government.

County board members with terms expiring include:

Wayland Huddleston and Weldon Key, airport board; Glenda Hollingsworth, Jim Rosson and Nelda Huddleston, child welfare; Charlie Bell and Doug Vineyard, county welfare; Bill Wilson III, James Palmer and G.A. Parks Jr., hospital board; Joyce Fuqua, Mrs. M.J. Merritt and Tomas Gonzales, library board.

Also, Max von Roeder and Pete Hester, board of county development; Clarence Payne, veteran's land board; Jon Derouen, veteran's land board farm and ranch committee; Mark Zeck, Shawn Ragland, Eddie Eicke and Drew Bullard, coliseum board; and all three places on the county grievance committee.

Two boards, because of legislation, are exempt from term limitations, according to County Judge Bob Doolittle. They are the hospital and BCD.

Under old business, the court will discuss the sanitarian and food service inspector's vacant position, and will also hear a presentation concerning Early Periodic Screening Diagonsis and Treatment, a new health program for children.

Wilson is named Noah coordinator

Wichita Falls native Dee Wilson has been named as the new Noah Project West outreach coordinator.

Wilson replaces Claudia Fields, who has accepted the position of executive director of the Women's Shelter of East Texas in Nacogdoches.

Wilson comes to Snyder from Oklahoma, where she was a teacher and assistant for two years at the Washita Valley Head Start in Chickasha.

"It is good to be back in Texas and to be able to serve my community and the citizens of West Texas as the new outreach coordinator for Noah Project-West," Wilson said. "I am looking forward to helping families and making a positive difference in the lives of victims of family violence."

Wilson was owner and director of the Country Campus Preschool in Holliday, Texas, from June of 1987 until January of 1991.

She has had extensive training in the area of child care and development. She has been a guest speaker for various organizations regarding permanency for children and the need for adoptive parents of "hard to place" children. In 1982, she was named to the "Outstanding Young Women of America" for her accomplishments and service in the community.

Wilson attended Midwestern State University and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

She received her Child Development Associate credential by the Council for Early Childhood in April of 1993.

An active volunteer, she is an adoption team member through the Department of Human Services, is founding president and board member of the North Texas Chapter of the Council on Adoptable Children, has aided in children's ministry worship, served on the Grady County Child Welfare Board and has worked with Child Protective Services in Snyder.

Her husband, Charlie Wilson, is employed with Primrose Operating as a field superintendent. She has two sons, David, a sixth grader at West Elementary, and Chris, a fifth grader at Northeast, and two grown daughters, Linda and Renee.

DEE WILSON

Registration at WTC set to begin Monday

Registration for the spring semester at Western Texas College begins Monday afternoon with all classes scheduled to begin on Wednesday.

Sophomore students are scheduled to register starting at 1 p.m. today. Freshmen students will register beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Night registration will be conducted from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Monday.

Spring class schedules are available. For more information, prospective students may call 573-8511 and then extension 394 for admissions and extension 313 for counseling.

Dorms at WTC were scheduled to open at 10 a.m. Monday for the spring semester.

Blood drive set Tuesday

Scurry County Advisory for United Blood Services and Cogdell Memorial Auxiliary are sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday.

The drive will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Towle Park Barn.

Those donating will receive coupons for free or discounted food items. Other prizes will be given away by drawing.

Who filed?

Candidates for Scurry County offices are now in place, following Friday's filing deadline for Precinct 1 constable.

Below is a list of candidates and the positions for which they filed. All will appear on the March 8 Democratic or Republican ballots, with the exception of Bill Adams, who filed as an independent for constable of Precinct 1.

County Judge
- *R—Bob Doolittle (i)*
- *R—Ricky Fritz*
- *D—Bobby Goodwin*

Commissioner, Pct. 2
- *R—Roy Idom (i)*
- *D—Wayland Huddleston*

Commissioner, Pct. 4
- *R—Charles Henderson*
- *D—Jerry Gannaway (i)*
- *D—Forrest Wemken*

County Clerk
- *D—Frances Billingsley (i)*

District Clerk
- *R—Polly Wadleigh Echols*
- *D—Elois Pruitt (i)*

Peace Justice, Pct. 1
- *D—Wanda Rushing (i)*
- *D—Charlie Reynolds*

County Treasurer
- *R—Janet Merritt*
- *D—Charlie Bell (i)*
- *D—Beverly Glasscock*

Peace Justice, Pct. 2
- *D—John Williamson*

Constable, Pct 1
- *D—Jim Wilson*
- *I—Bill Adams*

Woman indicted, posts $5,000 bond

A 36-year-od Snyder woman has posted a $5,000 bond following her indictment and arrest.

A Scurry County grand jury on Monday indicted Lisa Elayne Jones of 118 Canyon for possession of a dangerous drug not obtained from a pharmacist. The indictment said the offense occurred on Dec. 22.

Jones was arrested Wednesday and released Thursday on bond.

One other person indicted by the grand jury on Monday for burglary of a habitation still has not been arrested.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People on ego trips should buy one-way tickets."

It's a post-holiday tradition — many teachers conceal a writing exercise by asking their students to do an essay on what they got for Christmas.

Some of the younger kids get involved in "show and tell," but one of the hottest Christmas gifts last season is better for telling than for showing.

Pets have always been popular Christmas gifts. In addition to dogs and cats, there have been whimsical numbers such as ferrets and pot-bellied pigs.

This past holiday, however, it was a creature that boys love for girls to hate. Some feel the creature's popularity was fueled by the recent interest in dinosaurs.

The hot item last season was the iguana. It's a center-fold attraction only in a magazine called Reptiles Today. It truly has a face that only a mother could love.

Iguanas naturally reside in the tropics and in the desert and are imported to the U.S. from Central and South America. Some are being raised commercially in the U.S.

The common iguana is bright green and greenish-brown or dotted or mottled as it becomes older. Its scale skin is mooth, dry and feels like shiny leather.

They are ghastly looking creatures, but fans says they cause no odor, no damage and they don't bark. They don't require shots or beg at the dinner table.

If you got an iguana for Christmas, you are among an elite group of 1 million owners in the U.S. They do have some characteristics of dogs.

Puppies are cute, but they outgrow it and become dogs. A small iguana, (remember beauty is in the eye of the beholder) is about six inches. If it lives seven years, it can grow to more than six feet.

Experts say they are affectionate types and will actually nestle on your arm. But who wants a likeness of your brother-in-law perched on your arm?

Homeowner shoots Scottish visitor

HOUSTON (AP) — One of two visiting Scottish businessmen winding up a night on the town was shot to death early Friday as he and his companion pounded on doors in an upscale Houston neighborhood and were mistaken for burglars, police said.

A homeowner fearing the men were trying to invade his house from his back yard opened fire on the pair, fatally wounding one of them. The other man was not injured.

"Both were believed to be highly intoxicated," said police spokesman Alvin Wright, who added that the two apparently were going door to door seeking assistance to get them back to their hotel.

"In the intoxicated state they were in it scared the neighbors," added Larry Hoffmaster, a police investigator at the scene.

He said while seeking help in the middle of the night by knocking on doors may be common in Europe, it is not common here.

Houston in recent months has seen numerous instances of home invasions by criminals known as kick burglars, who beat down the doors of homes in the middle of the night, then tie up the residents and assault or rob them.

"In the homeowner's mind, it was a home invasion," Hoffmaster said. "It was just an unfortunate situation."

The names of the Scottish men were not immediately released although police said they had been in Houston for only a day. The nature of their business also was not immediately known.

Police said the pair had been drinking and made friends with a couple of other men at a bar who offered to return them to their hotel. On the trip back, one of the Scotsmen became afraid for his safety in the car and convinced the driver to drop them off.

"One of them (the Scotsmen) got paranoid that one of them was going to do them harm," Hoffmaster said.

It was nearly 4 a.m. and the two were left wandering in an upscale area of West Houston known as Memorial.

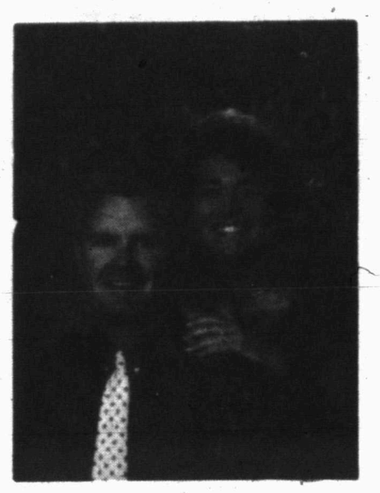
One woman in the neighborhood said the pair had knocked on the doors of several homes before coming to the place where they were fired upon.

"I was panicky," said the woman, who declined to be identified. "It wasn't just one knock. It was 10. I looked out of the window and I saw a man out there hiding."

Hoffmaster said the men knocked on the front door of the house where the shooting occurred and then went to the back door.

"They had been at the front door several times and then climbed over the fence in the back and went to the back door and the homeowner was afraid it was a home invasion," the detective said. "He fired some shots. One of them died in the back yard."

Police said the case would be referred to a grand jury without charges.



MIKE & KIM COX

Mike Cox to direct FUMC youth

Mike Cox will be the new Director of Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church. He comes to Snyder from Abernathy where he served as youth director for First United Methodist Church.

Cox is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he majored in human development and family studies.

He is married to Kim who will graduate from Texas A&M University in Canyon in the spring with a degree in elementary education. Kim will do her student teaching in the Snyder Independent School System this spring.

The Coxes will move to Snyder on Monday, and Mike will begin his ministry on Jan. 18. They will be living at 3749 Avenue V.

WTC President's List

President's List honors went to 12 Western Texas College students this past fall term — indicating the students had no grades lower than an "A" for a minimum of 15 hours college credit work.

Two of those honored are fom Snyder. Mathias Nicholas Lies and Chris Stansell. Also, Carla Yvonne Sanchez of Ira was named to the list.

Three earning the perfect 4.0 grade average are from Colorado City, Kristev Donaldson, Jodie I'Lea Ellis and Steve Eugene Williamson.

Also, James Arthur Gardener of Aspermont; Erin Christine Sanford of Sweetwater and Katherine Elaine Hobbs of Vanderpool were named to the honor.

Three of those honored are from out-of-state, Scott Edward Gibson, Arvada, Colo, Brent Alen Mitrisin, Phoenix, and Alana Stirling, Pasco, Wash.

Happy Birthday Andi Thornburg

Handbell choir class due in SOS

The Handbell Choir class traditionally offered through the Western Texas College Music Department is not listed on the spring class schedule since the course will be taught during the Spring Opportunity Session (SOS).

Students may signup for the class during the SOS registration period Feb. 7.

The handbell group, listed as MUS 111, will meet each Monday from 7-9 p.m. Students learn how to play hand bells in an ensemble setting. Gerald Garner, instructor, notes no previous music experience is necessary to enroll.

Commodities distribution...

Training session for senior center volunteers scheduled

A training session for senior citizens who help with the distribution of surplus commodities will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Senior Center.

All senior citizens who presently give volunteer time in the distribution and any who would like to give time are reminded that the Thursday session is a must. Jan. 19 is the next date for distribution of commodities and all recipients must be recertified at that time.

Monday's Game Day in the center will feature 42. Play will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be in the center from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday. Persons of any age who have questions about Social Security may meet with the representatives in the center.

A variety of music ranging from popular to country will be played during the "olio" at 11:15 a.m. Thursday. Friday's Sing Along will begin at 11:30 a.m. The Center's Sunshine Choir will rehearse at 10 a.m. Friday and will be going to Snyder Nursing Center and Snyder Oaks Care Center on the two following Fridays.

Swimnastics for senior citizens will resume at Western Texas College on Jan. 18. This group meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and senior citizens who would like to join them may call the Senior Center at 573-4035 for more information.

The Senior Center welcomes gifts to its memorial fund and these can be sent to the center at 2603 Avenue M. The center will acknowledge gifts and send notifications according to the wishes of the donor.

Pick 3

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

4-8-1

(four, eight, one)

Crucial launch

MOSCOW (AP) — The troubled Russian space program has a lot riding on the mission of a Russian rocket with three cosmonauts aboard that blasted off Saturday for the Mir orbiting space station.

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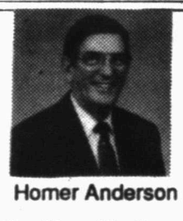

Homer Anderson

PICTURES OF THE CHURCH, NO. 3

In the **New Testament** we noticed the last two weekends, God pictures the church in many ways to show its nature and importance. We saw it pictured as a family, as the body of Christ, as a bride, as a kingdom, as a flock, as a house, and as a vineyard. The church is also described...
8) As a pearl. In the parable of the Pearl of Great Price Jesus taught the incomparable value of the kingdom **(Matthew 13:45-46).**
9) As an army. Paul explained our warfare against the forces of evil is not a carnal warfare with physical weapons **(2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-17).**
10) As a candlestick. "The seven candlesticks are seven churches" **(Revelation 1:20; Matthew 5:14-16).**
Please reflect upon these ten divinely given pictures of the church prayerfully and carefully and see the unique character of the non-denominational church.

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10:30 a.m. Worship, "STAND THOU STILL", 1 Samuel 9:25-27
6 p.m.,Worshin, "DO YOUR WORK HEARTILY", Colossians 3:18-25
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Federal judge fed up with no-shows

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Let this be clear: U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela is fed up with no-shows.

Vela is fuming because the federal courthouse in Brownsville leads the Southern District of Texas in the number of people who fail to appear in court.

On Thursday, he said he will deny bond to all federal prisoners and he told three tardy lawyers they were going to jail.

"It's getting totally absurd and ridiculous," Vela said.

When two drug defendants failed to show up Thursday morning, Vela said: "All bonds are hereby canceled effective right now. Remember, all prisoners will be held without bond."

However, the federal magistrates at the Brownsville courthouse said they were continuing to release prisoners on bond Friday.

Vela's statements were criticized by Alan Dershowitz, one of the nation's leading constitutional lawyers.

Dershowitz was quoted in Friday's editions of The Brownsville Herald as saying the U.S. Constitution clearly establishes that every bail case must be determined on an individual basis.

"Having a bad day is no excuse," Dershowitz said. "Having a bad day could give somebody a bad life."

Jay Jacobson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Texas, said a blanket no-bond policy "may be an abuse of discretion."

"It is a constitutional requirement not to set excessive bail, and no bail is certainly excessive," Jacobson said.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Brownsville has 182 people wanted on federal complaints of failing to appear — nearly twice as many as any other federal courthouse in the Southern District of Texas.

In another move, Vela called attorneys Ray Marchan, Albert Villegas and Sheldon Weisfeld to the bench, and chastised them for tardiness. Despite their excuses, he sentenced them to 10 days in jail.

"The jail sentence is hanging over our heads," Marchan said Friday. "The judge is serious. He indicated that we would be jailed as soon as he signs the order."

The attorneys weren't jailed as of Friday morning.

Marchan said he respected Vela's decision to enforce punctuality in his courtroom.

"I think what's important is the message he's trying to get out, including to the public, that you have appear on time," Marchan said.

Marchan said he was more than an hour late for a hearing in Brownsville because flight delays en route from New York.

Dean's List at Western Texas College

Twenty one students attending Western Texas College in the fall of 1993 received Dean's List honors from the school.

The designation indicates they earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 This would equal an 85 average for a minimum of 15 college credit hours.

Nine of those on the list are fom Snyder, Jennifer Denise Beard, Marla Kay Buchanan, Kory Spence Clark, Dennis Dolliver, Brian Fields, Michael Paul Johnson, Gerald Wayne Snyder, Jody Lance Tavarez and Jeannetta Turner.

Other Scurry County students making the kist were Joyce Goswick Groves of Hermleigh and Michael Hughes of Ira.

In addition, Emily Everhart of Sweetwater, Nikki Broyles of Big Spring, Shana Kirkland of Rotan amd Larry Gene Luna of Jayton are on the list.

Five others from various Texas cities are Brandye Rae Bitters of Mineral Wells, Jose Burrola of Loop, Kevin Duane Latimer of Throckmorton, Eugene Marion of Denver City and Jon Curtis Tidmore of Crane.

The only out-of-state student honored was Kenneth Andrew Burt of Lovington, N.M.

PROCLAMATION — Mayor Paul Zeck signed a proclamation Friday morning designating January as National Blood Volunteer Donor Month in Snyder. Members of the United Blood Services Advisory Board standing in back are from left, Bill and Martha Schiebel, co-presidents; Janice McMackin, in charge of publicity for the monthly blood drives; and Mary Farris, past president. The next blood drive is Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Towle Park Barn. (SDN Staff Photo)

Western Texas College sets 3 separate aerobics classes

Three separate aerobic classes, including both a high and a low-impact class, will be offered this spring term through Western Texas College's Health and Physical Education Division.

The low-impact class will be offered during the day. It is recommended for students who want to have fun while getting in shape, notes Cathy Reed. It will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30-12:45 p.m. and is listed as HPE 212, sec. 413.

The class is designed to improve the cardiovascular system, strengthen, tone and aid in weight loss. It will include a stretching segment, step aerobic workout segment and floor exercise.

Hand weights will be used to strengthen the upper body. Rubber bands will be used to tone and strengthen the legs.

Details about the course can be obtained by contacting the instructor.

Mrs. Reed will also be teaching a new aerobics class Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:45 a.m. It is listed as HPE 212, sec. 412.

The class consists of step aerobics, floor exercise, rubberband use and free style exercise.

It is designed to strengthen and tone the body, concentrating on the lower body. The class also works the cardiovascular system to strengthen the heart and lungs.

The free-style portion of the class will be using weights in the weight room or treadmill, bicycle and step room. Both weight training and bike and treadmill use can be alternated, notes Mrs. Reed.

The high impact aerobics class, listed as HPE 212, sec. 427, will be an evening class. It is planned Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:15. Instructor for the class is Rhonda Ward.

This class is designed to work the cardiovascular system and tone and strengthen muscles. Step aerobics will be used.

It is a high-level class recommended for those who are already engaged in aerobics and are physically fit. Mrs. Ward can be reached at 573-3475 or at the HPE office at 573-8511, ext. 283.

MARK KUSS

Mark Kuss graduates from UTPB

Mark Kuss of Odessa, former Snyder resident, graduated Dec. 18, 1993, from the University of Texas at Permian Basin, receiving a bachelor of arts degree with a major in accounting and information systems,

Kuss graduated with honors from Snyder High School in 1989. He also attended Angelo State University for two years before completing his studies at UTPB.

Kuss is employed by Johnson and Miller Corp. as an auditor. He is the son of Larry and Carolyn Watlington of Colorado City and Allen and Brenda Kuss of Hermleigh. He is the grandson of Jo and C.M. Word of Colorado City and Bernice and Edwin Kuss of Hermleigh. He is also the nephew of David and Debbie Word of Snyder.

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Ext. 313 Counseling

WTC WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Bush outlines juvenile offenders program

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush unveiled a 17-point plan to attack juvenile crime, calling Friday for an overhaul of Texas juvenile statutes. One revision would allow offenders as young as 14 to be tried as adults.

"Our kids must be punished for criminal behavior," said Bush, using the Harris County jail as a backdrop for his announcement. "In order to achieve our goals we must not rely on Austin, Texas,"

Citing a 33 percent jump between 1990 and 1992 in the number of violent crimes committed by Texas juveniles, Bush insisted the answer to the problem was simply a matter of "prioritizing."

"These are psychopathic kids that have got to understand the consequences for their actions," Bush said.

With 1,340 violent crimes committed by 14-year-olds in 1992, Bush contended the current law, which makes 15-year-olds eligible for adult penalties, is too lenient.

"I want longer and tougher sentences for our kids," Bush said.

The Texas businessman, hoping to unseat Democratic incumbent Ann Richards in the November election, also took issue with the state statutes governing juvenile crime — the Texas Family Code — which he said doesn't even mention the word "punishment."

The last revision of the code was in 1973 and Bush called it an "Ozzie and Harriet approach" to the No. 1 problem concerning Texans today.

Bush also said if elected, he would ask for another 3,500 detention beds for young offenders and increase the minimum stay with the Texas Youth Commission. Of those, 1,500 beds would be transferred from the adult substance abuse program, which currently are empty.

Money for the other 2,000 beds, which would cost about $25 million, would come from the state's general revenue.

Other measures Bush wants implement are:

—Make juvenile records accessible to all law enforcement personnel. Often juvenile records are only available to an offender's home county, he said.

—Juveniles on parole for felony offenses who are charged with a new felony automatically should be tried as an adult offender.

—Juveniles under the age of 18 should be barred from possessing a firearm, unless it is for hunting and the youth is under adult supervision.

Classes set at Western Texas College

Word Perfect/Lotus

Instruction in Word Perfect and Lotus 1-2-3 will be offered this spring through Western Texas College's Office Systems Technology Department.

These software programs, called the Number 1 sellers in their field, will be taught in the class WP 139, offered in two sections this spring. One section will meet MWF 10-10:50 a.m.

Joann Snider will instruct both sections. She notes the class is a "hands-on application class. Students need to have some computer knowledge and they should have taken WP 137 or have equivalent training."

A second class will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:20.

For more information about any class, contact Mrs. Snider at 573-8511.

Community Chorale class offered again

The Community Chorale class will again be offered through the Western Texas Music Department this spring.

The chorale, listed as MUS 118, will meet each Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. The class is open to the community as well as campus students and no auditions are required, notes instructor Jon Palomaki.

This spring, the class will practice and perform John Rutter's *Requiem*, a popular choral work which uses instrumental accompaniment.

The group has performed at various public functions during the past two years.

Macintosh computer

Basic or advanced instruction on the Macintosh computer is offered this spring through Western Texas College's Mass Communications Department.

Instructor for the class, listed as JOU 112, (typesetting), is Donny Brown. One-hour class times will be arranged according to the students' schedules and skill levels.

The beginning class studies word processing using the Mac and then advances into desktop publishing skills using the software PageMaker 4.02.

Advanced students may learn such programs as Typestyler and Adobe Illustrator as well as such skills as using a scanner device to scan line art and graphics for use with the other software programs.

For more information, contact Brown at 573-5185 or through the college at 573-8511, ext. 273.

Music Appreciation

Music appreciation will be offered this spring at Western Texas College, offering a chronological approach to the study of music from Ancient Greece to the present.

The class, listed as MUS 131, will meet from 1-2:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Instructor Jon Palomaki says students will experience the varied musical styles of composers such as Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Brahams and Palestrina.

Most of the class will be spent listerning to music and discussing various composer's works, he noted.

Palomaki said no musical training or experience is necessary.

Classical Guitar

The Western Texas College Music Department will offer evening classes in classical guitar this spring on Thursday evenings.

Instruction for both beginning and advanced students will be "a friendly, relaxed learning experience," said instructor Jon Palomaki. For both classes, students must provide their own acoustic guitar.

Classical guitar for beginners is listed as MUS 113 and is a one hour credit course. It will meet Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rm. 102 of the Fine Arts Building.

Palomaki notes absolutely no experience is needed. Students will learn to play chords and melodies and to read music at a basic level.

For advanced students, Palomaki offers MUS 219, meeting Thursday evenings from 8-9:30 in Rm. 120 also.

To enroll in it, students must have completed the earlier class or have had equivalent experience. Students should know several basic chords and be able to switch from chord to chord fairly fluently, Palomaki said.

The class will concentrate on right hand picking technique and on more advanced music skills such as song writing and writing harmony.

For more information about either class, contact Palomaki at 573-8511, ext. 232.

Cosmetology

The Western Texas College Cosmetology Department will begin a new class March 1 and prospective students are urged to pick up a Cosmetology Packet from the Student Services office located in the Learning Resource Center at WTC.

For the March class, interviews with prospective students will be Feb. 1. For the interview, an appointment should be made with instructor Judy Border.

Prospective students must also take a pre-entrance exam with the counseling office before admission.

Mrs. Border noted that it takes some six weeks to process and approve financial aid information and urged interested students to begin the application process as soon as possible.

She may be reached at (915) 573-8511, ext. 263.

Judge rules Davidians can be called 'cult'

FORT WORTH (AP) — Branch Davidians facing federal trial can be described as cult members, a judge hearing pretrial motions in the group's case has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. in Waco Friday denied Branch Davidian Paul Gordon Fatta's motion to prevent prosecutors from using the terms cult or members of a cult to refer to him during his trial..

Houston lawyer Mike DeGeurin, representing Fatta, had argued that the word cult has a "negative and dangerous" connotation.

Also, DeGeurin contended that the government should "not be allowed to use derogatory terms to describe the defendants or the faith it is alleged they shared."

The San Antonio trial for Fatta and 10 other Branch Davidians is scheduled to begin Monday on charges of murder and conspiracy to murder federal officers, along with various charges alleging firearms violations.

2 graduate from ASU

SAN ANGELO — Two Snyder students at Angelo State University were among 224 students to receive degrees during the fall commencement at the university.

Jeffrey Sean Roemisch received a bachelor of science degree with a major in kinesiology, and Terri Bibb Webber received a bachelor of science, magna cum laude, with a major in animal science — production option.

Financial Focus

When interest rates began to decline in the United States, some investors looked to foreign bonds for higher income, and the strategy paid off--for a while.

In 1986, U.S. owners of foreign bonds realized a total return of more than 20 percent from interest payments and price changes. The following year, that dropped to 13.79 percent, and in 1988, total return declined to just 5 percent. However, money managers continue to encourage diversification into overseas bonds, because it generally pays off over the long term.

The short-term volatility of foreign bonds can be attributed to currency risk. For example, during the first quarter of 1993, Japanese bonds rewarded U.S. investors with a 16.64 percent total return, but Japanese investors received only 2.72 percent.

This happened, because during that period, the Japanese yen jumped 12 percent in relation to the value of the dollar. Had the dollar's value risen instead during that time, U.S. investors would have suffered. Currency exchange is unpredictable in the short term. However, analysts agree that diversifying into overseas bonds generally pays off in the long term.

There are two ways to invest in overseas bonds: Purchase them directly through a U.S. broker, or invest through mutual funds.

Investors who purchase bonds directly seldom realize any price change until the bonds are sold or mature. If the interest remains stable, price fluctuation may never be a problem. However, if the country's economic conditions radically change, the bonds could become illiquid.

Purchasing mutual funds that invest in foreign bonds generally offers less risk and better diversification than buying individual bonds. However, such mutual funds are not without disadvantages.

In 1990, world bond funds outperformed all other bond funds, with an average return of 11.64 percent. Two years later, these same funds were the worst performers, with total return of 2.21 percent. The European currency crisis was directly responsible for the erratic swing.

The best opportunites for potential profits in foreign bonds exist in countries anticipating low inflation and low, or negative economic growth. Although low inflation may not always be easy to predict, it avoids the volatility of currency swings.

