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City-wide clean up... ...200 tons and growing

The Snyder community is some 200 tons to the good on the side of getting rid of trash and junk, thanks to the recent cleanup drive by the city.

"We've picked up right at 200 tons, with a couple of days left to pick things up," said Eli Torres, landfill supervisor.



Remains of a burned mobile home carried away

One particular area targeted by the city was the mobile home that burned a few months ago in the 200 block of 30th Street.

City crews were at that location last week, hauling off the remains of the mobile home, including cutting up the steel for salvage.

Also to be cut down is the metal covering of the mobile home that saw steel beams bent due to the amount of heat generated during the fire.

It appears now that the property will join the ranks of other property in the community where the city has had to come in and clean up an area deemed a health and safety hazard.

The owner of the property, Russell Jones, will be sent a bill for the cleanup, less what the city received from the salvageable materials.

The city will follow normal notification procedures with Jones and if the bill is not paid, a lien will be filed against the property.

This is what happened to the property on the square whose structures were destroyed by fire over a year ago.

Vic Chambers of the city's planning and zoning department said liens have been filed against the owners of both buildings that were destroyed.

"They still own the buildings, we just have a lien against the property," said Chambers.

In the event the property ever sells, the city will then recoup its costs for cleaning up the property.

"They'll have to settle the lien before the title can be transferred," said Chambers.



LOOKING GOOD – City employees Tony Zuerra, front, and Gill Almanza use cutting torches to cut the fencing down around the frame of a mobile home that was destroyed by fire. Their efforts were part of the city-wide cleanup project that has seen over 200 tons of trash sent to the city's landfill. (SDN Staff Photo)





BAGHDAD AIRPORT — Snyder resident Rick Tollison, far right, waits at the Iraqi airport to fly home. With Tollison is William Peterson, far left, and two unidentified medics. Other photos are of the attacked convoy. (Contributed Photos by Rick Tollison)

Snyder resident in convoy when driver taken hostage

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder resident Rick Tollison was driving a vehicle in a fuel convoy on April 9 between Baghdad and Fallujah when the convoy was attacked and one American, Tommy Hamill, was taken hostage.

Tollison and Hamill both work for Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) and both were driving military Freightliners hauling fuel.

"It was a massive attack right outside Baghdad," said Tollison, only a couple of days away from returning to Iraq.

"There were 19 vehicles in the convoy not counting the escorts," said Tollison. "None of the vehicles survived the attack, but we were able to pull four of them out of the attack area."

Six other KBR employees in the convoy with Tollison are missing, with at least four confirmed dead.

"Hamill was the convoy commander and he was driving the first vehicle," said Tollison who was driving the fourth vehicle in the convoy line.

"They hit us pretty hard from both sides of the road...mortars, hand-held rockets, small arms fire and probably some .20 caliber weapons.

"The attack lasted about an hour-and-a-half until we were able to get into a safe area with the First Cavalry," said Tollison.

Tollison said the First Cavalry had taken that particular spot the night before.

The convoy survivors were eventually taken to the Baghdad International Airport in Bradley tanks to wait for their return home.

"I had a couple of guys who had served in Vietnam tell me that attack was as bad as anything they had seen there," said Tollison.

Tollison had been in Iraq since March 1 and his tour with the company ends in February.

His prior work included stints with Halliburton, KBR's parent company, and E. D. Walton Co., both in Odessa.

He is a 1986 graduate of Odessa High School and he and his wife, Tonya, have four children — Jacob Tollison, 10, Connor Tollison, 9, Clayton Eubanks, 11, and Canaan Eubanks, 9.

Tollison said this stint in Iraq is his first work out of the country.

"I'm going back, but not as a truck driver," said Tollison. "I plan to be in operations or logistics...but I don't plan on driving a truck anymore."

Tollison lives in Camp Anaconda while in Iraq, and basically pulls a 12-hour shift.

"We stay inside the compound except on convoy. We were allowed to travel to other locations, but that is no longer allowed.

Tollison believes strongly in the role the United States has in Iraq.

"Some think we're there for the wrong reason," said Tollison. "I'm there for the support of our government and the support of our troops."







JPs subject of court meeting on Monday

The Scurry County Commissioner's Court will discuss several issues concerning justice of the peace courts as well as emergency management at its meeting Monday morning.

The court will take another look at adding a clerk to Justice of the Peace Debra Boyd's office. Boyd spoke at the last meeting about how her volume of work, both handling tickets and other types of cases, has increased lately and the need to catch up on tickets that are running three weeks or more behind. She said the increase in funds the county is receiving from more tickets would more than pay for the clerk's salary. Commissioners were openly divided on the issue at the last meeting but since it was not an action item, no vote was taken.

Commissioners also will look at appointing a new justice of the peace for Precinct 2, to replace Travis Brackeen who died Aug. 27, 2002.

Budget amendments for one or both courts also will be considered Monday.

The court also will discuss and possibly act on approving an emergency management program for the county along with a mutual aid agreement and other orders to go along with it.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's interim CFO, Richard Murphy, will address commissioners about planned new procedures for purchasing and paying for items at the hospital.

In more routine business the court will hear reports from the library director, county treasurer and other department heads.

The court will meet at 10 o'clock in the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Early voting continues

Only two entities will have an election on May 15 in Scurry County as early voting started Wednesday for board places at Western Texas College and the Hermleigh ISD.

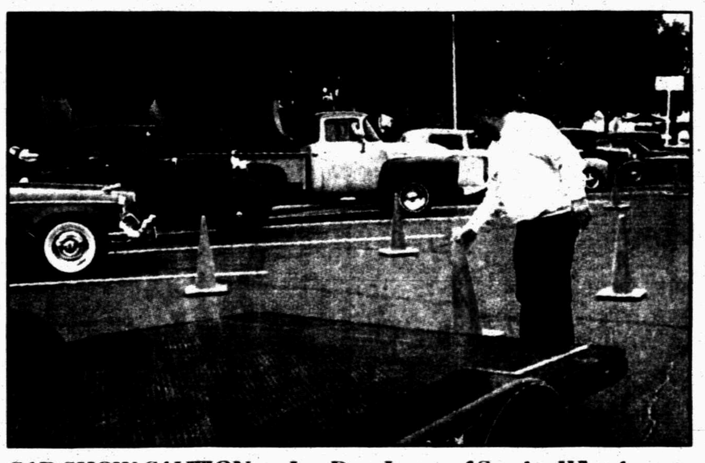
Thirty-seven votes were cast early in the Place 3 trustee election for WTC as incumbent Carolyn Barbee is being challenged by Bob O'Day.

Early voting is held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the administrative reception area of the administration building.

At Hermleigh, a dozen votes were cast early as three candidates are vying for two at-large positions. Vying for the two positions are Burton Sandefur, John Williamson and Billy Luna.

Early voting at Hermleigh is held from 8 a.m. until noon in the high school library.

Early voting ends May 11.



CAR SHOW CAUTION — Joe Dan Jones of Snyder Wheels puts out protective cones around some of the entries in the Snyder Wheels Car Show Saturday morning. Activities were planned for all day including a burn-out contest at 1 p.m., the awards at 4 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m., the cruise down 37th Street will take place. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It isn't your position that makes you happy, but your disposition."

A lot of folks think that Houston is a good place to visit, but you only live there if you have to.

The Houston Chronicle last year hired a new staffer who writes a frequent column for the newspaper.

He has observed over the past eight months that Houston has some of the most courteous drivers anywhere. He wrote, "I'm amazed how polite everyone is, even when driving."

Puzzled by the mild manners of the Texans motoring in Houston, he asked his readers why.

He finally revealed the most frequent answer:

"We assume the other driver has a gun."

We like a little levity and often a collection from actual want ads are a nice treat.

These are a recent collection of classified ads from across the country.

—Free Yorkshire terrier, 8 years old. Hateful little dog that bites.

—Free puppies: half Cocker Spaniel and half sneaky neighbor's dog.

—Free puppies. Part German Shepherd and part stupid dog.

—Found: Dirty white dog. Looks like a rat. Been out a while. Better be a reward.

—1-man, 7-woman hot tub. $850 or best offer.

—Snow blower for sale. Only used on snowy days.

—Cows, calves never breed. Also one gay bull for sale.

—Nordic track, $300: Hardly used. Call Chubby.

—Hummers: Largest selection ever. "If it's in stock, we have it."

—Georgia peaches, California grown...

—Nice parachute. Never opened, used once.

—Tired of working for only $9.75 per hour? We offer profit sharing and flexible hours. Starting pay $7 an hour.

—Exercise equipment: Queen size mattress and box springs, $175.

—Joining nudist colony. Must sell washer and dryer, $300.

—Open House: Body Shapers Toning Salon. Free coffee and doughnuts.

—For sale by owner: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 volumes. Excellent condition. $1,000 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last month, wife knows everything.

Remember, don't skip the word ads, they can be both profitable and entertaining.

ASK US

Q—Does anyone in Snyder give flying lessons, and if so, how much do they cost?

A—According to airport manager Rodger Sullenger, no one at the present gives lessons, but one pilot is becoming certified to teach. We'll let you know when.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Gabby Pace...

...has lived in Snyder all of her life except six years she was in the U.S. Army. She and her husband, Eric, have a daughter, McKenna, 10. Gabby visits with her parents, Doyle and Nancy Scott, and sister Doylene Gilliland who all live in Snyder. She works as a records clerk for the city and spends her free time hanging out with McKenna, and planning for the baby that's on the way.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I never had the ambition to be something. I had the ambition to do something.

—Walter Cronkite

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Revival

A revival at Jesus Rules Ministry, 3411 Ave. I, continues at 7 a.m. and at Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. Tito Hernandez of Jal, N.M., is the evangelist.

Car wash

First United Methodist Church is holding a Lord's Acre car wash until to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Fluvanna cemetery work

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, a work day will be held at the Fluvanna Community Cemetery.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider three felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Our Search for Happiness," followed by "They Crucified Him There."

VFW Ladies Auxiliary

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Members urged to attend.

SHS band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the band hall. Officers for next school year will be elected. Incoming freshman band parents are urged to attend.

Doodlebug Writers Fellowship

The Doodlebug Writers Fellowship will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Golden Terrace community room. Visitors are welcome.

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.



ART RECOGNITION — Hermleigh students pictured with their art awards are Fatima Padilla, 6th grade; and Maria Padilla, 7th grade. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

2 Hermleigh sisters receive art recognition

Maria Padilla, Hermleigh seventh grader, received an honorable mention ribbon and certificate of appreciation for her entry in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest.

Maria's sister, Fatima, a sixth grader at Hermleigh, received a certificate of appreciation for her artwork.

The Federal Duck Stamp contest is sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Service. The girls were assisted by Mary Jean Quimby, art instructor.



Sterling Millhollon

Millhollon in Who's Who

Sterling Millhollon, a senior at Snyder High School, is being recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students,* an honor received by only five percent of all high school students.

Previously, he received Who's Who recognition in mathematics and also is a member of the National Honor Society.

This school year, Millhollon has qualified for state in the band division of TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) and he will compete in the classical guitar division at the UIL state contest later this month.

Millhollon, the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon, also played in the state team tennis meet in the fall.

Hester inducted

ALPINE — Matthew Hester of Snyder is among seven students inducted into Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors at Sul Ross State University.

Membership requirements for Psi Chi are a minimum GPA 3.0 in psychology courses and cumulative studies and ranking in the top 35 percent.

Fey sites differences

NEW YORK (AP) — Tina Fey found at least a few differences between writing for NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and tackling her first feature-length screenplay for "Mean Girls."

In devising comedy sketches, she says: "Story is your enemy. Story will sink you. Conversely, in a movie, if you don't have (a) story, then that will sink you. So I was just trying to learn that."

The 33-year-old co-head writer of "SNL" also had to confront another way of being funny.

"It's best not to have three jokes a page. Setup/joke, setup/joke, setup/joke," she told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "You kinda will sell yourself out if you try to do that in a movie. You have to have more patience."



Lilli J. Valdez

Joins scholar society

Lilli J. Valdez of Snyder has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Baylor University.

Valdez is the daughter of Reuben and Toni Valdez and the granddaughter of Jeanne Duke, all of Snyder.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a selective, national, non-profit honors organization.

Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes freshman and sophomore students who excel academically.

Gets scholarship

ABILENE — Sarah Speegle of Snyder was awarded a scholarship by the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music at their annual spring awards ceremony.

Speegle was recipient of the David Wayne Evans Cowboy Band Scholarship.

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RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $55 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $45 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were 10 second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 25 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 15, 21, 32, 39, and 50. The Mega Ball number was 34.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

1-15-19-34. Bonus ball 26.

Match 4 + Bonus Ball: 0, 0.

Match 4: 8, $1,494.

Match 3 + Bonus Ball: 22, $66.

Match 3: 869: $23.

Match 2 + Bonus Ball: 557, $24.

Match 1 + Bonus Ball: 7,281, $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday's drawing is $375,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-17-31-32.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $44,538.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Matching four of five: 137. Prize: $147.

Matching three of five: 4,449. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 45,797. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 9-2-1
(Night) 5-0-7

Gibson performs

CANYON — Original works by students at West Texas A&M University were featured at the 2004 Legacy Live at West Texas A&M University.

Students participating included Michael Gibson of Snyder, senior music composition major — musician. He is the son of John and Denise Gibson of Snyder.

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During World War II, the Oscar statues wre made of plaster, because metal was an essential wartime material.

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Six BHS students advance to state

When the points were tallied at last weekend's Region II-A UIL academic meet in Abilene, students from Borden County High School sat near the top.

Six individuals from BHS were to participate in this weekend's state meet.

After a successful day, four-time District 9-A Champion Borden County High School finished second overall at the regional contest with a total of 135.5 points. Perennial academic state champion Lindsay High School won the meet with 407 points. Muenster High School was third with 89 points.

The current issues and events team advanced to state after tying for first place with defending state champion Lindsay.

Junior John Wilson led the way for the CI&E team with a first place individual finish.

CI&E team members are seniors Kyle Pinkerton, Clay John Anderson and Dusty Gwinn.

The BHS speech and debate team also won first place. The regional victory was possible through a strong showing in extemporaneous speaking events.

In persuasive speaking, Pinkerton repeated as the regional champion and advanced to state for the third consecutive year. Wilson also advanced to state in persuasive speaking with his third place finish.

Junior Tyler Wallace advanced to the state with a second place finish in informative speaking. Wallace just missed advancing to state in prose interpretation, finishing fourth. Hewill serve as first alternate to state in the event.

Also advancing to state is freshman Rowdy Clary, with a second place finish in social studies. Clary also led the social studies team to a second place finish. The team will serve as alternate to the state meet and is comprised of freshmen Clary, Taylor Peterson, Jake Payne, and John Cowart.

In addition, Wilson was named regional champion in editorial writing and placed second in computer applications. All totaled, Wilson advanced to state in five events, including the mid-March cross-examination debate with his partner, Billy Roper.

Sophomore Andrew Lamming also had a strong showing at regional and barely missed advancing in two events. He placed fourth in Lincoln-Douglas debate and finished fifth in informative speaking.

The spelling and vocabulary team, composed of Becky Dobyns, Emily Mayes and Austin Tarleton, placed fourth overall. The math team also placed fourth overall. Team members were John Wilson, Shane Tarleton and Billy Roper.

In literary criticism, a freshmen and sophomore team placed eighth. Trey Soto, Jake Payne, John Cowart and Clint Chapman were team memberfs.

Other B.H.S. students involved individually in the regional contests included the following:

SENIORS:

Menda James — Prose Interpretation.

Kyle Pinkerton — Headline Writing.

JUNIORS:

Cassidy Rinehart — Prose Interpretation.

Billy Roper — Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

SOPHOMORES:

Whitney Anderson — News Writing.

Trey Soto — Headline Writing.

FRESHMEN:

Becky Dobyns — Ready Writing.

Lindsey Stamper — News Writing and Poetry Interpretation.

Borden County teams are coached by Darrin Ard, speech and theatre; Cindy Herridge, literary criticism; Darby Key, mathematics; Tom Lewis, science; Sue Jane Mayes, debate, journalism, current issues and events, ready writing, spelling and social studies; Sheri Poole, accounting and computer applications; and Trey Richey, number sense and calcu-



Gloria Lopez-Villa

Lopez-Villa becomes a court reporter

Gloria "Isabel" Villa passed the Texas Certified Shorthand Reporter's Exam on Jan. 23.

She attended the Stenograph Institute of Texas in Abilene and completed her education at the International Business College in Lubbock.

The exam consisted of three parts — 180 words per minute literary, 200 words per minute jury charge and 225 words per minute questions and answers.

The passing rate for the January exam for all those tested was less than 31 percent. Villa passed all three parts with grades of 96 percent or above.

She is married to Marcos Villa and they have three children: Angelica Lopez, 11; Triston Villa, 8; and Nikolas Villa, 5.

She is the daughter of Jose A. and Gloria A. Lopez of Snyder. She has a sister, Catrina A. Lopez and one nephew, Joseph Anthony Lopez, both of Snyder.

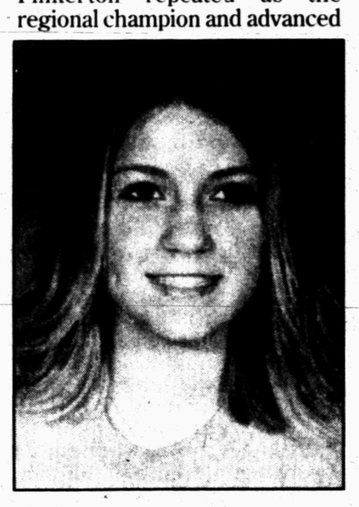
Villa is now a certified court reporter with Keith and Miller in El Paso.

Kacie Daves wins 2004-5 scholarship

Kacie Daves of Mertzon is the recipient of the C.J. Davidson Scholarship for the academic year 2004-2005. This $1,000 award is given in recognition of high academic achievement and university and community involvement.

Daves is a senior, majoring in restaurant, hotel and institutional management in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University. The College of Human Sciences will award approximately 228 scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year, totaling a little more than $200,000.

Daves is the daughter of Leah Daves of Ira and Tom Daves of Mertzon. Her grandparents are Bill and Annie Daves of Ira.



Kendra Tidwell

Tidwell wins poetry award

Kendra Tidwell, Snyder Junior eighth grader, has received the Editor's Choice Award for her poem, *When We Are Together.*

Tidwell is the daughter of Kerry and Tina Tidwell of Snyder. Her language arts teacher is Robert Bailey.

Bailey commented, "Presented for her outstanding achievement in poetry, Kendra received this award from the International Library of Poetry. Her letter from the managing editor stated that her poem was selected for its 'unique perspective and original creativity — judged to be the qualities most found in exceptional poetry.'

"What joy and inspiration Kendra has added to the esprit de corps of our class. I'm tickled to have a student who is now published. She will be sorely missed here at the junior high as she moves on to high school next term," Bailey concluded.

Inmate receives 7 life sentences

PHOENIX (AP) — An inmate who took part in a 15-day prison standoff, holding two guards hostage and raping one of them, was sentenced Friday to seven life terms.

Steven Coy, who was already serving seven life terms before seizing the watch tower with another inmate in January, also received other sentences ranging from six to 35 years.

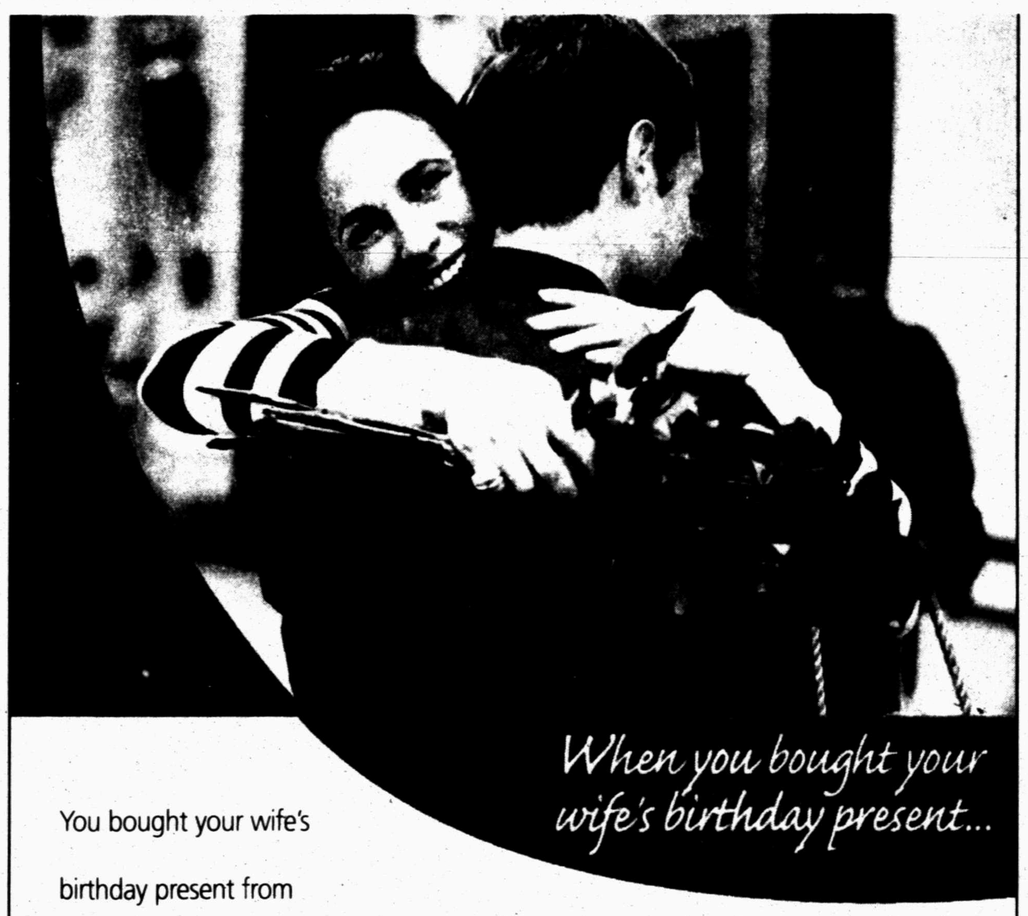
Coy pleaded guilty in March to 14 charges, including sexual assault, escape, kidnapping, assault and promoting prison contraband. He admitted raping a female guard, who was held hostage for 15 days, and a female kitchen worker.

Four of Coy's latest life sentences, which were for sexual assault and kidnapping, will be served consecutively.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 2, 2004

You could be rather fortunate in the year ahead in being promoted to prized positions within your sphere of operations, not only because of past efforts, but for the diplomatic way you've handled problem situations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you feel you're entitled to credit or acknowledgement for outstanding work you've done, don't be hesitant to toot your own horn today. Your deeds may need to be brought to someone's attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The consideration and special attention you give to others will make you a standout at any gathering you attend today. It'll not be by accident that you will draw admirers to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take measures today with all parties involved concerning a mutual interest in which agreement needs to be reached to act in ways that would allow things to move forward on a positive note.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Decisions you make today should not be predicated strictly on their material considerations. Other factors need to be considered if you hope for things to run smoothly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something on which you've been working hard and long may finally pay off for you today, saving or making you more money than you had thought possible. It'll give you good feeling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Those around you will be swayed by the example you set today to behave in more congenial ways. Let your nobler qualities prevail in all of your undertakings and involvements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This is a good day to discuss a sensitive matter in which you've been involved, but up until now needed to be kept secret. Share the information with those who need to be informed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A close friend or associate might clue you in on something quite interesting today, but will leave it to your discretion as to how or whether others should be informed. Do the kindest thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be as imaginative as possible today in any dealings you have that could have a beneficial affect on your goals. Positive ideas will even produce financial profits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When organizing or making plans today for ways of achieving a personal endeavor, take an overall long view of things. Keep your tomorrows in mind when drawing up your blueprint.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone who is fond of you is well aware of your present needs and is checking into what he or she can do for you to ease your stress. This person may come up with something that'll help today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An associate in whom you place considerable confidence may come up with a fresh way of looking at something that will help you in making a major decision that's been bothering you.

