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Armed agents seize Elian in pre-dawn raid

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — Seized by armed agents before dawn, Elian Gonzalez was reunited with his father today after a frantic and forceful end to a five-month standoff between the government and the Cuban boy's Miami relatives.

"They are together," said Myron Marlin, the Justice Department spokesman.

Federal agents seized Elian Gonzalez from the home of his Miami relatives before dawn today, firing pepper spray into an angry crowd as they took away the screaming 6-year-old boy for the reunion with his father.

AGENTS TAKE BOY — A federal agent forcibly removes Elian Gonzalez from a Miami residence early Saturday morning. (AP Photo)

Father and son met at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, the secured base used for the president's travels.

After the lengthy standoff, it took federal agents just three minutes to enter the Miami home and take Elian away from the relatives who had been caring for him since his rescue at sea and are fighting to keep the boy from returning to his native Cuba.

At 5 a.m., more than 20 agents in several white vans arrived at the house and used rams on the home's chain-link fence and front door to get inside.

The boy was being hidden in a bedroom closet by his great-aunt and Donato Dalrymple, one of the fishermen who rescued him on Thanksgiving Day.

In the bedroom, an agent in green riot gear and goggles and holding an automatic rifle confronted Dalrymple clutching the frightened child, an image captured by an Associated Press photographer and broadcast around the world. Agents then took Elian out of Dalrymple's arms.

A Spanish-speaking female immigration agent carried Elian from the home and put him in one of the vans, which sped off as pepper spray was fired to keep the distraught crowd back.

Doris Meissner, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said the agent had a soothing message for Elian — worked out in advance: "This may seem very scary. It will soon be better." The boy was told he would be taken to "papa."

Maria Elena Quesada, who was at the home, said Elian was screaming "Help me! Help me! Don't take me away!" in Spanish.

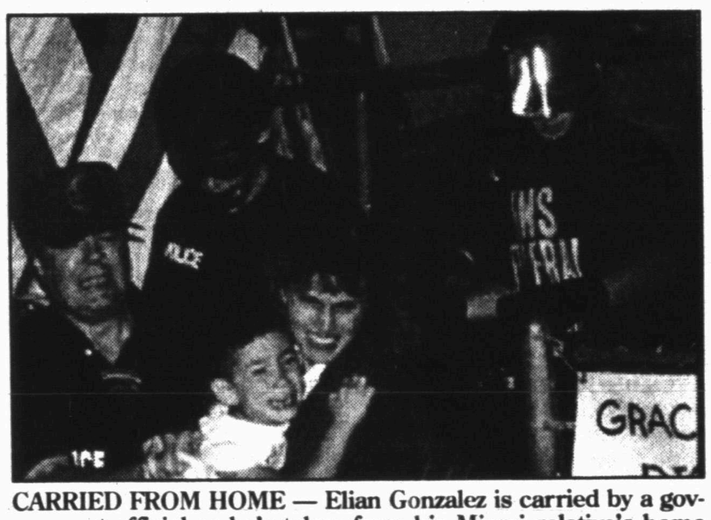
Juan Miguel Gonzalez was told about the raid as soon as Elian was safe. By 6 a.m., the boy was on a government plane headed for the Washington area and the reunion with his father.

The decision to act was made by Attorney General Janet Reno, President Clinton said during a brief question and answer session in the White House Rose Garden. "She managed this, but I fully support what she did," he said.

Reno said she tried to reach a negotiated solution until the final moments but the relatives "kept moving the goal post and raising the hurdles."

She said the boy would stay in the United States pending further court action over the question of asylum, as the federal appeals court ruled — a statement confirmed by Gonzalez's lawyer, Gregory Craig.

"Juan Gonzalez has made a commitment to remain in the United States during this appeal, and he will live up to that commitment," Craig said.



CARRIED FROM HOME — Elian Gonzalez is carried by a government official as he's taken from his Miami relative's home Saturday. (AP Photo)

Elian was given a physical by a government doctor before he got on the plane, a government official said earlier, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Elian was described as subdued and calm on the flight. He was given Play-Doh, a toy airplane, a map and a watch.

In Havana today, Cubans wept in happiness. In an official statement read over state radio stations, the government urged Cubans to "maintain calm and avoid public displays" over the event.

But in Miami, under a brilliant, clear sky, crowds began to gather in Little Havana as the city awoke to the realization that Elian was gone.

Patton ending WTC board service

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

It has been said that actions speak louder than words and the kind of man that R.C. Patton is, was spoken clearly when he and his wife, Amy, arrived at the *Snyder Daily News* office.

R. C. Patton

Patton got out of his car and proceeded to open his wife's door, take her hand and help her out of the vehicle.

A comment to Mrs. Patton about him being a gentleman received the simple response, "he's been doing that for 62 years."

Patton has spent the majority of his life in service, having spent more than 30 years on the Western Texas College board. In addition, he has served 33 years on the West Texas State Bank board of directors and more than 30 years on the Boys Club board.

He has also been chairman of the Salvation Army Service Unit since the early 1960s and is a Goldcoater.

Patton has also been a deacon at First Baptist Church since 1941 and has been a member of the Rotary Club since 1956.

Many share the opinion that Patton is a gentleman, including Dr. Robert Hargrove, who served with him on the original WTC board when it was created in 1969.

"He is a fine Christian gentleman," Dr. Hargrove said of Patton. "He was very faithful to the board, faithful to the college and gave it a lot of time and attention. You could always depend on R.C. Patton. I don't know that he ever missed a meeting."

The original board, which included Patton, Hargrove, M.L. Broman, Edwin Parks, Bill Jones, George Patterson and Bill Wilson Jr., was elected long before the college was planned or built and faced the monumental task of building a community college from the ground up.

"He contributed a lot to the decisions made by the board during the first years when we were building buildings, making improvements, purchasing equipment and deciding the different programs of the school," Dr. Hargrove said. "He was just an important member of the board. I appreciate R.C. and what he's contributed to the board and even what he's contributed to the community."

Patton has chosen not to serve another term on the WTC board. The 89-year-old doesn't regret a moment of his years serving.

"I enjoyed it and it was a place of service that I could handle fairly well," he said. "It is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Bill Wilson Jr., who served 27 years himself on the WTC board, also had praise for Patton.

"He was always very attentive. He had lots of enthusiasm for the college and brought great ideas to the board meetings," Wilson said. "Early on, the state had schools for board members and he went to several of those. He was very diligent and very much for the college."

Patton's service to the West Texas State Bank board has not gone unnoticed either.

"He has been an outstanding contributor as a member of our board of directors," Bill Parker, president of West Texas State Bank, said. "He is very even-tempered and has a very level head. He brings us a sense of sanity at times when we need it."

Patton went to work for Higginbotham-Bartlett in Floydada in August of 1937 and he and Amy were married in that town Jan. 1, 1938.

The couple moved to Snyder in 1941 when the company transferred Patton. He served as bookkeeper from Dec. 1, 1941 to Aug. 23, 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. "That was before there was an Air Force," Patton said.

He was stationed in Lubbock during World War II at what was first called Lubbock Army Flying School and then Lubbock Army Air Field. It would later become Reese Air Force Base.

Patton returned to Snyder after WWII and again assumed the role of bookkeeper at Higginbotham-Bartlett in January of 1946.

In March of that year, he moved to Slaton where he managed the Higginbotham-Bartlett yard for four years.

He returned to Snyder in 1953, taking over duties as local manager.

Patton was named district manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett in 1986 and helped to oversee 18 yards. He retired from the company Jan. 1, 1989 after more than 50 years of employment.

In a 1989 article in the *Snyder Daily News* covering his retirement, Patton reflected on his college board experience and the reasons he agreed to serve when asked.

"I have always wanted to carry my weight in the community, so I said 'yes'," he said. "I felt that it was something I wanted to do and I have always thought it was an honor to be asked to serve. I hope my years of service have been worth something to the college."