Foreign corporate and government bonds can be a good way to diversify your portflio. However, they can be affected by foreign economic conditions and the value of the dollar. Understand the mechanics and risk before you invest in foreign bonds or a world bond fund.

Possible cutoff of funds to senior centers studied

Changes in state funding which could force the closing of the Scurry County Senior Center will be discussed by Ruth West, local representative to the Silver Haired Legislature (SHL), on the Coffee Break show on KSNY at 8:15 Monday morning.

Mrs. West, a former Snyder resident who now lives in Pittsburg, Tex., is serving her second term in the SHL. She said that changes now pending would eliminate funding for senior centers. She would like Texans to become aware of these proposals and to contact their representatives in Austin to make their feelings known.

Mrs. West would also like to encourage a Scurry County resident to run for election to the Silver Haired Legislature this year.

Since she moved from the district which includes Scurry, she cannot seek re-election from this district. Candidates must be 65 or older and registered Texas voters.

The SHL was created by the Texas Legislature to promote better understanding of the workings of state government and much of the work of the SHL involves putting concerns of older Texans before the legislature. Propsective SHL candidates may get additional information by contacting the Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M.

Poisonous, long-winged Heliconius butterflies of Latin America have relatively large brains and sharp memories and can live for several months, compared with about 10 days for most adult butterflies, according to National Geographic.

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WTC's Merit list released

Western Texas College's Merit List for the fall 1993 team honors 80 students.

Inclusion on the list indicates the student earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 — an 85 average — while taking between 8 and 14 hours of college credit.

Of the 80 honored, 27 are from Snyder. These include Ginger Alexander, Misty Michelle Box, Rebecca Ann Coffman, Lelia Joan Foree, Kevin Fritz, Nicholas Wade, Sandra Jean Hall and Julie May Semer Helton.

Others from Snyder are Michael Lee Hodgson, Christina A. Johnson, Mary Gwendolyn Johnson, Patricia Len Jordan, Christopher Kemp and Randy Todd Lewis.

Also, Desiree Loper, Ninfa Navarrette, Peggy A. Parrott, Trevlyn Dane Pitner, John Howard Queen and Brian Howard Robinson

Others are Leonard Earl Scott, Jacky D. Simpson, Terry L. Snyder, John Young Stewart III, Sheryl Ann Sturgeon, Linda S. Tippens and Connie Elaine Williams.

Five others of those honored are from Scurry County, Debra Burke and Patsy Nadine Sterling of Ira; and Rhonda Eileen Clanton, Neika Nichelle Porter and David Ruel Zalman, all of Hermleigh.

Seven on the list are from Sweetwater, Lisa Cheryl Diaz, Patricia Alice King, Mickey McCann, Lee Evan Morris, Sean Terry Powell, Ida Rivera, and Cheryl Denice Veal.

In addition, four on the list are from Colorado City, Edward James Petty, Carolyn Redwine, Renea Stephens and Glenda Faye Wallace.

Three are from Aspermont, Amy Leigh Cheyne, Melissa L. McCoy and Michelle Trammell, and eight others are from various cities and towns in Texas. These are Melissa Gary of Uvalde, Michael Hickson of Denver City, Elizabeth Martinez of Post, Lynn Ann Moseley of Mertzon, Carol Ann Price of Rotan, Christopher Todd Rogers of Canyon, Laren Michael Shaw of Roscoe, Sherri Smith of Westbrook.

Two of the Merit List students are from out-of-state, Michael Lee Anderson of Shelby, Mt. and Valari Mae Wilcox of Ruidoso, N.M.

Finally, 24 of those making the list are inmates of the Price Daniel Unit. They are James P. Allen, Ricky Baker, Barry J. Bovet, Larry Blackstock, Stephen Dudley Brunson, Edward Cantu, David Carneison, Jerry Lee Carrasco, James Ray Clayton, Chadd Coffey, Terry L. Davidson, Vicente Estrada, Kevin Farmer, Armando Martinez, Michael Miller, Renito Molina, Mark Mullenax, Steven Neubert, Michael Newton, David Alan Pugh, Kenny Rogers, Williams Cyrus Scott, Michael Seward and Jerry Washington.

Investigator's curosity leads to arrest in string of arsons

by The Associated Press

Federal officials say they have broken up an East Texas arson ring responsible for a dozen fires that triggered $1.5 million in fraudulent insurance claims over the past three years.

Jeff Pearce, head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms office in Tyler, said Friday that four people were arrested Friday on federal arson, conspiracy, mail fraud and money laundering charges and 10 others surrendered to authorities under federal plea bargain agreements.

The investigation was helped, Pearce said, by information provided by former Dallas police officer Jerry Lowdermilk, who agreed to cooperate with authorities after pleading guilty last fall to federal charges.

Lowdermilk has been sentenced to four years in prison, three years of supervised release and $50,000 in restitution by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice.

Pearce called it "one of the largest groups that we've uncovered in this part of the country."

Members of the group would buy cheap homes or commercial property and, with the help of insurance agents, insure the property for an amount far in excess of actual value, Pearce said.

Then, after setting the property afire, the group would have an adjuster inflate the amount of damage and a contractor would pad reconstruction costs, he said.

"They had all the bases covered," he told The Dallas Morning News.

After each fire and reconstruction, he said, individuals who assisted in the operation would divide the proceeds.

Pearce said investigators are continuing to review other East Texas fires and suspicious out-of-state fires for possible links to the group.

The fires were "kept small and relatively vague so they wouldn't draw a lot of attention," Pearce said.

He told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that no one was believed to have been injured in the blazes.

But an investigator became curious when he kept seeing the same names pop up from different fire reports.

State and federal authorities began their inquiry in March after Paul Duckworth, a Tyler-based assistant fire marshal with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, noticed potential ties in a string of home and business fires.

The fires were spread out over a large area, with some in Hopkins, Titus, Wood, Franklin and Rockwall counties. But Duckworth began investigating, eventually prompting ATF and the Texas Rangers to join the investigation, because "he was seeing the same people involved over and over," Pearce said.

"For nine months, the task force followed up on audit trails. It was a tough one. There were some ex-law enforcement and insurance people involved, and they knew our tactics and were sidestepping us right and left," he said.

Date Book

Jan. 8, 1994

Today is the eighth day of 1994 and the 19th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1982, the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. agreed to give up its 22 local Bell system companies ("Baby Bells"), ending the company's virtual monopoly on U.S. telephone service.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Carroll (1735-1815), clergyman; Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Soupy Sales (1926-), comedian, is 68; Bill Graham (1931-1991), rock-music entrepreneur; Elvis Presley (1935-1977), singer; Shirley Bassey (1937-), singer, is 57; David Bowie (1947-), musician, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, the University of Kentucky lost to Georgia Tech, 59-58, its first basketball defeat at home since Jan. 2, 1943.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I hear about another Elvis sighting, it gives me a headache." — Priscilla Presley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1973, Atlanta and northern Georgia were hit by 1 to 4 inches of ice, which closed schools and left 300,000 without power for up to a week.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 4) and new moon (Jan. 11).

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Jan. 9, 1994

Today is the ninth day of 1994 and the 20th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, Jean Pierre Blanchard made the first manned free-balloon flight in America.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's-rights leader; George Balanchine (1904-1983), choreographer; Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986), writer; Richard Nixon (1913-), U.S. president, is 81; Bart Starr (1934-), football great, is 60; Bob Denver (1935-), actor, is 59; Joan Baez (1941-), singer, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1903, two businessmen bought the struggling Baltimore baseball franchise for $18,000 and moved it to New York City. They named the team the New York Highlanders, but years later changed it to the Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would have made a good pope." — Richard Nixon

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1963, huge swells broke along the shore of Lagoa do Santos Andres, Portugal. When an enormous wave swept into the lagoon, the backwash carried 80 people into the ocean.

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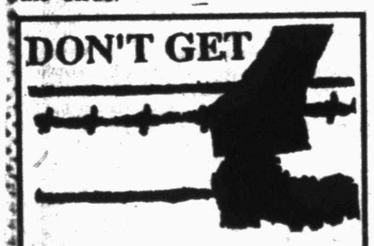

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Helen has worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 17 years. During this time she has worked in several areas to include switchboard, posting clerk, and business office manager. She transferred to data processing in March, 1993.

Helen has two sons, B.J., who lives in Houston, and Ricky, who lives in Dallas. She also has two grandchildren.

Helen has traveled extensively, and considers her trips to France and England as two of the most memorable. She also enjoys gardening, reading and genealogy.

Helen was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots included: courteous to everyone...always willing to help people in other departments...goes the extra mile to insure accuracy...takes great pride in her work and does it well...a very dependable and dedicated employee.

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GIRLS JV TEAM — Snyder's Lady Tiger JV basketball squad includes, back row from left, coach Robin Turner, Edwina Brooks, Veana Clay, Tiffany Garza and Daria Blackwell. Front row from left, Tami Tucker, Sharon Gulseth, Nicki Claborn, Sterling Cave, Jina Miller and Laura Davis. (SDN Staff Photo)

FRESHMEN LADY TIGERS — Representing SHS on the freshmen girls' basketball team are, front row from left, coach Vanessa Gutierrez, Elvisa Morales, Devon Reed, Lisha Leatherwood, Sha Marricle, Cara Stansell and Samantha Trevino. Back row from left, Ronnie Yruegas, Melissa Horn, Nicole Lyons, Shauna Huddleston, Laura Collins, Erica Garvin, Misti Williams and Maribeth Dillaha. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bruce Coslet is fired by Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Bruce Coslet, who never had a winning season in four years with the New York Jets, was fired Friday as head coach and replaced by defensive coordinator Pete Carroll.

"We have relieved Bruce Coslet of his head-coaching duties and elevated Pete Carroll to be the head coach," Jets general manager Dick Steinberg said at a news conference.

Steinberg cited a disagreement in coaching philosophy about the way the offense would be handled. Coslet served as his own offensive coordinator.

Coslet is the third NFL head coach fired since the season ended Monday night.

Richie Petitbon was fired by the Washington Redskins after his first year on the job and Jerry Glanville was dismissed by the Atlanta Falcons.

The Jets were 8-8 in 1993 after losing four of their last five games. Needing a victory last Sunday night to earn a wild-card playoff spot, they lost 24-0 to Houston.

Coslet had a year to go on a two-year contract extension.

Madden may join ABC football crew

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden might switch channels, going to ABC on "Monday Night Football."

Madden will have no NFL games to comment on when CBS Sports' contract with the NFL expires at the end of the playoffs, and he will be free to make his own deal.

He and his agent are considering a deal from ABC Sports, according to published reports.

"Madden's arrival at ABC is a 'mere formality,' " the New York Post said, quoting an industry source it did not identify.

"We're in a negotiation and we have no comment," Barry Frank, Madden's agent, told The New York Times.

USA Today said Madden agreed last month — but had not yet signed — a guaranteed four-year deal with ABC, averaging about $2.5 million per year, slightly more than his CBS salary.

USA Today also said that the Fox Network, which will telecast NFC games next season, offered Madden more than $4 million annually, but to no avail.

Madden would replace Dan Dierdorf on the Monday night telecasts, the newspapers said, adding that Dierdorf might shift to college football commentary on CBS or join Fox, which outbid CBS for rights to NFC games on a four-year deal.

Madden downplayed the report, the Post said.

"Am I in a position to comment on it?" Madden said. "The only position I'm in right now is sitting.

"After the season, we'll get it all figured out."

ABC spokesman Mark Mandell declined comment, telling The Times, "John Madden in an employee of CBS and we can't say anything else about him."

Meyer lands Las Vegas job

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ron Meyer, the former UNLV coach who went on to coach the New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts, will return to Las Vegas to head the team's new entry in the Canadian Football League.

Meyer confirmed that he had been hired as head coach of the Las Vegas Posse.

View from the press box

By Phil Riddle

Sports writers and broadcasters jumped on the story like ducks fighting for the summer's last junebug.

There it was, on national TV mind you, a pair of supposed grown-ups, leaders of men, resorting to fisticuffs to settle their philosophical differences.

It would have made the World Wrestling Federation proud.

Hey, maybe some of the miles of videotape shown of the event will make its way to WWF headquarters, wherever that might be, for a showing on one of their revered Saturday afternoon telecasts.

"In this corner, " says the large man wearing a cheesy tuxedo and greased back hair, "wearing black trunks and a size XXXL T-shirt reading 'Kill 'em all, let God sort 'em out', at 5-4½ and weighing in at 235 pounds, Battlin' Buddy Ryan.

"Ryan's opponent will be the Oilers offensive coordinator, Killer Kevin Gilbride."

Wouldn't that be great. They could even shove a microphone in Ryan's face and let him rant and rave about what bodily harm he plans to inflict on the Killer, right before an ad featuring Ginsu knives and the Clapper.

Buddy, his face painted like a '78 Firebird Trans Am, could spout some of his cutesy phrases. Like referring to the Houston offensive scheme as the chuck-and-duck, or saying something witty like, "If you can't run with the big dogs, you best stay under the porch."

But you know what might be the best part of such a rematch. There wouldn't be anyone in the ring to stop Gilbride from what he probably would have done to Ryan a week ago at the Astrodome.

You may remember last Sunday's teaser to the bout, a sideline encounter where the beloved Buddy took a cut at Gilbride after the Oilers threw a pair of passes late in the first half, instead of taking a safer approach and protecting a 14-0 lead over the Jets.

Apparently Ryan popped off to Gilbride — again, and Gilbride responded by rushing the plump defensive guru. Ryan answered with an off-target right cross that set the scribes pencils a-scratching.

All this in a game that meant absolutely nothing to the Oilers. And besides, they were leading by two touchdowns.

Maybe if the WWF could wait until the NFL season is over, they could feature all the league's coaches in a huge chain match.

The NFL Match to the Death. Maybe Jimmy Johnson could enter. He has some real warm feelings for Ryan. Maybe on the Classless Masked team Jerry Glanville could come to Ryan's aid as 20 or so other people try to get to his ever-popular teammate.

Just something to think about.

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Former Snyder High School athletic standout Karleen Shields was featured last week on CNN. The network was showing Shields' success at being a college basketball star and keeping up with two kids, as well as her studies.

Shields, currently nursing a knee injury, is in her junior year at USC after transferring from Contra Costa College in California.

At CCC, Shields set the national JUCO scoring record for a season, averaging over 40 points a game. She also owns the mark for career scoring, canning over 33 points an outing in her two seasons at that level.

Packers looking for revenge

by The Associated Press

Redemption is a big word around Green Bay this week as the Packers prepare for Saturday's first-round playoff game against Detroit.

After four interceptions and a fumble in a 30-20 loss to Detroit last Sunday — a loss that cost Green Bay the NFC Central Division championship and home-field advantage, setting up Saturday's rematch in the Pontiac Silverdome — the Packers say they are ready for another shot at the Lions.

"I think the good thing about playing that game (last Sunday) was we get another chance at them for redemption. But I think I learned a lot from that game," said Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, who threw the interceptions and wound up leading the NFL during the regular season with 24 pickoffs.

"Brett tries to do so much. He takes so much on his shoulders," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren. "But he's not the Lone Ranger out there. He's got to let other people help. He made some bad decisions in the last game. He knows that."

Favre also threw 19 touchdown passes, third in the NFC, this season, and is counting on bouncing back on Saturday.

On the other hand, the Lions (10-6) figure what worked last week probably won't work again. So they're planning some new twists to their overall defense.

"That's what you do with any good quarterback," Lions' linebacker Pat Swilling said. "You have to change looks, make him work hard to beat you."

This will be the third meeting this season between these two longtime rivals. On Nov. 11, in Milwaukee, the Packers (9-7) ended a four-game Detroit winning streak with a 26-17 victory.

In that game, Favre completed 24-of-33 for 259 yards. But he also threw two interceptions.

Barry Sanders, who finished with 1,115 yards rushing despite not playing since suffering a knee injury on Thanksgiving Day, might see action for the Lions, who are returning to the playoffs for the first time since 1991. It will be the first playoff game for Green Bay since 1982.

The Packers and Lions have met 127 times since 1930. But this will be the first time they've ever met in postseason play.

NFL playoffs

All Times EST

Saturday, Jan. 8

Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

Green Bay at Detroit, 4 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 9

Minnesota at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Denver at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Saturday, Jan. 15

Denver, Los Angeles Raiders, or Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Detroit, Minnesota or New York Giants at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 16

Green Bay, Minnesota or New York Giants at Dallas, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Denver, Kansas City or Los Angeles Raiders at Houston, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 23

AFC and NFC Championship

Sunday, Jan. 30

Super Bowl at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

SDN sports week

Monday, Jan. 10

Basketball

WTC Lady Dusters at Odessa College, 7:30 p.m.

Snyder freshmen boys host Big Spring. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade boys at Big Spring. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Snyder seventh grade boys at Big Spring. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Snyder freshmen girls at Big Spring, 6 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade girls host Colorado City. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder seventh grade girls host Colorado City. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:30 p.m.

Ira Junior High at Highland, 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Junior High hosts Blackwell, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Basketball

Snyder Lady Tigers at Levelland. JV game at 6:30 p.m. Varsity game at 8 p.m.

Hermleigh hosts Westbrook. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Ira at Loraine. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Basketball

WTC Lady Dusters host NMJC, 7:30 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade B girls at Lubbock tournament.

Friday, Jan. 14

Basketball

Snyder Tigers at Frenship. JV game at 5 p.m. Varsity game at 8 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Frenship. J.V. game at 5 p.m. Varsity game at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade B girls at Lubbock tournament.

Hermleigh at Ira. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Basketball

Snyder freshmen girls at Abilene Cooper, 1 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade girls B team at Lubbock Tournament.

Bowling News

JACK AND JILL
01-05-94

Team	W	L
ESP	44	24
AJ Silkscreens	41	27
Red Man	40	28
Better-N-Nothing	40	28
Pizza Inn	38½	29½
Misfits	36½	31½
Wes Tex Drilling	36½	31½
K&M Pumping	36	32
Ezell-Key Grain	35	33
Great Western Club	34	34
Snyder Paint & Body	31	37
Farmers Helper	30	38
The Mechanic Shop	28	40
Nolan Electric	26	42
WWII	25	43
Payne Trucking	22½	45½

High Series: David Lee 548; Grace Beauchamp 537. **High game:** Kathy Kellner 221; Bruce Beall 213. **High handicap series:** Pete Garcia 667; Kathy Kellner 653. **High handicap game:** Kathy Kellner 277; Bruce Beall 247.

Converted splits: Kathy Jones 2-7, 3-10; Chad Fox 3-10; Jack Beall 3-7; Mary Batchelor 3-10; Dutch Barr 4-5; Daphene Thompson 2-7; Norma Seabourn 3-10; Melba Surratt 3-10; Bruce Beall 2-7; Veronica Garcia 5-10; Grace Beauchamp 5-10; Ronnie Hines 3-10; David West 4-7-10; Bernie Sealy 5-7, 3-10, 3-10; Bob Sealy 3-10; Jim Griswold 3-10, 3-10; Bill Shaw 5-10; Helen Kellner 3-10; Sylvia Fletcher 3-6-8-10.

Most pins over average: Kathy Kellner 92; Bruce Beall 56; **Most pins over series:** Pete Garcia 103; Kathy Kellner 98.

200-500: Kathy Kellner 221; Bruce Beall 213, 531; Helen Kellner 203, 530; Bernie Sealy 203, 528; Dorothy Mathews 201, 531; Linda Head 537; Bill Shaw 531; Morris Allred 512; Pete Garcia 529; Grace Beauchamp 537; John Nichols 500; Tracy iglehart 518; Elbert Klein 513; David Lee 548; Vicky Renshaw 548; Norma Seabourn 509.

HIS & HER
01-03-94

Team	W	L
Spare Me	36½	27½
Eddins-Walcher	34	30
Frito Lay	34	30
CAM II	33	31
The ETs	28½	35½
Scurry Co. Farm Bureau	26	38

High Series: Roy Benz 590; Penni Mann 538. **High game:** Mark de Silva 233; Penni Mann 208. **High handicap series:** Mark de Silva 690; Alicia Drury 616; **High handicap game:** Ruben Olvera 270; Linda Turley 227.

Splits converted: Steve Mackey 3-10; Ray Drury 3-10; R.M. Collier 3-10, 2-10; Roger Pavlik.

End of first half
WISHBALL
12-30-93

Team	W	L
The Shack	128½	81½
Barq's Root Beer	123	87
Fox Trot	107½	102½
Poor Boys	102½	107½
Energy Electric	102	108
CAM Wireline	97½	112½
High Rollers	91	119
Super Stars	88	122

High Series: Lynn Smith 657. **High game:** David Lyle 234. **High handicap series:** Bo Lowrance 677. **High handicap game:** Russell Lloyd 242.

200-500: Dan Hanak 505, Bo Lowrance 216, 587; Rick Mammolite 203, 536; Monte West 217, 580; David Lyle 234, 543; Lynn Smith 223, 223, 211, 657.

Converted splits: Bo Lowrance 2-7; Rick Mammolite 2-7; Mike McLeod 3-5-10; Tom Crawley 5-6.

COMMERCIAL
01-04-94

Team	W	L
Jack's	14	6
WTP Energy	13	7
Stephens' Office Supply	12½	7½
Double M	12	8
Snyder Savings	8	12
Bar-H-Bar	7½	12½
McDonald's	7	13

High Series: Rick Mammolite 581. **High game:** Darrel Grant 232. **High handicap series:** Robert Early 660. **High handicap game:** Ronnie Black 246.

Splits converted: Gary Kinder 3-10; Don Johnson 4-7-10; Robert Early 4-5; Saul Aviles 2-4-10; Greg Hodge 3-10; Russel Lloyd 6-7-10; Monte West 4-5; Rick Mammolite 2-7; Strick Posey 3-10; Clint Gregory 4-9, 9-10.

ROLL N HOPE
01-05-94

Team	W	L
IGA	44	24
CNB	42	26
Strike Force	38	30
Louise's	36	32
E.D. Walton	35	33
American Legion	31	37
B&B	27	41
Great Western Club	19	49

Splits converted: Fonia Wright 4-5; Darlean Rankin 3-10; Cara Lindsey 2-7, 2-5-7; Laurie Jordan 3-10; Marsha Cribbs 2-7; Norma Shaw 3-10; Wanda 3-10, Sherry Walker 3-9-10; Kary Moses 3-10; Sherry Comer 5-7-9; Teresa Loper 3-9-10; Karen McAnelly 4-5; Vicky Renshaw 4-5-7; Lynn Maldonado 4-5.

200-500: Lynn Maldonado 504; Teresa Loper 529.

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Lamesa nudges Lady Tigers in District 2-4A cage opener

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

It was so close.

After 32 minutes of intense end-to-end play, Snyder's Lady Tigers were tied with Lamesa.

Finally, LHS senior Kechia Mason rattled in a free throw with :33 remaining in overtime to give the Lady Tors a 44-43 victory in both teams' District 2-4A cage opener Friday at SHS.

Mason's freebie was the only point scored in the extra period.

In spite of winding up on the short side of the score, Snyder coach Steve Qualls was upbeat following Friday's contest.

The girls did everything I asked them to do," he said. "our last shot just didn't go in."

The Lady Tigers had a chance for the go-ahead bucket with under 20 seconds to go in overtime.

Following a timeout, senior Meriah Worthen wound up with the ball, as planned, but couldn't get the shot to fall.

"We got the ball in to Meriah, just like we drew it up in our last timeout," Qualls reported. "Give credit to Lamesa, they had a girl right on her and made her shoot a jump shot instead of getting a layup.

"We even had a chance for a back-side rebound, but it was just barely out of our reach. Just like the game, just out of our grasp."

"I thought the girls handled the pressure really well," said Qualls. "They didn't get rattled and they knew who needed to have the ball in the last few minutes."

Mason, who has been averaging almost 30 points a game for the Lady Tors, was limited to 14 at SHS.

"Trish McGrew and Marissa Barrera each spent time in Mason's back pocket," the Snyder coach said. "They were probably our MVPs because of the job they did defensively, covering Mason, and offensively."

"We didn't do a good job defensively on the other girls," Qualls added. "They had a lot of rebounds on offense and several putbacks. That won't happen again."

Snyder senior Annie Ragland hit a 3-pointer, then knocked down a 2-point basket to give the Lady Tigers a 5-0 lead early in the opening period.

Mason countered with a short jumper and then swiped the ensuing inbounds pass and converted the steal into an easy layup to wind up the first quarter with Lamesa holding a 14-13 lead.

Jamie Brown canned a duece and Ragland hit a three and a 2-point field goal in the second to lift Snyder even with the visitors, 20-all, at the halftime break.

Lamesa scooted to an 8-point advantage early in the last stanza, capped by a Mason hoop and an offensive putback by Megan Cobb.

Trailing 41-33 with under six minutes left in regulation, the Lady Tigers went on a 10-2 run, including a Worthen basket, two free throws and a steal that went coast-to-coast by Ragland, and two clutch free throws by Barrera to knot the tally at 41-41.

Amy Yoder put Lamesa ahead with a basket at the 2:10 mark, before Worthen connected to send the game into OT tied at 43.

Ragland wound up with scoring honors for the game, draining 19 points on the night, including three treys. Worthen was good for 11, Brown had five and Barrera and McGrew each hit four.

The Lady Tors were led by Mason's 14 and nine by Yoder.

The loss drops Snyder to 7-11 on the season, while Lamesa snaps out of a 4-game losing skid and improves to 9-12.

Snyder's next outing will be a Tuesday road trip to face state-ranked Levelland.

The Lady Tigers' next home contest will be Jan. 18 when Plainview visits.

Lamesa	14	6	16	7	1	-44
Snyder	13	7	9	14	0	-43

LAMESA (44) — Pedroza 3 0-0 6; Norris 2 0-2 4; Edwards 2 0-1 4; Mason 6 2-6 14; Cobb 1 0-0 2; Collins 1 1-3 3; Yoder 4 1-2 9; TOTALS 19 6-14 44.

SNYDER (43) — Barrera 1 2-5 4; Brown 2 1-3 5; Ragland 7 2-2 19; McGrew 2 0-2 4; Worthen 5 1-7 11; TOTALS 17 6-19 43.

3-point goals: Snyder 3 (Ragland 3), Lamesa 0; **Total fouls:** Snyder 13, Lamesa 20; **Fouled out:** none; **Technical fouls:** none; **Records:** Snyder 7-11, 0-1; Lamesa 9-12, 1-0.