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Monday, May 3, 2004

Although you know that nothing will come easy, chances are you're going to set two lofty goals for yourself in the year ahead. If you work hard at both you'll be victorious before your next birthday rolls around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Industriousness on your part will get you off to a great start, so enter into the fray at a full clip. What you accomplish today could define the rest of the week and make it a very successful one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't just say or do nothing if you see a situation in which you're presently involved being handled poorly today. Step forward and begin directing things properly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Doing what comes naturally to you — which is placing your family first — is exactly where your attention will be focused today. Nothing will be more important to you than their welfare.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The possibilities of advancing whatever it is that has captured your fancy lately are excellent today. Move forward knowing that whatever you put your hand to at this time will be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Once you take an active role in working toward advancing your financial affairs, Lady Luck will step in and help make this a fait accompli. The harder you work, the luckier you'll get.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If at all possible, try to break away from the pack today and be your own person. Far more can be accomplished when you are left to your own devices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Some kind of obstruction is about to be lifted concerning an important matter. It couldn't have happened without your resolve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't just take things for granted today. If you work hard at maintaining good relationships with enterprising friends they'll be willing to tie you into something that is poteritially profitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although it may require extra effort and dedication on your behalf, an important career objective can be achieved today. You won't flinch at rolling up your sleeves and working hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The right attitude, plus preparedness, are the elements that make you a formidable competitor today. Rivalry serves to awaken your initiative and brings out the best that's in you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any changes you make today that you feel would benefit your entire household will prove to be quite successful. Don't wait on others to figure things out — show them by doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't be so vain to think that if an idea doesn't resonate with you, it's not worthy of consideration. Be open to the suggestions of others today, because you may find exactly the answer you need.

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

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E-voting banned in 4 California counties

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state's top elections official called for a criminal investigation of Diebold Election Systems Inc. as he banned use of the company's newest model touchscreen voting machine, citing concerns about its security and reliability.

Friday's ban will force up to 2 million voters in four counties, including San Diego, to use paper ballots in November, marking their choices in ovals read by optical scanners.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley asked the attorney general's office to investigate allegations of fraud, saying Diebold had lied to state officials. A spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer said prosecutors would review Shelley's claims.

Diebold issued a statement saying it was confident in its systems and planned to work with election officials in California and throughout the nation to run a smooth election this fall.

The ban immediately affects more than 14,000 AccuVote-TSx machines made by Diebold, the leading touchscreen provider. Many were used for the first time in the March primaries and suffered failures.

In 10 other counties, Shelley decertified touchscreen machines but set 23 conditions under which they still could be used. That order involved 4,000 older machines from Diebold and 24,000 from its three rivals.

The decision follows the recommendations of a state advisory panel, which conducted hearings earlier this month.

Made just six months before a presidential election, the decision reflects growing concern about paperless electronic voting.

A number of failures involving touchscreen machines in Georgia, Maryland and California have spurred serious questioning of the technology. As currently configured, the machines lack paper records, making recounts impossible.

"I anticipate his decision will have an immediate and widespread impact," said Kim Alexander, president of the California Voter Foundation and a frequent critic of the machines. "California is turning away from e-voting equipment, and other states are sure to follow."

Activists have been demanding paper printouts — required in California by 2006 — to guard against fraud, hacking and malfunction.

Diebold has been a frequent target of such groups, though most California county election officials say that problems have been overstated and that voters like the touchscreen systems first installed four years ago.

At least 50 million voters nationally were expected to use the ATM-like machines from Diebold and other companies in November.

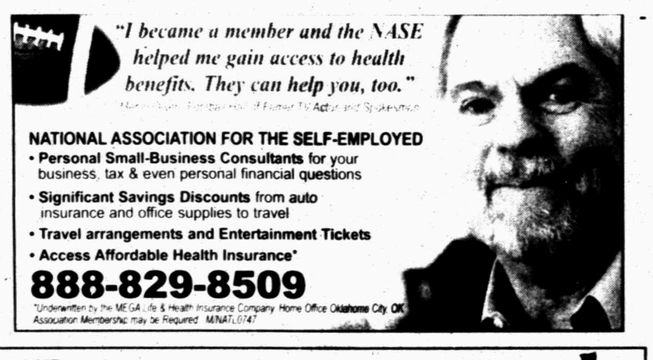
California counties with 6.5 million registered voters have been at the forefront of touchscreen voting, installing more than 40 percent of the more than 100,000 machines believed to be in use nationally.

A state investigation released this month said Diebold jeopardized the outcome of the March election in California with computer glitches, last-minute changes to its systems and installations of uncertified software in its machines in 17 counties.

It specifically cited San Diego County, where 573 of 1,611 polling places failed to open on time because low battery power caused machines to malfunction.

Registrars in counties that made the switch to paperless voting said Shelley's decision to return to paper ballots would result in chaos.

"There just isn't time to bring this system up before November," Kern County Registrar Ann Barnett said. "It's absurd."



Financial Focus

529 Plan Can Help You Cope With College Costs

In a few weeks, the school year will be coming to an end. If you have young children, you're that much closer to the day when they head off to college. And if you want to help them pay for their schooling, the time to start saving is now, because college costs are moving in only one direction - up.

Just how high are the costs of higher education? Consider these figures from the College Board: In 2003-2004, the average annual total charges (tuition, fees, room and board) at a four-year public institution is $10,636, while the corresponding figure for a four-year private school is $26,854. And if college expenses continue to rise faster than the general inflation rate, you can expect much higher costs in the future.

Fortunately, you've got some attractive college savings vehicles available — and one of the best of these is the Section 529 plan, named after that part of the Internal Revenue Code authorizing these accounts.

You can choose from two types of Section 529 plans: a pre-paid tuition program or a savings plan.

In a pre-paid tuition plan, you buy future tuition credit - at today's prices — at an in-state, public school. If your child or grandchild decides not to attend your state college, you can transfer the value of your contract to private and out-of-state schools.

In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named - typically, your child or grandchild. (However, the money will appear as income on the child's tax return.) Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. This tax benefit is effective through 2010, unless extended by the U.S. Congress.

Section 529 plan benefits

Of the two types of 529 plans, the savings plan is far more popular. In many ways, it offers more freedom than the pre-paid tuition plan, and, of course, it has tax advantages. But the 529 savings plan also offers other key benefits, including the following:

- **High contribution limits** — Section 529 plan contribution limits are typically quite high - more than $200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. Special gifting provisions apply. As with many investments, before investing in a 529, you should consult your tax professional.
- **No residency requirements** — You can generally contribute to the Section 529 plan of any state you choose, even if you don't live there. However, if you participate in your own state's plan, you may receive additional tax benefits.
- **Investment flexibility** — If you want to move your investment around, you can generally change to a different option in a 529 savings plan once a year. You can also transfer your account to a different state's program as often as once every 12 months.
- **Estate planning advantages** — If you're a grandparent, you may be especially interested in the 529 savings plan. Because you can contribute large amounts of money to the plan, you'll be able to reduce the size of your taxable estate. Plus, even though the assets are out of your estate, you retain control of them. You decide who will get the money and when they'll get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

So, there you have it — some reasons to consider investing in a Section 529 plan. If this plan is appropriate for your individual needs, it can be a great way to help boost your college savings. As for your child's grades — well, that's up to them.

Today's chuckle

Students need permission to share food

SHARYLAND (AP) — Sharyland school officials have taken the buzz out of sharing home-baked snacks with classmates.



Students in the Sharyland Independent School District can't share their sack lunches or any other food from home with others without school permission after a student was arrested for giving marijuana-laced brownies to friends.

"We do not permit a parent (or anyone else) to bring in food for students other than their own children without getting permission from the building administration," district Superintendent Sandra Reed said in a letter to parents Wednesday.

The letter did not specifically mention the brownies but talked of safety, fairness and consistency as well as the state's guidelines for Foods of Minimum Nutritional Value.

Mission police charged the 17-year-old student with felony delivery of marijuana following the incident last week. He allegedly shared the brownies with five students, one of whom got sick and was treated by the school nurse.

Some students said they were upset about the ban, as they like to bring treats for their friends as the school year ends.

Federal appeals court upholds Demjanjuk's loss of citizenship

CINCINNATI (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday upheld a judge's decision to strip retired autoworker John Demjanjuk of U.S. citizenship, saying the government had proven he was a Nazi death-camp guard.

The Justice Department said afterward it will begin what could be a years-long process to force the Ukranian-born Demjanjuk to leave the United States.

The unanimous ruling from the three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the government had provided "clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence" of Demjanjuk's guard service.

Though it years ago abandoned a claim that he was the notorious Ivan the Terrible at Poland's Treblinka death camp, the Justice Department maintained that Demjanjuk had persecuted civilians during World War II at five Nazi concentration camps, including Trawniki, Sobibor and Flossenburg.

"The court's decision sends a powerful message to every participant in the ghastly Nazi campaign of genocide who is still living in this country: the government will not waver in its determination to find you, prosecute you and remove you from the United States," said Eli M. Rosenbaum, director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations.

Jewish advocacy organizations praised Friday's ruling, saying Demjanjuk has long used his U.S. citizenship as a shield to protect him from punishment for past sins.

"Demjanjuk enjoyed all the benefits of freedom in a free land after having denied his own victims the dignity of their lives," said Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League and a Holocaust survivor.

Demjanjuk, 84, has said he was the victim of mistaken identity — a camp prisoner rather than a guard — and his family vowed to challenge the ruling.

Demjanjuk (dem-YAHN-yuk), who has lived in the Cleveland area for years, has lost his citizenship twice, the first time in 1981 when the government was arguing that he was Ivan the Terrible. He was convicted in Israel and sentenced to death in 1988, but the case later fell apart on new evidence that someone else was Ivan.

Demjanjuk returned to the United States, and in 1998 U.S. District Judge Paul R. Matia of Cleveland overturned the ruling that had stripped him of citizenship.

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World Almanac

Sunday, May 2, 2004

Today is the 123rd day of 2004 and the 44th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Company was chartered by the English crown and given a monopoly of the trade into Hudson Bay, Canada.

In 1945, Berlin surrendered to Russia.

In 1997, Tony Blair became the British prime minister.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Spock (1903-1998), author/physician/political activist; Bing Crosby (1903-1977), singer/actor; Satyajit Ray (1921-1992), film director; Dwayne Johnson ("The Rock") (1972-), wrestler/actor, is 32; David Beckham (1975-), soccer player, is 29; Sarah Hughes (1985-), figure skater, is 19.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1876, Ross Barnes of the Chicago White Stockings hit Major League Baseball's first home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In our country today, very few children are raised to believe that their principal destiny is to serve their family, their country, or God." — Benjamin Spock

TODAY'S FACT: There are 467 local divisions of the UK government.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 17,299 — millions of dollars in revenue earned by the leading U.S. airline company, AMR (American Airlines) in 2002.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 27) and full moon (May 4)

Monday, May 3, 2004

Today is the 124th day of 2004 and the 45th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1937, Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone With the Wind" won the Pulitzer Prize.

In 1971, National Public Radio had its first broadcast.

In 1999, the Dow Jones industrial average topped 11,000 for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), political philosopher/statesman; Golda Meir (1898-1978), Israeli prime minister; Sugar Ray Robinson (1921-1989), boxer; Frankie Valli (1937-), singer, is 67; Jewel (Kilcher) (1974-), singer, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1957, Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club owner Walter O'Malley decided to move the team to Los Angeles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What makes some people able to come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong and brave, go under? It happens in every upheaval. Some people survive; others don't." — Margaret Mitchell

TODAY'S FACT: Margaret Thatcher became the first female prime minister in the United Kingdom in 1979.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 50 — number of countries that helped to draw up the United Nations Charter in 1945.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 27) and full moon (May 4)

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Senior Center News

All are encouraged to attend next Saturday's annual May Day fundraiser at Scurry County Coliseum. There is no entry fee.

The coliseum is handicap accessible and a wheel chair will be at both entrances for anyone who has difficulty walking down the ramps into the arena.

The Craft Booth, the Sweet Tooth Booth, the Silent Auction, and entertainment begin at 2 p.m. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. and the quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to donate homemade crafts and baked goods for the fundraiser. Diabetic items, brownies, cookies, and cakes all sell well. Homemade pies cannot be sold. Items and services in the Silent Auction will be donated by local businesses. The Sunshine Choir will present a Mother's Day Program at 2:15 p.m., the Deep Creek Cloggers will perform at 3 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain 4-6 p.m.

Barbecue tickets are now available at the center. Senior citizens are encouraged to sell as many as possible. There will be tickets available at the coliseum on May Day. Tickets cost $6 per plate. Take-out plates will be available for those who cannot make it to the festivities.

The ExxonMobil cooking crew will prepare the brisket for the barbecue. The quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with auctioneer, Grady Morris. Items include 29 large quilts, five baby quilts, five baby afghans, several afghans of various sizes and styles, two dolls, and a picture.

Volunteers are needed for picking up Silent Auction items, setting up the coliseum on May 7, working in booths, and selling barbecue tickets. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035.

Three computer classes are scheduled for May and are being taught by Western Texas College staff. The classes are scheduled as follows:

Introduction to Computers: May 10-13, 1-3 p.m. Cost $20; basic Internet, May 17-20, 1-3 p.m., cost $20; Introduction to Microsoft Office, May 24-27, 1-3 p.m., cost $20.

A copy of this schedule with a more detailed description of each class can be picked up at the Senior Center office. Each class has a limit of 7 students. Register at the Senior Center office.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may play Skip-Bo from 10 a.m.-noon. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available every day Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The noon meal is served Monday through Friday. Senior citizens 60 and older are asked to donate $2.50 per meal.

TUESDAY

Seniors play eighty/eighty-eight at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area. The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain from 11 a.m.-noon. The swimnastics at Western Texas College will resume with the summer session. The schedule will be announced as soon as possible. citizens.

The Booster Club will meet at noon and the Computer Club at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. A volunteer will assist senior ladies interested in learning this game. Skip-Bo begins at 10 a.m. in the bridge room and Pinochle at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class will meet at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the morning. There will not be a Sunshine Choir activity for this day.

FRIDAY

Volunteers and vehicles will be needed to transport all May Day items to the coliseum. Meet at the center at 9 a.m. if you can help. Activities at the center will continue as usual.

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

The coliseum will be open at noon next Saturday for volunteers who work early or those bringing goods or crafts. May Day activities begin at 2 p.m.

Senior Menu

Monday
Swiss steak
Golden carrots
Stewed squash
Fruit cocktail
Oatmeal raisin cookie

Tuesday
Country fried steak w/cream gravy
Green peas
Steak fries
Tossed salad
Pineapple pudding

Wednesday
Meatloaf
Whole kernel corn
Mashed potatoes
Tomato wedges
Chocolate cake w/white frosting

Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti
Buttered carrots
Green beans
Pears and cottage cheese
Peanut butter chewies

Friday
Fried fish
Baked beans
Fried okra
Cabbage slaw
Cherry cobbler

Connecticut Gov. Rowland may face impeachment

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Members of a special legislative committee considering whether Gov. John G. Rowland should be impeached asked their lawyer Friday to draft one or more articles of impeachment because the governor hasn't cooperated with their probe.

The decision came after a lawyer for Rowland refused to testify, under oath as a witness, before the House Select Committee of Inquiry about why Rowland and his wife have not yet turned over almost 10 years worth of personal financial records.

Rowland, 46, a Republican, has been under increasing pressure to resign since admitting in mid-December he lied about who paid for improvements to a summer cottage.

He has admitted accepting gifts from friends, employees and state contractors. He is also the subject of a federal corruption investigation. Rowland contends he has not compromised his office and has not given anything in return to the gift-givers.

"What we have sought for many many months is direct and simple," Rep. John Wayne Fox, co-chairman of the inquiry committee, said in a testy exchange with Rowland's lawyer, William Dow. "It's information we feel appropriate to do the job we need to do."

Earlier in the day, before the committee made its decision, Rowland told reporters drawing up all the information that legislators have been seeking has been a monumental task.

"You know how hard it would be to reconstruct documents over the last 10 years for everything you've ever spent or bought or purchased," Rowland said.

There was no formal vote of the committee to take another step toward impeaching Rowland. Fox, a Democrat, asked if there were any objections from committee members. There were none, so he ordered special counsel Steven F. Reich to begin the process.

There still would be many steps before Rowland might actually be impeached. The article or articles could be presented to the committee some time next week. A committee co-chairman said the panel then could vote merely to accept it, to recommend it to the House, to delay action or to reject it.

"We are not suggesting in any way that the governor ought to be removed from office or that he ought to be impeached. We're not saying that," Fox said. "And if in fact that grew to be the conclusion of this body, it is my hope it would not be for failure to produce documents."



RECEIVES AWARD — The Snyder High School Chapter of FCCLA received "The Carole Haynes Angel of Courage Award" for their participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life last weekend. Relay Chairman Terrisu Mann made the presentation at the closing ceremony Saturday. Members of FCCLA work every year with Delta Kappa members to prepare the luminaries for the candlelight service. Sponsors for the Snyder High School FCCLA are Carolyn Limmer and Carolyn Derouen. Students are pictured from left are Monica Dubois, Bridget Block, Valerie Kay, Krista-Ann Burleson, Nancy Facio, Stephanie Grant, Son-ja Benitez, Tonya Robles, Louisa Pena and Ofelia Zamora. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bush says U.S. making progress toward stability in war-torn Iraq

FULTON, Mo. (AP) — President Bush said Friday the United States is making progress in stabilizing Iraq a year after he stood before a "Mission Accomplished" banner to declare an end to major combat operations. Democratic challenger John Kerry insisted the goal has not been met, and it's time "to put pride aside and build a stable Iraq."

Saturday marks the one-year anniversary of Bush's speech aboard an aircraft carrier, and since the commander in chief's pronouncement nearly 600 U.S. servicemen and women have died. The last day of April also concluded the war's deadliest month, with more than 120 lives claimed by hostile fire.

The Bush campaign has touted the president's leadership in a time of war and terrorism as his strength in the re-election bid, but the increasing violence and death toll in Iraq have pushed a growing number of Americans to wonder whether Iraq was worth the fight, according to recent polls. The situation in the Persian Gulf nation also prompted questions for Bush during an appearance at the White House with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

The president told reporters "we're making progress, you bet," while noting he had warned last year that "there was still difficult work ahead."

"A year ago, I did give the speech from the carrier saying we had achieved an important objective, accomplished a mission, which was the removal of Saddam Hussein," Bush said. "As a result, there are no longer torture chambers or mass graves or rape rooms in Iraq."

Kerry, who was invited to speak at Missouri's Westminster College, said the anniversary marked "a moment of truth in Iraq."

"I don't think there's anyone in this room today or 6,000 miles away who doesn't wish that those words had been true," Kerry said, referring to the "Mission Accomplished" phrase. "But we've seen the news. We've seen the pictures. And we know that we are living through days of great danger."

Kerry has chastised the president for failing to get more international assistance. He has said that other nations have an interest in a peaceful Iraq, so the United States should reach out to them to share the cost.

In his Westminster speech, Kerry called for NATO to make Iraq part of its global mission as a security organization, for the U.N. Security Council to authorize a high commissioner for governance and reconstruction, and for a massive effort to build an Iraqi security force.

Separately, the top U.S. military commander in the Persian Gulf, Gen. John Abizaid, urged more nations to contribute troops to the Iraq effort. His statement Friday comes after Spain, Honduras and the Dominican Republic decided to withdraw their forces.

"This moment in Iraq is a moment of truth," Kerry said in his speech. "Not just for this administration, the country, the Iraqi people, but for the world. This may be our last chance to get this right.

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HUSTLE PLAY — Snyder Lady Tiger Amber Luecke beats out an infield hit in the third inning of the Lady Tigers' Friday practice game against Idalou. The Lady Tigers will play Perryton in the area round at 7 p.m. Friday in Plainview. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Clemens jeered at home, gets 315th career victory

HOUSTON (AP) — With the bases loaded and boos already coming from the sellout crowd, Roger Clemens had to get things turned around in a hurry.

No surprise: The Rocket found a way to win.

Clemens recovered from a rough start in the first inning to move past Gaylord Perry for 15th place on the career wins list and Lance Berkman homered and drove in two runs to lead the Houston Astros past the Cincinnati Reds 6-1 Friday night.

"It's amazing how a man his age still throws 94 or 95 (mph)," said Cincinnati's Jacob Cruz, who struck out three times against the 41-year-old Clemens. "I'm upset that he didn't retire. We all are."

Clemens won the 315th game of his career — his ninth victory in a row. Next up for The Rocket is Phil Niekro with 318.

Clemens (5-0) also became the first Astros' pitcher to win five games in April, making the first start of his 21-year career against Cincinnati a memorable one.

But it looked like The Rocket might be grounded before he could get started.

Clemens walked four of the first seven batters he faced, loading the bases and eventually walking in D'Angelo Jimenez for the Reds' first run of the game. The crowd began booing loudly after almost every ball Clemens threw.

He was struggling so badly, home plate umpire Jerry Layne decided to offer a little advice.

"He told me if I don't get it together," Clemens said, "it's going to be a short night for one of us."

Clemens eventually worked himself out of the jam by striking out Cruz, leaving three men on base.

From there, Clemens only got stronger.

He retired the Reds in order for two innings before giving up his first hit of the game to Adam Dunn in the fourth. His final pitch of the night — a 93 mph fastball that had Cruz swinging wildly — brought the sellout crowd of 41,430 to its feet.

That strikeout was the 4,131th of Clemens' career, meaning he needs only five more to pass Steve Carlton for second place.

In six innings, Clemens allowed one run and five hits with six strikeouts.

"He threw lights out after that first inning," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "He was awesome. He knows exactly what he wants to do and he never really gives in."

The Rocket needed a lift from his offense to get this win, though.

Berkman's RBI single in the fourth tied it at 1, and Morgan Ensberg later drove Berkman in with a single for the Astros' go-ahead run. Richard Hidalgo almost scored on the hit, too, but was called out on a close play at home plate.

Berkman's towering shot to left field put the Astros up 3-1 and all but sealed the win for Clemens.

"When you know you're playing behind a Hall of Famer like that, you kind of check yourself mentally," Berkman said. "You want to do your best when he's on the mound."

But the Reds, who blew a nine-run lead in a 10-9 loss at Milwaukee on Wednesday, completely fell apart in the seventh inning.

Williams found not guilty of reckless manslaughter

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Legal experts are hailing Jayson Williams' lawyers for their brilliant defense of the former NBA star, acquitted of killing a limousine driver at his mansion.

Williams was exonerated on the most serious count, aggravated manslaughter, but was convicted on four of six lesser charges related to the death of Costas "Gus" Christofi. Williams could be retried on a charge of reckless manslaughter, which the jury was divided on.

Williams' attorneys were able to win the acquittal by bogging down prosecutors with testimony from weapons experts that diverted the jury's attention from the shooting, the observers said after the verdicts were announced Friday.

Defense attorney David M. Schwartz said prosecutors did a "thorough job" but were forced into playing the defense's game — allowing weapons experts and the allegations of a misfiring shotgun to blur what should have been the main thrust of the state's case: the killing itself.

"I think sometimes prosecutors, especially in these cases, have a tendency to overcomplicate the case and I think that's where the gun expert testimony came in," Schwartz said. "Just the fact that he pointed a loaded gun while being drunk at another human being, that alone was recklessness."

