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Clinton lawyer says Jones has no case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a fierce legal counterattack, President Clinton's lawyer declared Friday that Paula Jones' evidence of sexual harassment was "garbage" unworthy of a trial and suggested to a court that her key witnesses lacked credibility.

With a 200-page filing in federal court in Little Rock, Ark., attorney Robert S. Bennett submitted testimony that Mrs. Jones was looking for a "movie business" job, and members of Clinton's Arkansas security detail — who had accused him of womanizing — could not be believed.

Bennett also argued that Kathleen Willey's sensational claim last week of an unwanted sexual advance was irrelevant to Mrs. Jones' case.

His pleadings with the court asked that Mrs. Jones' lawsuit be dismissed before it goes to trial in late May. "One would scour these materials in vain for a shred of admissable evidence," he wrote. And at a news conference here, he repeatedly used disparaging words to describe the 700 pages of arguments and documents the Jones lawyers submitted last week.

Bennett said Jones' lawyers had used "their last filing to dump into the media every piece of garbage they could get before the court."

John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute, the conservative organization paying Mrs. Jones' legal bills, insisted the case will go to trial.

He said Bennett's response was simply evidence that "he and his client do not truly uphold the standards and goals of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, signed into law by defendant Clinton himself to fully protect female victims of sexual misconduct by men."

Jones' lawyers contended in their filing a week ago that Clinton engineered a "vast enterprise" to obstruct the case by using job offers and even payoffs to keep witnesses quiet about alleged sexual indiscretions. It also identified several women it claimed had improper sexual contact with Clinton.

Directly responding to Mrs. Jones' claim that she was sexually harassed by Clinton in an Arkansas hotel room in 1991 and then suffered adversely in her Arkansas state job, Bennett said: "There is not an iota of evidence to support those claims."

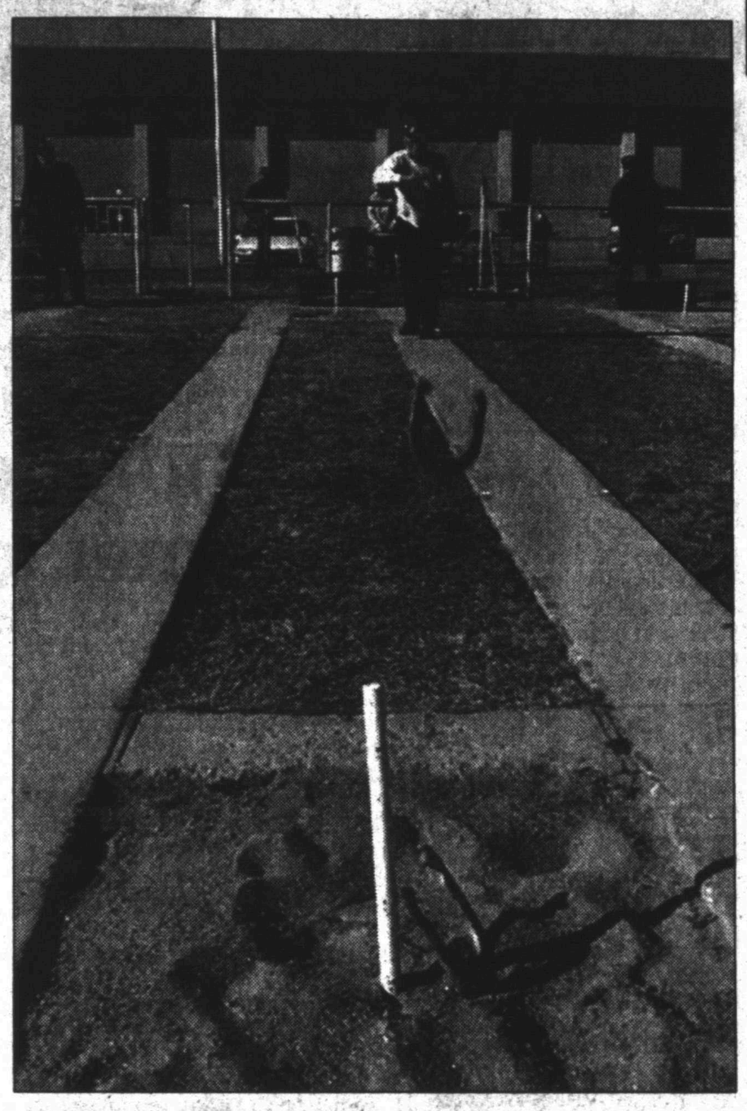
As for new claims by Mrs. Jones last week that she has suffered mental and physical anguish and sexual aversion, Bennett said that until now she had raised "no medical bills, not even an aspirin. ... I would say it was a big joke."

Burglary trial starts Monday

A 21-year-old Snyder man goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Jury selection will begin at 9 a.m. in the trial in which Lawrence Eugene Harrison of 800 35th Street is charged with the Nov. 9, 1997 burglary of a building owned by Judy Fennell.

A panel of 125 prospective jurors has been called. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside. District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute and court-appointed defense attorney is Martin Fender.



A RINGER — Bill Cooper proves that horseshoe pitching is for all ages as the 79-year-old competed in a contest at the courts at Scurry County Coliseum Saturday. The event also included washer pitching. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The clod on Deep Creek says, "If women are supposed to be smarter than men, why do they wear shirts that button down the back?"

One young fellow has figured out how to make money on the Washington scandal without writing a book.

Linda Tripp, the "friend" who taped Monica Lewinsky's conversations, had to move from her home to get away from curiosity-seekers.

But before she changed addresses, a 14-year-old neighbor took advantage of the situation.

The kid charged the media camped outside $3 to use the family bathroom. He earned $40.

So far, the teen has not been issued a subponea from the special prosecutor, nor been advised of an audit from the Infernal Revenue Service.

It would be enough to send you into cardiac arrest.

An IRS blooper has startled thousands of taxpayers.

A young couple in California planned on getting a $175 tax refund and using it on a weekend getaway. A fellow in Tennessee was expecting a refund of $513.

The two taxpayers were among some 3,000 people who instead got a tax bill for $300 million from the IRS.

The couple expecting the $175 were told the refund would be applied to the balance of more than $300 million owed for 1992. In that year, the man said he earned less than $30,000.

A spokesman for the IRS blamed it on a "human programming error." Going out now is a correction and an apology to all recipients.

An apology...perhaps the Infernal Revenue Service is actually trying to become the new, friendlier, more efficient folks we've been hearing about.

Build a better presidential library?

Snyder's Bob Ivey brought us a clipping of a letter that appeared in a Little Rock newspaper. The writer was reacting to a letter that was published previously.

The first writer had suggested putting Clinton's presidential library next to the sewage treatment plant. The second writer said the idea smelled, and offered a suggestion of his own.

"Put it in the sewage treatment plant. When this facility finishes processing the material that Slick Willie and his wife, Bruno Rodman, have been spreading for all these many years, the odor would be eliminated and the library would fit nicely into a telephone booth."

Abribusiness initiative purpose of public meeting here Thursday

Scurry County and area citizens involved in agribusiness are encouraged to attend a public meeting Thursday to discuss a new initiative spearheaded by the Texas Department of Economic Development.

Snyder is the fourth of 11 sites in Texas were state officials are soliciting input regarding the Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership. The partnership is a 67-county effort to attract capital investment and train local workforces for manufacturing businesses and value-added businesses such as textile mills and food processing plants.

The corridor produces 30 percent of the state's gross value of agricultural production. However, almost all of that production is exported outside Texas for value-added processing and manufacturing.

More specifically, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development, the 67 counties produce 68 percent of the cotton, 64 percent of the peanuts, 62 percent of the mohair and sheep and 60 percent of the wool that is produced in Texas.

Almost all of those raw products are shipped out of Texas for processing. The purpose of the initiative is to have them processed within the corridor.

"This project will provide an ideal opportunity to enhance development of markets for both raw and unfinished products," said State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who serves on the Texas State Economic Development Committee.

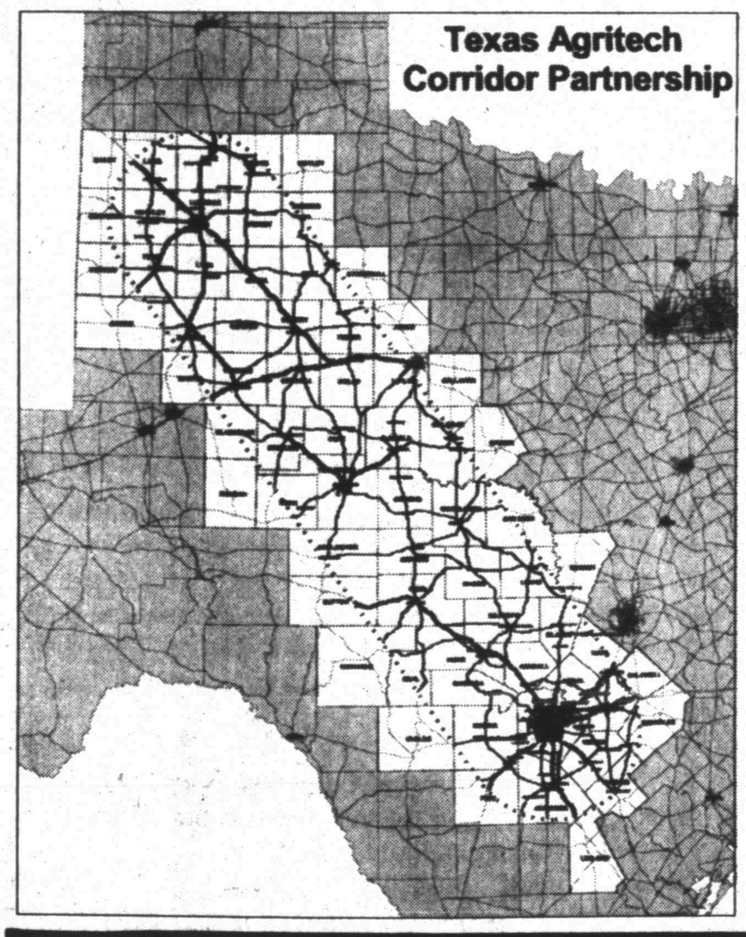
A key example, officials say, is the Lorber Industries of Texas textile mill which will be opening in Snyder later this year. It will take locally grown cotton and process it into yarn.

The idea for the partnership stems from military base closures in Lubbock and San Antonio. The 67-county area stretches from north of Lubbock to just south of San Antonio.

The first several planning sessions are expected to be used to identify the best opportunities for attracting investment and building support for the project amoung local communities, officials said. They are being funded with the aid of a $500,000 grant from the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership includes influential public and private interests: the Texas Department of Economic Development, Texas Tech University, the International Agritech Center in San Antonio and Palo Alto Community College.

Thursday's meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.



SISD registration slated to begin

Registration for the coming school year will start at Snyder High School on Thursday and will continue through April 17.

School counselors will be handing out registration materials during English classes, including a course description bulletin and a course selection card.

The bulletin, which was produced by SHS students Jamie Burleson, C.J. Chaney, Randi Haggard, Lila King, Starling Shields, Christy Tankersley and Daysha Weaver, includes a description of all courses taught at the high school.

It also describes the requirements for the various diploma programs, a listing of all concurrent courses offered by Western Texas College and contains information about correspondence courses and early graduation.

During the registration period, counselors will also discuss requirements for graduation programs, changes in curriculum, elective courses and will assist the students with course selections during the initial registration meeting.

Students will be required to take the registration materials home for parental approval of the courses the student has selected.

A parent will be required to sign the student's course selection card.

A schedule will not be compiled for the student until the signed course selection card is returned to the counseling office, said school officials.

Parents and students are urged to carefully read the course description bulletin before making final course choices. Teachers and counselors will be available to answer questions and provide information for the students during the registration process.

Parents of eighth graders will have a meeting at the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. to discuss registration procedures, diploma programs and course selection.

Incoming freshmen will have registration materials sent home with them and parents will be required to sign their course selection card.

Parents are urged to call school counselors and teachers to answer any questions about courses or registration procedures.

School officials are asking parents to call Kathye Parker at the high school at 573-6301 to leave messages for teachers and counselors during the registration period. Counselors will return calls after 3:30 p.m. daily and teachers will return calls during their respective conference periods.

Oops! Right street, wrong house

NEWBURY PARK, Calif. (AP) — Roofers goofed, ripping the top off the wrong house.

Now, there's a 20-by-6-foot hole in Maryann Pouget's roof and contractor Chris Dyck refuses to put on a new roof, offering instead to plug up the hole with materials that may not match. Or he'll replace the roof — for $4,700.

It all started last week when workers from August Roofing, owned by Dyck, showed up to replace the roof at 948 Pons Court but mistakenly ripped off Pouget's roof at 949 Pons Court. The modest Ventura County home is 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

"I believe it was an honest mistake," the 57-year-old woman said. "But I can't stop worrying about my roof and my possessions inside."

Dyck has balked at an offer by Tim Talan, Pouget's son-in-law, to split the costs of materials to replace the roof if Dyck picks up the rest and provides the labor.

"I'm obligated to help her out because I made a mistake," Dyck said. "But I'm not obligated to lose a lot of money because of this. We're trying to work this out for everyone involved."

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Savings Time begin this year?
A—Sunday, April 5.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 58 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Saturday, 31; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Low around 40. Light wind. Sunday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, upper 70s. W wind 5-10 mph.

Kazual Moore
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 6:56 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Of 79 days in 1998, the sun has shone 77 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no failure except in no longer trying.

Elbert Hubbard

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Rural Texas Women exhibit will continue

Rural Texas Women, 1930-1960, the current exhibit at the Scurry County Museum, has been extended through Wednesday. The exhibit contains photographs and artifacts which date from the Depression into the Cold War.

The activities pictured were linked with the help of extension agents working with rural Texas families during a 30-year period.

Related artifacts are from the permanent collection of the museum and originally were used by Scurry County residents.

The museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College's campus, 6200 College Avenue. Its hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Other times by appointment. Call 573-6107 for additional information.

Flowers says she sold her story for money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gennifer Flowers says she parlayed her story of an affair with Bill Clinton into more than $500,000, including $250,000 for posing nude in Penthouse magazine.

Flowers, whose allegations of a 12-year affair while Clinton was Arkansas governor, almost derailed his 1992 campaign, recounted her earnings in a deposition Nov. 14 in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

In his own deposition, Clinton admitted to having sex with Flowers once, in 1977, but denied a long-term affair.

Under questioning from the president's attorney, Robert Bennett, Flowers detailed the money she made capitalizing on her allegations.

Flowers said she made $50,000 from a book telling her story, "Passion & Betrayal."

She said she was paid $150,000 by The Star, the supermarket tabloid that first aired her story; $25,000 from the television tabloid "A Current Affair"; $15,000 from a Spanish television show and between $5,000 and $7,500 for a German TV show.

She was paid $250,000 by Penthouse, she said. She added that she could have made more had she moved more quickly. Penthouse originally offered her $750,000, plus a share of the newsstand sales, she said.

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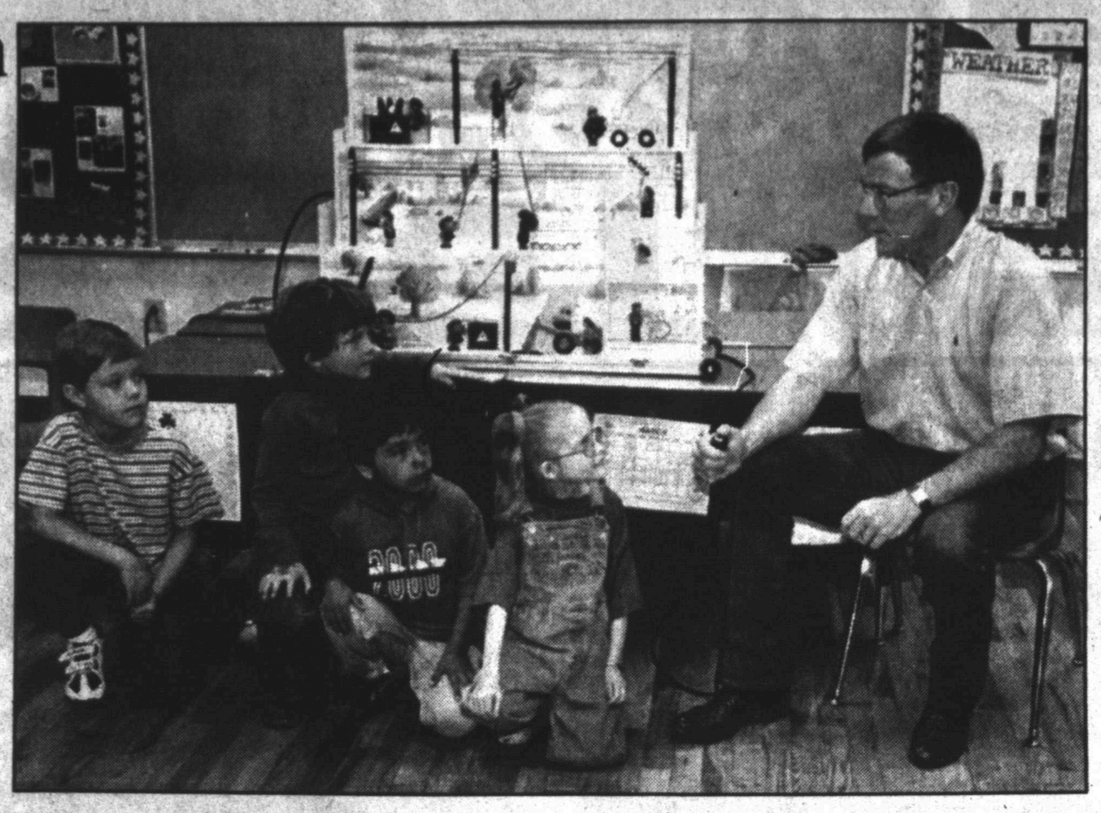


HAZARD HAMLET — Daryl Thomas, manager of Snyder's TU Electric office, presented a safety demonstration to Hermleigh's kindergarten through fifth graders on Wednesday. The Hazard Hamlet display he is shown with helps emphasize the dangers of electricity. From left are Dustin Dacus, J.P. Smith, Jose Rangel and Shaye Williams. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Authorities say bad deals via Internet lead to bomb blast

FAIR HAVEN, Vt. (AP) — Chris Marquis made people angry.

His informal online deals for radio equipment made him the target of complaints, even threats, from people who felt they'd been cheated.

When the 17-year-old high school dropout was killed and his mother seriously injured by a pipe bomb sent to their home, authorities quickly turned their focus to the Internet.

It led them to Chris Dean, 35, of Pierceton, Ind., who was arrested Friday by investigators who said he was furious at Marquis over a deal gone sour.

An affidavit released Friday night said Dean felt Marquis defrauded him in a $400 trade of citizens band radio equipment arranged over the Internet. It said Dean had threatened Marquis over the telephone and said he would come to Vermont on Saturday to get the money he was owed.

Dean, jailed in Fort Wayne, Ind., faces federal charges of interstate transportation of explosives with the intent to kill or injure and causing an explosive device to be placed on an airplane, the FBI said. He could face the death penalty.

The bomb, which killed Marquis on Thursday, was shipped Wednesday from Mansfield, Ohio, via United Parcel Service, authorities said. They said Dean, a truck driver, had been in Mansfield on that day.

UPS had begun investigating Marquis several weeks ago after receiving complaints from people who said he had cheated them in deals for CB radio parts and other items, authorities said.

Authorities then learned that Marquis had angered many people in a CB radio chat group.

There are several ominous-sounding messages about Marquis, posted on a computer bulletin board. One of them even listed his home address in Fair Haven.

"If I find someone to pay the 2 way airfare, I will go there and collect everyones money back and give him some severe dental problems to deal with," said that message, posted by an America Online user. "Are you listening, Chris?? When you see a 6 foot 5 inch dark haired man at your door, you look out 'cause I will be about to drop the maul ... on you noggin dude."

Another online vendor encouraged customers to buy his CB equipment by promising to be honest, "not like that Chris Marquis."

Authorities said their investigation was helped by a friend of Dean's who cooperated with them.

They said the friend, who was not identified, said Dean had said last Saturday he "was going to send the guy a package in the mail and boy is he going to be surprised."

The person also said Dean learned to build the bomb with instructions gleaned from the Internet.

Kennedys buy back memories

NEW YORK (AP) — Even the Kennedys were ready to buy back a bit of Camelot at an auction this week, The New York Times reported today.

Maria Shriver, daughter of John F. Kennedy's sister Eunice, bid anonymously to buy her mother's photo album and her aunt's and grandmother's diaries during Thursday's final session of the two-day auction, the Times said.

The newspaper attributed the report to unidentified people close to the Kennedys.

Officials at Guernsey's auction house said the bid for a 1940-1944 photo album, with 120 pictures of Ms. Shriver's mother's 21st birthday, college graduation and family vacations, had no ceiling.

In other words, Ms. Shriver — an NBC news correspondent and wife of actor Arnold Schwarzenegger — was willing to pay whatever it took. The album went for $14,000.

She also paid $27,500 for a 1923 diary of matriarch Rose Kennedy, $10,000 for a 1935-36 travel diary penned by her daughter Kathleen, and $14,000 for a family photo album.

The final tally for the two-day sale reached about $9 million, double the presale estimate, said Allan Burt, business manager for Robert White, whose collection dominated the sale.

John F. Kennedy's children, Caroline and John Jr., had complained before the auction that some items were too personal to go on sale. White, who was bequeathed the memorabilia by Kennedy secretary Evelyn Lincoln, returned several objects to the family.

Scurry County native inducted into AQHHF

AMARILLO — Scurry County native Jimmie Randals was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame at the association's annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif. earlier this month.

A New Mexico rancher, Randals is the son of the late Dick and Josephine Randals who owned Randals Lumber in Snyder and the Randals Ranch west of Snyder.

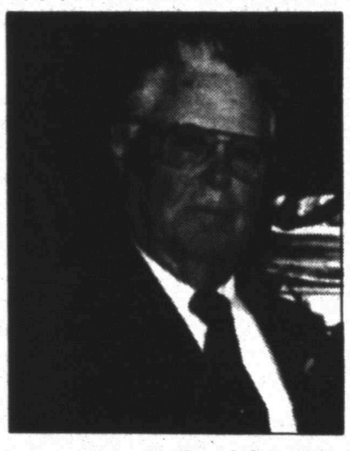
The honor was bestowed on Randals at the 1988 American Quarter Horse Association Convention on March 8.

AQHA said Randals and the Randals Ranch have stood out at near the top of dozens of leading breeder lists — breeding such quarter horses as AQHA Champion Poco Dell.

The Randals Ranch, located 25 miles west of Tucumcari, N.M., has produced 542 foals, including 12 AQHA champions, four youth champions and has earned more than 6,100 points in open, amateur and youth compeition.

With his emphasis on cutting, Randals committed to the sport, serving as National Cutting Horse Association president from 1973-75.

For AQHA, Randals served as director from New Mexico for many years. He was a member of



Jimmie Randals

the show and contest committee from 1960-68 and was on the judges committee from 1969-74. He also served as a member of the New Mexico State Fair, president of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association and was a AQHA judge.

With this year's inductions, the Hall of Fame, located at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum in Amarillo, now includes 72 men, five women

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1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

2. The customer will have at least 7 days to respond to the delinquent notice.

3. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be discontinued.

Please remember, your service will be discontinued if you have not paid your current bill before you are billed again. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please call 573-4960.

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Shop class slates raffle

Snyder Junior High School's advanced woods class will begin selling tickets Monday for a chest of drawers made by the eighth grade students to be given away in a drawing.

Tickets will cost $1 and can be purchased from one of the students, instructor Bill Bell, the school office or by calling the junior high at 573-6356.

All proceeds will be utilized for students' trips to regional and state industrial contests.

Students include Chris Bilberry, Tyler Hunter, Danny Thurmond, Michael Pendleton, Jeffery Proctor, Vincent Flores, Scott Gilliland, Jamie Martinez, Cliff Beights, Casey Uptergrove.

SHOP CLASS RAFFLE — These eighth grade shop students will begin selling tickets for this chest of drawers on Monday. From left, front row, are Chris Bilberry, Tyler Hunter, Danny Thurmond, Michael Pendleton, Jeffery Proctor; back row, Vincent Flores, Scott Gilliland, Jamie Martinez, Cliff Beights, Casey Uptergrove. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

March 21, 1998

Today is the 80th day of 1998 and the first full day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1952, disk jockey Alan Freed hosted the first-ever rock 'n' roll concert.

On this day in 1963, Alcatraz prison closed in San Francisco Bay after 30 years.

On this day in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led 3,000 civil rights demonstrators on a 54-mile walk from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), composer; Benito Juarez (1806-1872), Mexican revolutionary leader; Florenz Ziegfeld (1869-1932), producer; Phyllis McGinley (1905-1978), poet; Peter Brook (1925-), director, is 73; Timothy Dalton (1946-), actor, is 52; Matthew Broderick (1962-), actor, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, former NBA star Michael Jordan was cut from the White Sox roster and sent to the minor league club.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To become the spectator of one's own life is to escape the suffering of life." — Oscar Wilde

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1951, in Port Martin, Antarctica, mean wind speeds were 108 mph.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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March 22, 1998

Today is the 81st day of 1998 and the second day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1958, Hank Williams Jr. made his stage debut at the age of 8.

On this day in 1963, the Beatles' first LP, "Please, Please Me," was released in Britain.

On this day in 1990, President Bush announced that he didn't like broccoli.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Karl Malden (1913-), actor, is 85; Marcel Marceau (1923-), mime, is 75; Stephen Sondheim (1930-), composer and lyricist, is 68; Pat Robertson (1930-), evangelist, is 68; William Shatner (1931-), actor, is 67; Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948-), composer, is 50; Bob Costas (1952-), sportscaster, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1, in the first Stanley Cup playoff game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Stubbornness and stupidity are twins." — Sophocles

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, a major snowstorm created drifts 30 feet high in western Kansas.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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The state flower of Mayland is the black-eyed Susan.

The state tree of Nevada is the single-leaf pinon.

Real-life drama looms near opening of 'Primary Colors'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Who needs the evening news when "Primary Colors" is playing at the local theater? In a town where politics is entertainment, audiences flocked to the story of sex, scandal and a man who would be president.

As the film based on President Clinton's 1992 campaign opened nationwide Friday, the allegations of Paula Jones ... and Monica Lewinsky ... and Kathleen Willey weren't far from many moviegoers' minds.

Some predicted the president's real-life troubles will help bring audiences to the film.