His feelings have not changed.

"I want to thank the people for letting me serve and making the job as easy and as pleasant as it is. It is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done."

Patton has been recognized over the years for his service. In 1980, he received the Vestal Award for community development and has also been named Goldcoater of the Year by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

He is one of the few men to serve as president of the chamber twice, in 1958 and 1963.

In 1964, the chamber presented him with the outstanding citizen's award.

Patton was born in Rochester in Haskell County and his family later moved to Floyd County.

He graduated high school at Lamesa and went to work in his father's dairy where he remembers delivering milk early in the morning to customers along his assigned route.

After leaving the dairy and before going to work for Higginbotham-Bartlett, Patton worked at a service station for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton have a son and a daughter, John Mac Patton of San Diego, Calif., and Sherry Hammons of Fort Smith, Ark.; four grandchildren, Alex Patton, Jordyn Patton, Charles Haile and Keri Coffey; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica Coffey and Miranda Coffey.

Patton will be honored with reception Tuesday

Dr. Robert Clinton of Austin, the first president of Western Texas College, will lead a parade of speakers Tuesday at a reception in honor of R.C. Patton.

Patton, an original WTC board member, is not seeking re-election after having served as a college trustee for 30 years.

The reception starts at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center where Patton has been a longtime member and deacon.

The tributes to Patton and his wife, Amy, will include representatives of organizations he has served during his more than 45 years in Snyder.

In addition to the college and church, there will be representatives of the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce Goldcoaters, Salvation Army, West Texas State Bank, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., and the Snyder Rotary Club.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The nice thing about living in a small town is when you don't know what you're doing, somebody else does."

Sometimes the first casualty of a political campaign is the truth. It's not that candidates actually fib, they just put a different spin on the facts or issues.

It can be done in a variety of ways. Certain facts can be omitted, things can be exaggerated or a candidate can just be misinformed.

Demo presidential candidate Al Gore has shown a tendency to embellish his accomplishments – like having invented the Internet.

That myth evolved from a March, 1999 interview on CNN in which Gore said, "During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet."

The truth is that Gore was the leader in Congress on the connections between data transmission and computer power. This information technology did help transform a largely unknown ARPANET, created by the defense department in 1969 and used mostly by academic-types, into what is now known as the Internet.

Another story is that Gore and his wife, Tipper, were the prototypes for the Ryan O'Neal and Ali McGraw characters in the movie "Love Story."

This came from a Time magazine profile based on a two-hour interview the vice president had with reporters on a late-night flight.

The reality is that Erich Segal, author of the novel, modeled the Ryan O'Neal character on two people – Gore and one of his Harvard roommates, who had a small part in the movie as O'Neal's roommate. The McGraw character was not patterned on Tipper Gore.

And the George W. Bush campaign chided the Democratic candidate for sending out a new release that "promoted" vice president to president.

But now the GOP governor from Texas has fallen prey to similar slips of the tongue.

Last year, he told executives in the Silicon Valley in California that "it's my first trip as president of the United States.And in September, he promoted Iowans' sense of pre-caucus importance as he fumbled his well-rehearsed outlook on education. He said, "There are no second-rate children who live in Iowa or any other country."

We're voting for the guy who invented chips and salsa, chocolate chip cookies and indoor plumbing.

ASK US

Q—Will the SISD staffers who took early retirement receive their state retirement pay, as well as the $20,000 from the local district?

A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 84 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Saturday, 61; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, windy; Low 55-60. SW wind 20-30 mph, then 15-25 mph. Sunday, sunny, breezy, high 85-90. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Matthew Medrano
Breezy

Sunset:
8:18 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:07 a.m.
Of 112 days in 2000, the sun has shone 109 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

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9 relatives accused in insurance scam

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal indictments accuse nine Houston relatives of an elaborate scheme to dupe insurance companies with staged car crashes.

The scam involved the setting up of chiropractic clinics, a law office and a check-cashing business, authorities said.

The indictments cite $107,741 in insurance checks paid for fraudulent injuries in 22 Houston-area collisions from 1991 to 1995, according to a report by the Houston Chronicle. But the U.S. attorney's office is seeking forfeiture of the entire $1.9 million in a bank account allegedly used by the relatives to pay a lawyer, chiropractors and other staffers.

Charges of mail fraud and conspiracy were lodged Thursday against Hung Phi "Lorenzo" Hoang, 35; Viet Xuan "Jake" Hoang, 30; Lan Thi Bich "Lisa" Hoang, 37; Huong Thi "Stephanie" Hoang, 32; Nhung Thi "Layckan" Hoang, 28; Phuong "Lauren" Hoang, 25; Kee Saengvanpheng, 29; Toan Hoang, 62; and Bac Vu, 34. Five were also charged with money-laundering offenses.

WTC Drama Department sets one-act

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present *Rain*, a one-act play, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Fine Arts Theatre.

Angel Castelan, Ira graduate, will direct.

Five characters are in the play. The father will be played by Kristopher Hollis of Sweetwater. Lindsy Josey of Snyder will portray the mother.

Wes Hardin of Snyder and Aimee Bean of Sweetwater will portray the children, Tyler and Lyndy.

Tammy, a friend of the family, will be portrayed by Lina Alvarez of Snyder.

The play concerns a family that has to deal with tragedy when the father becomes disabled and can no longer work.

It's a farming community, and the farm is their only source of income. Everyone has to learn how to rise above their problems and make the best of a bad situation.

While in high school, Castelan was involved in 15 plays, directing three of them.

Rain was written by Gary Williams.

TWO FIRST DIVISIONS — Snyder High School's Symphonic Band recently earned two first division trophies in UIL band competition in Plainview — one for concert performance and one for sight reading. All six judges rewarded them with a first division rating. Walter Reneau is the band director and Kay Kennedy is assistant director. Students pictured are from left front row, Trey Gorman, Kyla Connell, Liz Brown, Justin Guy, Danny Early; second row, Kara Babcock, Amber Schwertner, Melina Campos, Jeremy Lester, Kristina Mayer, Amanda Greenwood, Erin Cooley, Cindy Sanchez, Ashley Baremore, Laura Billingsly; third row, Amanda Culwell, Anna Williams, Cheyenne Courtney, Dustin Whitson, Trent Boyd, Chris Shoemake, Clark Reed, Erika Ynguanzo, Mycah Hilburn, Jessica Ramos, Will Henderson, Ryan McAnally, Eva Abalos, Shavon Pesina; fourth row, Jennifer Bell, Jonathan Bell, Jason Williams, Tyler Neves, Isaac Nakamura, Zach Allred, Crystal Garcia, Lyndell Lee, Lynn Fogleman, Justin Stokes, Isaac Hernandez, Brodie Pierce, Ryan Burk, Eric DeLeon, Keeli Shoemake, Brandy Birkenfeld, Carcie Posey, Audra Reneau; fifth row, Cody Beaver, Kasey Collier, Neil Cooper, Layne Scott, not pictured Melinda Langham and Jay Scott. Other schools competing were Levelland, Frenship and Plainview. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

5 black police officers file complaints

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of black police officers in Texas City charged Friday that their commanders give white officers preference in overtime work, training opportunities and promotions.

Five members of the Texas City African-American Police Officers Association said they have filed formal complaints with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to try to stop what they say are at least weekly discriminatory actions against black officers, according to a report in Saturday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Attorney Carla Cotropia, who represents the South Galveston County city, said none of the officers has ever filed a grievance over issues of race or discrimination by supervisors. She said, however, that Mayor Chuck Doyle has given her "carte blanche" to check out all complaints and enter into mediation with the officers and federal officials.

"This city takes discrimination very seriously," Cotropia said, noting that blacks and Hispanics are represented on the City Commission. "Let us have a chance to sit down and talk it all through."

Police Chief Jerry Purdon declined to comment.