John J. Fahy, a former prosecutor who now does defense work, said prosecutors made a big mistake by withholding notes and photographs of a weapons expert from the defense. The disclosure of the evidence late in the trial allowed the defense to reopen its case after a three-week delay.

Fahy said it did not matter whether the jury understood the legal issue but said the delay made the difference.

"All they've been hearing about is gun stuff, gun stuff, gun stuff, so when they got into the jury room all they were thinking is gun stuff, gun stuff, gun stuff," Fahy said.

Rice prez will fight Foreman for charity

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of Rice University intends to fight two-time heavyweight boxing champ George Foreman in a bout for charity.

"I look to come out of this with nothing but the satisfaction of having been in the ring with a world champion," said Malcolm Gillis, 63, who did some amateur boxing as a youth. "I'm trying to show that old people can do these things. We can dust off old skills and use them again."

Over the past few months, Gillis has been quietly negotiating with the 55-year-old from Houston for a little time in the ring.

Thursday night, Foreman's daughter, Frieda Foreman, announced at a banquet that Gillis would be a warm-up for her father's coming out of retirement.



JUST IN TIME — Lady Tiger centerfielder Missy Vasquez beats a throw to third against Idalou in Friday's practice game. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	15	8	.652	—
Atlanta	11	10	.524	3
Philadelphia	10	11	.476	4
New York	9	14	.391	6
Montreal	5	19	.208	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	9	.591	—
Houston	13	9	.591	—
Cincinnati	12	10	.545	1
Milwaukee	12	11	.522	1½
St. Louis	12	11	.522	1½
Pittsburgh	10	11	.476	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	8	.636	—
San Diego	15	9	.625	—
Colorado	9	12	.429	4½
San Francisco	10	14	.417	5
Arizona	9	13	.409	5

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Arizona 0
Houston 6, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta at Colorado, ppd., snow
San Diego 7, N.Y. Mets 6
Los Angeles 13, Montreal 4
San Francisco 12, Florida 9

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Thomson 2-1) at Colorado (Elarton 0-4), 2:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Harang 2-0) at Houston (Miller 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 2-0) at Milwaukee (Obermueller 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-2) at Philadelphia (Padilla 0-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 3-1) at St. Louis (Suppan 2-2), 6:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Hampton 0-2) at Colorado (Kennedy 3-0), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-1) at San Diego (Peavy 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 1-2) at Los Angeles (Lima 2-1), 9:10 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 2-0) at San Francisco (Schmidt 1-2), 9:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona (Webb 2-1) at Philadelphia (Milton 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lidle 2-1) at Houston (Redding 0-3), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3) at Milwaukee (D.Davis 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 2-1) at St. Louis (Morris 3-2), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 0-2) at Colorado (Estes 3-1), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 3-1) at San Diego (Valdez 3-0), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Oliver 2-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-3), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Patterson 1-2) at Los Angeles (Nomo 3-2), 3:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	6	.714	—
Baltimore	12	9	.571	3
New York	12	11	.522	4
Tampa Bay	7	14	.333	8
Toronto	7	15	.318	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	7	.682	—
Chicago	13	8	.619	1½
Detroit	12	11	.522	3½
Cleveland	9	13	.409	6
Kansas City	7	14	.333	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	9	.591	—
Anaheim	13	10	.565	½
Oakland	11	12	.478	2½
Seattle	8	15	.348	5½

Friday's Games

Seattle 3, Detroit 1, 10 innings
Cleveland 11, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 2
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 2
Boston at Texas, ppd., rain
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain
Minnesota 6, Anaheim 3

Saturday's Games

Seattle (R.Franklin 1-1) at Detroit (Bonderman 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bedard 0-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Villacis 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 2-3 and Lilly 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-1 and Wright 0-3), 2, 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Arroyo 0-1 and P.Martinez 3-1) at Texas (Drese 1-0 and Benoit 0-0), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harden 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-3), 5:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 0-0) at Minnesota (Radke 2-2), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Seattle (Meche 0-2) at Detroit (Cornejo 1-2), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Riley 1-1) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-4), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 3-0) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 0-2), 12:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 1-3) at Minnesota (Santana 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (Batista 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 2-0) at Texas (Dickey 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

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(Best-of-7)

Friday, April 30
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 1, series tied 2-2

Saturday, May 1
Calgary at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 2
Toronto at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 3
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 5
Calgary at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 6
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
Colorado at San Jose, TBA, if necessary

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Friday, April 30
Miami 87, New Orleans 83, Miami leads series 3-2
Minnesota 102, Denver 91, Minnesota wins series 4-1

Sunday, May 2
Miami at New Orleans, noon

Tuesday, May 4
New Orleans at Miami, TBA, if necessary

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 2
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4
Sacramento at Minnesota, TBD

Wednesday, May 5
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Thursady, May 6
Miami-New Orleans at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 7
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 8
Miami-New Orleans at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 9
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

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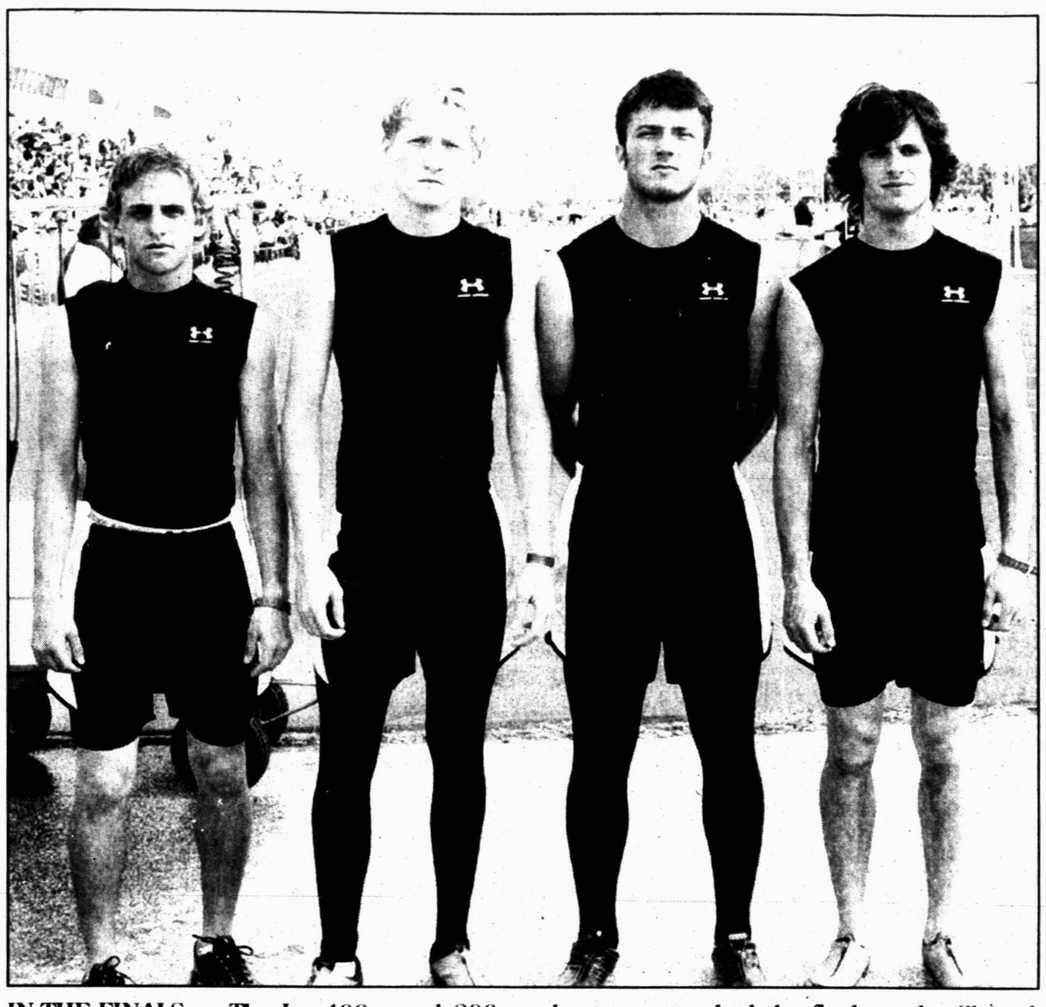
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IN THE FINALS — The Ira 400m and 800m relay teams reached the finals at the Class A Region II track and field meet at Abilene Friday. Bulldogs representing Ira in both events are, from left, Jess Wall, Bryan Proctor, Wes Kellner and Bryson Higgins. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

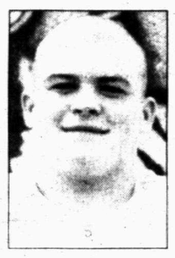
Snyder sitting pretty after first day of regional meet

ODESSA — Ricky McNatt earned a spot in the state track and field meet with a second-place throw in the discus, and the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams qualified for Saturday's finals at Ratliff Stadium.

McNatt had a throw of 157-7, and will join October Wells in Austin May 14-15. Wells placed second and qualified for state in the long jump early Friday.

The Snyder boys had two relay teams and two individuals in the finals Saturday, and sat in third in the team totals after the running prelims and Friday's field events.

The 4x200m relay team — Justin Boyd, Zach Cain, Jesus Juarez and Malcome Wells — was seeded first and was to run in the finals at 1:25 p.m. Saturday.



McNatt

The same four are seeded fourth in the 4x100 relay.

Boyd and Wells also qualified for the finals in individual events, with Boyd earning a top seed in the 400 sprint and Wells garnering a fourth spot in the 200.

Also Saturday, Josh Muniz was slated to run in the mile. He was sixth in the two-mile on Friday, finishing in 10:48.35.

Brett Shepherd of Canyon won that event with a time of 9:51.37.

"We looked good," head coach Roger White said. "We need to improve our handoffs and go out (Saturday) and take care of business."

October Wells also was competing in the triple jump Saturday morning, and qualified for the finals in the 100 and 200.

Candace Chandler qualified for the 800m run, which was slated for 1:35 p.m. Saturday.

Parcells satisfied with offseason

IRVING (AP) — With Drew Henson taking snaps at quarterback and running back Julius Jones serving as his new waterboy, coach Bill Parcells got his first look Friday at the next generation of Dallas Cowboys prospects.

And, no, not necessarily the 2005 version.

Parcells shrugged off the notion that the team was more interested in building for the future than trying to win now, a theory rooted in the Cowboys trading their first-round pick for Buffalo's next year instead of trying to fill a gaping hole at running back with anyone on the board.

"I'm just trying to take the best course of action we can," Parcells said. "I'm not disappointed in our offseason."

After watching draft picks and rookie free agents go through their first practice, Parcells spoke for more than 45 minutes about everything that has — and hasn't — happened since he last discussed the team with reporters, back in early January.

Highlights included Parcells saying he told offensive lineman Larry Allen not to take part in the offseason conditioning program, but that he expects the eight-time Pro Bowler to be ready for minicamp in about a month — or else.

"I am not issuing ultimatums here. I am just telling you things need to be addressed," Parcells said. "Hopefully this offseason has given him time to do that. I am only telling you from my point of view what has to happen."

Parcells also said he's not interested in signing quarterback Kerry Collins, but could still be after another veteran. That probably means Vinny Testaverde, who is expected to be released by the Jets on June 1.

He talked about a to-do list he gave incumbent quarterback Quincy Carter and said that while Henson probably will need time to develop, he "certainly wouldn't dismiss" the chance that the rookie plays this season.

Here's more from Parcells on the top issues:

— Parcells excused Allen from workouts because "there were some other things that needed to be attended to." Although he hasn't spoken to Allen lately, he expects him in shape for minicamp. If so, "the slate will be clean."

"The only problem I had was with his conditioning, especially during some games," Parcells said. "It is going to have to change from what it was. Things are going to have to change. He is aware of that."

— Parcells gave the usual scouting report on Henson: mobile, pretty good arm, pretty good college player. He wasn't concerned about the three seasons Henson missed while playing pro baseball and liked the endorsements from Henson's college coach and New York Yankees officials.

"My best guess is he's probably going to need a little while," Parcells said. "Give him enough opportunity to get back in tune with it and see what he can do. Like I said, this is just another possible option for us and I felt like we should continue to explore those as often as we can."

— Parcells is looking forward to coaching Keyshawn Johnson again because he loves the receiver's unselfishness and commitment to winning.

"He chirps around once in a while, but that's OK," Parcells said. "I don't mind that. If you do the jobs that he'll do, then you can chirp a little."

Parcells said Johnson's skills should be a good fit with Antonio Bryant and Terry Glenn.

"He can do, from a physical standpoint, a lot more than some of the guys we had last year," Parcells said.

— Running back Troy Hambrick signed a one-year deal Friday, but may not get the money from the Cowboys. Parcells said he's offered to trade Hambrick if he can find a better situation.

"That would just be down the road," Parcells said.

Hambrick was the featured back last season, but now that'll likely be Jones, a second-rounder from Notre Dame.

As the team's top overall pick, Jones' immediate duty is fetching Parcells water. It's a tradition Parcells continued last year with cornerback Terence Newman.

— Parcells said second-year linebacker Bradie James "might be the most improved guy we have this offseason, certainly one of the top five."

"When he came here, he couldn't lift Kleenex," Parcells said. "Now he's one of the strongest guys we've got."

The 6-foot-2, 240-pound James might work the same side as 5-foot-10, 236-pound Dexter Coakley; the size matters because Parcells is fond of big linebackers.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is most fours-back nine.

Friday swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt, and forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

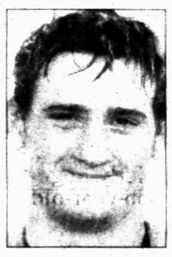
Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

Barnes books trip to Austin



Barnes

ABILENE — Jake Barnes used a throw of 48-11 to place second and advance to the state track meet at the Class A Region II track and field meet Friday.

Also Friday, the Ira boys' 400 and 800 relay team — Jess Wall, Bryan Proctor, Wes Kellner and Bryson Higgins — were scheduled to run in the finals at 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

Rangers-Sox series delayed; twinbill on tap for Saturday

ARLINGTON (AP) — The matchup between Texas' prolific offense and Boston's stingy pitching staff is on hold for at least a day.

Friday night's game between the Rangers and Red Sox was postponed by rain and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. More rain was forecast for the area on Saturday.

The Rangers' lineup has been especially productive at home. Texas is batting .373, highest home mark in the majors. That's fueled a 7-3 start at The Ballpark in Arlington, considered one of the most hitter-friendly venues in the big leagues.

The Rangers have scored 80 runs at home, second to the Colorado Rockies, and three Texas hitters — Michael Young, Hank Blalock and Alfonso Soriano — all rank among the top six in the AL in home batting average.

"We don't have a lot of home run hitters, but we're confident hitters at home," said Young, batting .444 at home and .369 overall. "Some of it is probably just being comfortable sleeping in your own bed. I can't put my finger on why we hit so well here, but it is what it is."

The Rangers are 13-9, their best April record since starting the 1999 season. Texas holds a 1-2 game lead on Anaheim for first in the AL West. The Rangers have finished last in the division the past four seasons.

Texas manager Buck Showalter said his players don't try to analyze their home hit parade.

"Our hitters don't talk much about it, although I hear the pitchers talk about it," Showalter said. "I do know that you've got to make playing at home an advantage, and we've done that so far."

Pitching has been the catalyst for Boston's 15-6 start, just the ninth time in 104 seasons that the Red Sox have won at least 15 of their first 21.

The Red Sox, who have won six straight, had a streak of 32 scoreless innings end in the first inning of the second game of Thursday's doubleheader sweep of Tampa Bay.

Boston relievers have produced 32 1-3 scoreless innings.

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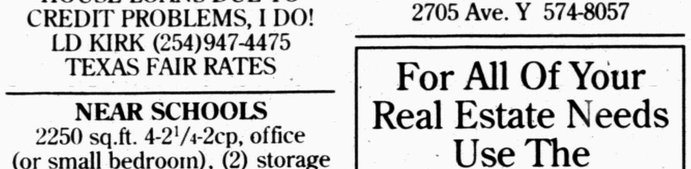
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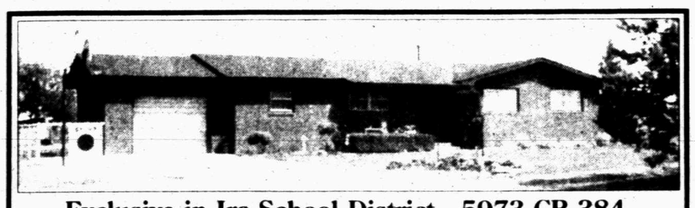
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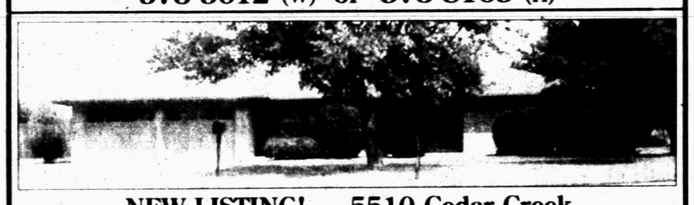


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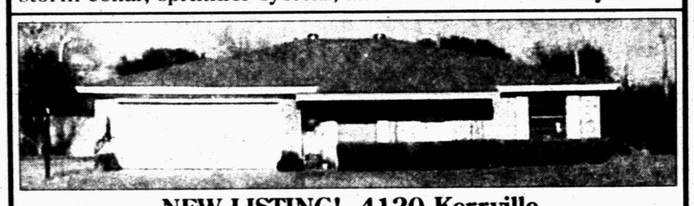


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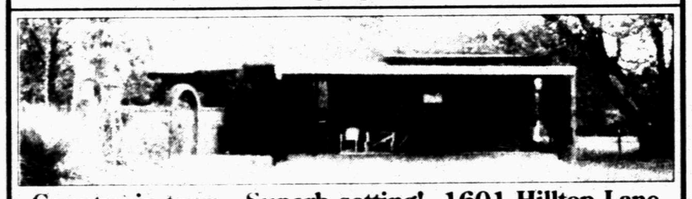
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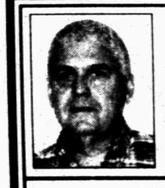
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



A different perspective on malpractice claims

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a malpractice attorney, I believe that you gave poor advice to the reader who wrote concerning the effects of suing a local physician for malpractice. You recommended, as a first step, making a formal complaint to the doctor's county or state medical society. You should have urged the reader to consult an experienced attorney in the field of professional negligence.

Your bias against malpractice claims was clear when you stated that everybody but the lawyers suffers. Many states have a screening procedure for potential claims prior to formal filing in court. An experienced attorney can help evaluate the proof supporting a potential claim and direct the patient through this complicated process.

You are correct that claimants are not encouraged to sue unless they have sustained serious, permanent injuries, because malpractice litigation is expensive, stressful and time-consuming (especially for the attorney handling the case). Why not urge injured patients to see a lawyer?

DEAR ATTORNEY: Everybody but the lawyers suffers in this situation. The legal screening procedures are, in the main, valid, but can be overridden by aggressive, focused attorneys whose avarice depends on financial settlements or percentages of awards. Despite your self-serving perceptions, many lawyers will insist on going to trial in the hopes of obtaining a pre-trial bonanza settlement. If you are unaware of such money-hungry colleagues, you must be new to the profession.

The purpose of a complaint to the county or state medical society is to learn whether the doctor's peers will sustain or negate a complaint. These experts will provide a professional judgment that is free, objective, and may constitute a valuable legal resource if, indeed, malpractice has been committed. I look at this as a no-lose situation, especially if the patient's concerns are trivial, have not led to serious consequences and may involve fee disputes.

Therefore, with due respect to your professional orientation, I have to disagree with your rationale. If more patients utilized alternative pathways to problem-solving, high-income malpractice attorneys would smarten up; physicians' malpractice premiums would drop; doctors would experience more satisfaction in their practices; fewer nuisance suits would be filed; there would be caps on limits for pain and suffering; and the lawyers (whose primary goal is to succeed in malpractice cases) would find the malpractice climate to be less addicting.

So, I now respond specifically to your concern: If you go to a shoe store, you're going to be sold shoes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a new table lamp to which there is a small card attached, which reads as follows:

"Warning. Handling the coated wires of this product exposes you to lead. Wash your hands after handling." Should I discontinue using the lamp?

DEAR READER: This sounds to me to be a typical government overreaction. Yes, lead, when ingested or inhaled, can cause health problems. But it is not absorbed in sufficient quantities, during trivial exposure, to be harmful. My advice? Ignore the warnings unless you are sleeping with your arm around the product. If so, find a new companion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a nurse who is professionally committed to caring for the elderly. Your recent advice to let a patient determine her own fluid and food needs was both practical and humane. Family members agonizing over the decision to start tube feeding need to realize that this will be far from a gentle intervention for the patient. While a gastric tube is less traumatic, many families, out of medical misinformation, opt for nasogastric feeding. This is unwise.

Passing an NG tube through someone's nose to the stomach is rough. Once the access is in place, patients — especially those with dementia — almost always try to remove the source of their discomfort. Consequently, they may end up with their hands tied so they won't "harm themselves" by dislodging or removing the feeding access. Then come the X-rays (truly an ordeal for the debilitated) and the ongoing blood drawing for lab tests.

Next, patients with NG tubes are at risk for aspiration pneumonia; they can actually and frequently breathe in portions of the feeding supplement, resulting in lung inflammation that can be severe.

Once the feeding is going well, the problems are not over. Fluid retention may lead to more than just a little swelling. Debilitated patients may swell up like sausages. Sometimes the fluid may actually break through the skin, leading to uncomfortable blisters and tears.

Last, family members must recognize that artificial nutrition often leads to nausea, abdominal discomfort, constipation or diarrhea — all of which open the door for more medication and other interventions.

Family members should confidently honor a loved one's decision to reject artificial feeding. All too often, the burden of medical intervention is heavy while the benefit is small.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your valid observations about parenteral nutrition, an option that is rarely needed in the elderly, many of whom have expressed the conviction that they should be allowed to die a relatively comfortable death when they choose to do so.

As you pointed out, concerned family members may mistakenly believe that artificial feedings enhance life, while — in reality — they may simply prolong the dying process.

Thank you for sharing your professional experiences.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had my stomach stapled in 1995 and my life has been a catastrophe ever since, as I have documented in my report to you. Furthermore, I have gained back 150 pounds. I am extremely depressed about this situation and believe that I have failed. I am 49 years old and feel 90. Whom should I consult for my condition?

DEAR READER: I can summarize your incredible bad luck by mentioning that, following your original surgery, you had repeated infections (requiring additional surgery), malnutrition, cyclic vomiting, pernicious anemia and acid reflux. In short, the worst scenario that is a consequence of gastric stapling.

I don't know where to begin. Your lengthy list of complications, which I have shortened because of space restrictions, is more than distressing; it should be required reading for any person who is considering stomach stapling as an "easy," effective and safe procedure to treat chronic obesity. Yes, there are certainly patients who have the procedure safely and with no complications. But, as I have repeatedly stated, surgery is surgery and bad things can happen to good people.

I will not accept your self-incrimination. Judging from the analysis you sent me, your problems are the result of surgery, not anything you may or may not have done. However, your current difficulties certainly need to be addressed.

If your local doctors and surgeons are unable to provide the care you need, you should ask for a referral to the metabolic clinic at the nearest medical school or teaching hospital in your state. In such an environment, super-specialists are trained and certified to care for patients who need specifically complicated analysis and therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which includes my no flour, no sugar diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently suffered from a first-time attack of gout that affected my left first-toe joint. My doctor gave me Vioxx with good result, but declined to prescribe a gout-preventive. Should I push this issue?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. Your acute arthritic attack may have been an isolated event that does not need follow-up.