2-4A basketball

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Frenship	19	3	1	0
Levelland	17	3	1	0
Lamesa	9	12	1	0
Plainview	13	9	0	1
Snyder	7	11	0	1
Estacado	1	17	0	1

Friday, Jan. 7
Lamesa 44, Snyder 43
Frenship 49, Plainview 44
Levelland 58, Estacado 26

SHS finishes non-district run with 44-32 win over Seminole

SEMINOLE — Adrian Sneed scored 15 points Friday as Snyder wound up its non-district basketball schedule with a 44-32 win over Seminole.

The Tigers bolted to a 16-6 first-quarter lead and kept up the defensive pressure.

The Indians scored in double figures in only one quarter, the fourth, getting nine in the second to trail 25-15, and six in the third to fall behind, 40-21.

"I thought we played really well for the first three quarters," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "This game was something we really needed. We've been a little stale since the holiday break, but we came out a played a good ball-game against a good team.

"We were playing the first three quarters at the level we need to be at for all our district games," the coach added. "We played smart, we didn't turn the ball over and we played good defense."

Clancy Hall, the Tribe's 6-8 post, finished with eight points to lead Seminole.

Trailing Sneed for scoring honors for SHS were Jimmy Henry, who wound up with nine from his post position, wing Jon Patrick who hit nine, including a three, and point guard Tyson Cromeens, who finished with four.

The win gives the Tigers a 14-5 record in its non-district games. Seminole slips to 8-11.

"Our non-district record has been way beyond what I anticipated," Birks said. "We've played a pretty balanced schedule of 3A, 4A and 5A teams, and we've played well almost every time out.

"To be honest, I'd have been happy with a .500 record going into district."

Snyder will have a week off to prepare for its Friday loop opener at Frenship.

The Tigers' first home game of the district season will be Tuesday, Jan. 18 when No. 4 Plainview pays a call.

In JV action Friday, Seminole handed Snyder a 50-44 loss. The junior varsity Tigers slide to 10-7 with the defeat.

Snyder	16	9	15	4	-44
Seminole	6	9	6	11	-32

Leading scorers: Snyder — Sneed 15, Henry 9, Patrick 9, Cromeens 4; Seminole — Hall 8; **Records:** Snyder 14-5; Seminole 8-11. **JV score:** Seminole 50, Snyder 44.

Hermleigh sweeps B'well in loop tilts

BLACKWELL — The Hermleigh Cardinals outscored Blackwell 12-11 in the critical fourth period Friday to edge the Hornets 49-48 in both teams' District 21-A basketball opener.

The Cards trailed 16-9 after one quarter, but rallied on a 16-4 second-period run to take a 25-20 lead at the half.

Blackwell bounced back for 17 to Hermleigh's 12 in the third, knotting the score at 37-all heading into the last quarter.

The Cardinals were led by Chris Lambaren, who scored 14 points and snagged 10 rebounds. Michael Breitweiser added 10 points, Freddy Martinez scored eight and Joey Sanchez hit seven.

Friday's win improves Hermleigh's season mark to 3-10. Blackwell slides to 8-9.

The HHS girls didn't have much trouble getting past their hosts in Friday's early game, slamming the Lady Hornets, 57-28.

Hermleigh led by a 22-18 margin at the half, then exploded for 22 second-half points, while limiting Blackwell to just 10.

Top scorers for the Lady Cards were Brandi Bates, who canned 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, Kelly Gonzales, who hit 16 and came up with a dozen boards, Michelle Roemisch, who was good for 11 points, as well as eight steals, and Brigette Moore, who drained seven points and accounted for five steals.

The Lady Cards boast a 9-6 season record. BHS falls to 2-13.

Boys

Hermleigh	9	16	12	12	-49
Blackwell	16	4	17	11	-48

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Lambaren 14, Breitweiser 10, Martinez 8, Sanchez 7, Luna 4, Roemisch 2, Sosa 2, Blair 1, Hardy 1; Blackwell — Hayes 17, Parsons 10; **Records:** Hermleigh 3-10, 1-0; Blackwell 8-9, 0-1.

Girls

Hermleigh	14	8	15	18	-57
Blackwell	8	10	4	6	-28

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Bates 19, Gonzales 16, Roemisch 11, Moore 7, Payne 4; Blackwell — Carlton 12, Parsons 8; **Records:** Hermleigh 9-6, 1-0; Blackwell 2-13, 0-1.

Sixers deal Mavericks 103-93 home setback

DALLAS (AP) — Dana Barros scored 10 of his 26 points during a decisive 13-6 fourth-quarter run Friday night as the Philadelphia 76ers dealt the Dallas Mavericks their 15th consecutive home defeat, 103-93.

Clarence Weatherspoon had 25 points and 14 rebounds, Jeff Hornacek scored 23 points and rookie Shawn Bradley blocked a career-high nine shots for the 76ers.

Jim Jackson scored 23 points and Jamal Mashburn had 17 for the Mavericks, who are one loss short of the NBA record for consecutive home defeats.

21-A basketball

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Hermleigh	9	6	1	0
Ira	7	9	1	0
Westbrook	3	8	1	0
Highland	8	7	0	1
Loraine	3	9	0	1
Blackwell	2	13	0	1

Friday, Jan. 7
Ira 49, Highland 45
Westbrook 73, Loraine 26
Hermleigh 57, Blackwell 28

Boys

Team	Season		District	
Loraine	12	2	1	0
Highland	9	5	1	0
Hermleigh	3	10	1	0
Blackwell	7	9	0	1
Westbrook	5	7	0	1
Ira	3	11	0	1

Friday, Jan. 7
Highland 72, Ira 47
Loraine 86, Westbrook 73
Hermleigh 49, Blackwell 48

Lady Bulldogs upset HHS in 21-A opener

IRA — Ira's Lady Bulldogs overcame serious foul trouble to claim a 49-45 girls' basketball win over Highland in Friday night's District 21-A opener here.

The Lady 'Dogs had three starters benched by fouls in the fourth period when freshmen Stacy Taylor and Machea Chaney and sophomore Kasey Cauley stepped in and preserved the victory.

"We got in a little foul trouble at the end," reported Ira coach Tim Mebane, "but those three came in and did an outstanding job. Kasey made a critical basket at the end to put us back in the lead, Machea had a couple of clutch free throws and Stacy played like a champ."

Ira's top producers were Jennifer Rankin, with 14 points, Angie Robinson with 13 and Jody Rankin with 12.

Highland, picked to win the loop crown, slips to 8-7 on the campaign. Ira improves to 7-9.

Highland gained a split in Friday's league openers by handing the Ira boys a 72-47 loss.

The Hornets' Toby Harbuck led a group of thee BHS players in double figures with his 13 points.

Ira was paced by Ronal White, who poured in 15, and Cory Beltz and Coy Henderson with 13 each.

The Bulldogs are 3-11 on the season, while Highland carries a 9-5 mark.

Girls

Highland	8	14	10	13	-45
Ira	15	9	13	12	-49

Leading scorers: Jennifer Rankin 14, Robinson 13, Jody Rankin 12; Jennifer Northcott 7; Highland — Burke 15, Moore 15, Cornutt 8; **Records:** Ira 7-9, 1-0; Highland 8-7, 0-1.

Boys

Highland	24	19	16	13	-72
Ira	10	12	12	13	-47

Leading scorers: Ira — White 15, Beltz 13, Henderson 13; Highland Davidson 13, Miller 13, Harbuck 13; **Records:** Ira 3-11, 0-1; Highland 9-5, 1-0.

San Antonio outlasts Nuggets, 84-76

DENVER (AP) — David Robinson and Dale Ellis hit key baskets down the stretch, and the San Antonio Spurs held Denver scoreless in the final 3:58 to beat the Nuggets 84-76 Friday night.

The Spurs, defeating the Nuggets for the seventh straight game, built a 19-point lead just before halftime, but saw the margin whittled to four midway through the final quarter.

Robinson, the NBA's leading scorer, finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Ellis and Knight had 16 points apiece, while Dennis Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder, was limited to 10 rebounds.

Williams led Denver with 18 points.

The Spurs forced Denver into 20 turnovers, including 14 steals.

The Spurs maintained their lead despite scoring only 29 points in the second half and shooting just 27 percent (10 of 37) in the final 24 minutes.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, the Nuggets' leading scorer, had only 10 points on 4-for-14 shooting, and he saw his string of 57 free throws without a miss snapped early in the game.

San Antonio scored 11 straight points late in the first quarter and early in the second — while Denver was shooting 1-for-10 — to open a 32-22 lead with 9:36 left in the half.

J.R. Reid came off the bench to hit his first five field goals, helping the Spurs expand the lead. Reid's baseline drive got the Spurs started on an 8-0 run that made it 55-36 late in the half, but LaPhonso Ellis' 3-pointer cut the margin to 55-39 at halftime.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct.	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	20	8	.714	—
Orlando	17	13	.567	4
Miami	15	13	.536	5
Boston	13	19	.406	9
New Jersey	12	18	.400	9
Philadelphia	12	18	.400	9
Washington	9	21	.300	12
Central Division				
Atlanta	21	7	.750	—
Chicago	20	10	.667	2
Charlotte	17	14	.548	5½
Cleveland	13	17	.433	9
Indiana	11	17	.393	10
Milwaukee	9	21	.300	13
Detroit	8	21	.276	13½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	26	4	.867	—
Utah	22	10	.688	5
San Antonio	21	12	.636	6½
Denver	14	17	.452	12½
Minnesota	9	21	.300	17
Dallas	2	28	.067	24
Pacific Division				
Seattle	25	3	.893	—
Phoenix	23	6	.793	2½
Portland	18	14	.563	9
Golden State	16	13	.552	9½
LA Clippers	11	18	.379	14½
LA Lakers	11	21	.344	16
Sacramento	10	21	.323	16½

Friday's Games
Chicago 99, Washington 92
Cleveland 99, Boston 85
Atlanta 100, Portland 85
Phoenix 110, Minnesota 103
Philadelphia 103, Dallas 93
San Antonio 84, Denver 76
Miami 110, Utah 104
Seattle 102, Sacramento 93
LA Lakers 111, LA Clippers 108

Saturday's Games
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Miami at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at LA Lakers, 10 p.m.

JV girls fall to Lady Tors

Lamesa, behind a 24-point night from Kizzie Fleming, handed host Snyder a 50-27 loss Friday in girls' junior varsity basketball action.

The Lady Tigers were led by Edwina Brooks, who drilled 12 points.

Snyder, 7-7, will face Levelland in a Tuesday road tilt.

7th graders down Lamesa

Snyder's seven grade girls swept Lamesa in Thursday basketball games.

The A squad, led by 10-point efforts from Shannon Hall and Mandy Hess, rapped the Lady Tors, 39-33, while Abby Scott hit 10 to pace the SJHS B team to a 25-23 overtime victory.

Other A teamers scoring were Morgan Kelley, who added eight, Alicia Peoples, who put in four, Jamie Burrows, who was good for three, and Leslie Daniell and Keisha Gafford, who hit two each.

Sharika Woolford drained five, Brittany Canada wound up with four, and Terra Lyons, Keila Helms and Whitney Owens each popped two for Snyder's B team.

The B team will be in action Saturday at the Christ the King Tournament in Lubbock. Both teams return home for Monday battles against Colorado City.

Frosh claim tourney win

ANDREWS — Ricky Henderson scored 19 and Patrick Cumbie had 16 as Snyder downed Andrews in the first round of play at the Big Spring Tournament Thursday.

Jeremiah Johnson added seven and Matthew Fambro put in four for SHS.

The Tigers were to play San Angelo Lake View at noon Saturday for a spot in the tourney championship game.

8th girls split with Lamesa

Snyder eighth grade girls split Thursday's basketball games with Lamesa.

Snyder A posted a 36-33 victory, while the B crew fell, 18-16.

Melanie Kidd poured in 18 points to lead the A team, followed by teammates Jaime Burleson's 10, four by Haley Brown and two apiece from Erin Scott and Amanda Huff.

Mary Higby scored six and Laura Gonzales added five for Snyder B. Traci Eicke and Brooke French each hit three.

Both eighth grade teams will be back on the floor Monday with a home contest against Colorado City.

Men's cage results

Snyder Men's Basketball League
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Snyder Junior High
Monday's games
Bib & Tucker 74, Golden Corral 63
Landes Furniture 87, Patterson 51
Nathalie's 64, Big Country Chevrolet 57
Bib & Tucker 63, Snyder National Bank 57

Tuesday's games
Nathalie's 60, Landes Furniture 58
Big Country Chevrolet 52, Patterson Drilling 48
Landes Furniture 94, Golden Corral 93 (OT)
Big Country Chevrolet 77, Snyder National Bank 62

Friday's games
Nathalie's 62, Bib & Tucker 54
Landes Furniture 82, Big Country Chevrolet 55
Landes Furniture 97, Bib & Tucker 79
Landes Furniture 66, Nathalie's 63
Nathalie's 50, Landes Furniture 38

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Bosnian war looms as test of NATO

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Bosnian war will loom large at next week's NATO summit for alliance leaders who have been unable to agree on a plan to end the carnage.

France renewed a call for a U.S.-backed military intervention after five more French peacekeepers were wounded by Serb artillery attacks on Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said he wanted President Clinton and other leaders of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization "to take a strong position to break the war machine" in former Yugoslavia.

"You can't make peace with people who systematically are looking for war," he said on the Europe 1 radio network.

There was no sign the Clinton [illegible] reluctant to get involved in Bosnia's bitter ethnic conflict, particularly after the trauma of American losses in Somalia.

The key issue at the two-day summit, opening Monday at NATO headquarters in Brussels, will be the alliance's future relations with eastern Europe.

These include a "Partnership for Peace" initiative and plans for NATO forces to team up with East European units for peacekeeping missions.

NATO has dithered over Bosnia since the civil war began 21 months ago over its secession from Yugoslavia. Since then, an estimated 200,000 people have been killed.

The allies have argued over who should command an intervention — NATO or the United Nations — pitting the United States, which prefers the former, against European partners.

A trans-Atlantic rift also developed when Washington proposed last summer lifting the embargo on arms sales to Bosnia's Muslim-led government and staging air strikes on Serb forces. The Europeans objected, fearing Serb retaliation against their troops protecting aid supplies on the ground.

NATO has promised to send 50,000 soldiers — half of them Americans — if Bosnia's three warring ethnic groups agree to a workable peace accord. But their talks have repeatedly bogged down over how to divide up Bosnia.

The allies are enforcing a naval blockade in the Adriatic Sea against Serbia and Montenegro, the only states remaining in Yugoslavia, and have about 80 warplanes enforcing a no-fly zone over Bosnia. But they have yet to follow through on a threat to conduct air strikes on Serb forces that attack U.N. aid convoys or maintain the siege of Sarajevo.

French Gen. Jean Cot, who commands U.N. forces in former Yugoslavia, was quoted Friday as saying he would seek permission to call in air strikes if necessary. But officials at U.N. headquarters in New York said Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali would refuse, to avoid escalating the conflict.

"We constantly follow the events down there but, as you know, our own action very much depends on the assessment" of Boutros-Ghali, who must give the green light for allied action, said NATO's chief, Manfred Woerner.

"I have no doubt ... NATO would be prepared to do what it promised to do," he told a small group of reporters. He said there was "a good chance that the United States will participate" in enforcing a peace agreement.

But privately, senior military officials at NATO have questioned the wisdom of intervening in Bosnia, warning that could drag alliance nations into a long guerrilla war.

Trial moved from Austin...

Hutchison to stand trial on four felony ethics charges

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will stand trial on four felony ethics charges related to her 21/2-year tenure as state treasurer, a judge ruled Friday.

Visiting Judge John Onion Jr. also granted Mrs. Hutchison's request to move the trial from Austin.

Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, had claimed that she could not get a fair trial in the capital because of publicity surrounding her case and the dominance of the Democratic Party in the city.

After Onion's decision, Mrs. Hutchison, who attended every day of the eight-day pretrial hearing, said: "I'm very pleased with the change of venue. I'm looking forward to going to trial. I hope it's very soon because I know that when we can get this to trial, a fair jury will find me innocent."

If found guilty on all counts, she would face a maximum punishment of 50 years in prison.

Mrs. Hutchison refused Friday to answer questions from reporters. Prosecutors from the Travis County District Attorney's office also refused to comment after Onion's ruling.

Onion, a retired presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, said he would try to find a site for the trial as soon as possible and set a trial date. He urged prosecutors and Mrs. Hutchison's attorneys to stop bickering.

"We need to get down to it. The case continues to be tried in the newspapers," the judge said.

Prosecutors allege that while serving as state treasurer in 1991 and 1992, Mrs. Hutchison used state funds, state employees and state computers for political and personal purposes, and then had Treasury computer records altered to hide her activities.

Mrs. Hutchison has denied wrongdoing, and says the charges are part of a Democratic-driven plot to hurt her re-election chances. She won the Senate seat in a special election June 5 and is seeking re-election this year to a full, six-year term.

On Dec. 28, Onion had tossed out four of five charges against Mrs. Hutchison, saying the indictments were too vague to allow for a defense. He gave prosecutors 10 days to try and fix them.

On Friday he considered the amended indictments and a re-indictment handed up by a Travis County grand jury. He rejected Mrs. Hutchison's motions to toss them out, except for a misdemeanor official misconduct charge.

Mrs. Hutchison now faces two charges of official misconduct, tampering with physical evidence and tampering with a governmental record.

DeGuerin argued that the reworked charges were vague and failed to allege that a crime occurred. He said the state no longer charges her with destroying records, but hiding records.

"Not one single bit of information was ever destroyed or altered," he said. He said computer records were moved for security reasons. Comparing computer records to paper records, he said, "Files were taken from one filing cabinet and put into one that was more secure."

McCleery said the amended indictments were more specific. "We have told exactly in these indictments how we allege this crime was committed," he said.

Prosecutors downplayed the significance of deleting allegations that records were destroyed.

Onion denied a request by Mrs. Hutchison's defense team to question a newspaper reporter about how he obtained records that led to the first news accounts related to charges against Mrs. Hutchison.

An April 18, 1992 article by Gardner Selby of The Houston Post reported that a state computer was being used as part of political fund-raising for Mrs. Hutchison. The article was based on materials received from sources who would provide it only if not identified, the newspaper has said.

Right-to pray lawsuit thrown out by judge

McALLEN (AP) — A federal judge on Friday threw out a lawsuit contending that a school board's policy of restricting the content of prayers at graduation violated students' free speech rights.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa ruled that the lawsuit was moot because the students who filed it were allowed to say a prayer at commencement last year without repercussions from the McAllen Independent School District.

Agreeing with the school district's motion to dismiss the case, Hinojosa said the students had no standing in the lawsuit because they have already graduated and "they'll never be part of the senior class again."

Hinojosa also based his ruling on earlier decisions that school boards have discretion in regulating student expression in other school-sponsored forums such as student newspapers and theatrical productions.

One of the students, Renee Shawhan, said she will appeal. The students' lawsuit was backed by the Rutherford Institute, which describes itself as a defender of religious liberties.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1994

In the year ahead your chart shows you could receive rewards and recognition in areas where you were previously taken for granted. A new you is emerging and you might be a pretty tough cookie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today if you do a favor for someone, don't make this person feel he/she is obligated to you in some manner. Be compassionate and do do for others with no strings attached. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend of yours who is presently unpopular with your peer group needs some reassurance today. Let him/her know you can be counted upon.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You have greater intestinal fortitude today than you may realize. It is only when you feel challenged or threatened that your backbone stiffens and you'll be prepared to make a stand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone to whom you have close attachments could profit today from one of your past experiences. Usually it's not wise to offer unsolicited advice, but this case might be an exception.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be reluctant to alter an arrangement today if it is having a negative effect upon your reputation or finances. It's up to you to protect your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your probabilities for success are heightened today, because you are not likely to dodge difficult decisions, even if they are personally painful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Subordinants with whom you'll be working today will be keeping a weather eye on you and attuning their performance to yours. If you're industrious, they will be as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something you cannot do on your own can be achieved today through a special alliance. This arrangement could prove of benefit to both parties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Just because an assignment isn't to your liking is not a good enough reason to try to sidestep it today. If you meet your duties head-on, you'll find they aren't as tough as you envision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be satisfied with small gains today instead of trying to make an impressive killing. Small amounts have a way of adding up to something substantial when everything is put together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions in general appear to be favorable today, but your best possibilities might be in commercial and financial involvements. If you do something right in these venues, it could be impressive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) View developments realistically today, but don't take matters so seriously you lose your sense of humor. A portion of each is required for success.

Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 10, 1994

A new residence might be numbered among major changes you may experience in your lifestyle in the year ahead. Even if you can't afford it now, start planning for it anyway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might be tuned into fortuitous currents that could be extremely lucky for you with both new and old endeavors in which you're currently involved. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph. c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163 Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something favorable may be stirring for you at this time that might be temporarily screened from your awareness. Shortly when you learn of it, it'll make you very happy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a lucrative market for some very special talent or knowledge you possess. It will be up to you, however, to make your wares known to others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be extremely mindful of developments today, because an opportunity of considerable scope might present itself through an unusual format. It could usher in changes for which you've been hoping.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you are involved with the right type of people today, substantial benefits are probable. You need them more than they need you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Several ambitious objectives have excellent chances of being fulfilled at this time. This is an unusual cycle that could produce unusual results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are presently held in higher esteem by close associates than you may realize. Persons with whom you're involved wants you to succeed and they'll do what they can to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're the type of person who seems to function best when you can focus on one thing at a time. However, today this might not be true in your instance. The more activities the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An endeavor in which you're presently involved is not being managed by one who is as capable as you are. It's time for you to assume management of this situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Over the coming months you could be in one of the strongest financial trends you've ever experienced. It will have more highs than lows. Today is one of the highs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A positive attitude could work wonders for you today, especially in situations where the stakes are substantial. Don't let people, size or circumstances intimidate you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) New life might be breathed into an enterprise today which you've been prepared to toss on the scrap heap. You'll be glad you didn't respond to your impulsiveness.

Joost family loses money in decision

AUSTIN (AP) — An administrative law judge, saying family attorneys failed to prove with a preponderance of evidence that former Texas Racing Commission official David Joost was slain, has recommended that the Employees Retirement System deny insurance payments to the family's survivors.

"The greater weight of the evidence indicates that Mr. Joost's death was a suicide," Judge Cathleen Parsley said.

"There surely are elements of his death which do not comport with suicide, but unfortunately there is simply not enough in this record to base a recommendation other than the benefits at issue be denied," she said.

Joost, chief financial officer for the Racing Commission, his wife, Susan, and their two children were found dead in their Buda home on March 5, 1990.

Law enforcement officials have said the deaths were a murder-suicide, but Hays County Justice of the Peace Orlena Hehl since has changed her ruling on the cause of death to "unknown," saying she believes the Joosts were slain.

Surviving relatives of the Joost family have said they believe Joost stumbled onto something at the Racing Commission that led to his death.

Ms. Parsley announced her decision Thursday, more than four months after a September hearing concerning the $214,000 in disputed insurance proceeds from the Employees Retirement System.

Attorneys for the Joosts had argued that David Joost didn't kill his family and himself.

In September, investigators for the family, a former Hays County district attorney and the chief investigator for the county district attorney's office testified that they believed Joost was slain. They based their opinions on a lack of motive, lack of blood and fingerprints on the gun from which Joost is alleged to have fired six bullets, and other evidence.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Monitoring dosage of hormone therapy

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How long must post-menopausal women remain on hormone medication? I'm 57 and have been on hormone treatment for 2-1/2 years.

DEAR READER: The answer depends on your reason for being given the hormone therapy.

For example, if you were prescribed the medication because of severe menopausal symptoms (such as hot flashes and irritability), you could probably discontinue it in a year or two, see how you feel, and (under the guidance of your gynecologist) use it now and then to control your symptoms.

On the other hand, if you're using hormones to prevent osteoporosis, you will have to continue them indefinitely. In a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers discovered that once post-menopausal women stop taking supplemental hormones, within a few months their bones return to their former brittle state.

Your best bet is to check this out with your gynecologist. Depending on your general health, the specialist can advise you whether to continue the medicine, reduce it or discontinue it entirely.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Menopause." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend who takes 500 mg of glutamine daily. She seems vague about the reason she takes it, but insists that her former family physician and longtime friend recommended it along with her daily intake of vitamins.

DEAR READER: Glutamine, an amino acid found in many plants, helps the kidneys remove ammonia from the body. I am not aware that deficiencies can result in anyone eating a reasonably well-balanced diet. Therefore, I am also unclear why your friend takes this substance — which, however, will not harm her in the amount you mention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can anything be done for ear pain while flying? The pain I experience is excruciating and I fear my eardrum will rupture. Chewing gum, yawning and allergy medicine simply don't do the trick.

DEAR READER: The middle ear chamber contains air at the same pressure as outside air. When we change that pressure (by driving up a hill, for instance) the ears "pop" as air vents from the eustachian tubes to equalize the new pressure. This phenomenon is particularly noticeable when we fly.

During ascent, into relatively thin air, the air in the middle ear rushes out through the tubes and we experience a release of pressure. This event almost never causes difficulty because the structure of the eustachian tubes is such that air passes readily from the middle ear.

Not so on the descent, however, when increasing atmospheric pressure causes air to enter the middle ear. Because of the design of the eustachian tubes, it is more difficult for air to enter the middle ear than to exit from it. If a person cannot equalize the pressure, the increasingly heavy atmosphere presses inward on the eardrums, causing pain, fullness and loss of hearing. The more the external ear pressure, the greater the difficulty in equalizing it.

This situation is worsened by any condition — such as nasal congestion from allergies or infection — that causes swelling of the eustachian openings behind the nose. This is the reason patients with colds are advised to avoid flying.

So, here you are at 25,000 feet, the plane is coming down to land and you cannot "clear" your ears. What do you do?

First, swallow frequently and hard. Have water handy or chew gum for extra saliva. Yawning often helps.

Second, if the above techniques are ineffective, try a Valsalva maneuver. Pinch your nostrils, close your lips and blow forcefully. This may equalize the pressure by forcing air into the middle ears. Remember not to wait until the plane descends to low altitudes, because as the outside pressure builds, you'll have increasing difficulty clearing your ears. As the cabin pressure changes, continue to try to clear your ears.

Having been a victim of aero-otitis — the consequence of not clearing my ears — I can tell you that it is uncomfortable (because the eardrums are pushed in) and that it will largely disappear in several hours once you have landed. Your eardrums won't rupture, although they may feel as though they will.

If you have a cold and absolutely have to fly — or if you repeatedly have trouble equalizing pressure — I advise these preventive steps.