But many who saw it Friday at Washington's Uptown Theater — decked out in red, white and blue bunting for the occasion — said John Travolta's portrayal of the Clintonesque Jack Stanton was likely to help Clinton more than hurt him.

"He's a human being. We're all human beings," said Marc Kaplowitz, who was visiting from New York City.

"One message was that even though flawed, he's better than the rest," said Bob Cobb of Washington.

Only in Washington would viewers be preoccupied by such questions, said Ben Jones, the actor who once ran against Newt Gingrich for Congress and has a small part in "Primary Colors."

Jones saw the premiere in Los Angeles before viewing the movie in Washington with an audience of political pundits and then inviting 100 friends.

In Los Angeles, he said, audiences noticed costumes and smart direction. In Washington, they think political fallout.

What's Jones' analysis? The movie isn't "totally unsympathetic" to the Clinton-like character, he said, adding that nothing in the film will damage Clinton as much as his own behavior does.

"The really important questions are, do the ends justify the means? At what point do we compromise our ideals for our agenda?" he said.

President Clinton was not among the early viewers, and he probably won't have time to catch the film before departing for Africa Sunday, a spokesman said.

But audiences at the Uptown, one of Washington's nicest theaters, did include a White House staffer who bought 17 tickets for co-workers, said manager Tom Wittington.

Lines formed early to see presidential candidate Stanton, the governor of a small Southern state, make his way through allegations of womanizing to eventually claim the White House.

"It's life imitating art imitating life," Kaplowitz said.

Still, the crowds couldn't compete with the turnout for science fiction thrillers that often play there, Wittington said. An older crowd, they probably won't buy as much popcorn either, he lamented.

The story was too real for some.

Soldier missing for 52 years comes home

TOKYO (AP) — A 77-year-old former Japanese soldier returned home Friday, 52 years after he disappeared in Russia.

Toshimasa Meguro was taken prisoner in Siberia by the Soviet Union at the end of World War II.

He was accused of being a spy and sentenced to eight years in prison, Japanese media reports say. After his release, he was told to remain in the region and report to police regularly.

"There was never a moment when I lost my Japanese identity," he was quoted as saying by Kyodo News service upon arriving at Niigata International Airport, 160 miles northwest of Tokyo.

The Japanese learned of his whereabouts only last November.

The veteran plans to return to Russia on April 6, after visiting his parents' grave and visiting friends, Kyodo said.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

King Ranch chicken, potato rounds, mixed vegetables, broccoli/cauliflower salad, apple crisp

TUESDAY

Lasagna, Italian green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, fruit cocktail & oatmeal cookie

WEDNESDAY

Great Northern beans & ham, turnip greens, fried okra, onion slices, coconut pie, cornbread

THURSDAY

Hamburger steak w/brown gravy, sliced new potatoes, blackeye peas, pickled beets, banana pudding

FRIDAY

Fried fish, baked potato, tomatoes w/croutons, green pea salad, peach pizza

Senior Center News

The following activities are planned next week at the Senior Citizens Center.

—Monday: Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; exercise, 11.

—Tuesday: 42/88 at 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; Local Yokels, 11 a.m.; Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon; dance/game night, 7 p.m.

—Wednesday: Birthday party, 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.; Kitchen Band, 11 a.m.; line dancing at Snyder Oaks 1 p.m.

—Thursday: Sunshine Choir at Snyder Oaks, 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.

—Friday: Blood pressure clinic, 9:30 a.m. bridge tournament, 9:30 a.m.; Pool Association meeting, 10 a.m.; exercise, 11 a.m.

The Golden Kiwanis Fish Fry is scheduled for April 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Golden Kiwanians and at the door on the day of the Fish Fry.

Only four more Wednesdays for seniors who need help with income tax returns. The AARP volunteer will be here only on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

May Day is six weeks away and seniors are encouraged to consider what they can do for the fund-raiser. Items needed include crafts, baked goods, BBQ ticket sellers and workers both before and during the day.

So far, 27 quilts have been completed. Center staffers hope to get three more finished so 30 can be auctioned off.

Anyone who quilts, is asked to participate.

Chiapas situation cause for concern

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Nobel laureate Rigoberta Menchu Friday described as worrisome the situation in the violence-torn southern state of Chiapas.

On the third day of a visit here by Menchu, winner of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, leftist rebels said they could not attend a planned meeting with her because of what they called army harassment of rebels and their supporters.

"We are worried, very worried, about the present state of the dialogue and negotiations" between the government and leftist Zapatista rebels, Menchu told a new conference here.

Those talks, begun soon after the Zapatistas staged a brief armed uprising in January, 1994, have been stalled for over a year.

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Farmer recovering

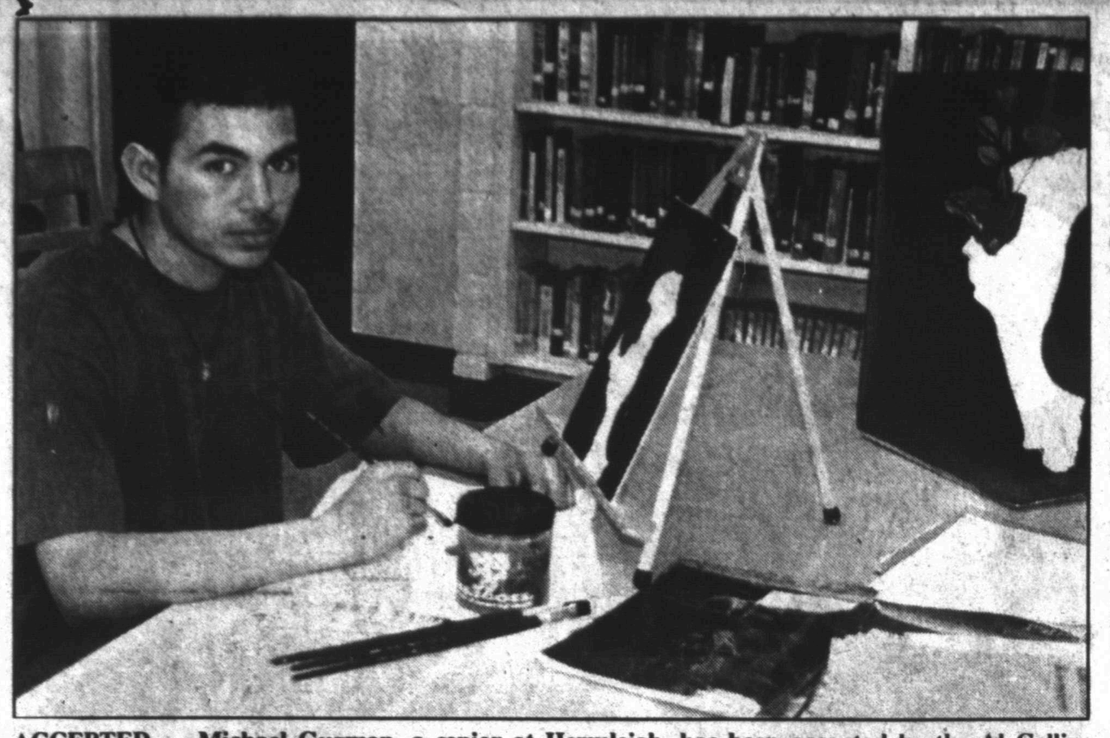
FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — James L. Farmer, a civil rights leader who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in January, was recovering Friday after surgery to have a blood clot removed from his brain.

Farmer, 78, was in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Mary Washington Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

The Marshall, Texas, native is the last surviving member of the "Big Four" civil rights leaders, along with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney Young and Roy Wilkins.

Farmer founded the Congress of Racial Equality, organized the nation's first sit-in and launched an era of nonviolent protests for civil rights.

Farmer is blind and has had both legs amputated because of diabetes, but he remains active, teaching history at Mary Washington College.



ACCEPTED — Michael Guzman, a senior at Hermleigh, has been accepted by the Al Collins Graphic Design School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

School of art accepts Guzman

Michael Guzman, a senior at Hermleigh High School, has been accepted by the Al Collins Graphic Design School in Tempe, Ariz.

Classes at the four-year school begin July 20.

Guzman has loved art since he was a young boy and hopes to become an illustrator. Art awards include last year's honorable mention at Western Texas College's annual art contest.

He is the son of Emma Guzman and has attended Hermleigh School since kindergarten.

Dr. Ben Spock is memorialized

SAN DIEGO (AP) — With a New Orleans-style jazz band blaring and dancing ladies pumping their parasols to the beat, the hearse of America's baby doctor, Benjamin Spock, rolled down La Jolla's main street Friday in the traffic-stopping procession he had requested.

Spock, who is credited with revolutionizing parenting for the baby boom generation with his book, "Baby and Child Care," died Sunday at his home in La Jolla. He was 94.

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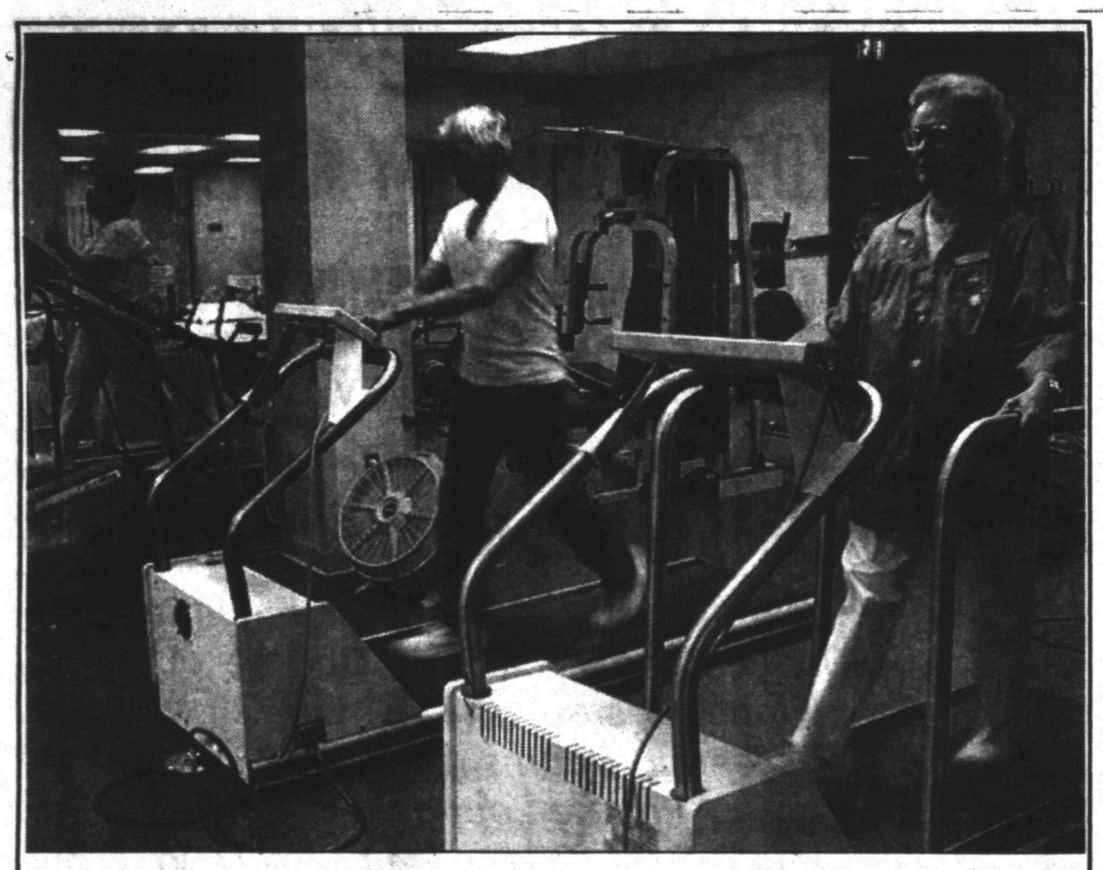

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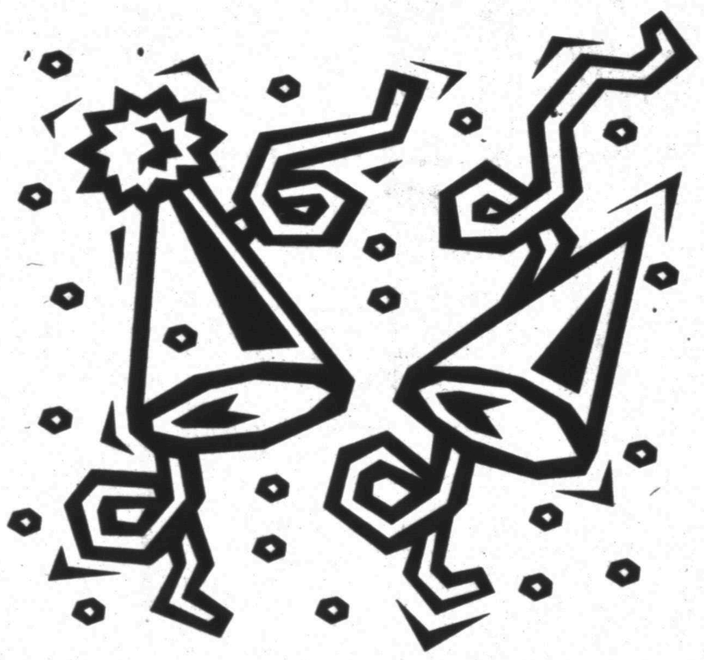

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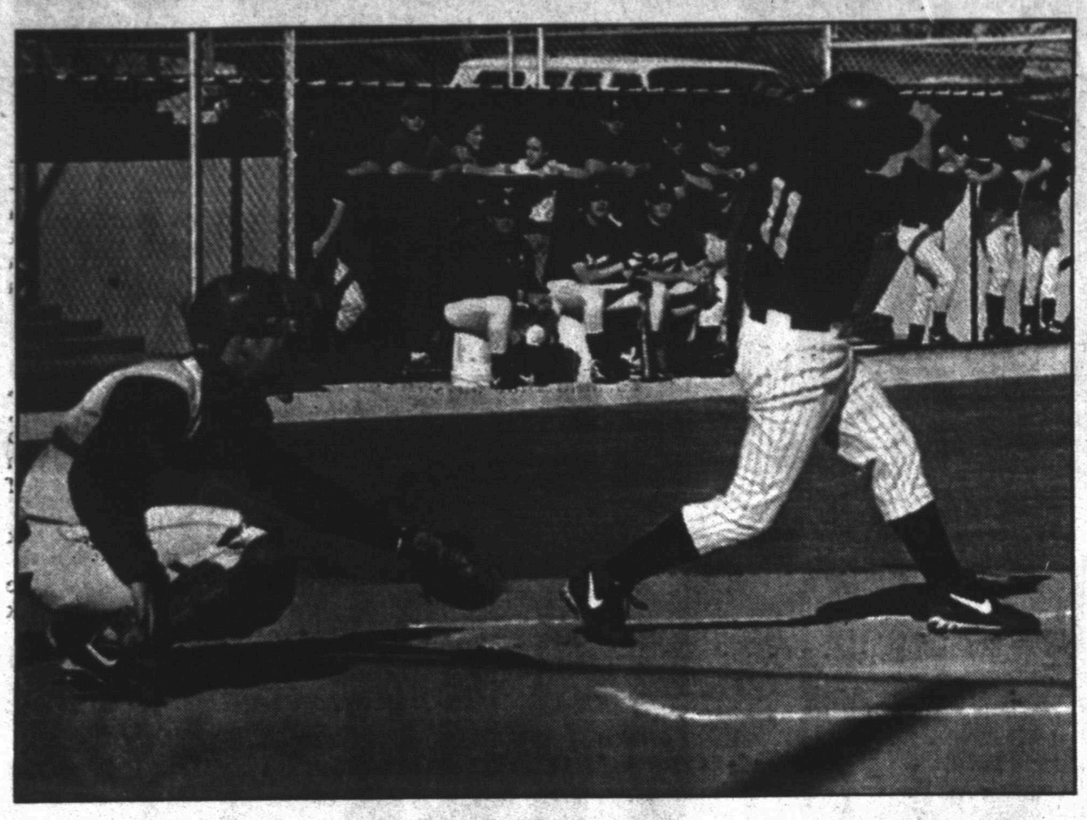

LEADING OFF — The first batter in the Tigers' line-up, Banks Alexander, hits a ground ball Friday during the opener of a doubleheader against Mineral Wells at Moffett Field. Alexander scored three runs over the two contests, as the Tigers swept both games from the Rams. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers sweep twin bill, improve record to 14-2

The rust is gone.

Snyder High School, playing its first contest in almost a week, swept Mineral Wells in a doubleheader Friday at Moffett Field. The Tigers took the opener, 6-3, before nabbing the nightcap, 9-5 to improve their record to 14-2 on the season.

"We came out pretty flat in the first game," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "We picked up the intensity in the second game, but the guys were running out of gas. The lack of work this week showed up on the field."

Tiger ace Clay Berryman got the nod in the first contest. The senior hurler surrendered five hits, while walking two and striking out nine.

Snyder took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning. Berryman drew a walk, followed by a Kyle Beck base hit to left field.

Next-up, David Smith drilled a double to center, scoring courtesy runner Brad Roemisch from second.

The Rams managed to knot the tally in the top of the third, before the Tigers answered in the bottom of the frame.

Beck walked and later came home on a wild pitch, while Smith singled and scored on an error.

Smith picked up his second RBI in the fourth with another double to bring Roemisch home.

Both squads added two runs in the sixth for the 6-3 final.

With the win, Berryman improves to 5-1 on the year.

The second contest would feature more Tiger hitting and stellar pitching, this time from Beck.

The Snyder senior went the distance, fanning 10 Rams and walking only two.

This time the Tigers went to work early, seizing a 4-0 lead in the opening stanza.

Snyder benefitted from four base on balls, a wild pitch and a passed ball.

The only two hits in the first were a lead-off infield single by Banks Alexander and another double by Smith, his third of the night.

Beck was in control through the first four innings, but hit a rough spot in the fifth.

Owning a 9-0 lead, Beck gave up a single and two walks, and had two errors committed behind him as Mineral Wells sent four men home in the inning.

The Rams managed one run the sixth to complete the scoring.

Snyder has now posted 145 runs on the season, while giving up only 45.

"I really think we're playing better than everybody thought we would," Herrera said. "We're still hitting the ball really well."

The Tigers now have only one game against Odessa High over the next nine days before opening district play March 31 at Lamesa.

"We're playing at a good level right now," the Tiger coach remarked. "We need to keep it up heading into district. Odessa will be a good test, they're pretty tough.

"Hopefully we can find another game for next week so that we don't have another layoff. The other teams in district are going to step up and play us hard and we need to be ready. For district, our expectations need to be higher than what they are now."

The match-up with the Bronchos is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday at Moffett Field.

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Mineral Wells: J. Woolf, double; J. Moore, two singles; Light and Quinn, single. Archer (LP), 6 innings, 9 H, 7 BB, 1 HB, 2 SO.

Snyder: Smith, two doubles and single; Beck, three singles; Berryman, Fish and Rodgers, single. Berryman (WP), 7 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 9 SO.

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Mineral Wells: Kennedy, double and single; Anguiano and Moore, double; Montalvo and D. Samples, single. Dearmond (LP), 1⅓ innings, 5 H, 4 BB, 1 SO; Light, 2⅓ innings, 2 H, 4 BB, 1 HB, 3 SO; Moore, 2 innings, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 SO.

Snyder: Berryman, two doubles; Smith, double; Beck, two singles; Alexander, Fish and Lang, single. Beck (WP), 7 innings, 6 H, 2 BB, 1 HB, 10 SO.

Duke, Kentucky meet in South final; Cinderella Valpo bows to URI, 74-68

By The Associated Press

Duke vs. Kentucky: How delicious.

It might not be the epic that it was six years ago, when the Blue Devils edged the Wildcats on Christian Laettner's memorable turnaround jumper at the overtime buzzer. Still, the final of the NCAA South Regional at St. Petersburg, Fla., should be very tasty.

Top-seeded Duke (32-3), which made seven trips to the Final Four in nine years under coach Mike Krzyzewski before hitting a lull, got there when it beat Syracuse 80-67 Friday night. Kentucky was even more impressive, romping past UCLA 94-68.

"It's two different teams now, and a lot of time has gone by since then, but they have a lot of tradition and so do we," said Wildcats guard Jeff Sheppard, who scored 16 points. "It should be a fun game to play in."

And to watch.

The other regional final on Sunday will pit Stanford, seeded third in the Midwest, against eight-seeded Rhode Island. The Cardinal (29-4) advanced by showing its depth and strength in a 67-59 victory over Purdue at St. Louis. The Rams (25-8) ended the surprising run of Valparaiso (23-10), wearing down the 13th seed 74-68.

Today, it's top-ranked North Carolina vs. second-seeded Connecticut in the East final at Greensboro, N.C. In the West, defending champion Arizona, also a No. 1 seed, met third-seeded Utah at Anaheim, Calif.

SOUTH

Duke's youth prevailed against Syracuse (26-9) as Elton Brand had 20 points and 14 rebounds, while fellow freshmen Shane Battier and William Avery had strong games.

Brand, 10-for-14 from the field, led a 19-3 run the Blue Devils put together after missing 11 of their first 13 shots in the second half, allowing the Orangemen to tie the score at 49 on Elvir Ovcina's putback with just over 12 minutes to go.

But they didn't score again against Duke's tough man-to-man defense for five minutes.

Kentucky (32-4) had too much balance for UCLA.

Sheppard's shooting and the inside muscle of Scott Padgett and Nazr Mohammed overpowered the depleted Bruins from the start in a matchup of college basketball's two most storied teams.

UCLA (11) and Kentucky (6) have combined for 17 NCAA titles, the most of any teams. But this certainly wasn't a game for the ages as Padgett scored 19 points, Sheppard knocked down shots from the wings and Mohammed had 15 points, seven rebounds and six blocks. They badly outplayed UCLA's senior trio of J.R. Henderson, Toby Bailey and Kris Johnson, the only remaining players from the Bruins' 1995 title team.

MIDWEST

Stanford sent wave after wave of fresh players onto the floor, and Purdue couldn't match it. Eight players played more than 11 minutes as Stanford set a school record for victories. The Cardinal hasn't advanced this far since the 1941-42 team, which was 28-4, won the national championship.

Poor shooting sank Purdue, which shot only 29 percent in the second half, 31 percent overall. The Boilermakers (28-8) were 2-for-20 from 3-point range in the second half.

Rhode Island's Antonio Reynolds-Dean scored 16 points and made three big defensive plays down the stretch. This is the longest the Rams have stayed in an NCAA tournament.

"We found a way against Kansas, and we're going to find a way against Stanford," coach Jim Harrick said. "I hope they look at us and laugh."

Harrick, who coaches UCLA to its title in '95, restructured his defense to deal with Bryce Drew, Valparaiso's long-distance bomber. Drew scored 18 points, but uncharacteristically struggled in crunch time. The smallest school in the 64-team tournament field, Valpo captured the nation's attention and heart by upsetting Mississippi and Florida State in the first two rounds.

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Clutch single by Cedeno lifts Rangers past Pirates

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Domingo Cedeno's game-winning single boosted Texas over the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-5 Friday in the Rangers' sixth come-from-behind victory.

Cedeno's hit drove in Roberto Kelly and capped a three-run ninth inning. The Rangers were trailing 5-3 at the start of the ninth.

Pinch-hitter Rick Wrona opened the last inning with a single off loser Jeff Tabaka (2-1). Bret Barberie answered his call-up from Class AAA Oklahoma with a homer to tie the game.

Roberto Kelly then doubled, and advanced to third on Luis Alicea's ground out.

Cedeno's hit made it the Rangers' fourth straight win.

Texas is a major league best 16-6 in spring training. The Rangers have hit a major league-high 35 homers.

Pittsburgh starter Jon Leiber allowed six hits and three runs in five innings.

Bobby Witt turned in the longest outing of the spring for a Texas pitcher, allowing seven hits and four runs in six innings.

Mark McLemore had a two-run homer in the fifth inning.

Cowboys ink deal with CB

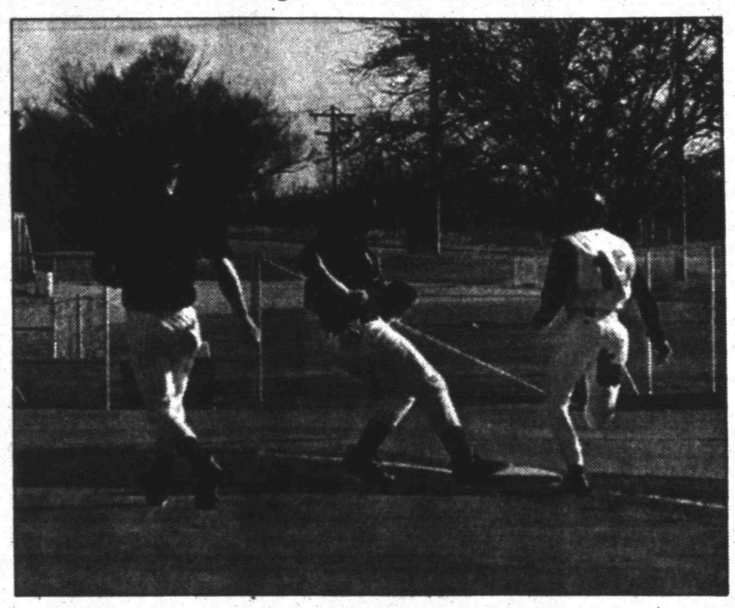
DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys announced today they've re-signed cornerback Wendell Davis to a one-year contract.

The team did not disclose details of the deal.

Davis served as back-up at both right and left cornerback in 1997. He finished the season with four tackles and seven special teams tackles.

He also forced a fumble against the Chicago Bears on Sept. 28 and filled in for an injured Kevin Smith during the second half of the game.

The Cowboys took Davis during the sixth round of the 1996 draft, and he was the 207th pick overall. He finished sixth on the team in special teams tackles with 12 as a rookie.



A RACE TO THE BAG — Snyder first baseman Dustin Fish beats Mineral Wells' John Moore to the bag for the first out of the game Friday. Tiger pitcher Clay Berryman (4) looks on. (SDN Staff Photo)

NCAA Basketball Championships

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At Greensboro Coliseum
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North Carolina 73, Michigan State 58
Connecticut 75, Washington 74
Regional Championship
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North Carolina (33-3) vs. Connecticut (32-4), 6 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Duke 80, Syracuse 67
Kentucky 94, UCLA 68
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Duke (32-3) vs. Kentucky (32-4), 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The Kiel Center
St. Louis
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Stanford 67, Purdue 59
Rhode Island 74, Valparaiso 68
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Stanford (29-4) vs. Rhode Island, 2:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 19
Utah 65, West Virginia 62
Arizona 87, Maryland 79
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 21
Utah (28-3) vs. Arizona (30-4), 3:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
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South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, March 30
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Sports Briefs

All-Star tryouts

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SPORTS

AL preview: Gonzales, Rangers picked third in the West

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

Two tantalizing outs.