However, I recommend that you have — at least — a serum uric acid level. This is a test for gout. If the uric acid level is high, I would encourage prophylactic, anti-gout therapy, such as allopurinol. If it is normal, however, you can probably hold off preventive therapy for the time being.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, N.Y. 10016.

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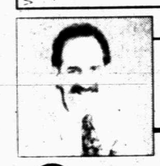
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Riggs, with some assets, earned $3 the first quarter, company reported regulatory filing.





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DEAR DR. BL anything in green cause nausea? I be cup of tea (usually, green) most mor about a year ago. O 3 months, I began mild nausea after fi green tea. Last we was enough to mak back up. The only that I know about a sulfa. Any enlight greatly appreciat
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DEAR M.C.: I come across as a but there isn't alwa logic to how the could be something an impurity in that or lot, other items sumed with the pr an unusual combin The fact that this ha for awhile should The quickest fix is tea, or change the drink — switching for example.

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Treasury faces questions on efforts against terror financing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Riggs Bank, under investigation and facing sanctions by federal regulators, is retrenching in its foreign operations and the head of the family controlling the bank is resigning from the board of its parent company.

The FBI and banking regulators have been investigating large cash transactions in Riggs accounts, controlled by Saudi diplomats, for possible connections to terrorism financing. The bank said late Thursday that it expects the regulators to soon impose substantial civil fines for alleged violations of anti-money-laundering laws.

Regulators are considering fines of about $25 million, a source said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity and confirming a report in The Washington Post. That would be the largest civil penalty ever imposed on a financial institution for such violations, experts say.

Riggs, with some $7 billion in assets, earned $3.9 million in the first quarter, the parent company reported in a periodic regulatory filing. Annual earnings have not exceeded $25 million since 1999.

The head of the Senate Finance Committee has asked the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks to examine Saudi transactions totaling tens of millions of dollars at Riggs and FleetBoston Financial Corp. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, made the request in a letter to members of the independent panel.

Riggs, an old-line institution that draws cachet from its business with the diplomatic community, has been accused by Treasury Department regulators of failing to notify the government, as banks are required to do by law, of suspicious transactions. Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has classified Riggs as a "troubled institution" for failing to fully comply with a July 2003 consent order under which it agreed to strengthen its anti-money-laundering controls.

The bank also indicated in its filing that family patriarch Joe Allbritton, Riggs's former chief executive, is resigning as vice chairman of the parent company's board of directors. Allbritton, who transferred control to his son, Robert, several years ago, will remain the company's largest shareholder. Riggs president Timothy Coughlin also is resigning from the board.

Riggs said it is selling or leaving most of its operations in Britain and closing its operation in Miami as well as any embassy business that doesn't meet guidelines for weeding out suspicious account transactions.

Treasury officials faced questioning by senators Thursday on government efforts to fight the use of U.S. institutions for financing terrorism and the handling of the Riggs situation by the department's enforcement divisions.

Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said he was concerned that Treasury's enforcement divisions "were unable to determine that Riggs failed to file numerous suspicious activity reports."

"This, I believe, is evidence of a regulatory system that does not function effectively," he told Deputy Treasury Secretary Samuel Bodman.

Bodman, on the job since February, said the government "has had an effect on the ability of al-Qaida and other terrorists to raise and move money around the world."

Actions to date, notably the blocking of more than 1,400 accounts and $136.7 million in assets of al-Qaida and other terrorist groups worldwide, "have made it riskier and costlier for them to try to use the formal financial system," Bodman testified.

"There is reason to believe that this is working," he said.

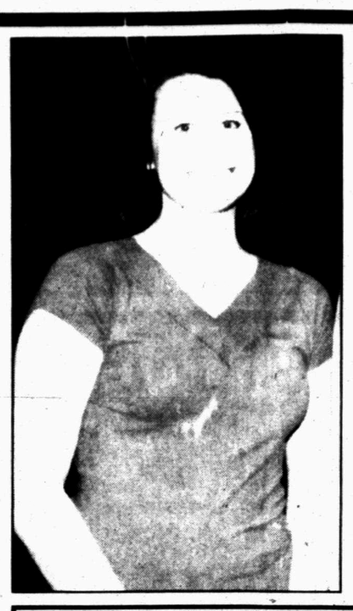
Bodman acknowledged that the Riggs case may signal possible shortcomings in the government's enforcement system. "It's fair to say we have a potential weakness that needs to be investigated," he said.

On the Net:

Riggs Bank: http://www.riggsbank.com

FleetBoston Financial Corp.: http://www.fleet.com

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency: http://www.occ.treas.gov



RECEIVE AWARDS — Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy recently held its annual honors and awards convocation on the Weatherford campus. Awards were presented to outstanding students in the school. Among the SWOSU students receiving awards were Jodi Mandrell of Snyder, $500 Jerry D. McWilliams Memorial Scholarship. (Contributed Photo)

LBJ Library releases tapes

AUSTIN (AP) — President Lyndon B. Johnson asked his defense secretary to list the pros and cons of a proposed attack on petroleum targets in North Vietnam in June 1966, according to an audiotape released Friday as part of 23 hours of Johnson's telephone conversations.

"We might have a lot of problems in the morning we don't have tonight," Johnson told Robert McNamara as he weighed public opinion, soldier morale and the reaction of Communist governments.





On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Green tea makes reader turn green

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there anything in green tea that might cause nausea? I began drinking a cup of tea (usually, but not always, green) most mornings starting about a year ago. Over the last 2 to 3 months, I began noticing a very mild nausea after finishing a cup of green tea. Last week, the nausea was enough to make the tea come back up. The only allergies I have that I know about are to pollens and sulfa. Any enlightenment will be greatly appreciated! — **M.C., Berkeley, Calif.**

DEAR M.C.: I know this may come across as a bit of a cop out, but there isn't always a discernable logic to how the body reacts. It could be something in the product, an impurity in that particular brand or lot, other items habitually consumed with the product or simply an unusual combination of factors. The fact that this has been going on for awhile should be informative. The quickest fix is to stop having tea, or change the type of tea you drink — switching to an herbal tea, for example.

If you are in good health and confident that the symptoms do not represent any sort of health risk, you can do some detective work to narrow down the contributing factors. First, try other brands of the same type of tea. Other questions: Does the problem occur when you have tea at other times of the day, or only in the morning? Are the symptoms only present when you have the tea on an empty stomach? There are tannins in tea that might be causing the irritation you are experiencing. (A little milk in tea can bind the tannins and dampen their effect.) Unless it states otherwise, there will be some caffeine in green and black teas. Could this be the problem? If so, you might try decaffeinated varieties to see if the symptoms abate. Tea has many positive qualities, but the bottom line is that there are many healthful foods out there, so there is no reason to use one when your body keeps telling you "no."

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I've recently begun taking fish oil capsules (1,000 mg) in order to take advantage of the benefits of omega-3 fatty acids. But now I'm wondering, since PCBs and other pollutants accumulate in animals' tissues, is there a danger that PCBs, mercury and other toxins are present in capsules? Is there a difference between farmed fish oils and wild fish oils? Any input you can give on this subject would be greatly appreciated. — **K.A., Berkeley, Calif.**

DEAR K.A.: It is reasonable for you to be concerned, as you can find higher levels of certain contaminants in animal fat — especially in the case of fat-soluble compounds such as PCBs, pesticide residues and mercury (which is often present as a contaminant in the form of fat-soluble methyl mercury). A risk would be present for both farmed and wild fish oils, but it would be expected to be greater in farmed varieties that have been raised near industrial areas. Fish oil supplements come from a number of varieties, notably menhaden, sardines, anchovies and salmon.

Animals store their excess energy in the form of fat, and the fat tissue (also referred to as the adipose) also serves as an important storage site for various types of fat-soluble compounds that are waiting in a queue for removal.

With fish oils, there are methods of molecular distillation that can remove contaminants. I favor opting for food sources before turning to supplements, but if you want your omega-3 fats as a fish-oil based dietary supplement, seek out a brand that takes steps to remove impurities. Check the label or advertising literature for statements to this effect, or call the company to confirm.

One final word: The omega-3 fats are essential for good health, but they can affect the way that your blood clots. It is easier to take higher amounts when you take it in the form of a dietary supplement, but this may not be advised for individuals at risk for blood coagulation disorders or those taking anticoagulation medications. Check with your physician if you have any questions.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Marines hand over positions in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents killed a U.S. soldier and two civilian contractors in northern Iraq and attacked a U.S. convoy Saturday in Baghdad, as scores of people took to the streets of Fallujah to celebrate a deal to end a monthlong siege of the city.

The soldier was killed in a roadside bomb attack on his convoy Saturday near the town of Qarraya, 45 miles south of Mosul, the military said. A second soldier died Saturday of wounds suffered in a Friday roadside bombing in the same area. The latest deaths brought to 140 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the current wave of violence began in early April.

In another Saturday bombing, two foreign contractors were killed and five other foreigners were injured in an attack in the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. military and witnesses said. Nationalities of the victims were unavailable.

In the Baghdad attack, a bomb set a military tanker truck ablaze as a convoy traveled along the main highway between Fallujah and the capital. When U.S. reinforcements arrived, the attackers fired four mortar shells, which caused no casualties, witnesses said.

Elsewhere, a British soldier was wounded Saturday in an ambush in the southeastern city of Amarah, the British military said. The Al-Mahdi Army, led by radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, is active in the area.

The latest violence followed a deal signaling the apparent end of the siege of Fallujah, launched last month after a mob killed four U.S. contractors and mutilated their bodies.

Amid mounting international criticism, the U.S. military forged an agreement to withdraw U.S. Marines from much of the city and turn over security to an Iraqi force made up largely of former soldiers from Saddam Hussein's army.

Likud Party urged to approve Gaza Strip withdrawal plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister urged skeptical Likud Party members to approve this weekend's referendum on withdrawing from the Gaza Strip, saying in a Saturday broadcast they must not miss "this historic opportunity."

The plan is good for Israel, and its rejection could harm Israel's relationship with the United States by making Israel appear to be an unreliable partner, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz told Israel Radio. The interview was broadcast the day before the vote by 193,000 members of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Likud Party.

Polls in recent days have forecast defeat for the referendum. Analysts said Sharon underestimated his opponents and did not campaign hard enough.

By contrast, Jewish settlers and Likud hard-liners ran a well-funded campaign, visiting tens of thousands of eligible voters at home.

Mofaz said he remains optimistic that the plan will be approved.

"This plan is the best possible one for Israel, at this time and in the current reality," Mofaz said. "We must not miss this historic opportunity."

Under the plan, Israel would withdraw soldiers and 7,500 settlers from Gaza and evacuate four small West Bank settlements by 2005.

Official results of Sunday's vote are expected Monday.

In several interviews this week, Sharon said a Gaza withdrawal allows Israel to hang on to large West Bank settlement blocs. Rejection of the plan could force Likud out of power, he warned.

Palestinians suspect Sharon is giving up Gaza to tighten his hold on much of the West Bank, and the prime minister's critics in Israel believe he proposed the plan partly to deflect attention from two corruption probes against him.

Yet the withdrawal proposal also marks a drastic departure for Sharon, once the foremost champion of settlement expansion.

Sharon, who remains hugely popular among Likud members, has portrayed the vote as a show of confidence in him, but stopped short of saying he would resign if his plan is defeated.

Instead, Sharon said he would continue pushing for the plan.

Arrests top police blotter

• ***Arrests***

Snyder law enforcement officials arrested a 46-year-old female at 4:58 p.m. Friday at 33rd Street and Avenue B for shoplifting and fleeing in a motor vehicle. A report of shoplifting came from Wal-Mart and a vehicle description was noted. A citizen followed the fleeing vehicle and kept police informed as to its location and direction of travel until officers could make contact. After a short chase the suspect stopped and was taken into custody.

Two people were arrested near Dermott at 2:10 Saturday morning. Dawn Roberta Backus, 39, of Katy was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and a 18-year-old male was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended.

A 38-year-old male was arrested at the sheriff's department at 4:40 p.m. Friday on charges of theft by check.

The sheriff arrested a 17-year-old male at 5 p.m. Friday for no driver's license

• ***Forgery***

Police responded to a report of forgery at Allsup's at 8:52 Friday morning.

• ***Theft***

A boat and trailer were reported stolen from the 2900 block of El Paso at 5:35 p.m. Friday.

Three pit bull puppies were reported taken from the 1800 block of 37th St. at 1:29 p.m.

• ***Traffic control***

Police set up a close patrol in the 1800 block of 37th St. after reports of vehicles driving behind a business. Police noted several vehicles traveling through the alley at a high rate of speed.

• ***Vandalism***

A report of someone breaking out the front and rear windows of a vehicle was turned in at 12:21 Saturday morning from Sonic.

Obituaries

Raymond House

1913-2004

Raymond Harvey House, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, April 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Mr. House

Service for Mr. House, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Revs. James Merrill and Tom Woodward will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Jan. 28, 1913 in Miami, Texas, he married Erma Pauline Gatlin on Oct. 27, 1934 in Snyder. She died April 11, 2001. Mr. House was a farmer and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he served as Sunday school superintendent for over 30 years. He also was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Scurry Lodge 706.

Three sisters, Ethel Watson, Ruby Andrew and Opel Marriott, and one brother, Melvin House, preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Carolyn House, Jerry and Reta House, all of Snyder, and Milton and Patsy House of Odessa; 14 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation is from 7-8 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery with the Revs. Floyd Green of Colorado City and Raymond Dunkins of New Hope Baptist Church in Snyder, officiating.

Born on Nov. 6, 1920 in Winona, Texas, she married Walter Jones in 1981 in Midland. He died April 1, 1982.

Survivors include a niece, Florence Harris of Corona, Calif.; a nephew, Edward Hamilton of Houston; 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Family visitation is set for 7-8 p.m. Monday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Lavada Jones

1920-2004

Lavada Jones, 83, of Colorado City died Thursday, April 29, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the House of Hope Community Church in Colorado City under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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Floodwaters sweep car away, at least 2 people are killed

FORT WORTH (AP) — At least two people died when their car was swept away by rushing water as heavy thunderstorms moved through the city Friday night.

Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said a woman and her 2½-year-old son were taken to Fort Worth hospitals, where efforts to revive them failed. Firefighters searched until early Saturday for the woman's 1½-year-old son, whom family members said should also have been with his mother. There were two car seats in the vehicle, he said.

The search was called off because of dangerous conditions, but will resume later Saturday.

Worley said the woman apparently had stopped at a low-water crossing but proceeded after a van passed her and made it safely through.

"She was immediately caught up in the water," he said. The car was swept from the road, down through a drainage ditch that empties into Sycamore Creek. Worley said the car became caught up in some trees about 75 to 100 yards downstream.

Johnny Campbell, 22, tried to reach the woman's car to help. He wrapped a tow chain around his waist and had three people hold it as he waded in waist-high water toward the car.

"I saw her banging on the window and screaming for someone to help her," Campbell told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Saturday's edition. "When I got to the car, I touched her hand, but water swept the car away, down into the creek."

"In a matter of seconds, the rush of the water moved the car," Worley said. It was dislodged from the trees and swept another 100 feet or so where it became lodged against a large cast-iron pipeline. Worley said the child was found inside. His mother was outside the car and lodged against the pipeline.

Bystanders said the intersection often floods during heavy rain.

Worley said that a spot where he stood flat-footed about 1:30 a.m. was covered in chest-high water at the height of the flooding. He is 6-foot-1.

A line of thunderstorms packing winds as high as 60 mph moved through the area Friday. Besides flooding streets, the storm knocked down tree limbs and power lines around the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but no serious property damage was reported.

The National Weather Service received several reports of hail, including some that were the size of golf balls.

Final exams and awards banquet planned at WTC

Western Texas College students will begin final exams Monday and they will continue through Thursday.

On Friday, the college will hold its service awards banquet beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the WTC cafeteria.

Eight retirees will be honored at the event and service awards for upwards of 30 years will be given.

Retirees include Joe Carter, Leanord Dodgen, Robert Holden, Gail Snider, Albert Conde, Edwin Galyean, Barbara Preston and Joann Snider.

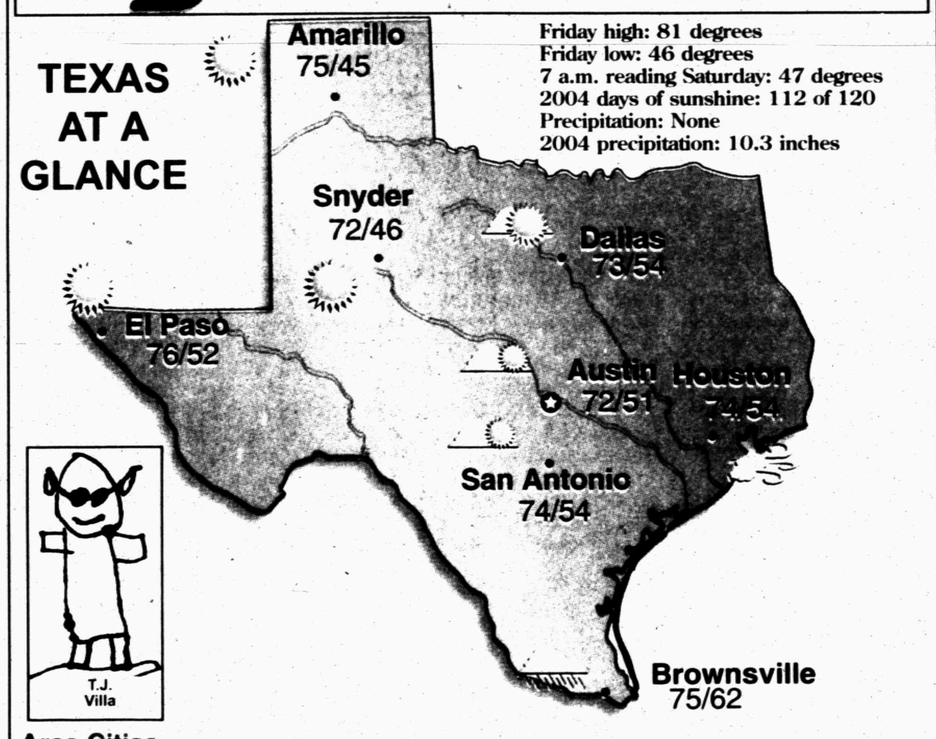
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Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.3 inches

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Abilene	71	48	sunny	El Paso	76	52	sunny	Midland	73	47	sunny
Amarillo	75	45	sunny	Fort Stockton	74	48	sunny	Raymondville	76	59	rain
Austin	72	51	pt sunny	Gainesville	71	49	mst sunny	Rosenberg	74	53	windy
Beaumont	73	53	rain	Greenville	71	50	mst sunny	San Antonio	74	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	75	62	rain	Houston	74	54	windy	San Marcos	73	51	mst sunny
Brownwood	73	49	sunny	Kingsville	76	58	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	49	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	74	59	windy	Livingston	72	49	pt sunny	Sweetwater	72	47	sunny
Corsicana	71	51	pt sunny	Longview	71	49	pt sunny	Tyler	72	49	mst sunny
Dallas	73	54	mst sunny	Lubbock	75	47	sunny	Weatherford	72	49	sunny
Del Rio	75	55	pt sunny	Lufkin	72	50	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	75	48	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	51	t-storm	Houston	74	54	windy	Phoenix	95	70	sunny
Boston	70	56	rain	Los Angeles	88	65	sunny	San Francisco	79	58	windy
Chicago	52	33	pt sunny	Miami	84	75	pt sunny	Seattle	68	50	pt sunny
Dallas	73	54	mst sunny	Minneapolis	54	36	mixed	St. Louis	64	41	t-storm
Denver	69	46	mst sunny	New York	69	54	rain	Washington, DC	77	53	t-storm

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Snyder Jr. High takes part in Holocaust Museum Houston project

'I Never Saw Another Butterfly'

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Aston Kutcher's movie *The Butterfly Effect* tells the story of a man who travels back in time trying to right wrongs and change the course of history for the better. That premise is make-believe movie, because in reality, there is no such thing as time travel.

Be that as it may, Snyder Junior High School language arts students taking part in the Butterfly Project have discovered their own vicarious method of time travel — reading poems written by Jewish children imprisoned in concentration camps during World War II.

While studying the Holocaust, students in four language arts classes read selections from *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, which contains the drawings and poems written by the 15,000 children, all under the age of 15, who were imprisoned in the Terezin Concentration Camp from 1942 to 1944. Less than 100 survived.

Each student was assigned to read one poem and discuss it with a classmate. Then each prepared an oral interpretative reading of the poem.

Students were then given decorative items such as sheets of colorful paper, glitter, glue, scissors and string.

Each student created a butterfly that represented the child who wrote the poem they read. The name of the child poet was written on the butterfly.

Joe Garza constructed a cage with wire and rope for his butterfly to represent Jews imprisoned in camps. The color black symbolized no hope and blue represented little chance of survival. Red stood for death as millions perished in camps.

When students finished their butterflies, they were all hung from the ceiling near the library. Students learned this past week if the child they chose survived or not. The butterflies representing children who died were cut down.

Eventually the remaining butterflies will also be taken down and all will be mailed to Holocaust Museum Houston, sponsor of the Butterfly Project.

The museum's goal is to collect 1½ million butterflies to represent each child who died during the Holocaust.

SJHS teachers coordinating the local project are Virginia Trevey, Roy Bailey, Linda Huestis and Darlene Robbins.

Mrs. Trevey noted that in addition to their Holocaust studies students also learned about other historical incidents since World War II where vast numbers of people were killed through genocide or over acts of violence including Iraq's attacks on the rebel Kurds, Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, and Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

They also prepared reports on concentration camps and the horrific medical experiments of Nazi Josef Mengele; and Adolph Eichmann, who was considered one of the most feared of the Nazi leaders.

Another report centered on Corrie Ten Bloom who spent years in a camp and was released on Dec. 28, 1944. Her father died in the camp.

Some of the related reports revolved around people like Denise Caraco and Harriet Tubman who helped slaves escape.

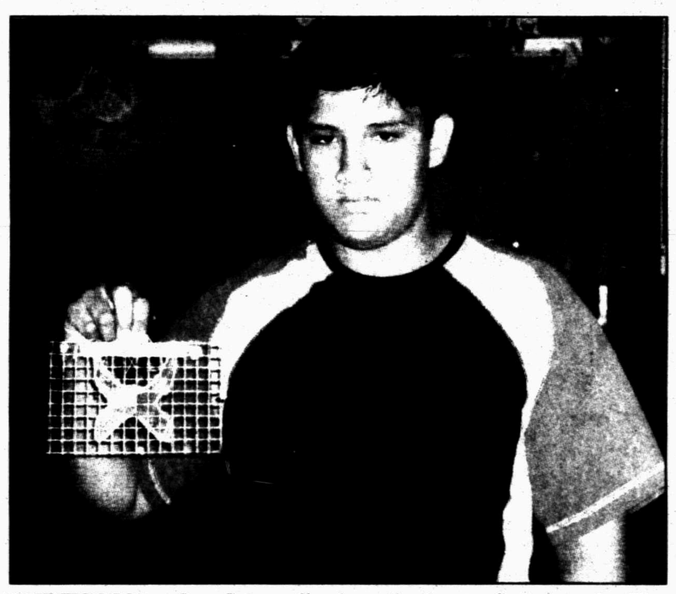


BUTTERFLIES — Adrienne Meek, Crystal Rodriguez and Tanner Lee (starting at back) are standing under some of the butterflies that were hung from the ceiling near the library. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

In memory of Pavel Friedman who was born in Prague on Jan. 7, 1921 and deported to the Terezin Concentration Camp on April 16, 1942. He died in Aushchwitz on Sept. 29, 1944. Pavel wrote the following poem.