Take an over-the-counter antihistamine/decongestant (such as Actifed, Sudafed or Tavist-D) on the morning of the flight. When the plane begins to descend, use Afrin spray to shrink the eustachian openings. Then follow the suggestions I listed above. This combination usually works.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, New York 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Chrysler to unveil Neon

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 200 automotive journalists are headed to Austin this weekend for a drive.

The auto writers will be getting a look and chance to try out one of Chrysler's newest cars, the Neon.

The last of 70 Neons were unloaded Thursday at Austin's Prestige Chrysler-Plymouth.

The writers — including 110 from the United States, 75 from Europe and Asia and 20 from Canada — will be test driving the cars on Hill Country roads and city streets during the 11-day event, said Chrysler spokesman Tom Kowaleski.

"The fact that we are doing a launch right at the end of the Detroit Auto Show gave us an opportunity to have a very sizable international media get into the car at the same time we are introducing it to the U.S. and Canadian media," Kowaleski said. "That doesn't always happen."

The Detroit show, which opened Monday, is one of less than half a dozen premiere auto shows in the world.

Austin has been the site of a media preview before, most recently for the Lexus GS300, which drew about 100 automotive journalists in 1993.

Chrysler said it chose Austin for the Neon unveiling because of the city's usually good January weather, its variety of roads and its youthful image.

The Neon's engineering and its base price of $8,975 "could be the turning point for the entire domestic auto industry," said Robert Marcell, general manager of small car platform engineering for Chrysler.

Fully loaded, the cars are expected to cost about $13,000, Kowaleski said. The base price includes dual air bags and a new 2-liter, 16-valve, 132-horsepower engine and 5-speed transmission.

Kowaleski said the Neon would be introduced in Europe within three months. Chrysler is "seriously looking" at taking the car to Japan.

Alabama won't tour as much

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alabama, the country band that has performed across the United States and Canada for 14 years, won't entertain outside the South this year.

"As we all get older, there's a desire to be home as much as you can," said Greg Fowler, a publicist for the four band members, who range in age from 38 to 44. "They wanted to take advantage of this opportunity."

The band, which dominated country music in the 1980s, plans 105 concerts at Nashville's Opryland USA entertainment park, about 20 at the group's own theater in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one benefit in Fort Payne, Ala., the group's hometown.

Alabama members Randy Owen, guitarist and lead vocalist; Teddy Gentry, guitarist; Jeff Cook, fiddler-guitarist; and Mark Herndon, drummer, won't necessarily be scaling back their travel permanently.

"We could be back doing full tours in 1995 or in the year after that," Fowler said.

At its peak, Alabama did 200 concerts a year, performing hits such as "Mountain Music," "When We Make Love," "Forty Hour Week," "The Closer You Get" and "Song of the South."

Women's suffrage was adopted in Colorado in 1893.

New study reveals crime can cause victim $41,000 in injury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A single crime-related injury costs an average of $41,000 for medical and psychological problems, and the nation's toll is over $20 billion a year for gunshot wounds alone, new studies estimate.

Add all the injury-causing crimes that occur in a single year in this country and the bill to society — in medical, psychological and productivity losses — ultimately is $202 billion over the victims' lifetimes, conclude the studies in this week's health policy journal Health Affairs.

And those estimates probably are underestimated because the nation lacks better data on violent crime, the studies' authors say.

"These are preventable injuries," Wendy Max of the University of California, San Francisco, said Friday. "They represent a real potential savings of health dollars."

The studies are the first to calculate the economic impact of violent crime on such a large scale. Previous efforts have looked at the impact on a particular hospital, or at the national burden of murder. But calculating the costs of all crime-related injuries is difficult because many hospitals don't keep records showing their patients were crime victims unless they die, researchers say.

Max estimated that guns caused nearly 268,000 injuries, including 31,556 fatalities, in 1985 and cost society $14.4 billion in medical bills and lost productivity that year.

Then she updated the costs to 1990 figures, taking into account inflation. Had guns caused the same number of injuries in 1990 as in 1985, they would have cost society $20.4 billion, she said.

Gunshot fatalities tend to cost more than other types of fatal injuries, Max found, because of the types of injuries and treatments involved. And the public foots most of the bill because most gunshot victims [illegible] not pay for treatment, she said.

The second study estimated the cost of each crime-related injury, from any weapon, averaged $35,500 in medical bills and lost productivity. Add the psychological impact, and the toll jumps to $41,000, said author Ted R. Miller of the National Public Services Research Institute in Landover, Md.

He estimated the number of murders and injuries from rape, assault, robbery and arson on Americans over age 12 by using the Census Bureau's National Crime Survey for 1987 through 1990. He used those figures to come up with a lifetime crime cost of $202 billion, in 1992 dollars.

Murder was the most costly crime, because it cost society the rest of the victim's lifetime earnings.

For all other violent crimes, the psychological costs, meaning anything from mental health counseling to a diminished quality of life, "dwarf the medical costs," Miller said.

Land donated by Nicholson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Nicholson donated 60 acres to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to protect an unspoiled wildlife corridor from development.

"It's so wonderful that he did this. You have no idea how vital this small plot is. It's the only way wildlife can migrate in that area," said Judy Marx, president of the nonprofit L.A. Urban Wilderness Coalition.

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110 MOTORCYCLES

1984 Honda Magna, 11,000 miles, $1,500. 573-2205.

140 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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Come Work For The Best. Snyder Country Club is now accepting applications for a cook. Flexible hours. May pickup application at office. No phone calls please. EOE.

Lose weight, lose inches, look good, feel great! Call Velda 573-2755.

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RN needed for Snyder area. Contact Mediplex Home Health, 2 Village Dr., Suite 500, Abilene, Tx. 79606. 915-691-5747.

Sweet Shop needs car hop, days 10:30 a.m. til 5 p.m. Apply in person. No phone calls.

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GET CASH in 1 hour on your income tax refund check. Bring your SS card, W-2's and I.D. 2011 25th St.

WANTED: 1000 new customers Loans up to $385. Phone applications welcome. Credit starter loans available. Fast, friendly service. **Call 573-1761 or come by 2604 Ave. R, Snyder, TX, 79549** at Security Finance we like to say yes!

210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

First Methodist Church **Discovery School** has pre-kindergarten openings available. For more information call 573-4770.

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MARY KAY COSMETICS: For a complimentary facial and reorders, call Geraldine Thames, 915-573-9433, 1808 38th St., Snyder.

MARY KAY COSMETICS. Complimentary facial. Barbara Burney 573-9969.

PROFESSIONAL ALTERATIONS and sewing for Men and Women. Bernina Sewing Center, 2519 College, 573-0303.

220 FARMER'S COLUMN

Longhorn bull, 18 months, Hereford bull & Heifer, 9 months. "Border Heeler pups". Stock trailer. 573-6839.

SUDAN HAY for sale, in barn, $3 a bale. 573-2026.

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251 BOATS

17½ ft. ski boat, 150 Evinrude, Limited Edition, yellow & brown, with extras, $4,450. 573-2205.

260 MERCHANDISE

Buy or Trade for newer cash register w/ 12 or more sales codes. 573-1956 Polly.

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McWILLIAMS PHARMACY
3706 College 573-7582

COVERED PORCH for trailer house, 8'x 8', $150 OBO. 573-9858 after 5 p.m.

COMPUTER FOR SALE: TRS 80, model 4, 15 MB hard disk, $100 or best offer. 573-6568, M-F 8:30-5:00.

10 inch DELTA bench saw, like new, $160. Call 573-1302.

FOR SALE: Super single waterbed w/bookshelf headboard, $75; Suzuki 185-4 wheeler, $800. 573-7671, leave message after 4 p.m.

Green & white marble top vanity 36x22, $70; DP Air Ciser exercise bike w/electronic monitor, $95. 573-6900.

FOR SALE: Nintendo, extra controls, 6 tapes, Game Genie, tape holder, $150. 573-6528.

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Speed Queen Dryer	$100.00
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Dresses, Skirts, Pants & Jeans, Sweaters

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+ 6 More Shops!
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We wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy, kindness and thoughtfulness in the death of our loved one, Arthur Millsap.

Mrs. Maxine Millsap
Mr. & Mrs. Bill DeShazer
Rusty Melton

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FOR SALE: Business computer, 386-40, 80 mg. hard drive, 2 mg. ram, color monitor, 3½ FD, track ball key board; IBM XT 640K, 20 mg. hard drive, color monitor, 3½ FD, keyboard & mouse; XT 640K, 10 MH, 10 mg. hard drive, color monitor, 5¼ FD, keyboard & mouse. Can install and program to your needs, consultation, upgrade, repair, programing, customizing, new & used computers & data systems. 573-7138 or 573-7725.

FOR SALE: Gold electric stove with self cleaning oven, in good condition, $200. Call 573-7125.

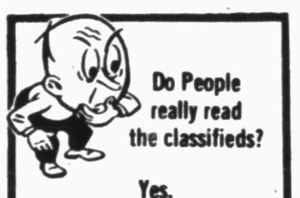
King size waterbed, love seat, excellent condition, freezer (needs some repairs). Call 573-7174 after 6 p.m.

KENMORE heavy duty washing machine, gold color, $100. Call 573-6179.

Lay-Z-Boy rocker/recliner, antique rocker and small recliner. All three for $150, good condition. 573-7456.

MIXED FIREWOOD: Cords, ½ cords delivered, 24"; 20"; 18" and split also **Alfafa Hay**, 573-5548.

Two cemetery lots in Cristus Garden, Perpetual Care in Snyder. $600 each. Jim Wadleigh. 573-5627.



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315 WANT TO BUY

WANT TO BUY treadmill, must be in good condition. 573-5782.

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FOR RENT: **312 35th**, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $285 month plus deposit. 573-6193.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom house, CH/A, 2907 Ave. V, $285/month. 573-9068.

FOR RENT: Small house/apartment, furnished, water paid. Call 573-4477 or leave message.

FOR RENT: Unfurnished, 2 bedroom house. 573-3364 or 573-5104.

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SUNRISE DUPLEXES, 2-1-1, fenced-in yard, washer-dryer hookups, CH/A, $300/month, $200/deposit. Call 573-1386.

335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Mobile home, furnished, 2 bd., 1½ bath, $250/mo. 573-0317.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished, $250/month, bills paid. 573-0317.

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FOR SALE: In Ira across from Post Office, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, ¾ acres. 573-3012.

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573-7100 573-7177

4301 Lubbock, brick, 3-2-2, #40's.
NEW Listing, 3-2-2, 4103 Midland.
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Cedar Creek, 3-2½ -2, fpl., $85T.
2411 26th St., 2-1-2, cp, shop, $15.9.
Ira, 3-2-2, carport. $29.5.
101 Birch, 2-1-1cp, 20T.
211 Birch, 3-1-1cp, $15T.
3-2, w/det. gar. Reduced $20's.
3733 Avondale, 3-2, w/apt., $45T.
3505 Irving, Nice, 3-1, shop, $40's.
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1503 Ave. R 3-1-1-1cp; 500 30th, 20's.
Lots, Midland, 47th St., Cedar Creek.
Established business, call for details.
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Westridge, 4-3½ , CP.
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, plus shop.
4500 Galveston, 3-2-2, $89,500.
3808 Galveston, 3-2, $40T.
2202 43rd, 3-2,$48,500.
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3007 El Paso, 3-2, pl/pl.hs.89.5T
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Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.110T
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209 37th, 3-2-2, brick, $62,000.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-3, $85,000.
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2212 41st St., 3-1½ , CH/A.
2202 43rd St., 3-2, den.
2215 42nd, 3-2-1, $34,900.
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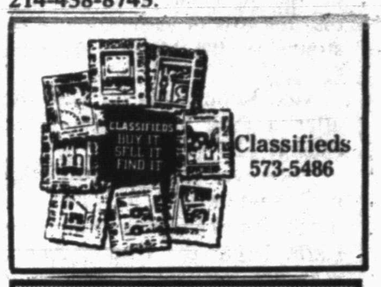

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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. « 2001 et. seq. (1993), the Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing on February 3, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the Tex. Gov't Code Ann. art. « 2001 et. seq. (1993). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Fortson Oil Company for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code «3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) to drill Well No. 1R, Bills-Popnoe Lease, 80 Acres, Section 157, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey A-70, Wildcat Field, Scurry County, being 2.9 miles north from Snyder, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:
204' from east line and 550' from south line of lease.
204' from east line 2071' from north line of survey.

This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 7500 feet.

If a Continuation is necessary, this hearing will proceed at the Williams B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

Pursuant to said hearing, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location form that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

Any Request For Postponement of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

To Appear In Support of or in Opposition to this Proceeding, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Legal Division, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

Any Individual with a Disability who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or ser-

Clinton's mom's funeral draws many mourners

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Several thousand mourners, from neighbors and friends to top administration officials and entertainer Barbra Streisand, joined President Clinton Saturday in paying final respects to his mother, Virginia Kelley.

Nearly all of the 3,000 seats at the Hot Springs Convention Auditorium were filled for the morning service in Clinton's boyhood home.

All residents of Hot Springs were invited to the funeral to grieve the death of the vivacious, stylish presidential mother, who was the town's best-known personality. Flags throughout town flew at half staff.

President Clinton and his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton, both dressed in black, sat somberly in the first row of auditorium as the strains of the hymn "Amazing Grace" filled the room.

Mrs. Kelley died on Thursday after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 70.

"She was an American original," said the Rev. John Miles, of the St. James Methodist Church of Little Rock, the Clinton family preacher, referring to her love for makeup, her pencilled eyebrows and her signature streak of white in her hair.

"She was filled with the very essence of life. She was a celebration on the way to heaven," Miles said.

"She loved her sons unconditionally," he added. "And she needed to at times. Both of them."

Mrs. Kelley had two sons — the president, 47, and Roger Clinton, 37.

Miles joked that he considered holding Saturday's funeral at the racetrack, a reference to Mrs. Kelley's lifelong love for horse racing and gambling.

After the hourlong service, which ended about 11:30 a.m., Clinton joined a funeral procession for the 90-mile drive to his birthplace in Hope, Ark., for a private burial ceremony. Mrs. Kelley was being buried among the graves of other family members.

It was the third time in a year that the death of one close to the Clintons has brought the first family to Arkansas. Hugh Rodham, Hillary Rodham Clinton's father, died in April. White House lawyer Vince Foster, a close friend from Arkansas of both the Clinton's, committed suicide in July.

A soloist, Malvie Lee Giles, sang haunting spirituals at the funeral, including "A Closer Walk With Thee."

Because of the number attending, the funeral was held in the civic auditorium instead of a church. However, three Methodist ministers close to Mrs. Kelley conducted the services — Dan George, pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church here, Joe Wilkerson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Malvern, Ark., and Miles.

Scores of lifelong friends of the Clintons and the Kelleys attended the service.

The funeral also drew many prominent Americans from all walks of life, including the governor of Nevada — Bill Miller — and Hollywood producer Harry Thomason, originally from Arkansas and a close friend of the Clintons.

Streisand came to the funeral wearing a dark coat with a black fur collar.

Just last week, the president's mother jetted to Las Vegas with her husband, Richard, to enjoy a Streisand concert. She stayed for two shows.

The actress-singer returned the compliment, flying here in a private jet Saturday to attend the funeral. Streisand has been a strong political supporter of Clinton.

The entertainer was among about 50 close friends who attended a private viewing at the Gross Funeral Home on Friday night with the president, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea.

White House aides said it was possible that Clinton would make a few remarks at the funeral, although it was not certain.

Signs of condolences were in the windows and on posters at many local establishments. "God Bless You, Virginia," said a sign on the marque of a local music club. A sign outside a fast-food outlet said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Pres Bill."

Clinton was expected to return to Washington late tonight to begin a scheduled 10-day European trip.

Mrs. Kelley's grave is in the same cemetery as other members of her family, and where Clinton's father — William Jefferson Blythe — is buried.

Aggravated assault charges are filed

An offense report for aggravated assault was filed Friday afternoon, following an altercation in the south parking lot at Snyder High School.

A 15-year-old boy was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated for multiple fractures to his right leg and kept for observation. According to police, the assailant was a 14-year-old boy. He allegedly kicked the older youth repeatedly.

The 14-year-old was released to the custody of his grandparents. The case will be filed with the district attorney.

Police made two arrests on Friday, including one at 10:08 a.m. as officers took a 21-year-old man into custody at 23rd Street and Avenue M for public intoxication.

At 11:30 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 2300 block of 41st Street for traffic and issuance of bad checks warrants.

Randy Babcock contacted sheriff's deputies at 9 a.m. Friday in reference to someone attempting to take a 3-wheeler. A report was filed.

At 1:28 p.m., employees of Skinny's on Coliseum Drive contacted police in reference to a possible forgery. A report for felony theft was filed.

Debra McCravey contacted police at 1:36 p.m. in reference to someone taking some property from her vehicle. A report for felony theft was filed.

At 3:05 a.m. Saturday, Tommy Wright notified police that someone had damaged his 1988 Chevrolet pickup. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

Police also worked a Class B theft case in the 1800 block of 40th Street at 10:52 a.m. Friday.

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vices at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

All Exhibits Filed as a part of the record in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceeding before the commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

This Hearing Requires Notice by Publication.

Applicant:
Fortson Oil Company
301 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Attn: Mr. Richard Drew

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners Court will open Bids for sealcoating gravel (#3, #4, #5) on Tuesday, January 25, 1994 during special session of Commissioners Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judges Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners Court will open Bids for sealcoating asphalt (AC5 & MC3000) on Tuesday, January 25, 1994 during special session of Commissioners Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judges Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners Court will open Bids for the purchase of fuel & oil on Tuesday, January 25, 1994 during special session of Commissioners Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judges Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners Court will open Bids for surplus property from the living quarters at the jail on January 25, 1994 during special session of Commissioners Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judges Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Items may be seen at the Sheriff's Office.

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(s) Tim Lancaster
Administrator

Prison beds

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manner," Laney said.

The 15,000 beds will be in addition to 4,700 already built this year and 12,000 more scheduled for completion by September. By 1995, the state will build 75,000 new beds, including those announced Friday, the officials said.

The plan was announced by Laney, Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Janet Warren, a spokeswoman for the speaker, said the project will include 10,800 beds to be located at existing prison sites. Those can be built at a cost of about $13,000 per bed, half the cost of starting from scratch, officials said.

The state also plans four new prison boot camps to house 500 inmates each. The Department of Criminal Justice board will determine where to locate those boot camps, Ms. Warren said.

An existing 500-bed state boot camp will be relocated to Chase Naval Air Station near Beeville, which recently was given to the state by the federal government, she said.

In addition, the Department of Criminal Justice is to contract for another 250 beds in halfway houses for parolees and to construct or acquire a 1,500-bed prison facility at an as-yet undetermined location.

Besides adding the 15,000 new beds, the officials said the state will speed up construction of 6,000 state jail beds to be built and operated in partnership with counties.

"This will go a long way in relieving the dangerous and intolerable overcrowding in our county jails. The construction will be expedited and be completed in about half the time it normally takes to build prison beds," Richards said.

Voters last November authorized about $1 billion in new state bonds for prison construction projects.

Television industry...

New proposals could make violence laws unneccessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadcast network and cable TV executives proposed action for reducing TV violence that may make federal legislation unnecessary, according to a spokesman for Sen. Paul Simon.

Simon, D-Ill., who has led the congressional efforts to curb TV violence met Friday with CBS, NBC and ABC executives and then separately with HBO, Showtime, Viacom and Turner cable network officials.

None of the officials would give details, but Simon's press secretary, David Carle, said both meetings were "positive and constructive, especially the meeting with the leaders of the cable industry."

Carle said more talks will be held, but the meetings "left Sen. Simon now hopeful that legislation would not be necessary."

A spokesman for one of the major broadcast networks, speaking on condition he would not be further identified, said the executives "are encouraged that Sen. Simon does not think legislation may be necessary."

But he said it was too early to tell if all of the cable networks would agree to the proposals put forth at the meetings.

Nine bills have been introduced in Congress that would restrict violence on television. The measures range from a requirement that all TVs be built with a computer chip that would allow parents to block certain shows to an outright prohibition on violence during times of the day when children would be watching.

Under pressure from Simon, the TV Violence Act was passed to exempt TV networks from any antitrust regulations that might prohibit them from talking among themselves about reducing violence TV.

The law led to use of parental advisories before shows that might be objectionable and the development of the first industry-wide standards on use of violence in drama.

Exit tests...

More than 26,000 haven't passed

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 26,000 Texas seniors have not yet passed the graduation test required for them to get their diplomas, according to figures released Friday by the Texas Education Agency.

Of 184,023 students who were scheduled to graduate this year and first took the test as juniors in 1992, 83 percent have passed, according to figures distributed at a State Board of Education meeting.

In the latest round of testing last October, 26,647 seniors didn't pass all parts of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. It includes reading, writing and mathematics.

The seniors, who have had four chances to take the test, get one more try before graduation. They can continue trying an unlimited number of times after that.

Several thousand other prospective members of the Class of 1994 either have moved out of state, left the public school system or dropped out, said TEA spokeswoman Della May Moore.

The 83 percent passing rate is better than that for the Class of 1993 at the same point in the testing program. In the fall of 1992, 81 percent of the previous year's seniors had passed all sections of the test.

Juniors this school year also have passed the test at a higher rate than those in past years, according to the agency. Their passing rate is 67 percent, compared with 54 percent in October 1992 and 48 percent in October 1991.

This year's juniors were allowed to take the exam for the first time as sophomores.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno says it's too early to tell whether the higher passing rates are the start of a trend.

But he said he expects to see continued improvement, noting that the Education Board has moved to establish higher student standards, and that the state has tried to give local educators more flexibility to improve achievement.

Of the seniors who have yet to pass all sections of the graduation test, 16,869 failed only one section and only must re-take that part. Of the rest, 6,628 failed two tests, and 3,150 failed all three.

Also Friday, the State Board of Education:

— Gave final approval to guidelines for state-developed sex education materials. Among them: The materials must stress abstinence and the failure rate of condoms; be optional for school districts; and allow parents to remove their children if they find the materials inappropriate.

The materials, which address subjects including AIDS and pregnancy prevention, are being revised by the TEA staff after a controversy arose over them last year. That's when a 7th-grade teacher in the Houston area mistakenly distributed to students explicit information intended only for teachers.

The board will consider approving the materials after they are revised. The guidelines were approved 12-3, with members Robert Offutt of San Antonio, Geraldine Miller of Dallas and Bill Hudson of Wichita Falls opposed. Member Monte Hasie of Lubbock, who originally wanted to scrap the sex education materials, voted for the guidelines.

— Approved a "Safe School Checklist" that's required by a new state law to help schools assess their strengths and weaknesses on issues including school violence.

The move is "only the very first piece of a plan" to make schools safer, said board Chairwoman Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont. "This is a very serious issue and one we want to have addressed before we start school next year."

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Nancy Guzman, P.O. Box 1288; David Hoops, 3203 Hill Ave.; Roberta Langford, Rt. 1; Margaret Weaver, 3008 34th; Quinten Wells, 11516 County Road 3119.

DISMISSALS: Curtis Corbell, Jake Freeman, Rudy Freeman, Mack Gray, Brenda Rodriquez, R. Walker.

Census: 59 (Med.-17, Long-Term Care-40, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Woman gets 10 years for killing alleged molester of her son

SONORA, Calif. (AP) — A mother who fatally shot her son's alleged molester in a courtroom said a judge was right to reject her plea for clemency and sentence her to 10 years in state prison.

"It was fair," Ellie Nesler said after Superior Court Judge William Polley imposed the sentence Friday and the Sonora woman smiled stiffly as sheriff's deputies at both elbows led her away in handcuffs.

Polley sentenced her to six years for voluntary manslaughter and an additional four years for using a gun to commit the crime.

Nesler was allowed 15 minutes with her son and daughter, ages 12 and 8, before deputies took her to the women's prison in Chowchilla. The children left the meeting in tears.

Nesler, 41, could be paroled in five years, but her lawyers and relatives wonder if she will live that long. She is suffering from cancer.

Dr. Frank Stockdale of Stanford Medical Center told the judge she has a 50 percent chance of recovering from breast cancer that has spread throughout her body.

She had requested probation but faced up to 16 years for firing five bullets into the neck and head of Daniel Mark Driver, 35, in a courtroom in nearby Jamestown on April 2.

She killed Driver as he sat shackled beside his lawyer during a recess in a hearing to determine if he should stand trial on charges of molesting four boys, including Nesler's son.

Based on remarks Nesler made to an investigator hours after the shooting, Polley found that Nesler knew the penalty for manslaughter before she killed Driver and was prepared to accept it.

"This crime was in fact an execution," Polley said. "It was an intentional and intolerable assault on our system of justice."

Obituaries

Leona Steakley

1917-1994

SWEETWATER — Funeral services for Leona Ruth Butler Steakley, 76, will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Austin. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. in the Sweetwater's city cemetery.

Mrs. Steakley died suddenly Friday in Austin.

Mrs. Steakley was born in Sweetwater on July 31, 1917. She graduated from Newman High School in Sweetwater in 1934 and attended Hardin-Simmons University. She was active in her church and community.

She married Zollie Coffer Steakley Jr. on July 4, 1939. Her husband, who became Secretary of State and a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas, preceded her in death on March 24, 1992.

Mrs. Steakley is survived by a brother-in-law and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. H. Jene Steakley of Colorado City, and another brother-in-law and his wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Dan Steakley of Temple; nephews H. Jene Steakley Jr. of Snyder, Zollie Carl Steakley of Sweetwater, Dan Stephen Steakley of Austin; one niece, Sue Steakley Stearns of Temple; nine great nephews and nieces; and one great-great nephew.

Weed Corley Funeral Home of Austin and McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater are handling the arrangements.

Reno denies suggestion of political inference

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno denied Republican suggestions Friday that there is political interference in a Justice Department probe of President Clinton's role in an Arkansas real estate venture. She refused once again to appoint a special prosecutor.

"Who really is in charge of the Justice Department's investigation? Is it the White House or is it the Justice Department's career prosecutors as you claim?" Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole asked in a letter.

Reno fired off a response to Dole, writing: "The answer is that the investigation is being conducted by career prosecutors of the Department of Justice and that as attorney general I have ultimate responsibility for all matters in this department."

Reno's defense came as White House counselor David Gergen decried "cannibalism" in the Republican attacks on Clinton, who was co-owner of a real estate company enmeshed in a probe of a failed Arkansas savings and loan operated by a longtime Clinton friend.

Gergen took issue with critics' tactics and timing in their suggestions of wrongdoing in the Clintons' investment in Whitewater Development Corp. and its links to Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

"I just have to tell you ... as the president goes home to bury his mother, to have the political opposition on the warpath, hammering away, raises all sorts of questions about what has happened in this town," Gergen said on NBC's "Today" show.