The Cleveland Indians came just that close to winning their first World Series in 49 years last season. Despite three straight AL Central crowns and two league championships in three years, the Indians want it all.

"We're just not thinking about getting there (the World Series) or getting ready," said shortstop Omar Vizquel. "We're thinking about winning the whole thing."

So are the New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners and every other AL team. But with their talented hitters and just enough pitching, the Indians should repeat as AL champions. The Yankees and Orioles will slug it out in the East, while the Mariners — as long as they have Randy Johnson — are the class of the West.

General manager John Hart has revamped the Indians once again. Third baseman Matt Williams, pitcher Orel Hershiser and center fielder Marquis Grissom are gone; Travis Fryman is at third, Dwight Gooden is a starter, and look who's back in center — Kenny Lofton, just a year after being dealt to Atlanta for Grissom.

The Indians' starting rotation is thin but, with talent in the minors, Hart could get some help. Johnson, maybe?

Jerry Manuel — one of four first-year AL managers skippers — will try to keep the White Sox close enough that the cub won't trade away all its pitching like last season. Frank Thomas and Albert Belle's second year together should be more productive.

With the expansion Tampa Devil Rays joining the AL East, the Detroit Tigers are now in the Central and Milwaukee is back in the NL.

Kansas City should improve on 67 wins of last year, while the Twins may be playing their final season in Minnesota.

In the winter's biggest trade, the Yankees solved two major problems — leadoff and second base — by getting Chuck Knoblauch from Minnesota. Knoblauch and Chili Davis at DH give the Yankees a slight edge over the Orioles.

New York's success, however, will depend on the health of a fragile starting rotation. David Cone returns from his second operation in two years, Andy Pettitte has a troublesome back and Hideki Irabu is still learning American baseball customs.

Ray Miller inherits a veteran squad in Baltimore. He's planning to utilize a closer-by-committee strategy with Randy Myers gone to Toronto.

Unable to agree to a long-term deal or find a team willing to trade, the Mariners will begin the season with Johnson their ace. If the bullpen improves, Seattle could exceed 90 wins.

A hamstring injury limited Ken Griffey Jr. to three homers in July. Still, last year's MVP hit 56 — the eighth-highest total in history — and will take another run at Roger Maris' record of 61 — which also came in an expansion year.

A look at the AL in predicted order of finish:

WEST

Seattle Mariners

The club listened to offers for Johnson but didn't hear one that its liked. Johnson didn't hear what he liked, either.

Johnson was 20-4 last season with a 2.28 ERA and 291 strikeouts, leading the M's to their second division title in three years. They'll have trouble winning another one without him.

Anaheim Angels

There they were, tied for first place in mid-August, when the Angels found a new way to fall.

In the span of 10 days, infielder Tony Phillips was busted for drugs and pitcher Chuck Finley and rookie catcher Todd Greene suffered broken wrists. Anaheim finished six games back of the Mariners, but as long as they can stay healthy, the Angels will give the Mariners a run.

Texas Rangers

Scariest news out of spring training? Juan Gonzalez is in the best shape of his life.

The guy already looked like he was chiseled out of stone, but he worked with a trainer this winter in hopes of playing a full season. Injuries caused Gonzalez to miss 29 games last year but he still finished third in the league in homers (42) and RBIs (139).

Ivan Rodriguez's .313 average was the highest by an AL catcher in 26 years, and he's durable, playing in 150 games a year ago. First baseman Will Clark hasn't been able to stay healthy the past few years, and his leadership and numbers are essential for the Rangers to contend.

Texas strengthened its defense up the middle by signing second baseman Luis Alicea and bringing back Kevin Elster, who had a career year in '96 for the Rangers before going to Pittsburgh.

Left-hander Darren Oliver (13-12) showed last year he can be a No. 1 starter, but after him, the talent pool drops off significantly. John Burkett (9-12, 4.56 ERA) and Aaron Sele (13-12 at Boston) need to produce.

So does the bullpen. With the exception of John Wetteland (31 saves, 1.91) there was little help from the relievers last season.

Oakland Athletics

It's hard to be optimistic when your biggest off-season acquisitions are Rickey Henderson and Kenny Rogers.

Rogers finally got away from the New York Yankees after two miserable years in Steinbrenner's doghouse. The left-hander immediately becomes the ace of a staff that will include Tom Candiotti, Mike Mohler, Ariel Prieto and Jimmy Haynes.

CENTRAL

Cleveland Indians

On Jim Thome's birthday last year, all the Indians paid tribute to the first baseman by hiking up their socks like Thome does. This spring, the club is trying a new fashion statement, wearing "Team Thome" T-shirts. On the backs, the shirts read: "It don't mean a thing 'till we get the ring."

Chicago White Sox

With Albert Belle joining Frank Thomas in the lineup, the White Sox were supposed to move past the Indians in the Central. So what happened?

Detroit Tigers

No longer the league's patsies, the young Tigers aren't far from being winners.

Kansas City Royals

After trying a youth movement and finishing last for the first time in their history, the Royals brought in veterans last season. Didn't work — they were in the Central's basement again.

Manager Tony Muser's club might be a little better this year, but not much.

Minnesota Twins

They traded their best player this winter and could be spending their next one in a new state.

Tom Kelly, in his 13th year as manager, will get the most out of what little he has, including a solid No. 1 starter in Brad Radke, 20-10 last year when the club had just 68 victories.

EAST

New York Yankees

As he begins his 25th season of ownership, George Steinbrenner seems as determined as ever to get his team back to the World Series.

Baltimore Orioles

Baltimore's everyday lineup will have one player, Jeffrey Hammonds, under age 30. That's not to say the club is ready to start receiving Social Security checks, but it does point to the necessity to win now.

Toronto Blue Jays

If Myers does for the bullpen what Clemens did for the starting rotation, the Jays could be in the wild-card hunt.

Clemens was brilliant in his first year in Toronto, winning 21 games and another Cy Young Award. He became the first AL pitcher to lead the league in wins, strikeouts (292) and ERA (2.05) since Hal Newhouser in 1945.

Boston Red Sox

Remember the days when $75 million could buy you more than a 17-game winner?

That's how much the Red Sox spent for Pedro Martinez's services for the next six years. The right-hander can throw four pitches for outs, and last year with Montreal, he became the first pitcher since Steve Carlton in 1972 to strike out 300 with an ERA under 2.00.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

Wade Boggs, Fred McGriff, Dave Martinez, Paul Sorrento, Wilson Alvarez and Roberto Hernandez. Hey, for an expansion team, these guys might not be half bad.

General manager Chuck Lamar's idea was to blend veterans with fresh faces, and it'll be manager Larry Rothschild's task to find the right mix.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Speedy Moffett, championship hopes and Nolan Ryan — the summer of '65

Drew Bullard might not be able to get around the bases quite a as quick as he used to.

And Jerry Owen probably can't throw inning after inning in the sweltering summer sun anymore.

But at one time these baseball feats came as easily as running a business.

Even though the memories of June 15, 1965 might have faded a little, the facts are right there in the opening paragraph of the next day's lead sports story.

Snyder Daily News June 16, 1965 — Pitching proved once again to be the Tigers' downfall in their fourth try for the state championship, as Alvin ace Nolan Ryan threw a two hitter against the locals for a 3-0 victory for the Yellowjackets.

It was the semifinal game of the state tournament in Austin; and the opposing pitcher's name is correct.

A future 300-game winner in the big leagues, who would strike out over 5,000 batters and record seven no-hitters faced a scrappy, burr-headed group of local youngsters in the summer of '65.

"We knew he was good, but we didn't know that much about him," said Jerry Owen, a Tiger pitcher who played right field that day. "I just remember all the guys asking Speedy Moffett who it was that we were going to face. And he said something like 'He's a top draft choice who throws real hard. And he's wild.' We all thought, oh great."

The quick-footed Bullard was Snyder's lead-off hitter, who was accustomed to getting on base then using his speed.

But Ryan didn't give him a chance to get comfortable.

"He was the hardest-throwing pitcher we had faced all year," Bullard remembers. "The first ball he pitched went behind me all the way to the backstop. I didn't even have time to get out of the way. We didn't really want to stand in there after that."

Ryan went on to strike out nine Tigers that afternoon, as well as belting a two-run double to break a scoreless tie in the sixth.

Snyder's biggest threat came in the bottom of the same inning.

Mack Gaylean and Ray Kizer led off with singles — the only two hits Ryan would surrender.

Next-up, Owen had the dubious honor of attempting what hundreds of major leaguers could never accomplish — bunting a Nolan Ryan fastball. The ball popped up for the first out, bringing Bullard back to the plate.

This time Bullard made contact, but it was a groundball that forced out Gaylean at third.

"I remember hitting the ball," Bullard remarks. "Because I remember how hard the bat rattled in my hands."

Leslie Brown then reached on an error. But with the bases loaded, Ryan struckout SHS pitcher J.N. Wall to end the threat.

Even though Bullard and Owen never went on to Major League greatness, at least they have something in common with some of the legends enshrined in Cooperstown — they went hitless against Nolan Ryan.

The following is the box score from the semi-final game.

Alvin	ab	r	h	bi	Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ault 2b	2	0	0	0	Bullard 2b	2	0	0	0
Brown 1b	3	1	1	0	Brown ss	3	0	0	0
Childress 3b	3	1	0	0	Wall p	3	0	0	0
Ryan p	3	0	1	2	Gay c	2	0	0	0
Mathis rf	2	0	0	0	Benetiz pr	0	0	0	0
Allen rf	1	0	0	0	Holt 3b	2	0	0	0
Waters ss	3	0	0	0	Cadena cf	3	0	0	0
Methden lf	2	0	0	0	Gaylean lf	2	0	1	0
Huffman ph	1	0	0	0	Kizer 1b	2	0	1	0
Thomas cf	3	1	2	0	Owen rf	2	0	0	0
Spinks c	2	0	1	0					
Jacobs ph	1	0	1	1					
Totals	26	3	6	3	Totals	21	0	2	0

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Snyder .....000 000 0—0 2 1

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	47	21	.691	-
NewYork	37	30	.552	9½
NewJersey	35	33	.515	12
Orlando	34	33	.507	12½
Washington	34	33	.507	12½
Boston	29	37	.439	17
Philadelphia	25	41	.379	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	50	17	.746	-
Indiana	47	20	.701	3
Charlotte	43	24	.642	7
Atlanta	40	26	.606	9½
Cleveland	36	30	.545	13½
Detroit	31	36	.463	19
Milwaukee	29	37	.439	20½
Toronto	15	51	.227	34½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	49	17	.742	-
x-SanAntonio	45	22	.672	4½
Houston	35	31	.530	14
Minnesota	34	33	.507	15½
Dallas	16	51	.239	33½
Vancouver	15	51	.227	34
Denver	8	61	.116	42½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	50	16	.758	-
x-L.A.Lakers	47	19	.712	3
x-Phoenix	44	22	.667	6
Portland	37	29	.561	13
Sacramento	26	42	.382	25
L.A.Clippers	15	51	.227	35
GoldenState	14	53	.209	36½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Thursday's Games

Indiana 95, Washington 91
Atlanta 84, Milwaukee 81
Toronto 104, Denver 103, OT
New Jersey 93, Orlando 87
Portland 82, New York 77
Houston 105, Boston 96
Dallas 88, Golden State 82, OT
Cleveland 90, Sacramento 85

Friday's Games

Indiana 99, New Jersey 92
New York 109, Atlanta 108
Utah 91, Philadelphia 79
Orlando 102, Portland 87
Miami 93, Golden State 87
Detroit 105, Toronto 99
Chicago 98, Vancouver 92
Minnesota 104, Denver 88
Charlotte 92, San Antonio 82
L.A. Lakers 93, Seattle 80

Saturday's Games

Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 3:30 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	41	18	9	91	191	133
Philadelphia	35	20	11	81	196	151
Washington	32	25	11	75	181	172
N.Y.Rangers	22	29	17	61	169	188
N.Y.Islanders	22	35	10	54	172	192
Florida	18	37	12	48	158	209
TampaBay	15	43	9	39	129	214

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	35	19	14	84	192	158
Montreal	32	27	9	73	194	170
Boston	30	24	13	73	178	160
Buffalo	28	24	15	71	172	157
Ottawa	27	29	12	66	161	169
Carolina	26	34	7	59	161	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	42	16	10	94	210	137
Detroit	37	19	13	87	207	163
St.Louis	36	24	8	80	202	161
Chicago	27	30	11	65	168	165
Phoenix	26	30	12	64	184	193
Toronto	24	36	8	56	157	197

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	35	19	16	86	207	175
LosAngeles	31	25	11	73	194	177
Edmonton	26	33	10	62	176	196
SanJose	27	33	7	61	164	179
Calgary	21	34	13	55	180	206
Vancouver	21	37	12	54	194	241
Anaheim	21	37	10	52	161	211

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games

Buffalo 6, Florida 1
Boston 4, Toronto 0
Anaheim 3, Philadelphia 3, tie
Chicago 1, Montreal 0
Colorado 4, Phoenix 3

Friday's Games

Washington 2, New Jersey 0
Vancouver 1, Ottawa 1, tie
Dallas 6, Carolina 1
Calgary 4, N.Y. Islanders 1

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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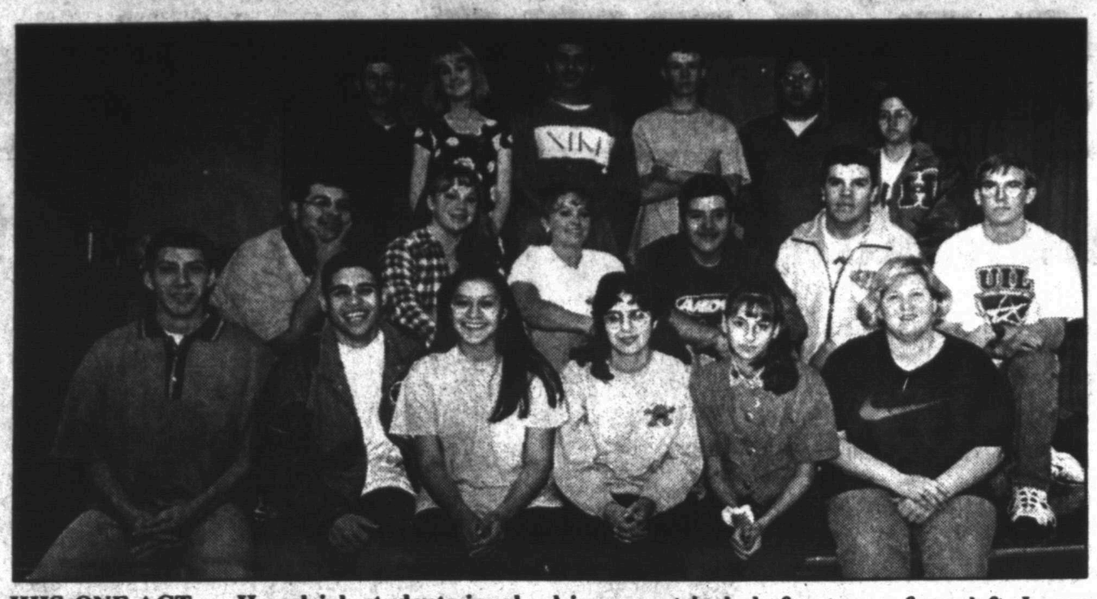
HHS sets one-act Monday

A community performance of Hermleigh's one-act zone entry, "The Magician's Nephew," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the auditorium.

Ice cream will be sold at 7 p.m.

Zone competition is set for Thursday at Rotan. Hermleigh will perform second

Students participating include Larry Lambaren, Jason Hernandez, Ester Martinez, Andrea Rodriguez, Amber Harbin, Casey Frizzell, Joe Romero, Jennifer Roemisch, Brandy Wood, Joey Garza, Johnny Garza, Jared Higgins, Ricky Luna, Tiffanie Moore, Randy Hernandez, Nick Free, Gilbert Rios and Crystal Jackson.



HHS ONE-ACT — Hermleigh students involved in one-act include front row, from left, Larry Lambaren, Jason Hernandez, Ester Martinez, Andrea Rodriguez, Amber Harbin, Casey Frizzell; second row, Joe Romero, Jennifer Roemisch, Brandy Wood, Joey Garza, Johnny Garza, Jared Higgins; third row, Ricky Luna, Tiffanie Moore, Randy Hernandez, Nick Free, Gilbert Rios and Crystal Jackson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Marine convicted

TOKYO (AP) — A U.S. military tribunal convicted a South Carolina man of disorderly conduct Friday in a fellow Marine's fatal fall from a third-story window of his barracks.

Pvt. William Keaton, 19, of Anderson, S.C., received the maximum sentence of four months confinement, with all but 45 days suspended under a plea agreement, the Marine Corps said.

Argentine boy trapped in deep shaft is found dead by rescuers

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Searchers recovered the body Friday of a 5-year-old boy trapped for more than 33 hours in an abandoned well in a televised drama that captured the nation's attention.

Covered in a blanket, Cristian Quiroz's body was rushed in an ambulance to a local hospital in San Nicolas, a city about 140 miles north of the Argentine capital.

Although the boy was dead when he arrived at the San Nicolas hospital, doctors worked in vain for more than an hour hoping to revive him, said director Ismael Pasaglia.

"It was probably asphyxiation. He was covered with dirt and weeds," said Pasaglia. He said an autopsy Saturday would determine the cause of death.

Quiroz plunged down the 59-foot well shaft while out for a walk Thursday with his mother.

"We were walking, we heard a shout, we turned around and saw Cristian had disappeared," the boy's aunt, Eva Quiroz, said in a televised interview on the Cronica station. "We heard crying and we realized he had fallen in."

Relatives said the boy had cried at the outset of his ordeal and was consoled by his mother; but after whimpering for about three hours, he fell silent.

Shoveling through clumps of mud and rock, rescuers worked through the night to dig a second, parallel tunnel. A single rescuer then dug a passageway between the two tunnels to reach the trapped boy.

The effort was captured by a small camera attached to the rescuer's helmet and broadcast to the nation.

As the rescuer came close to perforating the well shaft, he worked gingerly with his hands to scrape away dirt and avoid causing a cave-in. When he was reached, the boy was lifeless.

The cheers that arose from a crowd above quickly died away when it became obvious the boy was dead.

"This is very sad and bitter," said one sweaty and grimy rescue worker.

Hundreds of onlookers had gathered at the grassy field, site of a water well that had been dug four years earlier and since been overgrown by weeds.

After the body was rushed to the hospital, hundreds gathered outside there as well, many clasping hands and praying.

People across the country watched live televised coverage of the rescue operation, which began Thursday with a search for anyone small enough to be lowered into the narrow hole — only 16 inches wide.

Berry's World

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 22, 1998

New vistas will be conquered in the year ahead, because you'll know how to utilize to your advantage impediments that previously worked against you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you hope to achieve your objective today, you'll have to be resilient and thick-skinned. If you're soft or sensitive, you could get decked in the early rounds. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Realism is essential in order to do well in commercial matters today. Be logical without being a defeatist and don't dwell in shadows where none exist.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An endeavor of yours could be subjected to unnecessary delays if you bring a nonproductive into the act. Limit participation to doers and contributors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In a situation where staunch allies are required today, use your best judgment to determine the depth of their support. Do not proceed if uncertain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your imagination will be very active today, but you might use it only for finding clever excuses to set aside duties that you should be addressing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Poking your nose today into matters that do not affect you directly could prove to be a sorry choice. It might penalize you socially or monetarily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Fresh life could be breathed into an old, unresolved issue today. Try not to say or do anything offensive; let sleeping dogs lie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you might not accomplish anything significant. Your goals may be too scattered and you could have a hard time bringing them into focus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you're not stingy toward people who have treated you in a generous fashion, but today the absence of this trait could dull your image.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Relatives will respond to you today in the same manner you treat them. If you're hypercritical, they'll point out your imperfections as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to tune in to positive aspects is numbered among your best assets, but today you may zero in on negatives and impair your judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your friends might not be too eager to pick up your end of the tab. If you fail to pay your share, you won't look too good with others.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 23, 1998

Impressive results might be generated in the year ahead from several endeavors that fizzled out last year. It is a new ballgame and the time is ripe for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There could be a certain mystique about you today others will find enchanting. It won't be necessary for you to put on airs or pretenses to manifest this. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you might be more sensitive to your surroundings than usual. This could enable you to perceive things that aren't readily discernible to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be a good listener today, because you can learn valuable things from others, even though what is said won't be discussed with you in mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Put out a bit of extra sincere effort today to help a friend realize his or her desires. The seeds you plant now will beautify your own tomorrows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It is a good idea to heed your intuitive feelings today when dealing with others. They will serve as reliable guidelines to keep matters on course.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has your best interest at heart will do all he or she can to help you achieve objectives today. This friend has gone to bat for you before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Beneficial tides are trending in a favorable direction for you today. They could be a catalyst to bring you and your loved ones closer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your best asset today will be your ability to transform outmoded things into something better and more functional. Get an early start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your popularity will be ascending a few notches at a time. Involvements with friends will be rewarding and you'll enjoy being appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're in need of something special today, first check with people who you've helped in the past. It may not be necessary to develop a search team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your ability to utilize newly acquired knowledge could be impressive today. Both practical and profitable uses may be found for what you learn.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may have a faculty today for rooting out bargains. Follow your hunches to find ways to obtain something you've been wanting for a long time.

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Changes needed in oil business

MIDLAND (AP) — Domestic oil interests can't compete against foreign petroleum producers unless drastic, long-term changes are made in the way the United States does business, according to a leading independent oilman.

"This has always been a tough business, but I'm telling you it's getting tougher," said George Yates of Roswell, N.M., chairman of the Independent Petroleum Association. Speaking to members of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association on Thursday, he was critical of U.S. oil policy.

"Domestic producers do not have a government that represents them," Yates said. "We are every day competing against governments whose primary purpose is the export of oil."

The IPAA, which represents 5,000 oil producers nationwide, wants a tax credit for oil producers who lose money on marginal wells. Yates also wants changes in other tax and royalty policies and the opening of restricted areas of land to exploration.

Low-producing "stripper wells" are being abandoned on a daily basis, he said, especially with the recent erosion of prices below the $15 a barrel mark. Yates added that stripper wells account for a quarter of domestic production.

Yates also expressed frustration with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies' apparent inability to control the production of members such as Saudi Arabia and also Venezuela, where production is 100,000 barrels a day more than its set quota.

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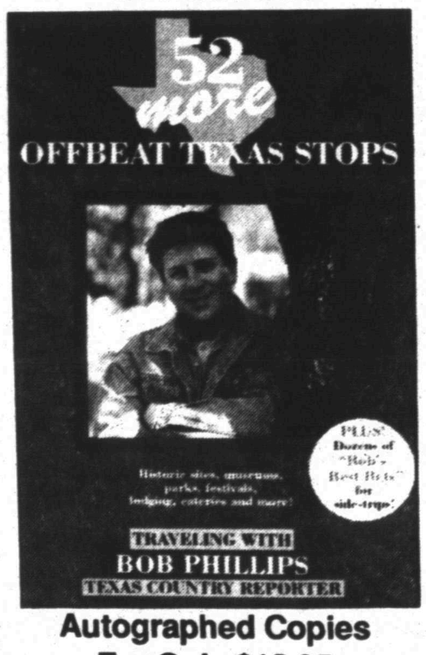

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Entry mats that collect or absorb soil and moisture should be placed adjacent to carpeted areas in entries of homes and businesses and, if possible, not on top of the carpet. They must be maintained by periodic vacuuming, shaking and cleaning.

2. Vacuuming Carpet - Routine vacuuming with properly maintained, quality equipment is the single most important step a home or business owner/manager can take to extend the life and appearance of carpet. A top-fill upright vacuum with brush agitation or a canister vacuum with a "power head" incorporating brush agitation should be selected and used with routine frequency. Equally important, soil that is loosened and vacuumed from carpet must be collected in the vacuum's recovery system and not allowed to re-enter the air within the structure to contribute to indoor air pollution. For this reason, a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtering system or bag should be used in any vacuum equipment employed.

3. Immediate Spotting - Most spots can be removed easily if the excess is lifted or blotted and the area is treated immediately by carpet owners with plain water or with spotters containing mild (pH range of 5-9), delute cleaning detergents that do not leave residue. If ignored, those spots, or components thereof, may bond with fiber dye sites, forming permanent stains. Immediate spotting is an essential responsibility for home and business owners/managers.

4. Cleaning - Installed residential carpet exposed to routine use should be programmed for cleaning at least annually. Carpet that is subjected to extreme soiling or heavy use, particularly high traffic areas, or carpet installed in homes occupied by persons with allergy or respiratory problems requires greater cleaning frequency. Carpet in low traffic areas, such as formal living rooms and dining rooms, needs less frequent cleaning.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Set rules to modify behavior

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our grandsons, ages 5 and 3, have severe behavioral problems despite the fact that their parents have given them everything. The children are fussy eaters, demanding of attention and not very pleasant to be with. They constantly fight and are rude to their elders. My heart is crying out. We pray for their health and future. What can I do? We're not looking forward to next Christmas dinner.

DEAR READER: Time was, your grandchildren would probably be labeled "spoiled." That diagnosis is no longer politically correct, however.

Nonetheless, it says a lot.

As grandparents, you probably have little influence on their upbringing, but their parents are sure to be at their wits' end. Perhaps this would be a good time for some limits, structure and discipline, before the little ones become too old to mold.

Talk to their parents about your concerns. Then establish some "house rules," such as: no fighting; go to bed at a reasonable hour; eat what's put in front of you; be respectful of adults — you know, all the things that your parents tried to teach you.

If you're consistent and fair in your expectations about their attitudes and behavior, your grandchildren may actually welcome such limits. They will learn that when they visit your house, they must behave. If their parents agree to support your efforts, the grandchildren can only profit from the experience.

Of course, this approach will not be easy. Reinforce your love for and commitment to the grandchildren, and explain to them that it is precisely because you care for them that you are setting reasonable guidelines for their behavior. If you approach this problem with gentle firmness and lots of hugs, you will at least make your grandchildren's visits more enjoyable. And who knows? They may even thank you once they have grown up enough to appreciate an adult perspective.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 60-year-old husband is in good health, except for two glaring problems. He has an ulcer for which he takes Tagamet, and recently his breasts have become somewhat enlarged and very tender. What could cause this?