The Butterfly
The last the very last
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing
Against a white stone.....
Such, such a yellow
Is carried lightly 'way up high.
It went away I'm sure
Because it wished
To kiss the world good-bye.
For seven weeks I've lived in here,
Penned up inside this ghetto.
But I have found what I love here.
The dandelions call to me
And the white chestnut branches in the court. Only I never saw another butterfly.
That butterfly was the last one.
Butterflies don't live in here, in the ghetto.

This poem and others in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* revealed the daily misery of children as well as their courage, optimism hopes and fears.



BUTTERFLY — Joe Garza displays the butterfly he made. The cage and the rope represent the imprisoned Jews. The color black symbolizes no hope and blue stands for very little chance of survival. Red represents death. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman) (More pictures on page 6B)





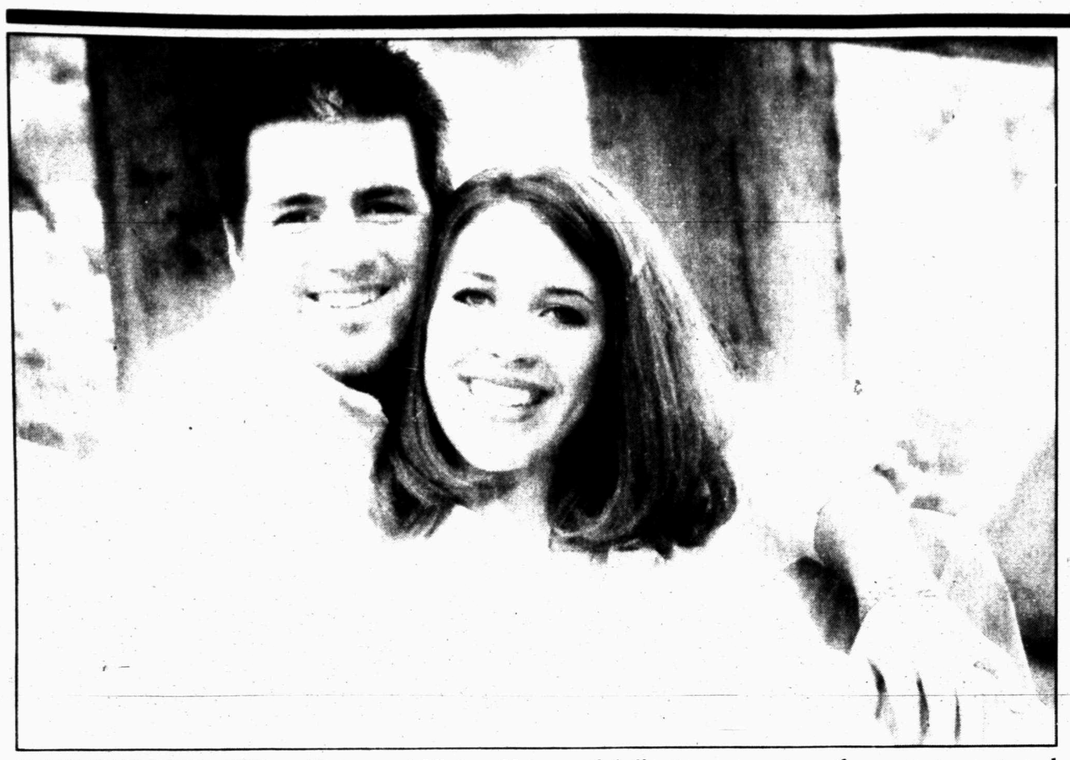
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JUNE WEDDING SET — Dave and Vivian Kenny of Arlington announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nikki Kenny, to Landon Day, son of Jody and Vanessa Day of Snyder. The couple plan a June 11 ceremony at the Church on Rush Creek in Arlington. (Snaps by Staci)

Hill, Blair wed in Odom Chapel

Natalie Rayne Hill of Snyder became the bride of Beaugan Adam Blair of Robert Lee in a 7 p.m. ceremony on Dec. 20 in the Odom Chapel of First United Methodist Church.

Frank Daniels, the groom's pastor at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, officiated, and Terry Shafer of Colorado City, uncle of the bride, read scriptures from Genesis 2:18-24 and I Corinthians 12:31, 13:8.

Parents of the bride are Ray and Tami Hill of Snyder and the groom's parents are Tommy and JoNell Blair of Robert Lee.

The isle of the chapel was dressed with fresh flower pew markers that consisted of noble fir, princess pine and cedar Christmas greens. The greens were accented with cardinal red and Eskimo white roses.

The altar was draped with elegant white tulle accented with fresh flower markers. Two large white wicker baskets containing hand blown glass votives were accented with red and white flowers. The altar table was dressed with silver votive candelabras consisting of fresh Christmas greens and red and white flowers.

Lighting candles were Mason Ross, cousin of the groom from Robert Lee.

Macy Hill, cousin of the bride from Lubbock, sang "Forever and for Always" and "It Had to be You." Pianist was Judy Brown.

The bride was given in marriage by her father as she was attired in an A-line bridal gown of white matte satin by Hackel's and designed by Audrey Hart. The halter gown was sleeveless and had pearls, crystals and silver beads studded on the bodice front and back.

Pearls, crystals and silver beads dotted the semi-cathedral train. The bride wore an elbow-length veil made of tulle, dotted with pearls and edged with a satin ribbon. The bride also wore a diamond necklace given to her by Tommy and JoNell Blair. Her bouquet consisted of two dozen red roses with a bride's Bible given to her by her grandmother, Beverly Glasscock.

Maid of honor Camry Hill, sister of the bride, selected an elegant claret matte satin dress designed by Alexia Designs. The bodice top featured delicate beading that matched the back of the dress as it aproned out. The spaghetti strapped dress flowed into a beautiful A-line dress. The maid of honor's bouquet was one dozen white roses.

Clair Shafer, cousin of the bride from Colorado City, was flower girl. Clay Hill, cousin of the bride from Lubbock, was ring bearer.



Mr. and Mrs. Beaugan Blair (Snaps by Staci)

Zeke Montgomery of Robert Lee was best man. Ushers included Logan Hill, brother of the bride, and Andrew McCabe of San Angelo.

The groom wore a black three button, single-breasted notch tuxedo jacket by Perry Ellis with satin lapels, trim and buttons and black striped tone on tone lining. The pants were coordinating black with taper legs. He wore a white cotton blend formal shirt with a silver tie and vest.

Best man and ushers wore black tuxedos like the groom's only with white cotton blend formal wing collar shirts with claret ties and vests.

Amanda Blair, sister of the groom from Robert Lee, attended the registry table. It was decorated with a hurricane globe with a red pillar candle, surrounded with fresh Christmas greens, white enchantment lilies, scarlet red and Eskimo white roses.

The reception was held in Wesley Hall of the church.

The bride's cake, created by Patsy Hart, was set on matching three-tiered white garden cake stands. Iridescent silver ribbon, accented with a bow, circled each cake. Scarlet icing roses adorned the top of each cake. A miniature bride and groom stood between the cake stands.

The bride's table was backed by a three sided trellis draped with clear lights covered with elegant tulle and tied into bows. A white satin tablecloth, belonging to the bride's grandmother Beverly Glasscock, covered the table. It was topped with a lace cloth with tulle draped around the table and tied into bows. A silver punch bowl and a three-tiered silver tray with chocolate covered cherries and strawberries adorned the table. Serving were Debbie Williams, Donna Greene and Dina Burt.

A red cloth covered the groom's table holding silver appointments. Chocolate cheesecakes and coffee were served. Serving were Gayle Shandley, the groom's aunt from Pipe Creek; Becky Ross, the groom's aunt and Megan Ross, his cousin, both from Robert Lee.

Natalie's and Beaugan's honeymoon trip was to San Antonio. They now reside there.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School and a graduate of Salon Professional Academy in Lubbock with a license in cosmotology.

The groom, a 2001 graduate of Robert Lee High School, graduated from Western Texas College in 2003 with a degree in golf course maintenance and landscape technology. He is employed at The Club at Sonterra in San Antonio.

Bridal Registry

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Piano Guild auditions will be held at First Baptist Church



Elaine Ehrlich

Elaine Ehrlich from Fort Worth will serve as guild adjudicator for the National Piano Guild auditions to be held Monday and Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Piano students of Lynn Baldwin and Barbara Tune have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

The event is sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians (ACM), of which Tune and Baldwin are members.

Ehrlich has two degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, bachelor of music in piano and bachelor of arts in English. She has done graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley and at UT, and has studied under Charles Froh, Dalies Franz and Bomar Cramer.

Her teaching experience has been in piano, harmony and theory for five years at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas, and 30 plus years of private piano lessons in Fort Worth. She also is a member of five professional organizations.

The young pianists will perform in the auditions for pledge, local, district, Hobbyist, duet, ensemble, social, state, national or international honors.

Student's evaluation will be on their performances based upon their presentation of baroque, classic, romantic and modern works. Each student will perform in the presence of a professional adjudicator chosen by the national organization who will examine his or her repertoire.

Each entrant will be given a certificate, a gold, silver or bronze embossed pin, a report card, and a year's membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

Established in 1929 by Dr. Irl Allison, the first auditions were held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. National headquarters is in Austin.

Man hijacks bus

DORAVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A naked man hijacked a school bus to flee from police after he crashed his vehicle into the bus, police said.

The man, who had not been identified by police as of Thursday, stole the bus as officers arrived at the accident scene, police said. He made a U-turn and led officers on a slow-speed chase into oncoming traffic, said police Capt. C.D. Atkinson.

Two truck drivers — driving a concrete pumper truck and a tractor trailer — eventually blocked the bus' path, according to a police report.

"They cornered him, pinned him up against the retaining wall," Atkinson said.

The driver was naked when police arrested him. He had suffered a few scrapes and was taken to a hospital for treatment and a mental evaluation.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Scurry County Library; "Designing to the Theme Titles," by Joyce Rogers, NGC Life Judge; 4 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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.

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In Austin's Hyde Park Baptist Church...

Kimmel, James repeat vows

AUSTIN — Wendy Suzanne Kimmel and Mark Alan James, both of Austin, were married in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on April 17 in the Hyde Park Baptist Church Chapel. The Rev. David Lorenz, minister of the church, officiated.

The bride's parents are Tom and Julie Kimmel of Marble Falls, former Snyder residents. The maternal grandparents are Billy Ed and Ivadell Vernon of Lake Brownwood. Paternal grandparents are Dixie Kimmel of Snyder and the late Judson H. Kimmel.

The groom's parents are Jim and Sharon James of Temple. Formerly of Belton. Paternal grandparents are Robert James of Belton and the late Betty James. The maternal grandparents are the late Garland and Ella McCutcheon.

Prior to arrival of wedding guests, multiple white candles glowed in the pulpit area and near the piano and organ. Decorations were tall white pedestals topped with urns of greenery. The traditional unity candle was on a table centered between the pedestals. Ivory and white roses, bows and streamers of white tulle decorated the pews.

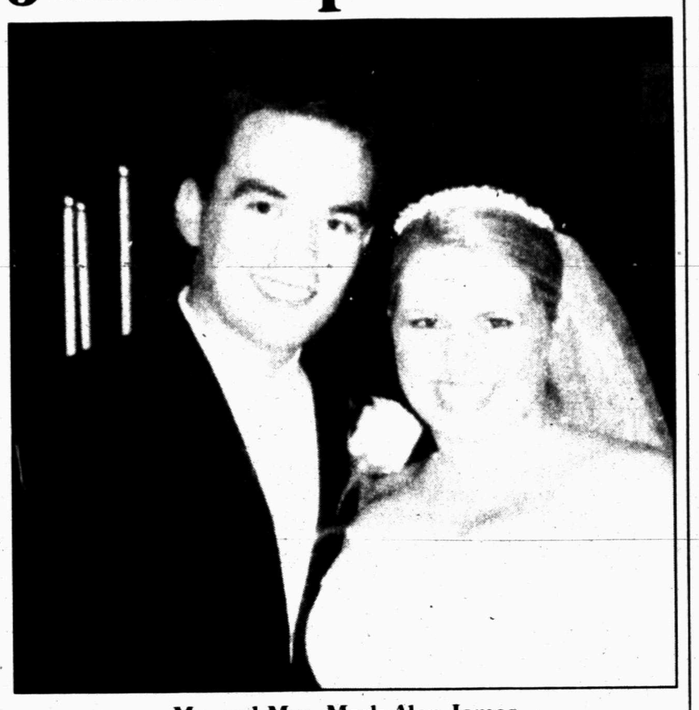
Soloist Owen Griffin sang "Your Grace Amazes Me" and accompanied himself at the piano. After lighting the unity candle Griffin also sang "How Beautiful" while accompaning himself at the organ. The congretional praise song was "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

The radiant bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an elegant ivory satin strapless A-line gown. It was enhanced with champagne satin trim at the bodice and a lace-up corset back of champagne satin trim and the skirt flowed softly to the champagne satin hemline. Her tiara was adorned with delicate rhinestones with an elbow-length veil.

Her cluster bouquet of pale ice pink roses was highlighted with some shades of deep pink and fuchsia roses along with white Gerbera daises, hydrangeas and baby's breath.

Shauna Kimmel, sister of the bride from Austin, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Carpenter, Amber Laroche, childhood friend and college roommate of the bride, both of Austin. They wore pale ice pink strapless satin tea-length dresses with an ivory sash. They carried bouquets of pale ice pink roses also highlighted with some shades of deep pink and fuchsia roses.

Flower girl Savannah Vincent of Marble Falls wore an ivory floor-length dress with champagne ribbon trim on the bodice and delicate embroidery and tiny pearl accents. Her headpiece was a circle of small pink roses with streamers. She carried a basket of rose petals in shades of pink. Zane Vincent of Marble Falls was the ring bearer. His tuxedo was styled like the groomsmen with a pale ice pink boutonniere. Both are cousins of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alan James
(Contributed Photo)

David James of Austin, twin brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were William McAnelly and Jake John, both of Austin. Ushers were Blaine Carpenter of Austin and Ben Parker of Belton.

The groom wore a classic black Chaps tuxedo with pleated white shirt and ivory vest and tie. He wore a pale ice pink rose boutonniere. The best man, groomsmen and ushers wore classic black Chaps tuxedoes with white pleated shirts and black vests and ties. They also wore a pale ice pink boutonniere.

The reception was in the Friendship Hall of the church and the houseparty attendants were Tara Bourque and Sarah Spencer from Kingwood, and Kenlyn Powers, friend of the bride from Sherman.

The bride's table was covered white floor-length cloth with front and sides decorated with tulle bows and sweeping scallops of tulle. Centered on the long table was the three tiered square vanilla wedding cake with butter cream icing. Hearts of all sizes made with pale ice pink icing decorated all sides of the cake and the initials SJM in icing was on the top tier of the cake. Rose petals in shades of pink were scattered on the table around the cake. Crystal punch bowl and serving pieces along with a tall, elegant, silver candelabrum complemented the bride's table.

The groom's table was covered with a white floor-length cloth with a lush chocolate square tiered cake with raspberry filling and topped with the orange Texas longhorn logo. Another tall, elegant silver candelabrum along with a silver coffee service graced the table. Three buffet tables with choices of cheeses and crackers, melons and fruits along with a pasta-spinach-artichoke dip were served.

Following their week-long honeymoon trip to the El Dorado Royale Resort in Punta Brava, Mexico, the couple are at home in Austin. The bride is a 2000 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. She is a caseworker with Child Protective Services. The groom graduated with honors from the University of Texas in Austin in 1997. He is employed as an admissions counselor at the University of Texas in Austin.

Out-of-town wedding guests were from Lake Belton, Lake Brownwood, San Angelo, Tulsa, Flower Mound, Snyder, Colorado City, Houston, Sudan, Dallas, Granbury, Albuquerque and Belton.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by Jim and Sharon James, was at the County Line on the Lake Friday evening. Special entertainment was a video-movie of the couple from childhood to the present made and edited by David James, twin brother of the groom and presented to them. This movie was also shown to guests at their wedding reception. Shauna Kimmel, the bride's sister also presented them with a hand-crafted memory-photo album. Guests at the reception added their special memory of the couple to the book.

Other pre-wedding events for them was a couples' shower in Austin hosted by David James. Shauna Kimmel, Jennifer Carpenter and Amber LaRoche on Feb. 28. On March 6, a miscellaneous shower was hosted by Joanne Gillette in Belton. On March 20, another miscellaneous shower was given by Pat McCutcheon in Belton. On April 3, a lingerie shower was given by Shauna Kimmel and Amber LaRoche.



DAR GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD — Erin Burleson, senior at Snyder High School, was named the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter's good citizenship award recipient. She was pinned by her mother, Luann Burleson at the presentation on April 13 at the Snyder Country Club. Looking on is Tizzy Hall, project chairperson. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Erin Burleson receives good citizenship award

Erin Burleson, daughter of Dr. James and Luann Burleson, was honored as the Daughters of the Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter's 2004 good citizen award.

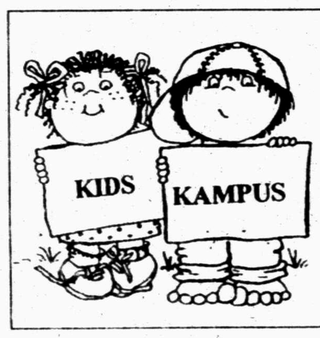
Erin will graduate in May and has been active all four years at SHS in academic and sports curriculum.

Erin has participated in basketball three years, track four years, cross country three years, volleyball two years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, National Honor Society, senior class officer, AP Calculus Bowling League, and has been in the top 10 percent of her class all four years.

Awards she has earned include All–District and All-Big Country her junior and senior years; Texas Association of Girls Basketball Coaches All-State, senior year; Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region, senior year; and was regional qualifier in 300 hurdles junior year, cross country, senior, and UIL ready writing.

Erin also was homecoming queen and Miss SHS nominee her senior year.

DAR presented her a pin, a certificate and a $100 scholarship. She plans to attend Texas A&M University as pre-med major.



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Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, director

Did you know that May is "Get Caught Reading Month?" I know if I told certain people about "Get Caught Reading Month," they would say, "So what? Why do I want to read?" It is always interesting to find the reasons people do not read.

Many people say that they just do not enjoy reading. Others brag that they have not read a single book in 40 years. Those who say either of these things, sometimes really mean they never learned to read well enough to enjoy reading. It is still too much work for them, and is very frustrating. I can identify because there are certain authors who use so many technical terms that I have to keep a dictionary handy if I really want to follow the story.

My hope for these people is if they have a reading problem, that they realize it is never too late to learn to read. There are classes to help adults learn to read. Another reason I have heard for not reading is, "Well, if I ever get bored, I will come to the library and check out a book."

Personally, I do not think I have ever been bored. I stay very busy, but I read to unwind and relieve stress. Relieving stress is just as important as daily vitamins and eating my broccoli. Some days it may be only 15 minutes of reading, but it is necessary for my sanity.

There are those who just feel they do not have time to read.

Keep a book with you at all times. Do you wait at the doctor's office? Have a book handy. These are just a few of the reasons why people do not read, but these are the ones we hear most.

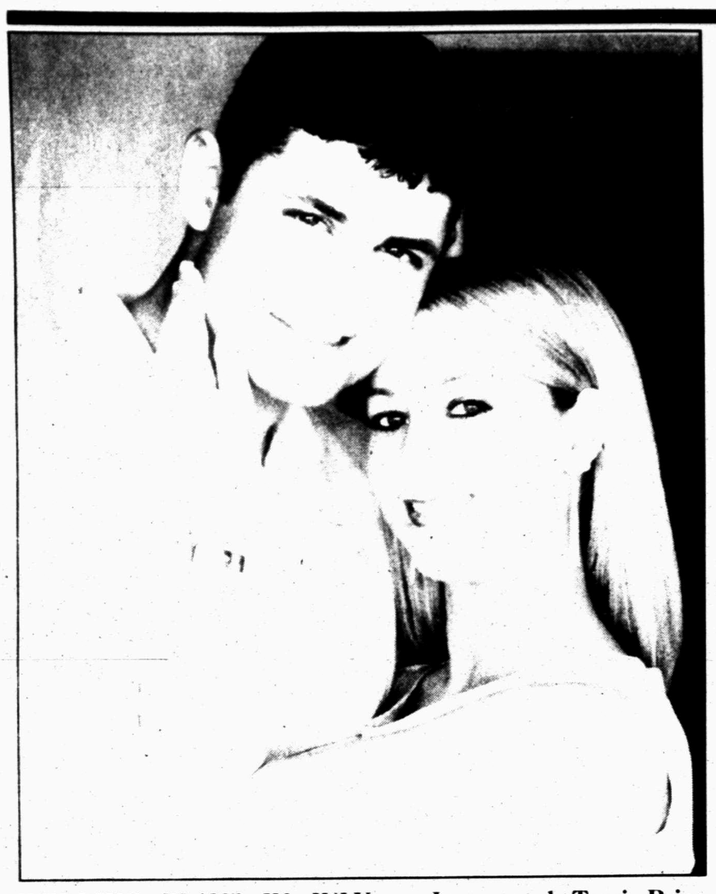
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WEDDING PLANS IN JULY — Larry and Terri Price announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tara Price, to Cody Nowlain. Cody is the son of Darrell and Diane Nowlain of Valley Mills and Norman and Cindy Herridge of Gail. A July wedding is planned at the Patterson Ranch. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge Scores

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton directed games.

Friday, April 23
North –South
A Group

1. Sue Reed-Anita Talbott
2. Jane Hinton-Maribeth Vestal
3. Peggy Hardin-Pat Floyd
4. Margaret Birdwell-Durelle Gorman

B Group

1. Peggy Hardin-Pat Floyd
2. Betty Courtney-Christine Stuard

East-West
A Group

1. Elizabeth Hall-Dorothy Rosson
2. Dora Blakey-Barbara Yorgesen
3. Nona Morrison-Nina Nesbit
4. Margaret Dillaha-Margaret Presswood

B Group

1. Margaret Dillaha-Margaret Presswood
2. Paula Gilbert-Vera McSpadden

Tuesday, April 27

1. Margaret Birdwell-Dorothy Rosson
2. Dora Blakey-Barbara Yorgesen
3. Jane Hinton-Charles Blakey
4. Nona Morrison-Maribeth Vestal

One great advantage of modern communications is it lets you know that somewhere the snow is deeper.

—Bill Vaughn

THE SCURRY COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
will be giving immunizations for
Spring Roundup
at the Health Unit
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The clinic dates are:
Monday, May 10, 2004 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 11, 2004 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Bring your child's shot record and Medicaid Card if they have one.
All shots are $5.00

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-01-04
♠ 9 6 5
♥ 8 7 2
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 5 3 2

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

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Saturday, May 1, 2004

May Day madness at that table

By Phillip Alder

Bridge writers love to feature crazy deals on which unusual plays are required. It doesn't take a NASA employee to work out that this is one of them. The contract is five hearts by South. First, will your bet at the Alder Bridge Casino be on the declarer or the defense? Second, if West sacrifices in five spades and is doubled, how much would it cost him?

South opens two clubs, strong and artificial. West pre-empts to the max, but South cannot be silenced.

If West leads a top spade, five hearts can be made. South ruffs the second spade high and cashes one top heart to learn about the 3-0 break. Next, declarer unblocks the ace and king of diamonds. Then, South leads a low heart to dummy's seven. East wins with the nine and shifts to a club, but declarer wins with his ace, crosses to dummy with a heart to the eight, and discards his two club losers on the queen and jack of diamonds.

However, West can do better if he somehow guesses to lead a low spade at trick one. This puts East on play for a killing club shift. Now the defense must collect three tricks.

Finally, let's look at West in five spades doubled. North leads a diamond. South takes his two winners there, then tries the heart ace. To get out for only two down, West must play like South in five hearts. He ruffs high, cashes a top trump, plays a spade to dummy's eight, then leads a club through South. Using dummy's spade 10 as another entry, declarer can play clubs through South a second time and lose only three diamonds and one club: minus 500.