Dole accused Reno of "hiding behind" the lack of a law authorizing a court-appointed independent counsel, and the letter released by his office Friday included a list of seven people he said would be suitable for her to name as special prosecutors. Two of them served as attorney general under President Carter.

But Reno replied:

"Were I to adopt your suggestion, I would have to appoint such a counsel on my own authority. Any such counsel would not be regarded as truly independent, and would be subject to the same criticisms leveled at special counsel appointed by the previous attorney general."

Republicans have criticized the administration for letting Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall, negotiate the subpoena for Whitewater documents, covering many to make it more difficult for Congress and others to obtain them.

Gergen, in a later interview on CNN, said "there is an argument to be made, obviously, for public release of the documents," but that nothing had been decided. He added that there was a question whether the documents, since they are incomplete, "would answer the kind of questions that people are asking."

Many of the questions concern the Clintons' relationship with the Arkansas businessman whose savings and loan failed. There have been allegations that some of its funds were diverted in the mid-1980s to help pay personal and political debts of prominent Arkansans, including then-Gov. Clinton.

The Clintons were also partners with the S&L owner, James McDougal and his wife in Whitewater.

Raising a new issue, House Republican Leader Bob Michel urged Reno to ask Clinton and any others under investigation to agree to waive the statute of limitations "so that an investigation can be fully and properly conducted."

But Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said, "There is no statute of limitations problem in this case." Congress in the late 1980s, he said, doubled to 10 years the limit for crimes related to financial institutions. It was five years ago next March that Madison failed.

The Republican demands came as an administration source said Reno was likely to ask a court to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the matter if Congress reinstitutes the Independent Counsel Act, which expired in 1992. She has urged Congress to pass the measure. The Senate has done so but the House has not yet voted.

Such a counsel would be different from a special counsel the Republicans want her to appoint now, as anyone she appointed now would be under her control and could be fired by her. She would have no such power over an independent counsel appointed by a court under the act, and that's what she has said she wants.

Dole voted against reauthorization of the act in November, and he helped kill it in 1992 in anger over the long and expensive Iran-Contra probe.

Gergen, a one-time aide to President Reagan, defended Clinton's willingness to make information available to the Justice Department and castigated Republican critics.

"Where is the decency that we once had?" he asked. "There is a cannibalism that's loose in our society in which public figures, such as the Clintons, could try to come to this town to do something good for the country and then they get hammered away even though they're trying to do the right thing."

Dole's list of seven people "whom I believe would be suitable" for the job of special counsel included two Carter administration attorneys general — Griffin Bell and Benjamin Civiletti — and attorney Robert Bennett, who was special counsel to the Senate Ethics Committee in several investigations. Also on the list are former U.S. attorneys Michael Baylson, Anton Valukas and Dan Webb, and A.B. Culvahouse, former counsel to Reagan.

Walt Dukes of Seton Hall came down with 734 rebounds in the 1953 basketball season, an average of 22.2 per game.

Clinton plans big cuts in public housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will propose cutting more than $2 billion for public housing next year — particularly slashing aid to the elderly, congressional sources said Friday.

At the same time, the administration will call for boosting spending for the homeless by nearly 50 percent and nearly doubling a rent subsidy program for the poor, said congressional aides and lobbyists who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The cuts for public housing construction and renovation are certain to create an uproar among members of Congress and advocacy groups that support those programs. About 5 million families get federal rental assistance or live in dwellings that were built or rehabilitated with federal funds.

"I'm all for increasing funds for the homeless, but if you're really going to address homelessness, you do it through major increases in the stock of assisted housing," said Cushing Dolbeare, president of the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, an advocacy group.

Clinton is putting the finishing touches on his $1.5 trillion budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. And though he doesn't plan to unveil it until Feb. 7, details are beginning to emerge. Aides and lobbyists said other proposals include:

—Increases of nearly 3 percent for the departments of Education and Health and Human Services, although some programs within each agency are cut. The huge Chapter I program that provides extra teachers for poor school districts would grow from $6.3 billion this year to $7 billion in 1995.

—Shrinking the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's budget slightly from $14.5 billion this year to $14.3 billion next year. The space station would get about the same as the $1.9 billion it got for 1994.

—Increasing the budget for the National Science Foundation, which finances many of the country's research scientists, to $3.2 billion from $3 billion this year.

The public housing slashes illustrate the tight spending restraints Clinton faces as he prepares his budget.

Spending caps included in last year's deficit-reduction package require that total spending for all defense, foreign aid and domestic programs — excluding benefit programs like Medicare — remain at this year's levels. No extra money is allowed to cover the costs of inflation.

That means that for every increase Clinton wants, he must cut an equal amount from other programs.

The sources said that among housing programs, Clinton will propose:

—Slashing the $4.6 billion spent this year to acquire, build and modernize public housing units to about $2.7 billion.

—Shrinking the $1.1 billion given to nonprofit groups this year to provide housing for the elderly to less than $200 million. The Section 202 program provides construction grants and rental assistance. The program, which now helps more than 9,000 senior households, may help fewer than 2,000 after the reductions.

—Cutting the HOME Investment Partnerships to $1 billion from $1.25 billion. The money goes to state and local governments for construction, improvements and rental assistance.

Viacom agrees to merge with Blockbuster for bid

NEW YORK (AP) — Viacom moved boldly Friday to clinch the prolonged takeover battle for Paramount, raising its cash offer and agreeing to merge with Blockbuster Entertainment.

The moves were announced just hours before a deadline for Viacom either to raise its bid for Paramount or risk losing the company to Barry Diller's QVC.

Viacom Inc. owns cable networks such as MTV and Showtime, while Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is the nation's biggest video rental store operator.

Diller, a former Paramount movie boss, has another two weeks to consider revising his offer in light of Viacom's new bid.

Both Viacom and QVC Network Inc. are offering combinations of cash and stock for Paramount Communications Inc.

While Viacom's offer contains about $1 billion more cash than QVC's offer does, the overall offer is worth slightly less, securities analyst said.

Viacom said it was raising the cash portion of its offer for 50.1 percent of Paramount to $105 a share. It had been offering $85 a share, or about $5.1 billion, for 51 percent of the entertainment and publishing company.

Analysts said the stock being offered for the rest of the Paramount stock makes the overall value of the bid about $79.23 a share.

QVC's latest offer was $92 a share, or about $5.5 billion, for 51 percent of Paramount stock. Counting the stock being offered in the second part of the deal, QVC's bid is worth about $82 a share, analysts say.

However, stockholders have been focusing on the cash portion of the bids because cash gives them greater certainty about the value of the deal in contrast to stock whose price can vary widely.

H. Wayne Huizenga, head of Blockbuster, said the combination was worthwhile even if the bid for Paramount didn't succeed.

"The combined companies will have more downside protection and more upside potential in combination than they will by themselves," Huizenga said.

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Raunchy ad pulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lead singer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers proved too hot for the Clinton administration's new ad campaign promoting condoms to prevent AIDS.

Embarrassed federal officials yanked a risque radio spot by rocker Anthony Kiedis after belatedly finding out he was once convicted of sexual battery and indecent exposure.

Kiedis pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors after a well-publicized backstage incident after a 1989 concert at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. A female student working at the event accused the rock star of placing his penis in her face and making lewd comments.

"We do not feel he is an appropriate spokesperson," said Dr. David Satcher, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Satcher's boss, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, said she was "outraged" to learn of Kiedis' background, but added, "We must not allow a single ad to overshadow the vital lifesaving message in the campaign."

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Cutting Off Cable Channels Is Just a Phone Call Away

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you because your column is the quickest way to reach the most people. I feel it is very important that consumers know that you can block any individual channel (or channels) from your television set with a simple telephone call to your cable provider. This service is free.

I would like to see parents who object to their children watching a particular channel for any reason to know that they can call and have a "block" put on the channel.

For that matter, I would like to ask your readers to go a step further: All those who never watch a certain channel because they dislike a particular message it carries, take a few minutes and call and ask for a block to be put on, too. This will send a powerful message to the cable companies and to the channel itself. They will have to listen, because we will be hitting them in the only place it matters, the pocketbook.

I did this when my children were teens, and they never could figure out why we couldn't get MTV while all their friends could. It may not be possible for you to fool a teen this way anymore, but children could simply be told that you will not allow that type of program on your set. It is our responsibility as parents, not the media's, to act as censors for our children's viewing.

I hope you feel that this is an important enough message to pass along to your readers.

MARGARET McCUTCHEON,
ELMA, WASH.

DEAR MARGARET: I do and I am. And I'm sure many parents will find your letter of interest. I contacted several cable companies in my local area, and was told that the services each company offers are different. Three of the four companies told me that if the viewer has a cable converter box and a remote control, he can delete any channel he wishes by doing it himself.

The last company I spoke to offers a service similar to the one to which you referred. It's as simple as a phone call to the local cable company to request it, and dispatching an installer to the home to put a "trap on the line" on the telephone pole.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I would appreciate your counsel in these regards:

(1) When and should, legally or otherwise, John Smith Jr., John Smith II, III and IV, etc., become just plain John Smith?

(2) When writing to a company, and not knowing if the person you are addressing is male or female, what is the correct salutation?

IN A QUANDARY IN MARYLAND

DEAR IN: A man who is a Junior or a II usually drops it when the preceding holder of the name dies — unless to do so would create public confusion because both father and son are well-known. Those carrying the suffix III or IV usually keep it until they die, or until their predecessors have died, and the individual is tired of using it.

When writing to a person whose gender you do not know, address him or her as either "Dear Madam/Sir," "Dear Sir/Madam" or "To Whom It May Concern."

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DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more story about funny names? If so, you are welcome to use mine. It's Ho. Around Christmastime, our family has always been greeted with "Ho-Ho-Ho!"

In 1960, when I married my husband, there were only six Ho's in the Los Angeles telephone book. Apparently no one had heard of a last name with only two letters, so when I'd give my name over the telephone, I was asked, "Is it *Hole*?" I'd repeat, "No, it's *Ho* ... just two letters, H and O."

We have received letters addressed to "The Holes" and "The Halls." My husband's first name was Garrett, so some mail came addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Garrett."

When I got pregnant with our first child, here are some of the names the people in my office suggested: "If it's a girl, name her 'Ida,' then her name would be 'Ida Ho.' "If it's a boy, name him Ivan, Westward, Tally, or even Gung ..."

Also, some people added an "e" to our name. We explained we are not the garden tool.

Now, with the influx of Asians, there are many Ho's, and I'm sure some of them have had the above experiences.

AMY C. HO

P.S. My maiden name is Chow. When I was a girl, someone inserted an "r" in my first name, and I was called "Army Chow"!

* * *

DEAR ABBY: We are a military family stationed in Germany. On the day before Thanksgiving, your column read: "Why not invite a friend who lives alone to share a Thanksgiving meal?"

We acted on your suggestion and invited the elderly widow across the street to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. She accepted gladly and suggested that a few others in the neighborhood were also alone, so we included them.

The pleasure of our traditionally American feast was enhanced by the addition of these neighbors, even though they spoke practically no English. Thank you, Abby, for enriching our holiday.

THANKFUL AMERICAN FAMILY

DEAR FAMILY: Thank *you* for picking up on the suggestion. Inviting others to share your holiday meal is what Thanksgiving is all about.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went to visit our daughter in Mississippi for Thanksgiving.

She prepared a traditional Thanksgiving dinner that she served on *paper* plates! She had plenty of porcelain plates in her cupboard.

Am I old-fashioned, or is this tacky?

HOLIDAY VISITOR

DEAR HOLIDAY VISITOR: Before passing judgment on a hostess for using paper plates, one would have to know how many guests she had for Thanksgiving dinner. Does she have small children to take care of? Did she have anyone to help her clean her house and prepare the holiday dinner?

In my view, the epitome of tackiness is criticizing the hostess who fed you.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: A quick response to the jaundiced view of sex, expressed by Lord Chesterfield ("The price is exorbitant, the pleasure is transitory, and the position is ridiculous"): The best is free of either payment or guilt, one may protract or re-experience the pleasure, and imaginative partakers may vary the position.

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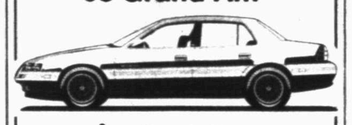
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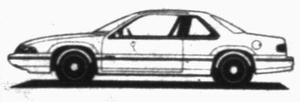
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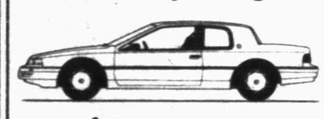
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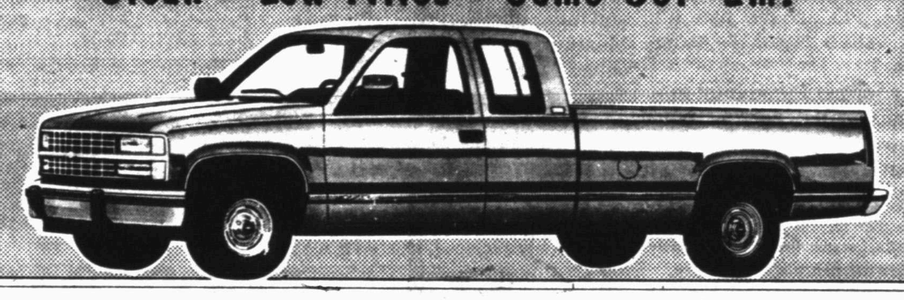

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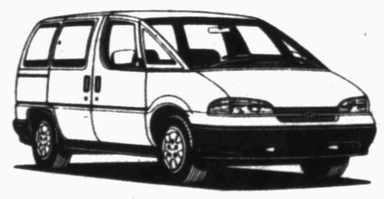
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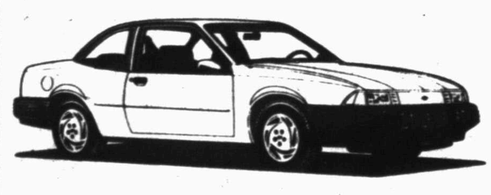
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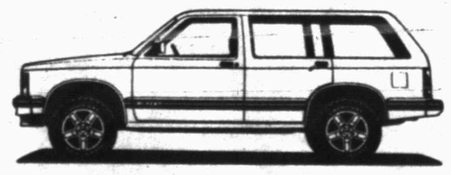
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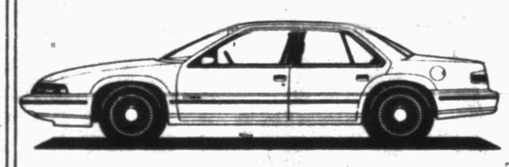
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Mary Dora Mullins Cary has the distinction of being the first white child born in Dawson County. That was 90 years ago.

Today, the still spry woman continues to live southeast of Ira — her home since 1948 — along with her dog, Samantha, whom she takes on walks.

Until a few years ago, she also took care of her cows and her garden. But now she devotes much of her free time to corresponding with friends and relatives, reading, and talking on the telephone "a lot."

Mary took up quilt making when she gave up looking after her cows and has made more than 40 quilt tops since.

When asked if she still drives her car, Mary's matter-of-fact reply was "Heck yes, I have to."

Once a city dweller, Mary said she now prefers country life. She reared her children, a son, Audra, and a daughter, Margaret, in Colorado City.

"I've had enough of city life. I'm glad to be back in the country," she said.

For her 90th birthday on Nov. 6, 1993, Mary and many relatives, including nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren gathered for a family reunion.

Widowed since 1964, Mary has always been able to take care of herself. When asked what keeps her young, she replied, "Hard work and no drinking or smoking."

As Mary begins her ninth decade of life, she recently reflected on some of her experiences and the changes she has witnessed.

Mary's parents, John William Charles Mullins and Mary Elizabeth Baker Mullins, were married in Brown County on Dec. 29, 1886.

Three children were born there before the family moved to Borden County, west of Gail, where they raised horses later sold to the U.S. Army.

Two more children were born there.

In 1902, the Mullins family moved to Dawson County where Mary was born the following year.

The youngest of eight children, Mary lost her mother six days later, leaving her to be raised by older sisters, then aged 16 and 14, and her father, whom she described as a "devout Christian who was everyone's friend." He was a Methodist by faith.

MUSIC WOMAN — When Mary Dora Mullins Cary was a young girl growing up in Scurry County, she and her brothers and sisters often entertained each other and sometimes the neighbors too by singing. Mary also accompanied on her piano, still a prized possession today. Though 90, Mary remains active through correspondence and visiting on the telephone. A widow since 1964, Mary was actually born in Dawson County, the youngest child in the family. (SDN Staff Photo)

A family friend and neighbor, Mrs. Frank Good, also helped look after Mary during the day so her sisters could continue attending school, Mary said.

Mary remembers the track-laying machine which brought the railroad to Lamesa. People gathered from the surrounding area to watch the event and hold a big celebration.

Another community wanted to be chosen as the county seat but Mary said Lamesa won instead.

Mary said her father often told her tales of how bobcats would cut the hamstring in the back of his horses' legs, causing the stock horses to fall down and die.

The first church in Dawson County was organized in her father's home, she said. Preachers came from Gail. Before they began the church, they had to travel some 20 miles by horse and buggy to worship in Gail, Mary said.

The first school was also organized in his home as well.

Miss Lizzy Brooks was the first teacher, Mary said.

Later, a two-room school was "moved in and placed on papa's and Mr. Frank Good's dividing line, one mile south of our home," she added.

The building had to be hauled over rough roads from Rattlesnake Creek, about 15 miles southeast of their place. This schoolhouse was used for many things, including church, school and community center.

By 1910, attendance at the school had declined due to families moving away. In later years, Mary's family moved to Lamesa where her father later served as the tax assessor collector for Dawson County.

A new school with three rooms, was built in 1918 two miles west of where Mary's family lived. Miss Pearl Michie was one of the first to teach at the new location, Mary said.

While in school, Mary said she and several other students played hooky on April Fool's Day by "taking off for the canyons."

The teacher played a joke of her own though when the 11 errant students returned because she pretended to be angry and convinced them they were all going to be spanked. In later years, this same teacher married one of Mary's brothers.

Reflecting on her school days, Mary recalled that she liked language classes the best, but didn't care too much for math.

Sometimes she walked to school, but in later years she went by horse or buggy.

From her second or third year, Mary said she always rode on a saddle behind her papa. Around 6-8, she learned to ride horses by herself.

Mary's papa drove a wagon to Colorado City to purchase supplies, feed and lumber. He also built the home she lived in as a child, she added.

Her family had an orchard, and a windmill was located west of their home. A concrete trough housed a separator for the milk, she said.

He also owned a blacksmith shop.

She added that they always received their mail from Sparrenburg, south of their home, nearby where Ackerly is today.

"We took turns riding horseback to bring the locked mail to Mr. Michie's home first. Another neighbor, Jim Southlands, kept the post office a few years after Michie's family moved back to Terrell, Tex.

"A few years later, the post office was moved into a small room at our home," Mary said, "Where it was kept until 1924."

At that time, the post office was discontinued and the mail carrier from Lamesa delivered mail to all

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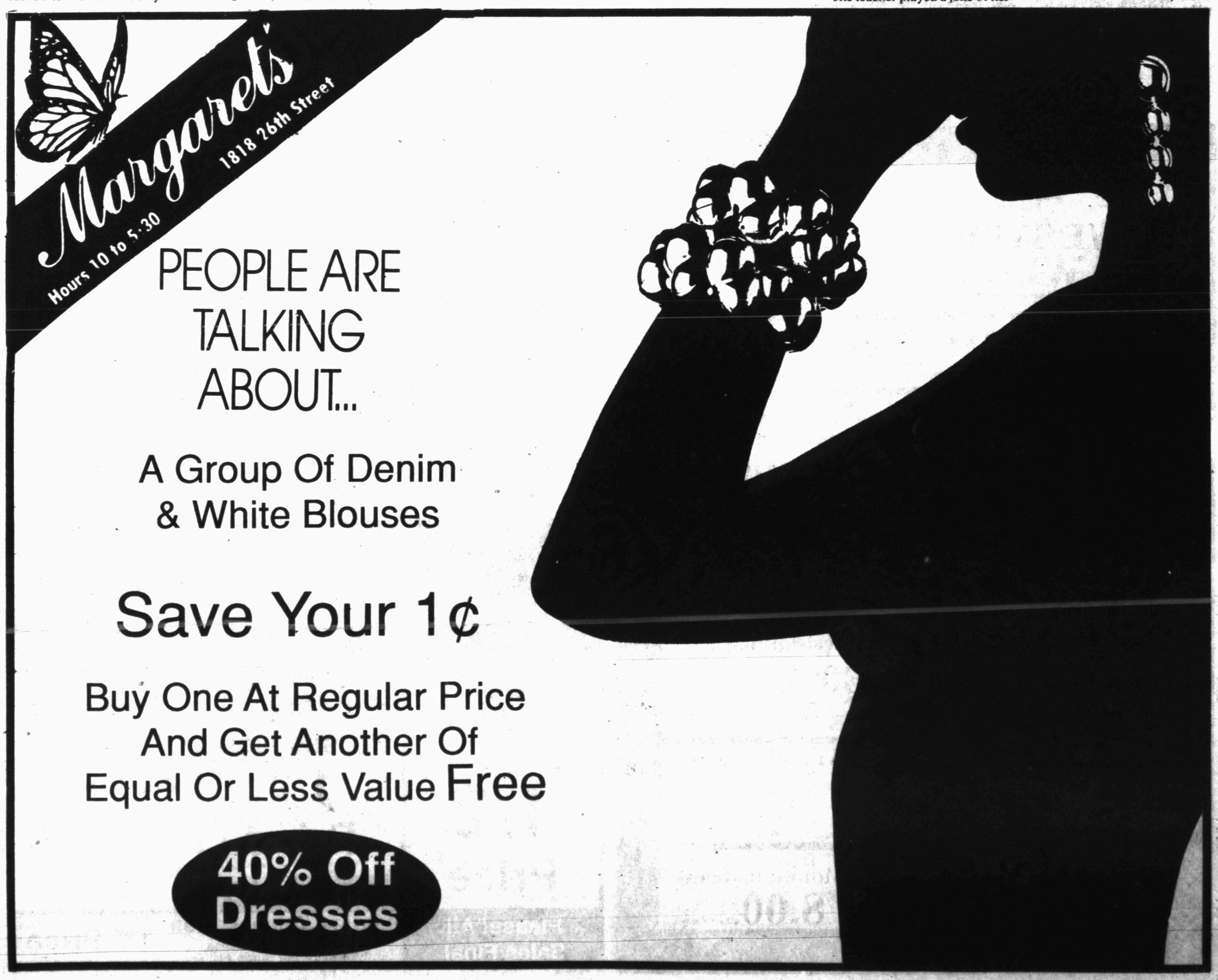

Scurry County Folks

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the boxes on that route.

"The road from Gail to Lamesa passed by our home, so we were well known by travelers," Mary said, adding, "Lots of people ate with us and some stayed overnight."

"A few probably imposed also," she said.

Mary also recalled how important turpentine was to the family's health and well-being. When she was around eight or nine years old, a rattlesnake bit her oldest sister on the foot. Her father held the bottle over the bite marks until the poison was drawn out. He later soaked her foot in coal oil.

She said her dad "had to act fast" because the nearest doctor was six miles away and horse and buggy was the only mode of transportation they had.

Mary still remembers the blizzard of 1919 when "papa lost all his cows."

There was a time too, she added, when the government paid farmers and ranchers to kill their own cows. Franklin Roosevelt was president then.

When one of her married sisters, who lived in Arizona, would return for a visit, Mary said their papa always killed a cow and everyone brought food so they could have a "big feast."

She also noted that following a drought in Gaines County, another sister and brother-in-law spent months driving cows to Arizona. During the drive, one of the men who accompanied them lost his wife.

Mary also lost a sister to scarlet fever.

Mary recalled the first car the family owned was a Ford. Her father taught her how to drive.

When Mary was around 5 or 6 years old, she said her grandparents who lived in Brown County sent her "pecans in an organ box and a doll."

The first telephone she remembers had two cranks on it. One line was for private calls and the other for calls to town.

Mary said her dad liked to collect prehistoric bones he sometimes dug up in the sand creek banks which ran through their pastures.

He kept some of the bones but others were donated to museums, she added.

Mary and her brothers and sisters often entertained themselves as they were growing up. Primarily, they performed just for themselves; but sometimes the public was invited, she said. Mary played the piano.

Parties included games like Snap as well as music and dancing. They played dominoes and 42 but her father never allowed them to play cards, she said.

The Harley Saddler show which offered entertainment and candy was also a treat, she said.

The Christmas holidays always meant decorated Christmas trees and parties at the school, Mary said.

Two of Mary's brothers served on the USS Georgia during World War II. One returned home, but the other was assigned to serve on the Texas Battleship which is now stored in San Jacinto.

Mary graduated from high school when it still had just 11 grades. She attended Clarendon College for a semester, but quit and came home "because I was too homesick," she said.

Mary met her husband, Arthur B. Cary, when he had business at the post office once lodged in her family's home. "He was from the Indian Camp Ranch. Papa introduced us and he (Arthur) kept coming back," she said.

They lived in her father's home for 14 months after they married near Knapp on Oct. 8, 1925. After doing ranch work. A.B. soon started to work for Southwestern Bell while they were constructing new phone lines through Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa.

At McCamey, he went to work for the Shell Pipeline Corp. which moved him to Colorado City in 1931. The Carys lived there until 1948 when they moved southeast of Ira where they farmed and ranched until 1964 when A.B. died on May 21.

Mary's daughter, Margaret Cary Billingsley, lives in Abilene and her son Audra resides in Midland.

Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel Sept. 8, 1957. The medium-priced luxury car proved so unpopular it was taken off the market in 1959. Since then, the word "Edsel" has been associated with costly failure.

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Luau theme set for CWC meeting

Snyder Christian Women's Club will have a "Hawaiian Luau" luncheon on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Donna Greene of Premier Travel will give a program, *Bon Voyage;* on cruise and vacation planning; Michael Howard will present a music program, *South Pacific Tunes;" and Aloha from Paradise,"* is the topic for the featured speaker, Harry Beth Levell of Wichita Falls, a former teacher and mother of seven.

Lunch will be $5.50 and tea or coffee only will be $1. Reservations may be made by calling 573-1454 or 573-3440 and are necessary by noon on Jan. 11. A free nursery is provided at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The executive committee asks that reservations be honored, canceled or used by a friend.

All ladies in the Snyder area are invited to attend the meeting. There are no membership dues.

