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It's hot!

Temperatures rage above 100 across Texas

From local, wire stories

With temperatures hovering around 100 degrees across much of the state and rain only a distant memory for most regions, Texans are trying their best to keep cool.

In Snyder, the temperature hit 105 degrees Wednesday, 104 on Thursday and "cooled off" to a flat 100 on Friday. That trend could continue over the weekend, as forecasters call for highs of 95 to 100 degrees through Sunday.

The National Weather Service forecast called for temperatures to edge near or to the century mark today across parts of South and West Texas. Highs were expected to reach 112 along the Rio Grande.

In San Antonio, residents and tourists wore broad-brimmed hats, scurried toward spots of shade and ate cherry snow cones Friday as they sought relief from the searing summer heat.

"You can really do nothing about it," said Herminia Bermudez, 36, a home health care worker on her way to visit patients. "I sure wish it would rain — and rain hard."

Del Rio's 105 degrees on Friday tied the record high for the date set in 1951, the weather service said, while El Paso reached 107, San Antonio was at 97 degrees and McAllen was a degree short of the century mark.

Record-setting heat also swept the state Thursday, the first day of summer.

Amarillo and Wichita Falls both tied record highs for the date with 105 degrees on Thursday. Austin's 102 degrees, Del Rio's 106 and San Antonio's 103 broke record high temperatures for the date.

Even in the always warm Rio Grande Valley, temperatures are four to 10 degrees above normal, said Richard Hagan, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Brownsville.

"They are running above normal for this time of year, and that's a reflection of the dry ground and the fact that the grass is beginning to burn up," Hagan said Friday.

Eradication meeting set for Thursday

Cotton growers in the Rolling Plains who have questions about assessments and the status of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program can have them answered here Thursday.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has scheduled an information session for 7 o'clock that evening at the Senior Center.

Because of recent extreme weather conditions in many areas of the 19-county Rolling Plains Zone, the Foundation's board of directors has approved a plan to offer refunds for failed acres and discounts for early payments, said Frank Myers, Foundation executive director.

Program personnel will answer questions about the assessment plan, including an explanation of refunds and discounts and to offer a general update on program operations.

Emergency drill planned Tuesday

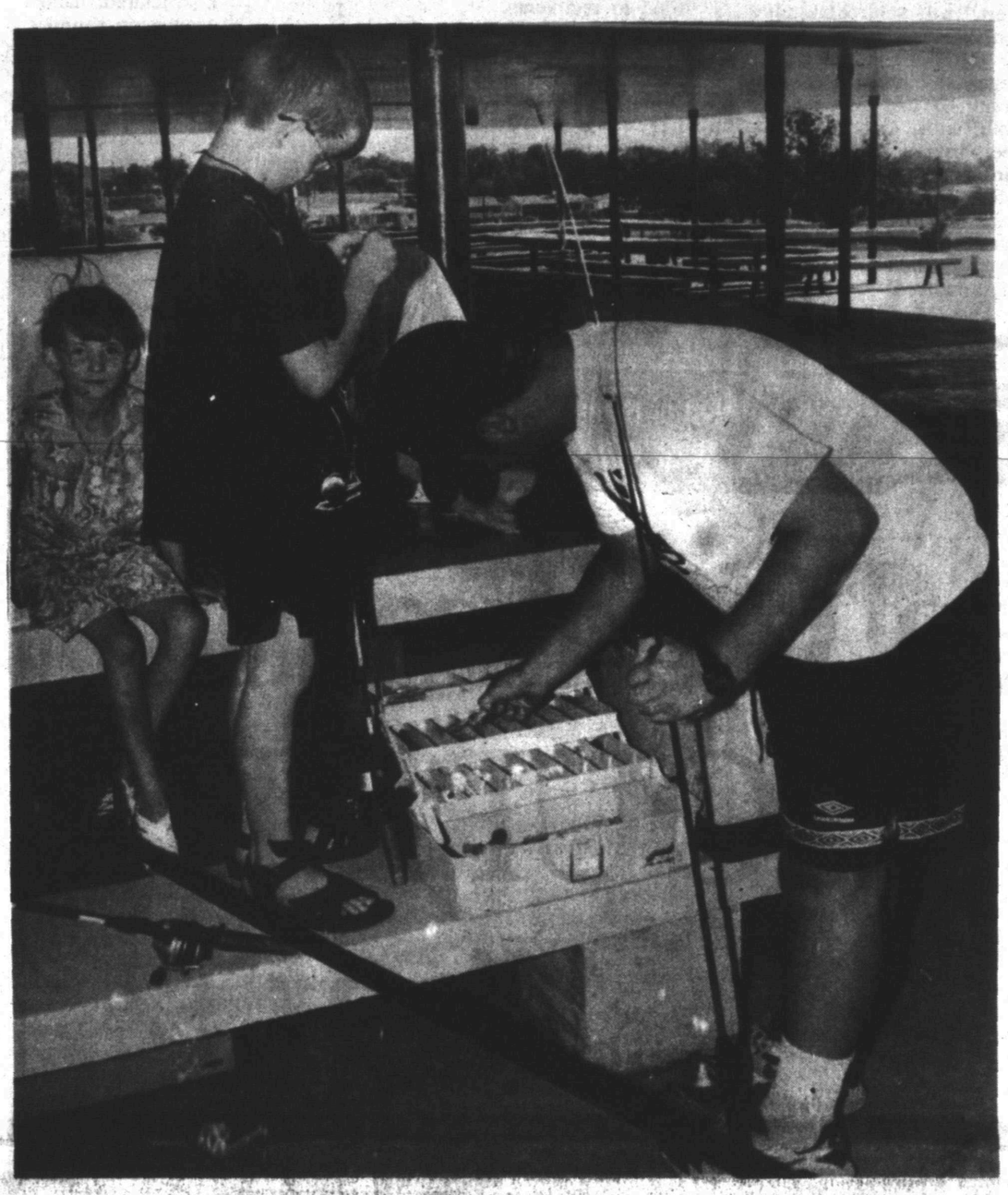
Just in case.

The City of Snyder, along with several other participants, will have an emergency management exercise Tuesday to test and evaluate the centralized emergency operations capability and response of various units of government and private businesses.

The exercise, to be held in the basement of the Fire Department, will use "simulators" to represent all activities that would occur outside the Emergency Operations Center. The activities will be run under "real-time" constraints with a critique and formal written evaluation following the exercise.

The city's Emergency Operations Center will be activated during the exercise.

City Manager John Gayle is the emergency management coordinator. Expected to participate in the exercise are representatives from the county judge's office, sheriff's office, Snyder EMS, fire department, Price Daniel Unit, Cogdell Hospital, police department and the Snyder Independent School District transportation department.



TOWLE PARK REUNION — Summer is the time for reunions and many families use the facilities at Towle Park for such events. Here, Ricky Morris, center, and Stacy Wilson get their fishing gear ready for a try at the pond while Krista Morris watches. All three are from Odessa. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Inflation is a situation where two can live as steeply as one."

Think More Rain!

Snyder is a bright place. According to our records, the sun shines here 97 percent of the time. Experts say that should make waitresses and waiters smile.

A study conducted by a Temple University psychologist says people are more generous with gratuities when the sky is sunny.

We did a little survey of our own and discovered some tipping habits of locals:

--Tips actually increase when it's raining, which it rarely does. The tips increase because more people are killing time indoors.

--Tips are the best in summer when the air conditioner is working well.

--Satisfaction with the food rather than service has a greater influence on the size of the gratuity.

--In Snyder, coffee drinkers actually tip a larger percentage of the tab than do diners.

--The typical tip in Snyder is a dollar bill, regardless of the tab.

--Loose change is not uncommon as a tip. Other loose items in the same pocket are often left — such things as nuts, bolts, screws, nails and gum wrappers.

--Guys tip better when their wives are not present.

--Wives tip better than husbands.

--Separate check diners are among the worst tippers.

--Middle-aged persons are more generous with tips than younger or older folks.

Think More Rain!

We've seen it happen:

--Change made with money left for a tip, so another tip could be left.

--Tips moved from one setting to another to make the second look like he's the one who left it.

Last summer, we observed a big family on vacation passing through Snyder. After breakfast the two male adults left a substantial tip.

A teen son went to the restroom while the rest of the family went on to the van. The kid returned to the table and pocketed several bucks of the tip left by his dad.

They tell the story down at Louise's that a certain tight-fisted accountant had to leave in a hurry one morning and mistakenly put a $10 bill on the table.

His fellow coffee drinkers noticed the error, but waited several days to tell him of his $9 mistake. The waitress smiled for days.

Festival begins Wednesday...

County coliseum ready to swing

Scurry County Coliseum will be swinging this week as the 9th edition of the Legends of Western Swing Music Festival gets underway at noon Wednesday.

The festival will run through Saturday night and has already proven to be a tourist draw as local motels have been booked for weeks, and most all available RV spots at the coliseum are reserved.

Motels in Colorado City and Sweetwater also have reservations for those dates and the chamber is coordinating the rental of bedrooms in private homes.

The festival will open at noon each day and the opening act is Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys — an appropriate choice since the festival has designated the first day as Hoyle Nix Day.

Johnnie Lee Wills, the King of Swing, will be honored Thursday and Hank Thompson will have his day on Friday. Bob Wills Day is set for Saturday.

Music will start at noon every day except Saturday, when the show kicks off at 10 a.m.

The festival will conclude at midnight each day.

The festival's organizer, Chuck Woods of Mustang, Okla., said the reception he has received in organizing the festival here has been "outstanding."

"It's just been great," said Woods. "The cooperation and helpfulness of the chamber of commerce has almost been overwhelming."

The festival was held in Texarkana last year and will be an event that will be missed, said a writer for the Texarkana Gazette.

"Oh, how I hate to see the festival be moved from our city," said Lyn Blackmon.

She said the event was excellent family entertainment and the performers were first class.

"The problem in Texarkana," said Blackmon, "were the facilities here."

Woods said the coliseum here is perfect for such an event.

"People can sit in the stands or bring their own lawn chairs to sit on the floor close to the stage," said Woods.

There also will be room for dancing and numerous booths will be available for festival-goers to purchase items.

Tickets will go on sale Monday at 10 a.m. at the coliseum box office. Tickets are $15 per day. Children under 15 will be admitted free with an adult.

Among the artists performing will be Pee Wee Whitewing and the Heart O' Texas Band, Tommy Allsup and the Texas Dance Band, Leon Rausch - Tommy Morrel and the Time Warp Top Hands, Dave Alexander and the Legends of Western Swing, Buddie Hrabal and Memory Lane, Don McCalister and the Texas Rhythm Kings, J.D. Barham & Cowjazz, Terry Sneed & Up The Creek and Fiddlers Two & Friends.

Clinton calls for registry of sex offenders

HOUSTON (AP) — President Clinton announced plans Saturday to create a national sex offenders registry to allow police "to follow those who prey on America's children wherever they go, state to state, town to town."

Clinton's new initiative, following up on steps taken earlier, is one of a long series of moves by the president to counter longstanding Republican claims that Democrats are soft on crime.

The president also planned to underscore his anti-crime record Saturday in a speech before the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Cleveland.

The 1994 crime bill requires states to establish registries of sexual predators and child molesters.

The so-called Megan's Law, followup legislation Clinton signed recently, requires states to tell a community "whenever a dangerous sexual predator enters its midst." The law is named for a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was murdered by a neighbor whose record of sex offenses was unknown to her parents.

"Now we must take the next step," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

He directed Attorney General Janet Reno to report in 60 days with a plan to develop a national registry of sexual offenders to allow police to track molesters across the country regardless of state lines.

"We must make sure police officers in every state can get the information they need from any state to track sex offenders down and bring them to justice," Clinton said.

"The police officer in Cleveland should be able to get information on all known sex offenders in Cleveland, whether they committed their crimes in New York or Los Angeles," Clinton said.

"Police officers will be able to prevent more crimes and catch more criminals if they can share and compare the latest information we have."

The president said his administration respects people's legal rights.

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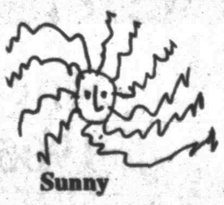
Q—Will fans be able to take pictures of the performers during the Legends of Western Swing Festival?

A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 100; low, 73; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 75; no precipitation; total for 1996, 4.89 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 70 75. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 95-100. Southeast to south wind 10-20 mph.



Sunny

Antonio Rivas

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:39 a.m.

Of 173 days in 1996, the sun has shown 168 in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7

Among 2,500 youth statewide...

Local students attend Texas 4-H Roundup

COLLEGE STATION — Local 4-H members were among 2,500 youth from across the state who completed in the 1996 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University earlier this month.

Attending from Scurry County were Will Collier, Jenise Judah, Mark Cave, Kiki Cleborn and Justin Stribling.

Roundup, the biggest 4-H event held annually, gives 4-H students an opportunity to gain educational experiences that support 4-H projects, demonstrate skills and practice leadership at the state level. The students compete in 44 contests, displaying their speaking abilities, decision-making skills and talents.

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The Scurry County 4-H Meats Judging Team of Collier, Judah, Cave and Cleborn placed third overall in the state contest. In addition, two team members placed in the top five individuals in the contest. Collier placed third in Retail ID and seventh overall, while Judah placed second in Beef, first in Reasons and was third high overall.

Stribling competed in the Landscape or Production Horticulture contest where he placed 11th with his method demonstration "Hydroponics: Soilless Horticulture."

This year, in addition to competition, participants learned the value of helping others through "Three Days of Sharing." Rallies were held to motivate young people in regards to community service and to present collected goods such as canned food to recipients.

More than $750,000 in scholarships sponsored by the Texas 4-H Foundation were awarded at the Roundup. Texas has the nation's largest 4-H scholarship program, which received tremendous support from private donors.

The young people applying for scholarships were judged on their 4-H experiences, leadership skills, projects, community service, personal needs and other qualifications pertaining to high school academic performance and college entrance exam scores. Scholarships were granted in agriculture, life sciences and unrestricted categories.

For the third year, 4-H members participated in the Teens of Texas Acquiring Leadership (TOTAL) program — a structured, hands-on, two-day leadership seminar. The TOTAL program expands 4-H leadership opportunities for Texas youth and adults, involves 4-H youth in cooperative learning activities, and involves new members in the State 4-H Roundup experience.

Other highlights during Roundup were the Texas 4-H Fashion Show and the Texas 4-H Food Show. The event also recognized 4-H adult leaders, alumni and sponsors. Awards were given to outstanding volunteers and other supports of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

Conger graduates from Kenyon College

GAMBIER, Ohio — Darius J. Conger, son of Elizabeth Conger of Snyder and Darius Conger of Shelburne, Vt., received the bachelor of arts degree at the 168th commencement of Kenyon College on Sunday, May 19.

Conger graduated cum laude with a major in English and earned distinction on his senior exercise.

Author, critic and educator George Steiner addressed the Class of 1996, speaking about the place of literacy and the humanities in an age of rapid advancements in science and information technology.

Sanchez nominated to be in Who's Who

Kathy Sanchez, a junior at Snyder High School, has been nominated to be included in the 30th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Sanchez has also been notified of her nomination to attend a session of the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution, to be held in November in Washington, D.C.

She is the daughter of Rose and Lupe Lopez of Snyder.

Two nominated for Who's Who

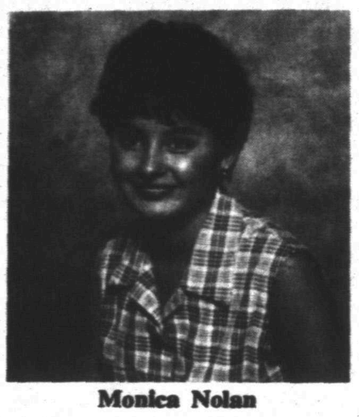
Two students have been nominated for inclusion in the 30th Annual Addition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

They are Andrea J. Powell, daughter of William and Laura Powell of Snyder, and Monica E. Nolan, daughter of Henry Nolan and Mary Nolan.

They join some five percent of the nation's high school students nominated each year.



Andrea J. Powell



Monica Nolan

Date Book

June 22, 1996

Today is the 174th day of 1996 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1807, the British ship Leopard attacked and boarded the U.S.S. Chesapeake 40 miles off the coast of Virginia.

On this day in 1969, Judy Garland died of a drug overdose.

On this day in 1970, President Richard Nixon signed legislation lowering the voting age to 18.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-), writer, is 90; Billy Wilder (1906-), film director, is 90; Bill Blass (1922-), fashion designer, is 74; Kris Kristofferson (1936-), actor-singer-songwriter, is 60; Ed Bradley (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 55; Meryl Streep (1949-), actress, is 47; Clyde Drexler (1962-), basketball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, the Houston Rockets won the NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks 90-84 in game seven of the finals.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Sometimes the eye gets so accustomed that if you don't have a change, you're bored. It's the same with fashion, you know. And that, I suppose, is what style is about." — Bill Blass

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1947, 12 inches of rain fell in 42 minutes at Holt, Mo.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 15) and first quarter (June 24).

June 23, 1996

Today is the 175th day of 1996 and the fourth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Antoine Joseph Sax patented the saxophone.

On this day in 1947, the Taft-Hartley Act became law despite President Truman's veto; the act severely curtailed labor unions' clout.

On this day in 1987, Alice Cooper broke six ribs when he fell off the stage in Vancouver.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward VIII (1894-1972), English king-abdicator; Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956), sex researcher; George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director-choreographer; June Carter Cash (1929-), singer, is 67; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and-field great; James Levine (1943-), conductor, is 53; Ted Shackelford (1946-), actor, is 50; Clarence Thomas (1948-), Supreme Court justice, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, Boston Red Sox pitchers Babe Ruth (who was ejected from the game after the first batter walked) and Ernie Shore combined to pitch a no-hitter against the Washington Senators.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." — George Orwell

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, severe hailstorms in eastern Colorado caused $70 million in property and crop damage.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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Pitt makes donation to hometown museum

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Brad Pitt has donated $100,000 to a science museum for children in his hometown.

The Discovery Center, a hands-on interactive museum, must raise $1.3 million by June 30 to secure a $550,000 foundation grant. Without the grant, the center's full-time opening could be delayed for years.

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Wike new pastor at Union UMC

Rev. Monte Wike, recently retired from Higginbotham-Bartlett Company in Colorado City, has moved to Union to pastor both Ira and Union Methodist churches.

He has been pastoring Ira for about three years as a bi-vocational pastor.

Wike holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and a bachelor of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. The Wikes have five children and eight grandchildren.

"We are interested in being a pastor and friend to all who come, and are very concerned in reaching those with no church home," Wike said. "This is a church in a rustic setting on the edge of a busy highway. Folks are encouraged to attend services in work or travel clothes and feel right at home to enjoy the enthusiastic singing and preaching."

Church services at Ira United Methodist are held at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School following. The Ira church is located directly across from the school.

Union United Methodist Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., with worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

Alternate worship services and home Bible studies can be arranged for groups of 10 or more who are unable to attend at regular times. Union is located at the intersection of Highway 180 and FM 1609, just east of Union Baptist Church. Rev. Wike may be reached at 573-6706.

Rev. Wendell Leach, former Union UMC pastor, has been transfered to Cooper United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Blue whales can maintain themselves solely on their blubber for as long as six months at a time.



EARLY MORNING DIG - Workers with JS Contractors of Wichita Falls work near the Price Daniel Unit this week in preparation for the widening of FM 1673. Shown operating the backhoe is Louie Pando while others from left are Lewis Martinez and Eddie Barbosa. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mexico eases boat, RV law

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Mexico has made it easier for U.S. residents to bring their boats and recreational vehicles with them.

Under new rules, The Arizona Daily Star said Friday, foreigners and Mexicans can bring pleasure boats into Mexico under an import permit good for 20 years.

The rule change also allows foreign recreational-vehicle owners to bring them in for 20 years under a new permit, says Cesar Gonzalez, assistant to the general administrator of Mexican customs.

"It's a big improvement," says Tere Grossman, president of the Marina Owners and Operators Association of Mexico, which worked to bring about the June 6 change in the law.

Before, tourists could bring their boats into Mexico only for up to six months, said marina owners Tere and Ed Grossman. To leave their boats in Mexico, they had to make arrangements with a marina and return each year to confirm their use of the boats.

Now, tourists can keep their boats in Mexico for up to 20 years. The permit will be available free at marinas and border posts, Gonzalez said.

If an owner fails to obtain a permit, he or she can be assessed a fine of 10 percent to 15 percent of the boat's value, Tere Grossman said. Before, owners could face confiscation of their boats, plus a fine of half the boat's value, she said.

Mexicans can also bring in yachts, sailboats and powerboats without fear of taxation.

"Now Mexicans can buy boats (in the United States) and bring them in and leave them here for 20 years without paying taxes," Ed Grossman said.

To skirt fees of at least 15 percent, Mexicans sometimes ask U.S. friends to bring in boats for them. In some cases, Mexican officials have confiscated the boats, he said.

Crime Stoppers

A cash reward is being offered by Scurry County Crime Stoppers, Inc. for information resulting in an indictment of persons responsible for criminal mischief done to school buses.

The criminal mischief was reported to the Snyder Police Department on June 6, 1996. Several windows were damaged on numerous buses. The damage was done with a BB or pellet gun while the buses were parked at the school bus barn, located at 2912 Ave. M in Snyder.

Scurry County Crime Stoppers, Inc. will play up to $1,000 for information leading to the indictment of persons responsible for felony crimes. The caller shall remain anonymous. If you have information relating to this or any crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 573-6700.

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Texas prison guards' job more dangerous than ever

BRAZORIA (AP) — Buckley Atkinson never saw the punch coming.

One moment he and two other guards were searching for contraband in a prison day room. The next minute he was careening to the floor, bones on one side of his face splintered and his eyeball dangerously close to falling out of its socket.

"It felt like somebody took a steel skillet and hit me in the side of the head," Atkinson, 34, a corrections officer for 12 years, says of the May 10th incident.

"He (an inmate) snuck up behind me, stepped around me and caught me with a right roundhouse to the cheek. When he hit me, it kind of made hamburger meat of my cheek."

Atkinson, who missed 29 days of work at the Clemens Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice while his wounds healed, is not alone.

The job of guarding the nation's largest prison system is more dangerous than ever, statistics obtained by The Associated Press show.

While the inmate population has risen 158 percent since 1990 — from 49,209 to 126,746 through 1995 — assaults on officers are twice that rate.

In 1990, the department recorded 153 assaults. Last year, there were 739.

Another way of interpreting the data is that there was one assault for every 321 inmates in 1990. By 1995, there was one assault for every 171 inmates.

Texas is not alone and not the worst.

Nationally, 6,860 assaults were reported in 1994, a prison industry trade journal, Corrections Compendium, reports in its June issue. California had the most, 1,603, with an inmate population averaging more than 118,000. That accounted for 23 percent of all assaults from the 39 prison systems that responded to the journal's survey.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons had 1,193 staff assaults while housing nearly 89,000 federal inmates. New Jersey was next with 932, but only 24,600 inmates. The 39 corrections agencies reported an average 176 attacks.

For 1995, the number of attacks nationally declined slightly to 6,788 — or 170 per system — with California's 1,309 again the highest, accounting for 19 percent of the total. The federal prison system was next with 1,272 assaults, followed by New Jersey's 769 and then Texas.

The pace is continuing this year. Through March, Texas Department of Criminal Justice figures show 164 assaults.

The most serious, and not yet included in the statistics, was the rape and beating of a female officer at the Telford Unit near New Boston in April.

"You have to be very aware of your surroundings," says Robert Merlo, another corrections officer at the Clemens Unit. "You have to be very careful."

Merlo speaks from experience.

While the inmate population has risen 158 since 1990, assaults on officers are twice that rate.

On May 6, he and two other officers were breaking up a fight in a group of about 25 inmates when they all got jumped.

"While we were on the floor, it was open season on me," Merlo says.

Help from other officers is always just seconds away, guards and prison officials insist. But by the time additional forces arrived, lobbing in tear gas to quell the fracas, Merlo had suffered a concussion and injuries to his left eye. He was off the job for seven days.

"After I got back, I marked my boundaries," he says. "We tell them: 'You come within two feet, there's gonna be some problems.' They try to avoid me."

Some prison officials believe the demise of early release and curtailment of parole, due to the increased prison capacity, persuades inmates they have nothing to lose by being belligerent. Another opinion is that prisoners, many of them repeat offenders, have become more hardened.

Yet another view is that the push to build new prisons and hire people to staff them has meant a relatively inexperienced workforce. The number of officers and wardens, for example, has more than doubled from 12,187 in 1990 to 26,072 in 1995.

And others say violence behind bars is just a reflection of society, especially among teen-age offenders and those in their 20s.

That younger inmate accounts for many of the 830 prisoners at the Clemens Unit, a maximum-security prison where an 18-year-old robbery convict was fatally stabbed during a fight this month.