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No road is too long to the man who advances deliberately and without undue haste; and no honors are too distant for the man who prepares himself for them with patience.

—Jean de la Bruyere

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch; breakfast offer juice, cereal and toast.

All Schools
BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Peaches
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Applesauce
Thursday
Egg & Cheese Taco
Friday
No School

Elementaries
LUNCH
Monday
PB&J Sandwich
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal Cookies
Tuesday
Beefy Macaroni
Green Chili Turkey Casserole
Green Beans
Mexicorn
Peaches
Wednesday
Cinco De Mayo crispy Tacos
Beef Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Ice Cream Cup
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Mexicali Zucchini
Salad Mix
Chocolate Fluff

Junior High
Monday
PB&J Sandwich
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Beefy Macaroni
Green Chili Turkey Casserole
Green Beans
Mexicorn
Peaches
Wednesday
Cinco De Mayo Crispy Tacos
Beef Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Ice Cream Cup
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Mexicali Zucchini
Salad Mix
Chocolate Fluff

High School
Monday
PB&J Sandwich
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Beefy Macaroni
Green Chili Turkey Casserole
Green Beans
Mexicorn
Peaches
Wednesday
Cinco De Mayo Crispy Tacos
Beef Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Ice Cream Cup
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Mexicali Zucchini
Salad Mix
Chocolate Fluff

Hermleigh

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Banana Nut Muffins
Tuesday
Ham & Biscuit
Wednesday
Sausage/Egg Burrito
Thursday
Fried Pies
Friday
Sausage Biscuit

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Strips/Gravy
Green Beans w/Whole Potatoes
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Quesadillas
French Fries
Refried Beans
Chocolate Cake/White Icing
Wednesday
Stromboli
Tomato Wedges
Corn
Peaches
Thursday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Fried Squash
Rocky Road Pudding
Friday
Chicken Burgers
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles
French Fries
Ranger Cookies

Ira

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
No School
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Wednesday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Thursday
Homemade Burritos
Friday
Blueberry Muffins

LUNCH
Tuesday
Chicken Quesadillas/Bean Burritos
Salad
Spanish Rice
Fruit Salad
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak/Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Sauce
Thursday
Corn Dogs/Chopped Barbecue
Red Potatoes
Corn
Bread
Cake
Friday
Hamburgers/Chicken Patty on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Vanilla Pudding

Man dons wedding gown for eBay sale

SEATTLE (AP) — Larry Star didn't find wedded bliss with his bride, but he did find fame and a modest fortune by donning his ex's gown.

The tattooed, barrel-chested Star hoped to woo buyers by slipping into the sleeveless white frock in a series of photos for the online auction site, eBay. He was just hoping to scrape together enough cash for some beer and baseball tickets.

He now has enough for champagne and club seats, after the winning bid of $3,850 was announced Wednesday.

The 42-year-old "computer geek by day, guitar player by night," has garnered national attention for his ad for the dress he describes as "a $1,200 shower curtain," and says he's received five marriage proposals.

Not that he plans on getting remarried any time soon.

"For my next wedding, I will be wearing a hairy, flesh-toned ensemble, because I will be buck naked with a toe tag lying on a slab in the morgue, because I would have killed myself," the New York City native writes on the site.

He says he spent five miserable years married to a woman with "Texas cheerleader hair" whose "drunken sot of an ex-father-in-law" never paid him back for the dress.

Mississippi is also known as the Magnolia State.

President Warren Harding played the cornet.

In 1760, about one-third of the ship tonnage of Britain was constructed in Britain's North American colonies.

The state tree of Kansas is the cottonwood.

Births

Brenna and Connor Starkins announce the birth of their brother, Cameron Matthew Starkins of Lloyd Harbor, N.Y. Cameron was born April 27 in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Lesa and Gregory Starkins of Lloyd Harbor, N.Y.

Grandparents are Ed and Judy Barkowsky of Snyder and Clifford and Diana Starkins of Huntington, N.Y. Paternal great-grandparent is Edna Verdirame of Huntington.

Cody and Shelley Shields announce the birth of their son, Carson Lynn Shields, at 11:24 a.m. on April 21 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Carson Lynn weighed six pounds, four ounces.

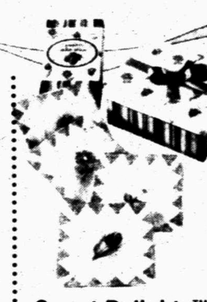
Maternal grandparents are Cindy Sharp and the late Gary Sharp and paternal grandparents are Ricky and Toni Shields. Maternal great-grandparents are Bernhard and Lois Bartels and paternal great-grandparents are Betty Perrie of Brownwood and Gloria Phillips of Conroe, Mardell Harmes of Cross Plains, Mildred Shields of Brownwood. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Mary Harmes of Coleman.

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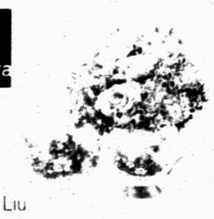
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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER GRADUATES — Sixty-four graduated the Correctional Officers Training class at Western Texas College in a Friday ceremony in the Sears Courtyard. In the top photo (from left), bottom row are Eva Alonzo, Lee Barkowsky, Elsa Barrientes, Veronica Barron, Christina Carver, Hollis Chandler, Aaron Chandley, Ricky Cullins, Shannon Dempsey; second row, Daisy Dyer, Antonio Espinosa, Rudy Espinosa, Matthew Fambro, Wilson Glass, Candy Golden, Elias Gutierrez, Robin Gutierrez; third row, Gary Hale II, James Hall, Darryl Hampton, Edwin Henson, Rene Hernandez, Valentin Hernandez, David Higginbotham and Bambi Hill; fourth row, James Hines, Earl Johnson, James Kemp, James Lamb and Oren Lancaster III. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



MORE GRADUATES — Others in the COT graduating class included, front row, Doyle Landrum, Jason Lefevre Shana Lorenz, Amanda Martin, John Mason, Aric McGowan, Maria Mendez, Jeffery Miller; second row, David Morales, Jason Morales, Lester Murphree, David Myers, Felipe Olivarez, Jeremy Pauda, Donnie Pearce; third row, Billy Pena, Jerry Peters II, Robert Pierce, Dennis Pitner, Derek Ramon, Esmeralda Rascon, Charles Reed; fourth row, John Reese, Robby Riffle, Ronnie Rister, Isaiah Rocha, Jason Shifflett, Linda Stack, Dorothy Tidwell; top row, Toi Walton, Leonard Watkins, Gary Wojtek, Ryan Wright, Adam Ybarra, Theresa Ervin, COT secretary, and Jim Petty, instructor. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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Lea Fastow strikes plea deal

HOUSTON (AP) — The wife of former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow has a new proposed plea deal, and she won't spend more than a year in prison.

Federal prosecutors on Thursday wiped out a previous indictment charging Lea Fastow with six felonies — four counts of filing false tax forms and two counts of conspiracy — and replaced it with a single misdemeanor charge of filing a false tax form.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, because the conduct is the same, she still faces the sentencing range of 10 to 16 months she faced for a felony tax charge. However, because the new charge is a misdemeanor, she cannot serve more than the maximum 12 months behind bars, essentially cutting the range to 10 to a year.

Lea Fastow is scheduled to plead guilty to the lesser count and be sentenced on May 6.

The new deal will let her avoid a trial scheduled for June 2 on the six felony counts, and get around U.S. District Judge David Hittner's rejection of a previous plea deal that would have bound him to sentence her to five months in prison and five months confined at home.

"They restructured the deal so she would get the benefit she thought she was going to get all along," said Kirby Behre, a former federal prosecutor and an expert on federal sentencing guidelines.

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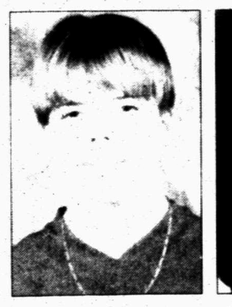
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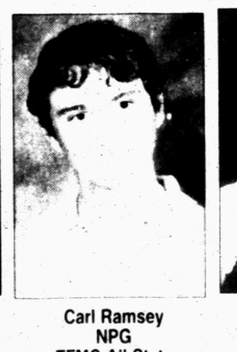
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STUDENTS MADE REPORTS — Students looking at a report on Nazi Josef Mengele are Mark Aguilar, left, and Joe Garza. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU — Some students also signed a personal commitment against prejudice. Nathaniel Reyna and Christian Tippens are pictured. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



KHMER ROUGE — Travis Hatfield, left, and Tanner Butler are looking at a report on the Khmer Rouge. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Prevent piracy bill studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday approved a bill to crack down on would-be movie pirates who use camcorders to record films in theaters or put copyrighted material on the Internet before its release date.

"Online piracy of movies, software and music is a growing problem, which threatens the ability of artists to be compensated for their work," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who sponsored the bill along with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "This bill will help end the most egregious form of copyright piracy."

The practice of using camcorders to record movies in theaters and produce pirated versions has grown increasingly common. A recent Motion Picture Association of America study found that more than 92 percent of the first copies of movies made available on the Internet originated from camcorders.

California, New York and other states have made the practice illegal, but federal law does not address it.

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Fears rise along with 'hot lab' boom

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — From Boston to Livermore, Calif., "hot labs" designed to combat bioterrorism and house the world's deadliest germs are being planned and constructed with a huge cash infusion from the federal government.

Supporters of the unprecedented building boom say the new or expanded high-containment labs — there are at least 18 — are essential to national security in a post-Sept. 11 world.

But as the labs rise on college campuses and government installations across the country, so do concerns about safety and security.

Neighbors fear that some frightening variant of Ebola virus, plague or other deadly disease could be loosed into their backyards, and are filing lawsuits and lobbying politicians to halt construction.

A growing number of scientists complain that the $6 billion earmarked by Congress for fighting bioterrorism is excessive, is being doled out with little oversight and is detracting from efforts to combat problems that are much more deadly — for example, AIDS and malaria, which are already killing millions of people.

Others worry that the buildup actually threatens national security, by arming more people with the know-how to construct bioweapons, and perhaps even sparking a new biological arms race since two of the hot labs are to be built inside national weapons labs at Livermore and Los Alamos, N.M.

Universities in Boston, Pittsburgh, Texas and elsewhere have already won grants to build labs, some in urban neighborhoods.

In Boston, activists are trying to halt construction of a $168 million lab at Boston University, to be built in the city's south end. They fear something akin to what health inspectors suspect occurred recently in China: that SARS escaped from a Beijing laboratory and made its way into the Chinese heartland, contributing to the latest eruption of the sometimes fatal disease.

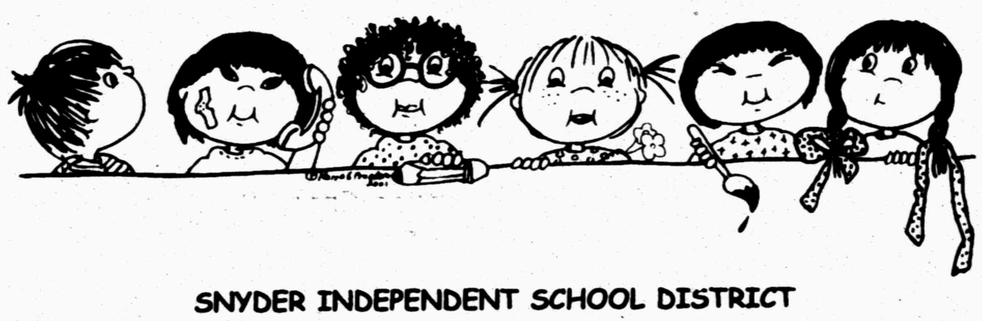
"It doesn't belong there. The health and safety risks outweigh the benefits," said Kyle Loring, an attorney with Roxbury, Mass.-based Alternatives for Community and Environment.

Boston's mayor and Massachusetts' governor are convinced the lab will be well protected, and provide a boost to the local economy.

Federal officials insist that no deadly germs have ever escaped from U.S. laboratories, and say the planned facilities will be even more secure than their predecessors.

Following such objections, the Bush administration on Wednesday issued a directive that addressed oversight and coordination.

"Under the president's new national biodefense directive, all of our bioterrorism projects and programs will fall under a coordinated and focused strategic plan that will help maximize our resources, ensure a common unified effort across all federal agencies and address any deficiency that we discover," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said at a news conference Wednesday.



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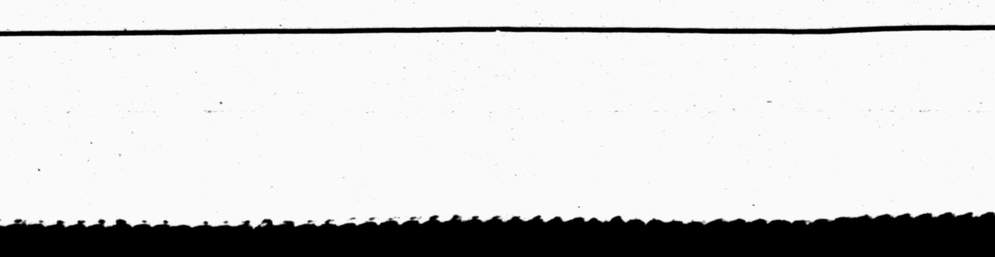
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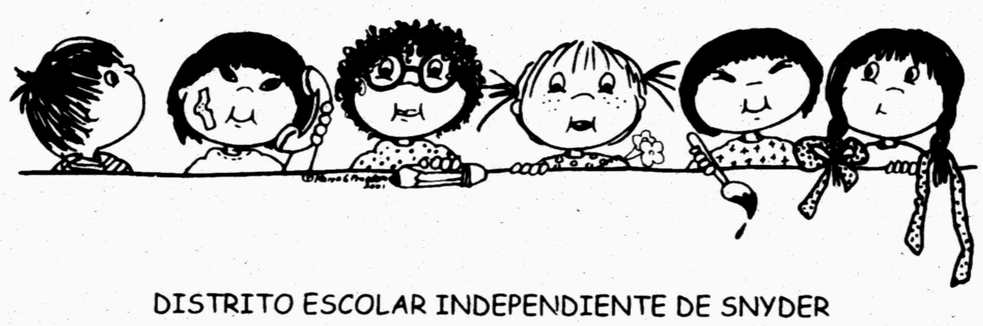
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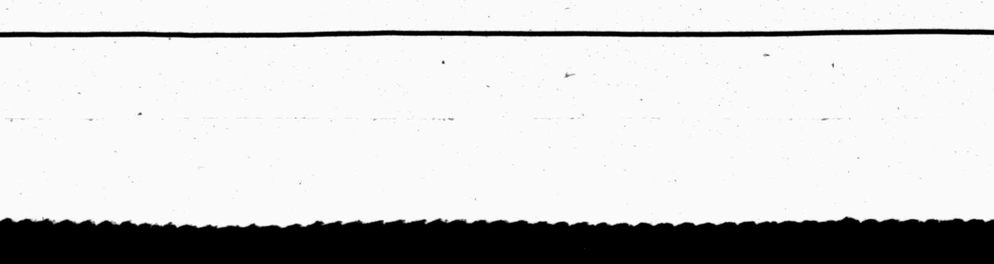
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Marcus Eugene Monroe to William Melvin Monroe, Vicki June Monroe Ayers and Debra Jean Monroe Elders, the east one-half of Section 394, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Marcus Eugene Monroe to William Melvin Monroe, Vicki June Monroe Ayers and Debra Jean Monroe Elders, the west one-half of Section 337, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bobbie Joe Davidson to Alex Lopez, the south 60 feet of Lot 14 and the north 15 feet of Lot 15, Block 2, Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Petra Lopez to Horace De Paz, Isaias De Paz and Elda A. De Paz, Lots 3 and 4 and the east 25 feet of the north 75 feet of Lot 2, Block 49, A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

William Franklin Weaver Jr., independent executor of the estate of Margaret Tipton Weaver, to William Franklin Weaver Jr., Lot 4 in Block 33 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Rayn Raborn, the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2, Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

Russell Jones Jr. to Alberto and Janie Vasquez, Lots 1-4 in Block 21 of the Manry Addition.

Lionel and Betty Castillo to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Carl Ballard to Hubert and Lezli Marvel, tract one being a tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being Lot 3 in Block 6 of the Bates Subdivision of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Howard and Eloise Smith to Geraldine M. Brewer, Trustee of the Roy Jewel and Ruby Opal Giddens Trust, the south 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 29 of the T.N. Nunn's 2nd Addition.

Terry G. Row, independent executor of the estate of Ella Mae Row, to Jady Gilbert, Lot 3 in Block 33 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Sally Rios to Shirley E. Drum, the west 60 feet of Lot 7 in Block 3 of the Highlands Addition, 2nd Section.

UT regents vote on UTIMCO oversight

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System Regents voted Thursday to increase their supervision of an investment group that handles money for both the UT System and the Texas A&M University System, along with other institutions in the state.

The unanimous vote followed a debate in which regents expressed concern that the increased oversight would border on micromanaging the University of Texas Investment Management Co., the Austin American-Statesman reported in its online edition Thursday. The nonprofit company that manages $16.4 billion in investments is known as UTIMCO.

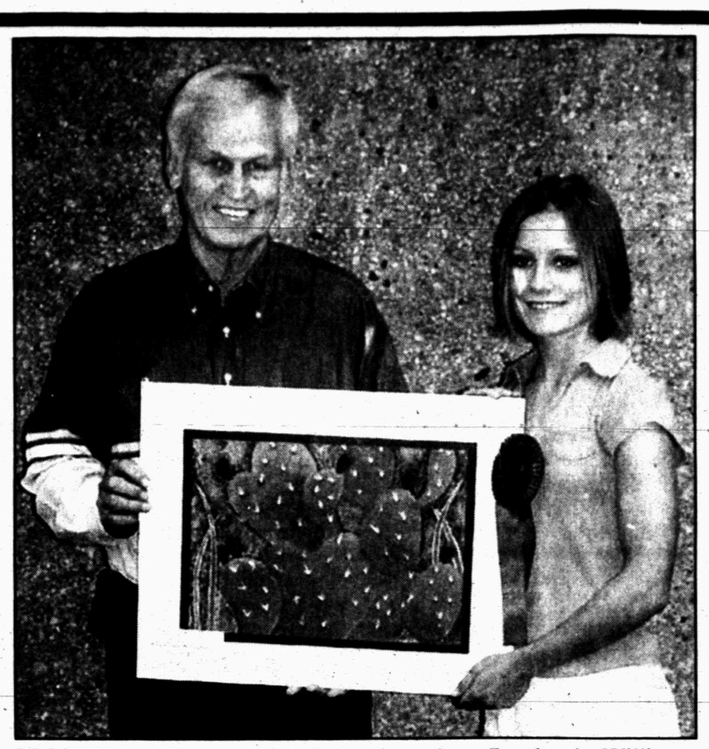
SHS students recognized

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) recently honored 10 high school students from the 17th Congressional District who performed well in the 23rd Annual Congressional Art Competition.

Snyder High School winners include Sara Thornhill, who took fourth place honors with "Buckle Up," an acrylic on canvas. Thornhill's painting will be displayed in Stenholm's Congressional office in San Angelo.

Two SHS students were among the Top 10 finalists including Kristel Fitts for her photograph, "The Invincible Eagle:" and Stephanie Williams with her charcoal and pastel, "Prickly."

Judges awarded first place to Tony Sonnenberg, a student at Graham High School, for his acrylic painting, "A True Texas Portrait." Sonnenberg's winning entry will be displayed on Capitol Hill along with art by students from Congressional Districts around the country.



PRICKLY — Snyder High School student Stephanie Williams and Rep. Charles Stenholm are pictured with "Prickly," a painting that Williams entered in the art contest. Not pictured is Kristel Fitts who entered a photo entitled "Invincible Eagle." Both students were top 10 finalists. (Contributed Photo)



FOURTH PLACE — Sara Thornhill and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm are pictured with Thornhill's acrylic on canvas painting, "Buckle Up" which received fourth place in the art contest. (Contributed Photo)

Judge overturns molestation conviction

BAKERSFEILD, Calif. (AP) — A judge Friday threw out the conviction of a man imprisoned 20 years for molesting children, concluding that the testimony of the alleged victims was unreliable. Most of the children now say the assaults never happened.

John Stoll, now 60, will remain in custody until a May 4 hearing to determine a release date.

He was convicted in 1985 on 17 counts of child molestation. Attorneys for the Innocence Project have sought his freedom since January, claiming authorities coerced false testimony from the child victims, ranging from 6 to 8 years old.

"The petitioner has met the burden of showing that the interview techniques ... resulted in unreliable testimony from child witnesses," Kern County Superior Court Judge John Kelly said.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Alcohol-related liver disease. More than 2 million Americans suffer from alcohol-related liver disease. Some drinkers develop alcoholic hepatitis, or inflammation of the liver, as a result of heavy drinking over a long period of time. Its symptoms include fever, jaundice (abnormal yellowing of the skin, eyeballs, and urine), and abdominal pain. Alcoholic hepatitis can cause death if drinking continues. If drinking stops, the condition may be reversible. About 10 to 20 percent of heavy drinkers develop alcoholic cirrhosis, or scarring of the liver.

People with cirrhosis should not drink alcohol. Although treatment for the complications of cirrhosis is available, a liver transplant may be needed for someone with life-threatening cirrhosis. Alcoholic cirrhosis can cause death if drinking continues. Cirrhosis is not reversible, but if a person with cirrhosis stops drinking, the chances of survival improve considerably. People with cirrhosis often feel better, and liver function may improve, after they stop drinking.

About 4 million Americans are infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV), which can cause liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. Some heavy drinkers also have HCV infection. As a result, their livers may be damaged not only by alcohol but by HCV-related problems as well. People with HCV infection are more susceptible to alcohol-related liver damage and should think carefully about the risks when considering whether to drink alcohol.

Source: www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411. The office is located at 1904 34th St.

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Letters to the editor

Bob Knight

Dear Editor:

I read Wade Warren's column concerning Bob Knight, the men's basketball coach at Texas Tech University. Wade's column under the heading "My turn" appeared in the Friday, April 23, edition.

Wade stated that a couple of people objected to the profane language used by Bob Knight as he addressed those present at the chamber of commerce banquet.

Wade Warren defended Bob Knight by stating that "Bob Knight is Bob Knight and what you get is the real person!"

Let's apply Wade Warren's rationale. If a person is a serial rapist then Wade's rationale would excuse that person's actions as a rapist. ("Bob Knight is Bob Knight and what you get is the real person!")

See how easily Bob Knight's profane personality can be explained away and his extremely poor taste be defended because "what you're getting is the real person."

Obviously, Wade Warren has many supporters in his corner because he states "Personally, we think he is great for Texas Tech basketball, and the entire Big 12 program."

Wade further states that not everyone in the newspaper office shares his opinion of Bob Knight. Personally, I do not wish to be included in the "We" category as being a Bob Knight supporter. Therefore, I assume that Wade Warren would place me in the category as being one of the individuals he entitled as "But what do they know?"

I can assure Wade Warren that I know a loud, vulgar, egotistical and irreverent person when I come in contact with one.

And if my memory serves me correctly wasn't it Bob Knight that grabbed a basketball player by the throat, choking him severely, and all the while cursing him and threatening him during a workout session?

Personally I could respect Bob Knight more if he would do more pretending and less profaning.

But, sigh, "What do I know?"

Respectfully yours,
Milton Ham

Good job

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the city of Snyder, especially City Manager John Gayle in their efforts to correct the water quality and pressure in the area of the Scurry County Airport.

After contacting Mr. Gayle and explaining the water conditions, he immediately took action. He and the city water department evaluated and corrected the problem within a few short months.