A 1998 incident in which black Officer Mickey House found a Ku Klux Klan-style hood in his office mailbox was not investigated, House said at a news conference. Association attorney Jerry Green said House was the only officer interviewed about the incident during an internal investigation.

House said he told Purdon about the hood and filed a complaint, but no action followed.

"They advised me they were going to report it to the FBI as a hate crime, but they did not do that," he said.

The black officers said some of their number have been disciplined unfairly while white officers go unpunished for breaking rules or even committing crimes such as falsifying documents. One officer said he had received death threats but he, Green and the other officers declined to reveal details of most complaints.

Missing laptop contained highly secret data, WP says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A laptop computer missing from the State Department since January contained highly sensitive information about U.S. intelligence gathering, The Washington Post reports.

If the laptop was stolen for information about weapons technology, the theft would be one of the most serious losses of U.S. classified information ever, the Post said Saturday, quoting an unidentified source familiar with the case.

The computer vanished in January from a State Department conference room, and its disappearance was reported in early February to the department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, officials told the newspaper.

The Post said the missing computer contained thousands of highly classified documents about arms proliferation issues, including sensitive secrets about how the United States collects intelligence and sources of the information. The computer also reportedly contained information about the spread of missile technology and nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Sources told the Post that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is "furious" about the security lapse. She reportedly is considering transferring responsibility for top-secret information from the Bureau of Intelligence and Research to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT — The Scurry County Library received a $2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival Fund. The funds will be used to update and enlarge the juvenile science section and poetry section. Janie Romine (right), library director, gives the check to county treasurer Charlie Bell. (SDN Staff Photo)

Library gets grant

The Scurry County Library is the recipient of a $2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival Fund.

Each fall since 1996, a state-wide book fair has been held in Austin under the directorship of First Lady of Texas, Laura Bush.

The proceeds from the book fair are given to public libraries that write grants showing a need for financial help in building their book collections in certain areas.

The Scurry County Library will use the funds to update and enlarge the juvenile science section and poetry section.

With the grant money, the library will be able to order many new science fair project books to replace old and outdate ones, which will help the students with science fair projects next year.

On a small scale, many of the poetry titles in the juvenile section that are in poor condition will be replaced with newer copies.

"The Scurry County Library looks forward to ordering the books and putting them on the shelves for the public's enjoyment," director Janie Romine said.

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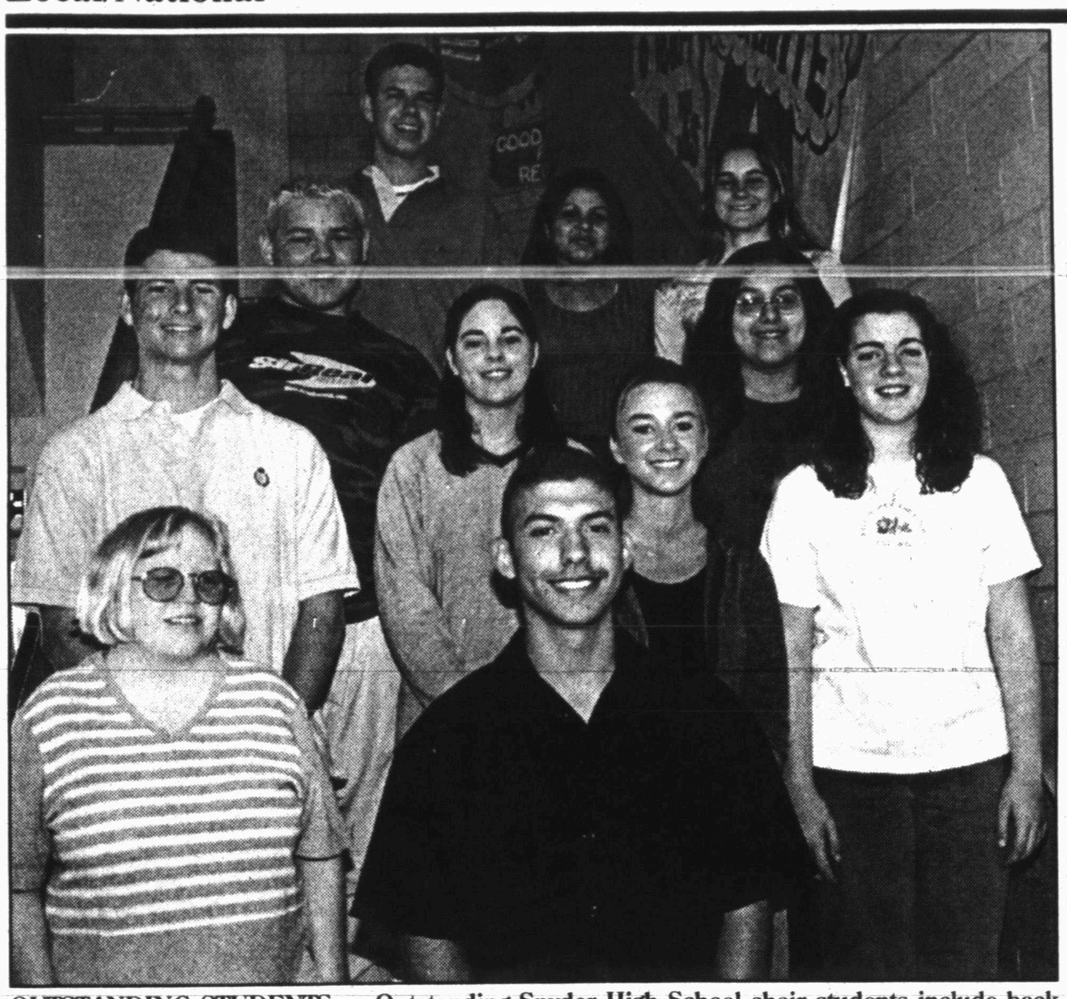


OUTSTANDING STUDENTS — Outstanding Snyder High School choir students include back row, from left, Lance Beaver, Alma Estrada, Cara Best; third row, Bobby Sands, Shimrith Shlezinger, Marcie Rodriguez; second row, Cole McLeod, Tara Price, Jacinda Judah; front row, Adriane Williams, Tony Arispe. Not pictured are Jodi Dennis, Jenny Mayer, Matt Coronado. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS choir students honored

All of the accomplishments of Snyder's high school and junior high choir students were recognized Tuesday night during the choir's annual banquet at the Snyder Country Club.

Alesha Miller received the Randy Bearden Award.

The following students were named outstanding, or most improved choir members for 1999-2000.

Women's Chorale: Jacinda Judah and Marcie Rodriguez, outstanding, and Jessica Rylant and Tressie Martin, most improved.

Strictly Treble: Adriane Williams and Shimrith Shlezinger, outstanding; and Erin Dunham and Lana Broadwater, most improved.

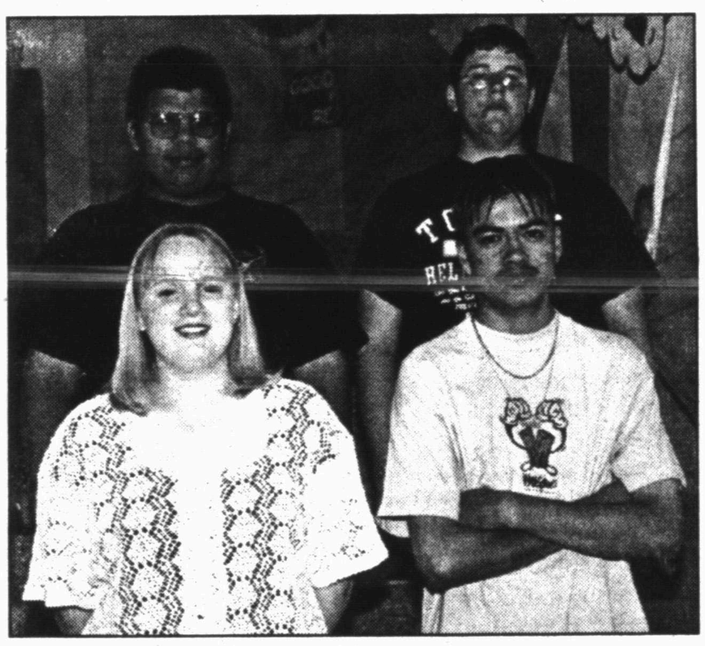
Men's Chorale: Bobby Sands and Cole McLeod, outstanding; and Juan Rodriguez and Scott Gilliland, most improved.