"The biggest thing I've noticed is that inmates basically have lost respect for officers and staff," James Byrd, the warden at Clemens, says.

"It's this attitude. They didn't have respect for parents. They didn't have respect for teachers. They didn't have respect for law or any other form of authority."

Tim Flanagan, dean of the Criminal Justice Institute at Sam Houston State University, notes that nationally 92 percent of inmates don't have jobs to keep them busy in prisons.

"You've got people jammed into these places without a whole lot of productive things to do," he says. "That can give rise to violence among inmates, which spills over to violence against staff."

"Some days you can feel the tension," says guard Roy Salinas, 29, who got a black eye in the brawl that seriously injured Atkinson.

Minor infractions like spitting on a guard or touching a guard can be considered assault, although such events likely will prompt disciplinary hearings against the inmate and can result in restrictions on privileges.

Serious attacks go to the local district attorney for consideration of felony charges.

Officers get six weeks of training before they are assigned to a Texas prison, then two weeks on-the-job training before they are assigned to a regular shift. They also get 40 hours in-service training annually.

The basic instruction on use of force is that you meet light force with a light response, says Byrd, a 22-year veteran of Texas prisons.

By The Associated Press

Year	Assaults	Pop
1990	153	49,209
1991	261	50,406
1992	365	57,069
1993	357	65,756
1994	311	95,945
1995	739	126,746

Financial Focus

Experience is the best teacher - especially when it comes to investing. There's no way to foresee future economic conditions, but a look at past experience can provide a lot of valuable information.

One piece of historical data that can be very helpful in investing is inflation rates. Inflation is an important factor in investing because of something called "real return." Real return is what you have left from a fixed-income security after subtracting inflation.

For example, assume you invest in a certificate of deposit, U.S. Treasury bond or other fixed-income security paying 10 percent interest. If inflation is 4 percent or 5 percent, your real return is 5 percent or 6 percent. But at 9 percent or 10 percent inflation, your 10 percent investment doesn't look very good anymore - and that doesn't even take taxes into account.

When evaluating fixed-income investments, long-term historical data about inflation can be quite helpful. According to Ibbotson Associates 1995 Yearbook, the compound annual inflation rate from 1926-1994 was 3.1 percent. This is an average, so there were periods of higher and lower rates. For example, 1926-1933 was a period of deflation. After 1945, there was a brief spurt in inflation rates, but prices rose more slowly during most of the 1950s and 1960s. Then, in the 1970s, inflation rose to unprecedented levels, peaking at 13.3 percent in 1979. The peak inflation rate during that period was a stunning 24 percent, stated in annualized terms, in August 1973. During the 1980s, inflation declined to more acceptable rates, averaging about 5 percent. Inflation continued to decline in the 1990s, averaging about 3.5 percent, and today it is less than 3 percent.

What do all these numbers mean? Historical numbers can serve as a source of comparison for today's conditions. The longer the history you can examine, the better your chances of successful investing. Short-term investors look at current inflation. Long-term investors, however, look more at historical averages.

For example, according to the Federal Reserve Bank, since 1970, the real return (interest minus inflation) on long-term treasury bonds averaged 2.9 percent. Today, the real return is close to 4 percent - considerably higher than the historical average. Considering the historical averages, it might be reasonable to expect that your real return may be lower at some point in the future.

Understanding historical averages and using them to reasonably project future inflation are key to long-term fixed-income investing. Short-term rates are unpredictable and typically of small concern to long-term investors. Even with the alarming inflation rates of the 1970s, the average inflation rate in recent years (about 3.5 percent) is amazingly close to averages over the past 62 years. Of course, no one can predict either long-or short-term rates, and past performance is no guarantee of future results.

However, historical economic data can serve as a good comparison for today's conditions. And because it's unlikely that you will consistently hit peaks or valleys, most successful investors are content with trying to beat the historical averages.

Grandparents want surviving son

Child's mother charged with murdering two other children

DALLAS (AP) — The paternal grandparents of two children who were fatally stabbed June 6 while they slept will fight for legal custody of the surviving sibling who was taken from his father and placed in foster care this week.

The children's mother, Darlie Routier, a 26-year-old Rowlett homemaker, was charged Tuesday with killing her sons — Damon, 5, and Devon, 6 — and fabricating an account of a struggle with a phantom intruder.

Mrs. Routier has been charged with two counts of capital murder and is in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center with bond set at $1 million.

A custody hearing will be convened within two weeks in Dallas County by District Judge Cheryl Shannon, who will also appoint an attorney to represent the interests of the surviving son, 8-month-old Drake Routier, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Saturday's editions.

Because her husband, Darin Routier, 28, and other relatives have rallied to the mother's defense, Dallas County's Child Protective Services Unit took emergency custody Wednesday of the couple's remaining child, to spare him "physical harm," court documents show.

"I'm not going to comment on that inference," said Banetta Jordan, the Lubbock attorney representing grandparents Leonard and Sarilda Routier. "We'll do whatever the judge asks us to do."

The grandparents referred all calls yesterday to their attorney, who was hired solely to assist with the custody case.

The slain brothers were attacked while sleeping in a downstairs room of their family's brick house. Their mother called 911 shortly after 2:30 a.m., saying an assailant cut a screen window to break into the garage, then walked through the utility room and kitchen, and then attacked the trio.

Sources close to the investigation have said the case will be difficult to prosecute because there is no confession, no witness, no clear motive.

Rowlett police Lt. Grant Jack, who oversees the department's criminal investigations division, acknowledged that it is a combination of all the evidence that implicates Mrs. Routier in the deaths of her two children.

"We don't have any major piece of evidence or any one big piece — it's a combination of all the evidence that tells the story," Jack told The Dallas Morning News on Friday. A grand jury could review the case as early as late next week, he said.

Police said they noted inconsistencies in Mrs. Routier's statements from the start of the investigation. Darin Routier, who is not a suspect in the case, told police that he and Drake were sleeping upstairs at the time of the attack.

During their two-week homicide investigation, police said they gathered personal notebooks, calendars and papers belonging to Mrs. Routier that contained diary notations.

"These papers may shed some insight," Rowlett police Sgt. Dean Poos said. "What was her mental state? Had she ever had suicidal leanings? As far as the motive, I have deferred that question to the DA and the psychologists."

Rowlett police officially sent the case to the Dallas County district attorney's office Friday.

Authorities are likely to decide Monday whether to seek the death penalty or life imprisonment, said Greg Davis, the assistant district attorney who will be the lead prosecutor in the case.

Yet police acknowledge that they still are puzzled over what Ms. Routier's motive might have been. Barry Sorrels, a local defense attorney and former prosecutor, said the inconsistencies that police point out in Mrs. Routier's account of what happened will be very powerful evidence for a jury.

"The physical evidence seems to be overwhelming," he said.

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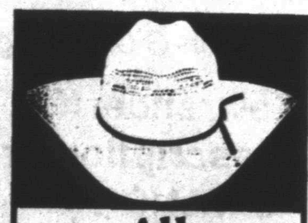
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Lawyer suggests, then backs off calling Hillary Clinton as witness

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The possibility of Hillary Rodham Clinton being called as a witness in the second Whitewater trial got a brief airing in court. But the lawyer who made the suggestion later backed down.

Dan Guthrie, attorney for one of two Arkansas bankers on trial, suggested calling Mrs. Clinton on Friday after prosecutors were allowed to introduce evidence about $180,000 in personal loans that President Clinton and his wife took out in connection with his 1990 gubernatorial campaign.

Guthrie wanted Mrs. Clinton to explain the personal financial statements she prepared as part of the loan applications to the Perry County Bank, owned by the two defendants.

But he quickly backed down after Whitewater prosecutor W. Hickman Ewing said he would not allege the loans were illegal. Ewing, however, did not rule out contending that the loans were special favors to the Clintons.

"I have no plans to subpoena the first lady to this trial," Guthrie told reporters after the loan question was clarified. "My concern's about straying away from what's involved in this indictment."

He said he mentioned Mrs. Clinton earlier in the day because the prosecution was turning the case into a trial of Clinton's gubernatorial campaign even though only the two bankers, Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M. Hill, are charged with wrongdoing.

The defendants are accused of misapplying bank funds to Clinton's 1990 campaign and to other races and of hiding large cash withdrawals by the Clinton campaign.

Prosecutors say the defendants' desire to curry favor with Clinton and gain political influence drove them to break the law.

The two bankers are using expense checks on bank money they weren't entitled to reimburse themselves and others for contributions to Clinton's campaign.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright adjourned the trial until Monday, when the only witness to testify so far, bank vice president Joe Carter, takes the stand for a third day of authenticating documents.

On Friday, Carter identified bank records that prosecutors used to trace $7,000 from the two bankers through family members' accounts to the campaign. The same week as the December 1990 donations, the bankers took reimbursement checks from their banks.

The defense says the bankers collected expense checks legitimately for legal and professional services rendered to the bank. Branscum is a lawyer and Hill is an accountant.

When Guthrie first suggested calling Mrs. Clinton as a witness, Wright said: "I don't know of any protection that the law affords her."

Starr to look into files case

Court expands Whitewater prosecutor's authority

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judicial panel is authorizing Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr to look into whether any laws were broken when the Clinton administration received FBI files on former White House employees.

In an order released Friday, three judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit granted Attorney General Janet Reno's request to expand Starr's jurisdiction to include the controversy.

The order authorizes Starr to investigate whether anyone acted improperly in asking the FBI for background files of people who had worked in the White House previously.

Starr also will try to determine whether anyone tried to cover up or obstruct investigators probing the events that led up to the Clinton White House receiving at least 407 background files from the Reagan-Bush era.

The controversy erupted two weeks ago with revelations that an Army civilian employee detailed to the White House had asked for and collected some 480 FBI background files in late 1993 and 1994, many of them of past Republican appointees.

A preliminary FBI review determined that at least 407 of the requests were unjustified. It said the episode amounted to "egregious violations of privacy." The White House has said it was a simple bureaucratic blunder.

Friday's court order said the special prosecutor will "have jurisdiction and authority to seek indictments and to prosecute" the case.

The order specifically cited as a target of Starr's scrutiny Anthony Marceca, the Army criminal investigator who said he relied on an outdated Secret Service list in requesting the files from the FBI.

Starr now has the authority to investigate whether Marceca, who worked for the White House office of personnel security from August 1993 to February 1994, was telling the truth when he made that statement.

Marceca was brought to the White House by personnel security chief Craig Livingstone, who was placed on paid leave this week because of the controversy.

"The independent counsel shall have jurisdiction and authority to investigate crimes ... any obstruction of the due administration of justice, or any material false testimony or statement in violation of federal criminal law, arising out of his investigation of the matter described above," the court's order said.

Livingstone told ABC News on Friday that he was cooperating with investigators.

"I have been deposed for many hours, and I will continue to appear as requested. It's an unfortunate thing that's happened, and ... the administration has taken appropriate steps to make sure a mistake like this doesn't happen again," he said.

The incident has become politically charged because most of the former White House employees whose FBI files were obtained by Marceca worked for the Reagan and Bush administrations.

White House officials have said the list used to obtain files is believed to have come from the Secret Service.

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Agency probes self-shifting trucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is stepping up an investigation into complaints that some Dodge Dakota pickup trucks left in park, usually with the engine running, suddenly shift into reverse.

"The vehicle then begins to back up, usually stopping only when it hits something," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in its auto defect report Friday.

Three deaths and 14 injuries have occurred in the 59 such accidents consumers have reported to the government or to Chrysler Corp., the report said.

NHTSA is upgrading its investigation to perform an engineering analysis on 1991 and 1992 Dodge Dakota pickups with automatic transmissions. More than 150,000 of the vehicles are on the road.

"Neither Chrysler nor NHTSA has determined there is any safety defect," said Chrysler spokesman Tony Cervone. "We are working with NHTSA" on the investigation, he said.

The agency also is upgrading an investigation into complaints of battery explosions in 1993-1994 Ford Mercury Villager minivans. There were 37 reports of battery explosions, leading to "significant vehicle damage," the report said. No injuries were reported.

Ford Motor Co. spokesman Francine Romine said the company was cooperating with the investigation.

Ford said the minivans' owners manual describes the battery as "maintenance free" when it should have said that the fluid level of the battery needed to be checked occasionally. Ford is mailing out a correction insert to the owner's manual for the 1993-1996 model year minivans.

About 88,500 of the 1993 and 1994 Villager minivans with the battery are on the road. NHTSA, however, has expanded its investigation to include 1995 and 1996 Villager minivans to assess Ford's suggestion that improper maintenance could have caused the explosions. That raises the number of vehicles involved to about 400,000.

NHTSA also upgraded a third investigation, into 32 complaints that some 1995-1996 General Motors Corp. vehicles experienced enough shear of the wheel studs while the vehicle was moving that the wheel could fall off.

There has been one accident and one injury reported.

The vehicles under investigation are the Buick Roadmaster, Chevrolet Caprice and Cadillac Fleetwood. About 160,000 of the vehicles are on the road.

The tallest bird ever to live on the earth was the moa of New Zealand. Before becoming extinct in the 1500s, moas grew to be 11 feet tall.

Sunday news lineup

By The Associated Press

Lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" — Topic: The FBI files. Guests: White House counsel Jack Quinn; Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.; former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and former White House chief of staff Kenneth Duberstein.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Topic: The FBI files. Guests: White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Joseph Biden, D-Del.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Topic: The cities. Guests: Mayors Norman Rice of Seattle, Michael White of Cleveland and Stephen Goldsmith of Indianapolis. Topic: The FBI files. Guest: Rep. William Clinger, R-Pa.

CNN's "Late Edition With Frank Sesno" — Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore.

"Fox News Sunday" — Topics: Whitewater and the FBI files. Guests: Sens. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Paul Simon, D-Ill. Topic: Possible Bob Dole running mate. Guest: Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. Topic: Can same-sex marriages be part of a family values package? Guests: Reps. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.

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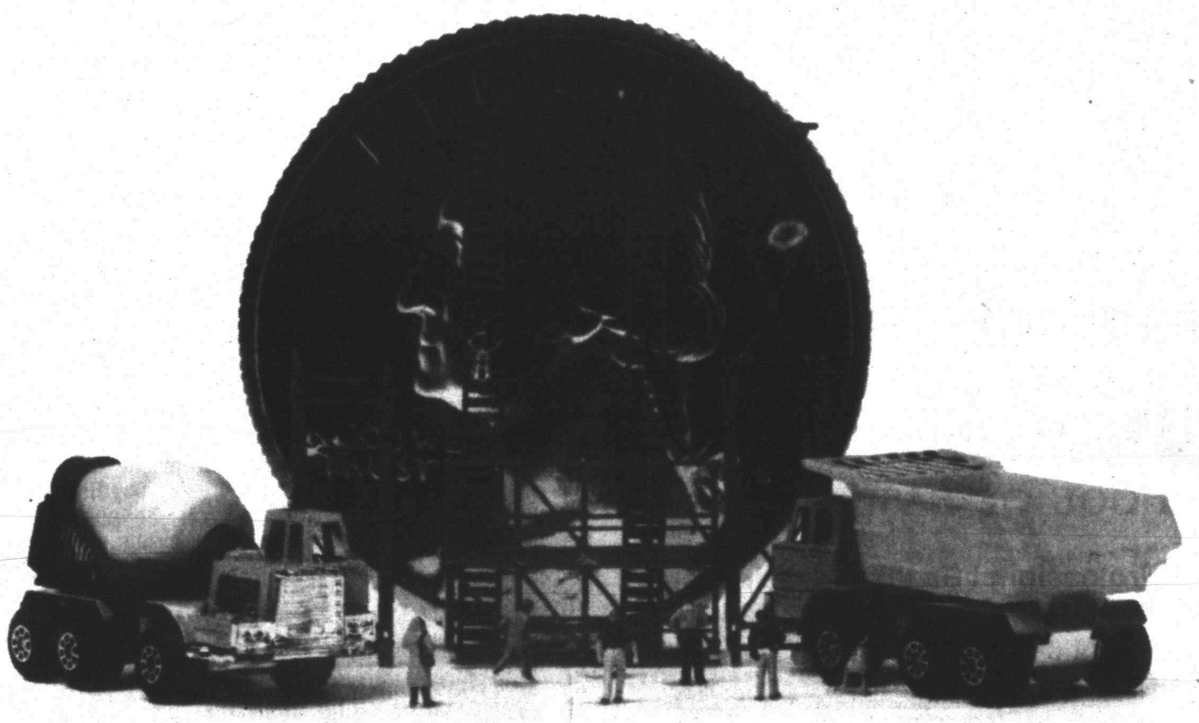
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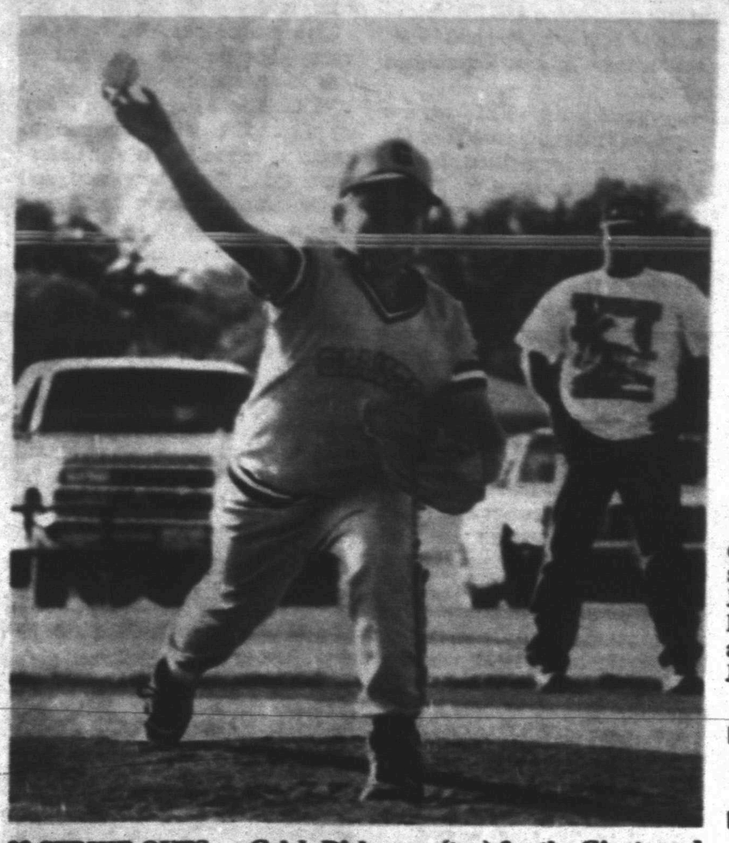
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SPORTS



22 STRIKE OUTS — Caleb Dickerson (top) for the Giants and Shawn Kincaid (bottom) for the Cubs each threw 11 strike outs Thursday in the Farm League championship game. The Giants won the title, 12-9. (SDN Staff Photos by Brent Taylor)



Giants win F.L. title over Cubs

The Giants held off the Cubs Thursday night to win the Snyder Farm League championship game, 12-9.

Teddy Vasquez picked up four hits for the Giants including three singles and a double while scoring three runs. Brandon Graves had three base hits and a run as did Caleb Dickerson.

Clayton Floyd smacked a double and scored, Josh Proctor a single and scored twice and Jeffrey Garner added a base hit. Damian Ruiz scored two times and Kevin Graves and Andrew Jones each added a run.

Dickerson was the winning pitcher for the Giants, striking out 11.

Jordan Dea had three hits for the Cubs including a double and two singles. Dea also scored a run. Demetris Horn added a double and a run, Barrett Bowlin hit two singles and scored once, Joe Fuentes added a single and two runs.

Orlando Vasquez got a base hit and a run. Shawn Kincaid, Manuel Trillo and Chris Townsend all scored.

Despite 11 strike outs, Kincaid was tagged with the loss on the mound for the Cubs.

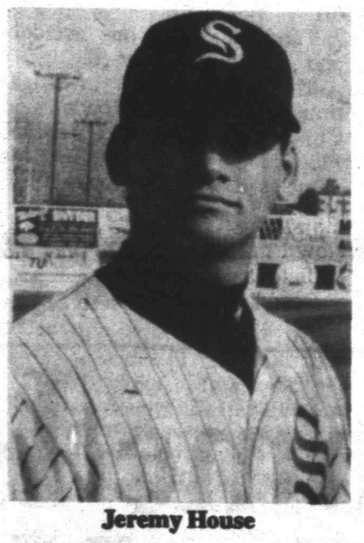
Two Tigers named THSBCA all-state

Two Snyder Tiger baseball players have been named to the 1996 all-state baseball team as selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

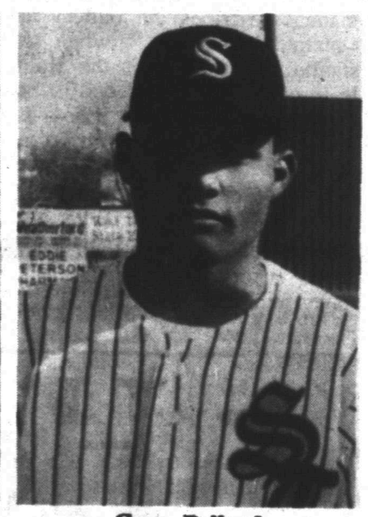
Jeremy House, starting shortstop and relief pitcher for the Tigers was named as an infielder and Gene Pollard, starting right fielder, was selected in the outfield.

The two seniors helped lead the Tigers to the regional semifinals this past year. House and Pollard were the leading hitters for the Tigers, both hitting in the .450 range.

There was no other players from District 5-4A selected to the team.



Jeremy House



Gene Pollard

Astros drill Dodgers, 11-3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Orlando Miller was, predictably enough, pleased that the Houston Astros are a full game in front in the NL Central.

Miller, who drove in three runs in the Astros' 11-3 victory over Los Angeles on Friday night, also realized that it's tough to remain at the top.

"It feels really good to be in first," Miller said. "Now we just have to keep it."

On a night when seven different Astros drove in runs, Houston took control immediately with four runs in the first inning off knuckleballer Tom Candiotti.

Doug Drabek (3-5), in the meantime, pitched eight strong innings, allowing two runs, one earned. He scattered nine hits, walked two and struck out six as he won for the first time in nearly a month.

"His sinker was working and he made good pitches with his fastball," Houston manager Terry Collins said. "He pitched a good game, and it was good that he had some runs to work with."

Candiotti (5-6) lasted just 2 1-3 innings, allowing six runs on nine hits.

"It was really kind of a typical first inning for me, where I'm trying to find a feel for the ball," he said. "It seemed like every ball they hit hard was a hit, and every ball they didn't hit hard was a hit. "It was just a bad night."

Miller, who drove in two runs in the opening inning, noticed that Candiotti's knuckler wasn't dancing.

"I don't think he really got his knuckleball moving until the second inning," Miller said. "He threw me a curveball (in the first inning) and I was able to line it."

Collins was pleased with the way the RBIs were distributed.

"We're not a club with a lot of big hitters," the Houston manager said. "If we're going to be successful, we can't look to one or two guys. We've got to spread it throughout our batting order."

Sean Berry doubled and singled twice, scored once and drove in a run, and Derek Bell singled in a pair of runs for the Astros, who were left alone in first place when St. Louis lost 4-3 to Montreal in 12 innings.

The Dodgers remained in front in the NL West, but Colorado, San Francisco and San Diego are all just a game back.

Joey Eischen pitched the final 6 2-3 innings for the Dodgers, giving up five runs, three earned, on five hits and three walks.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

3-on-3 summer league

A boy's three-on-three basketball league is being formed at the Boys & Girls Club for ages 10-12.

Signups will start Monday and continue through July 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Club membership is the only requirement.

Anyone interested in playing or helping out with books and refereeing should contact Rocky Ware at 573-0800 or the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

Junefest softball tournament

The Fast Oil Change Junefest softball tournament will be held June 29-30 at Winston Park.

Prizes will be awarded for the first four places. Entry fee is $100. For more information call Paul at 573-9643 or 573-0258.

Junior golf clinic at WTC

Western Texas College will host a junior golf clinic, July 1-5 at the WTC golf course. The clinic is for ages 8-17.

Times each day will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for ages 8-12 and 10 a.m. to noon for 13-17.

Cost of the clinic is $75 with a tournament and lunch on Friday, July 5. For more information call the WTC Pro Shop at 573-9291.

Camp of Champs set July 8-12

Snyder Basketball Camp of Champs, a one-week session for kids entering the second through sixth grades, is set for July 8-12.

The cost is $45, and includes T-shirts and trophies for individual competition. Students will learn the fundamentals of shooting, dribbling and defensive techniques. Shots will be videoed and analyzed.

The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon daily.

To register, or for more information, contact Stephanie McKnight, 573-4141 or Robert Wood, 573-1301.