No small task when taking into consideration a contract had to be let to hire a private contractor to complete some of the work. I am well-pleased with their thoroughness, timeliness, and with the courteous manner in which they handled the situation.

Thank you,
Bonnie Sumey

Right from Wrong

Dear Editor:

Someone backed into my car and left.

People say our kids don't know right from wrong. Well, here is a grown man who did wrong and left.

I just want him to know I know what his pickup looks like and for other people to be careful where they park their cars so this won't happen to them.

I made sure he had room to back out without hitting me.

I have taught my children when they do wrong not to lie, but to try and make it right.

Thank you for your time.

You all are doing a great job.

Teresa McClain

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Cogdell Hospital	8
Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	3
City of Snyder	3
Ira ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
WTC	0
Scurry County	0







Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

I felt faint! Did I show up at the right time? Was I at the right place?

Speaking to lots of groups over the years, I've given little thought to printed programs. Recently, though, I quickly opened one and confirmed that I was indeed the scheduled keynote speaker.

O. A. (Bum) Phillips, longtime coaching icon remembered for his "Luv Ya Blue" years with the Houston Oilers, was already seated on the platform. The Texas Retired Teachers Association's opening annual session in Corpus Christi was about to begin.

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My assigned seat was next to his. Pleasantries were exchanged, and I mustered the courage to ask him why he was there.

"I heard retired teachers were having a meeting, and I wanted to come bring them a 'thank-you' for all their hard work," the coaching legend and former educator answered. "They told me to come on, and here I am."

TRTA President Tom Pritchard introduced Coach Phillips. Bum ambled to the lectern, and in about 90 seconds, held the audience spellbound. He offered heartfelt thanks for teaching "our children, my children."

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"I've been around people that I really, really respect," he continued. "Astronauts, professional football people, owners — really big-time people — but there is no one I respect more than y'all. All I want to do is speak for all the parents and other people in the State of Texas that don't have the opportunity to tell you how much we enjoyed you and appreciate you. Thank y'all."

With a wave of his hat, he found wife, Debbie, in the crowd, and they drove back to the ranch. They'd been gone from home for just six hours, and they knew before they left that work undone would still be there when they got back. And being past 80 years of age is no excuse.

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During those few minutes, it was clear to me how he inspired two teams all the way to the Super Bowl. He's the best at making folks feel good about themselves. The retirees, with worries about health costs and other issues, perked right up.*

Bum greased the skids for me! The teachers were so revved up from applauding him, they would have felt entertained if I had read from the phone book.

Phillips, who finished high school in 1941, has stood for what's right for a spell. After one year in college, he enlisted in the Marines. Wounded in the Pacific, he came home after the war to pursue an education degree at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he lettered two years in football.

Then came 13 years of high school coaching, six in the college ranks and 17 in the pros (the last five with the New Orleans Saints).

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Integrity, humility, optimism and encouragement continue to mark a man who hasn't coached in 20 years, but still has "champion" written all over him. He's not bad at passing out compliments, either. Remember what he said about Miami Coach Don Shula? "He can take hiss'en and beat your'n, and he can take your'n and beat hiss'en."

John McClain, Houston Chronicle sportswriter, said that at the recent induction of Elvin Bethea into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Bum and Debbie drove up to Waco for the party. "When he walked in, you'd have thought it was the Pope the way people reacted," McClain said.

Bum apologized for not being at Bethea's induction to the Pro Hall in Canton, Ohio, adding, "I don't fly much any more because my feet get swole up, and I can't get my boots off."

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When I e-mailed Bum, Debbie responded. He doesn't touch a computer. I offered to let them proof my column, but the answer was, "Nah, it'll be fine. We'll be on the road this weekend working with Mike Barber (a former Oiler) and his prison ministry." Bum helps out regularly, talking to the prisoners, often sitting down with them to play dominoes. ("I'm proudest of him for the prison ministry work," Debbie said.) Looks like Barber has himself two "free agents" in his circle of volunteers.

The road to Phillips' ranch is hot with traffic. Former players and others visit often, sometimes riding around the spread in Bum's old '95 ranch truck before bibbing up for a big barbecue. On life's pathway, this icon never crossed a bridge he didn't save. He treats friendships the same way.

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Yep, down deep, he's a teacher. He's glad he was, and so are some 60,000 retired teachers who either heard him "say thanks," or will hear about it second-hand.

Bum was busy signing his name on whatever was put in front of him. I handed him an autographed copy of my book, and out of habit, he started to sign it. Laughing, I told him the book was a gift, warning that if he ever put it down, he wouldn't pick it up. His life is his autograph and those gripping 90-seconds in Corpus Christi provided the exclamation point.

His quote still brings smiles. "If Earl Campbell ain't at the head of the class, it don't take long to call the roll." And that's the way I feel about a class guy nicknamed "Bum" by a little sister who couldn't pronounce "Oail Andrew."

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*We said the Pledge of Allegiance twice, including "under God" both times.

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Chips off the old Klock — Volume XII

By Joe Klock Sr.

As regular readers know, random bits of mental floss, consisting of subject matter not pithy enough for full columny, but too pithful to be discarded, accumulate in one of my purgatorial files. When the mess is sufficiently massive, I dump them into a potpourri of miscellany like the one that follows. They might be called brainfarts, if that term is able to evade editorial censorship.

Anyway, here goes:

—It ain't necessarily so, but when people with money meet people with experience, the people with experience tend to get the money and the people with the money tend to get experience.

—The difference between trash disposal and a yard sale is usually its distance from the roadside.

—The human manufacturing process, from foreplay to delivery room, suggests that the Almighty and/or Mother Nature had a willingness to delegate creative power willy-nilly, a slightly sadistic streak and a weird sense of humor.

—How come the models in ads for inexpensive women's clothes are usually wholesome and smiling, while those hawking haute couture look like they just smelled something bad and/or haven't eaten for several days?

—If at first you don't succeed, don't try your hand at Russian roulette or sky-diving.

—We the people have much to enjoy, share, love, ponder, appreciate, learn, celebrate, anticipate, admire and contribute. Gets you to wondering why we squander so much time and energy on fighting, cheating, killing, envying, hating, torturing and killing each other.

—Add your own punch line to this setup from a TV ad for one of those "stay in the game" male enhancement products (we're paraphrasing in the interest of delicacy): "In the unlikely event that an (uprising) lasts for four or more hours, ..." Our suggestion: ".....call in a few of the neighbor guys for show and tell."

—Plain English, you say? Well, then, if the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? And if one index plus another one comes to two indices, wouldn't the two officially recognized sexes be sices? And if a pair of oxen are so called, how about Xeroxen if there is a pere (sorry, make that pair) of 'em at the office? And if goose goes to geese, why are moose only moose, even when many moose are on the loose (let's not go to geese on the leese, but it's a logical progression). Finally, unless I've already lost you, one of something is called that and two are called those. Therefore, it should follow that, while ordinary people wear one hat, busy folks are likely to wear two or more hose.

—Too old, you say? Colonel Sanders kicked off his campaign to blubberize America at the ripe young age of 65, after the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise scheme had reportedly been rejected over a thousand times. And what can one say about Larry King, who entered his seventh marital venture at social security vintage and has thus far sired two sons? (Talk about staying in the game!).

—Always try to leave someone you love with loving words, unless you've discovered a way to be absolutely sure it won't be the last time you'll ever see them.

—School daze: This kid's first teacher called him addled, his father thought he was a dunce and his teachers agreed that he'd never be a success at anything. This failed to prevent Thomas Edison from patenting more than a thousand inventions, without which brighter students would have had a much darker life.

—"Where seldom is heard an American word." Sorry, folks, but while I can excuse the old folks and recent immigrants, I'm getting bathroom sick of the young adult Hispanics who not only resist linguistic assimilation into the culture of their new land, but speak Spanish to their babies and toddlers, steering them toward hyphenated citizenship. Also, their public "palavering" en espanol is just as rude as whispering in the company of others!

—Stay-at-home Moms and one-paycheck households have fallen out of vogue, but a lot of good things can be said about the boomers produced by that bygone culture. Some say the pendulum is swinging back that-away and it might be beneficial if it settled somewhere in the middle ground.

—Query: Why didn't we make it postwar rule in Iraq that only legitimate police and military personnel could be armed, then sweep away all other weapons and explosives. Is the NRA active over there? (Down, boys, I'm just kidding....sorta!)

Stay tuned for further chips.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Sin taxes

Former Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis spoke with locution so fractured that his statements became known in some circles as "gibberish." When someone chided him on his syntax, Lewis reportedly responded, "Sin tax? I'm against all sin taxes."

Gov. Rick Perry's plan to use so-called sin taxes to underwrite school finance reform is as much a non sequitur as the previous exchange.

In order to reduce school property taxes and end recapture of school funds from wealthy districts (the Robin Hood system), the governor proposes to raise taxes on cigarettes $1 a pack, allow electronic slot machines, and tax visits to topless bars. This is not leadership; it is an inducement to ridicule. If adopted, the plan would not help schools in the long run and would heap social costs on the state and local communities.

Increased cigarette taxes, Perry calculates, would bring in $747 million in 2005 and $897 million in 2006 before predictably declining. The public schools do not need a shrinking revenue stream in an era of exploding enrollments. Also, every dollar of cigarette taxes would be accompanied by an incalculable but large cost on the health care system financed by employers and taxpayers, perhaps with no net gain in government revenue.

Perry says he opposes any enlargement of gambling's footprint in Texas, but he wants to let race tracks build new buildings filled with thousands of video lottery terminals slot machines, by any other name. To raise the annual $400 million to $800 million in taxes that Perry predicts, working Texans must lose $2 billion or $3 billion a year.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Carole Keeton Strayhorn

It's going to be hard enough for Texas legislators to make progress in the current special session on school finance. They don't need Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's political ambitions getting in the way.

Strayhorn apparently wants Gov. Rick Perry's job. She wants it so bad that she's already started campaigning for it, even though the Republican primary in which she could take it from him is still almost two years away.

The trouble is that her zeal for the political battle is so strong that it is interfering with the job she has now. That's a big problem.

Perry has offered up a plan for revising the way Texas funds its public schools. On Monday, the day before the special session began and well before a bill formally describing Perry's proposal was introduced, Strayhorn fired off a tirade against it. She called up an image of the tragic crash of the Hindenberg and said that the governor's plan would run up a $10 billion deficit over five years.

Perry's proposal has flaws, no doubt. If it were perfect, legislators would have passed it and gone home by now.

But part of Strayhorn's job is to help the Legislature understand the numbers behind proposals like this. The analysis that she wrapped around her "Hindenberg" comment only led to confusion.

The Beaumont Enterprise

Managing East Texas forests

The battle over how America's national forests are managed is hitting home.

The Sierra Club announced this week that it is opposed to the Bush Administration's Healthy Forest Initiatives that encourage managed timber harvests in national forests; it has filed a lawsuit to stop some logging in the Sam Houston National Forest.

The Healthy Forest Initiative reduces the red tape that comes with conducting timber sales on federal lands. Managed timber harvests reduce the risk of raging forest fires and insect infestation.

The Healthy Forest Initiative is a direct result of thousands of forest fires in the West over the last couple of years. In the past two years, more than 147,000 fires have burned 11 million acres of land, according to government reports.

We don't want to see a huge fire in the Sam Houston National Forest and we support the Healthy Forest Initiative and managed logging in the Sam Houston. We support the initiative because the Sierra Club does not offer a realistic plan to prevent forest fires or a forest management plan that protects existing trees from disease.

A Sierra Club report on the Sam Houston National Forest states

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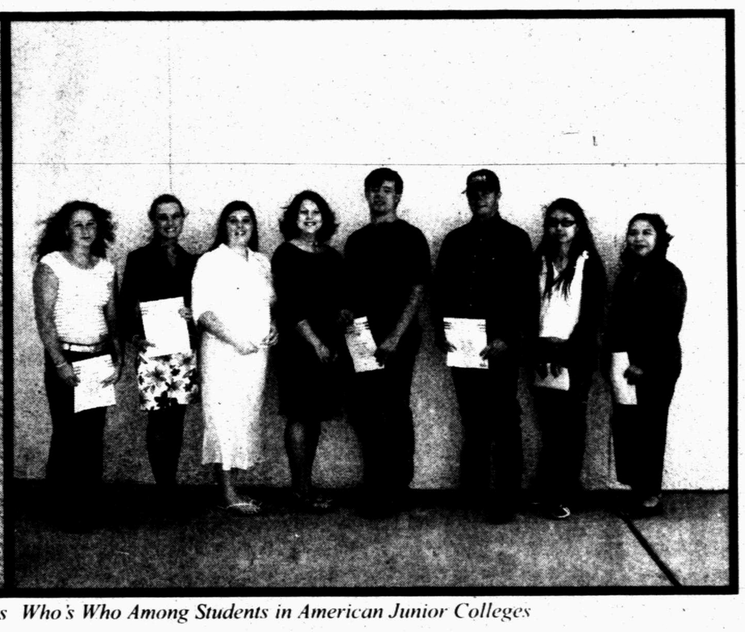
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Outstanding Students Named at Awards Day



Yee Man Yu - All-USA Academic Team





Shinichiro Ito and Stormy Clark - Outstanding Male and Female Students Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Western Texas College held its Faculty Association Awards Day on Thursday, April 29 in the central courtyard.

Students selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges were recognized as well as the Outstanding Male and Female Students for the 2003-2004 school year.

For the latter award, students are nominated and selected by WTC faculty members based on the following criteria: grade point average, campus involvement, and service to the community.

Stormy Clark was chosen as Outstanding Female Student. Other nominees were: Stacey Garcia, Amanda Greenwood, Amber House, Dorothy Fredine Ward, and Yee Man Yu.

Shinichiro Ito was chosen as Outstanding Male Student and the other nominees were: Samuel Ramirez-Calvo, Donald, D. Robertson, and Sam Spreadborough.

Yee Man Yu was named as the All-USA Academic Team Nominee.

Other students receiving recognition at Awards Day were: Brenda Albarran, Most Improved Art Student; Jeff Hernandez, Outstanding Art Student; Bryce Meador and Lisa Parker, Outstanding Freshman English Student; Stephanie Wardlaw, Outstanding Sophomore English Student; Tate Stratton, Krisha Bush, and Delores Chaidez, Outstanding English 1301 Students; Stacey Senn and Erin Bernak, Outstanding English 1302 Students; Jeff "Moose" Amato and Stormy Clark, Best in Crew/Week in Review; Lisa Parker and Tate Stratton, Outstanding Freshman Agriculture Students; Amanda Greenwood, Cindy Nachlinger, and Nathan Shrode, Outstanding Sophomore Agriculture Students; Stormy Clark, Outstanding Business Administration Student; Rebecca Phillips, Outstanding COSC 1300 Student; Jason Guynes, Outstanding COSC 1301 Student; Kazuhiro Inoue and Jeremee Lester, Outstanding Math Students; Dolores Chaidez and Kasey Jeffery, Outstanding Student in Human Anatomy and Physiology; Evan Reed, Outstanding Chemistry Student; Greg McQuirk, Outstanding Geology Student; Shinichiro Ito, Outstanding Physics Student; Meagan Lungham, Outstanding American Government Student; Korie Allen and Cara Brooks, Outstanding Government Students; Erin Bernak, Ginger Walton, Katy Chester and Nancy Thomson, Oustanding History Students; Denice Bradbury, Outstanding Psychology Student; Ryan Ballard, Jacob Harrison, and Jeffrey Proctor, Outstanding Physical Education Students; Derek Davis, Landon Chase Gilbert, J. Tanyon Reeves and Kyle Toney, Outstanding Academic Athletes in Baseball; Jaymee Roach, Oustanding Female Student/Rodeo Athlete; Tate Stratton, Outstanding Male Student/Rodeo Athlete; Teresa Falcon and Rhonda Thomas, Outstanding CBT Freshman Students; Lisa Daniels, Robert Lane, Fredine Ward, Debra Medrano and Esther Zamarripa, Outstanding CBT Sophomore Students; Lisandra Bueno and Oscar Hernandez, Outstanding Criminal Justice Students; Darlene Kempf and Kristi Sterling, Outstanding ECE Students; Brett Conley and Stephen Gonzalez, Outstanding GLT Freshman Students; Samuel Ramirez Calvo, Donald Dwayne Robertson, and William Tinkler, Outstanding GLT Sophomore Students; Stacey Garcia, Oustanding Information Technology Student.

Theatre Department Hosts Senior Day



Ray Newton, WTC Drama Instructor and the WTC Theatre Department hosted approximately 140 High School Seniors from the area.

The students came from Hermleigh, Loraine, Patton Springs, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan and Spur.

The Theatre Department performed an exclusive production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" , a play by William Shakespeare, for the group of seniors and then the guests were served lunch in the museum.

The students viewed sidewalk art created by WTC art students and a kite flying display with an unusual collection of kites.

Athletic Awards Social Held

The WTC Athletic Department held an Awards Social on Tuesday, May 27.

Head Softball Coach, Rodney McNeill and Assistant Softball Coach, Rome McNary presented awards to the women's softball team. Softball team members receiving awards were: Tiffany Quick and Heather Patterson, Coach's Award; Stephanie Wardlaw, 3-D Award (Desire, Dedication and determination); Patricia Gonzales, MVP.

Billy Hefflinger, Head Baseball Coach, presented the awards to the baseball team. Baseball team members receiving awards were: Chase Gilbert and Jacob Courtney, Coach's Award; Eric Brown and Cody Guzman, Most Improved Award; Logan Hill, Pitching Award; Landon Thompson, MVP.

A special award was presented in recognition of those who participated on the inaugural Western Texas College baseball and softball teams. These athletes include: Baseball: Eric Brown, Robert Cedillo, Shay Franks, Chase Gilbert, Cody Guzman, Matt Meredith, Tanyon Reeves, Trey Roberson, Landon Thompson, Kyle Toney, and Head Coach Billy Hefflinger.

Softball: Sara Davila, Patricia Gonzales, Amber House, Brandy Jordan, Heather Patterson, Tabitha Rodriquez, Amber Taylor, Stephanie Wardlaw, Assistant Coach Rome McNary and Head Coach Rodney McNeill.

Rodeo Coach, Greg Rhodes, announced the rodeo team members that will advance to the CNR, these are Clay Bunny, Sam Spreadbrough, Tate Stratton, Jamie Roach, Sabrina Lay, and Julie Jones.



Award Winners- *Pictured above are the Athletes receiving awards at the Athletic Award Social held April 27 at the WTC Gym. Front row: Tiffany Quick, Stephanie Wardlaw, Heather Patterson, Sara Davila, Amber House, Brandy Jordan, Patricia Gonzales, Tabitha Rodriquez, Robert Cedillo (kneeling), and Tanyon Reeves. Back row Matt Meredith, Landon Thompson, Cody Guzman, Chase Gilbert, Amber Taylor, Eric Brown, Jacob Courtney, Logan Hill, Shay Franks, and Carlos Delarosa. Not Pictured are Kyle Toney, and Trey Roberson.*

Relay for Life Drawing Winner



Cindy Reyes of Snyder is the winner of the $200 cash drawing sponsored by the WTC Westerners Relay for Life team. Presenting the money to Cindy is Vicky Rowland who sold her the button and Jeanine Wilburn Relay Team Captain.

Project Graduation Service Project

Western Texas College, Phi Theta Kappa, is taking part in an international service project called Project Graduation. In the attempt to fight hunger and illiteracy, they are asking the community to join with them in their efforts. From now until the May 7th Commencement Exercises they will be collecting can goods and new and used books. They are asking the community to bring these items with them to the May 7th Commencement Exercises and place them in the collection receptacles provided. Also, donations receptacles will be provided at the WTC Student Center.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

How many people work at WTC?

To answer this question, we have to consider WTC employees and non-WTC employees (maintenance, cafeteria and bookstore) that are directly associated with the school. If WTC was not here, then these non-WTC employees would not have jobs on the campus. Adjunct instructors are included in the part-time employee group.

	Full-time	Part-time	Student	Total
WTC	101	70	40	211
Johnson Controls	13	1		14
Cafeteria	3	7		10
Bookstore	2			2
Total	119	78	40	237

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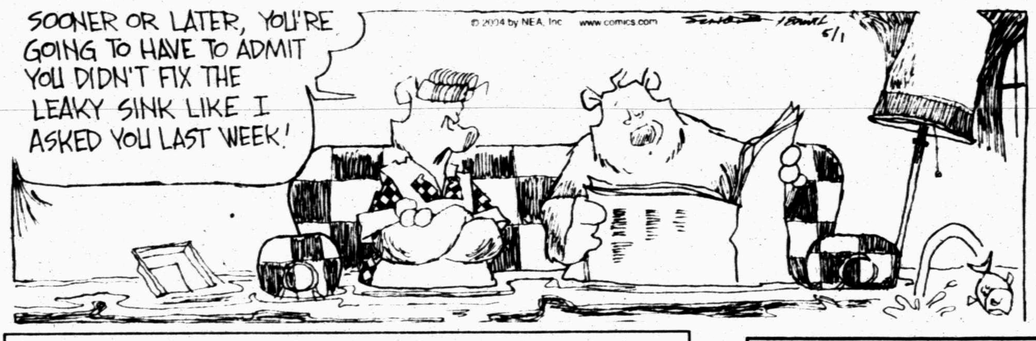
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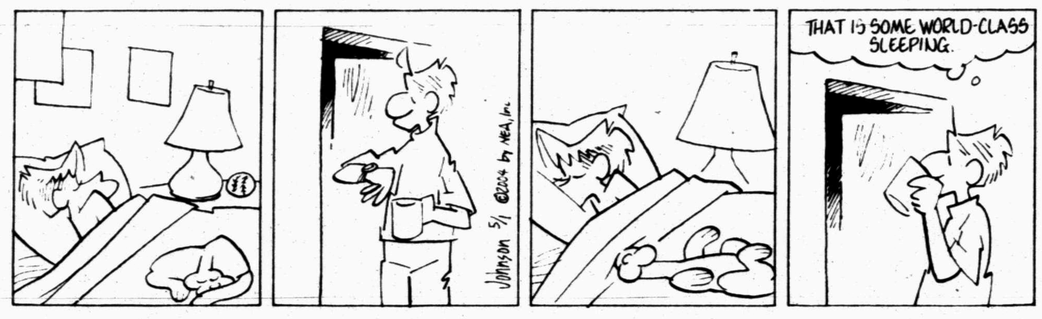
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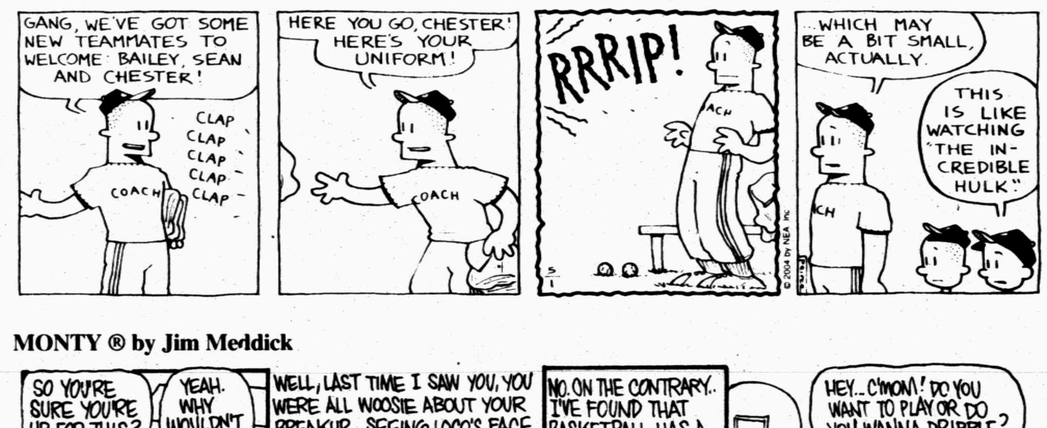
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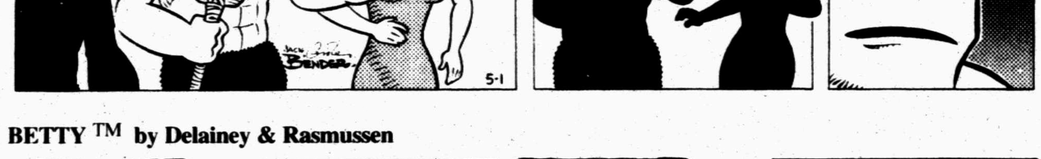
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"I hope you had a radio transmitter on that ball!"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Ran into
4 Barbarian
7 Flip a coin
11 Yale alumnus
12 Spellbound
13 Legal document
14 Crumple up
15 Pained outcry
16 Complexion problem
17 Drip-dry fabric
19 Jagged tear
20 Over and over
21 Remind too often
22 Dash feature
25 Throat tissue
28 Yuck!
29 Podium
31 Go-ahead
33 Not her
34 MTV watcher
36 Dove's murmur
37 Spooks
40 Playing marble
42 Beat a retreat
43 Monastic title
44 "Fish Magic" artist
46 Planet's course
49 Bridal attire
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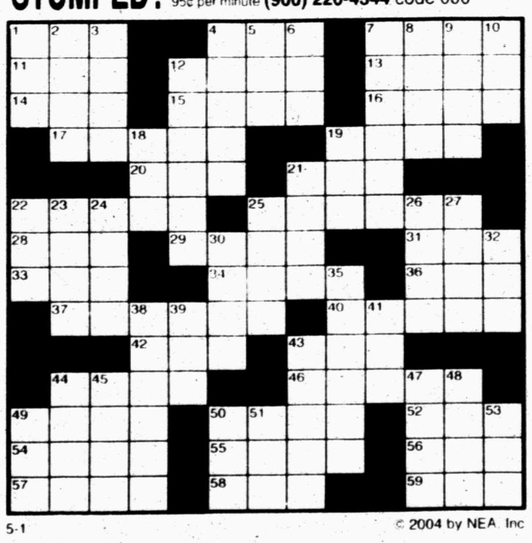
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10 Sault — Marie
12 Put up shingles
18 Journal
19 — Andreas Fault
21 Face part
22 Mr. Lombardo
23 All excited
24 "No dice!" (hyph.)
25 Makes a bow
26 Cuzco founder
27 Stolen goods
30 Memo abbr.
32 Mother rabbit
35 Confining
38 Threat ender (2 wds.)
39 Hire a lawyer
41 Talk
43 Quick raid
44 Deborah — of old films
45 "Instead of" word
47 Othello's foe
48 Luncheon salad
49 Brewery fixture
50 Fore and —
51 Ziegfeld nickname
53 Clean a fish

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dad's criminal career could be dangerous for his daughter

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old, struggling single mother. My 10-year-old daughter's father, "Lenny," was in prison for the first eight years of her life. He's a career criminal. You name it, he's done it.