Tiger Jazz: Jodi Dennis, Tara Price and Matt Coronado, outstanding; and Michael Compton and Kim Moore, most improved

Mastersingers: Alma Estrada and Tony Arispe, outstanding, and Justin Englert and Leslie English, most improved.

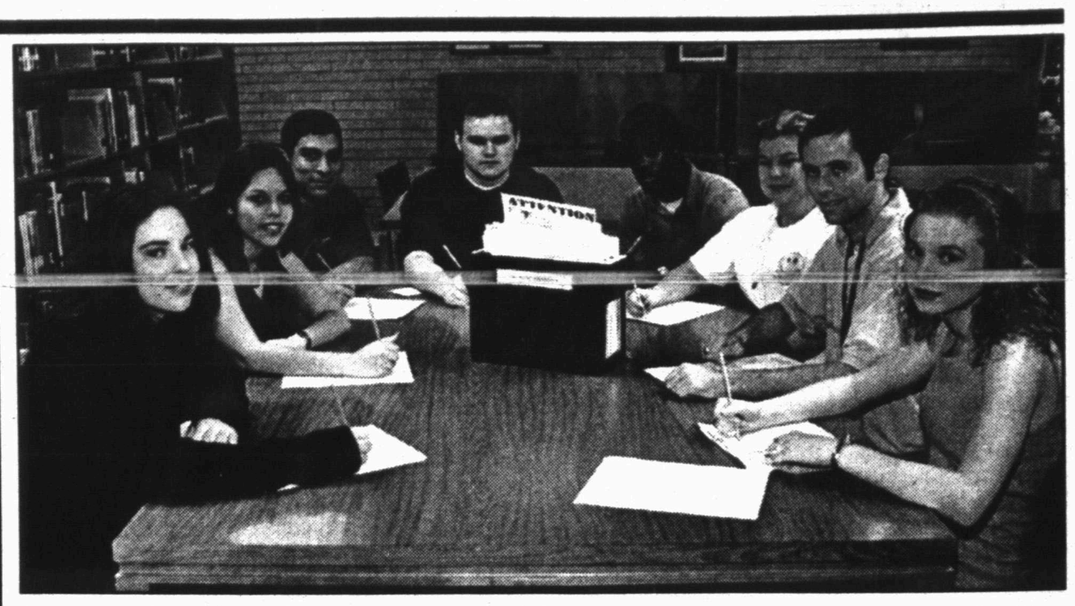
A Cappella Choir: Cara Best, Jenny Mayer and Lance Beaver, outstanding; and Carlos Martinez and Kelli Henderson, most improved.

UIL solo and ensemble accomplishments throughout the school year were also recognized.



MOST IMPROVED — Most improved Snyder High School choir students include Juan Rodriguez and Scott Gilliland, in back; and Jessica Rylant and Carlos Martinez, in front. Not pictured are Kim Moore, Tressie Martin, Kelli Henderson, Erin Dunham, Lana Broadwater, Michael Compton, Justin Englert, Leslie English. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Alesha Miller



SCHOLARSHIPS — Snyder High School seniors who are filling out applications for scholarships are from left clockwise, Shimrith Shlezinger, Irene Hernandez, Adrian Gonzales, Joe Dan Davenport; James Wells, Audra Lilly, Jared Hester, Ashley Baremore. SHS counselors remind organizations and businesses to turn in awards and scholarships to the counselors' office as soon as possible. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Severe hurricanes forecast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An analysis of weather patterns over the past century indicates that increased storm activity over the last five years should continue for the next 20, a top hurricane forecaster says.

Such storms are expected to cause damage five to 10 times worse than ever before in the Gulf and Atlantic Coast states, said Bill Gray, who spoke Friday on the final day of the National Hurricane Conference.

The next 15 to 20 years should resemble a stretch of hurricane bombardment from the late 1920s through the 1940s, when relatively high salt content in the Atlantic altered the circulation of ocean currents in a way that pushed up the average water temperature. Hurricanes draw their strength from warm water.

The trend is cyclical, and has nothing to do with pollution blamed for global warming, Gray said.

"There's tremendous ignorance about how these storms go," he said. "We need to learn about this, expect it to happen and adapt our infrastructure."

One of the main difference between now and the first half of the 20th century is that more people now live in harm's way, Gray said. According to U.S. Census figures, the population in Gulf and Atlantic coast states from Texas to Virginia rose from a little more than 24 million in 1930 to about 64 million in 1990.

Gray, a professor of meteorology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., is widely viewed as the nation's top hurricane forecaster.

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Historical Christian Evidences
Lesson 10
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
April 24, 7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church
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Breakfast following
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Northeast plants tree, geraniums for Kelton Clayton

Northeast Elementary students, teachers and staff held a very special memorial and dedication service Wednesday afternoon for Kelton Cody Clayton, who died Feb. 17 of this year from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

A tree was planted in the fifth grader's name in the front of the school near the school's sign. Kelton's classmates, all students of Susan Scott, helped fill in the space around the tree with planting soil. Later they planted some geraniums around the tree.

Mrs. Scott shared some things her students recalled about their friend. She noted that he almost always had the answer to a question. He always had a sparkle in his eye too.

Kelton's grandmother, Donna Roberts, recalled that when Kelton was a little boy, he loved to work in the yard and plant flowers with his great-grandmother, who taught him the meaning of a horticulturist.

Donations to the NE Parent Council in Kelton's name were used to buy the tree and the geraniums.

The family provided the white marble bench located nearby.

Besides Mrs. Roberts, other family members who attended included Kelton's grandfather, George Roberts; and his two brothers, Garick and Forest.

The dedication was held Wednesday because April 19 was Kelton's birthday.

Following the ceremony, fifth graders also released butterflies in honor of this Saturday's Earth Day.

Kelton's classmates in Mrs. Scott's class are Marleah Akins, Brianna Bernal, April Beth Boyd, Tylor Courtney, Linda DeLaCruz, Heather Derington, Christy Espinosa, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Colton Guynes, Jessica Hopper, Casey Long, Michael Martinez, Ryan Mitchell, Roman Munoz, Melissa Newby, Daniel Saenz, Adam Smith, Joel Solis, Pete Villa, Syd Wiggins.

TREE DEDICATION — Northeast Elementary School dedicated a tree and some geraniums to Kelton Cody Clayton, a fifth grader, who died Feb. 17 from injuries sustained in an accident. Students (top left photo) took turns pouring planting soil around the tree. Others (top right photo) brought geraniums to place around the tree. Fifth graders (middle right photo) inspect their work. Kelton's classmates and family members (bottom right photo) are pictured in front of the tree. Family members in the front row are his grandmother Donna Roberts, his brothers Forest and Garick, and his grandfather George Roberts. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

FDA approves third option for Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON (AP) — A third medication to treat Alzheimer's disease, Novartis Pharmaceuticals' Exelon, has received approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

Four million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, which has no known cause or cure. It afflicts mainly the elderly, robbing them of their memories and ability to care for themselves and eventually killing them.

Exelon, whose approval was announced Friday, works in the brain the same way as the other two Alzheimer's drugs, Aricept and Cognex. They inhibit the breakdown of acetylcholine, a brain chemical vital for nerve cells to communicate with each other. The longer acetylcholine remains in the brain, the longer those cells can call up memories.

The drugs offer modest relief for mild to moderate Alzheimer's symptoms. While the products have not been compared directly, Exelon's effectiveness is believed to be "pretty much in the same league" as Aricept and Cognex, said FDA official Dr. Russell Katz.