Golfer's Memorial Partnership

Snyder Country Club Golfer's Memorial Partnership will be held July 13-14 with shotgun tee times both days at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Format for this year's tournament will be scramble both days. Entries will be limited to the first 60 teams with a entry fee of $150 and a entry deadline of July 11.

For more information contact the Snyder Country Club Pro Shop at 573-7101.

Girls' volleyball clinic

A girls' volleyball clinic will be held July 15 & 16 for incoming 10th-12th graders. Sessions will last from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at Snyder High School gym.

The clinic will be taught by T.C. Spruiell, a member of the Texas Tech men's club team and presently coaching Lubbock Jr. & Sr. league team. He is a grad assistant coach and club player at Peru State College in Nebraska.

Registration fee is $30 and the clinic will be limited to the first 24. To register, call Hope Heaton at 573-8172. If no answer, please leave a message.

Snyder volleyball camp

Girls' entering fifth through ninth grade can register to attend a volleyball camp, July 15-18, at Snyder High School gym.

Cost of the camp is $40. Registration deadline is July 12 in order to get your T-shirt order in.

For information and to register, call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416. If no answer, leave a message.

Athletic physicals

All incoming seventh graders who plan to participate in Snyder Junior High athletics as well as all incoming ninth graders and new students to Snyder High School are asked to make appointments for physicals.

The school will pay for physicals through Aug. 9. Doctors that will do school physicals are Dr. James Burleson, Dr. Bid Cooper, Dr. Paul Thompson and Dr. Gary Nussey.

Schedule appointments as early as possible to avoid problems later. Forms are available in the doctor's office.

Senior Little League all-stars announced

Snyder Senior Little League all-stars were selected Friday night. There will be two teams competing in the post-season.

The 13 year old team will consist of Matthew Grimmett, Josh Heaton, Josh Arizmendi, Marcus Diaz, R.J. Hernandez, Daniel Highfield, Jesse Haines, Martin Villarreal, Heath Pinkerton, Patrick Vantine, Mark Medley, Levi Mandrell, Jared Boyd and Davison Burnett.

The manager for the 13 year olds will be Frankie Grimmett.

The 14 & 15 year old all-stars are Banks Alexander, Sam Bedell, Sonny Cumbie, Eric Gard, Jacob Hodges, Clint Hook, Cory Mndrell, Johnny Pena, Brad Roemisch, James Alan Shields, Jacob Smith, Tyler Warren, Wes Wilson and Josh Ward.

The manager will be Joel Loper and assistant coaches Leon Ward and Alan Hodges.

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SDN SPORTS WEEK

GOLF

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Tuesday:	Snyder Country Club WGA (Bingle, Bangle, Bungle)
Thursday:	Snyder Country Club MGA, 5:30
Friday:	Snyder Country Club WGA, Swingers

XXVI COUNTDOWN TO ATLANTA

1906, Athens

After disappointing receptions in Paris and St. Louis, the Olympic movement returned to Athens for the Intercalated Games of 1906.

The mutual desire of Greece and Baron de Coubertin to recapture the spirit of the 1896 Games led to an understanding that the Greeks would host an interim games every four years between the Olympics.

Nearly 900 athletes from 20 countries came to Athens, including, for the first time, an official American team picked by the United States Olympic Committee.

As usual, the U.S. dominated track and field, taking 11 of 21 events, including double wins by Martin Sheridan (shot put and freestyle discus), Ray Ewry (standing high and long jumps) and Paul Pilgrim (400 and 800 meters). The previously unknown Pilgrim had been an 11th-hour addition to the team

Verner Jarvinen, the first Finn to compete in the Olympics, won the Greek-style discus throw and placed second in the freestyle discus. He returned home a national hero and inspired Finland to become a future Olympic power.

The Intercalated Games were cancelled due to political unrest in 1910 and never reappeared. Medals won are considered unofficial by the IOC.

The United States finished in a tie for third with Great Britain in the medal hunt with 24. The Americans won 12 gold, six silver and six bronze while Great Britain captured eight golds, 11 silvers and five bronze.

France finished first with 40 medals, 15 being gold, and the host country was second with 33, eight being gold.

Only one world record was set and that was by Sweden Eric Lemming in the javelin with a throw of 176-10.

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

I always like to give umpires and referees, especially the ones I know, a hard time.

The other night at the Little League district championship game, Phil Robinson was calling first. Between innings I made the comment in his direction that they must have had to scrape the bottom of the barrel to get him.

Phil's reply was, "that's right and you can help."

In futher conversation, it seems Snyder is going to be very short of baseball umpires next year. If any one would like to or would consider helping, let Phil know. He works at Par Safety Service.

Taylor Made

Roland Bowden stopped by the office recently and dropped off an article about his grandson, Bryson Bowden, who lives in Arlington.

It seems Bryson is turning into quite a tennis player. Since the fall, Bryson has won 36 straight matches without a loss. The sixth grader has been playing tennis since he was three years old.

His dad, Rick, a 1978 grad of Snyder High School, was also a good tennis player. Bryson wants to play in the French Open some day. Four years from now, he wants to qualify as a 16-year-old for the prestigious Grand Slam event.

Bryson isn't the only tennis player in the Bowden family. Courtney, 10; Scotlin, 8; and McKenzie, 6; also enjoy the sport of a lifetime.



DOUBLE SIGNING — Adrienne Bailey (seated) recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball and softball for Cisco Junior College. Bailey helped the Snyder High School Lady Tigers to the regional semifinals in both volleyball and softball this past year. Shown with Bailey are SHS volleyball coach Patty Grimmett (left) and softball coach Billy Hicks. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

SNYDER MEN'S SOFTBALL

Men's Softball

Men's Softball League Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Snyder Iron	9	0
Machine Tech	7	0
Velasquez Plumbing	7	1
Martinez Plumbing	7	3
New Era	6	3
Heart Beats	5	4
Elkco Wireline	4	5
Westbrook Well	2	5
BJ Stimulators	2	6
Salt Creek	1	7
Pennzoil	1	8
Red Dawgs	0	9

Results

Tuesday, June 18

New Era 18, Pennzoil 11
Heart Beats 15, Red Dawgs 4
Martinez Plumbing 7, B.J. Stimulators 0

Thursday, June 20

Velasquez Plumbing 14, Elkco Wireline 8
Snyder Iron & Metal 11, Martinez Plumbing 1
New Era 18, Salt Creek Crushers 8

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

American League

All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	41	28	.594	—
Baltimore	38	31	.551	3
Toronto	32	40	.444	10½
Boston	29	42	.408	13
Detroit	19	54	.260	24
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	46	26	.639	—
Chicago	41	30	.577	4½
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	10½
Minnesota	34	36	.486	11
KansasCity	31	42	.425	15½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	44	28	.611	—
Seattle	38	32	.543	5
California	38	34	.528	6
Oakland	33	40	.452	11½

Friday's Games

New York 8, Cleveland 7, 10 innings, 1st game
New York 9, Cleveland 3, 2nd game
Detroit 2, Minnesota 0
Baltimore 9, Kansas City 3
Seattle 12, Chicago 2
Texas 14, Boston 4
Milwaukee 10, California 5
Toronto 7, Oakland 5

Saturday's Games

New York (Rogers 5-3) at Cleveland (D.Martinez 8-4), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 6-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-5), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Aldred 3-4) at Detroit (B.Williams 0-4), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Janzen 4-2) at Oakland (Chouinard 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (B.Wells 7-1) at Chicago (A.Fernandez 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
California (Boskie 7-2) at Milwaukee (Miranda 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-7) at Texas (Pavlik 9-1), 8:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York (Gooden 6-4) at Cleveland (McDowell 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-8) at Detroit (Gohr 4-8), 1:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 5-7) at Baltimore (Krivda 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Wolcott 5-7) at Chicago (Baldwin 6-1), 2:05 p.m.
California (Finley 9-4) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-3), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 5-5) at Oakland (Wojciechowski 5-4), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Sele 2-5) at Texas (Oliver 6-2), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	45	26	.634	—
Montreal	42	30	.583	3½
Florida	34	38	.472	11½
NewYork	32	40	.444	13½
Philadelphia	30	40	.429	14½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	38	37	.507	—
St.Louis	35	36	.493	1
Chicago	34	39	.466	3
Pittsburgh	33	39	.458	3½
Cincinnati	29	37	.439	4½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	39	35	.527	—
Colorado	36	34	.514	1
SanFrancisco	36	34	.514	1
SanDiego	38	36	.514	1

Friday's Games

New York 9, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings
Atlanta 8, San Francisco 7, 11 innings
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 4, St. Louis 3, 12 innings
San Diego 2, Chicago 1, 10 innings
Houston 11, Los Angeles 3

Saturday's Games

Colorado (Ritz 8-4) at Philadelphia (Mulholland 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 8-3) at Florida (A.Leiter 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 7-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 4-4) at New York (Clark 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Morgan 1-1) at Montreal (Urbina 4-0), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-4) at Los Angeles (R.Martinez 5-1), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Campbell 2-0) at San Diego (Ashby 7-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Francisco (O.Fernandez 4-6) at Atlanta (Glavine 7-4), 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 6-3) at Montreal (Fassero 6-5), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Freeman 4-4) at Philadelphia (S.Fernandez 3-5), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Kile 6-5) at Los Angeles (Valdes 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Telemaco 3-3) at San Diego (Hamilton 8-4), 4:05 p.m.

Rangers rout Boston 14-4 in Arlington

ARLINGTON (AP) — Last weekend the Texas Rangers dropped three of four to the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, blowing leads in each game.

They didn't have that problem Friday night, surging to an 8-1 lead and cruising to a 14-4 rout of the Red Sox.

"I don't like to owe anybody anything," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said when asked if he felt like his team needed to pay back the Red Sox for the three emotional losses. "We don't like to be in debt. That's one thing wrong with society today."

The Rangers followed a healthy Juan Gonzalez, who hit two homers for the 16th multiple-homer game of his career, to their 10th home victory in their last 13 games at The Ballpark in Arlington. Gonzalez hit a three-run blast in the sixth and added a solo shot in the eighth, his 14th of the season.

Gonzalez has been bothered most of the year by a partially torn left quadriceps muscle that knocked him out of 21 games earlier in the season. Gonzalez has only recently started to run without problems and is expected to move back into right field by Sunday after 13 straight starts at DH.

"It feels good just to be able to run," said Gonzalez, who went 3-for-5 with four RBIs. "It was a good test for my leg. That makes everything better. Tonight I saw the ball good and just felt good. Now I'm really ready to play the outfield again."

Dean Palmer added a three-run shot in support of Ken Hill as the Rangers beat the Red Sox for only the second time in seven meetings.

Texas continued its outstanding play at home, improving to a major league-best 28-10 this season at The Ballpark in Arlington.

"In Boston we got into one of those buzzsaws you can't get away from," Oates said. "The change of scenery was good for us. Like most teams, we're more comfortable at home. We like the general climate of our ballpark."

Hill (8-5), handed an 8-1 lead after four innings, allowed four runs and nine hits in seven innings to win for the first time in four starts. Hill, considered an All-Star lock early in the season, has allowed 25 earned runs in his last four starts.

"I feel fine physically," Hill said. "I've just got some mental things I'm going through. I've never gone through a period where I've given up this many earned runs. But I gave the team the opportunity to win the ballgame. I got big outs when I needed them."

Games of change reach century mark

By LARRY SIDDONS
AP Sports Writer

A hundred years after their rebirth, the Olympics reach a watershed this summer in the heat of the Deep South.

Given up for dead less than two decades ago, the games have emerged from financial ruin and social chaos as the unifying force envisioned by Pierre de Coubertin, the French baron who dreamed up their reincarnation.

Where once there were nickels and dimes, the International Olympic Committee now sits on a multibillion-dollar nest egg, secure well into the 21st century. Political boycotts have given way to universal participation. Polls show the five interlocking rings of the Olympics are the most recognized symbol in the world, well ahead of McDonald's golden arches or the Christian cross.

But all is not well as the games prepare for their big birthday bash.

Marching into Atlanta along with a record 10,000 athletes from 197 nations will be unprecedented commercialism, the specter of greed and the fear that the Olympics have moved from the world's greatest sports event to just another big show.

"There is a terrible danger, and anyone who would deny that is looking through rose-colored glasses," said John Lucas, a noted Olympic historian. "I am overwhelmed sometimes by the grandeur of it all. But there is a cancerous core at its soul."

The idea that a city like Atlanta would even think of hosting the centennial of the modern games was laughable until six years ago. Athens, the capital of the Olympics' homeland and the spot where they were reborn in 1896, was considered a lock for the 100th birthday.

But on Sept. 18, 1990, in a Tokyo hotel ballroom, the IOC shocked the world by choosing the capital of Georgia, which had not been around much longer than the modern games themselves. Suddenly Atlanta was much more than a backdrop for "Gone With The Wind."

The choice was criticized as a payoff to the IOC's biggest underwriter, Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co. The IOC said there were other, much more important reasons and stands by the decision.

"In Tokyo, we decided that the centennial is for looking forward, not looking back," said Dick Pound, an IOC vice president from Canada and head of the panel that has coordinated Atlanta's preparations. "While we honor our traditions, we are about the future. That's why we chose the new world over the old. I think what Atlanta will do will justify the selection."

The selection, IOC officials acknowledge, was not without its pitfalls.

To get local taxpayer support, Atlanta organizers pledged that the games would be financed entirely from private and corporate sources. To meet their $1.7 billion budget, president Billy Payne and his cohorts at the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games have used sponsorship as never before.

In addition to international deals on electronics and credit cards that cost $40 million apiece, ACOG has signed on the official game shows ("Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune"), the official lunch meats (including Mr. Turkey-brand low-fat bologna) and the official automobile anti-theft device (The Club).

Pound, one of the IOC's top marketing experts, said the committee has vetoed some ACOG-proposed sponsorships even farther outside the traditional, although he won't identify them. He defended those that made the cut.

"I think the quality of sponsors in Atlanta is pretty good," Pound said. "They have followed our guidelines on what could be done and what can't be done."

Others are not so sure and cringe to think that scraping for sponsor cash in so many areas might be the legacy of Atlanta.

"It seems vulgar and so very, very American," said Lucas, a retired professor at Penn State. "It accentuates what many people see as the ugly American, and I'm sorry it has happened."

Steve Disson, who heads D&F Group, a Washington-based sports marketing company, said dollar signs were infringing on the Olympic image.

"Parts of it have become really commercial," said Disson, whose company has represented such Olympic sponsors as AT&T, Kodak and Xerox. "The focus of the people running the Olympics seems to be more on making money than on helping the best athletes. They've lost sight a little bit of protecting the best thing involved."

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Simpson will sponsor anti-violence event

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson will hold a black tie fund-raiser at his Brentwood estate Thursday for a group that works to combat spousal abuse.

Leaders of Stop the Violence-Increase the Peace Foundation said they welcomed Simpson's offer of assistance even though he pleaded no contest to abusing his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, in 1989.

"We have dealt with ex-gang members who have murdered three and four people in their lives," foundation President Khalid Shah said Friday. "We have to understand them. I don't think there is anyone who is beyond reproach, who doesn't have any skeletons in their closet."

Attorney Gloria Allred, a spokeswoman for Ms. Simpson's family, sees it differently.

"Any organization dedicated to stopping violence ought not use Mr. Simpson or allow Mr. Simpson to use them in connection with their campaign," she said. "It's clear to me he is involved in a public relations campaign on a grand scale to spit-shine his image."

Simpson was acquitted last year in the slayings of Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, a member the foundation's advisory board, said she had no objection to the event being held at Simpson's home.

Tests show possible tampering at school

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — A second review of standardized test results at an award-winning public elementary school has found evidence of possible tampering.

Between 86 percent and 93 percent of erasures on the test forms changed answers from wrong to right on 1994 and 1995 Connecticut Mastery Tests at the Stratfield School, according to a report released Friday by the state Department of Education.

"It is very unlikely this occurred by chance," the company that examined the test results told state officials in a letter.

Two months ago, the company that scores the Iowa Test of Basic Skills found similar evidence of tampering at the Fairfield school. That review found that 89 percent of erasures had been changed from wrong to right answers.

Students at Stratfield, which has won two U.S. Department of Education awards and once named one of the best elementary schools in the country, consistently score higher on the test than their peers.

Harcourt Brace Educational Measurement, the San Antonio-based company that developed and administers the Connecticut Mastery Tests, conducted the latest analysis.

The company's report showed that the erasure rate was two to three times higher than those at eight other elementary schools in Fairfield on all five multiple choice sections of the test.

Stratfield parents say their children are vigilant, not cheaters.

"Stratfield has always had more erasures than (other schools)," said Jack Slane, parent of a fourth-grader. "They're taught to go through the test quickly, then go back and check, and erase when they think they should."

But Betty Sternberg, an associate education commissioner, said it is unlikely that the students made the changes after checking their answers.

"If it was only in one area, I would think there's a possibility it happened just by chance. But when it happens in every area, that suggests a pattern," Sternberg said.

Crackdown frees 3,500 state jobs formerly held by illegals

PHOENIX (AP) — A two-month worksite enforcement operation has freed about 3,500 jobs formerly held by illegal immigrants in Arizona.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said "Operation Restore," which began April 15 and ended Friday, targeted 120 businesses around the state that were suspected of employing workers who lacked proper immigration status.

INS Commissioner Doris Meissner said about 500 illegal workers were arrested. She said about 90 percent of them have been deported to their homelands of Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica or Peru. The remainder were still undergoing deportation proceedings.

About 3,000 workers were identified as illegal following INS inspections and were fired by their employers.

"We're hoping to send a clear message to illegals that there are not jobs waiting for them in Arizona or the rest of the country," Meissner said at a news conference. "We want to restore thousands of job opportunities to legal workers."

The targeted businesses, which were not identified, mainly consisted of landscaping, janitorial services, construction, work products and light manufacturing, Meissner said.

However, she said one site employed illegals to remove hazardous materials from buildings, although those workers lacked the necessary certification and training.

"Many of these illegals were working for wages far below the acceptable rate for those jobs," Meissner said. "The salaries ranged from $4.65 to $11 per hour with an average salary of $5 per hour" — only 75 cents above the national mininum wage.

She said the 3,500 jobs carried an estimated $30 million in salaries.

Meissner said INS officials received "lots and lots of leads" about the offending businesses, some from employees who were fired in favor of illegal immigrants willing to work cheaper.

INS investigators are looking into the hiring practices of all the targeted businesses to determine whether they should be fined.

Three strikes ruling...

Judges of all stripes like new authority

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Less than 24 hours after California's Supreme Court ruled the "three strikes" law isn't mandatory, Judge Ronald Coen in Los Angeles got his first request to ignore a criminal's prior conviction.

He turned it down.

"There's not going to be a wholesale unlocking of the prison doors," Coen, a conservative Superior Court judge who supports the ruling, said Friday.

"Once again we can be judges," said LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, a liberal Superior Court judge who also endorses the court's decision.

The high court ruled unanimously Thursday that the 19[illegible] law, touted by sponsors as imposing mandatory 25-to-life sentences on repeat criminals, actually allows judges to reject sentences they considered too harsh in individual cases. The court said thousands of sentenced prisoners could seek reconsideration of their cases.

The ruling was denounced by Republican leaders, one of whom suggested retaliation at the polls against a court with a 6-1 majority of Republican appointees.

Gov. Pete Wilson, whose appointee, Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar, wrote the decision, and Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle vowed to overturn the ruling. They said they could go as far as attempting to amend the state constitution if necessary.

Not surprisingly, the ruling appeared to be much more popular with judges, some of whom had complained about having to sentence minor criminals to long terms.

"To most judges it marks the return of an essential element of a judge's job," said Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul Boland, president of the California Judges Association.

The law requires a sentence of 25 years to life for anyone with a record of two violent or serious felonies who is convicted of any new felony. A criminal with a single "strike" must serve double the usual sentence for a new felony.

The campaign for the law centered on the case of Richard Allen Davis, the paroled ex-con convicted Tuesday in the 1993 kidnap and murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma.

But in practice, there have been many more third-strike cases for lesser crimes, such as shoplifting — a felony for anyone with a prior theft conviction — or minor drug cases.

Couple indicted, accused of keeping maid as slave

MIAMI (AP) — A couple from India were indicted on charges they kept their maid as a slave, making her work 16 hours a day, beating her and even forcing her to wear a dog collar and leash, the U.S. Attorney's office said Friday.

Kishin Kumar Mahtani, 42, and his wife, Shashi Gobindram, 34, are accused of holding the woman against her will at their home for almost seven months.

The maid, Francesca Ekka, who is in her 20s, was forced to perform excessive work with few breaks and little or no pay, the grand jury indictment said. Ekka also is from India.

Other punishments included twisting her ear until it bled, branding her with a hot iron, threatening her with a knife, and forcing her head under water, U.S. Attorney William Keefer said in a news release.

The couple were charged with conspiracy, involuntary servitude, inducing an alien to live in the United States and harboring an illegal alien. Mahtani also was charged with passport fraud.

If convicted, they face up to 50 years in prison and $1.25 million in fines.

Astro-graph
by Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, June 24, 1996

Advancement in your chosen field is probable in the year ahead. Now you will receive the attention you deserve from people in authority who can help your career.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Assume the role of treasurer today when managing the family's financial affairs. Generally speaking, your family's decisions will not always be prudent. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you insist on expounding your views and opinions today, you might reject your companions' ideas automatically. Unfortunately, you may miss a great idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of attempting to rebuild your resources today, you might do the opposite. You will gain more by looking for new resources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be okay to look out for No. 1 today, but don't do it at the expense of others, especially members of your household. Try to be considerate and generous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, guard against the tendency to boast about something you have not accomplished yet. You might not pull it off and that could be embarrassing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If possible, avoid recreational activities that have a high price tag today. You can find other activities that will not be as expensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might receive the compensation you have earned, but don't look for extras. You will not receive praise, applause or a pat on the back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will impede your progress today if you dwell on what you want to do and how you want to do it. Spend less time planning and more time producing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may ruin a good thing today by discussing it with too many people who are not directly involved with this particular project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might get caught in the middle of an altercation today because you will try to appease two people, but you will not please either party.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This can be a successful day for you if you don't go off on tangents. Select your top priority and pursue it full force.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, if you feel compelled to take a risk or a gamble, it might be wiser to use caution rather than act impulsively.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, June 23, 1996

You can achieve great things in this cycle, but you'll have to work hard for what you hope to get. If you are prepared to pay the price, success could come to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not receive the support you had hoped to get from a friend. You should take responsibility for everything that needs to be done. Cancer, 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. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Assignments you enjoy doing will be accomplished quickly today. However, if an unpleasant task needs attention, you might make a mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hasty or impulsive behavior could prove counterproductive in regard to your financial affairs today. Time will be your ally if you use it patiently and wisely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you want something done well, you will have to do it yourself. This will be good advice to follow today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unfortunately, sometimes people get in their own way. Try not to mess up an arrangement that has been running smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be a very rewarding day if you apply yourself. Hopes and wishes can only become reality if you take action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though conditions at work might be hectic today, maintain an optimistic attitude. Positive thinking will pave the way for positive results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Companions will ignore your shortcomings today, provided you don't make an issue of their faults. Always try to look for positive qualities in friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions look favorable today in regard to your business interests. However, if you need advice, consult an expert rather than your bowling partner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you judge an associate prematurely today, you might close the door on a potential friendship. Do not criticize.

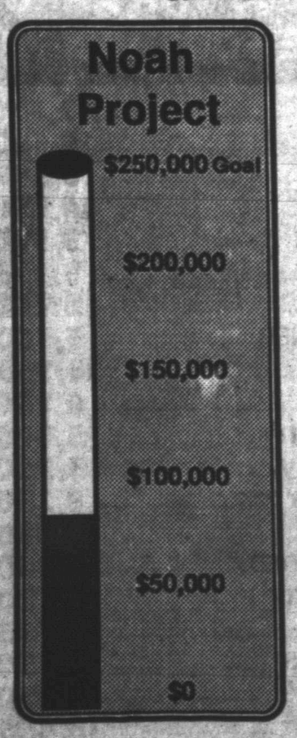
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Joint endeavors should work out reasonably well for you today, even though there may still be some discord between you and your friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will have good judgment today, but you may also have a tendency to ignore it. This could cause a problem if you decide to take risks.

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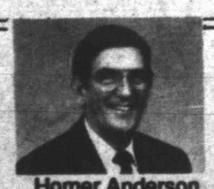
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This divided religious condition should cause a thoughtful person to question, "Is it not possible to be a Christian, a child of God, a disciple of Jesus Christ, without becoming affiliated with some particular denomination or sectarian group? Is it necessary to join some denomination, thereby forming stronger ties with its members, yet thereby severing religious connection with members of other churches, who are usually recognized by the former group to be equally acceptable to God? Is it not possible to be a Christian, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else? Would not that be sufficient? (Cf. John 17:20-21).
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Western governors will get look at electronic university

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Governors of 18 states will get a firsthand look this weekend at an electronic university that could bring college classes to the masses.