DEAR READER: Breast swelling and sensitivity in men is called gynecomastia. Although the condition is common in adolescents (because of the increased production of sex hormones), it is less frequent in middle- and old-age.

Sometimes, in older men, gynecomastia is caused by growths or tumors. However, in most cases, this unpleasant but harmless situation is a side effect of medications. Tagamet is such a drug.

I suggest that your husband discuss this with his doctor. Perhaps a change in medicine is in order. For example, Zantac — an anti-ulcer drug that, like Tagamet, is available without a prescription — might be a suitable substitute.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because you sometimes print home remedies for various ailments, I thought I would share another one with you.

I have hemorrhoids that periodically cause pain and itching. They don't respond to the usual over-the-counter products.

So I decided to experiment.

I noted that one OTC nostrum contained menthol, and it seemed to help more than the others. Therefore, the next time my piles flared up, I applied Mineral Ice. It gave immediate relief.

I discussed this finding with my doctor. He wasn't aware of any potential harm from the practice but was surprised that I could tolerate the menthol applied to such a sensitive area.

The long and short of it is that I have successfully used Mineral Ice on several occasions for the past two years.

DEAR READER: I can see no harm in the practice, although nitroglycerine cream may work as well. Thanks for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every time I urinate in the toilet, I leave a pink ring in the bowl. This has been going on for about a year. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Although such a discoloration could be caused by a substance in the toilet water, I suspect that the ring you described may actually be blood in your urine. Because even small amounts of urinary blood could reflect a serious underlying disease — such as a tumor or a dangerous kidney disease — I urge you to bring this symptom to your doctor's attention. With blood and urine tests, he should be able to determine if the pink ring is coming from you (and needs treatment) or from the water supply in your bathroom (in which case, a plumber is in order).

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

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MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS — Scurry Lodge No. 706 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons recently presented 50-year Masonic service awards to Alex G. Miller of Odessa, Leon Austry and Carl Foree, both of Snyder. Not present to receive their awards were Horace Williamson of Maybank; J.W. Love of Goldthwaite; Dan Callaway and Harold Denson of Snyder. Worshipful Master Joe Brown of Scurry Lodge No. 706 presented the awards last Saturday. (Contributed Photo)

AIDS experts hunting baby-saving treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A quick treatment that could cut in half the HIV-infected infants born in developing countries may be more difficult and expensive than initially suggested, say U.S. health officials.

First, doctors must diagnose the 2 million HIV-infected women who will get pregnant each year in developing countries — nations that now have little testing for the AIDS virus, the officials say. Then, they must keep the healthy babies from being infected by breastfeeding.

The health officials are headed for an international AIDS meeting on Monday to hunt a solution.

Last month, scientists discovered that three to four weeks of AZT therapy during the end of pregnancy cut in half the number of infected babies born to HIV-infected mothers.

AZT maker Glaxo Wellcome reacted by slashing the drug's price for developing countries, to $50 to $150 per woman. The 26-week AZT therapy given to U.S. women costs $800 to $1,000.

Still, "there are some really major challenges in turning this into a reality for the hundreds of thousands of children who are infected every year," cautioned Dr. Nils Daulaire of the U.S. Agency for International Development, which spends $120 million on AIDS programs worldwide.

The U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS has called international experts to Geneva on Monday to plan how to get short AZT therapy to developing countries.

AIDS testing is largely unknown in these regions. USAID has begun HIV counseling and testing programs in 14 developing countries, at a cost of $25 per person. The question is how to find an estimated 2 million HIV-infected pregnant women each year at a more affordable price, Daulaire said Friday.

Then comes the AZT. Even at $50 to $150, that's "several times the amount normally spent on all prenatal obstetric care" in developing countries, Daulaire said.

Finally, doctors must keep protecting the healthy infants: If their HIV-infected mothers breastfeed, one in six of the babies will catch the virus that way, he said.

Health experts for years have tried to increase breastfeeding in developing countries because mothers' milk is such good nutrition. Given that, doctors must figure out how to curb nursing by HIV-infected mothers without harming that bigger message, he said.

Rival Davidians factions said fighting over name, property

WACO (AP) — Another squabble is taking place at Mount Carmel.

This time, however, the fight isn't taking place on the 77-acre Branch Davidian property. The debate is over who can claim the property.

The disagreement involves representatives from two rival Davidian camps, who both claim the "Davidian" name and the land about 10 miles east of Waco.

Mount Carmel gained national attention five years ago when Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and about 80 of his followers died in a fiery blaze on April 19, 1993. The fire ended a 51-day standoff with federal agents.

The latest standoff is currently in court.

"Anytime you have a church, especially a ... factionalized church that actually owned a piece of property, you're going to have a problem," said Waco attorney Guy Gilbert, who represented Koresh in his 1988 attempted murder trial.

The surviving followers of Koresh claim property ownership based on their religious belief and a legal document naming Koresh and 12 other "trustees" of the church as holders of the land.

A lawsuit filed by those followers against a group claiming to be members of the original Branch Davidian church is pending in Waco's 74th State District Court. The case is slated for trial Sept. 8.

The defendants were members of the church before Koresh. They say Koresh and his followers broke away from the original Davidian sect, and, therefore, never had any claim to the land under the church's basic tenets.

On March 13, Doug Mitchell — who currently lives at Mount Carmel and claims to be a member of the original Branch Davidians — filed a lawsuit in against the surviving Koresh followers.

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While the CIA still reserves the right to withhold future budget totals and is not releasing the proposed budget for next year, the announcement Friday by CIA Director George Tenet signaled a willingness to discuss at least overall intelligence spending patterns.

The release, Tenet said, "will not harm national security or otherwise harm intelligence sources and methods."

The budget includes money for the CIA, the National Reconnaissance Office, the National Security Agency and other intelligence organizations. The figure was a secret throughout the Cold War and into the 1990s. Last year, following a lawsuit by a CIA watchdog group, the agency said the combined intelligence budget for fiscal 1997 was $26.6 billion.

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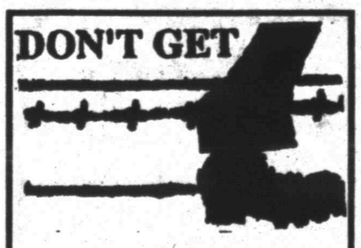

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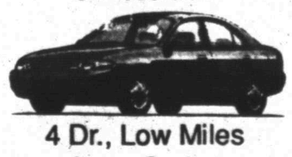

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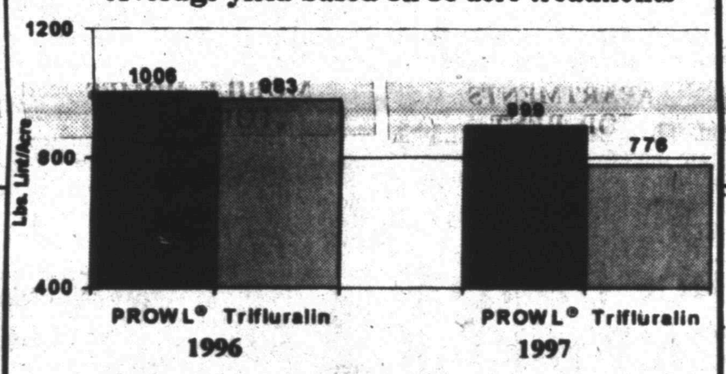

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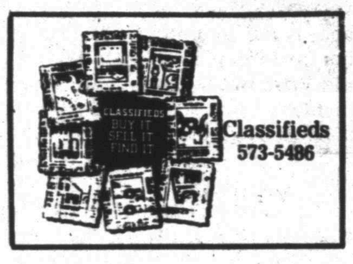

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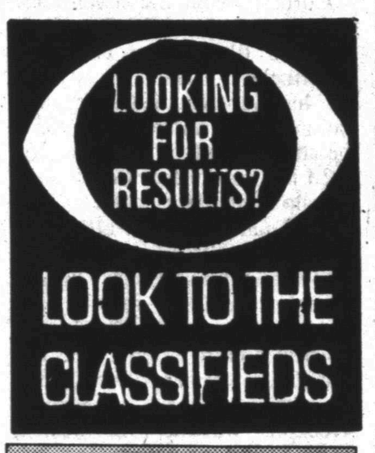

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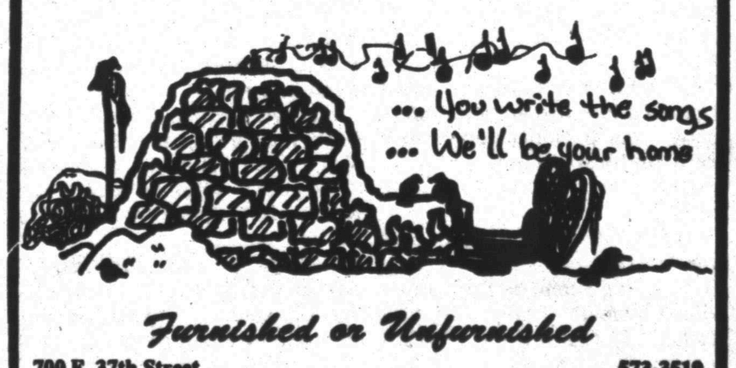

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Study: Older heart drugs often ignored

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Studies find doctors frequently fail to prescribe some lifesaving older drugs for their patients with bad hearts and high blood pressure, while overusing newer, less effective medicines.

The research is the latest to lament the slow, often erratic way that new medical knowledge makes its way into everyday practice, as well as the influence of drug company marketing campaigns.

Doctors who study this issue say the result is often less-than-ideal treatment with overpriced drugs.

Virtually every set of guidelines issued by expert panels lists an older class of drugs called beta blockers as the first-line treatment for recovering heart attack victims and others with serious coronary artery disease.

However, one of three new studies released Friday by doctors from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston shows that use of these drugs actually fell during the 1980s. At the same time, doctors began prescribing a new variety of medicines, called calcium channel blockers, that experts say are not as effective.

"Appropriate, proven medications for the treatment of heart disease are not being adopted into practice," said Dr. Randall S. Stafford, one of the Boston doctors.

Stafford and Dr. Thomas Wang presented the results at an epidemiology conference sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Beta blockers, along with diuretics, are also considered to be the best treatments for high blood pressure.

They are often available in generic form and cost pennies a day. But many doctors instead prescribe calcium blockers, which came into widespread use in the late 1980s. These drugs are still largely protected by patents and often cost $2 or $3 a day.

The researchers reviewed drug company advertising in 210 issues of the weekly New England Journal of Medicine, a magazine aimed at doctors.

In 1985, 12 percent of the advertising was for beta blockers, 5 percent for calcium blockers and 4 percent for diuretics. By 1996, 27 percent of the magazine's drug ads were for calcium blockers. The journal did not carry a single ad for beta blockers or diuretics that year.

Wang said he believes this and other promotions — such as free samples, visits by drug salesmen and education programs sponsored by drug companies — at least partly explain the underuse of beta blockers.

He reviewed data from 11,000 patient visits compiled in 1980 and 1981 and again from 1993 to 1996. In the early 1980s, 30 percent of patients visiting doctors with coronary artery disease were prescribed beta blockers. By the mid-1990s, this had fallen to 21 percent.

At the same time, he said, use of calcium channel blockers surpassed beta blockers. However, use of calcium blockers has dropped back to about the same level as beta blockers for people with coronary disease, due at least in part to troublesome evidence that some forms of calcium blockers might actually be harmful.

Common brands of beta blockers include Inderal and Lopressor. Calcium blockers include Procardia and Norvasc.

The doctors said that despite scientific studies in medical journals and guidelines issued by expert panels, many doctors simply do not know which medicines are best.

"The last step after coming up with the science is getting the message out there. There are significant shortfalls," said Dr. Thomas A. Pearson of the University of Rochester.

Another study by the Boston doctors looked at prescriptions of the blood thinner warfarin for atrial fibrillation, a common condition in which the heart beats chaotically, triggering blood clots that can cause strokes.

Despite large studies showing warfarin substantially cuts this risk, use of the drug has leveled off. They found that it was given to 13 percent of atrial fibrillation patients in 1989. This rose to 40 percent by 1993 but has not increased since then.

Stafford estimated that more widespread use of warfarin could prevent at least 10,000 strokes in the United States a year.

'Titanic' could sweep the Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Remember: The ship was supposed to be unsinkable, too.

"Titanic" could easily collect a slew of Academy Awards Monday night, even challenging the record for most Oscar wins (11, by "Ben-Hur").

But the heavily favored blockbuster, which received 14 nominations, does face potential icebergs that could sink its chances of dominating the awards ceremony.

The overriding reason: Virtually every major film critics organization said "L.A. Confidential" was better.

Adapted from James Ellroy's novel about crooked police in 1950s Los Angeles, "L.A. Confidential" is the likely winner of the adapted screenplay Oscar, and the film's Kim Basinger is considered the most serious threat to Gloria Stuart of "Titanic" for supporting actress.

Curtis Hanson, the director and co-writer of "L.A. Confidential," sees his film as an underdog, nevertheless. "'Titanic' is titanic," he said when the Oscar nominations were announced. "Like the ship, it's huge. What can you do? I just sort of feel we are surfing along in their wake."

A "Titanic" triumph also could be scuttled by its lack of a screenplay nomination. Oscar history strongly suggests movies not nominated for writing rarely win the best picture trophy. The last best picture winner not nominated for either original or adapted screenplay was the 1965 musical "The Sound of Music."

Under that scenario, the other potential upset for best picture is "Good Will Hunting," which is also nominated for best screenplay, written by the film's stars, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

The dialogue in "Titanic," which some reviewers said was as wooden as the ship's decks, is the film's greatest liability. Another strike against it could be its box-office success.

Hits don't win best picture very often. Last year's entire slate of best picture nominees had grossed less than $75 million by Oscar time; "Titanic" has so far collected $471.4 million.

The film's $200 million budget doesn't help its chances, either. Five of the 1990s best picture winners cost less than $32 million.

Then there's the book problem: There wasn't any. Most recent best-picture winners were adaptations, including "The English Patient," "Schindler's List" and "Forrest Gump."

Other potential hazards for a "Titanic" sweep:

— A Kate Winslet victory in the best actress category would be a shock. Far more likely winners include Helen Hunt for "As Good As It Gets" or Julie Christie for "Afterglow."

— The 87-year-old Ms. Stuart, whom many Academy Award voters had never heard of a year ago, is the sentimental choice for her performance as the 101-year-old Rose in "Titanic." But sentimental choice Lauren Bacall was supposed to win last year for "The Mirror Has Two Faces," and didn't. Juliette Binoche of the "The English Patient" did. Ms. Basinger also tied with Ms. Stuart in voting by the Screen Actors Guild awards.

— "Titanic" was nominated in the film editing category, but with a running time exceeding three hours, what possibly was edited out?

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Four are jailed by peace officers

Two people were arrested Friday while two others were taken into custody early Saturday morning.

A 29-year-old female was arrested at 2 p.m. Friday in the 2300 block of Avenue R on a Mitchell County warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Officers were notified of a reckless driver around 11:30 p.m. Friday. The 23-year-old male was located in the 3700 block of Avenue U and arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Dispatachers were notified of a fight at the Fieldcrest Apartments around 12:44 a.m. Saturday. One person had a window broken out of his pickup, but he refused to file charges. A 19-year-old male leaving the scene was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 1:38 a.m. in the 3000 block of 40th Street for public intoxication.

A 20-year-old male was treated and released from Cogdell Hosptal early Saturday morning after being treated for a stab wound. Dispatchers were notified at 3 a.m. that the person was at the hospital for treatment. Officers said Saturday morning that the incident was still under investigation.

In other activity, an offense report for a runaway that was submitted on March 10 was cancelled. The 16-year-old male was located in the 2900 block of Avenue N. An offense report for misdemeanor possession of marijuana was submitted after the youth was located.

An offense report for telephone harassment was filed at 3:20 p.m. Friday.

Deputies were called to the Royal Trailer Park at 4 p.m. in reference to possible criminal mischief.

Books auctioned

LONDON (AP) — Hundreds of actor Richard Burton's books were sold at auction for $24,000, and his widow says the money will go to help theater and acting charities.

"Frankly, I would much rather Richard's fans had an opportunity to own his personal copies than see them forever stored away in a library cellar," Sally Burton said Friday.

Among the 1,500 books sold was a set from the Everyman Collection given to him by former wife Elizabeth Taylor. The set fetched $2,690 at the Phillips auction.

Randals

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and 34 horses.

Randals graduated from Snyder High School in 1943. He attended John Tarleton in Stephenville and Texas Tech in Lubbock. He joined the U.S. Army, serving in Europe as a replacement for the Battle of the Bulge. After receiving frost bite injury to his feet, he was sent home with a medical discharge.

Randals returned to Snyder where he married another Scurry County native, Dorothy Riley. They were married in the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder.

In April, 1950, he moved to New Mexico and bought a 15,000-acre ranch near Montoya on I-40. At the time, Montoya had a general store and post office, Randals said.

Randals' father, Dick, died in 1958, and his mother, Josephine, died in 1985. "But we still get back to Snyder," Randals said. "We were there last year for the White Buffalo deal."

Randals, who was a member of Snyder's First United Methodist Church, said he will return next month to be a part of the church's 115th anniversary celebration.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

More What's Up on 14A

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will debut Thursday on the WTC campus with shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Shows will follow at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April. Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the science department secretary at WTC. There is no admission charge.

Scurry Democratic Party

Scurry County Democratic Party will hold its county convention next Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Dermott School. For information, call 573-7874.

UCSWCD tree program

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District still has several varieties of windbreak seedlings, both evergreen and hardwood, for sale. Come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. in the USDA office complex or call 573-6317 or 6318.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing the cost of long-term care, at 7 p.m. April 2. The workshop will be held at Snyder Oaks, 210 E. 37th Street. RSVP by calling Tracey Williamson at 573-9377.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

Outsiders basketball tourney

The Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a 5-on-5 outsiders basketball tournament April 10-11. Entry fee is $100 per team with a maximum of 10 to a team. Entry deadline is March 28. Call 863-2766 or 766-2364, 573-5993.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth will hold its annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

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

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Choir needs sheets and lumber

Snyder High School choir is in need of white sheets and lumber to help with the production of "Oklahoma." Anyone willing to donate these items is asked to call 573-2830.

Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

Mom Tries To Go The Distance To Connect With Son's Wife

DEAR ABBY: A year ago my son, "Jeff," married "Sue," a woman with three young children. They were living in a small apartment in an undesirable neighborhood, so I agreed to co-sign on a loan so they could buy a house in which to rear the children. The one they chose is 70 miles from me.

Abby, I have gone to see them only four times in the last 12 months. I make it a point to let them know the day before I am coming. The last time I went, Jeff refused to let me in. I heard Sue in the background yelling for him to tell me they had to go somewhere. Once he made the excuse that the house was untidy. Abby, I wasn't there to inspect the house. I just wanted to see them.

Sue doesn't appear to want any of our family to visit. Two of his uncles traveled 900 miles to see us and other relatives, but when they went to see Jeff, Sue took off with the kids. His uncles didn't even have the chance to meet her or the children.

They have visited me several times this year, without letting me know in advance that they were coming. That's OK with me; they're welcome any time.

I always treat Sue with respect and prepare dinner for them, although Sue never prepares anything for me when I'm there — not even a cup of coffee.

Abby, Jeff is my only child, and we've always been close. Should I not go to visit my son because Sue is inconvenienced by my visits? Please advise me.

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DEAR UNWELCOME MOM: It's time for you to have a private chat with your son, and when you do, ask him to please lay his cards on the table.

In the future, when you're planning to visit, make the arrangements with your daughter-in-law. That way, there should be no last-minute surprises.

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DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, I moved in with a man I love very much. (I'll call him Carl.) Four months later, his twin sister came for a visit. It was then that I learned that Carl was married, and had two children from another marriage 12 years before that one. I asked him if there was anything else I needed to know about him, and he said there wasn't.

I worked through my feelings of betrayal, and Carl obtained a divorce. We married a year later.

This New Year's Eve, another sister came to visit. As she reminisced about the family, another child from my husband's past was revealed. Abby, I had given Carl every opportunity to clean the slate years before, so I became angry. I felt betrayed again.

Both his sister and I have explained to Carl the importance of sharing one's past with a spouse. Behavior and attitudes are formed by past events, and it's difficult to understand why people think and behave the way they do without that history. Carl totally disagrees. He insists that love between two people is enough to build a future. He refuses counseling.

Am I wrong to insist that my husband face his past? I am afraid there are more secrets that will shake our foundation, although he assures me there are no more.

ANXIOUS IN ARIZONA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Since your husband has deceived you and misrepresented himself, I don't blame you for being fearful that there may be other skeletons in his closet.

While I agree with him that love and trust are enough of a basis on which to build a future, he has shown himself to be unworthy of the trust he's expecting you to place in him. Counseling might help him form healthier living patterns — but if he doesn't want it, it would be time and money wasted.

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, my husband adopted a son I had by a former marriage. (I'll call the boy Ben.) He is the only father Ben has ever known. We have other children together.

Most of my husband's family refuses to accept Ben as part of their family. They do not consider him to be one of the grandchildren or one of the cousins. My husband's mother tries to treat the children equally, but the aunts and uncles have never given Ben a birthday present and never include him when making references to the cousins.

This past Christmas, the family had the children exchange names. The relatives who drew Ben's name didn't bring him a present. (They did, however, take the present we had bought for their child.) They brought a gift for another child on the list, but when I asked them about a present for Ben, they said they had "forgotten" it and walked away.

My husband doesn't like the way his family treats Ben, but says he can't control them. He says he cannot tell his relatives they must give presents to our son. I want to tell his family that if they don't treat all our children equally, we would prefer to stop exchanging gifts. My husband says if I speak up, it will only start a family feud and hurt our other children.

Abby, this situation really hurts. Ben has mentioned that he knows his father's family doesn't accept him. My husband and I have had many arguments over this. I read your column often and have never seen this issue addressed. I would think this is a common problem among blended families these days. What is your advice?

ALICE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ALICE: Your husband's family is being deliberately cruel, which is inexcusable. If your husband won't assume the responsibility, you have every right to tell them: "We are a family. Give equally to all the children, or we won't exchange gifts at all."

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Automakers, refiners battle over who should clean up air

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cleaner cars are on the way to showrooms beginning next year, but manufacturers contend gasoline will have to become cleaner as well. That has prompted a tug of war between two of America's biggest and most powerful industries.

The latest flash point in the inter-industry squabble is over demands by automakers that oil refiners dramatically reduce the amount of sulfur in gasoline. They contend that sulfur clogs up expensive pollution-control devices being put into the new, cleaner cars that will be sold in the Northeast next year and later nationwide.

The oil companies announced Friday they are ready to make some reductions in sulfur, but not to the levels required in California and not in every state. Instead, the industry said it would cut sulfur levels in half in 22 Eastern states where air pollution problems are most severe.

But the car companies want the Environmental Protection Agency to require the much tougher California-type sulfur standards for gasoline sold everywhere, something the oil companies say will unfairly increase the price of gasoline even where the air is clean.

"We're putting enormous amounts of money in vehicles for these emission controls and it basically doesn't work with high-sulfur gas," says Richard Klimisch, vice president for engineering at the American Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Klimisch said refiners should cut sulfur content to an average of 30 parts per million in gasoline with no fuel having more than 80 ppm so that the new-generation catalytic converters, which control emissions, and modern diagnostic equipment can function properly.

Under the proposal presented Friday to the EPA by the oil companies and refiners, sulfur levels in gasoline would be cut to 150 ppm in states mostly east of the Mississippi River.

The oil companies say their research shows that while pollution-control equipment may be affected by sulfur, it still will work properly at much higher levels of sulfur than required in California gasoline.

"We don't believe that the motoring public wants to pay for California gas prices where they don't need it," said William O'Keefe, executive vice president of the American Petroleum Institute.

In the coming months, the EPA will begin to unveil its plans for both cleaner-burning gasoline and a future round of tailpipe emission reductions. These will be required to go into effect by 2004 under the Clean Air Act to further reduce urban smog and cut greenhouse gases that contribute to possible global warming.

Part of the proposal most likely will be new requirements for sulfur levels.

The tougher California gasoline requirements, put in place in 1996, required refineries to invest $5 billion in refinery changes estimated by the California Air Resources Board to have resulted in a 5-cent-a-gallon increase in gasoline prices, while also cutting smog-causing pollutants.

The API estimated its proposal to cut sulfur to 150 ppm in 22 states would add about 2 cents a gallon to the price of gasoline in those states as a result of $3 billion in capital improvements at refineries.

If the California gasoline were required nationwide it would cost the industry at least $15 billion in refinery improvements, drive some smaller refineries out of business, and add seven cents to a dime to the price of a gallon of gasoline, said David O'Reilly, a Chevron vice president who has led an API study group on gasoline and sulfur reductions.

Diana auction features necklace given to butler

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A heartfelt gift from Princess Diana to her trusted butler and confidant Paul Burrell as well as a heart-shaped sapphire necklace copied from the movie "Titanic" are among items set for auction this weekend.

Burrell, in his first role as fund-raising manager of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, on Friday showed reporters the hand-painted enamel box that the woman he called "The Boss" gave him for his birthday last summer.

The blue oval box, painted with the letter "D" crowned with the Spencer family coronet and encircled with a garland of the national flowers of Great Britain, will be among the items for auction at the star-studded Princess Ball.

Proceeds from the ball and auction will benefit the Diana memorial fund as well as Aid for AIDS.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Clinton will safeguard retirement fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — Launching a year of debate on Social Security, President Clinton said Saturday "I challenge my generation to act now," and promised bipartisan legislation by next year to secure the retirement fund for future generations.

"If we act soon and responsibly, we can strengthen Social Security in ways that will not unfairly burden any generation — retirees, the baby boomers, their children, or their children's children," the president said in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office.

Later this afternoon, Clinton was to join via satellite a 10-city town hall meeting on Social Security. Audiences of about 100 people in each city were to talk to the president, each other and lawmakers including Republican Rep. Nick Smith in Detroit, who presented a GOP view.

"We mustn't break the solemn compact between generations," Clinton said. "We must be guided by a strong sense of duty to our parents, but also to our children."

Nearly 44 million Americans receive Social Security benefits. Without them, Clinton said, half of elderly Americans would live in poverty. Money for the program is raised through payroll taxes on active workers, and right now, there is more than enough coming in.