The group will have a prayer coffee on Feb. 2 in the home of Martha Schiebel, 3011 Ave. T.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Dot Casey directed bridge games on Friday, Sunday and Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

Seven tables.

N-S

1. LaVerne Hood, Nona Morrison.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Jane Hinton, Billie Sue Stuard.

E-W

1. Margaret Costin, Warren Costin.
2. Verdi Kimbro, Polly Ballard.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Rick Hall.

SUNDAY

Three tables.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Billie Sue Stuard, Mal Stevenson.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.
2. Jane Hinton, Billie Sue Stuard.
3. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
4. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-8-94
♠ 8 4
♥ A Q 10 8
♦ A 10 6
♣ 6 5 3 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 2
♣ J 9 8 7

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 10

SOUTH
♠ A 2
♥ J 9 4
♦ K J 9 8 3
♣ A K 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

The egg with two yolks

By Phillip Alder

The New Year decorations were being taken down in the bridge club. The Senior Life Master was sitting in his chair beside the roaring fire. He had watched this same scene for more years than he wanted to calculate.

A young man handed him a hot toddy. "At least pre-season baseball is only two months away."

"That's true," replied the SLM, "but it's hard to think of baseball when there's two feet of snow on the ground outside.

"However, mention of baseball reminds me of a deal."

The SLM handed the man a piece of paper.

This deal was played during the 1978 pennant playoff game between the Yankees and the Red Sox (continued the SLM). Algernon Stickey-Whicket was partnering his fiancee, Madeleine Harte-Court.

West led the spade king. After winning with the ace, Algie saw that if he found West with the heart king, he was home. Alternatively, he could play East for the diamond queen.

Suddenly Bucky Dent hit his three-run homer, giving the Yankees victory. Algie cheered. Madeleine glared.

Deciding that diamonds gave the better chance, as West might have a singleton queen, Algie played a diamond to dummy's ace and took the diamond finesse. West won the queen and cashed four spades: one down.

"Oh, Algie, you are pathetic," wailed Madeleine. "You have two chances to make your contract. Cash both top diamonds. If the queen drops, fine. If not, take the heart finesse. Why don't you concentrate on the bridge, rather than on that stupid baseball? Our engagement is at an end."

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NOTE ANNIVERSARY — Jack and Thadine Harless of Snyder will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Cornelius-Dodson House. The event will be hosted by their three children, Billy Harless of Midland, Rita Harless of Big Spring and Marcus Harless of Snyder. The couple have lived in Snyder since their marriage. Harless is retired from Chevron. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Snyder School Menu

Call 573-NEWS Ext. 297

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Rice
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Cinnamon Toast
Apple Wedge
Milk

TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Biscuit
Orange Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Pineapple Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Biscuits w/Gravy
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Burrito
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Pizza
Corn Dog
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

TUESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Beef Fritters
Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Hot Roll
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Corn Dog
Fish Sticks
Baked Beans
Diced Pears
Birthday Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Baked Potato
Diced Peaches
Hot Roll
Milk

FRIDAY
Beef Fajitas
Tossed Salad
Refried Beans
Ice Cream Sundae
Milk

SPECIAL EVENT — On Wednesday, the cafeteria will be serving birthday cake for everyone having a January birthday.

Hermleigh School Menu

Call 573-NEWS Ext. 297

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Juice
Biscuit/Gravy
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Cheese Toast
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Biscuits
Baked Apples
Mik

TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Pear Cobbler
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Relish Cup
Tortilla Chips
Peaches/Whipped Topping
Milk

THURSDAY
Beef Stew
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
No Bake Cookies
Milk

FRIDAY
Pizza Burgers
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello
Milk

After being "lost" for more than 30 years, the thin-spined porcupine was rediscovered in the tropical forests of eastern Brazil. The species, Chaetomys, was feared extinct. Scientists know so little about the creature that they are not sure it is a porcupine at all. The nocturnal rodent taxonomically appears to fall somewhere between the porcupine and the spiny rat.

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CLUB LEADERS — Serving as officers for the G- 20 social club this year are, from left, Lisa Pendleton; president; Christa Rosson, vice president; Holly Jones, secretary; Lisa Duncan, treasurer; and Holly Sanders, photographer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mini mountain

FORT WILLIAM, Scotland (AP) — Ben Nevis, Great Britain's highest mountain, is no threat to Everest or Kilimanjaro. It is 4,406 feet in height, with a base circumference of about 24 miles.

The mountain, situated about five miles southeast of Fort William, does not rise to a peak. Its summit is a plateau of about 100 acres, where there is the ruin of an observatory used from 1881 to 1905

Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library has recently added some more books to the Children's collection. Among the new books is a series called "The Former Soviet States," which covers the 15 former republics of the Soviet Union. A series of guides has also been added; these cover such subjects as identification of birds, trees, reptiles, wildflowers and stars. Inventions of the telephone, the airplane and the automobile are explained in a three-book series by Jeanne Bendick. One new title, "Gardens from Garbage," tells how to grow indoor plants from recycled kitchen scraps. New fiction books have been purchased, too, including "Allergic to My Family," by Liza Murrow, and "Fool's Gold," by Zilpha Snyder.

NEW CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

"A Wetland Walk," by Sheri Amsel.

"The Children's Atlas of People and Places," by Jenny Wood.

"50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth," by the Earth Works Group.

"Making Models," by Diana Craig.

NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION

"The Dog That Stole Home," by Matt Christopher.

"The Great American Elephant Chase," by Gillian Cross.

"Rebecca of Blossom Prairie," by Maurine Liles.

LIBRARY HOURS

Attention: 4 and 5 year olds — Come to Storytime on Monday at 10 a.m.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

Ira School Menu

Call 573-NEWS Ext. 297

MONDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Relish Cup
Orange
Peanut Butter Chewie
Crackers

TUESDAY
Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Sheath Cake

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad
English Peas & Carrots
Biscuits
Plain Cake w/Blueberry Topping

THURSDAY
Pigs in a Blanket
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches

FRIDAY
Tacos w/Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Cowboy Cookies

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers; 9:30 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club; MAWC; reservations essential by noon, Jan. 11 by calling Georgia at 573-1454 or Nan at 573-3440, free nursery with reservations; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; MAWC; 11:15 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; LaVerne Lee, watercolor; hostess, Nettie Fay Gardner; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Actor Richard Burton died of a cerebral hemorrhage at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1984 at the age of 58.

The estimated annual cost of arthritis to the American economy is $4.6 billion in medical care and lost wages, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Reader fishes for aquarium supplies

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Do you know where I might find catalogs on aquariums? I have several tanks plus several lizards. We live in a small town and only have one pet shop. I would like to find somewhere I could order supplies. I'm 9 years old, and my parents don't go to a very large town often. — **APRIL JOHNSON, Okmulgee, Okla.**

DEAR APRIL: We wish you had been a little more specific about just what kind of supplies you are looking for. But, more important, we hope you don't want the tanks themselves. We learned, from calling around, that glass tanks of over 10 gallons are so expensive to ship that most mail-order pet supply houses just don't bother with them.

We found a company, American Acrylic Mfg., 3330 Market Street, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92102 (619-685-5310) that will ship acrylic tanks, but a 20-gallon tank costs between $50 and $60, not including shipping and handling, while a comparable 20-gallon glass tank bought in a store is about $18.

Perhaps when your parents do make their trip to the "very large town" they can stock up on the tanks you think you will need. We found two mail-order outlets for you that we think will fit the bill for your other pet supply needs.

The Mail Order Pet Shop, 1338 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 (800-366-7387) carries a wide variety of pet and aquarium supplies as well as supplies for reptiles. They will send you a free catalog on request.

By-Rite Pet Supplies, 23450 Kidder St., Hayward, CA 94545 (800-321-3448) carries a full line of aquarium supplies and accessories (heating lamps, etc.). Their catalog costs $2. Good luck!

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Do you know of a mixture that can be made at home that will make material flame retardant? I knew this at one time but have forgotten. I have a curtain on a door near my stove and would like to treat the fabric. — **RUTH STONE, Burlington, W.Va.**

DEAR RUTH: In a very old (1890) "Household Remedy" book, we found the following: "Add 1 oz. of alum to the last water used to rinse the fabric. It will be rendered unflammable, or so slightly combustible that it will take fire very slowly, if at all." You can obtain alum from your local pharmacy.

However, note that the above is no guarantee against fire. Perhaps you may decide that having anything at all flammable next to or near your stove is not a good idea. The dangers far outweigh the benefits.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have several old recipes which call for all-purpose unsifted flour. I recently made a batch of tarts which called for unsifted flour, to be sifted together with some salt. By mistake, I used pre-sifted all-purpose flour. The resulting tarts were too short and crumbled easily. Is there some formula which can be used to determine how much pre-sifted flour to use in place of unsifted flour? — **LEONA PFAFFLIN, Walnut, Calif.**

DEAR LEONA: As pre-sifted flour has been ground to a point of pulverization and also frequently contains a larger percentage of hard durum wheat than ordinary flour, its use will give a different texture to baked goods.

The rule of thumb for substitution of pre-sifted flour for all-purpose unsifted flour is to use one less tablespoon per cup.

STUMPED: Sewing Machines — Jean of Fairhaven, Vt., is looking for the manual for a Morse Sewing Machine, Model 4300-4400. Lester Loedl of Two Rivers. Wis., would like the address of the company that manufactured Proform sewing machines; he needs some new parts and a letter he sent to the address for Proform in Beaverton, Ore., which was printed on the instructions for his machine, was returned. To the best of our knowledge, neither of these firms is in business any longer. Perhaps one of our readers will be able to prove us wrong!

Gentle Dove Menu

MONDAY
Chili w/Beans
Corn Bread

TUESDAY
Chicken Spaghetti Casserole

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stew

THURSDAY
Ham & Black-eyed Peas

FRIDAY
Manager's Choice.

All meals served with dessert, bread, tea or coffee and are subject to change.

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Some cities will no longer sell guns

PHOENIX (AP) — Amid growing fears of violent crime, the federal government and cities across the country are cutting off a little-noticed source of guns on the street: their own law enforcement agencies.

The widespread practice of selling weapons that have been seized from criminals or retired from police use has come under increasing scrutiny as the nation debates tougher gun control.

"The city shouldn't be in the gunrunning business," said Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson, whose city has just joined the ranks of those that destroy seized firearms rather than sell them to dealers.

This week, as national attention focused on private efforts to take guns out of circulation by trading them for toys, sneakers, food or other merchandise, the drive to end government gun sales gained momentum:

— The U.S. government declared it would stop allowing its law enforcement agencies to sell surplus firearms to dealers, a practice that has put 61,000 guns on the street since 1982.

— The Washington suburb of Vienna, Va., decided to give up $5,000 in potential revenue by destroying 40 surplus handguns. The police department had upgraded its arsenal by issuing semiautomatic pistols to its officers.

— Seattle melted down its first batch of guns after a battle to get state legislators to amend a law that had required police to sell seized weapons. Boxes of revolvers, semiautomatic pistols and sawed-off shotguns were dumped into the furnace.

— And the Albuquerque, N.M., police department ended its longstanding practice of selling seized guns. It will grind them down or blow them up.

Statistics aren't available from the government or national police and gun-control groups, but those involved acknowledge the number of guns sold by police is a tiny part of the 200 million guns in circulation in this country.

Advocates say there is both real and symbolic value in getting police to quit selling guns.

"Be it one gun out of 500 or 5,000, it could get in the wrong hands, and why do it? We don't need to and don't want to," said Albuquerque police spokeswoman Mary Molina Mescall.

The idea is hardly new. Among the many cities that don't sell seized weapons are Los Angeles, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Honolulu, Pittsburgh, Jackson, Miss., Tulsa, Okla., and cities covered by state laws or policies in New Hampshire, Maine and New Jersey.

Gun-control advocates applaud the move to end gun sales by police but realize that police sometimes need the money, said Cheryl Brolin of Handgun Control Inc. in Washington.

"They've got to upgrade to higher-caliber weapons because they're outgunned on the street, but they can't afford to do it," she said.

Johnson, the Phoenix mayor, acknowledged that the nation's ninth-largest city will miss the revenue. But, brandishing a seized assault rifle, he said, "I wouldn't trade that $100,000 for one human life on any given day of the year."

Violence in schools prompts reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Specially trained dogs rummage through secondary schools in New Orleans daily searching for drugs and weapons. Teen-agers in Oklahoma City are scanned with metal detectors before entering school each morning. Closed-circuit cameras monitor school buses in St. Johns, Fla.

Across the country, school districts are trying a variety of disciplinary and security measures to combat a growing "epidemic of violence," according to a survey by National School Boards Association released Wednesday.

Fully 82 percent of the 729 school districts responding to the survey said violence had increased in their schools over the past five years.

Sixty-one percent of the districts reported weapons incidents, 39 percent said there had been a shooting or knifing at school, 23 percent reported a drive-by shooting in their district and 15 percent reported at least one rape.

Seventy-eight percent reported student assaults on students; 60 percent reported student assaults on teachers.

Though the districts responding to the survey represented only 5 percent of the districts nationwide, the results were "very representative" of America, said Lynne Glassman, the report's author.

While big city districts were far more likely to report a "significant" increase in school violence — 56 percent gave that response — about half of suburban and rural districts said violence had increased "somewhat."

Seventy-eight percent of the school districts said they use suspensions to curb violence, making it the most common approach to the problem. But the survey found schools also are using a wide range of preventive techniques.

Security personnel patrol schools in 36 percent of the school districts and volunteer parent patrols work in 13 percent. Fifty percent of the districts use locker searches, 41 percent impose a dress code and 32 percent require students to carry photo identification cards.

Closed-circuit television is used in school buses, locker areas, hallways or cafeterias by 11 percent of the school districts.

Cleveland school officials said the "additional eyes" at five senior high schools have reduced hall walkers, locker break-ins and fights.

Students are scanned with metal detectors in 15 percent of the districts — 39 percent of them urban, 10 percent suburban and 6 percent rural. However, the survey indicated schools are finding the devices are not foolproof.

Philip E. Geiger, chairman of New Jersey's Violence and Vandalism Task Force, said the number of doorways and windows at schools makes metal detectors ineffective.

Rather than trying to screen everybody, Tacoma, Wash., school officials purchased two hand-held metal detectors to conduct random searches of students during the school day. Everyone attending evening events at the school is subject to a search.

Twenty-four percent of the districts use dogs to search for drugs, weapons or both.

A.C. Boyd, director of security for New Orleans Public Schools, said four teams of Sheriff's Department dogs and their handlers are in secondary schools daily, checking everything from cars in the parking lot to lockers and students' desks and backpacks.

Many schools are experimenting with ways to curb antisocial behavior. Sixty-one of the districts, for example, have conflict resolution and peer mediation programs.

Seventy-seven percent of the districts cited "changing family situations" as a primary cause of violence. Others cited television violence and violent song lyrics.

Murder victim's widow faces charges

LEVELLAND (AP) — First, two adolescent boys were accused of fatally shooting a man who lived in their neighborhood.

Four months later, the murder victim's wife faces charges of her own: That she started having sex in 1991 with the 14-year-old murder suspect.

Johnell Condren, 40, surrendered Thursday at Hockley County Jail and was released on $3,000 bond. She was indicted Wednesday on two counts of aggravated sexual assault with a child under age 14.

Mrs. Condren's indictment was the latest tangle in the Texas Panhandle murder of auto parts manager Jackie Condren on Sept. 19.

"What I've been claiming all along is that my client is a victim," said Ray Lopez, attorney for the 14-year-old, whose trial starts Jan. 17.

"This woman, and to some degree her husband, caused this problem," said Pat Metze, who represents the 13-year-old murder defendant. His trial date has not been set.

The Associated Press could not reach Mrs. Condren for comment. Her attorney, Sam Paddoul of Lubbock, declined to comment.

District Attorney Gary Goff said the sex allegations surfaced when police started investigating who shot the 54-year-old Condren in his home.

The boys were arrested days after the murder, the first since August 1991 in this town about 25 miles west of Lubbock.

Goff has said the Condrens weren't living together at the time he was killed.

Metze called the case "reverse Joey Buttafuoco" after the Long Island, N.Y., man sent to prison for the statutory rape of 16-year-old Amy Fisher. Fisher claimed she shot Buttafuoco's wife at his urging.

Metze said the older Levelland boy was "confused, not by his own choosing. ... He believed he was freeing his girl."

Statements from several boys corroborate the boy's claim to police that he had sexual relations for years with Mrs. Condren, the attorneys said.

Lopez said his client says Condren himself encouraged the sex. And the boy feared Condren's threats, he said.

"We feel that these people created a monster," Lopez said.

The 14-year-old suspect, in custody in Lubbock, accumulated a lengthy record of juvenile crimes and served a nine-month stint at the Texas Youth Commission.

Lower Chinese textile imports could save U.S. jobs but raise prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Clinton administration order slashing textile imports from China by more than $1 billion could save American jobs but raise clothing prices in the United States.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor announced quota reductions Thursday of 25 percent to 35 percent on 88 categories of Chinese cloth products including sweaters, knitted shirts and cotton trousers.

He estimated the action, effective Jan. 17, would reduce China's $7.3 billion in annual textile and clothing sales to the United States by $1.1 billion to $1.2 billion.

China's trade ministry protested the U.S. move, saying that if the United States insisted on having its way, China would have to adopt "corresponding, retaliatory measures."

"This will seriously influence Chinese-U.S. economic and trade relations," the ministry said in a statement issued via the official Xinhua News Agency.

U.S. textile manufacturers praised the move, saying illegal shipments of Chinese products through other countries to the United States, estimated at $2 billion a year, have cost more than 50,000 American jobs.

"China is an international outlaw. ... They have created a worldwide network in Third World countries to sneak goods into the United States," said Henry A. Truslow III, president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute.

The action should serve as a warning to other textile-exporting countries such as India and Pakistan, he said.

Troop border patrol idea creates debate

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Jim Mattox's idea to use troops to fight crime along the Mexican border is drawing fire from his Democratic rivals in the U.S. Senate race.

"It's a cheap way to pander for votes," says U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews of Houston.

Andrews came to the border Thursday to campaign against the Mattox proposal. He said the United States is trying to develop closer trade and tourism links to Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect Saturday.

"We can't accomplish that if local politicians and state elected leaders are championing putting military forces along the border to keep Mexicans out of Texas," he said.

Another Democratic candidate, Richard Fisher of Dallas, also campaigned in the Rio Grande Valley on Thursday and criticized the Mattox proposal.

Evelyn K. Lantz of Houston is the fourth Democrat seeking the party's nomination to run against Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison or one of six other GOP candidates.

The Mattox campaign said military cutbacks abroad opened an opportunity to "deputize" U.S. troops to help fight crime and illegal immigration on the border.

"It's a heck of a lot cheaper to bring them here and use them here, and of course you would train them for it," Mattox's press secretary, Elna Christopher, said.

"As long as the federal government does not beef up the Border Patrol, the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and those agencies, it makes perfectly good sense to use our military under civilian authority," Ms. Christopher said.

"The most irresponsible thing we could do right now — right at the moment of trying to create more trade, more tourism — is to put our American military forces on the border," Andrews told reporters at Gateway International Bridge linking Brownsville to Matamoros, Mexico.

Andrews said the solution was giving more resources to local police, the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol.

Brownsville Police Chief Victor Rodriguez also disliked Mattox's proposal, arguing that border crime was a police, not a military, issue.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Thomas and Vina Strayhorn, 1994 Cadillac from Howard Gray Motors.

Bill and Judy Gann, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dale Monroe, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Owen O. O'Kelley, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

2B Farms, 1994 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Jerry L. Jackson, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lindy Clark, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Triangle Chevrolet Co.

CAM Wireline Service, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Charles W. Warren, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Pat Sterling, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Joe W. Sentell, 1994 Ford pickup from Arrow Ford Inc.

E.J. Wyatt, 1993 Cadillac from Howard Gray Motors.

Rudy Minor, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Marriage Licenses

William Lee Hamilton and Rachel Lynn Crawford, both of Snyder.

Jason Wayne Ash and Amy Dawn Foust, both of Snyder.

Louis Jeronimo Ruiz and Emma Callado Estrada, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Salvador Perez and Janie Perez, divorce granted.

Lewis Wright vs. Model Linen and Uniform, Inc., agreed order to transfer venue to Tom Green County.

Warranty Deeds

Western Pole Line Co. to Don J. Patten, a 60 x 100-foot tract out of 62.06-acre tract in the east one-half of Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Raymond L. Boydston, et ux, to Steven Krueger, et ux, tract one being a 5-acre tract in Section 91, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 5-acre tract in Section 91, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lisa Jane Thompson to Romona Thompson Littlefield and David L. Thompson, tract one being the south 76 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 85.85 acres out of Sections 125 and 126, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 39.3 acres out of Sections 125 and 126 in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract 4 being the north six feet of Lot 7 and the south 12 feet of Lot 8 in Block 10, Original Town of Snyder.

Munden Wholesale Co. to Harwell Barber, all of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the Snyder Shopping Center.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Allen Stone, all of Lot 10 in Block 4 of the First Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

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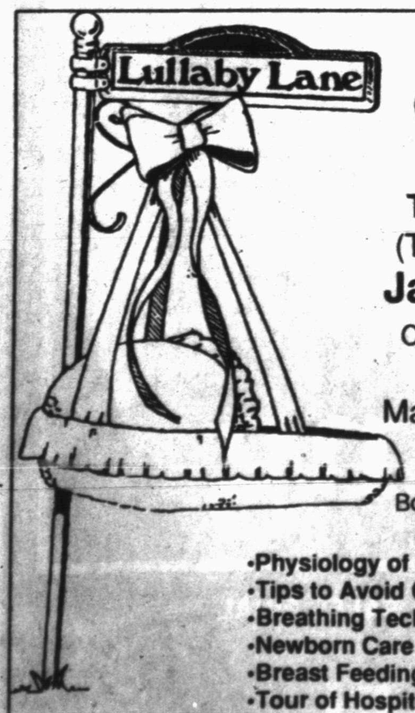

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Clinton's Russian policy said rather complex

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Summed up in a bumper sticker, President Clinton's Russia policy would wrap all the way around the car. And then some.

There is no shorthand for the formula he's taking to Moscow next week.

Nor is there a simple summation of his message to the Eastern European nations now seeking to join the Western defense alliance created when they were the threat, not prospective partners.

In the complexities of a world transformed, with old enmities gone, but old suspicions persistent, Clinton's first presidential journey to Europe will be an exercise in balancing the aims and anxieties of West and East.

"We're in a period of transition now and I think the trick will be not to forget the lessons of the past, but not to be imprisoned by them," he said Wednesday.

Clinton said he wants to reach out to Central and Eastern Europe, to the market democracies that supplanted Communist regimes, with an offer of limited partnership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It's not all these nations want, but all he thinks it wise, or even possible, to offer now.

The president said he sees that as the avenue to a united Europe, not to simply moving the old East-West line eastward, toward Russia, Ukraine and other states that once were Soviet.

Clinton is leaving Saturday evening for a 10-day, five-nation journey to Europe, first to a NATO summit, later to Moscow, to confer with Boris Yeltsin, and to Prague, to meet with Eastern European leaders.

AP analysis

By the time he sees them, the alliance will have ratified his Partners for Peace policy, inviting Eastern democracies committed to open defense budgets and military cooperation to work with, but not actually within, NATO.

A NATO expanded to the borders of Russia stirs ancient fears of isolation, and so could strengthen the hand of extreme Russian nationalists, the very force that worries the leaders of bordering states.

Over lunch with two dozen columnists, commentators and top White House officials on Wednesday, Clinton said he had tried for a brief sumup of his message to Moscow, of U.S. support for both democracy and reform.

"We were trying to think of what our bumper sticker would be about the message," he said. "I think our slogan would be there needs to be more reform and more social service support, more attempts to build a safety net to deal with the consequences of reform, but not an attempt to slow down the reform effort."

There was laughter over the corn chowder and broiled fish as he tried "more reform, more support," and kept talking it out.

"I should have said when the bumper sticker stops," he smiled. "That would be the newest rap on me. Clinton endorses wraparound bumper stickers. Safety device for automobiles."

The policy is meant to be a safety device too, a way to accommodate three blocs — the 16 NATO allies, the old Warsaw Pact states now seeking to join them, and Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet states.

Clinton said his policy does not amount to giving the Russians veto power over NATO membership for their neighbors. But it is intended to avoid raising their concerns, drawing lines that would only promote insecurity. That would be the upshot of "security alliances that they're out of" but their nighbors are in, Clinton said.

"I believe it would be a critical mistake," he said.

Clinton said he believes NATO ultimately will be expanded to the east.

But at this point, his policy and reservations among NATO allies preclude it. NATO is committed to the defense of every member, and "you'd have all the questions about the consequences of security guarantees" if there were a push to add new nations, Clinton said.

Besides, defense budgets are down, U.S. forces in Europe are being cut from 326,000 to 100,000 — no lower, Clinton said — and Western allies are struggling against an economic slump.

Indeed, Clinton said one of his objectives in Western Europe will be to stir optimism, "sort of gin up the collective spirit."

Now that might fit a bumper sticker.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

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GOP hopefuls drop from state race

AUSTIN (AP) — The Republican Party's primary for lieutenant governor took two days to settle.

Two of the three Republicans who filed this week to challenge Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock pulled out of the race Wednesday. The withdrawals of Louis Podesta and Randy Staudt will give the GOP nomination to Dallas lawyer Tex Lezar.

"We commend their decision to withdraw and allow the party to focus on our ultimate goal of defeating Bob Bullock," said GOP Chairman Fred Meyer.

Bullock, a Democrat, was elected lieutenant governor in 1990 after several terms as state comptroller.

Lezar is president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation and was an unsuccessful candidate for the 1990 GOP attorney general nomination.

Podesta, a San Antonio businessman, initially campaigned for governor but switched races hours before Monday's filing deadline. Staudt is a Leander city councilman who opposed Apple Computer's domestic partnership policy for same-sex couples when the company sought tax breaks from Williamson County.

Meyer said both men had entered the race to ensure that Republicans fielded an opponent to Bullock.

Elsewhere on the campaign trail Wednesday:

— Dallas businessman Richard Fisher said his bid for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination would be "a little rebellion" against entrenched politicians and special interests.

Fisher, a former adviser to independent presidential candidate Ross Perot, said the time has come for Democrats to try a new approach.

"It is time for our party and our country to move forward. It is time for a little rebellion. It is time for the people in Washington to take their hands out of our pockets and get to work," Fisher said.

"We have too many bureaucracies. We have too little personal security. Our health care system, our welfare system, our Social Security system are all in need of repair," he said.