One focus of the annual gathering of the Western Governors Association will be what is called the virtual university, a high-tech computer and satellite delivery of basic college courses.

The three-day meeting in Omaha starts Saturday and concludes Monday afternoon. The host is Gov. Ben Nelson, president of the group which includes states from California to Nebraska and Texas to North Dakota. Representatives from Guam, Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands also will be there.

Besides the concept of making college courses available to people in out-of-the-way places via home computer, the chief executives will look at ways to clean up federal waste sites, to ensure that computers in one state can communicate with those in another, and to improve the efficiency, safety and capacity of the transportation system in Western states.

"The West: Forging Opportunity Through Change" is the theme of the three-day convention at Omaha's Red Lion Hotel.

"It is a lot about sharing technology, about states cooperating to meet the same challenges faced by all," Nelson said. "We want to forge opportunity. One thing the states have in common is the need for more technology."

Governors whose states belong to the association will be given 60 days to indicate whether their states will participate in the virtual university. That would require $100,000 per state for 1996-97 to help get it started.

David Powers, executive director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, said the structure and programs of the virtual university still are being developed. Costs have not been determined, but most likely will be expensive, he said.

Jean Lovell, director of Gov. Nelson's policy research office, said the governor supports the concept. He hopes the virtual university is developed with the cooperation and participation of existing colleges and universities, Ms. Lovell said.

She said Western Governors University would improve access to education in the Western states which are large in land mass but small in population.

"We see this as enhancing, not replacing existing universities," Ms. Lovell said Wednesday.

Opponents say they don't see the need for such a radical change because many schools already are developing computer technology on their own.

Ms. Lovell said she thinks such concern will fade when several nagging questions are answered.

"Yet to be decided are ways to give tests, develop courses and accredit them," she said. "The ease of solving those problems depends on the level of participation among existing colleges and universities."

Powers said the virtual university will not have its own faculty members, but will rely mainly on universities and colleges to provide programs and faculty members.

Unendangered

Several endangered and threatened U.S. animals have made comebacks. The wild turkey has been restored in 43 states and Atlantic salmon was reintroduced to New England waters after an absence of more than a century. The bald eagle is another species that has been increasing in numbers each year.

Long-distance providers targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators took action against two long-distance companies Friday for signing up customers without their permission. A third company negotiated a $30,000 settlement.

The Federal Communications Commission proposed a $200,000 fine for Heartline Communications Inc. and fined Excel Telecommunications Inc. $80,000.

In addition, the FCC and MCI Telecommunications Corp. entered into a consent decree in which MCI agreed to voluntarily pay $30,000 to the U.S. Treasury. The FCC had proposed an $80,000 fine against the company last January.

As part of the settlement, MCI also will use an independent third party to verify residential and business orders to sign up with the company. By agreeing to a settlement, the company admits to no wrongdoing.

The actions are part of a broad effort by the FCC to stop an illegal practice called "slamming."

After an investigation of consumer complaints, the FCC alleged that Heartline violated federal rules by falsifying or forging documents that led to five peoples' long-distance service being switched to Heartline without permission.

The company, based in Houston, must either pay the fine or explain to the FCC within 30 days why it thinks its action did not violate anti-slamming rules. The company had no immediate comment.

The FCC proposed fining Excel last August. The company rebutted the charge, but the FCC said Friday the company failed to provide sufficient justification for the FCC to drop or reduce the fine.

That case, the FCC said, involved forged change of service documents and fabricated Social Security numbers.

MCI's case involved a change of service document that also had a forged signature. In documents to the FCC, MCI did not deny that the signature was forged and offered no explanation for how it was obtained.

Amway Corp., a marketing agent for MCI, had handled the change of service document.

Health officials study outbreak

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — California strawberries may have carried a rare parasite responsible for making dozens of diners in Toronto and Houston sick last month, but so far the source of the problem has evaded scientists.

Researchers have examined every aspect of the strawberry industry from harvest to food handling, searching unsuccessfully for a link. Not a single cyclospora parasite was found on the strawberries.

"It's a very baffling situation," Stuart Richardson, a spokesman for the state Health Department, said Friday. "It goes from being able to find a sure connection to running into dead ends."

Cyclospora, which first appeared in the United States in 1990, shows up several days to a week after ingestion, causing diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Treated with antibiotics, cyclospora is easily cured and is not considered deadly.

Fifty-five confirmed cases and 96 suspected cases of cyclospora-related illnesses cropped up in Texas last month, all believed caused by infected strawberries. Texas is the only state which has statistically linked the illness to California berries.

Nearly 70 diners in Toronto reported cyclospora infections, some after eating strawberries, and the parasite is blamed for illnesses in Florida, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Illinois and South Carolina.

Strawberries are not the only possible source health officials are studying.

"In some cases, we have been ruled out completely," said Teresa Thorne, a spokeswoman for the Watsonville-based California Strawberry Commission. "In fact, we weren't even near the dinner table."

Most puzzling, officials said, was that no cases were reported in California, where most of the strawberries originate this time of year.

Researchers haven't found the parasite on California berries, either, after combing fields, trucks, warehouses and even restaurants.

The outbreaks may have been contained to one batch, since strawberries usually make their way from the fields to dessert plates in less than two weeks, Richardson said.

He noted that no outbreaks have been reported for several weeks.

Thorne said growers were dismayed that reports have focused on strawberries, despite a lack of evidence connecting cyclospora to the berry.

"This is not a strawberry issue," she said. "There are other outbreaks in other states that we are not linked to."

News of the possible strawberry connection has affected distribution in Toronto and Houston, worrying growers in an industry dependent upon consumer confidence, she said.

The commission is financing studies of the crop by the nation's handful of cyclospora experts, but will not meddle with the research, Thorne said.

"We'll take their results whatever they are: good news, bad news," she said.

Like state researchers who combed warehouses and distribution trucks, the experts will shadow growers and food handlers from harvest to food preparation.

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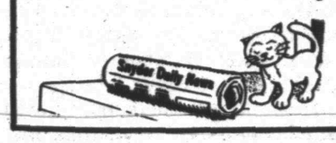
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Saturday & Sunday 8-5
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GARAGE SALE
1 mile N. of Ira on Hwy. 350
Saturday & Sunday 9-4
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Key Mobile Home Park
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Sat. 7-2 Sun 10-2
Furniture, table & chairs, 20 gallon aquarium & king size water bed mattress.

GARAGE SALE
1713 8th St.
Sun. 8-5
Levis, baby clothes, blankets, lawnmower & burritoes & tamales.

311 AUCTIONS

Coahoma I.S.D. will hold a silent auction on Friday, June 28th, 1-9 p.m. and Sat. June 29th, 8-5 p.m. @ Old Primary Bldg. 601 High School Dr. Items will be old furnishings and equipment.

315 WANT TO BUY

Old Stringed Instruments Wanted: Contact "Legends of Western Swing" buyer Bill Busalacchi at 915-728-2638, June 26th - 29th.

WANT TO BUY: Clean home appliances. Western Auto, 573-4911.

320 RENT OR LEASE

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85 FORD TRUCK: F150, 302 V8, auto, pstr. pbrk, electric brake controller, hd radiator, dual fuel tanks, heavy duty swaybar & helper springs, bed liner, tool box, good tires, very clean. $2,995

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•One Bedroom From $240
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Large 1 bd. furnished apt. All bills paid, $285/mo. + deposit. Also 2 bd. partially furnished, no bills. 573-5525.

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2-2, CH/A, all appliances, some furniture. 2403 27th. $350/mo $75/dep. 915-728-5923 or 1-915-267-7037.

2 bedroom house, furnished. References & Deposit. No Pets. $300/mo. Good neighborhood. 3118 Ave. T. 573-7484.

3 bd-1bth, 2 car garage. 3902 Eastridge. $400/mo $200/dep. 573-8505 or 573-3465.

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LEASE: Clean 3-1-1 freshly painted & fenced. 213 36th Place. Available July 1st. 573-0712.

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345 MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR SALE

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351 GAS, OIL, MINERALS

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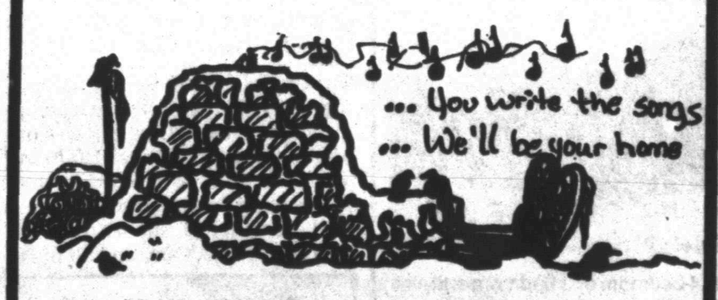
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3726 Austin, 4-2, den. 39.5T
401 35th, 3-2-1, ch/a. 28T
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4506 Houston, 3-2-2, large lot, swimming pool. Reduced 99.5T
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4600 El Paso, 3-2½-2. 90T
1904 Ave. M, 2-1-1. 25T
2906 El Paso, 3-2-2. 56.5T
IRA, 4 bd., 2 bth., red. 55T
Gary Brewer, 4-3-2. Red. $77,750
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2501 33rd, 3-2½-2, Hobby rm. 2 liv. areas, landscaped yd.
4506 Houston, 3-2-2, Red.
2609 35th, 3-2-2, Den.
4002 Midland, 3-2-2, $70's.
4503 Fredonia, 3-2-2, $70's.
3213 40th, 3-1-den, CP.
3214 40th, 2-1-CP, Lo $30's.
3726 Austin, 4-2, Reduced.
3100 Ave. A, 3-2-2, $30's.
Country, 2 & 3 bd. on acreage.
3718 Highland Brick 3bd. Fpl. lg. den, Make Offer.
208 E.180 Commercial Bldg.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF A HEARING BY THE SCURRY COUNTY-SNYDER JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD

WHEREAS, purusant to the provisions of §241.017 (b) and (c) of the Airport Zoning Act, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Scurry County-Snyder Joint Airport Zoning Board on the 9th day of July, 1996, in the commissioners courtroom in the Scurry County Courthouse in Snyder, Texas at the hour of 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing all parties in interest and citizens who desire to be heard on proposed airport zoning regulations to be adopted by the Scurry County-Snyder Joint Airport Zoning Board prescribing regulations covering airport hazard areas in Scurry County, Texas and the City of Snyder, Texas.

Dated this 19th day of June, 1996.

(s) J.A. Thompson
Chairman, Scurry County-Snyder Joint Airport Zoning Board

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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A PREBID CONFERENCE will be conducted for the General Contractors and the prime Subcontractors on Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m., at the D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd, Snyder, Tx 79549.

The City of Snyder will be accepting bids for a sewer cleaning machine. Bids will be opened on Monday, July 8, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. The bids will be opened in the Accounting Department at the City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Mubarak opens summit with appeal for Arab unity

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Arab leaders opened their first summit in six years Saturday by urging Israel to stick to peace agreements and appealing for the Arabs themselves to settle their myriad, bitter disputes.

"The first issue is to work on uniting the Arab fold," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told 21 of the Arab League's 22 members.

Mubarak warned the new Israeli government that the peace process could fall apart if Israel abandons the land-for-peace formula set as the basis of negotiations five years ago by both sides.

"If any party allows itself to choose what to negotiate and what not, than this means that the other parties have the same right," Mubarak said. Such an approach "totally destroys" the process, he said.

Mubarak said the "delicacy of the situation" in the Middle East prompted the meeting, called days after Israelis elected hardline Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mubarak said Arabs want to continue on the road to peace, saying only peace could provide safety for Israel and other Mideast nations.

"Security cannot be realized by the occupation of land and ignoring others' rights," he said.

Tunisian President Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali, the only other speaker at the 35-minute ceremonial opening, called on the United States and Russia, as co-sponsors of the Mideast peace process, to ensure the negotiations did not fall apart.

The leaders held an hour-long private meeting after the opening ceremony and were to meet again tonight. In Israel, Netanyahu's aides said they would have no comment until the summit is over.

Mubarak also is struggling to mediate disputes among Arab leaders. He succeeded in bringing together Syria's President Hafez Assad with two Arab leaders with whom Assad has deep differences: King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Hussein, who made peace with Israel over Syrian objections, met with Assad Saturday.

Assad and Arafat met Friday night for the first time since the Palestinians defied Assad and signed a peace pact with Israel in 1993.

But Mubarak said "psychological obstacles" still divide the 13 heads of state and officials from eight other Arab League members who are attending the summit.

The way in which Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi chose to arrive was another sign of discord.

While Egypt has been careful to put a moderate face on the conference to please the United States, Gadhafi flew in directly from Libya in violation of U.N. Security Council sanctions. The sanctions banning international air travel from Libya are strongly backed by Washington.

Iraq was the only Arab League member not invited; oil-rich Gulf countries are still angry over Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. It is uncertain whether the gathering will reach an agreement on bringing Iraq back into the fold.

Pope seeks to strengthen a church rocked by dissent

PADERBORN, Germany (AP) — Pope John Paul II today honored three German priests and a nun who opposed the Nazis, although he failed to deliver prepared remarks praising the Roman Catholic Church for its resistance to Hitler's regime.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said that even though the phrase was omitted, it remains an official papal announcement.

Asked why the pope had dropped it from his homily during a Mass for 70,000 people, the spokesman responded, "I have no idea."

The dropped remarks — distributed ahead of time to the news media — appeared to contradict the pope's own bishops in Germany, who have said that the church did not do enough to fight Nazism and condemn the Holocaust.

The pope was setting the stage for a ceremony Sunday in Berlin in which he will beatify two priests who opposed Hitler. He praised them in his sermon today, along with a priest and a nun he said were also martyrs to the Nazis.

The pope described the four's actions as a "sign of the resistance to the demonical forces in a world remote from God."

The Polish-born pope, speaking at a Mass, dropped the following two paragraphs from his prepared sermon:

"The four beatified persons symbolize the many Catholic women and men who, at the cost of many and diverse sacrifices, rejected National Socialist tyranny and resisted the brown ideology.

"They are thus part of the resistance offered by the whole church to a system contemptuous of God and human beings. And, in the final analysis, they symbolize many people who, on the strength of their resistance and sacrifices, succeeded in keeping alive their trust in the good in humans and a different and better Germany."

The Catholic church in Germany says that 8,021 priests were detained for activities viewed as a threat to the Nazi regime, 110 died in concentration camps and 59 were executed.

The pope's three-day visit to Germany has a two-fold mission: examining German history and shoring up a German church rocked by dissent.

"Remember the long history of Christian faith in this country. Don't let this faith grow weaker and more feeble," he urged worshipers at the Mass, held on an airstrip on a damp summer morning.

Germany has one of Europe's strongest dissident church movements. Some 1.5 million of the country's 28 million Catholics mounted a petition drive last year demanding that John Paul relax his opposition to artificial birth control and allow women to become priests.

Now in the 18th year of his papacy, John Paul has made clear he has no intention of changing his policy.

Computer chip dispute remains unresolved, other fights loom, too

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a brief cease-fire in the U.S.-Japan trade wars, things seem to be heating up again, though not with the intensity that marked last year's battle over autos.

Negotiators from both countries reported late Friday they had failed after four days of bargaining to resolve a fight involving computer chips — the tiny circuits that are at the heart of computers and a wide array of other electronic gadgets.

The United States is pushing to renew a 1991 agreement that expires July 31. Japan insists that the Japanese market share held by U.S. and other foreign semiconductor manufacturers is 30.6 percent and there is no need for further government intervention.

Officials from both countries said the issue will be raised when President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to meet in Lyon, France, next Thursday in advance of the annual economic summit of the world's seven largest industrial countries.

After Clinton's April summit in Tokyo with Hashimoto, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole charged that Clinton had "squandered" a golden opportunity to "fix a serious and destabilizing problem — the massive trade deficit with Japan."

The administration, sensitive to criticism that Clinton had played down trade disputes during his Tokyo visit, is letting it be known that the president will raise a number of trade issues in next week's meetings.

Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor told reporters this week that Clinton would raise not only the semiconductor issue with Hashimoto but also U.S. complaints that Japan is not living up to a 1994 agreement to open its insurance market and a dispute over airline landing rights in Japan.

On the issue of computer chips, the United States has argued that without an extension of the agreement American companies could once again be frozen out of the Japanese market.

However, the Japanese have blasted the agreement as "managed trade" because it set a numerical target for the foreign market share of 20 percent. They have insisted they would never agree to such a deal again.

Yoshihiro Sakamoto, Japan's vice minister for trade, told reporters Friday that his country had proposed creation of a Global Governmental Forum on the semiconductor industry that would meet annually to review barriers to trade.

He said he planned to leave for Brussels to discuss the Japanese idea with the 15-nation European Union and would also be in Lyon for further discussions on the sidelines of next week's annual economic summit.

Steven Spielberg was just 26 when he directed "Jaws."

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Paul Fielding...

Dallas council member indicted

PLANO (AP) — Dallas City Council member Paul Fielding was indicted Friday on charges that allege a pattern of corrupt practices in his council and business life.

Fielding denied any wrongdoing.

Among the allegations is that Fielding, a vice president of Mason Rich Co., extorted a $1 million janitorial contract from Electronic Data Systems Inc. at a time when EDS was seeking council approval for a zoning change on its former North Dallas headquarters.

He also was accused of lying under oath during a federal bankruptcy court proceeding and of conspiring to defraud investors in Mason Rich.

"It's important that public officials carry out their duties in a manner that is not taking advantage of their public office to gain personal financial benefit," said U.S. Attorney J. Michael Bradford.

This case demonstrates our commitment to upholding the integrity of our bankruptcy court system and to protect the citizens of North Texas from corrupt public officials and unscrupulous businesses," Bradford said.

The eight-count indictment, returned by a federal grand jury in Sherman, charges Fielding with two counts of extortion. The counts allege that he coerced the janitorial contract from EDS for a Mason Rich client, then pressured the client to order its janitorial chemicals from a company Fielding controlled.

The indictment also charges Fielding and Gail Edward Cooper, a consultant from Aubrey, Texas, each with four counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy. The counts alleged that Fielding and Cooper covered up fraudulent financial practices and Mason Rich's use of minority-owned front companies to obtain contracts under affirmative action programs.

The counts also allege that Fielding and Cooper withheld information on the deals from statements mailed to investors.

The indictments resulted from a continuing four-year investigation by the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service, said Bradford, of Beaumont, top prosecutor for the U.S. Eastern District of Texas, which Collin County is part of.

Chuck Meadows of Dallas, one of Fielding's attorneys, said his client would plead innocent to all charges.

"When all of the facts are revealed, instead of the limited information that the prosecutor presented in secret grand jury proceedings, you will more completely understand what is happening," Meadows said.

As for Fielding, the North Dallas council member he said he looks forward "to addressing these charges in court, where I am confident that the truth can be told."

Fielding and Meadows declined further comment. Calls to Mason Rich went unanswered Friday afternoon.

EDS, now based in Plano, had to obtain the zoning change on its North Dallas property before they could move, Bradford said.

"In order to complete the sale of that property and make the move to Plano, it was necessary for EDS to obtain a favorable zoning change. And as part of giving that vote in favor of EDS, Mr. Fielding put pressure on EDS to direct business to a company which would have made a profit. And as a result, Mr. Fielding, who was (vice president) of the Mason Rich Co., would derive profit from that other company," Bradford said.

Bradford said EDS was a victim in the affair, not a wrongdoer, and has cooperated with federal investigators.

"We would agree with the characterization that the district attorney gave, and given that it's a criminal case that's about all we can say, other than to emphasize that we have cooperated and will continue to cooperate with authorities, said EDS spokesman Tony Good.

If convicted on all eight counts, Fielding could get up to 70 years in prison and up to $250,000 per count in fines, for a possible total of $2 million.

Cooper, who is named only in the conspiracy and four mail fraud counts in the Mason Rich case, could face 30 years and a $1.25 million in fines.

Cooper also was charged Friday with three other businessmen in a separate, four-count indictment alleging conspiracy to commit wire fraud, bank fraud and bankruptcy fraud in connection with a $10.2 million loan to purchase a Dallas apartment complex.

Mitsubishi acknowledges harassment, denies charges

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Mitsubishi knew women were being harassed at its auto plant and punished the offenders when people complained, the company argued in response to a government lawsuit alleging widespread harassment.

Mitsubishi's response Friday to the lawsuit filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission asked the judge to dismiss the case and reimburse the company for legal expenses.

A company lawyer said 10 people had been fired for harassment.

The EEOC said it had not seen the response and had no comment.

The government sued Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America Inc. in April, saying the company allowed male workers to grope, proposition and insult hundreds of female employees over the years.

The Normal, Ill., company initially fought the allegations and even rented 59 buses so workers could rally outside the EEOC's Chicago office.

Mitsubishi officials now say some women were harassed, but the company did its best to discourage harassment and punish offenders when someone stepped forward to complain.

EEOC officials have said this could turn out to be the largest harassment case in the agency's history, both in the number of victims and the size of penalties.

Mitsubishi also faces a lawsuit by 29 women whose complaints are similar to the federal charges.

Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park covers an area of 3,472 square miles in the northwest corner of Wyoming and the adjoining edges of Montana and Idaho. Established in 1872, it is the nation's oldest national park. It contains 10,000 geysers; hot springs; mud volcanoes; fossil forests; a 1,000-foot-deep canyon; and a 308-foot-high waterfall.

FAA regs show...

Little new in ValuJet changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of the safety improvements announced this week by the Federal Aviation Administration after the ValuJet crash already are required by law, the agency's regulations indicate.

On Tuesday, FAA Administrator David Hinson announced a six-point program of changes designed to heighten safety and improve scrutiny of outside contractors who often do maintenance work for newer airlines like ValuJet.

Chief among them:

—ValuJet will be required to demonstrate that its contractors comply with maintenance and training requirements.

But existing FAA rules show that an airline "may make arrangements with other persons for the performance of any maintenance....(H)owever, this does not relieve" the airline of making sure that planes have properly been maintained.

—ValuJet must also review its contractors' maintenance performance.

Current FAA rules already require this, specifying that an airline "establish and maintain a system for continuing analysis and surveillance of its ... program covering other maintenance ... regardless of whether those programs are carried out by the (airline) or by another person."

—ValuJet will be forced to demonstrate that its contractors' workers are trained well enough to ensure the safety of air travelers.

Current FAA regulations require airlines to create "a training program ... that ensures each person ... is adequately trained to perform his assigned duties."

"These six initiatives are nothing more than a restatement of the regulations that existed before the crash," said John Howie, an attorney representing families of the victims of the crash. "The new ValuJet, if it ever comes out again, will be operating under the same rules as it was before — they didn't change anything."

"While the improvements that we announced earlier this week, in general, are based on existing regulations, we are now going to require documentation of compliance on a contractor-by-contractor basis," said FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitaliere. "It's tightening up the control of this — that's the big change."

A former top FAA official also said the initiative does contain some worthwhile alterations — particularly measures to conduct on-sight inspections of contractors' work.

"I think the changes to tighten and strengthen the surveillance of the subcontractors is significant," said Michael Goldfarb, a former FAA chief counsel. "The current requirements ... are that the work of subcontractors does not have to be witnessed or particularly well documented. If they are on the ground, watching them do work, that's important."

Howie, who acknowledged such a move would mark a significant improvement, also insisted it's not likely to happen anytime soon.

"That's really pie in the sky," Howie said. "They don't have the manpower right now to make it work — there's just no way."

On Tuesday, Hinson said the personnel-strapped agency would attempt to hire and train more inspectors in coming months.

Howie has expressed his concerns in a letter to Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., who chairs the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation panel.

A GOP Senate source said that Pressler's panel will pursue the question of whether the FAA plan contains any "meaningful, corrective action" at a hearing on the FAA and ValuJet next Thursday.

The maintenance changes are an outgrowth of the FAA's effort to scrutinize new carriers, which often contract out much of their maintenance, repair and training work to others.

When the FAA changes were announced earlier this week, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said ValuJet's combination of rapid growth and contracting out most maintenance and training jobs made it an unusual airline.

While some other smaller, regional airlines contract their work, none has grown as rapidly as ValuJet.

Governor signs bill banning gay marriage

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Gov. Thomas R. Carper on Friday signed a bill banning gay marriages and prohibiting Delaware from recognizing same-sex unions made in other states.

The legislation, which defines marriage as "one man and one woman being legally united," was drafted in response to a legal battle under way in Hawaii. That state's highest court ruled that state officials must prove a "compelling government interest" if they are to bar same-sex marriages. A civil trial is scheduled for September.

States that have enacted legislation to ban gay marriages since 1995 include Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Utah.