But starting in about a decade, 77 million baby boomers will retire, flooding the Social Security program. By 2029, experts predict, there won't be enough money for all the benefits that have been promised to retirees.

"This is no time to rest. It's a time to build," Clinton said Saturday.

"I challenge my generation to act now to protect our children and ensure that Social Security will be there for them after a lifetime of hard work."

He said he would convene a White House conference on Social Security in December that would start the process of crafting what he called "historic bipartisan legislation" in 1999.

Other cities participating in Saturday's town hall meeting were Albuquerque, N.M., Boston, Boise, Idaho, Denver, Lexington, Ky., Minneapolis, San Francisco, Tallahassee, Fla., and Winston-Salem, N.C.

The event is part of a $12.5 million nonpartisan public outreach campaign, called "Americans Discuss Social Security," and sponsored by the Philadelphia-based Pew Charitable Trusts.

The project overlaps with Clinton's plan to promote 1998 as a year of public dialogue on Social Security.

Cuban baseball defector sighting not confirmed

MIAMI (AP) — The families of four missing Cuban baseball players and a coach were desperately hoping that reports the group had landed in the Dominican Republic were true.

But Dominican officials who searched their coastline and even their jails were unable to confirm the appearance of the defectors, who left Cuba on a rickety boat March 10 for the United States.

"According to the information we have obtained from the Immigration Administration, the Cuban baseball players are not here," said Nani Martinez, a government spokeswoman.

However, Rene Guim, a spokesman for an agent who represents several Cuban players, said the defectors could be hiding because the Dominican Republic has agreed to send boat people back to Cuba.

Miami television station WTVJ reported Friday that the five Cubans had landed Thursday morning on the north coast of the Dominican Republic, about 300 miles from their departure city of Holguin in eastern Cuba.

The U.S. Coast Guard said an unmotorized boat leaving Cuba's northern coast would be swept by the currents north-northwest toward Florida or possibly the Bahamas, not to the Dominican Republic, which is in the opposite direction.

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Obituaries

Ramona Ruiz

1931-1998

LAMESA — Mass is set for 2 p.m. Monday in St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church for Ramona Ramirez Ruiz of Lamesa. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today and Sunday in Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

Mrs. Ruiz, 66, died Thursday, March 19, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born on May 4, 1931 in Snyder.

A retired farm laborer, Mrs. Ruiz was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. A son, Jesus Manuel Ruiz, preceded her in death on March 16, 1994.

Survivors include her husband, Domingo Marquez Ruiz of Lamesa; four sons, Antonio Ruiz and Isidro Ruiz, both of Midland, Raul Ruiz of Odessa and Martin Ruiz of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Irma Ruiz of Waco, Ramona Escalon of Plainview and Dominga Hernandez of Lamesa; six brothers, Mario Ramirez, Ruben Ramirez and Jose Ramirez, all of Midland, Baldomero Ramirez and Salvador Ramirez, both of Roswell, N.M., and Ricardo Ramirez; seven sisters, Lucia Gonzales, Olga Jimenez, Maria Elena Quiroz, Armida Quiroz and Zulema Quiroz, all of Midland, Gloria Rodriguez of Artesia, N.M., and Margarita Bibero of Acuna; 21 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lennie Banks

1921-1998

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for longtime Snyder resident Lennie Lois Banks, 76, who died Saturday morning at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Born on April 6, 1921 near Mineral Wells, she married E.F. Banks on Feb. 1, 1938 near Lockett. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, E.F. Banks of the home; three daughters, Patsy Stroud of Rosenberg, Sharon LaRoux of Fort Worth and Debbie Blevins of Snyder; one son, Jimmy Banks of Carthage; one sister, Laveta West of Trinidad, West Indies; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Births

Lynn and Jenifer Sands of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Terrance Allen. He was born, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on March 9 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Grandparents are David and Lillian Sands of Snyder and Bob and Rosalee Davis of Matador. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Davis of Lubbock.

Jessica and Jennifer Gaines of Lubbock and Bekka Gaines of Dallas announce the birth of their brother, Logan Ryan, at 7:42 a.m. on March 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces. His parents are Kevin and Lisa Gaines of Lubbock.

Logan's maternal grandparents are Jerry and Johnnie McNew of Snyder and his paternal grandparents are Jackie and Sandra Gaines of Levelland.

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ONGOINGS

Autograph party

Historic Scurry County will host an autograph party for Jean Everett from 1:30-3:30 Sunday at the Dermott School. Meet the author and have her sign a copy of her book, "Pioneer Profiles." Refreshments will be served. A portion of the proceeds from books sold will be donated to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

Revival at New Jerusalem

The New Jerusalem Temple, 311 26th Street, will hold a revival with Visente Ramirez and Maya Garza this Sunday through Sunday, March 29. Services will be held at 6:30 each evening.

'Always, Patsy Cline' reservations

The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations for the musical "Always, Patsy Cline" from 2-5 p.m. weekdays. The musical opens next Friday, and plays March 28-29 and again April 3-5. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. Call 573-8880 for reservations or information.

No Lodge 706 meeting Sunday

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will not have a meeting Sunday as had been previously reported.

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Everyone is welcome.

Acousti to perform at WTC

Singer songwriter Tom Acousti will perform in a free concert Monday at 7 p.m. in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre. The public is invited.

SJHS shop students plan raffle

Eighth grade shop students at Snyder Junior High School will begin selling raffle tickets on Monday for a chest of drawers. Tickets will cost $1 each and proceeds help pay for their trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call the junior high at 573-6356.

Hermleigh one-act, ice cream social

A community performance for Hermleigh's one-act play entry, "The Magician's Nephew" is planned for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the auditorium. Ice cream will be sold at 7 p.m.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The Day Jerusalem Was Destroyed," followed by "Power of Change and Forgiveness," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. The program, "Pitfalls of Genealogy Research," will be given by Jo Thrower. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Ira book fair, play performance

Ira schools will be having a troll book fair all week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library. Open house will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. with a one-act play performance to follow at 8:30.

SHS parents of Seniors '98'

Tuesday is the deadline to submit three pictures of graduates to Kathye Parker at SHS. Photos will be projected during the senior steak supper. So picture can be returned, write the student's name and address on the back of each pose and enclose them in a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Princess Di Ty Beanie raffle

Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away Tuesday during their noon meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Members are reminded to return the tickets on or before that day.

Debt-free workshop slated

A workshop titled "Debt-free and Prosperous Living" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Western Texas College. Tuition is $29 and a $5 workbook is free with the purchase of the suggested $39 textbook. Reservations are required. Call 573-8511.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale Wednesday through Saturday during regular hours.

Ira Council for Excellence

Ira Council for Excellence will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria to discuss the upcoming tournament.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-3-2
(zero,three,two)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
13-19-20-30-37
(thirteen, nineteen, twenty, thirty, thirty-seven)

More What's Up on 12A

Cunningham's legacy: Helping others

Scholarship program helps students to attend WTC

The late Dora E. Cunningham spent her lifetime giving generously to worthy causes and she imparted that same principle to her daughters, Maurine Decker and Mattie Ross Consley.

When she was young, Dora sacrificed to start a fund to help others. In 1957, a year after she died, the Dora E. Cunningham Trust was established. Though her daughters both live in Salt Lake City, Utah, they still contribute to it today.

Over the past decades, many have benefitted from their generosity, including Western Texas College students who are recipients of Dora E. Cunningham Scholarships.

The scholarship fund was formed on May 1, 1978 and for the past five years, an average of 20 scholarships per school year have been awarded to WTC students.

"There will always be a place in our hearts for Snyder. We were born and reared there. We taught school there and the memories are precious," Maurine said. "It is a joy to keep her foundation alive."

Maurine said that she and her sister continue to give to civic and community charities, including their favorites, the blind and research.

She said they could have given exclusively to their mother's foundation but chose not to because "mama wouldn't want it that way because she would want us to be a part of Salt Lake's life."

The Dora E. Cunningham Trust also helped finance the construction of the Scurry County Boys Club, now the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club. The building was dedicated to Dan Gibson, Cunningham's son, who served as a director before his death.

Others have also benefitted through scholarship programs at Wayland Baptist College, Baylor University and Hardin-Simmons University, Maurine said.

Dormitories were built at Boys Ranch in West Texas and Texas Children's Orphans Home as well as a health center there.

Though a Baptist, Mrs. Cunningham also contributed to churches of various religions, she added.

"She believed that true giving should be tinged with self sacrifice. After mother's death, the Baptist Foundation was founded," Maurine said.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" was the theme that guided Dora throughout her life.

Someone asked Maurine when she and her sister started giving and she said it was 85 years ago when they each pledged a dollar towards building a new Baptist Church in Snyder.

Maurine Decker & Mattie Ross Consley

Dora E. Cunningham

"Mattie Ross and I have spent a lifetime trying to fulfill the principles mama spent a lifetime trying to instill in us — caring and sharing," Maurine said.

She also shared memories of growing up with her sister in Scurry County.

Since she and Mattie Ross had been born on a pioneer ranch, she said they did not know anything about the swings or slides that existed at the school in Snyder.

They did not know what a telephone was. They made their own toys, but she noted that they were happy because "we did not know any better."

While living on the ranch, Maurine said sometimes they never saw anyone other than cowboys for days. That made them a close-knit family, especially after their father died. "Every day was precious to us," she said.

When the family moved to Snyder, Maurine said the contrast between ranch and town life "almost scared us."

Snyder's electric lights amazed them because they were such a gigantic change from the kerosene lamps they had been relying on.

She recalled that on the ranch one of her jobs was to clean the lamps every day with newspapers. When she first saw the chandeliers in the new house, Maurine said she told her sister she's never be able to get her hands inside the lamps.

They lived two blocks from the school but chose to take their lunch because they wanted to spend as much time as possible on the fancy playground equipment.

Their see-saw had been a board between two corral rails and they made a homemade swing in a mesquite tree.

Maurine said their mother really was the best mother. She had a keen sense of humor and counted friends among all walks of life including preachers, bootleggers and cattle thieves."

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Princess Diana's Beanie Baby being sold as fund-raiser

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Beanie Babies, soft and cuddly stuffed animals, have become quite popular since they were introduced several years ago. Perhaps the one receiving the most attention in Snyder is the Princess Diana Ty Beanie Baby currently being auctioned by the Snyder Lions Club.

The drawing will be held Tuesday and donations are $1.

Proceeds will fund Lions Club projects such as the eye glass program, crippled childrens' program, local charities and the United Way.

The Princess Di version — a bear with a white rose — has been donated by Gary Landes, a longtime Lions Club member who has

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BEANIE BABIES — Gary Landes holds three popular Beanie Babies. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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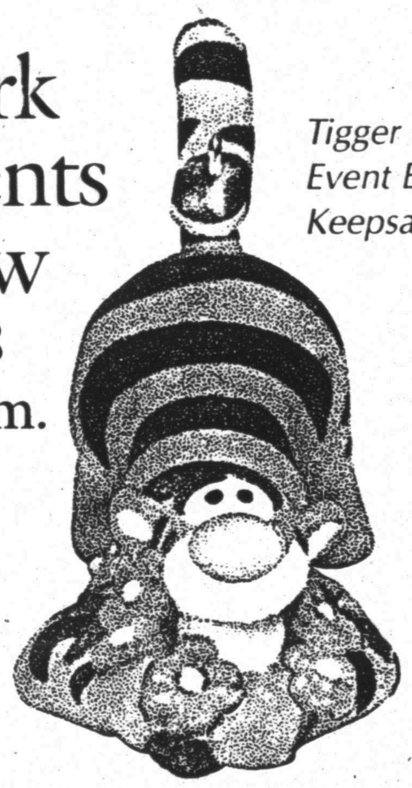

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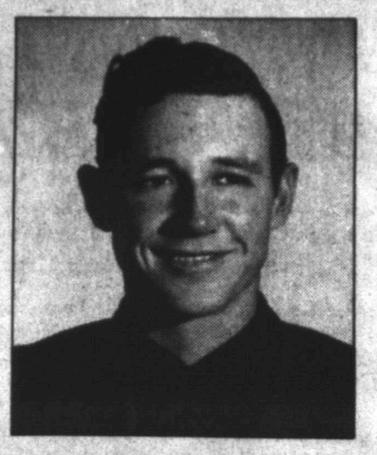

F.R. (Bear) and Jo Williams
(Contributed Photos)

Williamses celebrate 50th anniversary

F.R. (Bear) Williams and Jo Oden exchanged vows in a double wedding ceremony with Mack Key and Nell Oliver, at 4:30 p.m. on March 5, 1948 in the Oak Street Baptist Church parsonage in Colorado City. The Rev. Truett Stovall, officiated.

Jo and Nell both worked at the Colorado City Drug Store, and Jo later worked for Bell Telephone Co. Both men had served in the United States Army.

When the couples married, Bear was farming in Scurry County and Mack was in the dairy business in Mitchell County.

The Williams' sons are Randy Williams of New Braunfels, Danny Williams and Terry Williams, both of Snyder, and the late Dusty Williams who died in 1983. They have eight grandchildren. The Keys have one son, Steve Key of Lubbock, and four grandchildren.

The two couples have celebrated their anniversaries together every year since their marriage.

The children and grandchildren of Bear and Jo Williams ask friends and family to join them in the anniversary celebration Sunday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the garden room of First Baptist Church.

Snyder graduate to marry in Oct.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies of Dallas announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Kristen, to Mark Owen Helms of Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Helms of Rotan.

The couple will marry Oct. 24 at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

The future groom is a graduate of Snyder High School and Southwest Texas State University and is employed by Stewart and Stevenson in Dallas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Richardson High School and the University of Texas, and is employed with the Plano ISD.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-21-98
♠ J 8
♥ J 9 6 5
♦ K 9 8 4 3
♣ J 6

West
♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 8
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ K 7 4 2

East
♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ A
♦ A 6
♣ A Q 10 9 8 5

South
♠ A K Q 3
♥ K Q 7 4 3 2
♦ 10 5
♣ 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

The winner that might cost

There is only one card that, under normal circumstances, is guaranteed to win a trick: the trump ace. Yet there are times when you must be careful when to take that trick.

This deal occurred during the Swiss Pairs at the English Bridge Union's summer congress in Brighton last August. There were 634 pairs competing, which is probably the largest field for a nonworld championship that is held at one venue.

Although East's opening bid might have been on a three-card suit, West should have raised to two clubs. With six points, strain to respond to tell partner he isn't fighting the auction singlehandedly.

It looks as though South must lose one heart, two diamonds and one club, doesn't it? Well, sometimes appearances are deceptive.

After winning the first trick with the club ace, East returned a club. South ruffed, played a spade to dummy's jack, and continued with three more rounds of spades. West ruffed the last, but declarer overruffed in the dummy, then exited with a trump. East was caught. If he returned a club, South would discard one of his diamond losers and ruff in the dummy. Alternatively, if East opened up diamonds, dummy's king would score.

That was well played by Martin Hoffman, an Englishman who moved to Florida a few years ago. But East, a British international, knew he had blundered. He should have cashed the heart ace at trick two, so that he couldn't be endplayed later. Then the contract would have failed.

Always be nervous about keeping the singleton trump ace in your hand.

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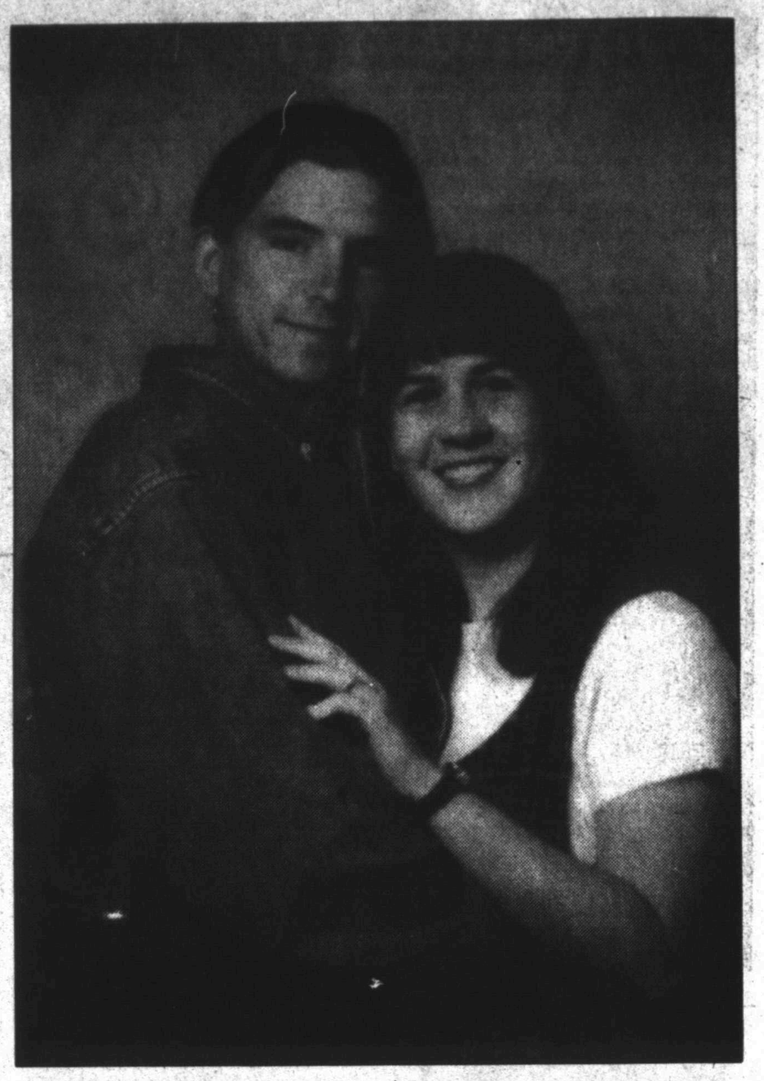

JUNE WEDDING PLANS — Bob and Debbie Lang announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Lang, to Brandon Lee, son of Levi and Brenda Hill. A June 20 wedding ceremony will be held in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Scurry County Library

News and Views

The Scurry County Library will have a book sale on March 25-28. The library will have a wide variety of books available, so please come and look over the selection.

BOOK FEATURE

"Living Beyond Breast Cancer," by Marisa Weiss — This is an upbeat self-help manual for women making the transition from breast cancer patient to survivor. It captures the broad range of challenges that women experience after treatment ends. It provides practical solutions to common problems as well as a sensitive discussion of important feelings. This is a wonderful resource that will help women with breast cancer manage their concerns and live their lives fully.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Career Guide to Industries," 198-99 edition.

"Inequality," opposing viewpoints in social problems.

"Healthy Gourmet Cheesecakes," by Kris Erickson.

"How to Succeed in Business by Breaking All the Rules," by Dan Kennedy.

NEW FICTION

"The Investigators," by W.E.B. Griffin.

"Heart Song," by V.C. Andrews.

"The Cat Who Sang for the Birds," by Lillian Jackson Braun.

"Guilty Pleasures," by Lawrence Sanders.

LIBRARY HOURS

10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday and Thursday.

Returned books may be placed in the book drop, located in front of the library, after hours. Please remember to return your books.

Homeowners...

Remember pump check-ups

CHICAGO (AP) — Before you discover your basement under water, make yourself a promise: regular checkups of the sump pump.

"Because it's out of sight, many homeowners often forget about their sump pumps until it's too late and they're standing knee-deep in water," says David L. Weiner, executive director of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau, an industry group.

The sump pump, he points out, is a crucial line of defense against water seepage and flooding. He recommends checking out the pump every year as part of your regular spring cleaning routine.

Taking appropriate caution in working around water and electricity, follow this checklist from PHCIB:

— Clean out any debris, garbage or buildup that may have worked its way into the sump it since the last time the pump was used.

— Connect a garden hose to the laundry tub sink, fill the sump pit with water, and see if the pump kicks on. If it doesn't, you may need to replace the switch. But first make sure the pump is plugged in or that a fuse hasn't blown.

— While pumps don't have filters, they do have screens or small openings where the water flows in. Make sure this area is not plugged or clogged.

If you're in an area often affected by power outages, especially during severe thunderstorms, a battery-powered backup sump pump may be a good idea, says the PHCIB. This kind of pump will kick on if the primary pump shuts down or fails. When power is restored, the battery-operated pump stops. Some models automatically recharge themselves.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
March 13

Jane Hinton directed five tables at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. LaVerne Hood, Margorie Brown.

SUNDAY
March 15

Jane Hinton directed two tables, individual play.

1. Margaret Birdwell.
2. TIE— Mippy Brownlee and Rube McKinley.

TUESDAY
March 17

Four tables, charity game, were directed by Dot Casey.

1. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Kitties, kiddies and more

What else can we say when you say it all! FEEDBACK!

SCAT, CAT!: R. Prunier of Charlton, Mass., wondered how he might best discourage his neighbor's cat from sleeping on the roof of his car. Kathy DeKock of Rolla, Mo., writes: "We had the same problem. My husband purchased a new car and our cat-in-law wanted to sleep on top of it. My husband came up with a brilliant idea. He bought a life-size plastic owl (can be purchased at any lawn or garden store) and hung it over where he parks the car in the garage. We don't know if it's because the owl looks so mean or because it moves slightly, but it does the trick! If you don't have a garage, you could fill the owl with sand and just 'perch' it on the hood."

A couple of other people wrote to say that they had gotten rid of car-sleeping cats by draping a large rubber snake across the hood. A fellow from Louisiana suggested sprinkling the car lightly, all over, with finely ground black pepper. Unless one's car is kept in a garage, there might be some drawbacks to this idea... like wind and rain.

TODDLER'S HARNESS: John Klie of Crystal River, Fla., was wondering if these were still being made. We found a flexible cord that keeps a child securely tied to an adult, but couldn't find a harness. Thanks to Debbie Taflinger of Roseville, Ill., we can now let John know that a company called One Step Ahead, at 75 Albrecht Dr., Lake Bluff, IL 60044 (phone number: 800-950-5120), makes a harness that fits around the child's shoulder and chest and snaps securely with plastic seat-buckle-type fasteners. The harnesses also come with extra pieces to hook to strollers or grocery carts to prevent the child from falling out. Debbie writes: "I've had lots of stares when I've used these contraptions and many comments, from 'What a great idea' to 'How terrible to treat a child like a dog.' Well, let me tell you, anyone who cares about their kids will praise these wonderful inventions!"

MRS. BEASLEY DOLL: Angela Alling of Mount Holly, N.J., wanted to get a Mrs. Beasley doll for her daughter's 50th birthday. Well, if Angela wants the 21-inch 1967 Mrs. Beasley whose voice mechanism still works, whose glasses haven't been lost and who is still in her original box, she'll have to shell out about $500. If Angela will settle for a rag, non-talking, 14-inch Mrs. Beasley that Mattel produced in 1973, she may only have to pay $50 to $75 for it. The best place for finding either Mrs. Beasley would be at a local collectible doll show (watch your newspaper's "Coming Events" section).

MORE ON STAMPED-TIN CEILINGS: We received a number of letters from readers about the W.F. Norman Corp., Box 323, Nevada, MO 64722 (phone number: 417-667-5552), which has been in continuous business since 1898. Using original stamping dies, machines and time-honored techniques, these folks turn out tin-ceiling tiles, panels, and more than 1,200 exterior and interior architectural ornaments such as cornices, moldings and brackets made of tin, copper, zinc and brass.

MORE ON CLOUDY GLASSWARE: Esther Wilson of West Chester, Pa., writes: "Before you give up trying to restore your cloudy glassware, try this. Fill sink with hot water and add a good 1/2 cup of Barkeeper's Friend. You'll find it in the powdered-cleanser section of your market. Stir to dissolve. Add glassware and allow to soak for at least one hour. Remove, rinse and then wash in hot, soapy water or in dishwasher. If the latter, reduce the detergent by at least a third."

HINT OF THE DAY: Chloe Lemon of Fort Smith, Ark., sent in this tip for removing pet odors from carpets: "Spray the spot lightly with Shout (laundry prespotter), wait a few minutes and scrub the spot with a few drops of dish detergent and warm water. Rinse with clear water and a little white vinegar. Then spray heavily with underarm deodorant. Let dry. If odor persists, spray again."

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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ASK ANNE & NAN

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Charles and Glenna Jones
(Contributed Photos)

Golden anniversary...

Joneses to be honored

Charles and Glenna Jones will be honored with a reception Saturday, March 28 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Charles Everett Jones and Glenna June Igo were married at 9 a.m. on Easter morning March 28, 1948, at the home of the bride. Rev. W.C. Wright, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Morton, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The reception will be held in the garden room of the First Baptist Church from 3 to 5 p.m. Their children C.E. and Cecelia Jones of Moore, Okla., Mark and Charlotte Mann of Arlington, and Terry and Delena Jones of Shinyanga, Tanzania, East Africa, and their 15 grandchildren will host the event.

The couple met at a Christmas party and were married the following Easter.

Charles was born Aug. 18, 1925 in Slaton and Glenna was born June 12, 1929, in Fletcher, Okla. They moved to Snyder in 1968.

Charles owned and operated Munden Pharmacy until 1989. He then worked for Wal-Mart Pharmacy for seven years and now works part-time for IGA Pharmacy. They are members of First Baptist Church.

Their children invite friends and family to help them celebrate the occasion and ask that your presence be the only gift you bring.