After 26 weeks of therapy, 81 percent of Exelon patients had stable or slightly better symptoms than patients given a dummy pill, Novartis said.

But Katz noted that Exelon's label bears a strong warning about a significant risk:

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To achieve these and any other objectives you may have, you will put a lot of thought into your plans -- and you will probably work closely with your legal and tax advisers. These experts can help make sure your strategies conform to current estate and tax laws. But there's only one person who can make sure you're not overlooking all the significant details -- and that person is you.

One of the most important details you'll want to observe is whether your beneficiary designations are up-to-date. That means you need to review your life insurance, annuities, IRAs, 401(k) plans and other tax-deferred arrangements. All these vehicles are essentially contractual arrangements under which you name a beneficiary to receive benefits when you die.

If you name a beneficiary and nothing ever changes in your life, you won't have any problems. Unfortunately, many people name a beneficiary, forget about it and then don't make any adjustments, no matter what happens. But your life can change, either through marriage, divorce, remarriage or death. When any of these events occur, your original beneficiary may no longer be the person you would have wanted to collect the proceeds. That's why it's a good idea to update the beneficiary designations on all your insurance policies and retirement plans every few years.

However, before changing the beneficiary on your life insurance or any retirement plan, you'll want to discuss such a move with your estate-planning attorney. Be aware that any change in the beneficiary designation of your retirement plan can have estate tax and income tax consequences. In addition, you'll need to work with your estate-planning adviser to ensure that the beneficiary designation and the policy ownership of your life insurance are coordinated.

You'll also want to periodically review beneficiary designations to make sure they're aligned with your estate planning documents. For example, suppose you decide to to establish a living trust, which may offer you significant advantages, depending on your situation. For one thing, a living trust gives you far-reaching control over how your assets are distributed. Furthermore, assets held in a living trust can pass directly to your heirs without having to go through the time-consuming and expensive process of probate. To maximize the effectiveness of your living trust, you'll want to make sure the financial assets contained in the trust have the correct beneficiary designaitons. Again, your estate planning adviser can help you in this area.

Careful review of your beneficiary designations could benefit your family immensely in the future. So take the time to do what needs to be done -- you'll be glad you did.

Date Books

Saturday, April 22, 2000
Today is the 113th day of 2000 and the 34th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, President George Washington attended a performance of Rickett's Circus.

On this day in 1964, the New York World's Fair opened.

On this day in 1976, Barbara Walters became Harry Reasoner's co-anchor on the ABC Evening News.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Fielding (1707-1754), novelist; Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), philosopher; Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924), Russian leader; J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967), physicist; Eddie Albert (1908-), actor, is 92; Yehudi Menuhin (1916-1999), violinist; Charles Mingus (1922-1979), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, the Mets defeated San Diego 2-1. During the game, Mets pitcher Tom Seaver struck out the last ten batters in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every time I see something terrible, it's like I see it at age 19. I keep a freshness that way." — Ralph Nader

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 18) and last quarter (April 26).

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Sunday, April 23, 2000
Today is **EASTER;** it is the 114th day of 2000 and the 35th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, president-elect George Washington and his wife Martha moved into the first executive mansion, Franklin House, in New York City.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley performed in Las Vegas for the first time.

On this day in 1985, the Coca Cola Company announced a change in the recipe for Coke.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Shakespeare (1564-1616), writer; James Buchanan (1791-1868), U.S. president; Shirley Temple Black (1928-), actress-diplomat, is 72; Roy Orbison (1936-1988), singer; Lee Majors (1940-), actor, is 60; Valerie Bertinelli (1960-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants hit a home run in his first major-league at-bat.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." — James Thurber

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 18) and last quarter (April 26).

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Cougar thwarts hunter's chance to get a turkey

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Allen Sherwood dressed up in camouflage, hid himself in a fallen pine tree and began calling a turkey.

What he got was a mountain lion.

"I turned around and he was coming face and feet first at my head," said the 36-year-old Los Alamos resident who was in the Jemez Mountains last weekend. "I'm just lucky I was quick enough to get an elbow up to protect my face and head."

The cougar, which may have mistaken Sherwood for a turkey because of his calling noises, caught Sherwood across his right eyebrow and the bridge of his nose with one paw and on his back with the other.

Sherwood stood up and fumbled to switch off the safety on his shotgun, then threw up his arms and hollered.

"I yelled 'Go on!' and about two seconds after that he was gone," he said. "As fast as if you blinked, he vanished. No noise. Nothing. Just gone."

Sherwood said the cougar ruined his opportunity to bag a turkey, adding: "It's a compliment, in a way, that I could fool a cat."

Troubled cargo airline fires its chief executive officer

DALLAS (AP) — The founder of cargo airline Kitty Hawk Inc. was removed Thursday as chairman and chief executive a week after the company said it was running out of cash.

Kitty Hawk's stock price went into a tailspin after the announcement that it would miss a $17 million interest payment.

On Thursday, directors removed M. Tom Christopher from the top jobs at Kitty Hawk, based at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. He will remain a director.

Kitty Hawk president Tilmon Reeves will replace Christopher as chairman and chief executive while the board searches for a permanent replacement, the company said. The company also said two directors have resigned from the board in the past nine days, and it named vice president of finance Drew Keith to replace chief financial officer Paul Tate, who resigned April 11.

The company also said it has hired Seabury Advisors and Seabury Securities to help it restructure debt.

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TOP AR READERS — The latest Stanfield students to earn 150 points in the Accelerated Reader program are from left, Coleton Mitchell, Jake Crenwelge, Annie Stribling, Samama Arizmendi. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Report: Federal agents did not fire at Branch Davidians

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Federal agents did not fire at Branch Davidians in the 1993 siege that ended in a deadly blaze at the group's compound in Waco, Texas, according to a preliminary report from last month's simulation of the confrontation.

Vector Data Systems, the British firm that conducted the simulation, provided the written report to U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. earlier this month.

The test was performed March 19 in Fort Hood, Texas.

Vector found that flashes produced by sunlight reflecting off debris were considerably longer in duration than flashes produced by gunfire, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Saturday, citing informed sources.

That finding would support the government's claim that similar flashes seen on a 1993 infrared tape were the result of sunlight reflecting off debris from the crumbling complex, not gunfire.

Vector also reported that the infrared cameras in aircraft above the Fort Hood simulation site picked up flashes from six of the nine weapons tested. But wherever flashes were visible from weapons, the shooters also were visible, the sources said. Flashes on the 1993 Waco tape do not show shooters.

Vector followed up the preliminary report with an oral briefing for Smith last Monday.

Mike Caddell, the lead counsel for the Branch Davidians, said Smith has not yet relayed the conclusions of Vector's oral report.

He interpreted that as "a bad sign for my side."

But, Caddell said, he has strong evidence on other issues that he will stress at the June trial of the Branch Davidians' wrongful death suit against the government.

Among them are the Davidians' claim that the FBI failed to provide fire equipment as instructed by Attorney General Janet Reno and that the FBI commanders on the scene abused their discretion by prematurely knocking down part of the complex.

Regardless of Vector's conclusions, Caddell plans to present his own experts who will argue that the flashes on the 1993 tape are from government guns. He acknowledges that his experts cannot show that any particular Branch Davidian died from a government bullet.

Vector was hired to conduct the test by Special Counsel John Danforth who, in September, was appointed by Reno to oversee an independent investigation into the standoff and fire.

The appointment came amid criticism following revelations that the FBI, contradicting a position it had taken for six years, used potentially incendiary devices on the last day of the 51-day standoff on April 19, 1993. David Koresh and about 80 followers died. Reno and the FBI deny any wrongdoing.

Snyder FFA plans first annual auction

Snyder FFA will hold its first annual labor auction Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the armory at Towle Park.

The local FFA chapter will offer more than 50 lots of students who will perform eight hours of solid labor for whoever purchases them.