Maryland and Virginia legislators let measures prohibiting the recognition of gay marriages legalized in other states to die in committee. In Virginia, same-sex marriages have been banned for some time.

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Kiwi ordered to reduce operations

Federal Aviation Administration cites poor pilot training

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration ordered Kiwi International Air Lines to reduce its fleet and operations Friday due to insufficient pilot training, an issue that has grounded the small airline's pilots twice before.

The Newark-based carrier voluntarily agreed to reduce the size of its fleet from 15 Boeing 727s to 11, said Nicholas Sabatini, manager of the flight standards division for the FAA's eastern region.

"They could not demonstrate to us that crew members were qualified to fly the aircraft," Sabatini said in a telephone interview. "They have established a pattern and practice of failure to comply" with FAA guidelines and regulations, he said.

The employee-owned airline has 277 pilots out of a total of 1,100 employees. Sabatini said 30 of those pilots are not qualified.

In addition to reducing the airline's operations, the FAA will take over in-flight monitoring and evaluation of the airline's flight crews, a job normally done by airline employees approved by the agency, Sabatini said. And the airline said it will replace its director of training.

Reducing operations should ensure that all flights are staffed by qualified crew, said Sabatini and FAA regional administrator Arlene Feldman.

Sabatini said the airline will have to severely curtail the number of flights to comply with the order.

A clerk at Kiwi's ticket counter at Newark International Airport said Friday evening that the airline was continuing to sell tickets.

Kiwi said in a statement that it would honor all tickets and would arrange for other airlines to carry its passengers when necessary.

"Kiwi believes it has been in continued compliance with all regulations," the statement said, noting that it has flown more than 4.7 million passengers on more than 55,000 flights since its inception in September 1992 and "in that time, Kiwi has had a perfect flying record."

"Following the ValuJet crash, the FAA has significantly increased inspections," the statement said.

ValuJet Flight 592 crashed in the Florida Everglades on May 11, killing all 110 people aboard. ValuJet, a discount carrier, halted its operations at midnight Monday after the FAA found several serious deficiencies in the airline's operations during an intensive 30-day inspection.

Unlike ValuJet, Kiwi is not a discount, no-frills airline. Kiwi's service, food and roomy seats have won praise: It was rated best U.S. airline by Conde Nast Traveler in 1994 and ranked third by Consumer Reports in July 1995.

The airline will be allowed to return to normal operations after correcting the pilot training deficiencies, Sabatini said.

Friday's order was prompted by an in-depth investigation of the airline's operations from May 30 to June 12 that the FAA initiated after uncovering some problems with the airline during a routine surveillance.

The order was to go into effect Friday at midnight.

In December 1994, Kiwi agreed to ground its entire fleet after the FAA questioned whether pilots had received required training updates.

U.S. troops destroyed bunker that may have held chemicals

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major reversal, the Pentagon is taking another look at the chance U.S. soldiers may have been exposed to chemical gas following the Persian Gulf War.

The new study is being conducted because the United Nations has provided information indicating an Iraqi ammunition bunker destroyed by U.S. troops in March 1991 may have contained chemical weapons, Pentagon officials said Friday.

Some 300 to 400 members of the Army's 37th Engineering Battalion from Fort Bragg, N.C., were involved in the operation at the postwar demolition of an Iraqi weapons cache known as Kamisiyah depot in southern Iraq, the officials said.

The soldiers were trained specialists and did not believe at the time that one of the bunkers they were destroying contained chemical weapons. Detection equipment they used before and after the demolition showed no indication of the presence of chemical agents, officials said.

The soldiers were about three miles from the site when the bunker was detonated and were not wearing protective clothing at the time of the operation, the officials said.

In a statement, President Clinton said: "While we have no evidence today that Americans were exposed to chemical weapons during the operation, this is a very important issue which we will continue to investigate thoroughly."

Up until Friday, U.S. government officials have repeatedly stated that they did not have any hard evidence that soldiers complaining of ailments in the wake of the Persian Gulf War were exposed to chemical warfare.

They said they were going public with their latest information in the hopes soldiers involved in the operation might provide some assistance to their investigation.

EDITORS NOTE: Information number for soldiers involved is 1-800-472-6719.

Obituaries



Ida DeShan

Ida DeShan

1912-1996

Funeral service for Ida DeShan, a former Snyder resident, was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

The Rev. C.J. Smith was to officiate.

Mrs. DeShan died Thursday, June 20, at her residence in Dallas after a lengthy illness. She was 83.

Born July 18, 1912, in Cincinnati, Iowa, she married Theodore DeShan Jan. 1, 1935, in Drumright, Okla. He died in 1981.

A member of the Texas State Teachers Association, Mrs. DeShan worked as cafeteria manager for Snyder Independent School District for 35 years.

A member of First Baptist Church in Snyder, she had lived in Dallas for the past two years and attended Park City Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Theda and Bill Brooks of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Randall and Nancy DeShan of Dallas; one sister, Merita Steiner of Oklahoma; five granchildren; and five great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House in Tulsa, Okla. The address is 6102 S. Hudson, Tulsa, Okla., 74136.

Carolyn Whitfill

1949-1996

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Service is set for 10 a.m. Monday at Smith-Rogers Funeral Home for Carolyn Sue Whitfill, 46, of Lovington, N.M., with burial to follow in Lovington Cemetery.

The Rev. K.M. McCarthick, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Whitfill died Friday, June 21, at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

She was part-owner of K.C. Creations of Lovington.

Born Sept. 12, 1949, in Snyder, she married Joey Whitfill on Jan. 21, 1969, in Fisher County. He survives.

Other survivors include a son, Trey of Lovington; two daughters, Mitizi Smith and Angela Thomas, both of Lovington; her father, James Harlan of Pampa; two brothers, John Sherman Harlan of Pampa and Robert Allen Harlan of Pflugerville; a sister, Sharon K. Allen of Galveston; and three grandchildren.

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Only two arrests made

While local law enforcement authorities handled a number of complaints Friday and early Saturday, most were minor and only two arrests were made.

At 7:15 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 36-year-old female in the 2400 block of Towle Park Road on outstanding city warrants.

At 1:54 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 20-year-old male in the 2000 block of Avenue I for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

At 8:04 a.m. Friday, Dee Wilson reported that someone had taken her vehicle from her residence at 2611 37th Street and returned it with a flat tire. An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was submitted.

An offense report for an assault was submitted at 10:46 a.m. Friday after a person went to the sheriff's office and reported the incident.

An offense report for stalking was made at 12:01 p.m. Friday in reference to a male subject reporting someone was stalking him.

Steven Faulkenberry reported the theft of a cellular telephone at 7:47 p.m. Friday in reference to someone taking the phone while his vehicle was parked at Moffett Field.

Most yawns happen in the hour just before going to bed and the hour right after waking up.

What's Up?

Hermleigh UMC guest speaker

Bunny Cox, former pastor at Hermleigh United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

Now living in Lubbock, she devotes much of her time to church work, art and making angel jewelry.

DCOS sets emergency meeting

The Development Corporation of Snyder has scheduled an emergency meeting for 10 a.m. Monday to sign contract terms for a $383,000 Rural Economic and Community Development grant. The funds will be used for infrastructure at the industrial park.

Hope For Life's Journey series

The Hope For Life's Journey series of video tapes is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. "A Mother But Not A Wife" will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Genealogical Society to meet

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. The program will be the second part of the first video of Video Research Guide: Published Histories and Record Keeping. Visitors are welcome.

Ira cheerleaders raising funds

Ira cheerleaders are offering chances for a $100 prize. For more information or tickets, call cheerleader sponsor Tracy Dickerhoff at 573-0258.

Tiger blankets arrive

Reorders on Tiger blankets are available at Rudy's, Bar-H-Bar, Thompson's, Initial Ideas, Pat Dennis Studio and Shields Insurance, or call Traci Eicke at 573-1400 or 573-9036. All high school teacher discounts have been discontinued.

School for school personnel

Snyder ISD is offering summer computer technology training for Snyder school personnel. Six hours of technology will be given for each session. Classes are: CD-ROM/Multimedia, June 24-25; PageMaker, June 26-27; and Windows '95, July 10-11. Times for all sessions are 1-4 p.m.

SHS Class of 1986

Snyder High School Class of 1986 will hold its reunion on Aug. 17. Current addresses are needed. Call Amy Wilson Hodges at 573-1944.

Hearts on Fire youth rally

The Hearts on Fire youth rally has been scheduled for July 12-13 in Scurry County Coliseum. A variety of speakers and music will be offered.

Anyone interested in making a donation to help with the rally may do so by writing P.O. Box 111, Gail, TX. 79738. For more information, call 806 756-4319 or 573-7794.

Pick 3

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

2-6-7

(two, six, seven)

Pick 5

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

1-4-16-18-37

(one, four, sixteen, eighteen, thirty-seven)

Iraq agrees to allow U.N. access to banned weapons sites

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has agreed to grant U.N. weapons inspectors immediate access to sites suspected of housing banned weapons material, the chief U.N. arms inspector said Saturday.

"The Iraqi government assures ... to secure unconditional, unrestricted and immediate access to all sites the Special Commission and the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) wish to inspect," Rolf Ekeus told a news conference at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry.

Ekeus leads the U.N. Special Commission overseeing the dismantling of Iraqi programs for producing long-range missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons — as mandated by the U.N. Security Council resolutions that ended the 1991 Gulf War over Kuwait.

Addressing the same news conference, Iraq's deputy foreign minister, Riyad al-Qaissi, said: "I am glad to say we reached agreement on all that we've discussed ... a joint program of action has been reached with the necessary arrangements that both sides see to it being a success."

Qaissi gave no details of the "program of action" but today's announcement signaled the end of the latest standoff between Iraq and U.N. weapons inspectors.

Ekeus came to Baghdad on Wednesday to try to convince Iraqi authorities to allow his inspectors to search sites suspected of housing banned weapons material.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Mary Sands, 2600 El Paso; Faye Bruns, 2110 Huffman; Paul Farmer, Ira.

DISMISSALS: Aubrey Darden.

CENSUS: 48 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-35).

Competency hearing slated in district court

A competency hearing for Donny Carroll McClain, 36, will be held at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

McClain was charged with aggravated assault on Dec. 10, 1990, after allegedly striking his father, L.S. McClain Sr., with an iron pipe.

The younger McClain was found incompetent to stand trial on Jan. 22, 1991, and committed to Vernon State Hospital. Previous juries have found him incompetent each year since that time.

Snyder Police Department Is Proud To Salute



David Holley

Police Officer

Of The Month

May 1996

The Officer of the Month for May is Officer David Holley. Officer Holley and his wife Jerra have two children; Tye 4 and Tana 1.

Officer Holley is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School and has attended Western Texas College. He is a 1992 graduate of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene.

Officer Holley was employed by the Snyder Police Department in September 1992 as a Patrolman. In August 1995 Officer Holley was assigned to be the School Resource Officer. Officer Holley works at Snyder High School and Snyder Junior High School during the school year. Officer Holley's duties include working with students, parents and school personnel. During the summer months Officer Holley is assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Holley was selected as the May 1996 Officer of the Month by Police Chief Lannie Lee based on a selected set of criteria that includes a commitment to the Department mission of safety, service and security.

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Charles Anderson...

Local historian signs contracts for two books

Local historian and former educator Charles Anderson has signed contracts for two books to be published by Pioneer Publishers of Union City, Tenn.

His first contract was signed in December for a second printing of his 1974 work, "In Search of the Buffalo, The Story of J. Wright Mooar."

"In Search" is a completely revised edition and is to be released by the publisher sometime this summer. Marcus Anderson did the art work.

Anderson also has a second contract with Pioneer Publishers for a book on the life of General Scurry, entitled "CSA General William R. 'Dirty Neck Bill' Scurry (1821-1864)."

Anderson researched information about Gen. Scurry for several years and the publishers hope to print it in the latter part of 1996 or 1997.

The book is divided into 20 chapters and covers the life of Gen. Scurry from his birth in Gallatin, Tenn. until his death in Arkansas during the Civil War.

The book ends with a eulogy given by Lt. Gov. Stockdale at Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Scurry was active as a soldier in the Mexican War of 1846. He and his brother Richardson were also active in Texas politics and Scurry owned a newspaper in Austin for awhile.

It was there that he gained the reputation of being disliked by Sam Houston, who called him "Dirty Neck Bill."

One chapter contains a rare letter that Scurry wrote from Mexico to his 16-year-old sweetheart as he sat under a chaparral bush waiting for the Mexicans to attack his position.

He speaks of his love for her and his desire to see her one last time before he dies. He barely survived the Mexican War and when he returned to Texas he married her.

He and his bride rode through the woods of East Texas to their home in Clarksville for their honeymoon before he began his law practice.

Scurry fought in the Civil War from the beginning in New Mexico, then to Galveston and on to the South where he died a hero's death at the Battle of Jenkins Ferry in Arkansas.

As he lay dying in the mud on the banks of the Saline River, Scurry's brave words to his men encouraged them to fight on and eventually rout the enemy from their position.

The Scurry book is well-researched and documented with rare photos and information obtained from relatives and libraries throughout the southern region of the United States.

Anderson has traveled to Austin, San Antonio, East Texas, Washington-on-the-Brazos and numerous other places, compiling information.

Others also completed research for him in Tennessee, Louisiana, New Mexico, Dallas, Galveston and as far away as New York City.

In a June 5 press release, Sherry Stribling, editor of Pioneer Press, said, "In Search of the Buffalo" is a revised and updated biography of J. Wright Mooar, but it also includes details of the lives of his brother, John W. Mooar, as well as some of his fellow hunters and good friends like Pete Snyder."

Anderson said, "Judy Hays (Mooar's granddaughter) has been a great help to me in this publication." She still lives on the old Mooar Ranch outside Snyder.

Mooar had four guns, three of which have been located and are featured in the revised edition.

"In Search" features close-up pictures of three of Mooar's rifles. Two of the rifles (owned by Scurry County Museum and Hays) are pictured together for the first time ever in front of the white buffalo hide.

"In Search" is 144 pages in length and features a soft cover, illustrations, end notes, index, bibliography and second appendix which includes a photo album containing pictures of people and places around Snyder, Colorado City, Rath City and Fort Griffin, where the buffalo hunting cleared the way for the large cattle ranches that brought civilization to West Texas in the late 1800s.

"In Search" features cover blurbs from various writers and historians. The revised edition will be available at Scurry County Museum as well as other local stores sometime this summer. It will sell for about $16.

Anderson has written stories for numerous publications, including magazines and short story anthologies. He has also contributed to several books other than those which he wrote himself.

Anderson has contributed to the articles in the "Handbook of Texas," published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Pioneer Publishers was established in 1947 by Dr. Martin Rywell. Major themes are historical in nature. More than 100 titles have been published, including books about the Colonial Period, Revolutionary War, Civil War, Indian wars and buffalo hunting.

Pioneer Publishers markets books throughout the U.S., Australia, England as well as other countries.

Sharon Cunningham, associate editor of Pioneer Publishers, recently said, "We will publish about 10 new titles in 1996, and we have dealers and retail customers all over the world. We have several book owners who order from Australia particularly."

Currently, she said, there seems to be a great interest in books about buffalo hunting and the Civil War in the U.S. as well as other countries.

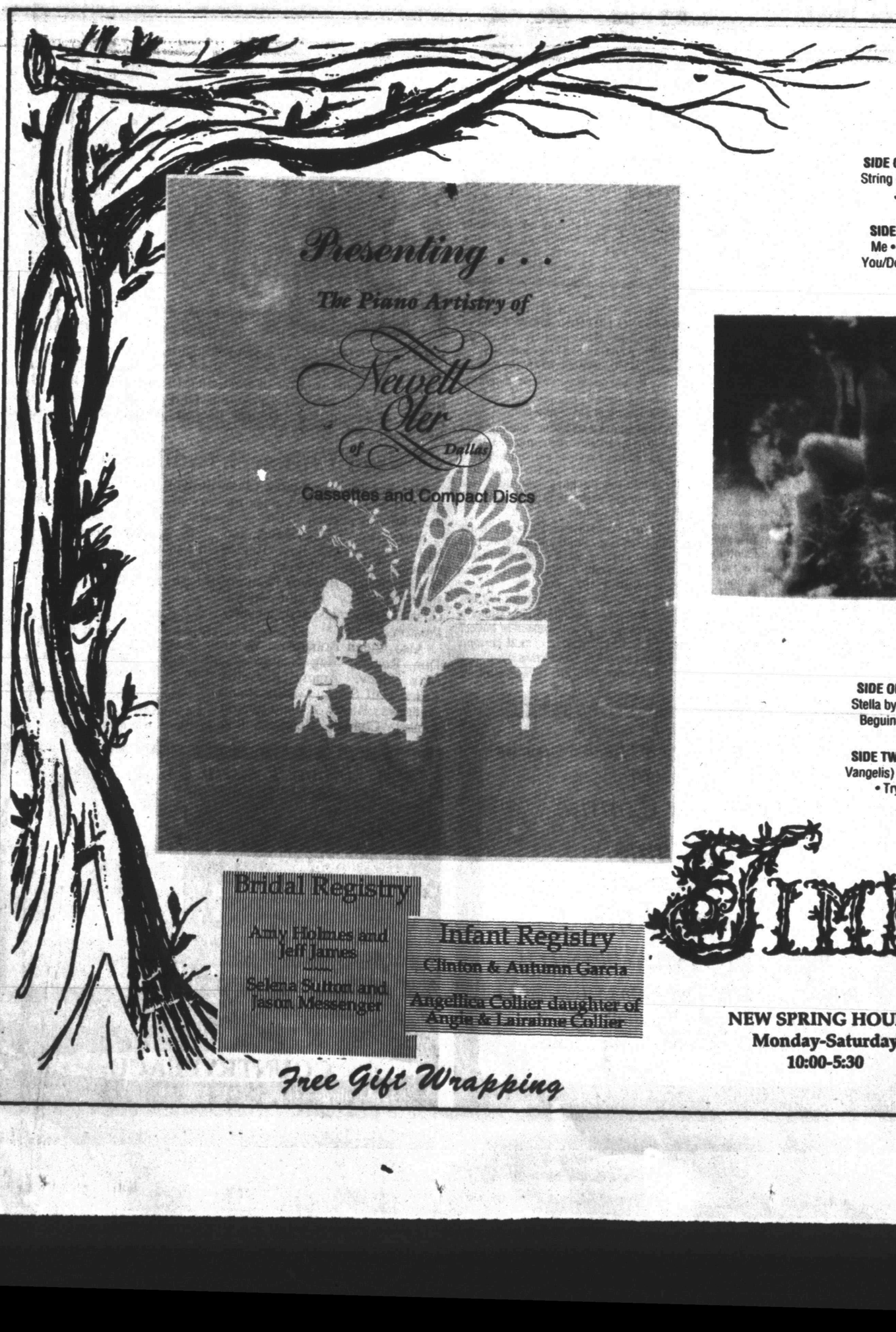


SIGNS CONTRACTS — Charles Anderson, second from left, has signed contracts with Pioneer Publishers for two books to be published at a future date. One is a revised edition of "In Search of the Buffalo, The Story of J. Wright Mooar." The other is a biography of CSA Gen. William R. "Dirty Neck Bill" Scurry. Shown with Anderson are from left, Hugh (Brud) Boren, chamber of commerce director Donna Fowler and Judy Hays, Mooar's granddaughter. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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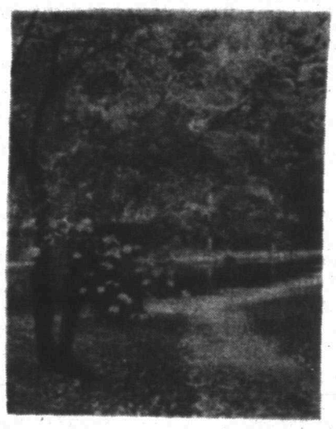
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Wandering & Remembering

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SIDE TWO: More Than You Know • My Heart Tells Me • Begin the Beguine • Medley: If I Should Lose You/Don't Take Your Love From Me • In the Mood • Goodnight Sweetheart



Wish You Were Here

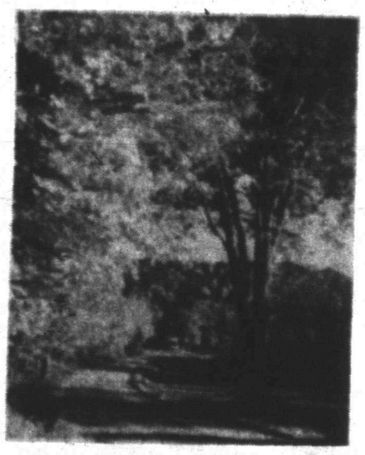
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SIDE TWO: Remember Me as Somebody Waiting • Trains, Boats & Planes • Solamente Una Vez • I Just Called to Say I Love You • Ballad for Adeline • Again • The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face • You Will Be My Music • Don't Wait Too Long • Three Little Words

Autumn Song

SIDE ONE: Autumn Leaves • September Song • Stella by Starlight • Canadian Sunset • Begin the Beguine • Greensleeves • You Are There • How Do You Mend a Broken Heart

SIDE TWO: Deep Purple • Edelweiss • Hymn (by Vangelis) • Love on the Rocks • September Morn • Try to Remember • Why Do I Love You? • Never My Love • I'll Remember April



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Brice, Aycock united in Disney World wedding

The Magic of Walt Disney World set the stage recently for a fairy tale wedding celebration that rekindled faith in love, marriage and destiny for a very special bride and groom, their famlies and friends. Built on an island surrounded by Seven Seas Lagoon, the new glass-enclosed Disney Wedding Pavilion provided the setting for the storybook union of Angela Evelyn Aycock and Alfred Roger Brice. This once upon a time wedding took place on the morning of April 26th, 1996, at ten o'clock.

The bride's wedding gown was a couture design by Vera Wang of New York. The sophisticated yet alluring design of all white silk organza featured a high wedding band collar of Leon lace which overlaid silk organza to the midriff. The sheer silk illusion sleeves were accented by small white buttons along the inside of the wrist. The fitted Basque waistline was adorned with two small white silk organza bows positioned in the back along the waist. The gown fell to a chapel-length train with white silk organza-covered buttons running down the length of the dress and train. A matching silk organza headpiece with a waterfall veil by Vera Wang completed the ensemble. The final touch for the bridal attire was an antique embroidered handkerchief and a Bible that belongs to her grandmother, Melba Jacobsen of Missoula, Montana. The bride also wore a nurse's pin that belonged to her "Mommie," the late Verlyn Aycock. The mother of the bride presented a lucky six pence to Angela, wrapped in tulle and finished with a white satin bow, to put in her shoe.

The mother of the bride, Diane Aycock, wore an elegant candelight all-silk gown with a lace overlay collar. The mother of the groom, Nancy Brice, wore a beautiful off-white, tea-length gown that featured pearls and beads along the outside jacket. Both mothers wore a beautiful corsage of Champagne roses. The bridegroom and the fathers of the bride and groom, Dan Aycock and Nelson Brice, were dashing in traditional three-button tuxedoes with the accents of black vests and bow ties. They each tucked a single Champagne rose bud in the lapel. Angela hid a special boutonniere for Alfred in her bouquet and just after she met him at the altar, she lovingly pinned a white French rose through his lapel.

A prelude of Classical melodies performed by a classical string trio heightened the decorum of the formal morning wedding ceremony as guests proceeded to take seats inside the Pavilion. The fragrant and enchanted setting was surrounded by four pairs of topiaries along the main aisle. The topairies were dressed with floral arrangements of white French roses, Champagne roses, white sweetheart roses, cream Virginia roses, white Butterfly roses, Queen Ann's lace, grape vine, ivy fern and moss. In between, white swaged tulle joined each flower-filled topairies. At the altar in between an enchanting view of Cinderella's Castle perched four marble pedestals with urns overflowing with Champagne roses, white French roses, cream Virginia roses, white French tulips, white sweetheart roses, Calla Lilies, white Hawaiian Dendrobium orchids, white Butterfly roses and greenery. The oversized unity candle arrangement was adorned with Champagne roses, white French roses, cream Virginia roses, white sweetheart roses, white Butterfly roses and smilac.

The mothers of the bride and groom approached the altar at the strains of "Canon in D" by Pachelbel to begin the ceremony by lighting the unity candle, a gesture symbolizing the joining of the two families. The bride and her father stepped out of the 1929 vintage white Cadillac to stroll an arched bridge beautifully covered in French white roses and ivy.

At the stroke of 10 o'clock, a line of herald trumpeters in full Victorian regalia accompanied by a pipe organ performed "Trumpet Tune" by Purcell as the bride took her father's arm and ascended the aisle to the altar. The bride and her father stepped through an archway entrance covered with white tulle, roses, lilies, orchids, tulips and greenery. Angela carried a Martha Stewart garden style bouquet of fifty Champagne roses, white French roses, white Butterfly roses and cream Virginia roses.