Fisher said he alone could defeat incumbent Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. "They marketed her as an outsider, a business person, a reformer. The fact is, she's none of the above," Fisher said.

— One of Fisher's primary election opponents, former Attorney General Jim Mattox, continued his call for placing military troops under civilian control along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"The South Texas and far West Texas border areas are in poverty because Washington refuses to assume the costs of illegal activities, including illegal immigration," he said.

The idea drew criticism from Republican U.S. Senate candidate M. Troy Mata.

"I know the Mexican people. The main reason they cross the border into the U.S. is to obtain a better life for themselves financially. That is why I, as does Gov. Pete Wilson of California, support limiting governmental benefits given to illegal aliens," Mata said.

Mattox also proposed that soldiers be decommissioned from the military, retrained and sent to cities in law enforcement posts.

"Nationwide, our police departments are operating at 50 percent per capita of where they were in the 1970s. They need more resources to fight crime and drugs in our cities. We could do that with any military personnel who might lose their jobs due to (defense) cutbacks," he said.

Mattox said he wasn't certain how many soldiers should be shifted to such jobs or how much the plan would cost.

— Abilene demolition contractor Ray Hollis, who says that in his line of work "I can blow up anything," said his gubernatorial campaign will air a plan to blow up the current tax system and replace it with a 1 percent surcharge on every dollar spent.

Hollis, 68, told a Capitol news conference he decided to run for governor — his first bid for office — out of frustration over the tax system.

He proposed replacing all taxes with a 1 percent surcharge on every transaction, including wholesale and retail sales of goods, services performed, payrolls, and financial transactions such as loans, stocks and bonds.

Mega theaters planned in Dallas area

DALLAS (AP) — Texans have seen movie theaters in their major cities sprout from one to two to at least 16 screens in the last 15 years. The maximum manageable size remains open to debate: Thirty screens? More?

Maryann Grasso, executive director of the National Association of Theater Owners, said moviehouses started expanding from one to two screens in the 1970s, and multiplexing boomed in the 80s.

"You have to remember, a multiplex is really a good thing for the public. They may not perceive it as such, but if there's one screen in town, you're only going to get to see one movie," Ms. Grasso said.

On the upper end in Texas, AMC Theaters is planning a 24-screen theater in Dallas and a 20-screen complex in nearby Lewisville.

AMC also reportedly is planning a $90 million movie mall with a 24-screen theater, while Cinemark Corp. wants to build a $30 million center with 18 screens and four restaurants, both in North Dallas.

2 lawyers to face off during election

McALLEN (AP) — The race for Hidalgo County Democratic chairman has drawn two high-profile attorneys who are used to fighting on opposite sides of big lawsuits.

But Ramon Garcia and Joe E. Garcia, who are not related, said the race isn't about past legal tangles, which include multimillion-dollar cases emerging from a bus crash that killed 21 schoolchildren in Alton.

Joe Garcia, the 37-year-old incumbent, said it's a struggle between old and new guards of Democrats in a county that has never elected a Republican for a countywide seat.

Joe Garcia views himself as among the new guard, willing to challenge establishment power brokers such as Ramon Garcia.

"This is not new guard against the old guard," Ramon Garcia countered. "This is about the future of the Democratic Party, and all segments of the party need to unite."

The party chairmanship, an unpaid and often powerless figurehead in many counties, takes an added significance in Hidalgo County because winning the Democratic primary here is tantamount to winning the general election, says Jerry Polinard, professor of political science at the University of Texas-Pan American.

No Republican has ever won a countywide position, Polinard said, and no Democrat can win a statewide race without a strong showing in the Rio Grande Valley.

Ramon Garcia, 45, a highly successful plaintiffs' attorney and big contributor to Democratic campaigns, said local Democrats have been divided under Joe Garcia's leadership during the past two years.

Ramon Garcia says the factionalism allowed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to become the first Republican in recent history to carry Hidalgo County during a special election last year.

Joe Garcia argued that his opponent was a big cause of the divisions, noting that Ramon Garcia and his political allies formed a Democratic club soon after Joe Garcia took over the county chairmanship.

"When somebody wants to raise money for a Democratic candidate, I'm not going to stand in the way. But I think he should come within the Democratic Party to do it," Joe Garcia said. "How can somebody stand for unity when he did that right after the election?"

Joe Garcia said Ramon Garcia was associated with establishment Democrats who in the past have used "strong arm tactics" to discourage certain people from challenging Democratic incumbents for positions such as judgeships.

Ramon Garcia countered by calling his opponent inaccessible to the Democratic rank-and-file and contending that has called fewer party meetings than his predecessors.

"Joe definitely is not generally seen as part of the Democratic establishment here," Polinard said. "Ramon, I think, envisions himself as a power broker, and his contacts are definitely in the party establishment."

Joe Garcia was among a team of attorneys representing Valley Coca-Coca Bottling Co. against Ramon Garcia and other firms who represented the families of the children in the Alton tragedy of September 1989.

A Coca-Cola truck rammed a school bus into a flooded gravel pit, killing 21 children and injuring 60.

Valley Coca-Cola and other Coca-Cola entities settled for $133 million to the families of those killed or injured.

Man sentenced to life tries to flee courtroom

DALLAS (AP) — The announcement of a life sentence apparently moved a Garland man to attempt to flee the courtroom, resulting in a scuffle with bailiffs and an assistant district attorney who tried to subdue him.

Steve Anthony Vielma, 19, cried Thursday as a Dallas County jury announced his sentence in the shooting of Raul Cruz III, a 22-year-old security guard at a North Dallas nightclub.

"But I didn't do it," Vielma told Judge Jack Hampton. "I didn't even kill that guy, sir."

Hampton refused Vielma's request to hug his mother before leaving for jail, further agitating the convicted man.

As he was being led to a holding cell, Vielma broke away from officers, saying, "I'm not gonna go, man!"

Officers struggled with Vielma and ended up in a heap near the judge's bench. Vielma's mother pleaded with him to remain calm.

Assistant District Attorney Rick Reed joined in the efforts to subdue Vielma.

"I kept trying to do something to make him give up," Reed said. "He was strong as an ox."

Vielma, who must serve at least 15 years before he is eligible for parole, was found guilty of shooting Cruz with a 9mm pistol on June 6 in the parking lot of the Crystal Ballroom.

Lawsuit settled

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion photographer Richard Avedon has settled a $5 million lawsuit filed by his former daughter-in-law by agreeing to relinquish pictures he took of his naked grandsons.

Elizabeth Paul Avedon, who divorced Avedon's son John in 1987, claimed the photographer was a drug abuser who had behaved in sexually inappropriate ways with the boys, now 10 and 13.

Avedon said Elizabeth Avedon was just trying to get money out of him.

Avedon's lawyer, Martin Garbus, said Wednesday that there were "no findings of misconduct on Mr. Avedon's part" and that neither side will pay the other.

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Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

In one of the funniest exit lines ever on a hit sitcom, ("Roseann"), Darlene, the moody, black-wearing, smart-mouthed, insolent, eye-rolling, lazy second daughter, who is leaving home to attend a prestigious art school on scholarship, glances over her shoulder at her dad and cracks, "Bye — oh, and sorry 'bout those teen years."

Fans of the show would remember some five years of various crises involving Darlene, the social misfit who seemed to reject every value her parents stood for and then some.

Meanwhile, Becky, the dutiful first daughter, the straight-A student, the popular social butterfly ... dropped out of school and ran off to marry a hoodlum.

And she never said, "Sorry 'bout making such a disastrous life-decision."

I used to think I knew a lot about teenagers. For one thing, I taught them high school English for several years, counseled them at summer camp, and led them in Bible studies. I listened to their problems and prayed with them.

But I've been learning recently that I don't know as much about teenagers as I thought I did. I mean, I remember so vividly how it felt to BE a teenager that I always thought that would carry me in good stead with my own young, but the truth is, I've become aware, (the way a shock of cold water makes you come aware when you're still asleep), that I wasn't a very typical teen.

For one thing, I assumed a tremendous amount of responsibility for my mother, who was ill a great deal of the time, and my younger sisters. From the age of 16 on, I was virtually financially independent. I always worked, bought all my own clothes, paid for my school expenses, and later, put myself through college. And tried my best to make as many A's and B's as possible in hopes of getting a scholarship to help out (which I eventually did). I never lied to my parents and never disobeyed them. (I was scared of my dad, and that's the truth.)

While other children of the sixties were smoking pot, wearing love beads, sleeping around, and hitchhiking across the country barefoot, I was dressing like a PTA president, dating frat rats, and worrying about how on earth I was going to come up with even one more semester's tuition. (I used to give blood every eight weeks for the $10 pocket money.)

Clearly, I didn't have the luxury to be a hippy. Mom and Dad weren't sending me envelopes full of cash every week the way other kids' parents were.

So now, here I am a parent of teenagers, trying to understand how in the world they could think the way they do.

I always thought that if you did everything you knew how to make sure your little ones had a safe, happy childhood, then they would have a solid foundation to serve them well for the rest of their lives.

Now I'm wondering if a little adversity can't be a good thing in a kid's life. While I struggle desperately to teach my son responsibility, I realize that he has no NEED to be responsible. He'll never have to give blood for pocket money.

Why should he worry about making good grades? If my career keeps developing the way we hope it will and God is willing, he won't ever have to depend on a scholarship just to get him in the door of a college.

Why should he care much one way or the other what his dad and I do? We're not depending on him to take care of us.

You children of the Depression who raised those hippies and sat back in stunned disbelief — you know what I'm talking about. You didn't want them to have to struggle the way you did, and look how they rewarded you.

I fought through over 200 rejection slips to get where I am now, only to wind up wondering sometimes if I haven't raised a Beavis. Or a Butthead.

I think, ultimately, old King Solomon was right when he wrote, "Raise up a child in the way in which he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

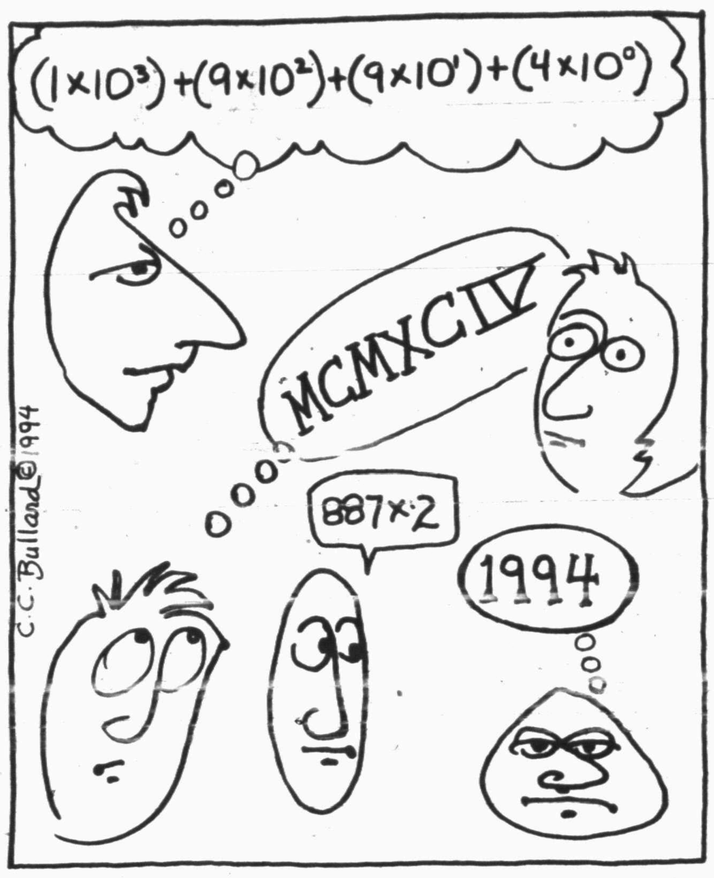
After all, the seventies did roll around, and then the eighties. Most all those hippies eventually realized that they would have to play the system from the inside if they wanted to thrive and make good lives for their families, so they cut their hair, put on shoes, and went to work. (They still vote Democrat, though.)

Me, I can look in my son's eyes and still see a ghost of the sweet boy he used to be. Beneath all that swagger and mouth, a good heart still beats. I trust that he will come back to me one day and we will recognize one another.

After all, he has taught me a few things ... like how to feel sorry for the young Deanie of so long ago, trying so very hard just to survive each day, already too old at 16.

He's put me in touch with what it REALLY means to be young, full of spirit and fight, spit and sizzle. Sometimes, when we laugh together, I feel a welling up of the young Deanie, the way she might have been.

And I know then, deep in my soul, that I never really lost him at all.



Editorial Roundup

Dallas Morning News on lawyer ads

You need only turn on your television for an hour or so in the morning to see just how common lawyer advertising has become. Sandwiched between sitcom reruns is a seemingly endless stream of accident victims and criminal suspects praising the work of their attorneys. While a few of the commercials are straightforward, most are pretty cheesy.

Sixteen years have passed since the U.S. Supreme Court declared that lawyers have a constitutional right to advertise. But states still are struggling to determine what is permissible and what goes beyond the bounds of propriety. Although the State Bar of Texas forbids false or misleading ads, it continues to wrestle with what that means.

A proposal that had been pending before Texas' lawyers should have barred ads that contain unsubstantiated claims or that appeal primarily to emotions. Unfortunately, professional apathy seems to have doomed the effort. A referendum on the proposed reforms failed last week because a majority of the state's lawyers never bothered to return their ballots.

Someone might say that if a majority of Texas' lawyers are not especially concerned about the damage this advertising is doing to their profession's image, why should the public worry. But anyone who may be swayed by the unsubstantiated claims or emotional appeals made by these television commercials does have a stake in what happens.

No one is seeking to limit any lawyer's right to advertise his or her professional services. Rather, the whole motivation behind the proposed reforms was to raise that advertising to a higher plane. That is not at all unreasonable. Indeed, of the roughly 25,000 Texas lawyers who did return their ballots, 85 percent supported the new rules.

State Bar President Lonny Morrison says he would like another vote on the issue this year, and he and like-minded reformers would be smart to press for one. Unless the legal profession gets its house in order soon, the Legislature may try to do so itself in 1995. And the state's lawmakers might not come up with a plan quite so palatable.

Galveston County Daily News on nuclear testing

It's tough to face, but necessary: Our government, at various times in its 217-year history, has done things we should not be proud of.

The way Native Americans were treated is one example. Interring Japanese-Americans in camps during World War II is another. And now we have a new example: Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary said earlier this month that as many as 800 people were subjected to human radiation experiments — many of them during the 1940s and '50s, and not always with consent.

This revelation is tough to stomach. The idea of our government feeding radioactive cereal to 19 mentally retarted teen-age boys without their parents' knowledge...is both embarrassing and disturbing. It conjures in us images of Nazi concentration camp "experiments," just as it apparently did in the Atomic Energy Commission in 1950.

O'Leary, however, has handled this difficult situation admirably. She has told her agency to find out how many studies were done, find test subjects and check the legality of the research. She has also said test subjects should be compensated — and they should.

O'Leary seems to be working in good faith to make an unacceptable situation right, and for that she should be commended. But we would also suggest she take whatever steps are necessary to ensure something as horrible and tragic as this never occurs again.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on tougher sentences

One year in prison for each of the 54 pounds of marijuana he was transporting: That's the sentence 31-year-old Pablo Diaz drew in the court of 105th District Judge J. Manuel Banales. ...

The judge made it perfectly clear that this was a send-'em-a-message sentence. ...

Certainly there's a need to underline society's determination to deal sternly with such offenses. And 54 pounds is a serious load.

Still, this is a troubling sentence. It must be considered not only in terms of its stated intent — to deter others — but in the context of the penalties routinely assessed those convicted on similar charges. According to a 1992 report by the federal Justice Department, the average sentence for drug trafficking is 66 months — quite a remove from five-plus decades. ...

Diaz had already been offered, and accepted, a plea bargain which would have given him 10 years' probation. That was scuttled when he could not come up with the $2,000 cash he needed toward the $5,400 fine that went with it. Obviously, he's no drug kingpin. ...

Moreover, this sentence, and others like it, have no impact whatsoever on the big operators who preside over this squalid traffic. They have the fancy lawyers and the connections to take on the system on even terms. It's the hapless mules like Diaz who draw the long hitches in the slammer, and there are always more willing to take their place, even knowing the risk involved.

Letters to the Editor

It's not fair

Dear Editor:

My daughter has been a high school cheerleader for the last four years. She has devoted a lot of time, money and effort and in return she has a lot of good memories.

But this last year her senior year she had to make a very difficult decision between cheerleading and working and having her own money. In other words, Snyder High School doesn't permit students to work and cheer. Which seems kind of odd because 4 of the members from last year's squad worked. And they all told me that they missed 1 to 2 games because of work; but they didn't have to make a choice. Probably because the sponsor wasn't even at the game either.

Why does the sponsor ask more of these girls than she's willing to give herself? Thanksgiving weekend the cheerleaders practiced Saturday and Sunday; but Mrs. Lambert wasn't there. She never is! Then she doesn't even go with the girls to Nationals. You can bet she didn't give up any of her Christmas Holidays and gets paid for this.

Mr. Scott says that it's not his decision that Mrs. Lambert had the final say. Mrs. Lambert says the principals made her make the decision she made. Nobody seems to care who's right or wrong. And my daughter didn't do anything wrong! Unless dressing nice is a crime and means you don't need to work.

I guess a lot of us are guilty. She has made her grandparents her dad and I very proud that she chose to do the mature responsible thing. By choosing to work she has proved to her dad and me that she really is ready to graduate and go out into the real world where life is not always fair.

Debra Davis,
Snyder, Texas

Thank you

To The Editor:

The Snyder VFW Post 8231 and American Legion 181 would like to say thank you to the businesses who made donations towards our childrens' Christmas party.

A special thank you to Kenneth Wood.

Bernie Sealy
VFW Post 8231
American Legion 181

Goodfellows

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped make the Goodfellows Project a success again this year. We fed 266 families and raised $4,000. Special thanks to those who gave money donations; we can't name them all but you know who you are.

Thanks to the schools, post office, Snyder Cablevision, Ira and Hermleigh clubs for the overwhelming canned goods drive. This was the best drive we have ever seen. We would also like to thank the senior center for sitting at the banks again.

It looked like we were going to come up a little short of money but as always the good people of Snyder dug down deep and gave with their hearts.

Snyder citizens and merchants, we take our hats off to you. May God bless you and your families and businesses.

With warm thanks
Co-chairpersons
Avon Rushing
Russell Fisk
Snyder Noon Kiwanis

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Karen and Calvin Goebel were parents of the first baby born in 1989 in Scurry County, a son born at 9:34 a.m. on Jan. 2 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces. Goebel was an employee of Chevron Pipeline Co. and his wife worked at the Scurry County Mental Health and Retardation Clinic.

Rainfall reports showed 1988 produced a slightly above average year of 20.81 inches. The year's wettest month was September when 5.52 inches fell here.

10 YEARS AGO

Stacey Lee Garcia was the first baby born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, daughter of Charlie and Enida Garcia of Snyder. She was born at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 1, weighing six pounds, four ounces. She had a brother, Charlie Garcia III, two years old.

Scurry County commissioners officially began 1979 by making appointments to fill vacancies on various county boards. New appointments included Leon Autry, Cogdell Memorial Hospital; Judith Barkowsky and Martha Huddleston, county welfare board; and Arel Faver, Board of County Development.

15 YEARS AGO

Snyder High School bandsmen named to the TMEA All-Region Band included Angie Amato, Pat Martin, Mary Vaughn and Radford Turner.

20 YEARS AGO

Scurry County officially opened for business for 1969 by swearing-in ceremonies. Those taking the oath of office included Tom Shelburne, JP for Hermleigh; Mrs. Chessie Bailey, constable at Ira; Thayne Mebane, commissioner for Precinct 3; Marion Dabbs, commissioner, Precinct 1; Sterling Taylor, county judge; George Killum, county attorney; Hubbard Smith, Fluvanna constable; and sheriff's deputies Abb Boyd, H.E. Woolsey, Preston Wilson and Jim Farr.

Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

The Public Utility Commission ruled earlier this week that TU Electric's donations to charities can't be charged to its customers.

The only question is why it would ever be allowed to in the first place.

TU Electric was seeking approval of an already-imposed 15.3 percent rate increase, a hike which would generate $760 million in revenue. A portion of that revenue — $1.75 — was to be for annual charitable contributions.

Admittedly, $1.75 million isn't much compared to $760 million, or even to the approximately $450 million which the Public Utilities Commission allowed. But that's not the point.

The question the Public Utility Commission wanted to know, is this: How are TU Electric's 2.2 million customers benefited by these donations?

They aren't.

But wait, says TU Electric. "We don't really feel like it's the ratepayers' dollars," said spokeswoman Joan Hunter.

But there's really no other way to add it up. Simply put, TU asked for a rate increase, and part of that increase, $1.75 million in fact, was to go toward charitable donations.

Fortunately for TU's customers, the Public Utilities Commission recognized that the donations *are* ratepayers' dollars.

Hold on now, says TU. "We're a business and as a good business in the community we are a good corporate citizen."

No one has a problem with TU trying to enhance its image. With a coalition of 59 cities opposing the rate increase, plus continued problems with Comanche Peak, TU probably needs all the image enhancement it can get. But not at an added cost to its customers.

"If they make these expenditures in the future, it will come out of earnings," said PUC chairman Robert Gee.

Which is as it should be. If TU is feeling charitable, let it donate a portion of its profits to worthy organizations.

But to expect its ratepayers to foot the bill so TU can enhance its image as a friend to charity is a slap in the face to its customers.

Unfortunately, TU Electric's method of acquiring funds for donations is probably not unique. Rising costs are seldom absorbed by companies, but are usually passed on to the consumer.

Apparently there is a mindset by at least some companies that those costs include charitable gifts as well.

News briefs

New trial not likely, DA announces

HOUSTON (AP) — Identification of the 24th victim of serial killings two decades ago will not result in new charges against Elmer Wayne Henley Jr. and another inmate serving sentences, a prosecutor says.

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said Thursday he doubts further prosecution would result in additional prison time for Henley and David Owen Brooks, serving life terms in Texas prisons for their roles in the killings.

Holmes said another factor complicating further prosecution was the grant of immunity to Henley and Brooks. They had agreed to talk to the Harris County medical examiner if they wouldn't face additional charges, Holmes said.

Authorities announced Wednesday that the 24th victim of the serial killings had been identified through DNA technology as Mark Scott, a 17-year-old from the Heights. It had raised the possibility of more charges against Henley and Brooks.

Holmes said Henley had told police in a 1973 statement that Scott was one of the victims.

But Walter Scott, the victim's father, told The Houston Post he was angry he was never told of an immunity offer to the two convicted killers after the slayings in Houston and Pasadena in the early 1970s.

"Nobody has told us anything. I don't think it's fair," he said. "We think it would only be justice to have another trial."

Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk said Henley and Brooks, both teen-agers when they were convicted for their roles in the slayings, cooperated when they were offered immunity in 1980 if they would talk to him.

Jachimczyk said both men cooperated. Brooks received a life prison term and Henley received six life prison terms. Both have been denied parole several times since then.

Charges dropped in teen's death

BURNET (AP) — Charges have been dismissed against a Burnet County woman in the deaths of two teen-agers who were killed in a car crash after leaving a keg party at her home.

Janice Sanders, 40, faced charges of criminally negligent homicide and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in connection with the deaths of Garland "Cody" Hilliard, 17, and Jason Rojas, 19.

Burnet County Attorney Robert Klaeger said all charges against Ms. Sanders were dismissed at the recommendation of Ross Lavin, a former assistant, based on technical problems with the complaint.

"At this point, I can't tell you one way or another whether it will be refiled," he said.

Ms. Sanders acknowledged buying beer for minors attending her daughter's birthday party April 16 but said no one was intoxicated. She said Hilliard arrived late at the party.

Tests showed Hilliard, the driver, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19 and Rojas a level of 0.03 when their car hit a tree about a mile from the party.

When Ms. Sanders was charged last May, members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving praised the action for sending a strong message against giving alcohol to minors.

Secret radiation tests hearings set

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman will convene a hearing of his House judiciary subcommittee next month to probe the government radiation tests conducted on humans in the 1940s and '50s.

"We must determine how this could have happened and the extent to which these actions may require the government to pay claims for compensation to the victims," Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, said Thursday.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary has said as many as 800 people were exposed to radiation in experiments during the Cold War. While some gave their consent, many apparently were not fully informed of the risks in tests that included feeding radioactive cereal to retarded teen-agers and irradiating the sex organs of prisoners.

Another experiment involved injecting at least 18 individuals with highly radioactive plutonium. The family of Elmer Allen, who was injected with plutonium between 1945 and 1947, lives in North Texas. Allen died in 1991. His family has contacted members of Congress seeking assistance in obtaining information about the experiment.

"Americans have been justifiably shocked by revelations that our own government used citizens as guinea pigs, without their knowledge or permission, in experiments involving nuclear radiation," Bryant said.

Knowledge of the testing came to light when the Energy Department recently released previously classified information about the nation's nuclear program.

White House officials have said President Clinton intends to work with Congress to obtain compensation for victims wronged by questionable radiation experimentation.

Bryant's Feb. 2 hearing won't be the first on the subject.

O'Leary agreed Thursday to testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee after Congress reconvenes later this month. Its chairman, Ohio Democratic Sen. John Glenn, praised the administration's declassification of radiation test records.

But Glenn said at a Capitol Hill news conference Thursday that congressional scrutiny is in order to show the public the extent of the testing and what the government is doing to find and reveal the long-secret information.

Ex-president appears at fund-raiser

BEAUMONT (AP) — George Bush, who says the United States must never show any military weakness to the rest of the world, is staying involved in international affairs but keeping away from partisan politics.

At least, Bush said Thursday he's avoiding politics as much as possible with sons George W. and Jeb as Republican candidates for governor in Texas and Florida, respectively.

The elder Bush advised against any return to isolationism or a "cocoon of protection."

He said he plans to travel to China next week.

Bush signed autographs and spoke to more than 1,200 people at the Beaumont Civic Center on behalf of the Texas Energy Museum, a project of the late Eddie Chiles, a friend and North Texas businessman.

The former president, who now lives in Houston, told Beaumont residents said he would not attempt to influence how his presidency is remembered.

Bush said it will be the job of historians and scholars to sift through records of his future presidential library at Texas A&M University.

"I don't want to do what Harry Truman did in '56 and '60. He tried to shape the nominee of his party," Bush said.

Earlier, he had met with local Republicans in the energy museum building across the street from the civic center. He accepted no money for his three-hour appearance at the Spindletop Blowout benefit on behalf of Chiles' project.