Some lots will be two students who will work as a pair for eight hours (16 hours of labor) for the purchaser.

Work will be done on Saturday May 6 or May 13. If these dates are inconvenient, the buyer and student can work out a deal at the time of purchase as to when the labor will be done.

Money raised through this program will be used to purchase equipment for the classroom and the school farm and to pay expenses accumulated during the upcoming FFA State contest.

Snyder has 40 students qualified for the State contest.

All money spent on students will be considered a tax-deductible donation.

If you are unable to attend and would like information on absentee bidding, or have questions concerning the auction, contact David Frazier or Jerry Conring at 574-6046.

WTC offers short computer course

POF1 1301 Computer Applications will be offered during the Maymester session at Western Texas College. This course is designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers.

Hands-on applications in Windows 98, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint (Versions 2000), graphics, Internet and e-mail will be included.

This class is limited to 15 students. Registration must be approved by the instructor. For more information and/or to register for the class call Tammy Wesson at 573-8511, ext. 241. Deadline for registration is Friday, May 5.

Students will be contacted about the status of this class before the first meeting. Class is scheduled to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Classes will begin on Monday, May 8, and end on Wednesday, May 31.

Memories sought for Kennedy scrapbook

Principal Wayne Kennedy of East Elementary is about to close out 43 years of service to the Snyder Independent School District. If you have any memories of Kennedy as a principal, teacher or co-worker, the present staff would like you to share it with them. The photos and stories will be put into a special memory album to be presented to him at a retirement party on May 9, from 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church's garden room.

All contributions will be appreciated. Please send photos to East Elementary, ATTN: Christy Smith at 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Tx. 79549. Any stories or other remembrances can be faxed to her at 915 574-6870 or call 915 573-1769.

Smith said, "Mr. Kennedy will be truly missed."

Kennedy began teaching at Central elementary in 1957 and moved to West Elementary where he taught 5th and 6th grades. In 1979, he moved to Stanfield as a principal. Besides his current assignment, he has also been the principal at Northeast and West.

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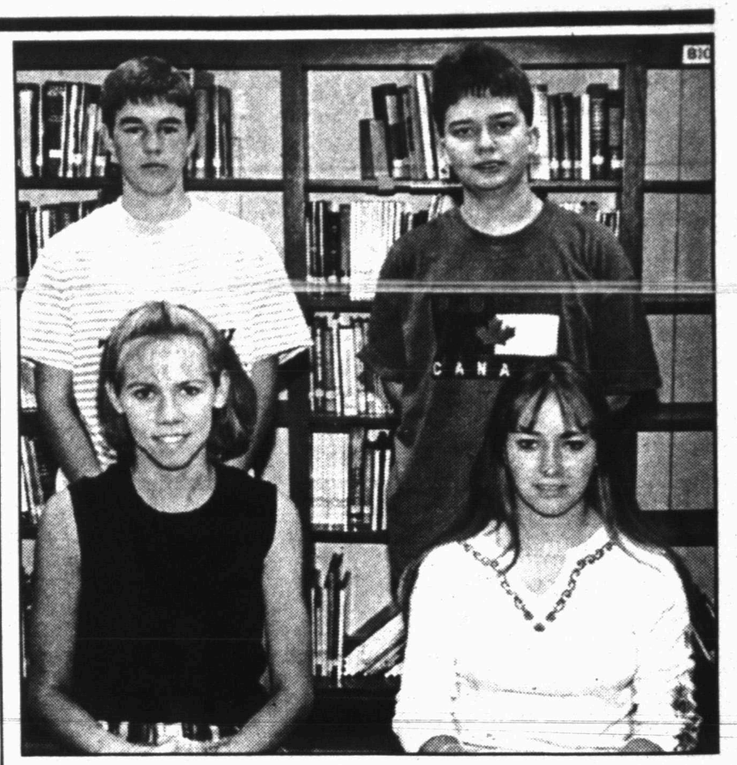

REGIONAL CONTESTANTS — Ira High School students who competed in recent regional UIL academic contests are front row from left, Morgan Clements and Kendra Krop; back row, John Gainer and Colter Brown. Morgan earned ninth in computer applications. She placed third at district. Kendra was fourth in spelling and vocabulary and will be an alternate to the state contest May 13 in Austin. She earned first place at district. Colter competed in ready writing. He won second place at district. John competed in informative speaking. He placed third at district. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers stumble in final frame to fall, 4-3

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — In a tight ballgame, with so much on the line, the team that played error-free softball was bound to come out on top.

Unfortunately for the Snyder Lady Tigers, the Brownwood Lady Lions never committed a miscue.

Brownwood scored the winning run on a Snyder error in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 4-3 bi-district victory Friday night at Abilene's Will Hair Park.

The setback ends the Lady Tigers' season with a mark of 19-15, while Brownwood improves to 21-7 and advances to face Weatherford (26-0) in the area round.

Of Brownwood's four runs, only one was earned, and Snyder's second of two errors on the night allowed the winning run to come home.

With Brownwood's Lindsey Smith on first base with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Tiffany Gregory drew a base on balls from Snyder pitcher Courtney Rinehart.

Lindsey was headed for second base on the walk, when Snyder catcher Chaelyn Robinson mistakenly thought the Lady Lion runner was attempting to steal.

Robinson threw to second base where center fielder Cameron Mackey was the closest Lady Tiger to the play. The throw bounced short of the bag and skidded past Mackey all the way to the outfield fence.

Smith scored easily on the play, crossing the plate to end the game on a 4-3 tally.

The game was tight throughout with Brownwood holding a lead for the first four innings, before Snyder pulled even in the fifth.

The Lady Lions posted their first two runs in the opening frame on Snyder's first error of the night.

With runners at second and third, Rinehart fielded a bunt from Jessica Scott, but had to delay her throw to first when the Lady Tigers were late getting to the bag. Rinehart's throw was wide of the base, allowing Leslie James to score from third, and Haylee Shackleford from second.

Brownwood padded its lead with a run in the third on a bunt for a base hit, a double and a sacrifice fly.

Lady Lion hurler Alesha Epley controlled the action early on, allowing only three Lady Tigers to reach base through the first four innings.

Snyder got the spark it needed in the bottom of the fourth when second baseman Amber Haarmeyer made a sparkling play in the field. Haarmeyer made a diving stab at a ground ball, then threw the runner out from her knees to end the inning.

The Lady Tigers carried the momentum into their next at-bat.

Jennifer Newman led off with a single and went to second on a wild pitch. One out later, Robinson slapped a single into left field that moved Newman to third. Robinson went to second base when the throw from the outfield went all the way to the plate.

Next up, Whitney Webb blasted a double into the gap in left-center field to drive in Newman and Robinson. Webb was the Lady Tigers' hottest hitter on the night, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Webb advanced to third on the throw to the plate, and scored the tying run four pitches later on a fly ball from Rinehart.

After surrendering the early runs, Rinehart and the Lady Tigers settled down in the field. The Lady Lions were retired in order for three consecutive innings, until Smith's leadoff single in the seventh.

Likewise, Snyder was unable to manufacture any more offense. Epley retired all six Lady Tigers that came to the plate in the sixth and seventh frames.

Snyder managed six hits off Epley, who posted seven strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Rinehart allowed only four hits to go along with two walks and three strikeouts.