After the reading of the meaning of marriage, the father of the bride kissed his daughter and took his seat next to her mother. Angela and Alfred stepped up to the altar with Cinderella's Castle in full view, taking their place before the Reverend Tim Herring, who performed the double-ring ceremony. After the traditional vows, the fathers of the bride and groom



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brice

approached the altar to read a special poem each had chosen on this special day. The presenting of the wedding rings was made by Disney's Majordama in full Victorian regalia. He approached the altar to the song "When You Wish Upon A Star," bearing the rings in Cinderella's glass slipper on top of a blue velvet pillow. After the exchanging of rings and to the Disney song of "Beauty and the Beast," Angela and Alfred lit a beautifully decorated unity candle and presented a single red rose to the bride and groom's mothers.

At last pronounced husband and wife, Angela and Alfred posed for Andy Marcus, of Fred Marcus Photography in New York, to capture their first moments as newlyweds before joyfully exiting the Pavilion to "Hornpipe" from "Water Music" by Handel. The guests were presented with beautiful hand made paper cones filled with rose petals, calligraphed with the couples' names, wedding date and a gold bow. The guests showered the bride and groom as they waved to family and friends.

The couple were escorted to the Grand Floridian Beach Resort in a magical 1929 Vintage white Cadillac, accompanied by a Victorian costumed driver. Family members and friends arrived in white Lincoln town cars to celebrate amid the Victorian elegance of the 19th century, Disney's Grand Floridian Beach Resort, for a picture perfect reception on Commanders Terrace.

The elegantly decorated Commanders Terrace continued the theme of the fairy tale wedding. Complementing the view of the wedding pavilion, the terrace was decorated with two pairs of marble urns set on pedestals, six hanging baskets filled with flowers and two pairs of topiaries by the bride's table and the entrance. The banisters were embellished with white tulle and smilac swayed between the railing and the door where white silk organza bows held a bouquet of roses and greenery. The tables were decorated with white brocade tablecloths and the white brocade-covered chairs were finished with oversized white organza bows. Displayed as the centerpieces were beautiful rose arrangements attached to large crystal Cinderella castles.

Trumpeters heralded as the bride and groom were announced to family and friends by Disney's Majordama. Mickey Mouse arrived at the reception in formal attire. He congratulated the bride and groom and presented the newlyweds with a special Disney gift.

After several touching toasts, the newlyweds took the spotlight and danced to "A Dream is A Wish Your Heart Makes."

The father of the bride and his daughter shared a special moment when they waltzed to the lullaby "Baby Mine" from Dumbo.

Later, the couple turned to the decorated cake table where noted baker Sylvia Weinstock of New York had flown in a three-tier confection of chocolate cake layered with chocolate mousse and covered with natural buttercream icing and adorned with hand-molded, all-sugar roses, lilies, tulips, orchids and sweetpeas.

After the cake-cutting ceremony, Mickey Mouse twirled Angela and family members, while the string trio played "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from Mary Poppins.

Angela's wedding day bouquet was collected for preservation by Keepsake Floral Inc. of Orlando, Florida.

The newly married couple and family returned to their suites at the Grand Floridian and the Polynesian resort and met later in the Magic Kingdom for a special day at Disney.

After a fun-filled day in the Magic Kingdom, a luau dinner wedding reception was served at the Polynesian Beach Resort.

The menu consisted of a bountiful feast of fresh tropical fruits and sweet cinnamon pull-apart bread as the guests were entertained by Hawaiian customs dances. Lanai roasted chicken, honey-glazed shrimp, red-skinned potatoes in wine sauce, sweet yams, and fresh sauteed vegetables in garlic butter were the main course of this one-of-a-kind dinner.

Dessert was a Moorea tropical sundae with strawberry, chocolate and caramel sauce topped with native Macadamia nuts all served in a glazed roasted pineapple. The music and splendor of the tropics came alive as native island dancers demonstrated authentic hula dances, fire twirling and other island customs.

The wedding party was encouraged by the island dancers to participate in learning these native dances. Alfred and Angela shared a special dance while the band serenaded the newlyweds to the Hawaiian wedding song.

To cap the night, the newly married couple, family and friends attended an all-night party at Pleasure Island. After a seven- night stay in Walt Disney World, Alfred and Angela Brice returned to their home in Austin.

The newlyweds will soon embark on a one-month excursion to countries abroad.

Paid announcement

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Readers really know their stuff

It's FEEDBACK TIME!

CHILD'S PHONOGRAPH AND "TALKING BOOKS": Della Dunklin of Easton, Md., was looking for one of these for her daughter, who has cerebral palsy. As we noted in a previous column, we received an overwhelmingly generous response from our readers, prompted by Della's request.

Pam Yates of Fort Hood, Texas, wrote: "I too have a daughter with cerebral palsy. We have found a wonderful program that Della may not be aware exists. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides talking books, tape players and record players to blind and handicapped folks. The whole program is free. We get catalogs with hundreds of listings and order up to six 'books' at a time, calling in on a toll-free number. The books arrive in plastic containers right at our door. When we finish, we flip the address card over and our mailman returns them. The tape players 'charge' up so we can listen to tapes anywhere. There is a registration process that involves, among other things, certification by a doctor of the applicant's inability to read independently." What a great program! Thanks, Pam.

GETTING WHITE UNIFORMS WHITE: Many of you wrote to remind us of the wonderful whitening powers of "Mrs. Stewart's Bluing," available (if you can't find it locally) from Luther Ford & Co., Box 201405, Bloomington, MN 55420 (612-881-1430).

Florence Darroch of Lockport, N.Y., suggests using 1/2 cup bleach and 1/4 cup dishwasher detergent dissolved in 1 gallon of hot water. Soak clothes for 1/2 hour, then put in washing machine and wash as usual. She cautions that if the uniforms are nylon, the mixture should be allowed to cool before adding clothes; otherwise, it will set wrinkles in the fabric. (Florence adds that this mixture is also great for getting formula stains out of baby clothes.)

BEVERAGE CAN RE-SEALER: Roger Weltmer, M.D., of Beloit, Kan., was looking for a source of sealers that will fit the new, smaller-sized beverage can. Shirley Bell of Lahaska, Pa., wrote to let us know that they are available from the Cookery Ware Shop, Peddlar's Village, P.O. Box 106, Lahaska, PA 18931. The sealer sells for $3.25, plus $1.25 shipping (Pennsylvania residents please add $.20 tax).

MORE ON HOMEMADE HAIR SETTING LOTION: Kathie Kania of The Dalles, Ore., sent the following for Mary D'Amico of Lockport, N.Y.

PROTEIN WAVE AND NAIL SET

1/4-ounce packet unflavored gelatin

1/2 cup water

1/2 teaspoon cider vinegar

Mix gelatin and water, making sure all the granules disappear. It will begin to form a clear gel, but before it actually sets up (and when it has reached the thickness you like), add the vinegar and stir in well. This will retard final gelling.

Store overnight and it's ready to use the next day. Smear thickly on hair before curling. Also great for brittle nails! Dab some on and it will set to a glossy, protein-rich film.

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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BRIDE HONORED — Xandy Ballard was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Debbie Blevins on June 6. Pictured are Tammy Hudson, mother of the bride; the honoree; Cheryl Jones, mother of the groom; Geraldine Greene, grandmother of the groom. Hostesses were Debbie Blevins, Anita Felan and Angela Batchelor. (Contributed Photo)

Class of 1961 seeks addresses

The Snyder High School Class of 1961 is seeking addresses for the following people.

Steve Bates, Larry Devers, Sue Hill Fikes, Carolyn Engler Furnace, Bob (Mokey) Hale, Donna Krop Hilcher, Tommy Jones, Beverly Bratton Mayo, Charles Newman and Beverly Preston.

Also Glenn Robertson, Willie Don Rogers, Reg Scarbrough, Max Shaw, Jimmy Spradlin, Karen Nail Spurgin, Billy Frank Andrews, Roger Avent, Sharon Banks, Charles Bennett, Ray Brown, Ann Byrd, Mary Carpenter, Joe Davis, Ronnie Maroney and Jesse Crawford.

If you have information on any of these, please call Nelda Huddleston, 573-3273 or Sally Martin, 573-3065.

On Sept. 15, 1620, Puritan separatists from the Church of England left Plymouth, England, on the Mayflower. Their destination was Virginia, but they landed on Cape Cod on Nov. 19. Of the 103 passengers who made up the Plymouth colony, half died before their first year on the new continent was over.

Bridal Registry

Deborah Bullock and William Vestal
Julie Bass and John Clinkinbeard
Lesa Barkowsky and Greg Starkins
Mindy Robertson and Jon Holley
Stacy Harris and Kyle Haley
Brooke Cozart and Brad Gober
Angie Aycock Brice and Alfred Brice
April Beale West and Eric West
Amanda Gutierrez and John Baez
Jennifer Trevey and John Stewart
Louise Cates and Philip Payblas
Carrie West and Clay Patterson
Melody Sargent and Andy Weaver
Wendy Wilson Scott and Kyle Scott
Allison Adams and John Wilson
Selena Sutton and Jason Messenger
Cheryl Richardson and Vincent Slay
Amy Holmes and Jeff James
Rebecca Grant and Clint Miller

Infant Registry

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Twenty Fifth Wedding Anniversary

Friday, June 28th from seven to nine o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church Family Life Center, Snyder, Texas.

Infant Registry

Bob and Ollie Burke
Noah's Ark

Clinton and Autumn Garcia
Cows

Jeremy and Susan Stansell
Noah's Ark

Lance and Tracy Kirby
Crayola Crayons

Randy and Kathleen Glasscock
Garden Room

Nursery Theme



Savannah Ann Glasscock
Coming Soon - Baby Sister

COUNTRYPLACE

4213 College Ave. 915-573-1817 Snyder

Williamson, Rainosek

Couple united in marriage during double-ring ceremony

Miss Leslie Michelle Williamson and Michael David Rainosek were united in marriage on Saturday, April 27, in St. John's Catholic Church in San Marcos. Father Art Gramaje performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williamson of Brady. She is the granddaughter of Winnie Fowler of Snyder and Tony Williamson of Spur.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rainosek of San Marcos. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Heinrich of Weimar and Frances Rainosek of La Grange.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected a white satin gown designed by Alfred Angelo that featured a sweetheart neckline. The fitted lace bodice with puff sleeves, embroidered with seed pearls and sequins, had an elongated fitted waist with a full gathered skirt.

Venice lace bordered the hemline of the skirt and chapel-length train. She carried a beautiful cascading bouquet of bridal white roses and stephanottis.

Attendants were dressed alike in an off-the-shoulder gown with a princess waistline of a satin coral color.

Each bridesmaid held a beautiful nosegay of white roses and a colorful assortment of mini-carnations.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Angel Williamson, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids included Brandi Mynatt, Becky Hernandez, and Charmaine Carrithers.

Alan Rainosek, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Darren Purcell, Barry Hoover and Donny O'Dell.

Nikki Howell of Snyder, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl and Miles McMillan served as ring-bearer.



Mrs. Leslie Michelle Rainosek

Deborah Cowand, sister of the groom, Olga Quintero and Dave Roland read Bible scriptures before the bride and groom exchanged vows.

Brad Jones and Kyle Cowand served as ushers. Members of the houseparty were Kim Young and Karen Young.

A buffet dinner and dance was held at St. John's Activity Center immediately following the wedding.

Following the honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in San Marcos.

Bridge By Phillip Alder



Waves of sleep

While in Cairns I stayed with Margaret and Jacque Mamet and their two young daughters, Tahnia and Charlene. They made me feel so at home. And sleeping on a water bed was great too.

Jacque was born in Mauritius, the small island in the Indian Ocean about 500 miles east of Madagascar. Jacque's mother came from one of the leading families in Mauritius. However, he has lived in Australia for many years.

Margaret and Jacque are ambitious players who were also in Surfer's Paradise for the Congress. They combined well on this deal.

After a simple auction to three no-trump, Jacque (West) led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest: the heart five. Declarer played low from the dummy, allowing Margaret to win with the queen. When she returned the heart eight, declarer did well, playing his jack. But Jacque wasn't fooled. He knew that if Margaret had begun with Q-10-8-3 of hearts, she would have returned the three, her original fourth-highest, not the eight. So, Jacque ducked, playing the heart two to advertise his five-card suit.

Declarer called for the club two, but Margaret was awake. She rushed in with her ace and returned her remaining heart. Jacque's three tricks in the suit meant the contract went one down.

Note that if Margaret ducks the first round of clubs, declarer runs for home with three spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club.

	North	06-22-96
	♠ A 5 4	
	♥ K 4	
	♦ K 10 7 4	
	♣ Q J 3 2	
West		East
♠ 10 8 3		♠ J 9 7 6
♥ A 9 7 5 2		♥ Q 8 3
♦ 9 5 2		♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 4		♣ A 7 6
	South	
	♠ K Q 2	
	♥ J 10 6	
	♦ A Q J	
	♣ K 10 9 5	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

I didn't realize I had made a lasting impression on the Mamets, but Jacque tells me I have turned them into WMVOF's: Wine-Mad, Vintage-Oriented Freaks!

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed five tables for Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club at the country club on Friday, June 14.

FRIDAY

1. Margaret Birdwell, Dot Casey.
2. Tizzy Hall, Rube McKinley.
3. Mary Bast, Johnnye Van Dever.

SUNDAY

Dot Casey directed two tables for Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club Sunday, June 16.

1. Mippie Brownlee, Jane Hinton, Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Nona and J.O. Morrison.

TUESDAY

Dot Casey directed three tables for Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club Tuesday, June 18.

1. Laverne Hood, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Pat & Robbie Floyd.
3. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

President Harry Truman signed a bill on Feb. 29, 1952, designating Sept. 17 as an annual Citizenship Day. It replaced I am an American Day, which was formerly celebrated on the third Sunday in May, and Constitution Day, which was held on Sept. 7.

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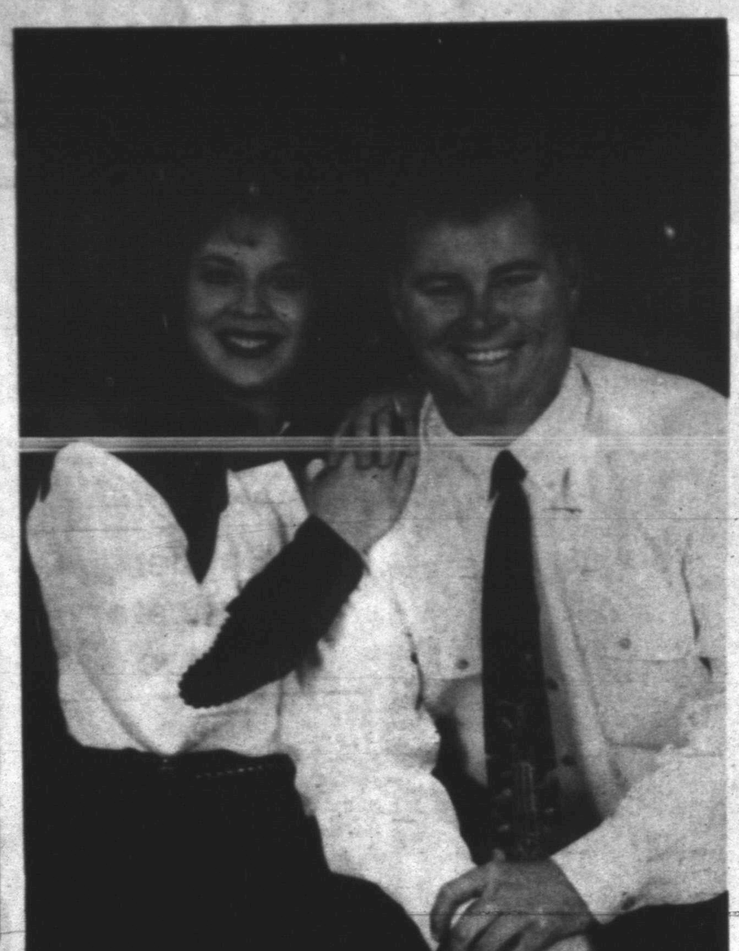
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — R. Neil and Cheryl Beeks of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alison Elaine, to Shane Alan McCarter of Snyder. McCarter is the son of Robert McCarter of Snyder and Donna Wilson of Ozona. The prospective groom's grandparents are Roy and Eva Beth McCarter of Snyder and Imogene Overby and the late Gene Overby of Stamford. The couple plan a 7 p.m. Aug. 10 wedding at First Baptist Church in Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)



JULY WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Combest of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Leanne Combest Murphy, to Rocky Scott Graham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Graham of Vidor. The couple plan a 2 p.m. July 20 wedding at North Side Baptist Church in Abilene. (Contributed Photo)



SUMMER WEDDING — Angela Rae Pack, daughter of Jesse and Glenda Pack of Lubbock, is engaged to Terence L. Alspaugh, son of Barbara Lane Alspaugh of San Antonio and Ronald Alspaugh of San Angleo. The couple plan a July 29 wedding in Trinity Church Chapel in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Shelly Englert set to present voice recital

Shelly Englert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Englert, will present a voice recital Sunday at the First Christian Church. The performance is set to begin at 2 p.m.

Her recital will include works by Handel, Williams, Pergolesi and Caldara as well as personal favorite contemporary gospel songs. Reba Bailey will accompany her.

The public is invited.



Sabrina Salinas

Salinas crowned

Sabrina Salinas was crowned County Supreme Duchess in the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant held June 16.

She received 98 percent of the beauty judging which placed her second in her age division. To receive Supreme Duchess, she sold tickets for the Khiva Shriners and collected canned goods for the Battered Womans Shelter.

She also received 100 percent on the health check-up.

Sabrina is the daughter of Nancy J. Lopez and the granddaughter of Lawrence Jaramillo, Juan Jaramillo and Shorty and Janie Salinas.

Scurry County Library

News and Views

Several children have turned in time and earned prizes in the Summer Reading Club. Local merchants have donated food, drink, and other types of coupons as prizes for the children in the reading club. On Monday the preschool storytime will feature stories about walking and hiking, and we will have running games. On Wednesday we will walk to the Ritz theatre and be given a tour. We encourage the children to come and have fun, and to keep reading and earning prizes.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Complete Car Cost Guide, 1996 Edition."

"Mobfather," by George Anastasia.

"Wake Up and Smell the Coffee," by Ann Landers.

BOOK FEATURE

"Social Security, Medicare, and Pensions," by Joseph L. Matthews.

If you are 55 or older, or if you help support someone who is, this book can provide valuable information. It shows you how to get the most retirement and pension income and get the best medical coverage. It contains practical advice on handling every step of the process, and cuts through the confusion.

NEW FICTION

"Grand Jury," by Phillip Friedman.

"The Dreamgivers," by Jim Walker.

"Behind the Lines," by W.E.B. Griffin.

"The Tenth Insight," by James Redfield.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Remember to return your library books. Books may be placed in the book drop in front of the library after hours. We do not take fines on overdue books.

Senior Citizen Menu

LUNCH

MONDAY
Boneless Barbecue Ribs
Blackeye Peas
Cream Style Corn
Cucumber-Onion Salad
Baked Apple

TUESDAY
Chicken Strips
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Tomatoes & Okra
Carrott-Raisin Salad
Coconut Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Swiss Steak
Parslied Potatoes
Succotash
Fresh Spinach Salad
Sliced Peaches
Coconut Cookies

THURSDAY
Braised Ham
Sweet Potato Patty
Chopped Broccoli
Sliced Tomato
White Cake w/Pineapple Sauce

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
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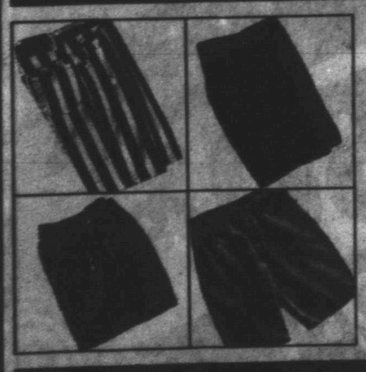
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is well water tainted by pesticides?

DEAR DR. GOTT: We have a pond on our land that is close to our well. Local farmers use a lot of fertilizers and pesticides that drain into our pond. When testing was done through our local health department, they indicated we could drink the water (as we have for 50 years) if we boil it for three minutes prior. The nitrogen will not be compromised by boiling, and I wonder what effect this mineral will have on my body if I drink it. At this stage, I am buying all my drinking water.

DEAR READER: Ground-water run-off is a serious cause of aquifer contamination in many parts of the world. Coliform bacteria from grazing animals may leach into drinking water supplies, making them unpotable. In addition, pesticides, fertilizers and industrial pollution can taint a well.

Excess quantities of nitrogen in well-water usually reflect the presence of organic pollution, either from fecal matter or from chemicals. The nitrogen itself is harmless, but it may be a "marker" for other, more hazardous compounds, such as pesticides, which may cause cancer.

Boiling water will usually kill any bacteria, but the practice will not detoxify other organic contaminants that can remain stable enough to cause harm.

I suspect that your well-water contains either coliforms or fertiiizer residues. If the health department tested your water for organic solvents and other dangerous chemicals, the lab would have reported the presence of such compounds.

Therefore, you're probably running no risk by drinking boiled water from your well. You might also speak to your farmer-neighbors and attempt to persuade them to use less fertilizer and pesticides on the land directly surrounding your well.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please address the subject of elemental calcium. Not everyone is aware that the milligrams indicated per tablet are not totally absorbed. Many post-menopausal women, directed to take supplements to avoid osteoporosis, may be misled into believing that they are receiving adequate amounts of calcium.

DEAR READER: You're correct that some forms of calcium are not absorbed into the body in sufficient quantities to provide protection against osteoporosis.

For example, one major brand contains 1,250 milligrams of calcium carbonate (not absorbed) and 500 mg of elemental calcium (the active product). Therefore, to obtain the 1,500 mg of useful calcium a day, the amount recommended for post-menopausal women, a person must consume three of the calcium tablets.

When calculating how much calcium to take, a patient should figure the amount of elemental calcium, not the calcium that is inactive (but may still be listed on the label).

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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.

Often the butt of tasteless, sexist jokes, women with premenstrual syndrome have, at times, been given short shrift by members of the medical profession. Now, however, doctors not only acknowledge that the affliction exists but have developed effective strategies for treatment.

PMS is marked by a cluster of psychological and physical symptoms that consistently occur in the week preceding menstruation. These symptoms, which usually disrupt a woman's normal activities, include mood swings, anxiety, irritability, forgetfulness, headache, fatigue, food cravings, hot flashes, and others.

The syndrome appears to affect up to 8 percent of women during the reproductive years. The cause is unknown, but the following proposals have been made: alteration in brain chemicals (such as serotonin), changes in the estrogen/progesterone ratio, inappropriate estrogen secretion, inappropriate production of natural cortisone, hypoglycemia, and vitamin/mineral deficiencies.

The diagnosis depends on a clear-cut relation of symptoms to menstruation, when these changes occur during a minimum of two successful menstrual cycles. Also, other medical conditions — such as depression, endometriosis, lupus, or diabetes — must be ruled out with standard blood tests and psychological evaluation. To this end, many physicians use a daily rating scale of symptoms: when women keep a log (for several months) of behavioral and emotional changes, PMS may — or may not — be evident.

Non-drug therapy may help many women who suffer PMS to regain control of their lives. Such therapy includes patient education, stress counseling, a nutritious diet, vitamin supplements, and regular exercise.

Some women seem to be aided by alternative therapies — such as evening primrose oil, herbal supplements and teas. Although such treatments have not been scientifically proven to reduce the symptoms of PMS, they should not be discouraged as long as the ingredients are clearly identified as safe and the patient's symptoms aren't severe.

At present, the most promising line of therapy is selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors. These anti-depressant prescription drugs include Prozac, Paxil and Anafranil. In most studies, about 60 percent of women with PMS will markedly improve with these medications, which can be taken continuously or only during the period that symptoms are present.

If SSRI drugs are ineffective, prescription Xanax, an anti-anxiety medication, is usually the next choice. When given before menstruation, this medication leads to a striking improvement in about 50 percent of cases. Also, oral contraceptives are often useful because they stabilize a woman's hormonal cycle. However, a recent study showed no effect from progesterone alone.

PMS should not be confused with physical/emotional disorders, such as chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, anemia, or thyroid diseases. Nonetheless, the syndrome is often associated with alcoholism and stress. Race and education level are not important constituents of PMS, nor is a tendency toward impulsivity and violence; this incorrect belief has been a cultural misperception for years.

Until further research more clearly elucidates the cause(s) of PMS, women with the disorder should follow the diagnostic steps I mentioned, use non-drug therapy first and then — if necessary — try one of the prescriptions I listed. Help is available through qualified medical professionals.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 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

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Dialogue; cancer support group; CMH board room; 7-8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $7 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m. games follow.