Weekly 'best video' charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

VIDEO SALES

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1. "Hercules," (Walt Disney)
2. "Air Force One," (Columbia)
3. "Austin Powers," (New Line)
4. "Peter Pan: 45th Anniversary Limited Edition," (Disney)
5. "Private Parts," (Paramount)
6. "Marilyn Manson: Dead to the World," (Interscope)
7. "Soul Food," (Fox)
8. "Playboy's Voluptuous Vixens II," (Playboy)
9. "The Blues Brothers," (Universal Studios) (Platinum)
10. "Playboy's Girls Next Door," (Playboy)

VIDEO RENTALS

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1. "The Game," (PolyGram)
2. "G.I. Jane," (Hollywood)
3. "Air Force One," (Columbia TriStar)
4. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
5. "The Edge," (Fox)
6. "Event Horizon," (Paramount)
7. "Mad City," (Warner)
8. "Conspiracy Theory," (Warner)
9. "Contact," (Warner)
10. "Nothing to Lose," (Touchstone)

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1. "Girl Power: Live In Istanbul," Spice Girls (Virgin)
2. "Dead to the World," Marilyn Manson (Interscope)
3. "Tulsa, Tokyo and the Middle of Nowhere," Hanson (PolyGram)
4. "Garth Live From Central Park," Garth Brooks (Orion)
5. "The Dance," Fleetwood Mac (Warner Reprise)(Gold)
6. "One Hour of Girl Power," Spice Girls (Warner)
7. "Romanza In Concert," Andrea Bocelli (PolyGram)
8. "Rage Against the Machine," Rage Against the Machine (Epic)

School Menus

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Cinnamon Toast

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Taco

THURSDAY
Sausage & Biscuit

FRIDAY
Donut

LUNCH

MONDAY
Barbecue on a Roll
Steak Burger
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Baked Beans

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Stuffed Potato w/Crackers
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn on the Cob
Orange Halves

WEDNESDAY
Chili Mac
Cheeseburger on a Bun
Fried Okra
Peas & Carrots
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Beef Lasagna
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Broccoli w/Cheese
Peaches
French Bread

FRIDAY
Grilled Cheese
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Soup
Fruit Cocktail
Lettuce & Tomato
Cowboy Cookies

Snyder School Menu Elementary

All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Cinnamon Toast

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Taco

THURSDAY
Sausage & Biscuit

FRIDAY
Donut

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Cream Gravy
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Macaroni & Cheese
Baked Beans

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn on the Cob
Orange Halves

WEDNESDAY
Chili Mac
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Peas & Carrots
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Beef Lasagna
French Bread
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Broccoli w/Cheese
Peaches

FRIDAY
Grilled Meat
Soup
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit Cocktail
Cowboy Cookie

Hermleigh School Menu

MONDAY
BREAKFAST
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Biscuits/Sausage
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

FRIDAY
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Steak Fries
Baked Apples
Milk

TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Geen Beans
Hot Biscuits
Chocolate Cake
Milk

WEDNESDAY)
Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Pink Applesauce
Milk

THURSDAY
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Glazed Carrots
Cornbread
Peach Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Tater Tots
Rice Krispie Bars
Milk

Smith not guilty

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Anna Nicole Smith is off the hook with the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The district attorney's office said Thursday there wasn't enough evidence to charge the model with assaulting a hotel employee.

Prosecutors set an April 2 meeting between Ms. Smith and the alleged victim so they can work out their differences.

Genealogical group meets on Tuesday

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet in Scurry County Library Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"Pitfalls of Genealogy Research" will be given by Jo Thrower. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Help will be available to those beginning the search for their ancestors.

A&M mothers' club to meet

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M mothers' club will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at 210 Skelly Lane in Sweetwater.

Officers will be elected and installed. Plans for a spring fundraiser will be discussed.

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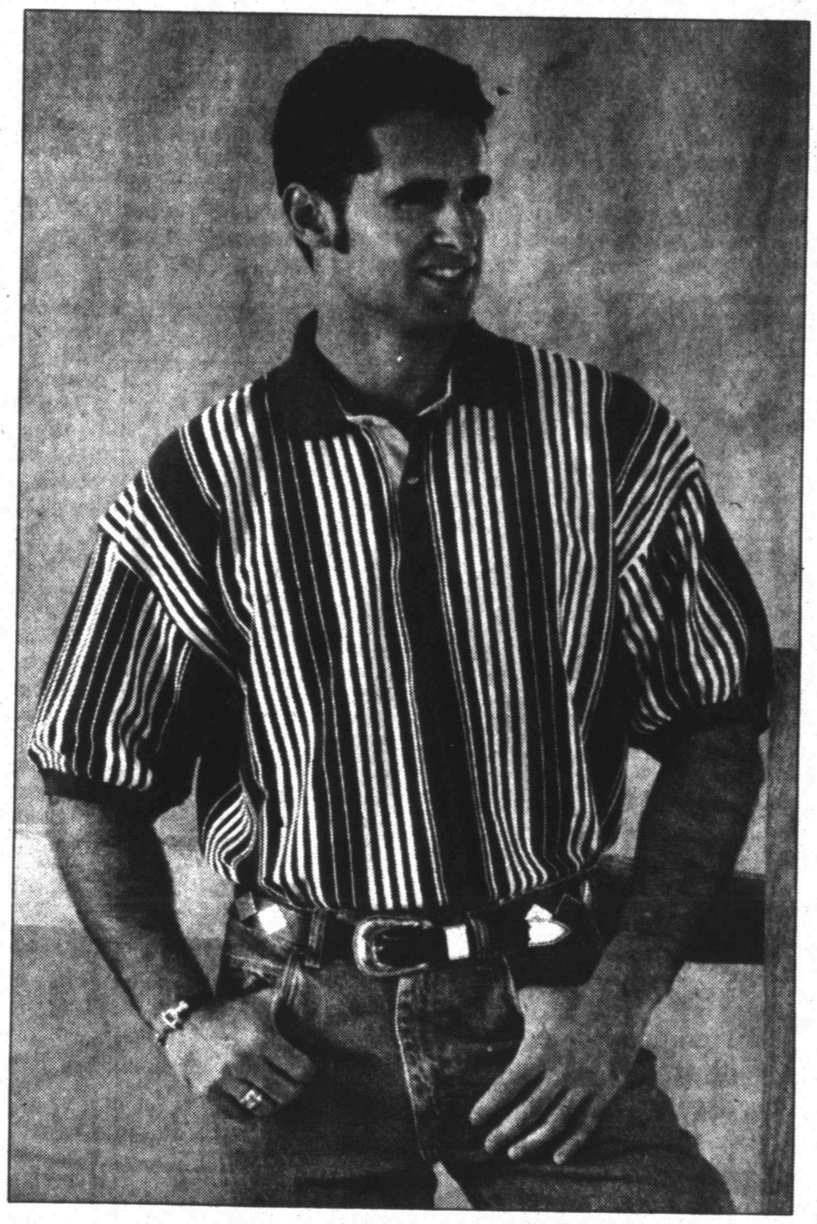

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50th ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Bob) Cave of Rotan were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance by their children and grandchildren. The couple married on March 20, 1948. (Contributed Photo)

TABLESCAPES PLANNED — Martha Ann Woman's Club is planning Tablescapes on April 18 at the clubhouse. Club members, individuals and businesswomen will show table settings including holiday themes, patio, formal and informal and many others. Tickets for the event which includes a luncheon are $10, and they will be reserved by calling MAWC at 573-3427 or Jan Harrell at 573-6443. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

AA and NA open meeting; Park Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30; games of choice follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

AA and NA; Park Club; noon.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal, north room; Rachel Martin, program; Virginia Lowrance, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; hostesses, Kathy Landes, Carol Young and Glenda Glasscock; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

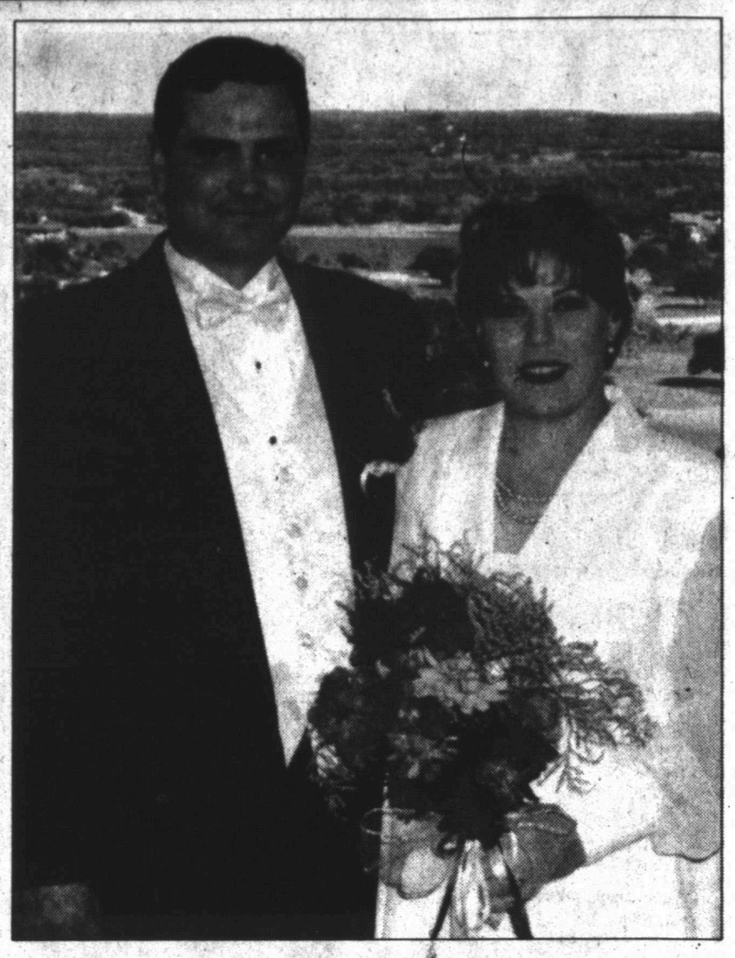
Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

Appearance cancelled

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Bad luck for Ed McMahon: The sweepstakes pitchman will have to skip a giant tailgate party to celebrate the debut of major league baseball in Tampa.

Organizers said his appearance was canceled in light of the publicity surrounding the state's lawsuit against American Family Publishers.



Mr. and Mrs. Mack Williams
(Contributed Photo)

Couple married in Austin

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Maxwell of Buchanan Dam, and Mrs. Patsy Williams of Snyder and Billy Wayne Williams of Abilene announce the marriage of their children, Kori Ince and Mack Williams.

The couple were united in marriage on Nov. 29, 1997 at Barton Creek Lakeside in Spicewood. They now reside in Austin.

Lady bugs attract swallows

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (AP) — Swallows lured by ladybugs and tourists lured by swallows descended on the old mission as townspeople welcomed both sets of visitors.

"We feel so lucky," Douglas Gies of Atlanta said Thursday. "We were worried about all the bad weather you all have been having here, but this is great."

Over Mission San Juan Capistrano's two-century history, the sparrow-sized swallows learned to build their round mud nests under its tiled eaves. Romantic artists enchanted by the legend that the swallows return each Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, have written, painted and sung about it.

The mission, which gets no support from church or government, lately has been depending heavily on tourist dollars to restore some of California's oldest buildings. Most of the original mud walls, built by Indian artisans at the behest of Spanish missionaries, have crumbled.

The birds keep making the 7,500-mile migration from South America anyway. They also nest in strip malls, offices, construction sites and underpasses — anywhere mud and bugs are handy.

For three years, the mission has been providing both. Swarms of ladybugs are released in early spring. Volunteers make ceramic nests to attract the swallows. Some birds move in, some build.

Per custom, bellringer Mike Gastellum tugged his ropes, and some of the 100 or so early morning tourists covered their ears. A few swallows, roused by the din, flitted overhead as the crowd "oohed."

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — Annie Ragland, bride-elect of Brandon Martin, was honoree at a wedding shower on March 7 in the Snyder Country Club given by 18 hostesses. Her colors of sea mist green and rose mauve were displayed in corsages and table decorations. The couple plan to marry on April 4 in the First Baptist Church. From left are Teresa Ragland, mother of the honoree; the honoree; Nancy Hamilton, the prospective groom's mother from Lancaster; and Martha Martin, his stepmother. (Contributed Photo)

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New Vehicle Registrations

Patrick Ridge, 1998 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

SACROC Unit Pennzoil, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Chad Peterson, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

John Beyer, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

C.N. and Sue Emfinger, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Teresa Zamora, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Frank H. Smith, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Robert L. and Tina L. White, 1998 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

Reed Rentals, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Antonio Martinez, 1997 Geo from Big Country Autoland.

Tim Green, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Ralph V. Glenn, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney Dupree, 1997 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Nicolasa S. Barber, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Connie A. Collier, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Niewoehner Inc., dba American Energy Services, two 1997 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Phillip Neil Lloyd and Tracy Lee Ann Bradshaw, both of Ira.

William Franklin Covey of Snyder and Danita Lea Beccue of Fluvanna.

Action in District Court

Paige S. Shaw vs. Xan Dunn Harris, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Eddie Jess Eicke, Johnny Joe Eicke and Sahala Louise Eicke Williams to Lealand W. and Donna A. Greene, all of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Park View Addition.

Myron Fenton to Lawrence L. and Patricia J. Outlaw, the north 13 feet of Lot 34 and all of Lot 35 in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition.

Submergible Services Inc. to Paul N. and Alice Gray, 164.8 acres in the north part of Section 33 grant to Kirkland and Fields.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to Robert Merrithew, the north 140 feet of the west one-half of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2 and the north 50 feet of Lot 3, all in Block 2 of the T.N. Nunn Addition.

Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee under the will of William E. Dunigan, to Colleen Black Dunigan, Clancy Dunigan, Kerry B. Dunigan and Kelly Dunigan, an undivided interest in the following: tract one being Sections 182, 183, 196, 197 and 201 in Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the south one-half of Section 448, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the north one-half of Section 449, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paula Jo Elliott, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Richard Lee Elliott Jr., to Strickland and Knight Equipment Co., 2.55 acres in the east part of the Hilltop Subdivision of the northwest one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Paul Z. Martinez to Petra D. Martinez, the north 85 feet of the east 143 feet of Lot 2 in Block 40 of the Blankenship Addition.

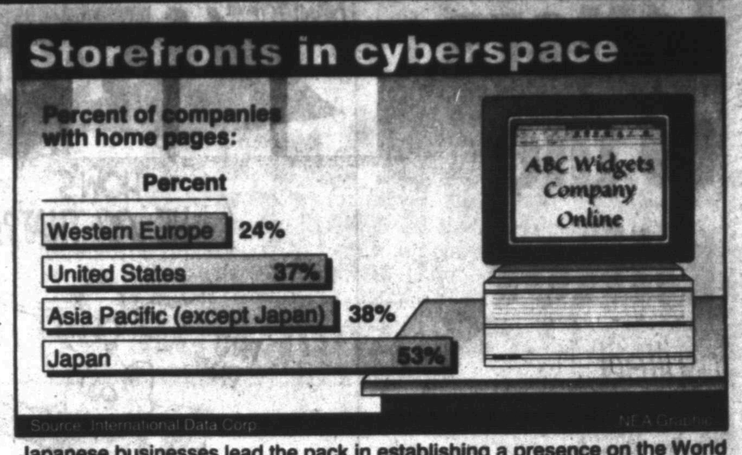
Rudy and Linda K. Gutierrez to Donald William and Rodina Burt, all of Lot 9 in Block 12 of the Bootheland Addition.

Ivan J. and Lisa K. Krejci to Kip Kevin Wadleigh, Successor Trustee of the Herman R. Hundsnurcher Estate Trust, and Ethel Rose Wadleigh, Trustee of the Philomena H. Hundsnurcher Family Irrevocable Trust, all the east one-half of Section 240, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Billy Wyvonne Gray to James Woodell, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 10 of the Bootheland Addition.

Wendell Wilks, individually and dba Wilks Enterprise, to Juli D'Ann Ratheal, all of Lot 2 and the south 39 feet of Lot 1 of the Jordan Addition.

Juli D'Ann Ratheal to Michael D. and Vickie Lynn Harrison, all of Lot 2 and the south 39 feet of Lot 1 of the Jordan Addition.



Japanese businesses lead the pack in establishing a presence on the World Wide Web.

Mars mission will be wired for sound

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — You've seen the pictures of the red and rocky surface of the planet Mars. Now get ready for the soundtrack.

Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, have designed a microphone that will ride along on NASA's Mars Polar Landing mission in 1999.

The goal: a space sound-bite that could speak volumes about the Red Planet. They're not sure exactly what they will hear.

"We certainly don't expect to hear little green men or any kind of life crawling around but in the idea of having our ears open just like we've had our eyes open, you don't know what you'll hear in terms of natural sounds," said Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society, which is funding the project.

"We're adding a whole new sense ... now we're going to have hearing and I think that's going to make it more of a world for us to try to understand and enjoy," he said.

The Planetary Society, 100,000 members strong and dedicated to exploring the solar system and searching for extraterrestrial life, was founded by the late Carl Sagan, Friedman and space scientist Bruce Murray.

Sagan, a Cornell University astronomer whose PBS series "Cosmos" in 1980 made him a celebrity, wrote to NASA in 1996 suggesting that they mike a Mars mission.

The microphone was developed for the society by University of California, Berkeley, scientists Janet Luhmann, Dave Curtis and Greg Delory.

Getting the microphone on board the Mars Polar Lander where space is at a premium was a tough sell. Officials were won over when a Russian team agreed to incorporate the microphone into its lidar instrument already approved for the mission.

The lidar, a form of laser that will scan the atmosphere for dust and aerosols, will be the first Russian instrument to fly aboard a U.S. planetary mission. The instrument was built by the Russian Space Research Institute.

The Mars Polar Lander will be launched in January 1999 and is supposed to land in December near an ice-sheathed Martian polar cap. Using a robotic arm, the probe will dig up soil and study its chemical and mineral features.

The Mars microphone was constructed of largely off-the-shelf parts, including a microphone similar to those used in hearing aids. Friedman estimated that the total cost of the project is under $100,000.

The thumbnail-sized microphone is in a device that weighs less than 50 grams and uses about one-tenth of a watt in power, said UC Berkeley space physicist Delory.

The mike can be triggered randomly by naturally occurring sounds, or can be programmed to listen to specific lander actions, such as when the robotic arm digs in the soil.

If all goes well, the microphone will eventually send back sound in short bursts of 10 seconds or so.

Last summer, the Mars Pathfinder and its little rover, Sojourner, electrified the nation with its pictures and chemical analyses of Mars. Sojourner rolled about 300 feet and took more than 500 pictures before the lander lost contact with Earth in October. The lander snapped more than 16,000 images.

EDITOR'S NOTE: More information is available at two Web sites, http://planetary.org and http://plasma2.ssl.berkeley.edu/marsmic/.

Smothers' lawyers accused of libel

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Tommy Smothers' former stepdaughter, who claims the comedian sexually abused her as a child, is now accusing his lawyers of libel.

Alana Monson, 27, sued Smothers two years ago, claiming that he touched her inappropriately on at least three occasions when she was about 4 years old. Her sister, Murlyne Wilcock, 30, filed a similar lawsuit and the combined complaints go to trial Oct. 6 in California.

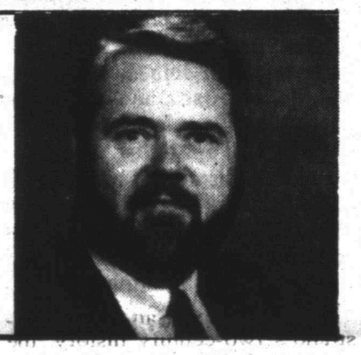
In a federal suit filed last month, Monson, of Yerington, Nev., said Smothers' lawyers, Dale F. Kinsella and Jill Rosenthal of Los Angeles, used hardball methods to make her life miserable, increase her litigation costs and ultimately defeat her claim.

Kinsella said he hadn't seen the complaint and couldn't comment.

Monson wants damages in excess of $225,000 on grounds Smothers' lawyers circulated documents containing private and personal information about her, some of it false, to embarrass and harm her.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



There are only two kinds of people

There are two kinds of people on earth today.
Just two kinds of people, that's all I say.

Not the good and the bad, for 'tis well understood
That the good are half bad, and the bad are half good.

Not the happy and sad, for the quickly flying years
Bring each one his laughter, and each one his tears.

Not the rich and the poor, for to know a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.

No — the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people that lift, and the people that lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load,
of overworked lifters who toil down the road?

Or are you, a leaner who lets others bear,
Your portion of service and labor and care?

—Unknown

A colleague gave me this little poem, a few weeks ago. I felt the main thought was worth sharing and I think you'll agree there are differences between *lifters* and *leaners*.

The difference between

•*Leaners* wrestle a gorilla until they get tired. *Lifters* wrestle the gorilla until the gorilla gets tired.

•*Leaners* always have an excuse, "I would have done better, but...," "I could have finished it...," "I'd like to do more, but...," "My cousin says, "If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a Merry Christmas." *Lifters* don't make excuses. They don't fix blame, they fix problems.

•*Leaners* develop a leaner's vocabulary. Leaner's say, "We tried that before," "It won't work," "This is good enough," and "I'll do it later." *Lifters* talk positively. Phrases like, "Together we can," "Let's do it now," "I'll help you," and "We'll find a way," are common lifter's words.

•*Leaners* try once. *Lifters* try again.

•*Leaners* compare their efforts with other leaners. It's the I'm OK, you're OK Syndrome. However, equal doesn't mean excellent. *Lifters* compare themselves with other lifters. If you want to be the best, you must learn from the best.

•*Leaners* go with the flow. They follow the path of least resistance. *Lifters* direct the flow and create a path for others to follow.

•*Leaners* are satisfied with meeting quota. They do just enough to get by. *Lifters* are achievers. They start their own engines. They don't rely on others for their personal motivation.

•*Leaners* are quick to pass the buck. "It's not my fault," "I didn't do it," and "It's not my job," are standard leaner's laments. *Lifters* take responsibility for their actions and help others become accountable.

•*Leaners* would rather cause problems than do actual work. *Lifters* solve problems and don't consider it work.

•*Leaners* are active. *Lifters* are productive. (If you haven't learned the difference between activity and productivity, look both words up.)

•*Leaners* criticize. *Lifters* praise.

•*Leaners* say whatever is on their mind. *Lifters* say what should be said — but tactfully! I had a boss who knew how to be tactful. One Friday afternoon he called me into his office and said, "Don, you're a bright young man. You have great potential. I don't know how this company could ever get along without you. However, come Monday morning we're going to try." In my next job I learned to be a lifter.

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Cunningham

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In fact, she said one cattle thief liked Dora so much that he said it was hard for him to steal from their family.

She said her first students in Snyder were the same pals she had played dolls with. Their mother had taught English before she married and Maurine joked that "We (she and Mattie Ross) didn't know English well enough to teach it, so we chose foreign languages, Spanish and Latin."

Maurine said they "always tried to be what mama wanted us to be." She noted that one article written about her mother read, "...She carried almost 80 years as gracefully as a summer shawl."

"That's what I try to do also," she said, adding that she gives several speeches and noted that while she is more like her mother, Mattie Ross is more formal.

After Maurine married, she and her husband lived in several parts of the U.S. including Illinois, Wichita Falls and Tulsa, Okla. before he died. After visiting Mattie Ross in Salt Lake City she met her second husband.

Mattie Ross met her husband at Stanford University. They participated in the Salt Lake City's social activities, including symphony balls and dinners.

Dora Cunningham, whose life revolved around service, was born in Lockhart. Her grandparents were members of the Stephen F. Austin and Green DeWitt colonies. Her grandfather was honored for heroism at the Battle of San Jacinto.

Dora married the late Daniel M. Gibson of San Antonio after she completed college. When he died, she taught school, later marrying the late Robert W. Cunningham of Cuero.

They and her son, Dan, moved to a ranch in Scurry County, where the two daughters were born. In 1918, she was widowed again.

Mrs. Cunningham became a prominent ranchwoman who was well-known for her hospitality and interest in the community, especially in providing educational opportunities.

She continued to learn throughout her life and at age 79 added typing to her list of accomplishments.

She remained active in church, civic and club work until she died in 1956 at the age of 81.

Beanie Babies popular

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been selling stuffed creatures at Landes Home Furnishings for about 11 years, starting with a tiger, for the Snyder Tigers of course.

Landes said stuffed animals have always been popular at his furniture store, especially in the children and baby departments.

He said grandparents love to buy them for grandchildren. Dads often come in seeking the cuddly creatures, too.

A variety of Beanie Babies are available, from cats, dogs and bats to cows and snakes, just to name a few.

Since their creation, Beanie Babies have become quite popular, especially after the company which makes them, Ty Inc., began to retire certain ones, Landes said. Retiring means that no more of a particular version are made. New versions of a Beanie Baby represent another generation. Some of the stuffed animals are up to the fifth generation so far.

The tag which comes with each creature is important because it lists the name and which generation it is.

Many of the first two generations of the cuddly creatures were not assigned birthdates. But now they all have one.

Landes estimates that current Beanie Babies probably number from 70 to 80 different stuffed animals and that probably about that number have been retired. Some Beanies, though not yet retired, can still be hard to get.

Retirement or being hard to get drives up the price which usually starts out around $5.95. However, a royal blue elephant Beanie Baby can list for as high as $3,800.

Customers often have a hard time buying Beanie Babies because Ty, Inc. which is based in Oak Brook, Ill. does not sell to major retail stores. The maximum number of items the company will sell to a customer is 36, while 12 is the minimum.

Beanie Babies are the brainchild of Ty Warner, who founded Ty Inc.

The company will donate all of its profits from the Princess Di version to the Princess Diana of Wales Memorial Fund.

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Letters to the Editor

Insulted

Dear Editor:

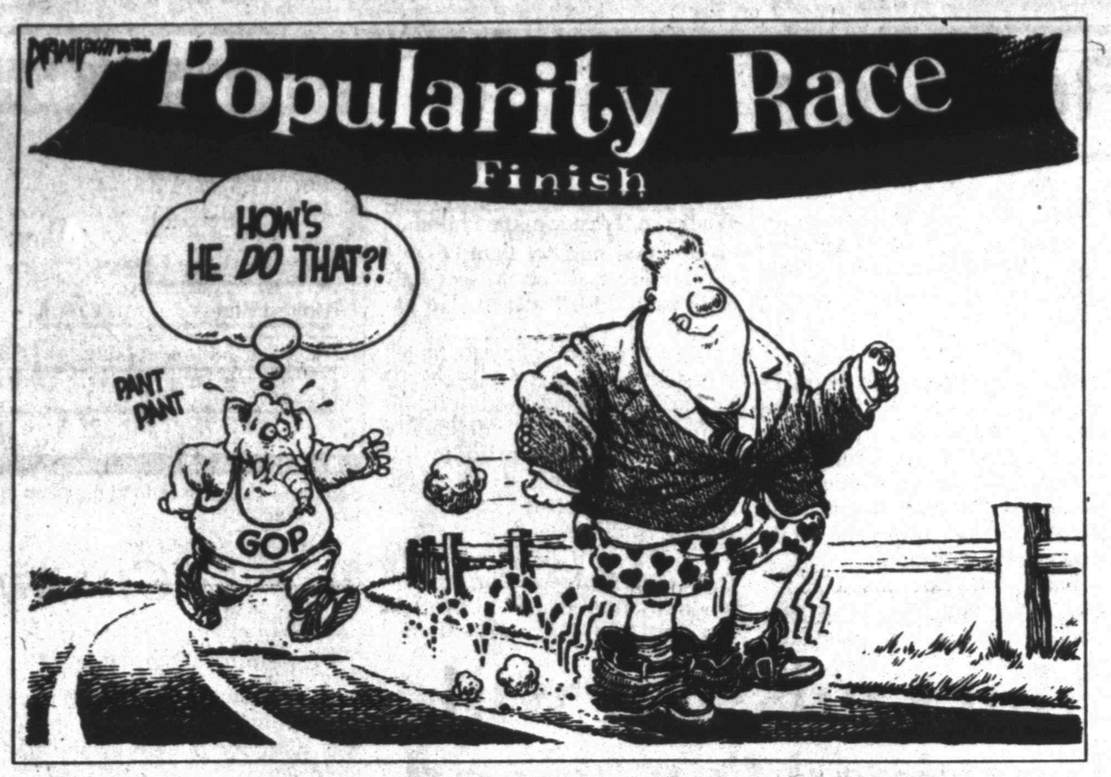
Just imagine ... Madeline Albright, Secretary of State, has just addressed the United Nations regarding the position of the United States to current world-wide events... Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, has announced the assignment of a special prosecutor to investigate allegations that could potentially influence the leadership of the United States... Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, has just presented a ruling that becomes a law of the land... or prior to her death, Barbara Jordan, distinguished Congresswoman and orator, has served as keynote speaker for the Democratic National Convention ... along comes "fearless" Kim Pease, editor of the Rotan Advance, supported by the editor of the Snyder Daily News, profoundly comparing the female gender to computers.