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Webb cf	3	1	3	2
Rinehart p	3	0	0	1
Mackey cf	3	0	1	0
K.Martinez dh	3	0	0	0
Fisk ss	3	0	0	0
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0
Newman 1b	3	1	1	0
L.Martinez rf	3	0	0	0
Robinson c	3	1	1	0
Totals	27	3	6	3

Brownwood	ab	r	h	bi
Holleman ss	3	0	0	0
James lf	2	2	1	0
Shackleford cf	3	1	1	0
Scott 1b	3	0	1	1
Epley p	3	0	0	0
Smith 2b	3	1	1	0
Snider dh	2	0	0	0
Garza 3b	1	0	0	0
Cox c	3	0	0	0
Gregory rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	25	4	4	1

Snyder	0	0	0	0	3	0	0—	3 6 2
B'wood	2	0	1	0	0	1	0—	4 4 0

Two out when winning run scored.
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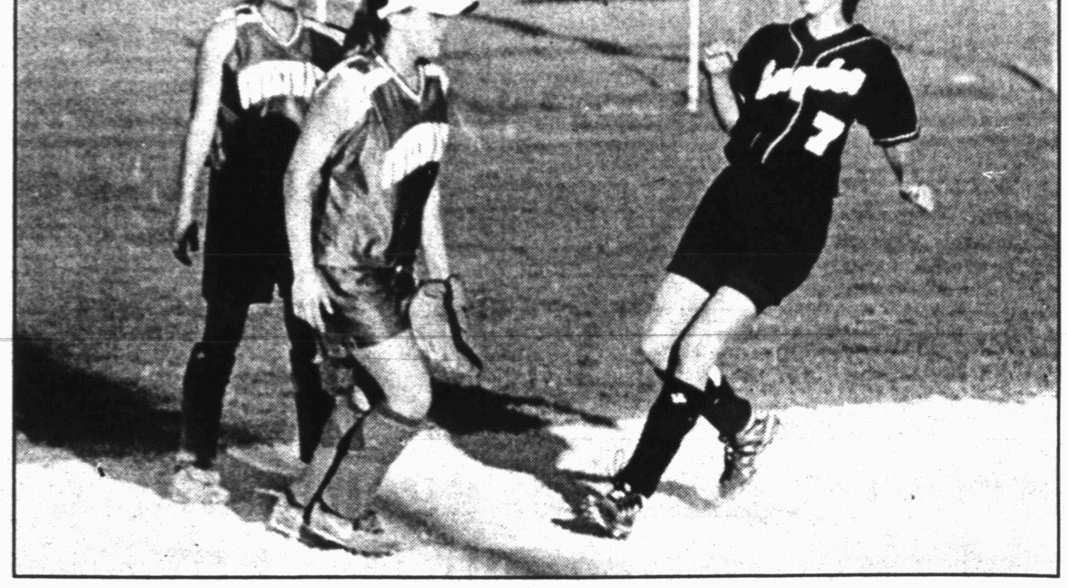
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rinehart	7	4	4	1	2	3
Brownwood	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Epley	7	6	3	3	0	7



RUNNING THE BASES — Snyder's Courtney Rinehart arrives safely at second base during district action last week. Rinehart threw a four-hitter in Friday night's 4-3 bi-district setback to Brownwood. (SDN Staff Photo)

Junior all-stars fall, but keep hopes alive for title

FAIRFIELD — Snyder's Junior Division All-Stars suffered their first setback of the Little Dribblers National Tournament, but still have a shot at the title.

Snyder fell to Plainview, 43-37, Friday in the semifinals of the winners' bracket, but can earn a berth in the championship game with a win Saturday afternoon.

Snyder was to have faced either Waco Doris or Kennedale, with the winner advancing to face Plainview in the title tilt.

Snyder grabbed the initial lead on Friday, jumping on top, 9-8, in the first quarter.

Plainview pulled ahead by five points at the break, before stretching the margin to 33-25 by the start of the fourth period.

Lance Day paced Snyder with 14 points and six rebounds, while Brent Bollinger tallied 11 points, eight boards and four assists.

Brookes Gafford finished with eight points and seven rebounds, and Colton Brewster and Travis Hatfield added two points each.

The championship game is scheduled for Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

Spurs' Elliot unsure of status for next season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean Elliott, who returned to the NBA after a kidney transplant, might retire after this season.

"I'm going to keep my options open," Elliott said Friday, the day before the Spurs open the playoffs against the Phoenix Suns.

Elliott was responding to reports he plans to quit after this season and become a TV commentator. He worked on Spurs' broadcasts last fall while recuperating from his Aug. 16 kidney transplant.

A San Antonio Express-News columnist reported Friday that Elliott's career will end with the Spurs' final playoff game this year. Columnist Jim Dent quoted Elliott as saying, "I know my time has come."

However, on Friday, Elliott called the report speculative.

"I'm going to sit down with the team then I'm going to keep my options open. And then if people want to speculate from there, I don't have a problem with that," he said.

It's possible he'll stay in the NBA, he said.

"There are lots of reasons why I would continue to play. I'm having a lot of fun just being out on the court. I feel like my game is coming back to me. I feel like I could play several more years," Elliott said.

The 32-year-old Elliott said money won't enter into his decision. He is making $6.2 million this season and is to make $5 million next season in the final year of his contract.

Elliott had focal glomerulosclerosis, a disease that prevents the kidneys from properly filtering waste from the blood. His older brother Noel donated a kidney.

Rangers' skid continues with 10-5 loss to Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Now the Texas Rangers are losing to teams they are used to winning against.

Ron Coomer had two homers and a career-high seven RBIs as Minnesota beat Texas 10-5 on Friday night, the Twins' first victory over the Rangers since September 1998.

In the same way the Rangers have been dominated by the New York Yankees, Texas had won 13 straight games against Minnesota — including all 12 last season.

"I wouldn't get too comfortable right now because there's a lot of things that we're not doing," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We are missing a little spark."

The Rangers, swept by the Yankees earlier this week to extend their losing streak against New York to eight, have lost five straight for the first time since July 12-16, 1998. The Rangers blew a 3-0 first-inning lead against the Twins, and then failed to hold on after going ahead 5-3 in the fifth.

"It's been a rough five days. A lot of things are going to have to change, including the manager," Oates said. "The bottom line is we're not playing very well. We're not getting hits at crucial times."

Coomer certainly came through for Minnesota, which has won four straight games.

Coomer hit a two-run homer in the third to tie it at 3 and added a three-run shot in the ninth. He had an RBI single in a three-run sixth that put the Twins ahead to stay, and then drove in another run on a fielder's choice grounder an inning later.

"That's a good day, isn't it? At least it's a good day for me," Coomer said after a lengthy postgame stay in the training for treatment, an almost nightly occurrence these days as he plays through an injured knee and foot.

"Our team stayed in the game. We got guys on base and hit the ball well and good things happened," he said. "You have to score runs against Texas because they have such a great team they can score at any time."

Minnesota chased Texas starter Mark Clark (2-1) with its sixth-inning rally.

Clark, who had won his first seven career decisions against the Twins, left the game after Coomer's RBI single tied it at 5. Coomer scored the go-ahead run on a groundout.

"He's not the greatest player in the world, and not the worst player in the world, but he comes to play," Minnesota manager Tom Kelly said of Coomer. "He got some real timely hits tonight. When they go over the fence with a couple of men on, the manager immediately gets a lot smarter."

Clark gave up six runs and six hits in five-plus innings. He struck out two and walked one.

Hector Carrasco (3-1) pitched 2 1-3 shutout innings for the win.