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of FBC; 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.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 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.

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.

Sincere Appreciation

It is with deep appreciation that we extend our thanks to the community of Snyder for the prayers, calls, visits, flowers and food during Charlie's recent surgery and continuing recovery. We have been overwhelmed by the spirit of concern and compassion expressed by the community. We especially appreciate our First Baptist Church family and the prayers and encouragement they continue to provide. We have been greatly blessed and touched by each of you.

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Julia Moore, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Todd and Gail Hunter, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Karen Elam, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Barrie Bowlin, dba Bowlin Automotive, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Barney Tate, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jesse J. and Lurlene Gregg, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Billy D. and Frances N. Arbuckle, 1996 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Gary L. Cram, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Michael G. Toombs, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Margie Springer, 1996 Cadilliac from Big Country Autoland.

J.A. Killebrew, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Mariage License

German Ayut Depaz of Snyder and Norma Sanchez of Abernathy.

Emeterio Luebano Romo and Sulema Berlanga, both of Snyder.

Kyle Lynn Scott and Wendy Nicole Wilson, both of Ira.

Macario Martinez and Estella H. Gonzales, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Leasecomm Corporation vs. 3-K Jar, Inc., dba Taco John's and John Lacik, individually, suit on account.

Xerox Corporation vs. John Lacik and Enserv, Inc., suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Kellie Michelle Miller and Terry Wayne Miller, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Debra Sue McLeod and Bobby Lee McLeod, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Sharon Ann Wemken and Elmer Forrest Wemken, divorce granted.

In the marriage of William Timothy Atwood and Linda Kaye Hudson Atwood, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. John Velasquez, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Sergio Baez, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Anastacio Alvarez Jr., et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Fred J. Miller, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Richard T. Orosco, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Miguel Soto, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Pat Martinez, et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Garlan D. Williams, aka, Garland William, et al, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Pat W. Bills, independent executor of the estate of Mary Nelda Bills, to Pat W. Bills, a tract of land in Block 6 of the Von Roeder Heights Addition.

Milagros Ramona Terry, Trustee of the Milagros Ramona Terry Trust, a Trust created under the will of Bertha Terry, to Lee Evelyn Alexander, tract one being the northeast one-quarter of Section 383, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the north 230 acres in Section 383, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the east one-half of Section 349, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ronnie Myron Fenton to Myron Fenton, an undivided one-sixth interest in the north one-half of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Rosario Quiros Kerry to Grahame Ivan Kerry, a 0.52 acre tract in the northwest part of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ted Billingsley and Janice Blassingame Caulder to Anne Browne, Rickey B. Billingsley, Randy Billingsley, Kim Billingsley and Jane Ann Billingsley Berta, an interest in the following: tract one being 205 acres out of the south one-third of Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 0.9 acre tract out of the west side of Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Karen Eyvonne Mills Morris, et al, to Thomas B. and Frances Faye Mills, the east 320 acres in Section 337, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ray W. and Caroline Reeder to Deborah S. Woods, a tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 485, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jackie R. and Phillis Leatherwood to Clinton and Autum Garcia, all of Lot 5 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Abel A. and Mary E. Beauchamp to Mary Sue Spires, all the west 105 feet of Lot 2 in Block 16 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Roy J. and Susan K. Brown Rosson to R.J. Rosson, tract one being 32.436 acres in Tracts 41-43 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Sections 13 and 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being 50 acres in Tracts 41-42 and 45-46 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract three being 1.032 acres out of Tract 45 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Brook Baldridge is on Dean's List

Hardin-Simmons University has announced its academic honor lists for the spring semester.

Brook Baldridge of Snyder was named to the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 average taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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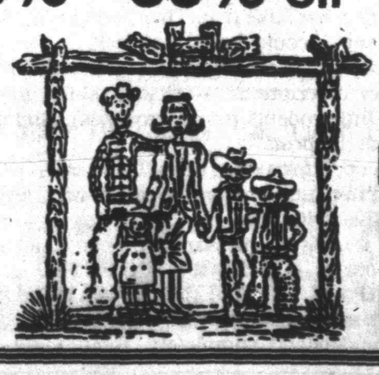


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Naming my computer... it can't hurt



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

One thing computer hackers nearly always do is name their computers. If they have several computers hooked together, they'll name that group after some group in literature, maybe, like Greek gods. Then they'll name each computer after a different god. Hackers may be strange, but in their weird little minds, they know machines.

And I'm thinking...maybe the reason my computer crashed and burned on me last week, erasing every word of work and/or pleasure I'd done in the previous five years, was because I hadn't named it. In fact, it could be because I thought of it as an "it" in the first place, instead of a "he" or "she." Since nobody who knows anything about computers has the remotest idea why my computer died, then I figure this answer is as good as any other.

So, although we didn't have to buy a whole new computer, we may as well have, because the guts have all been replaced and the brain reprogrammed. Now I've got "windows" and all kinds of jazzy colors and bells and whistles and things that make my husband very happy. I've even got one of those furry little rodents that you point and click. My life is supposed to get worlds easier now, according to people who know such things, but since it took me four hours to set the margins for this column before I could write it, then I'm not so sure about that.

Once I did get the margins and tabs set, superstition set in big-time. I decided right then and there that before I wrote a word on my virgin hard drive, I'd best come up with a name for this thang. In fact, I even did away with the old print style and came up with one of those snazzy types that showed up in one of those newfangled windows. I'm hip. I'm with it. (I'm lost.)

Anyway, I thunk and I thunk and the first thing which popped into my befuddled brain was the name: "Ghighau." (If you can't pronounce it, don't sweat it, because I can't either, but that's all right, because most of the words I use when I'm dealing with a computer should be unpronounceable anyway.) It looks like "Gee" for the first part, like "Oh, Gee Whiz," and "gow" for the second, as in "cow." (Stay with me here. You don't know how thrilled I am just to see words again.)

Ghighau is a Cherokee word, a name, actually, which means "Beloved Woman." It seems that there was a woman in Cherokee history who came to be known as Beloved Woman, because no one had ever seen such courage. She went into battle with her husband and fought by his side. When he died in battle, she stayed to finish the fight with their warrior comrades. Over the years, she helped to govern the People, and when she was very old, the Cherokee nation requested that she be the principle negotiator in making peace with the white man.

She did make peace with the white man; however, they betrayed her and massacred her village. Which just goes to show what happens when you trust a man. JUST KIDDING! JUST KIDDING!

If you've ever tried to confront the New York publishing establishment, you will know automatically how much the writer feels like an Indian trading with a bunch of white men. You know there are very few people you can trust, and that very few people whom you are dealing with really know anything about anything. Editors, for example. Most of them are 20-something Vasser graduates who think life is a Seinfeld episode. Publishers get so used to the young editors kissing their, er, feet that they expect everybody else to do so. They make sweeping decisions that make no logical sense, and when the editors scurry about saying, "Salom, Salom, you are a genius," then they naturally expect no objections from the writers. (Like when a publisher changed the title of my suspense thriller from "Trapdoor" to "Love Me Not," stuck a flower on the front, and then was stunned and amazed when it was midtakenly marketed as a romance all over the country.)

Speaking of titles, my new publisher hates the title, "Mourn Not the Dead," for the thriller I wrote about the militant militia and which will be published next spring. She thinks it's depressing. So what did she come up with? "ORDEAL." Oh yeah! Not depressing at all! Salom, you genius!

But I digress. While researching what's-its-name, I discovered that my great-grandmothere was a full-blood Cherokee, and that the chances are excellent that there is a generous dollop of Cherokee blood and DNA genetic patterns running all through my veins from various other branches on the family tree. So I consider myself related by more than just spirit to that old broad who stood toe to toe with the white man in war and peace, and didn't blink once.

Besides, like every other woman, I put on war paint dang near every day.

Ghighau, I christen thee. Let's haul out the pots of war paint, check the arrow supply, and adjust our loin cloths. We'll both of us get the juices flowing and put on our mean faces for battle. This is gonna be fun.



Editorial Comment

On adolescent parenthood

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

It is hardly fresh news that teen-age childbearing is a national problem in the United States. But two separate reports... put what one of them calls "adolescent parenthood" in perspective.

First, UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) reported that American children are more likely to grow up in poverty, and more likely to live in one-parent homes, than children of any other industrialized nation.

Speaking of one-parent homes, UNICEF also says that the United States leads the industrialized world in births to teen-agers. Sixty-four of every 1,000 U.S. births are to teen-agers. In Japan the rate is four per 1,000.

And then came the "Kids Having Kids" report from the University of Pennsylvania, which quantifies the problems related to that teen-age birth rate: Daughters of teens tend later to become teen-age mothers and continue a cycle of poverty; children of teens are more likely to drop out of school; they have more health problems; they are more likely to be abused or neglected, wind up in foster homes and end up in prison. The parents themselves gain less education and earn less money than peers who postpone parenthood.

The "Kids" report calls adolescent childbearing "a significant personal tragedy" and "a national calamity."

Neither report offers an answer, but it should be clear that the problem of too many teen-agers bearing children is not one that can be solved by merely passing a few tough laws. The answer must be one of changed attitudes and increased opportunity. A young person who can see a bright future full of healthy possibilities is less likely to become trapped in teen-age parenthood.

Private support for school athletics

The Marshall News Messenger

Pole vaulting for girls is now a sport officially sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League, the governing body for Texas high school athletics. The UIL also decided to sanction wrestling.

This could mean that next year, your local school district might be paying an instructor who will, among other things, teach young women to plant a pole and spring over a bar suspended in the air. Or another instructor will be teaching young men how to pin opponents to a mat.

If young people want to pursue their dreams to be great pole vaulters or wrestlers, we wish them success. But one judicious question needs to be asked: Should taxpayers foot the bill for wrestling and female pole vaulting?

Coincidentally in the news (recently) was a report on homeowners and property taxes. The Associated Press report gives figures from Comptroller John Sharp's office. They say public school property taxes in Texas rose 3 percent in fiscal 1995, to $9.3 billion. And it will surprise no one to learn that the share homeowners pay in school property taxes has been rising steadily for years. ...

A major topic before the UIL's policy committee was complaints from school coaches that changes in state law mean students are now free to participate on a non-school team while also participating on a school team. ...

We think the UIL is losing grip on reality when it comes to non-school sponsored athletic teams, and public support for school teams. Instead of trying to reverse a trend toward privitization of youth athletics, perhaps the UIL should help it happen or step aside.

Our opinion boils down to this: We can't think of any reason why taxpayers should continue to pay for the operation of sports leagues in their public schools. Private citizens, businesses and others can and do support massive youth sports programs, conducted at relatively low cost and run on a voluntary basis, involving millions of kids playing dozens of sports. Taxpayers do support these endeavors in minimal ways, such as providing space and facilities, but most of the costs are covered by donors and the participants and their families. ...

Our suggestion: Turn over the fields and gyms to local, non-profit corporations. Let them raise money and hire coaches. Let them create endowments to perpetuate their activities, build facilities and offset costs to participants. And give the taxpayers a big break on their property taxes.

Where does Texas go now?

The Dallas Morning News

Where does Texas go now? The U.S. Supreme Court says race played an inordinate role in shaping three Texas congressional districts, one of which runs through Dallas County. The districts must be redrawn, the court ruled in returning the decision to a Houston court.

The pragmatic option is to have the Texas Legislature take this issue up next January.

Yes, the problem could diminish the relative harmony between Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Democratic House Speaker Pete Laney. Those leaders must approve any new districts.

Still a legislative session would be the most democratic alternative. The Houston lower court should resist redrawing the congressional maps itself. Legislators held accountable by voters should make major political decisions, not federal judges.

The court could also suggest the GOP plaintiffs in this case to settle on new districts with the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker. An out-of-court settlement would be less fractious. But that course is not right.

The full Legislature should ultimately approve any new plans. Texas' three "majority-minority" districts will not be the only redrawn seats. Several surrounding districts likewise will be affected.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has a good point. Some Texans can't be asked to vote in November, he says, knowing their congressional district is illegal. But precedents suggest states do not have to interrupt an election cycle in redrawing their lines.

Drawing new lines is always difficult. But voters anxious about losing minority legislators, like Dallas Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, should know redesigns won't necessarily throw out minority leaders.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor says race can play a role in deciding new districts. It just can't be the determining factor. Ron Kirk's mayoral victory (in Dallas) shows minority candidates can create winning coalitions. Minority representation is needed. Race just shouldn't be an overriding factor.

THE RULES



BILL MCCLELLAN

I pass along to you a copy of THE RULES.

They were provided to me by Barbara, a waitress, or rather waitperson, at Rudy's.

"Here are THE RULES," she said, with an inflection in her voice that seem to add "and you'd best memorize them."

So here they are for you to

THE RULES

1. The female always makes the rules.
2. The rules are subject to change at anytime without prior notification.
3. No male can possibly know all the rules.
4. If the female suspects the male knows all the rules, she must immediately change some or all of them.
5. The female is NEVER wrong.
6. IF the female is wrong, it is because of a flagrant misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the male did or said wrong.
7. If Rule 6 applies, the male must apologize immediately for causing the misunderstanding.
8. The female can change her mind at any given point in time.
9. The male must NEVER change his mind without the expressed written and notarized consent of the female.
10. The female has every right to be angry or upset at anytime and for no apparent reason.
11. The male must remain calm at all times, unless the female wants him to be angry or upset.
12. The female must under no circumstances let the male know whether or not she wants him to be angry or upset.
13. Any attempt to document these rules could result in bodily harm.

There is no author, although I'm pretty sure THE RULES are public domian. They could have been written by Barbara. They could have been written by one of my co-workers. Just as likely, they were written by my wife.

I don't feel too bad about that. Not anymore, at least. When I first began to notice that women lump all guys into one category — "men are such jerks" — it honestly used to bother me. I'd think, "hey, we're not *all* like that. Then I found out from my wife, that, indeed, even I could be a real jerk.

An informal poll among the women in the office came up with some other descriptions — jackals, slobs, idiots, buzzards and sniveling little rodents (or cockroaches). And those are the ones can be put in print.

To sum up, I discovered that all women — truly without exception — think men are pretty much lazy, egotistical pigs.

I can live with that.

In fact, it takes the pressure off. I can be a jerk and not have to worry about it. Afterall, it's EXPECTED of me.

After I'd read THE RULES, Barbara asked "Is there any thing you don't understand there?"

No. I understand completely.

Letters to the Editor

Will you help?

Dear Editor:

"The child cries and no one hears."

In an adult world there are many filters that block communication; apathy, perhaps the most lethal one.

A three-year-old gossips with all the women in her neighborhood about the escapades of her alcoholic father; an eight-year-old boy becomes sullen and explosive at school because life at home is unmanageable and no one hears; an adolescent spews over like a corrosive volcano and turns to crime and drugs and alcohol becasue adult apathy keeps people from hearing the need.

Not every child with a bad childhood environment turns out "bad;" but apathy, non-caring attitudes and rationalizations and justifications of adults who don't want to be on a victim list of a "bad" child, nee adult, just feeds and completes this circle of dysfunction. It is easy to give to the church and chuch sponsored functions (no one is saying not to.) It is easy to sponsor popular charities (no one is saying not to.) But it takes guts to get involved with a program that might give area kids something to do other than hang out, make the drag, drink, take drugs and maybe steal your VCR, or create a baby no one is prepared for.

There are a handful of people trying to run our youth center. The building is in bad need of repair. The need is so great it is hard to put into words. They need your time to supervise activities.

You don't have to be rich or have a college education to give time. Supplies are needed. Do you have something you don't need? Money is needed to meet funding for grants.

This is not the first cry for help — but will you hear it? The cries of need are all around. Do you have your heart walled in with denial and apathy? A baby program is trying to grow and make a difference. You can make a difference. Will you hear? Will you help? Will you get involved?

To make a difference, call Connie Robbins, 573-5112.

Sue Phillips
Snyder

Best place, people

Dear Editor:

For many years I have appreciated the area that I lived in. I have taught school, and my children and grandchildren have reached adulthood here.

In February, I became ill and spent 5 months away. I was remembered by so many people, friends, businesses, ministers; it made a great impact on me!

What a wonderful homeplace I had in this community. I have been so afraid I would forget one of those who called, wrote and sent flowers and visited me and prayed for me.

May I say "Thank You" to the best place and the best people in the world.

Thank you,
Gussie Borden Gray, Sr.
Snyder

Letters policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

Opinions in favor of or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.

Snyder men make Internet available to Scurry County



COMPUTER PARTNERS — Since last year, Computer Partners has been providing direct access to the Internet. Stephen Kennedy. left, and Shaun Terrell launched their fledgling business in April of 1995. They have the ability to expand as their business grows. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Direct access to the Internet is now available in Snyder through Computer Partners, founded by Shaun Terrell and Stephen Kennedy.

Since the end of February, the two men have been helping local computer buffs open the door to almost unlimited knowledge. Basically, all that is needed is a computer, phone line, modem and software.

Terrell and Kennedy compare the Internet to the Wild West, because of the way it is quickly expanding.

As much as the Internet has been used, Kennedy said they haven't "scratched the surface of what is available."

"This is definitely not boring," he added. "It is like a wild roller-coaster ride."

Computer Partners has been steadily growing since its inception. In addition to individuals, they also provide Internet access to some members of Snyder Police Department and City Hall. They are in the process of hooking up Western Texas College and county schools have expressed an interest, too.

Computer Partners began in April of 1995 when Terrell approached Kennedy with a "why don't we" proposal. Kennedy didn't see how such a computer operation would work but since Terrell is "like a pit bull" when it comes to a project, Kennedy said his friend eventually came up with a "how to" plan.

Though "it was not easy," Terrell said, they found the equipment they needed.

Their fledgling business has been a learning experience, Terrell said. A former farmer, Terrell said he wanted "something more challenging" — and he has found it with Computer Partners.

He considers Kennedy "the expert" while he is "still learning."

Kennedy, who studied electronics while in the Navy, has been a computer programmer since 1980.

Some customers use the Internet like a phone call, Kennedy said. With the proper hardware and software a family is able to create an "eye phone" which allows them to see each other as they talk.

Others use Computer Partners to connect them to America Online, which eliminates the long distance fee, Kennedy said.

Even without cable, a web site allows access to weather reports on the Internet.

Much research can be conducted through the Internet. A great deal of free information is available.

Also, information-type calls can locate phone numbers which are not unlisted. Kennedy once used the Internet to locate the name and address of someone he had not seen in a long time.

A directory of e-mail addresses is also available, but it lists only those who have registered with the service.

Computer Partners employs standard Internet software, Kennedy said. A bulletin board is not needed.

For a flat fee of $50 per month, subscribers receive prompt service and unlimited use of the Internet. Customers don't have to commit to a certain period but may continue the service on a monthly basis.

Usage is not metered nor is a long distance charge tacked on.

The computer server has more than adequate band width for 600 computers to use simultaneously.

Computer Partners does not charge a storage fee, though Kennedy said they do like for their customers to collect their messages as soon as possible.

Both men like "solving problems" so they are always willing to help customers with their software problems.

Computer Partners' system is expandable. They presently have 14 phone lines and two different speeds of modems — 28.8 and 14.4, each with multiple lines.

A web server for personal home page will eventually be added to the system, Terrell said.

For more information, contact 573-4091 or 573-5576.

Music industry fight against drug abuse won't include testing

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The music industry wants to do something about the drug abuse that has led to arrests and deaths of entertainers, but is ruling out mandatory testing, a spokesman said today.

"This is not about the business of being the drug police in the music industry," Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, said at a news conference.

"It's such an anathema. ... To contemplate any support of drug testing is just ridiculous," he said.

Greene comments followed a day of private discussions Thursday on ways to deal with drug dependency in the industry, which already helps pay for substance abuse programs.

Bradley Nowell, lead singer of the rock group Sublime, was found dead of a heroin overdose in San Francisco on Memorial Day weekend.

That same weekend, Depeche Mode singer Dave Gahan was arrested in Los Angeles for investigation of cocaine possession and being under the influence of heroin.

Drummer Dallas Taylor, who has struggled with heroin, said he believes drugs are a bigger problem now in rock music than in the "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" 1960s when he played with Crosby, Stills & Nash.

Drug use does not appear to be as prevalent in country music, Garth Brooks told reporters Wednesday night before a concert at the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles.

But "if there's one person that has a problem in drugs in country music, then ... country music has a problem. There's no room for it," the singer said.

The Stone Temple Pilots were forced to cancel their summer tour this year after a judge in April ordered lead singer Scott Weiland into a treatment program. Weiland was arrested in Pasadena in 1995 after deputies found crack in his car and heroin in his wallet.

A similar gathering of music executives was held late last year after the October death of Shannon Hoon, lead singer of the alternative rock band Blind Melon. Tests revealed Hoon died of a cocaine overdose.

Hoon's death came 18 months after the suicide of Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of the Seattle grunge band Nirvana. Cobain struggled with heroin and alcohol problems for years before his death.

Settlement bans forever chain gangs in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A year after Alabama became the first state in the nation to revive the use of chain gangs, state officials faced with a lawsuit have agreed to abandon the gangs permanently.

The practice of shackling five inmates together with leg irons while working on roadside cleanup will never again be used in Alabama under an agreement reached by lawyers for inmates, state prison officials and Gov. Fob James. Individual inmates may still have their legs chained together, but they will not be attached to anyone else.

The settlement, spelled out in a joint statement filed Wednesday in federal court, must be approved by U.S. Magistrate Vanzetta McPherson. If she grants preliminary approval, state inmates would be given 30 days to raise any objections before a final decision is reached.

The agreement stems from a lawsuit filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, which contends chain gangs are cruel punishment. The suit was filed after James and then-Prison Commissioner Ron Jones revived chain gangs last year. At least two other states, Florida and Arizona, have followed suit.

The governor demoted Jones to warden of a state prison after he announced plans for female inmate chain gangs, which James refused to allow.

Jones' successor, Prison Commissioner Joe Hopper, recently abandoned the use of chain gangs.

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Q&A

What exactly is denial?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other members of our community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to your questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

"I have a very close friend who I believe has a drinking problem. She, however, tells me that it is not a problem and that she can control it and stop whenever she feels like it, that I should just stay out of her business. I have heard the expression 'He/She is in denial' when talking about alcohol and drugs and I am wondering what exactly is denial? Could this be what is wrong with my friend?

Denial is a psychological mechanism or process by which human beings protect themselves from something threatening to them by blocking knowledge of that thing from their awareness. The denial that this thing exists in their lives is below the level of awareness. It is done subconsciously. In other words. the person doesn't know or is unwilling to admit that it exists. The problems overshadow or cloud a person's ability to realize or recognize that the thing, set of circumstances, events or phenomenon are actually happening in their lives.

This process of denial has many faces which may manifest or characterize themselves in any one or more in the following ways.

•Simple denial — maintaining that something is not so which is indeed a fact and very obvious to others important in the person's life.

•Minimizing — admitting superficially to the problem but will not admit that it is serious in scope.

•Blaming — denying responsibility or certain behavior and fixing the blame on someone else.

•Rationalizing — offering alibis, excuses, justifications or other explanations for behavior. The behavior is not denied but an inaccurate explanation of its cause is given.

•Intellectualizing — avoiding emotional, personal awareness of a problem by dealing with it on a level of generalization, intellectual analyses or therorizing.

•Diversion — changing the subject to avoid discussion of the topic that is threatening.

•Hostility — becoming angry or irritable when reference is made to the problem causing conflict. This is a defense to back the challenger off the problem.

Denial is automatic — it operates below the level of awareness — the affected indvidual does not really know that he or she is engaging in the acts of denial.

Denial is progressive — the affected individual sets up such an elaborate system of denial mechanisms that they pervade the entire personality and become so enmeshed that they are extremely difficult to penetrate.

Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Send your questions to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79550. Or you may call (915) 573-1141. All questions and personal inquries may be submitted anonymously.