If one presumes to follow this comparison, the inference can be made that the person making such computer/gender comparisons professes an inability to understand the language or logic of the above named knowledgeable and experienced leaders; that regardless of the training, expertise, and skill of these individuals, their representation is inadequate; and that there is implied adherence to a conviction fostering the idea that females are possessions to be maintained and/or ultimately disposed of if a better "one... appears around the corner."

I consider comments such as those presented in the March 13, 1998 Snyder Daily News Column characteristic of pervasive gender-bias. The comments appear discriminatory in nature, and generally serve to insult one's integrity and intelligence.

Perhaps a more enlightening topic for readers would be the presentation of commentary that broadens one's understanding of issues that empower and enhance, rather than disempower and belittle, individualism. Just imagine then, at an outcome resulting in a bit of empowerment ... becoming adapt at understanding computer programming, and perhaps the unexpected, yet welcome by-product of increased awareness of social dynamics as well.

Sincerely,
Melissa W. Jones
Snyder



Turnabout

Dear Editor:

I have enjoyed reading Roy McQueen's SDN Column from the time my husband and I moved to this area last July. I have found it to be well written, witty and entertaining until his column of Friday, March 13.

On that day, Mr. McQueen chose to include Kim Pease's comparison of computers to "the tender gender." Being from the Rotan area, I was insulted and outraged when Mr. Pease ran this blatantly sexist comparison in his newspaper. I did not respond at that time since Rotan is a small town and I did not wish to be looked upon as a troublesome newcomer. When I then found the same comparison in your newspaper, I felt I could no longer remain silent.

What would you say to evening the score? Below I have written a few of my own comparisons of computers to "the stronger gender." Yes, my comparisons are sexist as well, but equality is the name of the game.

1) Unless you turn them on, you will get absolutely nothing useful out of them.

2) Talking to them gets you no where. They do not understand the basics of human communication.

3) You have to touch the right buttons and stroke the right keys to get the information you require.

4) They always quit working at the worst possible time. Usually when you need their assistance the most.

5) If you find a good one that works well for you, hang on to it. There aren't many truly reliable ones out there.

6) When they get a virus, they make everyone miserable. They never suffer in silence, but require enormous amounts of attention.

Of course I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea. In my opinion, as long as we compare inanimate objects to a particular gender, sexism will remain alive and well.

Shame on Mr. McQueen for reprinting Mr. Pease's sexist comparison and shame on me for having such an easy time turning the tables.

Sincerely,
Myra Clindaniel
Rotan

Special people

To the Editor,

To our blood donors I would like to thank you. You are appreciated more than you will ever know.

Members of the 37th Street Church of Christ have a special reason for being thankful. Jimmy Hess is able to attend church again after a serious illness that required many blood transfusions.

There is one other reason that our members have a reason to be thankful for and that is for the Taylor quintuplets. Church has not been the same since they were born. They are our babies and our pride and joy.

Ladies of the congregation help with the babies on Sunday morning, but last Sunday was a very touching scene. Two teenage girls were holding two of the babies and sitting behind them was a man holding one of them.

Special people show special love and the three little special people slept through the service. They are very good babies and we thank God that he sent them our way.

Betty Boyd
Snyder

Editorial Comment

Here's a quarter...

Suppose as a citizen of this city, you had no representative in government? No say so into the tax rate. No input into sanitation fees, water line replacement or zoning.

In a sense, that's what you've got if you live in District 3. There will be an election of city council members in May, but as it stands now, the folks in District 3 need not bother to go to the poll. That's because nobody from the east-southeast side of Snyder bothered to run for office. There is no candidate.

What's the reason? Are people who live there too busy to mess with it? Did no one want to take on the responsibility of ensuring their neighborhood gets equal treatment to Cedar Creek or the Towle Park area?

Are they so happy they can't stand it, or are they so discouraged they just don't care?

We're all pretty used to voter apathy, unfortunately. On any given election, no more than 20 percent of the registered voters are going to bother to cast a ballot. Most times, it's far less than that.

Of course, when you don't even have a candidate, getting the voters out may not be so important after all.

District 3 won't suffer. Fair and honorable council representatives ensure that. Even were that not the case, the district is still represented by the mayor and two at-large council members.

So we don't expect the council to tell their fellow citizens in District 3, "Here's a quarter, call someone who cares."

Even if that's what the citizens in the district seem to be saying about themselves.

'Primary Colors'

The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer

... It's time to interrupt our national Monicafest to consider a media event that will further muddle the public perception of Bill Clinton.

The new movie "Primary Colors," like the novel of the same name, is a journalist's portrayal of a politician who resembles Bill Clinton. It mixes fact and fiction to create a larger-than-life president who is at once engaging and appalling, pious and crass, sensitive and crude.

In other words, it is much like the evening news.

From the day Bill Clinton popped onto the national scene, his life has been an exercise in mass entertainment. Like an afternoon soap, his personal drama has played out on our TV screens. ...

The president in effect makes his own movie, an endless succession of images created to shape the public's mood and burnish the star's image. No wonder viewers aren't dismayed by the Clinton-Lewinsky matter. They assume it'll be cleared up in next week's episode.

Journalists are no help. Today, scads of newsprint and whole TV networks are devoted to serious examinations of the president's sex life and political motives — subjects on which none of the commentators know any facts.

Can anyone tell truth from fiction any more?

Does anyone care?

Latrell Sprewell's example

The Baytown Sun

Attention everyone: It's OK to choke whomever you don't like. What other moral can be drawn from an arbitrator's ruling in the Latrell Sprewell vs. the National Basketball Association case?

How any rational human being could have come to such an unbelievable conclusion is beyond comprehension. No responsible employer should be expected to allow conduct like that of Sprewell's to go without immediate termination and filing of criminal charges.

Who would want to employ a hoodlum who disregards the law and takes matters into his own hands? Not any sane employer.

Yet arbitrator John Feerick has seen fit to force the Golden State Warriors to, in effect, rehire Sprewell at his old salary of $8 million a year with just a little slap on the wrist. ...

Just think what we can expect from the kids who play sports when they see such conduct. Now, instead of having to complain to someone about the way your coach treats you, you just choke him. Not getting enough playing time? No problem, find your coach and choke him. Unhappy with coaching strategy? Choke your coach. The same goes for employees. Don't like your boss? Just choke him.

Sprewell should be permanently banned from basketball — then, perhaps, the message would be clear. ...

Texas is lagging behind the times

Bill McClellan

Did you see the Associated Press story out of Oregon?

It's just another example of how we Texans lag behind other states when it comes to taking care of our own. No, this isn't about child welfare, insured motorists or the homeless.

This is much more serious.

Folks, we Texans have no contingency plan for gambling in case of a disaster.

That's right. What happens if a tornado wipes out Austin or a hurricane washes Galveston off the map? I'll tell you what would happen: it would take weeks, maybe even months, to get gambling back on line in those areas!

That's deplorable. We need to get our priorities straight, dadgumit!

Did you know that Oregon has a disaster plan?

Does that make you feel a little ashamed, or what? Afterall, we're sophisticated people here in Texas. Oregon is... well, it's a nice place, I'm sure. Just ask one of the few thousand anti-social, anti-government, redneck Smith & Wesson-packing militia who live there. Hey, the University of Oregon motto isn't "Duck!" for nothing.

Ok, there are some lumberjacks and spotted owls there too, but even they can't get along.

Folks, we are behind the times.

Sure, we've got our Richard McLarens and we can compare shotguns and Uzis with the best of 'em, but do we have a plan to get the lotto up and running quickly in the event a tidal wave smashes into Houston? No we don't. Not one stinkin' little plan at all.

Last week, the Oregon lottery commission gave a company $124,000 for advice on how to respond in a crisis. Money well spent. Gambling generates $1 million a day in revenue for Oregon.

"We make money for the state by selling our product. That's why it's important for the state that we are able to get back on our feet quickly," said Oregon lottery commission employee David Hooper.

The heck with the wounded! Roll them dice, Denise!

To keep up with the Oregonians, Texas should consider hiring a company to develop a "what-if" plan.

Or wait. Heck, I could handle this one, for a reasonable fee of course.

The first thing I would recommend in case of a disaster is to concentrate on saving everyone 18 and up. Let the kids fend for themselves. If they aren't old enough to gamble, who needs 'em?

Second, in the event of an earthquake, rebuild the convenience stores first. It is imperative to get those scratch-off tickets in the hands of John Q. Gambler. Open temporary locations. Commandeer those little FotoMat booths! Appropriate the neighborhood ice cream trucks!

Better yet, put one-armed bandits in the ambulances.

In the event of a really major, major disaster, where thousands and thousands of people are hurt or maimed, put lotto booths in the hospital waiting rooms and video poker in the recovery rooms.

Don't be embarrassed about this. It's not like we would be setting a precedent or anything. People are already taking a chance when they walk in a hospital. After all, what are the odds the insurance company will pay the claim?

Am I right? Of course I am.

And I recommend we sell lotto tickets at funeral parlors only before and after services, not during.

Finally, promote, promote, promote. Advertising is the key.

I suggest a simple poster slogan:

'Did You Forget To Scratch?'

If you have a problem with gambling, we are here to help.

Call 1-800 555-5987

Or:

'Did Ya' Scratch Today?'

If you have a problem with gambling, we are here to help.

Call 1-800 ROLL 'EM

Hooper says the Oregon lottery is completing work on a back-up computer center and can have its statewide video poker system operational within two to six hours after a disaster.

Just think of it! People may be trapped on a mountain but by golly they'll be able to gamble!

Texas, we are behind the times.

To cook or eat out? That is the question

Deanie Francis Mills

It was so weird.

There I was, buying groceries, which even on good days is my most hated chore anyway, but I was standing around in the meat department trying to think of some sort of pseudo-meal I could throw together, and I bought a package of two hamburger patties.

Now, next month I will have been married for 24 years, and in all that time, I've never bought pre-packaged hamburger patties. I mean geez, how much trouble can it be to mash up a hunk of hamburger meat with a few spices thrown in or maybe just salt and pepper, and make some stupid hamburger patties?

Turns out, a whole bunch.

First of all, as a writer, I observe things. And the one thing I've noticed as I've aged is how many retirement aged people eat out all the time. Part of the reason is that they no longer have to pay for a bunch of greedy little kids, I'm sure, but the main thing is that somewhere along the line — maybe after 20 years, maybe after 30 years, I don't know — the wife stands in the aisle of the grocery store and snaps.

She's sick of cooking. Sick of thinking about food. Sick of trying to please 18 other people every meal. If she's like me, she was born on a dadgum diet anyway and so can't eat half the things she cooks to begin with. They you've got all those women in the workforce, and the last thing they want to do at the end of the day is cook. One day it dawns on them that hey! I'm tired too! Why do *you* get to sit around reading the paper? The husband sees that murderous look in her eye and out they go, or maybe they order in.

But there's one little flaw with that when you live in the country. You can't exactly run up and grab a burger someplace when it's a half hour drive to town. And believe me, they don't deliver either. I'll never forget when our little country boy was about nine or ten, and he stayed in town with some friends for an evening, and when we went to pick him up, he came barrelling for the door crying "Mama! Daddy! Guess what! We ordered a pizza *and they brought it right to the house!*"

So when you live in the country, you gotta improvise if you don't much want to cook. I have a husband who is terrific about building some sort of disgusting concoction out of a can of chili and all sorts of bizarre things out of the fridge. (He also loves pork and beans cold, right out of the can, and I love him enough to fix them just the way he likes them.) But I feel guilty if he has to eat cold pork and beans too many nights in a row. Yet, at the same time, see, I'm mad because I gotta cook anyway after all day at the computer so I look for something, anything, that's easy.

Hence the hamburger patties. But there's something else significant about those miserable pre-packaged patties. It's not the taste — they're not bad when you don't much care what you're eating anyway. Stick'em in a bun and slather on some goop and they're fine.

It's not that.

It's...well...you see, there were only two patties. Two little lonesome patties.

It seems that when your big-footed teenage son leaves home, nobody ever eats leftovers again except the dog. And while we do have a daughter still here, she's an ACTress, don't you know, and it's One-Act season, so she's in rehearsal or school, or bed, period.

So it's no more hasseling with big family meals and dishes out the wazoo and kids raiding the fridge an hour later or heating up leftovers in the microwave in the middle of the night after a date and leaving a mess all over the place. Yep, it's much simpler this way. It's just so weird, is all.

Millions of instant prizes remain unclaimed

AUSTIN (AP) — Millions of instant Texas Lottery winners have become unlucky losers.

Since former Gov. Ann Richards scratched the first instant ticket in 1992, players in Texas have spent billions on — and won billions from — such games.

This year, the total number of instant lottery tickets sold since 1992 topped 8 billion, giving the state more that $10 billion in revenue from the 129 scratch-off games the lottery has offered.

But whether because of confusion, lost tickets or other reasons, more than 31 million instant-ticket prizes worth nearly $80 million have never been redeemed. And the time for collecting those prizes has expired.

By the end of the month, unclaimed prizes in three more games no longer will be available to unlucky winners who have not claimed them.

"You just don't know what number ended up left in their pocket and in the washing machine," said Toni Smith, head of the lottery's instant-ticket division.

"You don't know how many end up in the garbage. People put tickets in the back of a drawer or in the ashtray and forget about them," she said.

Among winning tickets that no longer can be redeemed, prizes ranged in value from $100,000 — one ticket in 1993's "Win for Life" game — down to $1, millions of tickets in all.

The vast majority of unclaimed prizes were among the lowest offered.

Ms. Smith and other lottery officials noted that unclaimed prizes are reinvested into the pots for other games. But that could be little solace for the winners who somehow missed their cash the first time around.

According to lottery records The Associated Press reviewed:

— 60 instant games no longer are sold and prizes offered in those games no longer can be claimed.

— In those 60 games, players left 31,644,014 prizes worth $79,621,761 unredeemed.

— 16 other games no longer are being sold and the 180-day clock for collecting prizes from those games is ticking.

— 13 more games are scheduled to be taken off store counters and their claims periods closed by the end of the year.

Ms. Smith said there's no way to be certain of why the winning tickets went unclaimed, adding that players of the same games collected $3.3 billion from 1 billion winning tickets.

A small portion of the unclaimed prizes might never have been sold, Ms. Smith said.

Using sales trends and other information, Ms. Smith periodically schedules games — and their collection times — to end.

Most of the time, at least 95 percent of a closed-out game's tickets have been sold by the time they are pulled off store counters, she said.

But some prize-winners could be among the few tickets returned to the lottery, she added.

Lottery security officials account for every ticket in a closed game and destroy the unsold tickets. They do not try to determine the number or value of prizes among those destroyed.

Ms. Smith said she knows that confusion about the games, their symbols and how they are played is not a primary reason for unclaimed prizes.

"Players will call in" if they're unsure about a game, she said. "They are pretty vocal. We'll hear it."

Eliana Villarreal, a regular scratch-off player at Lucky's Food Mart in San Antonio, said she's never been confused about a game. She also said she's also never misplaced or damaged winning tickets.

"I've lost money because I play more than I win. But when I win, I return right away," Ms. Villarreal said.

Lottery Director Linda Cloud said she's not too concerned about the number of unclaimed prizes, emphasizing that players claimed more than nine out of 10 prizes offered in the games no longer being played or redeemed.

Ms. Cloud said she believes some unclaimed prizes may also have been won by out-of-state players who forget or decide not to mail winning tickets back to Texas to claim small prizes.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaving down your tax bill requires two things: time and, alas, money.

The biggest tax savings tips come to those who plan ahead and for people who have enough money to make it worthwhile.

Here's a sampling of top tax savings tips:

— Maximize your contributions to tax-deferred savings plans, such as 401(k) plans or Individual Retirement Accounts. By doing so, you will lower your taxable income while putting aside money for retirement. Tax law generally lets people set aside up to $9,500 of their salary into a 401(k) plan in 1997; that limit rises to $10,000 in 1998.

— Deferring or lowering income. Lower your taxable income by giving money to your kids. Individuals can give up to $10,000 a year in cash or property without being subject to the gift tax. This may enable you to shift some of your income-producing assets to your children who are in lower tax brackets. Warning: children under age 14 may be covered by "kiddie tax" rates.

Elliott Eiss, editorial director of J.K. Lasser Institute, said upper middle class people might explore lowering their income to qualify for tax breaks.

"Deferring income might make the difference between qualifying for the Hope scholarship credit next year or not," Eiss said, referring to one of the educational tax incentives in the 1997 tax bill.

Self-employed people can have more control over their income. For example, they can bill clients a little more slowly at the end of the year to defer income into the following year, Eiss said.

— Take out a second mortgage and transfer over personal loans, such as credit card debt and auto loans. This would permit you, under certain circumstances, to deduct the interest, which isn't otherwise allowed on personal loans. There's a serious downside to this strategy: if you default on the second mortgage, the bank gets your house.

— Odds-and-ends deductions. You can deduct accounting fees, IRS audit expenses and costs of software to prepare your taxes. Labor union dues also are deductible. If tools or uniforms are required at work, consider buying extras if you need to cross the threshold of having miscellaneous deductions total 2 percent of your taxable income. Reaching that 2 percent floor is difficult for many.

"A lot of people don't realize what a significant barrier that can be," Eiss said.

— Non-taxable income. Some of the money you receive can be fully or partially free from tax: proceeds from some lawsuits; Social Security checks; life insurance benefits.

— Medical expenses. You can deduct certain medical expenses if they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. There are four general categories for qualified deductions: bills for prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illnesses; costs for false teeth, artificial limbs, etc.; transportation related to medical care; health insurance costs.

The tax man won't let you deduct such things as the cost of bottled water, ear piercing, or babysitters so you can make a doctor's appointment.

— Buy a big truck. There's a maximum $3,160 first-year deduction for depreciation on most cars used for business purposes. But these restrictions don't apply for big cars, such as Chevrolet Suburbans, or vehicles weighing more than 6,000 pounds.

The reason is that when this rule was written in 1984, "it was unlikely anyone would buy a car like that unless it was for commercial purposes," says Tom Ochsenschlager, a partner at the accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP.

— Mileage deduction: You get an extra half-penny out of Uncle Sam in 1997. The standard mileage rate for business after Jan. 1, 1997, goes to 31.5 cents a mile from 31 cents. Don't dismiss the savings: a taxpayer who puts 20,000 business miles on the car gets an extra $100 to deduct. Remember to document your miles in a log.

— Capital losses. Remember to carry over large losses from stocks or other investments into future years. You can't deduct any more than $3,000 in net capital losses per year against ordinary income. But if losses exceed $3,000 in one year, you can carry over the balance to future years.

An example: Bob and Wanda lost $5,000 in 1996 when they sold stock in a failed computer start-up. They deducted the maximum $3,000 in losses that year. This year, they can deduct the remaining $2,000.

— Non-cash charitable contributions. Instead of trying to clean out your cluttered garage or basement by holding a garage sale, donate the stuff instead to charity, and get a tax deduction.

— Capital gains versus regular income. With the new lower capital gains taxes, some tax specialists suggest you consider putting investments that yield high amounts of ordinary taxable income, such as dividends, into tax-deferred retirement accounts. Also, remember that long-term investors are the ones who stand to benefit from the new reduced capital gains rates. The lowest maximum rate is available to stocks and other investments held more than 18 months; gains from stocks "flipped" — bought and sold within a year — are taxed as ordinary income, which can be as high as 39.6 percent.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Is KRAB safe to eat?

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DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the real story on KRAB, the so-called crab meat? Is it so loaded with preservatives and artificial flavoring that it isn't fit to eat? — J.C., La Mesa, Calif.

DEAR J.C.: KRAB is a brand name for a type of processed seafood known as surimi (soo-REE-mee). Surimi originated in Japan but can now be found in deli cases around the United States and Canada. Surimi is made up of less expensive varieties of fish, such as pollock, which are deboned, rinsed and minced until there's nothing more than a bland and colorless mass. The surimi is then formed, flavored and colored to resemble more expensive seafood varieties like crab, lobster, scallops or shrimp. The flavoring used is usually a concentrate made from real shellfish, so those with shellfish allergies shouldn't consider surimi to be a safe alternative.

A number of novel processing techniques are used to put the finishing touches on surimi. In one interesting method, surimi is extruded in filaments that are then woven and glued together to resemble the texture and appearance of crab-meat muscle fibers.

It may be difficult to tell the difference between surimi-based seafood salad and one containing the genuine article, especially if many other ingredients are present in the salad. Check the price, though: Surimi costs only a fraction of what genuine shellfish would cost. Consumers, however, should always check labels or ask the deli attendant to verify that they're getting the expected product.

Surimi differs from fish in that it contains a number of nonfish ingredients such as sugar, carbohydrate-based binding agents and flavorings (which may or may not include glutamate). Surimi is low in fat like standard shellfish, but because of the added carbohydrates, it contains about one-third less protein. It is not "loaded" with preservatives, and the flavoring is usually natural; but I would say it is a personal decision as to whether it is fit to eat. Just as with most other foods, there can be variations in quality among different brands.

Surimi can be found not only in the prepared salads in the deli case, but also in sealed containers in the refrigerator or freezer section of the store. Once opened, the surimi should be consumed within a few days. Unopened, refrigerated packages can be kept for up to two months, and frozen surimi can be kept for up to six months. Check expiration dates for guidance.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I recently had a conversation with a lady who told me that one must eat meat because it has an enzyme in it that helps the clotting ability of blood. I have not eaten red meat or poultry for 16 years and have not noticed any lack of clotting ability. Do you have any idea what she is talking about? I worry that when I get older I will find out that I should have taken precautions. By the way, she said that these enzymes are only found in beef. Thanks for your help. — K.P.

DEAR K.P.: I have no idea what your friend is talking about. I am unaware of any enzyme in meat that might help with blood clotting. The logic of her statement is questionable, because enzymes are proteins and they tend to be digested before they can be absorbed.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Can you please explain what "sugar alcohols" are? They are listed under the sugar content on the food label or nutrition label. Should a person who is trying to limit sugar intake be concerned with this as well? Should these grams be counted in addition to sugar grams? Thank you. — K.J., Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR K.J.: The sugar alcohols include sorbitol, mannitol and xylitol. They don't have to be declared on the food label, but can be listed if desired. Sugar alcohols are carbohydrates and they do contain calories, but they are not considered "sugars" for food labeling because they are metabolized in a different manner. The FDA, in fact, allows food sweetened only with sugar alcohols to be labeled "sugar free." Sugar alcohols don't contribute to tooth decay because they cannot be metabolized by the acid-producing bacteria (the ones that cause tooth decay) that live in our mouths. The sugar alcohols are not absorbed as quickly as other carbohydrates, so they don't raise the blood sugar level as rapidly as other sugars do. This makes them good sugar-substitutes for diabetics and others who wish to limit their sugar intake. I wouldn't overdo it, though, because there is a downside. Sugar alcohols can cause cramping, especially when consumed on an empty stomach.