Chiles founded the Fort Worth-based Western Co. of North America and created the company's oil industry museum. After Chiles closed Western, he had chosen Beaumont as the museum's new site after the city assembled a package that included a building and private endowment.

Chiles' widow, Fran, also attended the Blowout, the third annual event in support of the museum.

Food Lion to close some Texas stores

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Food Lion Friday announced it will close 88 stores in 1994, more than half of them in Texas and Oklahoma, affecting some 1,300 full-time and 2,200 part-time employees.

"This move comes as a result of a company-wide review of store performance designed to focus our resources on our most productive stores," Tom Smith, president and chief executive officer, said in a prepared statement.

Of the 88 stores scheduled to close, 36 are in Texas and 11 in Oklahoma. The others are spread out among eight Southeastern states, including 18 in Florida.

"We are still confident that, based on extensive market and consumer research, the company's historical sales trends in the stores that will remain open in the Southwest, and our current marketing plans, Food Lion can be successful in many of the markets in the Southwest," Smith said. "Our commitment to the Southwestern markets is evidenced by a continuing strong presence there."

In November, in its last filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Food Lion had said it would consider closing Southwestern stores if a new marketing strategy failed.

Food Lion officials have acknowledged that many of its stores in the Southwest are not profitable.

Most of the displaced workers will be offered employment elsewhere in the company, Smith said. He also said severance packages will be offered to employees who cannot take other jobs with the company.

The company did not specify how many employees would be let go because of the closings.

The announcement came as Food Lion released its fourth-quarter and annual earnings report. In the report, the company said it will take a $170 million charge against 1993 earnings to pay for the closings.

For the quarter, Food Lion's same-store sales were up 2.9 percent over the same period last year. For the year, the company said, same-store sales dropped 2.6 percent.

Investors looked forward to Friday's fourth-quarter sales figures by bidding the price of the grocery chain's stock to its highest level in six months on Thursday.

The sales report is the first to compare two fourth quarters since a damaging "PrimeTime Live" show in November 1992.

Food Lion's stock traded at 71/8 Thursday, the highest it has been since the company paid $16.2 million to settle labor disputes in August. The stock last topped $7 in July.

Analysts said the rise in the stock price and the sales report coincide with speculation that the company is ready to close unprofitable stores in the Southwest.

"This is a move that the financial markets and myself have been expecting for some time," said Charles Parks, a Salisbury stock analyst who follows Food Lion. "It should be seen as a positive.

"It's going to be viewed by the public as negative, but I think it will be perceived as good news by the financial markets. It's smart business to remove unprofitable stores."

"I would expect them to," Tom Thomson, a Richmond, Va.-based grocery analyst with Wheat First Securities, told The Salisbury Post. "It's clear that some of their farflung areas may have some stores that will never reach the company's standard levels of profitability."

For the first time since ABC's expose accused the company of unsanitary meat-packaging procedures, Food Lion can compare two post-"PrimeTime" fourth quarters. It's possible, Thomson said, that the comparison isn't as flattering as company officials had hoped.

Thomson and others consider downsizing in the Southwest the right move for Food Lion right now.

"I would view (any store closings) as a positive move," Thomson said. "They're taking a hard-nosed step, not just letting their pride stand in their way."

After the closings, Food Lion will operate some 1,000 stores in 14 states, employing more than 60,000 people.

As many as 50 new stores are scheduled to open in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia during 1994, Smith said.

Major renovations will be done primarily in the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee.

Stores are slated to close in Florida (18), Georgia (5), Kentucky (2), North Carolina (6), Oklahoma (11), Pennsylvania (1), South Carolina (5), Tennessee (3), Texas (36) and Virginia (1).

Friends are stunned by trustee's arrest

CISCO (AP) — He was the last person most would suspect, but a school board member and church volunteer has been charged with bank robbery in this town near Abilene.

Ronald Gayle Patton was released from custody after appearing before a Waco federal magistrate on the charge, a courtroom deputy said. Lisa Williams, the deputy, said bail bond was set at $100,000, but Patton did not have to post it.

Patton, 48, was arrested Tuesday after about $25,000 was taken from First National Bank in Valley Mills, 30 miles northwest of Waco.

Ms. Williams said robbery witnesses did not report seeing a gun. But one was found Thursday morning along with a plastic bag filled with cash taken in the robbery.

Patton, who was re-elected to the Cisco school board last year, is in his fourth year on the panel and is also a booster club volunteer. He was a vice president and loan officer at Cisco's First National Bank from 1980 to 1992, said Dick Woolley, the institution's president.

The robbery ended with "one of the last people you'd ever expect to do something like that" being arrested, said Cisco school Superintendent Ray Saunders.

Patton was arrested near Valley Mills by a state trooper in a pickup truck matching the description of one driven away from the robbery.

Cisco is about 160 miles west of Dallas.

GM models are popular with thieves

DETROIT (AP) — Believe it or not, the most-stolen car of 1993 was your father's Oldsmobile: The 1984 Cutlass Supreme.

General Motors Corp. products filled every slot on the Top 10 list released Thursday by a company that values vehicles for the insurance industry.

And it turns out it's not performance or racing stripes that catch a thief's eye, it's those genuine GM parts.

"The used-parts business remains the big business," said William Geen, senior vice president of CCC Information Services Inc. of Chicago, which released the list.

The Cutlass — the 1984-87 models — occupied four of the top five spots.

"If you look at the model-year span, there was nothing done to radically change the vehicle," Geen said. "The value of those parts becomes much higher in that you can use them for a lot of similar-type vehicles."

GM said its cars dominate the list because it sold more cars than anyone else, and the law of averages dictates that more of its cars are stolen.

Lorenzo Perkins, GM's senior project engineer at the North American Operations safety center, said the automaker's new models will be harder and harder to steal because of better anti-theft devices.

CCC based its list on theft reports from insurance companies.

The '84 Cutlass led the list for the second consecutive year. The Chevrolet Camaro was No. 1 for the five previous years.

Following the 1984 Cutlass were the 1986 Camaro, 1986 Cutlass Supreme, 1987 Cutlass Supreme, 1985 Cutlass Supreme, 1987 Camaro, 1984 Buick Regal, 1987 Chevrolet Caprice, 1991 Chevrolet S10 4x4 Blazer and 1985 Buick Regal.

GM and Honda Motor Co. models filled the next 10 slots.

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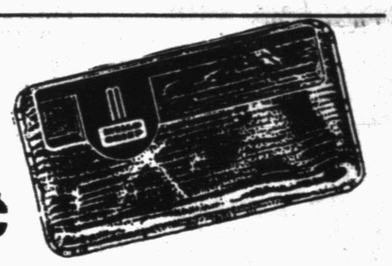

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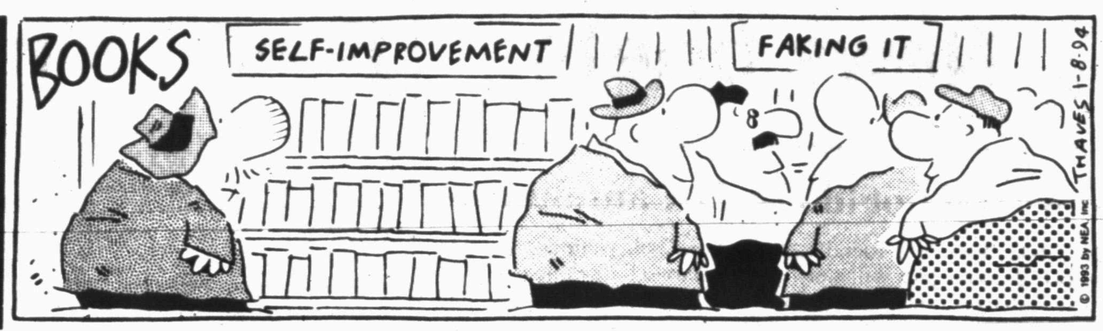

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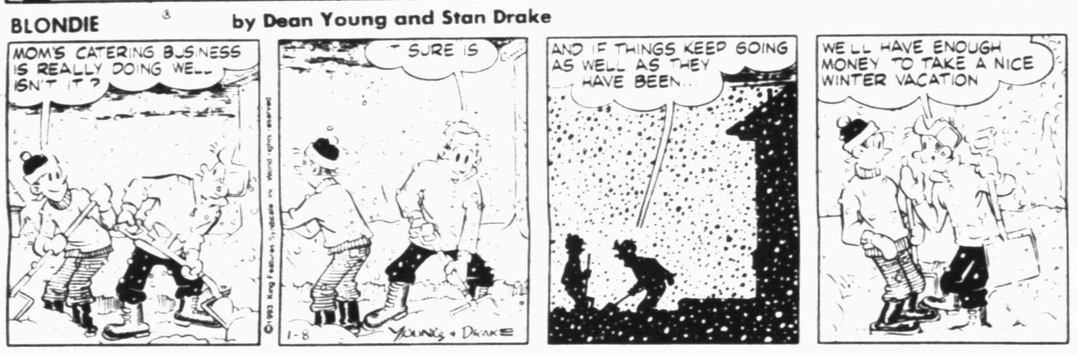

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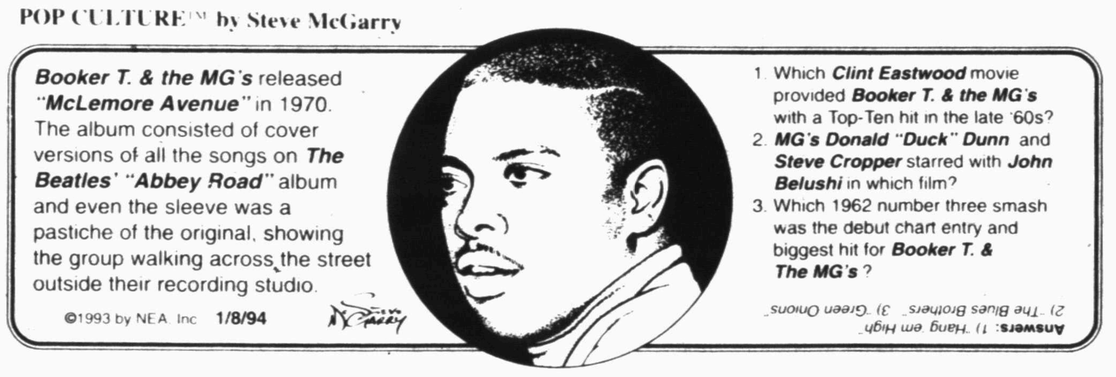

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12 Sand hill
13 Ivy League university
14 How was — — know?
15 Manufacturer of implements
17 Hearing organ
18 Guided
19 Full of spirit
21 Grass cutter
24 Poisonous plant
25 Article of jewelry
27 Natives of Copenhagen
31 WWII area
32 At that time
34 Author — Vonnegut
35 Hebrew letter
37 Nobleman
39 Female deer
40 Scoff
42 Biggest
44 Peruse a book
46 Facilitates
47 — Abdul-Jabbar
50 Damage
51 Give — — whirl
52 Tears
57 Yale graduate
58 Coup d' —
59 Guys' counterparts
60 Coq au —
61 Extremely terrible
62 Finishes

DOWN

1 Insecticide
2 Pair
3 Year (Sp.)
4 Shouter
5 Group of two
6 Shade tree
7 — — my heart in San Francisco
8 Sea nymph
9 Competes
10 Rat- — · —
11 Conservative
16 Deserve
20 Author — Dinesen
21 Encounters
22 Made of cereal
23 Was an author
24 Ancient
26 Hockey org.
28 Unclothed people
29 Worn away
30 Cancels previous change in
33 Firearm owners' org.
36 In this place
38 Melancholy
41 Staggered
43 Place for cars
45 Valuable violin
47 Capital of Ukraine
48 King of Huns (var.)
49 Downpour
50 Distribute
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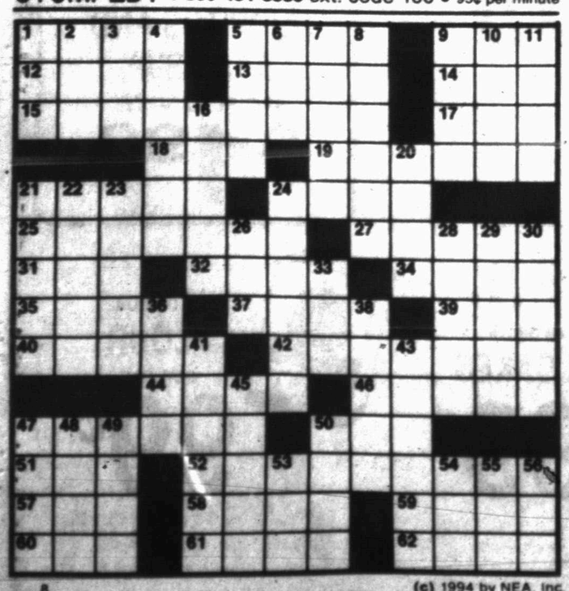

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San Antonian logs 71 years with same firm

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A part-time job at Steves Sash & Door was what Guadalupe de la Garza got at age 16 in 1922 to earn money for dating girls — a move strongly recommended by his older brothers.

Seven decades later, the name of the company has changed slightly, the brothers are gone and de la Garza hasn't missed a payroll since May 22, 1922, when he joined the West Side door and sash manufacturing company.

Steves & Sons is San Antonio's oldest family-owned company, and de la Garza in turn is the company's oldest and longest-employed worker.

He has worked for 71 of the company's 127-year history and, at age 87, continues to come in two or three times a month for inventory and other duties, said Marshall Steves, the company's board chairman.

"He was working here when I was born," said Steves, 70.

Steves said de la Garza is representative of the dedicated and loyal work force in town.

"We ought to let the world know of the loyalty and the competence of the San Antonio people," Steves said.

The company thanks its veteran employees by giving them a diamond pin every five years.

"This last time we had to buy 260 diamonds," he said.

When de la Garza celebrated his 65th birthday 22 years ago after nearly 50 years with the company, he received a tractor from Steves and a diamond pin, but gave no indication of retiring.

"Retire? At 65?," de la Garza asked somewhat shocked. "That's chicken feed."

Earlier this year, at the celebration marking his 70th year with the company, he received a pin with 14 diamonds and still gave no indication of fully retiring.

De la Garza continues as yard foreman and "comes back every inventory and supervises," his boss said.

He is a spry 87 years with an immaculate beige Stetson. He limps slightly from his left leg because "my hip hurts a little when I work too hard," he said.

His diet includes turkey, fish and chicken, but beef is out and he stays away from liquor and cigarettes.

"If you don't drink, you'll be a good man all your life," he said.

"They say that if you live to be 60 you'll live to be 70, and if you live to be 70 you'll live to be 80 but I don't believe that," de la Garza said.

He said his only exercise over the past 70 years has been walking four miles through the plant while performing his duties.

"I feel young, but I'm old; the trouble is I can't walk so fast," he said. "I don't have any hobbies; I'm a workaholic."

De la Garza was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and moved to San Antonio with his parents when he was 2.

The West Side resident started his career three months shy of graduating from Brackenridge High School when the company was on Frio and Monterrey streets.

"My brothers said that if I wanted to get girls, that I'd better start working," de la Garza said.

He joined the company when he was 16; one of his brothers worked as a sander and another ran a saw. Seven months after joining the company, de la Garza was promoted to foreman and cutter.

"But they (his brothers) took off and they left me here," he said with a chuckle.

He relocated with the company in 1949 when the plant was moved to its current location on Humble Street on the eastern border of Kelly Air Force Base. He said he worked with Steves' father and grandfather and complimented the family's hereditary trait of fairness with employees.

"You had a good father, a damned good father," de la Garza told Steves. "Every time he'd pass by, he would wave."

Marshall Steves is the fourth generation to own and operate the company.

"Now his sons work with me," he said of Steves' two sons.

Three of de la Garza's seven children also joined their father at the company through the years but have gone on to other jobs.

The cheerful de la Garza is more excited talking about the 8,000 doors that are produced daily and the people he has worked with through the years. But his modesty is apparent when asked personal questions.

Gay-bashing gang bragged of killing

TYLER (AP) — Love of CB radios and hatred of homosexuals drew the gang together, police say. And those passions allegedly led them first to terrorize gays and then to kill one.

Three young men have been arrested in the slaying of Nick West, whose bullet-riddled, half-naked body was found in a gravel pit outside of town.

In videotaped confessions, Donald Aldrich, 29, David Ray McMillan, 17, and Henry Dunn Jr., 19, not only admitted killing West but boasted that, for months, they had sought out homosexuals to assault and rob, police said.

"Every one of the robberies by the gang started as a gay-bashing," sheriff's Lt. Gregg Wilson said. "It was just whenever they needed the money. It started with their fists and baseball bats and then it graduated to guns and trying to kill them. It just escalated."

Aldrich was identified as the ringleader of the loose-knit gang of more than a dozen suspected in a string of burglaries, drive-by shootings, robberies, carjackings and arsons in the Tyler area, dating to last summer.

"It started out as a hobby. They met over CB radio and started hanging out together, and it went from there," Wilson said.

A grand jury indicted them Dec. 16 on murder charges. They pleaded innocent and were jailed on $1 million bail each. District Attorney Jack Skeen said he will ask for the death penalty.

"They acted like they were proud of it" Sheriff J.B. Smith said.

Aldrich called one newspaper after his arrest to complain that it had his name and age wrong.

West, 23, an openly gay medical records clerk, went out the evening of Nov. 30 in a borrowed vehicle, saying he would be back shortly.

In their confessions, the defendants said they came across West that night at Bergfield Park, an after-dark meeting place for homosexuals.

They said they took West to a gravel pit about 10 miles from Tyler, where they shot him repeatedly with a shotgun and two .357-caliber Magnum revolvers. More than two dozen entry and exit wounds were found in the body.

Aldrich, McMillan and Dunn also have pleaded innocent to the armed robbery nine days earlier of a 48-year-old gay man at Bellwood Lake, another gay meeting place. The man's attackers set fire to his car, and he escaped death by jumping in the icy lake and hiding for several hours.

Homosexuals around the town of 75,000 people 90 miles east of Dallas said they remain uneasy despite the arrests.

"We're delighted that the ringleader and the other two responsible are behind bars and probably will never be free again, but there are others in the gang that still haven't been caught," said Wesley Beard, a 21-year-old auctioneer and gay activist living in nearby Jacksonville.

But leaders said they are pleased that law enforcement officers have acknowledged the killing as a hate crime.

Winkler returns with new TV program

NEW YORK (AP) — We grew up with "Happy Days." We watched and watched "Happy Days" on ABC from 1974 to 1984. And, of course, there was Henry Winkler as TV's sweetest tough guy, Arthur "Fonzie" Fonzarelli.

The Fonz.

Ten years later, Winkler emerges from the long twilight of syndication, returning to the realm of prime time series Sunday on the Fox network in the title role of "Monty."

Monty is no Fonzie.

"I needed a character," said Winkler, co-executive producer of the new series. "I needed a big character. And it had to be well-written."

Monty Richardson is a conservative. A mildly abrasive cable TV show host and right-wing ideologue, Monty's convinced America would be a lot better off if people just did things his way.

This is not a view shared by his liberal wife (Kate Burton), his 14-year-old son (David Krumholtz) and his eldest son (David Schwimmer).

This view is shared even less by Monty's producer (Joyce Guy), a feisty black woman, and his fawning sidekick (Tom McGowan).

And when eldest son's nose-ringed performance artist-barber girlfriend moves in, well, Monty's distinctly in the minority.

"Monty" is the brainchild of series creator Marc Lawrence, who pitched Winkler the idea a year ago.

Winkler says he's not worried about being a lightning rod for the left or the right, or of being accused by both sides of trivializing their issues.

"We did a show about my son having his first condom and me being outraged," he said. Monty goes on his show and argues that "Abstinence is the only answer! ... The word 'no' should work as well as a condom! ...

"But what I realize is that I've become a father who has a very great difficulty in having the father-son talk," Winkler said. "It's a wonderful jumping-off place for families to watch this show and start a discussion.

"And the fact is that this is an alternative show. It is not just for the kids. We have children appeal, but it is for all the adults who have nothing to watch in the early evening. And it's a funny show!"

"Monty" starts its regular run on Tuesday at 8 p.m. EST. It is still, Winkler acknowledges, a show that is looking for its own center.

"It needs to find its balance," he said. "I have to find my voice at home, which is different from my voice at the office. Where is it?

"The Fonz found himself over two or three years! We've done eight shows."

MIPS hires ex-Dell executive

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Glenn Henry, former chief technology officer at Dell Computer Corp., has been hired as the personal computer division director for MIPS Technologies.

Henry, 51, will help with development of a technology known as reduced instruction set computing, or RISC, which executes functions more quickly by dispensing with seldom-used commands.

He will also provide technical support to companies using MIPS systems.

"Glenn is unique as both a central figure in the PC industry and an early leader with RISC technology," said Tom Whiteside, president of MIPS.

Henry joined Dell in 1988 as vice president of research and development and was later promoted to senior vice president.

Before working at Dell, Henry was instrumental in helping IBM develop RISC-based computers, which use a new type of microprocessor that acts as the computer brain.

"This opportunity with MIPS allows me concentrate on RISC microprocessor technology and join in bringing about the next generation of personal computers," Henry said.

Wal-Mart scholarship applications available

Officials of the Snyder Wal-Mart store announced a $1,000 Wal-Mart Foundation community scholarship will be presented this spring to an area high school student. The scholarship, payable over a one-year period and awarded to a college or university bound student, will be based on the student's scholastic and academic achievements, extra-curricular and work activities, as well as financial need.

Mark Henson, store manager, said, "We are very proud to offer this annual scholarship to a deserving area student on behalf of our store and the company. This is one of many efforts by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to support education and enhance the opportunities of our area youths as well as contribute to the quality of life in the communities we serve."

Henson said a team of judges, consisting of area business and community leaders, will be formed to evaluate the applications and conduct student interviews before making final selections. Interested students many obtain applications from their school counselor or administrative office.

The Snyder Wal-Mart scholarship is one of over 2,000 scholarships totaling over $2 million being given by the Bentonville, Ark.-based retail chain throughout its 48-state trade territory.

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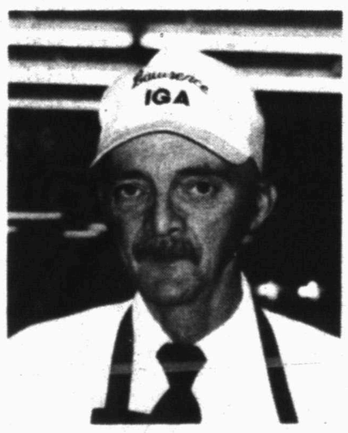

Reo Odorizzi

Reo Odorizzi has worked at Lawrence IGA as a sacker for the past 4 months.

Reo and his wife, Betty, have 3 married children and 1 grandchild. They moved back to Snyder a year ago in October from Austin.

Reo enjoys model trains, camping & other outdoor activities.

He is dependable, helpful to customers and team members, always eager to do more and gets involved in store activities.

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How To Talk To Your Kids About Drugs.

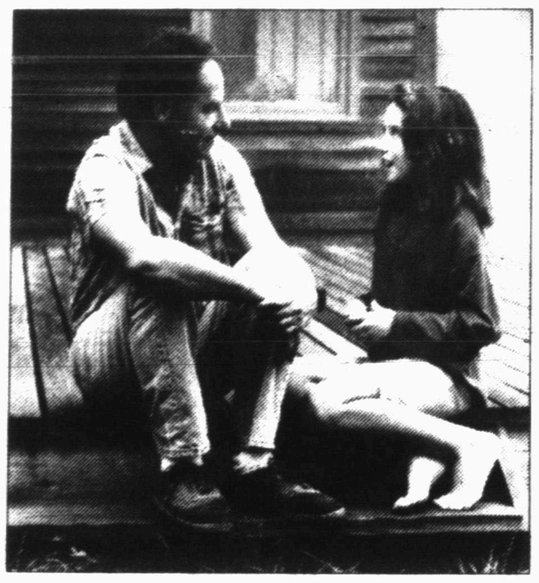
The best thing about this subject is that you don't have to do it well. You simply have to try.

If you try, your kids will get the message.

That you care about them.

That you understand something about the conflicts they face.

That you're there when they need you.



It's never too early to start.

The alternative is to ignore the subject. Which means your kids are going to be listening to others who have strong opinions about the subject. Including those who use drugs. And those who sell them.

Accept rebellion.

At the heart of it, drugs, alcohol, wild hairstyles, trendy clothes, ear-splitting music, outrageous language are different ways of expressing teen-age rebellion.

That's not all bad. Part of growing up is to create a separate identity, apart from parents – a process which ultimately leads to feelings of self worth. A step along that path is rebellion of one kind or another – which is to say rejecting parental values, and staking out new ones.

You did it. They're doing it. And that's the way it is.

The problem comes when kids choose a path of rebellion that hurts them, destroys their self worth, and can ultimately kill them.

That's the reality of drugs.

Don't get discouraged.

When you talk to your kids about drugs, it may seem as though nothing is getting through.

Don't you believe it.

The very fact you say it gives special weight to whatever you say.

But whether or not your kids let on they've heard you, whether or not they play back your words weeks or months later, keep trying.

Start anywhere.

"Have you heard about any kids using drugs?"

"What kind of drugs?"

"How do you feel about that?"

"Why do you think kids get involved with drugs?"

"How do other kids deal with peer pressure to use drugs? Which approaches make sense to you?"

"Have you talked about any of this in school?"

However you get into the subject, it's important to state exactly how strongly you feel about it.

Not in threatening tones. But in matter-of-fact, unmistakably clear language:

"Drugs are a way of hurting yourself."

"Drugs take all the promise of being young and destroy it."

"I love you too much to see you throw your life down the drain."

Some do's and don'ts.

The do's are as simple as speaking from the heart.

The biggest don't is don't do all the talking. If you listen to your kids – really listen and read between the lines – you'll learn a lot about what they think. About drugs. About themselves. About the world. And about you. They'll also feel heard and that, too, is a step along the path towards self esteem.

There are other do's and don'ts: Don't threaten. Don't badger them. Don't put your kid on the spot by asking directly if he or she has ever tried drugs. They'll probably lie, which undermines your whole conversation.

If you suspect your child is on drugs – there are all sorts of symptoms – that's a different matter. Then you've got to confront the subject directly. (This will be another ad in this continuing series.)

In the meantime, just talk to them.

It's okay if you don't know much about drugs.

Your kids *do*.

But they need to know how you feel about the subject.

And whether you care.

For more information on how to talk with your kids about drugs, ask for a free copy of "A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call 1-800-624-0100.

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