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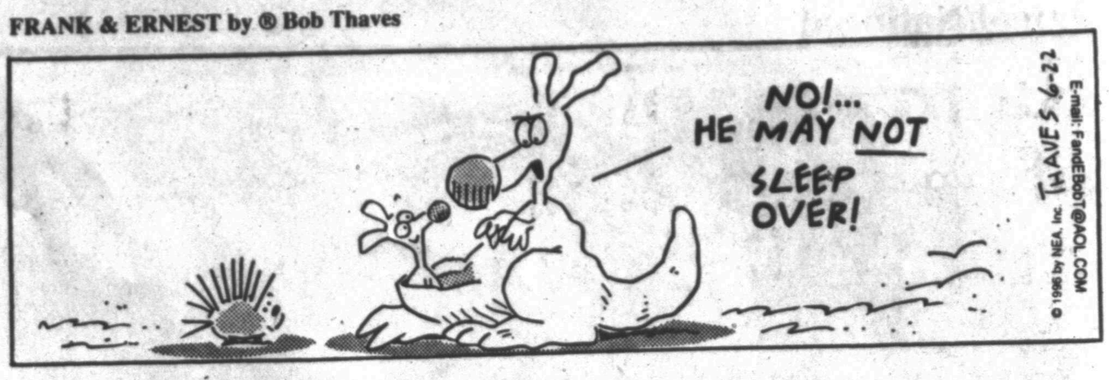
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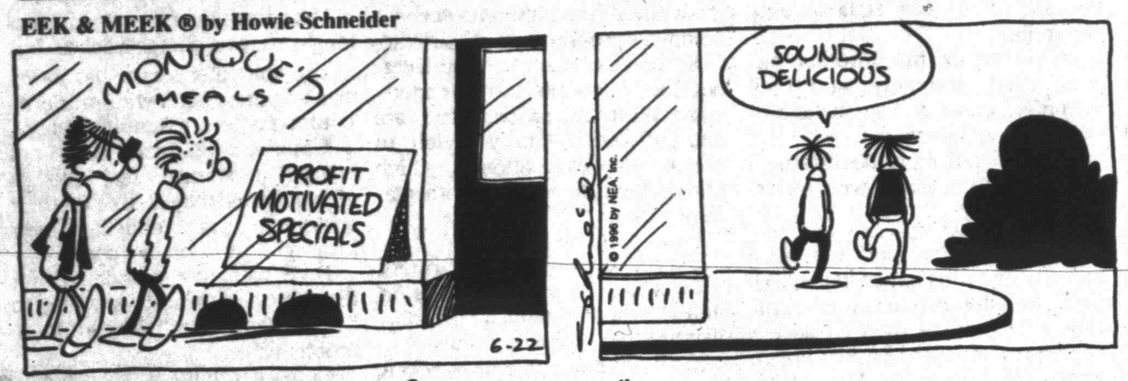
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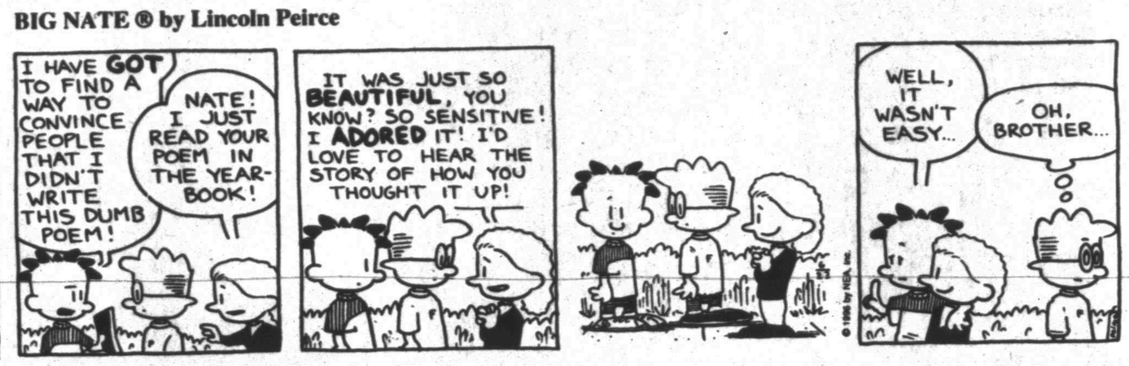
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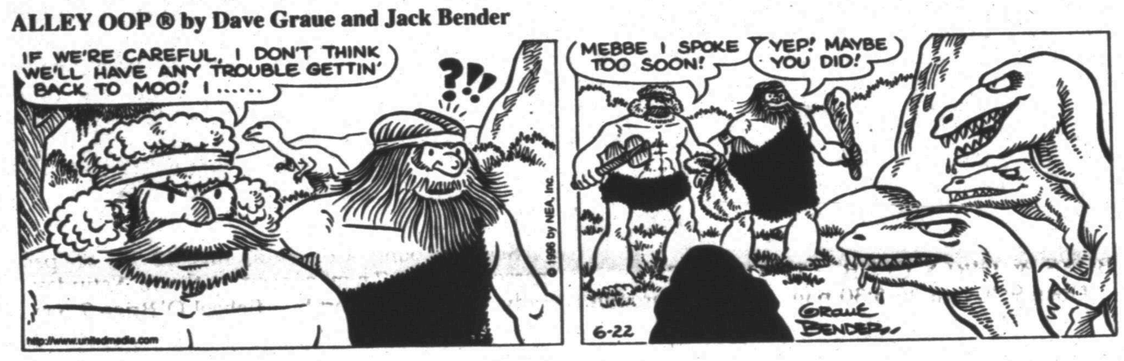
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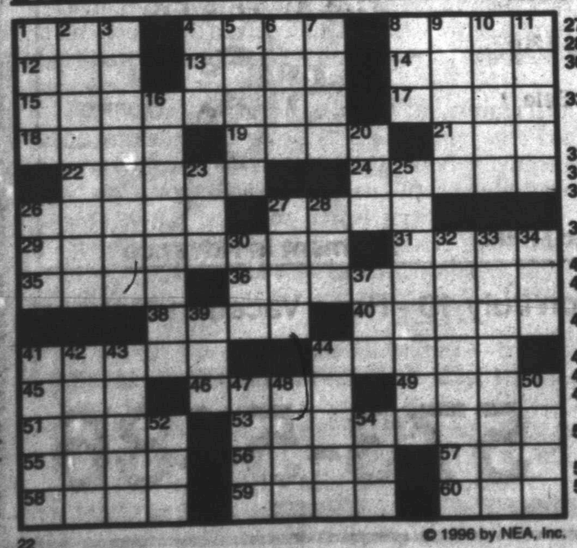
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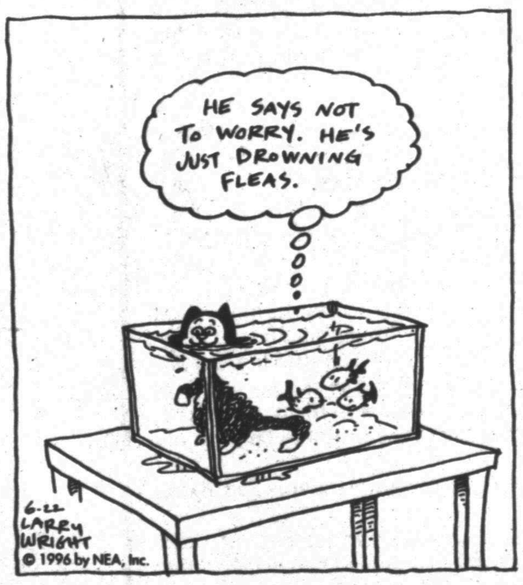
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Radio still playing well in era of online media, satellite TVs

NEW YORK (AP) — In the era of the Internet, satellite television and cable channels by the fistful, a far older technology has emerged as a powerful force.

Radio is hot again.

Westinghouse's $3.9 billion deal to buy Infinity Broadcasting and its 44 radio stations illustrates more than anything else just how important the business has become to the nation's media giants.

"As a radio guy, I absolutely love it," says Rush Limbaugh, one of the medium's modern-day stars. "Radio has always been the stepchild, the lowest rung on the ladder. Now, it's being taken more seriously."

Seriously is right. While the number of U.S. radio stations has grown by about 30 percent since 1980 to more than 10,000, the money they take in from advertising has more than tripled to $11.5 billion, according to the Radio Advertising Bureau.

With that has come the emergence of bona fide superstars like Limbaugh, Howard Stern and Don Imus. The latter two work for Infinity.

Why has radio not only endured technology's blindingly fast advances but thrived? After all, radio still functions much as it did during its heyday, when listeners tuned in Edward R. Murrow and "Amos and Andy."

The answer is as simple as driving a car. Literally. Radio listening is, and always will be, a hands-free effort.

"It makes the day go faster," says Bert Madia, a Fairfield, N.J., truck driver with 30 years behind the wheel. "It tells you the weather. It tells you the accidents. It tells you what's ahead of you. The radio helps you more than the CB."

Of course, that's not the only reason for radio's popularity.

"There are a lot more different formats today then there were 10 years ago," says Dennis McAlpine, a media and entertainment analyst at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross, a brokerage firm.

In the most recent ratings period, even some disco stations posted gains. That's right, disco.

Advertisers, who pay the bills, love to be able to speak to specific audiences so they can target their products. And they'll pay for the privilege. Ownership by big media companies can help stations more aggressively peddle advertising.

Senior Center News

A birthday celebration for all senior citizens born in June will be held in the Senior Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday. A performance by the Kitchen Band will follow the party at 11 o'clock. The new line-dancing class will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday and new class members are welcome to attend.

A domino tournament and bridge will get Senior Center activities underway on Monday. Bridge starts at 9:30 a.m. that day, and again on Friday. The domino tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Other games scheduled during the week are 42 at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Benny Benitez will be playing for country/western dancing in the Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Senior citizens who prefer bridge, dominoes, 42 or other games are invited to go to the Center at the same time for a game session.

Programs during the week include a performance by the Local Yokels at 11 a.m. Tuesday and a video on confronting harassment on the street at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. "Nutrition Facts" will be presented at 11:45 Thursday.

The Sunshine Choir will lead a sing-along in the Center on July 3 to get everyone in the mood for Snyder's annual July 4 Celebration in Towle Park. The Center will be closed July 4 and will have an in-house picnic by way of celebration on July 5.

The Senior Center has a memorial fund and welcomes donations to the fund as memorials and in commemoration of special events such as birthdays and anniversaries. Information about the fund can be obtained by calling the Center at 573-4035.

Haskell woman...

Johnson elected to SHL

Senior citizens in Scurry County will be represented by Francine Johnson of Haskell in the Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) when it convenes this September in Austin.

Representatives to the SHL are elected by voters age 60 and older. Scurry County is in District 3 with Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan and Stonewall counties. Ninety-five votes were cast at Scurry County Senior Center, an excellent turnout, said officials, considering that fewer than 1,000 voters were expected to cast ballots in the entire West Central Texas region.

"We were very pleased that so many senior citizens took time to cast their ballots here," said Norma Laywell, Senior Center director. "We want Mrs. Johnson to know that we are aware of the work representatives to the SHL do and we appreciate her willingness to be a member."

The SHL makes recommendations to the Legislature on issues important to senior citizens. The SHL has no decision-making power or legislative authority, but most of the 15 resolutions supported by the group in 1994 passed the Legislature in 1995.



Kids Summer Calendar

COUNTY LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

*Preschoolers and non-readers, Mondays through July 22, 10 a.m. Stories, puppets, crafts, etc.

*Students who have completed K-6th grades, Wednesdays through July 24, 10-11 a.m. Reading, games, demonstrations, etc. Sign up any time during the summer. No cost. Call 573-5572.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, 155 31ST ST.

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For boys and girls 7-18 years old. Outdoor and indoor recreational activities. Membership: $5 per year. Directed by Jack McGlaun and Jan McClain. Call 573-3344.

SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUES

Snyder Lanes, 1910 35th St. Phone 573-2811. Parent/Child summer leagues, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Join any time.

SUMMERTIME TAEKWONDO

West Texas Taekwondo, 2500 Ave. R. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m. for beginners, 6 years and older. Prices vary. Scholarships available. Go by or call Greg Gafford at 573-2555 to register.

SUMMER MOVIE SPECIALS

Cinema I & II. Kids and adults. "G" rated movies every Wednesday through Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Ten movies with $4 ticket book or $1.50 each.

SUMMER PIANO CLASSES

Lynn Bethel's Piano Camps. Grades 5-7, 2 or more years experience: July 15-20; Grades 8-12, 3 or more years experience: July 22-27; Grades 1-4, no experience: July 29-Aug. 3; Boogie beats camp, Aug. 5-10 for grades 5 through 7.

Call 573-5816. Hours, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. Cost: $125. Music games, drama art, swimming. Under no obligation to commit to piano lessons.

SWIMMING

At Towle Park Pool:

Instructor Mike Harrison. Call 573-9192 or 573-3480.

*Open Swimming: Saturday through Thursday, 1:30-5 p.m., 17-under $1.50, 18-older $2.

*Family Swim Nights, Saturdays, 6:30-8 p.m., $4 family/$2 single.

*Swim classes, 8 55-minute lessons, different levels of ability, $25; Swim team, ages 6-18, noon to 1 p.m. through Aug. 1, $30 a month; Infant/toddler class, 30 minutes, Tuesday & Thursday, July 9-25. $13; Aqua aerobics, 5:30-6:30 p.m., through Aug. 8. $40.

Western Texas College:

Open Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 1. Morning swimming, $2, afternoon is $2 for 18 and older, $1 for 17 and under. Summer memberships are $50. Call 573-8511, ext. 290 or 390.

Lap swimming 6:30-8 a.m.; Swim class, 8:30-9:25 a.m.; Seniors (swim free), 9:30-11:25 a.m.; Swim Class, 10:30-11:25 a.m.; Open swim (general public) 2-5 p.m.

Classes: Classes will be held for parent/child ($12), beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate (all $21). Call for dates and times.

Individual:

Instructor Amy Eicke, certified by Red Cross. Starting dates are July 8 and July 29. $30 per child, all ages. Call 573-9036.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Cotton Patch Crafts, ceramic lessons for kids. Call 573-6151.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Towle Park. Bike decorating contest, many more activities.

AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY

Scurry County Coliseum, July 12-13. $5 per person. Friday, 7 p.m. concert by Sierra; Saturday, rally 1-5 p.m., concert by Michael O'Brian 7 p.m. Youth of all denominations are urged to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

*37th Street Church of Christ, July 29-31, 7-8:30 p.m. Call 573-0154.

WTC CLASSES FOR KIDS

Call 573-8511, ext. 390. Pregistration required for all classes. Space is limited.

*Art for Kids; instructor, Carol Bullard, Cost, $25, includes supplies. June 24-27, painting; July 8-11, printmaking; July 15-18 fantastic masks.

*Computer for Kids; basic instruction using Windows.

*Dance; instructor, Jiletta Kubena; Through June 27; Grouped grades K-3, 4-6, 7-8, high school and above. Lyrical, jazz, modern dance and ballet.

Other classes tentatively planned: archeology for kids, archery, children's theatre, tennis, weight-lifting for junior high students.

GYMNASTICS AND CHEERLEADING

Kay and Neika Porter (573-8360 or 573-1602)

*Mini Cheerleading Camp, 4-6th grade, July 29-Aug. 1, 8:30 a.m. to noon, $40. Preregister July 15-18, noon-1 p.m., 5-7 p.m. at the gym, 2502 Ave. V. Will perform at first home football game.

*Gymnastics, 3 and older, ability groups, through June 30, one hour, twice a week, $40. Second child $30.

*Flexibility and Tumbling, young men junior high and older, Through June 27, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30, instructor Glen Lewis (3949), $40.

EXERCISE

Co-ed exercise class for high school age and up, weekdays through mid-July. Cost: $2 per night. Snyder Boys & Girls Club, 6-7:15 p.m. Benefits will go to help the club. Call instructor Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 after 4 p.m. or the club at 573-3344 for more information.

OTHER SPORTS (call for information)

*Girl's Softball, early July, ages 5-16, $15, Call Pam at 3869 or 6389.

*Girl's Volleyball Camp, Coach Patty Grimmett. July 15-18, 8:30-noon, high school gym. Entering grades 5-9, $40. Call 573-9416.

*Snyder Basketball Camp of Champs, Grades entering 2nd through 6th. July 8-12, 8:30 a.m. until noon. Fundamentals of shooting, dribbling and defensive techniques. $45. T-shirts and trophies for individual competition. Shots videoed and analyzed. Contact Stephanie McKnight, 573-4141 or Robert Wood, 573-1301.

STAINED GLASS CLASSES

Darlene Beard will teach stained glass classes throughout the summer. For more information, call 573-6151.

Anyone having information about summer activities which pertain to kids may have them placed on the calendar by calling Snyder Daily News at 573-5486.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Downsized Husband Loses Friends as Well as His Job

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to two of your readers who complained about "ghost syndrome," which occurs when someone suffers a tragedy such as divorce or terminal illness, and formerly supportive friends withdraw or disappear.

My family suffered another kind of tragedy that resulted in the same insensitive treatment. My husband, a highly placed executive, lost his job in 1990 because of company downsizing. We had been part of a large circle of friends. After the layoff it was as though we had caught a contagious disease or had fallen off the face of the earth.

Please let your readers know that the loss of a job is like having the rug pulled out from under you. Illnesses surface, self-esteem plummets, marriages are stressed and a general feeling of hopelessness pervades each day.

It would have been so helpful if a friend had invited us over for dinner, or had taken one of our children to a movie.

My husband and I finally found jobs out of town. We were grateful not only for the income, but also for a chance at a fresh start with the opportunity to make new friends — because our old ones had vanished.

LINDA W., FORMERLY
OF TOLEDO, OHIO

DEAR LINDA: I'm sure your letter will strike a chord with many of my readers. Job loss is one of the most challenging circumstances a family has to face. It is a time when the compassion and sensitivity of friends and family — helping with groceries or child care, offering to update a resume, or dropping off a stack of videos for a night of free entertainment — can make all the difference.

People who care would not wait to be asked, which can be difficult for a family used to taking care of themselves. Such gestures are deeply appreciated and long remembered.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are retired and live in a gated (guarded) community occupied mostly by retired persons.

Our neighbors are lovely people, very friendly and sociable. "Sue" and "Al" are especially nice, and assist us in numerous ways. However, I can't set foot outside my front door without drawing Sue's attention. The minute she sees me, she comes over and initiates a conversation, usually of great length. This happens during the day, at night, on my porch or yard — anytime I stick my nose outside my front door.

Abby, I like her and her husband very much and try not to hurt their feelings, but the stress is becoming unbearable. I feel like a captive in my own home. I actually dread going out my front door!

How can I convey the message that I don't wish to chat with her every time I am in her sight? It seems she purposely waits for me to come out so she can engage me in conversation.

DESPERATE IN CARLSBAD

DEAR DESPERATE: Your neighbor could be a lonely woman with few social contacts, or she may be the biggest pest in your gated community. But treat her as you would want to be treated if the situation were reversed.

Make yourself less available for long conversations. Explain gently, but firmly that you have many things to do, and have no time to chat.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued when I saw the letters in your column about forgetting people's names and trying to bluff. They reminded me of an incident that happened to my father, who is a 79-year-old Baptist minister.

Dad worked many jobs over the years. He had a "paying job" to raise us kids, and on the side he preached. He met people all over the Southwest, and they remembered him because he was educated, articulate, poetic, literate, compassionate, forgiving and loving. (He still is, and he still preaches that God is a loving, compassionate and forgiving entity.)

Dad can remember the faces of most of the people he has met, but not their names or the context in which he met them. One Sunday he returned to a church where he had served as an interim pastor. A lady walked up to him after the service and said with tears in her eyes, "Brother Clark, I can't tell you how moved I am to see you again. I haven't seen you in 10 years."

She chatted on about how happy she was to see him, and Dad tried vainly to remember her name. When she mentioned how much her husband had always thought of "Brother Clark," Dad put out a feeler based on that continued theme. "And just how IS your husband?"

"Still dead," was the much colder reply. It turned out that the last time the lady had seen Dad was when he had preached at her husband's funeral!

Dad not only raises people's spirits when they are grieving, he also raises the most beautiful flowers in Clinton, Miss. (just outside of Jackson). My mother is deceased now, but one of my favorite stories about my parents concerns a woman who stopped quite often to admire the gorgeous landscaping. One day the lady turned to my mom and asked, "How much do you pay your yardman?"

"Nothing," Mom replied. "But I have to sleep with him."

KAREN CLARK,
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR KAREN: Your letter is a day-brightener. You are fortunate to have been raised in a loving home in which laughter was not a stranger. That reminds me of a quotation I treasure from Wilferd (cq) Peterson: "Laughter is the best medicine for a long and happy life. He who laughs — lasts."

DEAR ABBY: Mothers-in-law are so often given a "bad rap," I just have to tell you about mine.

Recently my marriage was faltering. My husband, "Jack," is a complex man whom I had always had great difficulty understanding. I felt I had tried just about everything, and was one step away from filing for divorce.

Out of desperation, I called my mother-in-law (I'll call her "Adele"). She listened as I poured out the story. She did not judge, criticize or condemn either one of us. She supported her son and me equally. Adele provided some keen insights into Jack that I didn't have. In a kind and gentle way, she also helped me to see where I needed to improve.

I learned a lot about my husband and also about myself from Adele's wisdom, and I'm putting what I learned into practice. Jack and I are staying married, and our marriage is growing stronger.

I thank God for my mother-in-law every night, and I pray that when my children are grown and have spouses of their own, I will be to them the same wise and loving mother-in-law that Adele is to me.

MICHELLE IN GEORGIA

DEAR MICHELLE: What a beautiful tribute to your mother-in-law. As your letter so accurately illustrates, there are times when it takes more than two to make a marriage flourish. Thank you for sharing that valuable lesson. Adele sounds like a jewel.

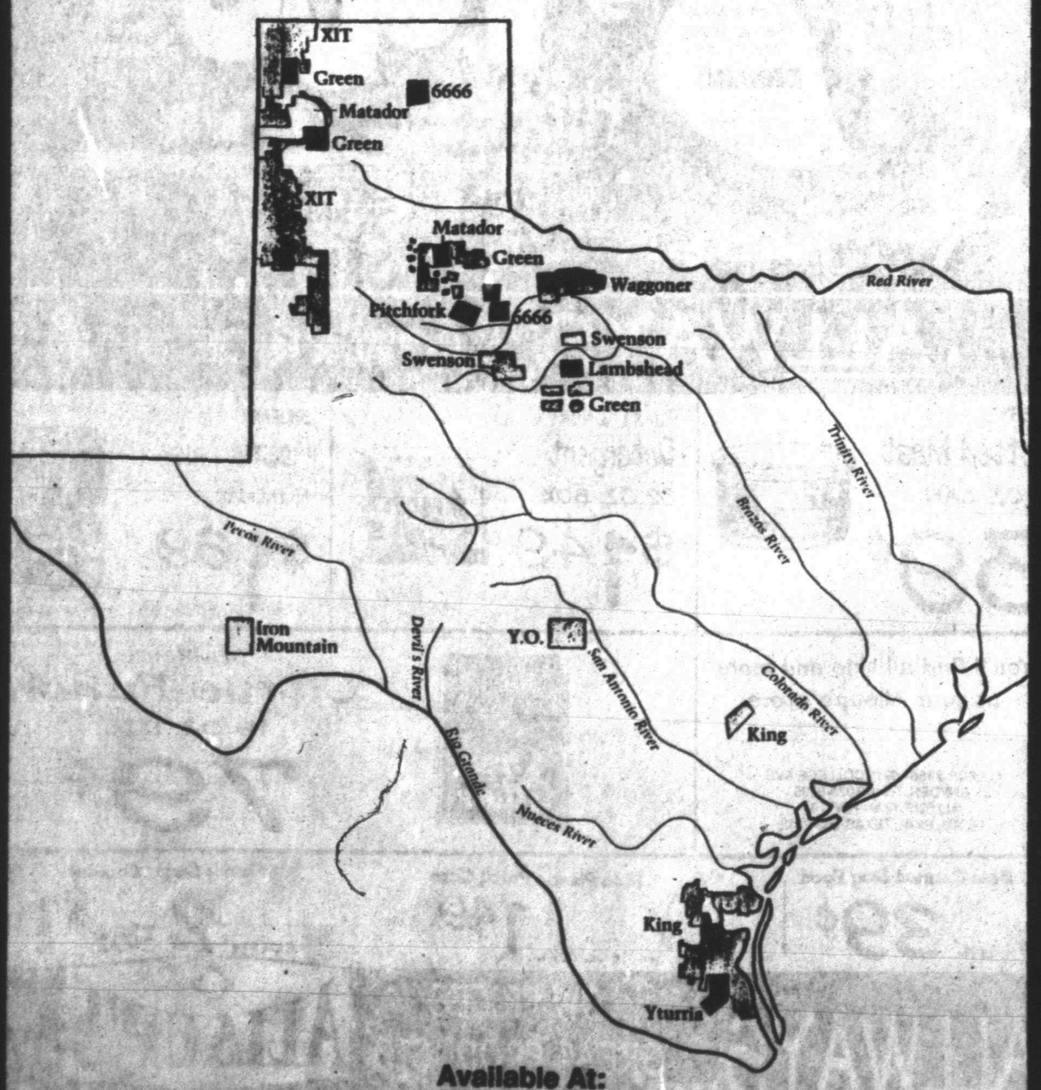
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Editor's Note: In conjunction with the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus, the Snyder Daily News will publish a series of old photographs which need to be identified. The first person to correctly identify the subjects in the picture in writing will win a free dinner at the Golden Corral. A different photo will be published every two weeks.

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