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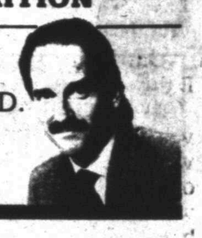

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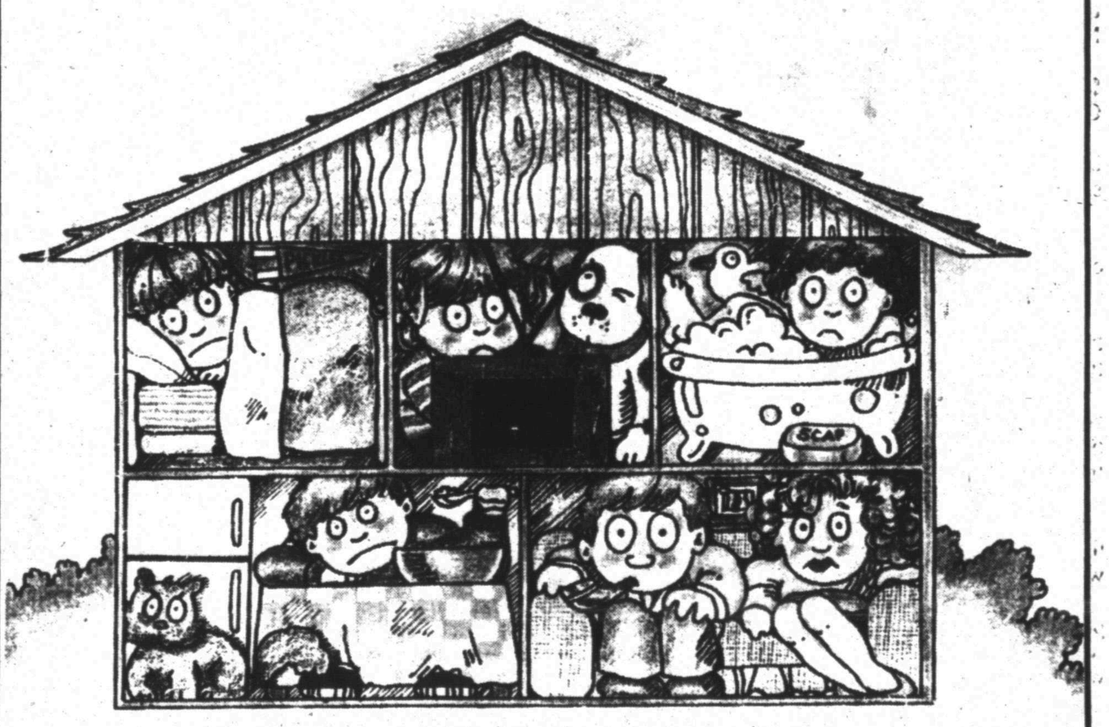

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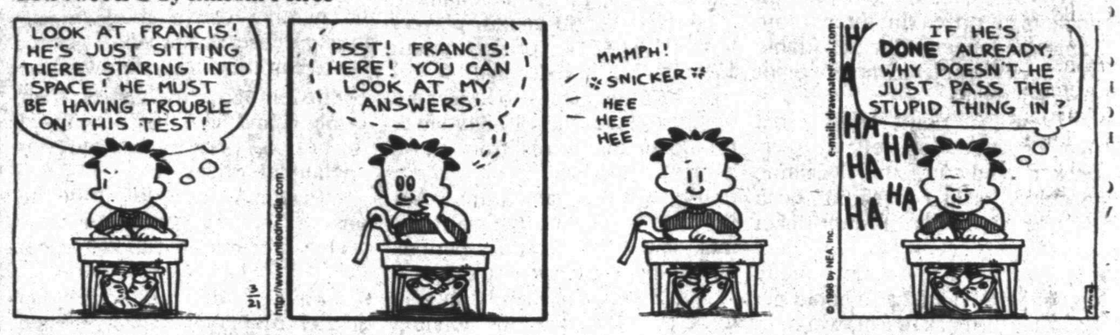

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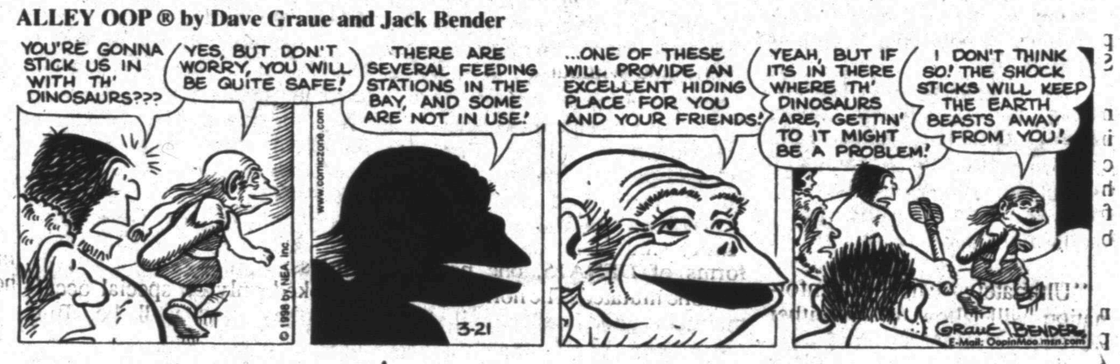

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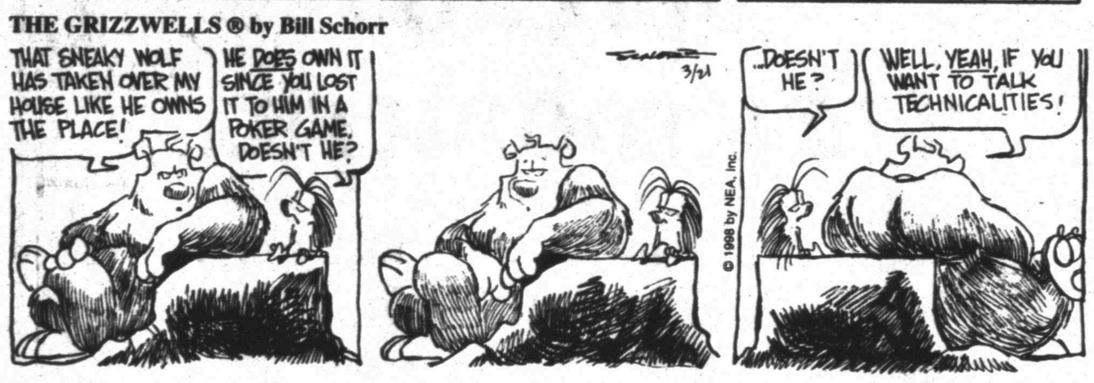

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17 Definitely!
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20 Wide shoe size
21 Jazz player Coleman
25 Feeling of debility
28 Sharpen
32 Siren
33 French school
34 Rhythm
35 Oarlock
36 Author Nin
37 Infielder
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44 Superlative suffix
45 Shame!
48 Abate
51 Llama's kin
54 Melodic
55 Chicago and Boston
56 Tufted plants
57 Funeral car

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3 High cards
4 Hairpiece
5 Guido's high note
6 Summer TV features
7 Actor Robert —
8 Map abbr.
9 — — standstill
10 Destiny
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12 Not batty
19 View
21 Rowboat part
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23 Sleeping-sickness fly
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25 — Hari
26 Danish measure
27 Tibetan priest
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30 Earthenware vessel
31 Hammer part
37 Undergrad degs.
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40 Hereditary factors
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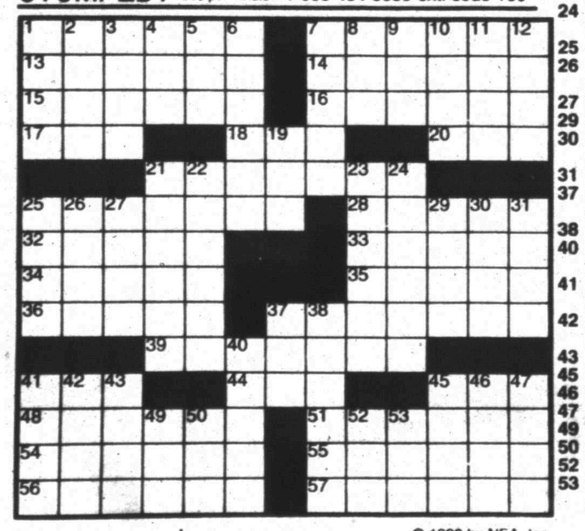

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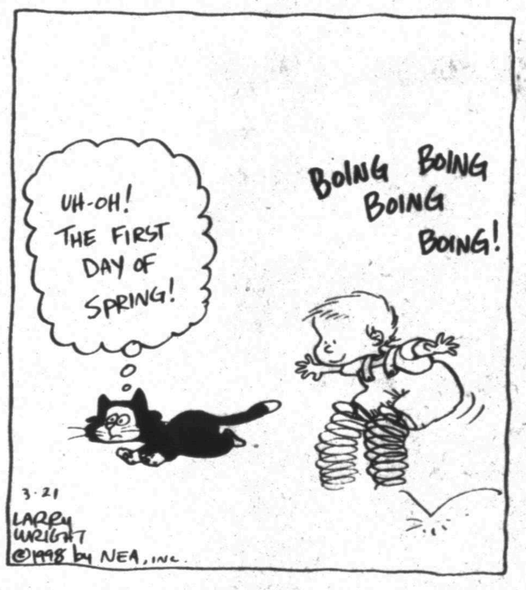

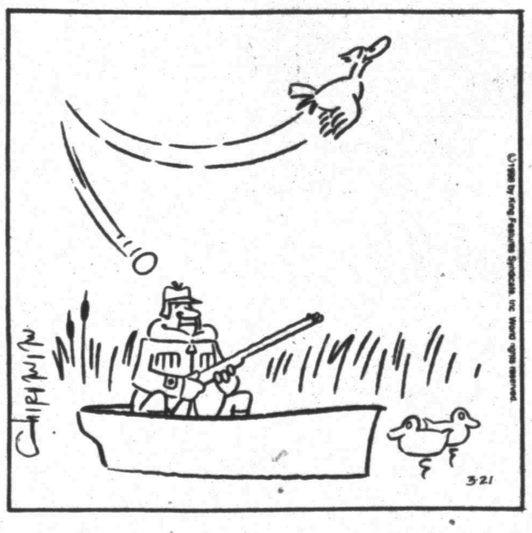

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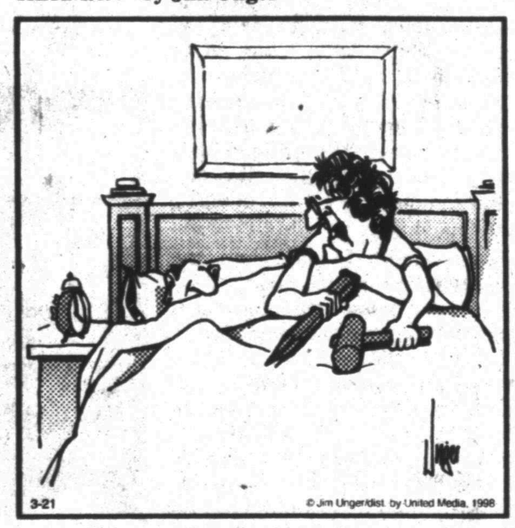

"Three nights in a row I've dreamt you were Dracula."

"DO YOU THINK ANGELS WEAR WINGTIP SHOES?"

Motorists driving, dying faster on highways

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A flat, two-lane stretch of California 99 is known as "Blood Alley," 20 miles of rural road where 16 people have died in the last year — a fourfold increase from previous years.

It's one of many highways around the country where police say Congress' 1995 decision to abolish the federal speed limit has had grisly results. Thirty-five states have raised their speed limits, and two new studies indicate that hundreds of people have died because of it.

California Highway Patrol officer H.G. "Tag" Euritt doesn't need statistics. He's seen drinking, speeding and unsafe passing have deadly results on California 99.

"I grieve at the scene of the crash," Euritt said. "I try to hold my emotions intact long enough to do my job. Then I go home, get on my knees and pray."

In 1996, 32,317 people died in car accidents nationwide. And while the overall accident rate on all roads is declining, it is going up on freeways where the speed limits have increased.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a February report to Congress that California and 31 other states with higher speed limits had about 350 more deaths on interstates in 1996 than the 3,530 they would have projected without the increase.

In California alone, there was a 22 percent jump in deadly accidents in the first 10 months of 1996 on 70 mph roadways, from 330 to 403 deaths.

Another study, by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an industry group, reported similar findings for the 12 states that were the first to increase their speed limits. In those states, there were 500 more deaths in accidents the last nine months of 1996 than would have been expected under lower limits.

The reports indicate that the number of deaths may rise as other states raise their speed limits.

"We think this is the just the tip of the iceberg," said Henry Jasny of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a consumer rights group based in Washington, D.C.

The studies didn't impress the National Motorists Association, which called them "junk science." The group, which backed the speed limit increase, said the statistics should be adjusted for increased traffic, the number of miles driven, weather and other factors.

"There's no correlation between speed limits and highway fatalities," said Todd Franklin, a spokesman for the Waunakee, Wis.-based group. "Causes of accidents have nothing to do with arbitrary numbers on signs."

In Montana, which has no daytime speed limit, a 13-year-high in traffic deaths prompted lawmakers last year to consider a special legislative session to enact a limit, though the proposal was rejected.

Through Thursday, Montana had 44 fatal highway accidents this year, up 18 from this time last year.

The latest figures from the California Transportation Department show a similar trend.

Government asked to lift ban on hemp

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hemp is not dope.

It will not get people stoned unless smoked in massive quantities and its strong fibers can be used in 25,000 ways, from construction material to paper to clothing. It also just might make a few farmers feel a financial high.

But right now, the federal government bans cultivation of industrial hemp and considers it a controlled substance, no different from its hallucinogenic cousin marijuana. Several groups, including the North American Industrial Hemp Council and the Resource Conservation Alliance, want to change that.

They are preparing to petition the Drug Enforcement Administration to drop hemp from the controlled substance list. They also want the Agriculture Department to set up a system of certifying hemp seeds and licensing farmers.

"There certainly is a demand for it," said Ned Daly, director of the Resource Conservation Alliance. "It's a very easy crop to grow. It truly is a weed."

Hemp has a long history in the United States. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew it; the Declaration of Independence was drafted on hemp paper. During World War II, the federal government mounted a "Hemp for Victory" growing campaign for many military uses, including ropes.

Some agricultural economists say farmers today could gross up to $500 an acre for hemp. Canada legalized it earlier this month after a 60-year ban, in part because of the income potential for farmers, and several U.S. states are promoting hemp research.

Hemp and marijuana are both varieties of the cannabis sativa plant. But hemp typically contains only a tiny fraction of the active ingredient, THC, that makes pot smokers high.

Still, the DEA and President Clinton's drug control policy director, Barry McCaffrey, say hemp's legalization could hinder efforts to stamp out marijuana.

"A serious law enforcement concern is that a potential byproduct of legalizing hemp production would be de facto legalization of marijuana cultivation," McCaffrey's office said in a statement. "The seedlings are the same and in many instances the mature plants look the same."

Supporters of ending the ban say that is just blowing smoke. They say hemp plants are far taller than marijuana, are grown much closer together and typically are not allowed to flower. The flowering produces the buds most sought after by marijuana growers.

"The dope argument lacks any merit," said Hawaii state Rep. Cynthia Thielen, a Republican who says farmers in her state want hemp as an alternative to sugar and pineapples. "You can tell the difference. You're licensing farmers so you know where the crop is. If someone's growing that isn't licensed, bust them."

The Agriculture Department, however, questions how profitable hemp might actually be: it is labor intensive and cheaper alternatives already exist for many of its uses. For instance, hemp linen costs $15 a square yard, compared with only $7.50 for flax linen.

"Hemp production in the United States has no demonstrated economic value potential as a cash crop," the McCaffrey statement said.

But proponents are undeterred, noting that Canadian farmers plan to plant 5,000 acres of hemp this spring and farmers in England and Germany have turned solid profits from it for years.

Some of the more unusual uses for hemp include reinforcement in concrete, as a replacement for fiberglass in cars, in shoes and even as a cosmetic oil.

Beyond the economic arguments, proponents say hemp is good for field rotations that help sustain soil and reduce harmful insects.

Researchers link gene to deafness in family

WASHINGTON (AP) — A flawed gene that causes early deafness in an Israeli family has been identified, adding to the number of genes linked to the loss of hearing, researchers say.

The new gene was identified in the DNA of a family that can trace the inherited tendency toward early deafness back through five generations, said Dr. Karen Avraham of Tel Aviv University.

A report on the research will be published Friday in the journal Science.

Avraham said discovery of the new deafness gene provides no immediate treatment for the hard of hearing, but eventually it may help scientists understand how the function of the inner ear is affected by flawed genes.

"Ultimately we hope this information will allow us to either prevent or reverse hearing loss," Avraham said in an interview. "There is nothing that we can do at this stage, but the field of hearing genetics is very new."

She said that only a few genes linked to hearing loss have been found and there may be 100 or more genes associated with the complex process of hearing.

Avraham said the newly identified gene, called DFNA15, may be a key controlling gene in how the inner ear develops and is maintained. She said the gene may make a protein that causes other hearing genes to turn on and off.

The Israeli family studied by Avraham and her colleagues traced inherited hearing problems to a family member born in 1843 in Libya. Successive generations moved from Libya, to Tunisia, to Egypt and finally to Israel. At least some members of the family in each generation experienced hearing loss in their early 20s. Among those affected, hearing was impossible without a mechanical aid by the age of 40.

Among living family members, Avraham said, 12 have progressive hearing loss and 11 are unaffected.

Avraham said that the deaf family members carrying two forms of DFNA15, one normal and one mutated. The normal gene maintains good hearing until after about age 18. After that, the researchers said, the flawed gene takes over and hearing acuity declines.

Although the exact action is not known, the flawed gene may cause deafness by not producing a protein that helps to maintain the healthy functioning of the inner ear, said Avraham.

Co-authors of the study include researchers at the University of Washington, Seattle, and the National Institutes of Health.

Cigars may be fashionable but study says they aren't healthy

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The occasional stogie is probably harmless, but a new study shows that a steady habit of cigars can be a health disaster.

Cigars have unmistakably come into vogue over the past five years, spawning their own stores, magazines and smoke-thick bars.

"It's the fad of the '90s, hip and fashionable," said Dr. Carlos Iribarren, adding that many who've latched onto the craze seem to think they're also harmless.

Smoked only on special occasions, they may well be. But Iribarren found that those who puff on them a lot significantly increase their risk of dying from heart disease and cancer.

Iribarren, an epidemiologist at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program in Oakland, Calif., presented the results of his cigar research Thursday at a meeting of the American Heart Association.

He followed 225 men who smoked an average of two cigars a day for 10 years. He compared them with 14,200 who never smoked anything. Overall, the cigar smokers had a 25 percent higher risk of death during 13 years of follow up.

Like earlier studies, this one showed that regular cigar smokers have double the usual risk of dying from cancer. This is largely because of their increased hazard of cancer of the mouth, throat and lungs.

However, his study was the first to show they also have an increased risk of some forms of heart disease.

While they suffered no more heart attacks than usual, regular cigar smokers have nearly double the nonsmokers' risk of dying from several other kinds of heart disease that do not involved clogged coronary arteries, the study found. These include heart damage from high blood pressure, deterioration of the heart muscle and ruptured aortas.

The researchers could not explain why these kinds of heart trouble, but not heart attacks, were increased in the cigar smokers. Differences in such factors as education, age and blood pressure could not explain the smokers' higher risk.

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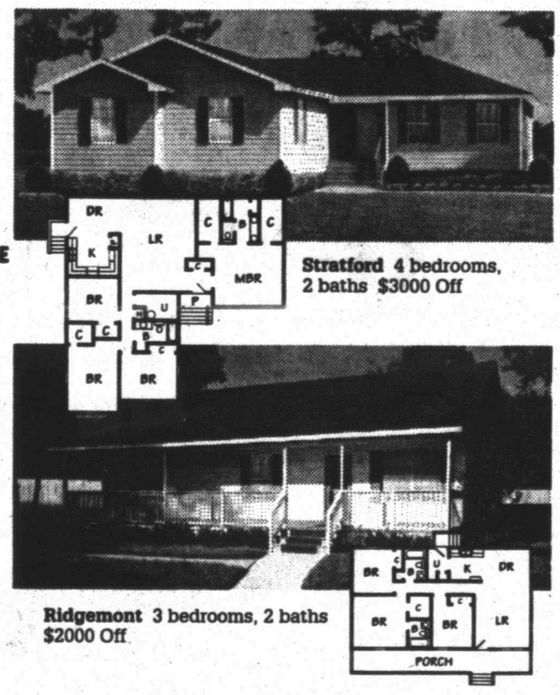

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Weather taking toll on crops throughout U.S.

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Peach crops in North and East Texas were severely damaged by recent freezing temperatures, while crops in the Hill Country apparently escaped almost unscathed.

Nancy Roe, a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said peach growers had a right to be nervous when temperatures dipped into the 20s throughout much of the state.

Texas was not alone in suffering crop damage.

As much as a third of South Carolina's peach crop may have been lost to last week's freeze, state Agriculture Commissioner Les Tindal said after touring farms in the Trenton area.

At one point, grower Lewis Holmes III ran his hand along a peach tree branch, sending dull pink blooms fluttering in the 70-degree breeze. "Look at this limb," Holmes said. "There's not a live peach on this limb. Not a one."

Early varieties such as Holmes' Cary Mac trees were hit hard by three nights of temperatures as low as the teens in some regions. Growers have remained optimistic about mid- and late-season varieties that make up the majority of South Carolina's yield.

In California, agricultural losses from a series of El Nino storms last month have passed $100 million. That is considerably less than the $245 million loss from last year's storms or almost $750 million from a pair of brutal storms in 1995.

Crop losses this year included strawberries, $23 million; wheat, $9.7 million; alfalfa, $5.5 million; broccoli, $4.4 million; celery, $4.3 million; almonds, $4.1 million; and lettuce, $3.9 million.

Livestock and poultry losses are estimated at $13.5 million, primarily $10.2 million from lost production of cows that died in the mud, largely in the Chino area. The value of 2,392 dead dairy cows was placed at $2.9 million.

On the other hand, the freeze that alarmed Alabama peach farmers last week apparently did not cause significant damage in the state's biggest peach-producing county, Chilton County. In fact, some growers there say it may actually have helped because the cold snap performed a lot of the limb trimming needed for fruit production.

"If limbs contain 20 peach buds, they may need to be thinned down to only a few to allow for room. Last week's cold weather appears to have done that for us," said extension agent Gary Gray.

Steve Wilson said his investment in six giant wind machines to protect his central Alabama peach crop at Durbin Farms paid off during the subfreezing weather.

In Texas, Roe said the earliest varieties of peaches will be hit hardest because their blooms were the most developed. She said although some peach trees were in full bloom.

Bipartisan outrage reported over health insurance costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans were united when they passed a 1996 law meant to assure Americans that they would not lose their health insurance when they changed jobs. They are united now in slamming insurance companies they say are undermining the law's effectiveness.

"I am outraged at the mockery that some insurance companies in some states are making of the law," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, a Republican from Connecticut, home to many insurance companies.

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., issued a warning to those companies: Fix the problems or new legislation "will sweep through the Congress."

A new General Accounting Office report found companies charging 140 percent to 600 percent of standard premiums, withholding commissions to agents who sell these policies and stalling so long that a customer is no longer eligible for protection under the law.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., introduced legislation Thursday capping the prices companies can charge for insurance.

On Tuesday, Clinton ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to send insurance companies warnings that it is illegal to impede access to insurance under the new law.

But there is nothing illegal about charging high prices — as much as $15,000 more than normal policies.

"It's not a surprise," Bill Gradison, president of the Health Insurance Association of America told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee Thursday.

Gradison said Clinton and Congress were well aware that premiums would be high if they forced insurance companies to write policies for people who are already sick and certain to need expensive treatment.

"This is not an issue of overcharging," he said, explaining that nearly everyone taking advantage of the law is sick. Healthy customers, who do not need the law's protections in the first place, simply buy insurance for less on the regular market.

The less insurance companies charge these high-risk customers, he said, the more they'll have to charge everyone else.

Poll on aging shows diverse attitudes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Working people think retirement will give them a chance to make a fresh start, but most retirees say their lives are about the same as before — or worse, an upcoming poll finds.

The "Images of Aging" survey, which will be released in its entirety early next month, is part of a $12.5 million campaign funded by the Philadelphia-based Pew Charitable Trusts to get Americans talking about the future of the nation's Social Security pension system.

The kickoff is Saturday, when the residents of 10 cities are invited to join an "Americans Discuss Social Security" video conference with President Clinton and members of Congress. More forums and periodic releases of polling results culled from interviews with 15,000 Americans will follow.

"Our whole purpose ... is to understand the context of opinion and impressions that will surround the Social Security debate," said Diane Colasanto, president of Princeton Survey Research Associates, which conducted the polls for Pew.

One finding is that working people "have different expectations than you might think, given the experience of today's retirees," said Colasanto.

Nearly half — 48 percent — of Americans who are still working said they see retirement as "a chance for a new beginning." People aged 35 to 49 were most likely to take this view.

Only a third of current retirees reported their nonworking years have been a fresh start, however. More, 39 percent, said retirement has been just "a continuation of life before," and 20 percent said it was "a step down" for them.

It "suggests people have gotten too optimistic," said John Rother, a spokesman for the American Association of Retired Persons. "Really only a small minority have put away the savings that allow people to pursue their dreams."

The Pew project overlaps with Clinton's plan to promote 1998 as a year of public dialogue on Social Security. It will be the topic of his weekly radio address Saturday, and Clinton has asked the AARP and the economic watchdog group Concord Coalition to sponsor four regional town hall meetings, starting April 7 in Kansas City, Mo.

The president's promise to follow up next year by asking Congress to make changes to prepare Social Security for baby boomers' retirements has roused activists from Wall Street brokerage houses to senior citizens centers, as well as lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Key congressional budgeteers Sen. William Roth, R-Del., and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, are pushing legislation that would test a new system of private investment accounts.

Senate Democrats Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., this week proposed belt-tightening measures such as raising the retirement age to 70 and increasing the amount of wages subject to Social Security taxes.

Without change, baby boomers will overwhelm Social Security, and the program won't be able to pay all the benefits it owes after 2029.

Pew interviewed 2,006 Americans 18 and older by phone between Oct. 14 and Nov. 17, 1997, for the survey, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Student wins court order

CLEVELAND (AP) — A high school junior suspended for creating a Web site to complain about his band teacher was reinstated by a judge and returned to class Thursday.

Sean O'Brien, 16, even went to the band class and played baritone horn for Raymond Walczuk, the teacher described on his Web site as "an overweight middle-aged man who doesn't like to get haircuts" and who favors some students over others.

"It was pretty much as I expected. It seemed like a normal day at school," O'Brien said. "There was no conflict with Mr. Walczuk. I went to band class — we did band things, like practicing music."

O'Brien built his Web site through his home computer. He told some friends and word spread through Westlake High School in suburban Cleveland.

School officials suspended him for 10 days, claiming the site violated a policy that forbids students from showing disrespect to employees.

"We felt there was harm done here," Superintendent Beverly Reep said. "This is cyberspace and it's the first time we've dealt with something like this."

Federal Judge John M. Manos reinstated O'Brien on Wednesday after eight days of the suspension, and ordered the district not to restrict what the teen-ager puts on a Web site set up through his own computer.

Dallas-area floor installer claims half of lotto jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — At 2:30 a.m. in a rainstorm in a convenience store parking lot, Charles McDaniel discovered he was a millionaire.

That's when he realized he was holding a winning ticket for the March 14 Lotto Texas jackpot. There were two winners; his share tops $1 million.

McDaniel, a floor installer from Forestburg in the Dallas area, had been to see the movie "Titanic" with his wife after working all day Saturday laying in a floor at a church.

"We pulled over at a gas station to get a loaf of bread. And I'm telling you, I must've turned white while I was looking at the numbers on the print-out," he said.

"I walked into the store, caught my wife in the middle of the bread aisle, took her face in my hands and told her she was staring at a millionaire. She thought there was something really wrong with me."

McDaniel's wife, Joan, quipped, "We never bought the bread, but we walked out of there with a lot of dough."

The couple's three children now can go to college without having to work to help pay expenses, McDaniel said. They have an 18-year-old daughter and 16-year-old twin sons.

"My daughter was awarded a scholarship based on her writing skills, but it won't be nearly enough for her college expenses. With this win, I can put all three in college and they can focus exclusively on their studies," McDaniel said.

He also plans to return to school to learn how to manage his winnings, buy his wife a new car and give himself the vacation he's never had.

McDaniel originally came to Austin Monday to claim the prize, but returned home to seek legal advice after meeting with lottery officials. He returned Thursday.

The other winner claimed her prize Monday.

After leaving lottery headquarters, McDaniel planned to visit the Alamo, which he had never seen.

"Then I'm going right back to work," he said. "I have to finish a floor tomorrow."

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