Lenny's out now, but he hasn't changed. He wants to spend time with his daughter, but every time I let her go with him, she comes home with another story.

The world is a scary place, and I feel the need to protect her. I'm afraid he's exposing her to the wrong things. I also think he "works" while she's around. As far as I know, Lenny is still being pursued by the law and bounty hunters.

Sometimes it seems crystal clear. But then I think: Lenny is her father. He loves her. He's just not smart enough to be part of her life.

Legally he has no rights. His name isn't on her birth certificate. There are no court orders for visitation or child support. Abby, what should I do? — **TORN IN TWO**

DEAR TORN: Your first priority must be your daughter's safety. Ask yourself what could happen if the bounty hunters or the police were to catch up with Lenny and your daughter were on the premises. You already know what you have to do. Now do it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Eric" for almost six months. He's everything I've ever wanted. There's just one problem — I am 26; he's 50.

Eric doesn't realize that I know how old he is, and I'm not sure how to tell him. We haven't met each other's families yet, but I have discussed the age difference with mine. They have accepted my choice because I am happy.

Eric is a successful businessman in our community. Although I shouldn't care what others think, I can't help worrying that this relationship could damage our reputations.

Eric has a 13-year-old daughter. I know he'll introduce us when the time is right, but his ex-wife has given him problems in the past regarding custody and visitation, and I'm scared our relationship could affect that as well.

I am prepared to accept Eric's baggage because I care deeply for him, but I'm unsure how to handle some of these issues. Any ideas? — **YOUNG AND IN LOVE IN TORONTO**

DEAR YOUNG AND IN LOVE: You handle your issues by talking them through with Eric. However, you may be jumping the gun a little — your relationship is still fairly new. I have some questions for you:

(1) Why haven't you introduced Eric to your folks?

(2) Although there is a large age difference, you are both adults; why do you think your relationship could harm your (or his) reputation?

(3) If the relationship pans out, and you reach the age of 55, Eric will be pushing 80. Will you still love him when you're in the prime of life and he is doddering?

I urge you to discuss these issues openly. The solution to your dilemma lies in the way these questions are answered.

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DEAR ABBY: My name is "Sunny," but I don't feel very sunny. I'm 13 and have many problems. I'm afraid I'm on a wrong track and won't be able to do what I know I should with my life. My grades aren't good, and I keep getting myself into hot water. My mother has a lot of health problems, so she doesn't need my problems on top of hers. I keep asking myself why this is happening to us.

Mother told me she wants me to live a life that will make me happy, and not let her poor health ruin my teen years. Is it wrong for me to enjoy these years and plan what I want to do with my future even though my mother is very sick? What can I do to get my life back on the right track? — **SUNNY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SUNNY: The most important thing you can do is stop feeling guilty for enjoying yourself. I can think of nothing that would make your mother happier than to know you are living your life to the fullest and exercising your potential.

Talk to a counselor at school about how to get your grade level back where it should be. If you are in with the wrong crowd, involve yourself in activities where you will make constructive and rewarding friendships. And most of all, share your victories with your mother. Share your concerns with her as well. It will make her — and you — feel better. Trust me on that.

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DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter was hired to baby-sit our friend's 1-year-old infant. When she arrived, she was told she would also be watching the next-door neighbor's two small children, both under 3 years of age. The parents were going out together, and the babies next door were put to bed, the house was locked, and my daughter was given a baby monitor so she could hear if there was a problem.

When I heard this, I was furious that they'd put a 15-year-old in that position and leave small children locked in a house alone. I said as much.

Now my daughter, husband and our friends are all mad at me for making them uncomfortable about their "arrangement." Apparently, they do it all the time — both couples hire one sitter and leave one house unattended. These people are young, educated, drive expensive cars and can afford a sitter.

I told them I would call Social Services if they continue to leave the babies unattended.

My family thinks I owe them an apology. Do I? — **FURIOUS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR FURIOUS: No, you do not. What these "friends" are doing is illegal, as well as unconscionable. If something should go wrong — like a fire — your daughter could be left with lifelong guilt and trauma. Please continue to look out for your daughter's interests. Being a conscientious parent means not always being popular.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother wants me to go by my stepfather's name. My birth father also wants me to use his name. I want to use his name, not my stepfather's, but Mother disagrees. How do I tell her how I feel about this? — **DOE OR DALEY**

DEAR DOE OR DALEY: Tell your mother again how you feel about the name change. You are your father's child, and it is wrong for your mother to try to obscure that fact. Since you are a minor, the decision may be hers, but perhaps she would compromise and allow you to hyphenate your father's name with your stepfather's. It's worth a try.

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TWO PERFORMANCES LEFT — The final two performances of Snyder High School drama department's one-act play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream"* will be 7 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for adults. Students pictured from left are Kerissa Shipp, Aurellie Semillon, Stephanie Parmer, Cade Owen, Coleman Welch, Lance Turner, Logan Martin and Tyler Price. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Advocates work to save vocational education

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — One of the richest scholarships in North America for high school students isn't for physics or calculus, but for starting a dead sedan.

The National Automotive Technology Competition sponsored by auto makers and tool companies earlier this month offered $3 million in prizes. It's one of the ways industries encourage vocational education at a time when states and the nation are emphasizing math, languages and sciences.

As academic standards rise, some fear a decline in the vocational education that for decades has produced the nation's entry-level craftsmen.

Matt Bushnell and Todd Clark, both from Albany suburbs, beat nearly 40 teams from as far away as Los Angeles and Toronto in the two-day competition in New York City. The test was to find as many bugs as they could in a modern car with 36 or more onboard computers — more than the Apollo lunar module.

They walked away with full scholarships to two-year automotive colleges, new cars upon graduation and thousands of dollars worth of tools. The prize also included $35,000 in tools and equipment and a 2004 Toyota Camry to work on in class for their school, the Capital Region Career & Technical School of the Capital Region BOCES.

Preliminary studies suggest fewer students are majoring in vocational education as states and the federal No Child Left Behind Act demand better performance in core academic subjects, said James Stone III, director of the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education at the University of Minnesota.

"What I worry about is how we are turning a lot of kids off," Stone said. "The impact is if you tell a principal or a school district or a state, 'Your funding is contingent on how many students show up every day and pass a test,' that's what you pay attention to."

He said the center is studying how to better integrate core lessons in math, science and languages into vocational education.

Sparring over Skilling ongoing

HOUSTON (AP) — The sparring over whether former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling's bond should be more expensive and restricted because of a drunken scuffle in New York continued Thursday as prosecutors dismissed complaints that they publicized a distorted account of the incident.

"Given how he behaved during the evening of April 8 and the morning of April 9, it is understandable why Skilling would want to deflect attention from his own misconduct by attacking the government with unfounded allegations," Linda Lacewell, a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Enron Task Force, said in court papers filed Thursday.

On Wednesday, Skilling's legal team accused prosecutors in court papers of damaging Skilling's right to an impartial jury by going out of its way to "publicly and unfairly" describe the scuffle that led to police intervention and a few hours in a hospital for Skilling and his wife.

They referred to a request from prosecutors last week that a judge revisit Skilling's bond because an investigation revealed he violated some of its terms. Specifically, prosecutors said a blood test revealed he was "drinking inordinately" when his bond says he must avoid excessive alcohol. He also failed to immediately report his contact with police to pretrial services officials as required.

Skilling's lawyers countered that hospital personnel described Skilling as "mildly intoxicated."

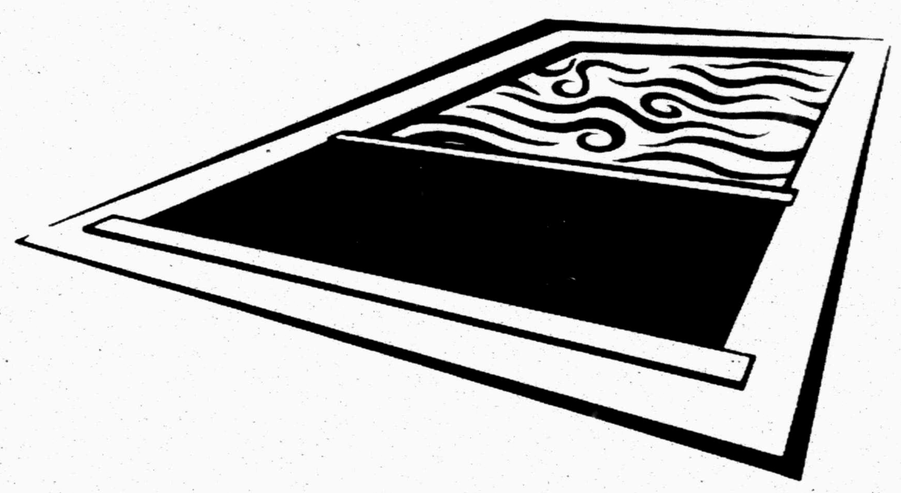
Thursday's filing noted prosecutors have not asked that Skilling's bond be revoked or that he be confined at home until he goes to trial on 35 counts of conspiracy, fraud and insider trading. Instead, prosecutors want:

—Travel restricted to Texas, rather than the continental United States.

—Another $2 million in bail to supplement his $5 million bond with money not subject to government seizure "so that the defendant has something other than forfeitable funds to lose if he violates his release conditions."

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GREETINGS!

The phrase "April Showers bring May Flowers" certainly applies to this area this year - the rain has been a blessing. It has been said that some people move because they think the grass is greener - they cannot say that this time - we just need to all work together to help clean up Snyder. The Snyder Clean up Campaign is going strong thanks to the many volunteers and leaders like Bob McCormick and Billy Grimmett. We all share a passion to bring back Sparkle City and we can do just that by working on projects one at a time. Call the office and ask to join the FOCUS group. This weekend we hope to have a couple of thousand people in our city for the Car Show on the square and in June we will have a large group from all over the country here for the Western Swing Festival and the Fly In so I hope everyone will work to make Snyder Shine!!!

The Banquet with Speaker Bob Knight was a huge success and we were able to acknowledge our Lady Tiger Basketball Team - what a great group of kids and coaches. Thanks to Cloyce Talbott for bringing our speaker to us and thanks to Anita Talbott and Judy Moss for your hard work to make this one of the best banquets that the Chamber has had in recent years. The decorating committee was fantastic - special thanks to Ann Smartt, Lynda Patterson, Linda Walton, Elois Pruitt, Helen Feinsod, Celia Morales, Nancy Smith, Jim and Mollie Shearer, Doug and Susie White, Stephens Office Supply and Special Occasions. One of the highlights was the tribute to Donna Fowler with music by her dear friend Cindy Nix. The $2,000.00 WTC Scholarship in Donna's name went to Kelsi Johnson, a wonderful student and leader that will make us proud. We had 500 people and we thank the many volunteers that made the coliseum look beautiful. Scott Crenwelge and Larry Thompson really worked hard to help us and you will have to ask them and the game warden what really went on just a couple of hours prior to the banquet - it is pretty funny!! Next year we promise to have a few problems worked out and make the event even better. Chamber banquets across the country always take time to honor the top leaders and volunteers that make a community strong. Snyder has so much talent and dedicated people that it is a hard decision to honor just a few. Thanks to everyone that gives back to Snyder and Scurry County.

Please note the picture of the 2004 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. This group of people are all leaders in our community and still find time to volunteer and help direct the course of this chamber. Next time you see one of them - please just say thanks - sometimes we forget the little things in life that mean so much. It is my honor to work for them and Sandra and I thank each one for their time and effort in making this chamber and community strong.

Business after Hours for May 27th will be hosted at the new home of LaWayne Fagin on Lake Alan Henry. This will give everyone a chance to watch the beautiful sunset over the lake and hear more about Ashley and Fagin Investment Company. We invite all Chamber members to this event and please call the office and RSVP. Thanks to Jody and LaWayne for this opportunity.

The Chamber is proud to be a host for a reception that will honor Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baze on May 13th from 4:00 - 6:00 at the new Visitors Center located at WTC. What can I say about Roy Baze but I know he loves Snyder as much as I do and we both wanted to leave Houston and move back here. Please try to come and tell these wonderful people that you do appreciate what they have done for Snyder.

Please take care until next time.

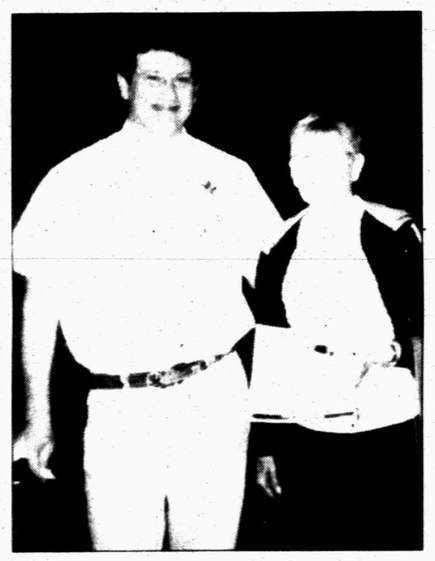
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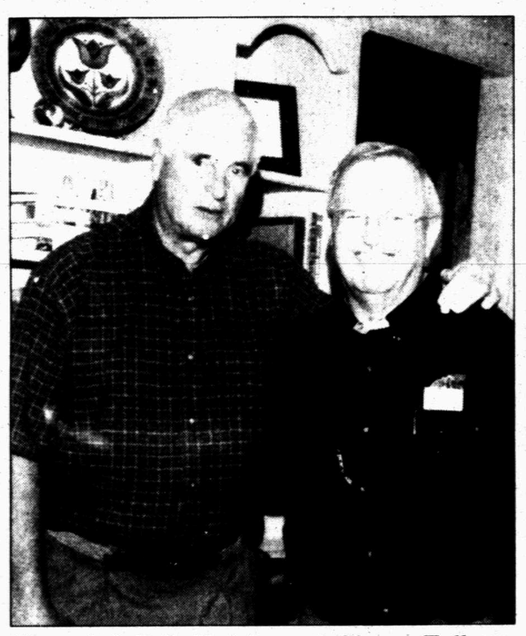
Front from left David Harrell, Anita Talbott, Elois Pruitt, and Jeffrey Martin. Back, Mike Thornton, David Boyd, Nancy Wilson, Greg Williams, Dayton Robertson, Ann Smartt, Billy Grimmett and Joni Gonzales.

Town Hall Meeting



From left Darren Jackson and Elois Pruitt

Chamber Banquet Reception



From left Bob Knight and Cloyce Talbott.



From left Nancy Wilson, Sherry Patterson and Glenn Patterson.

Business After Hours



Front from left Kerry Holt and Drew Bullard. Back Judy Suggs, Fran Farmer, Margaret Birdwell and Randell Ward.

Wal-Mart Open House



From left Rod Waller, Sandra Salinas, Nancy Smith, Greg Williams, Francene Noah, Doug White and Susie White.



From left Cloyce Talbott, Beth Bowen, Jeffrey Martin and Anita Talbott.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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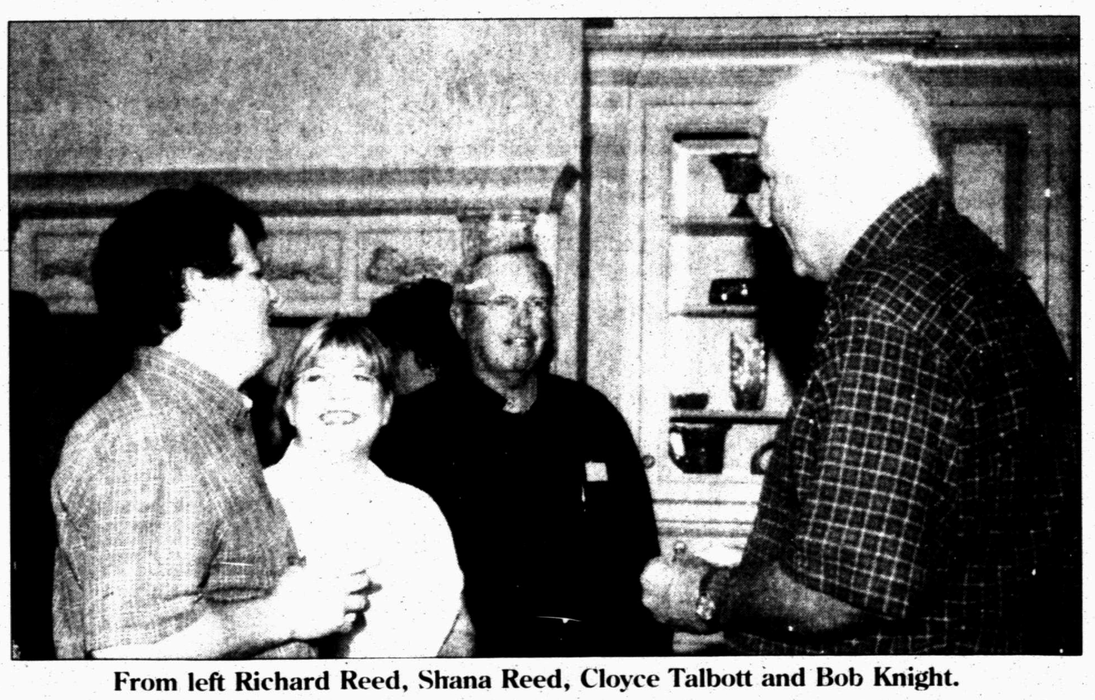
1 Snyder Wheels Car Show - Snyder Square
6-16 On Golden Pond at the Ritz. May 6 16. Call 573-8880
8 Senior Center May Day - Scurry County Coliseum. Call 573-4035 for information
13 Roy Baze Appreciation Day - WTC Visitor & Conference Center - 4-6 p.m.
15 Oxy Permian/Nalco Annual Golf Tournament
16 Benefit Barrel Race. Call 573-5636 for details
27 Business after Hours at Lake Alan Henry - 5-7 p.m.
28 Snyder High School graduation - Coliseum
31 Chamber Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

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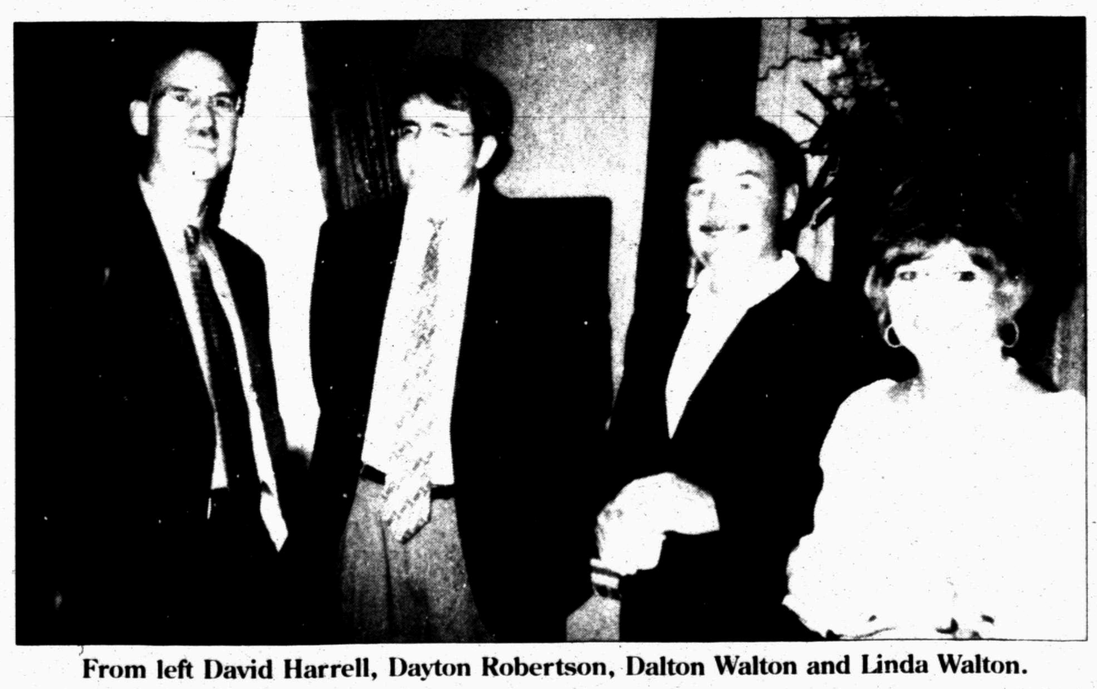
8-12 West Texas Western Swing Music Festival For information call 573-3558
19 Fly-in at Winston Field
24 Business After Hours for Chamber members- 5-7 p.m

JULY

3-4 July 4th Celebration in Towle Memorial Park
15-17 Scurry County Rodeo - Rodeo Arena



From left Richard Reed, Shana Reed, Cloyce Talbott and Bob Knight.



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