Texas led 2-0 in the first when Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-run homer, his sixth of the season. Rodriguez had also homered in his previous at-bat.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	11	4	.733	—
Baltimore	10	5	.667	1
Boston	9	6	.600	2
Toronto	8	10	.444	4½
Tampa Bay	5	11	.313	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	10	6	.625	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	½
Kansas City	8	10	.444	3
Minnesota	8	10	.444	3
Detroit	4	11	.267	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	9	6	.600	—
Anaheim	9	8	.529	1
Oakland	7	10	.412	3
Texas	6	10	.375	3½

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, ppd., rain
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Anaheim 9, Tampa Bay 6
Minnesota 10, Texas 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 2
Seattle 10, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 11, Oakland 9

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1) at Toronto (Escobar 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 3-0), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 0-3) at Seattle (Tomko 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 1-0) at Oakland (Heredia 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Yan 0-1), 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 0-1) at Texas (Loaiza 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 3-0) at Toronto (Castillo 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 1-2) at Boston (R.Martinez 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 1-2) at Texas (Oliver 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 1-1) at Seattle (Sele 1-1), 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 0-0) at Oakland (Mulder 1-0), 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625	—
Montreal	9	7	.563	1
New York	9	7	.563	1
Florida	10	8	.556	1
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	11	6	.647	—
Cincinnati	8	8	.500	2½
Houston	6	9	.400	4
Chicago	7	11	.389	4½
Milwaukee	6	10	.375	4½
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	12	5	.706	—
Los Angeles	9	6	.600	2
Colorado	9	9	.500	3½
San Diego	8	9	.471	4
San Francisco	5	11	.313	6½

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Montreal 5, Milwaukee 1
Philadelphia 4, Florida 3
Los Angeles 9, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 2
San Diego 7, Houston 2
Colorado 6, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 11, Arizona 5

Saturday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 1-1 and Farnsworth 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-1 and Springer 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 2-1) at Cincinnati (Haa...sch 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 2-0) at Houston (Holt 0-3), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 1-1) at Arizona (Daal 0-1), 4:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Stull 0-1) at Montreal (Irabu 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 0-1) at Florida (Sanchez 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 0-2) at Atlanta (Burkett 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 1-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 2-0), 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
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Milwaukee at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

NBA Playoff Glance

All Times EDT
(Best-of-5)
Saturday, April 22
Detroit at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23
Toronto at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25
Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
Toronto at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
Milwaukee at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Miami at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 1
Charlotte at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary
Tuesday, May 2
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, if necessary
New York at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Portland at Minnesota, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Wednesday, May 3
Miami at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
Thursday, May 4
Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Philadelphia at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 20
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2, Philadelphia wins series 4-1
New Jersey 4, Florida 1, New Jersey wins series 4-0
Friday, April 21
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1, Pittsburgh wins series 4-1
St. Louis 5, San Jose 3, San Jose leads series 3-2
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2, Dallas wins series 4-1
Colorado 2, Phoenix 1, Colorado wins series 4-1
Saturday, April 22
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 23
St. Louis at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 24
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary
San Jose at St. Louis, 9 p.m., if necessary

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SPORTS

Snyder's title hopes end, 48-35

FAIRFIELD — After advancing all the way to the state tournament, it was still Plainview that ended the Snyder's season.

Snyder's Major Division All-Stars saw an early lead evaporate, as Plainview rolled on to a 48-35 victory Friday in an elimination game at the Little Dribblers National Tournament.

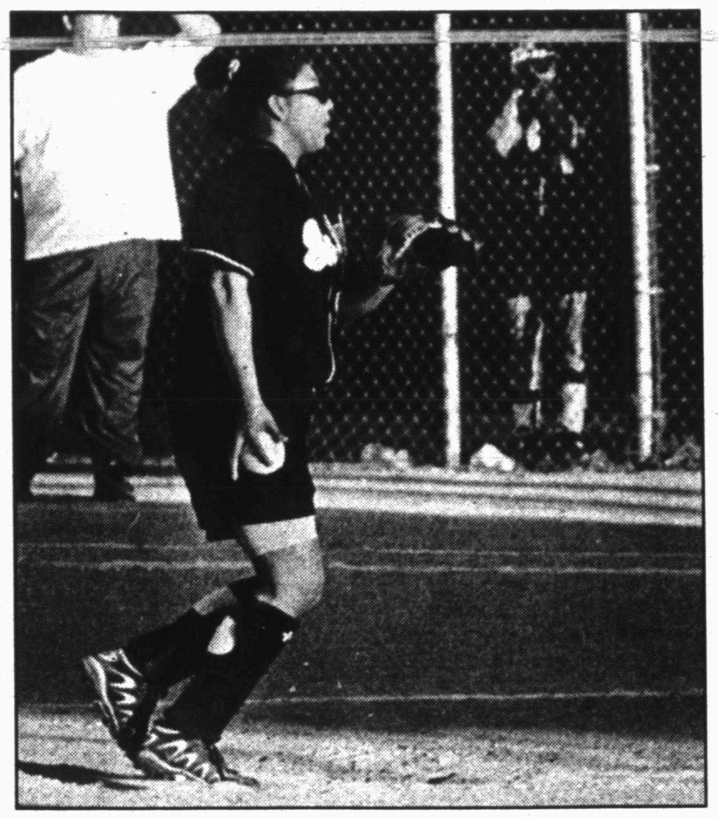
Plainview had edged Snyder for first place at the regional tourney, before ending the local squad's bid for a national title on Friday.

Snyder jumped out to an 11-6 lead in the opening quarter, before Plainview answered in the second period to hold a 21-20 advantage at the break.

Plainview kept its momentum in the second half, stretching the margin to 37-28 in the third quarter, then holding on down the stretch.

Blake Scott poured in eight points to pace Snyder, with Garrett Pinson and Cade Simpson adding six apiece.

Chris Smith tallied five points, while Eric Martinez dropped in four. Jason Cave registered three points, and Jay Weaver notched two.



SENIOR HURLER — Snyder's Kristin Martinez winds up during district action last week. The Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end Friday with a bi-district loss to Brownwood. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tech topples Jayhawks

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Marco Cunningham had three hits and three RBI, including his sixth-inning single that drove in the winning run, as Texas Tech beat host Kansas 9-4 on Friday.

Cunningham also had a double and another single as the Red Raiders (26-18, 14-8 Big 12) banged out 13 hits.

The Jayhawks (21-22, 7-15) tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth on back-to-back doubles by John Nelson and Doug Dreher. Nelson went 4-for-5 on the night.

But Cunningham erased that tie, then Kansas reliever Jeff Davis balked in Shaun Larkin from third.

Tech wasn't through. Chaz Eiguren blasted a two-run homer to left to score Cunningham in the eighth, and Eric McLamore scored on a sacrifice fly by Scott Holzhauer.

Tech reliever Blake McGinley (4-0) pitched 4 1-3 scoreless innings in relief of starter J.J. Newman.

KU starter Pete Smart (6-8) was saddled with the loss, having left the game in the sixth after putting Cunningham on.

Sports Briefs

Send-off scheduled for golf teams

A send-off for the Tiger and Lady Tiger golf teams will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the parking lot south of the fieldhouse. The two SHS links squads will compete Monday and Tuesday in the regional golf tournament in San Angelo.

Adult softball sign-ups here

Snyder Men's and Women's Slowpitch Softball League will hold sign-ups for its spring draft Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. Players can also register by calling Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Deadline to register is April 28.

WGA holds weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format will be low net twosome.

Lions Club to host tourney

The Lions Club golf tournament will be next Saturday at Western Texas College. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a combined handicap of at least 50.

Entry fee is $50 per player, including green fee, cart rental and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, with $1,000 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a $5,000 CD and a 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up.

The field is limited to the first 20 paid teams. For more information, call 573-7627 or 573-1423.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Thursday's at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Ex-Duke player denies payments

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Former Duke player Corey Maggette denies accepting $2,000 from an AAU coach, an accusation that could cost the Blue Devils as much as $180,000 and the 1999 NCAA runner-up trophy.

The NCAA penalties still apply even if the school didn't know the player was ineligible.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said neither he nor his staff knew of alleged payments by Myron Piggie until after Maggette left for the NBA.

Missouri guard will enter draft

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri point guard Keyon Dooling, a second-team all-Big 12 selection, said he will leave two years early and enter the NBA draft.

Dooling, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, averaged 15.3 points and 3.6 assists this season.

If Dooling does not sign with an agent and isn't drafted, he can retain his college eligibility by informing Missouri within 30 days after June 28 draft that he wants to return to school.

Larkin sidelined with injured finger

CINCINNATI (AP) — Reds shortstop Barry Larkin tore a ligament in the middle finger of his left hand diving for a ball in the second inning against Los Angeles, sidelining him up to a month.

Cincinnati's captain, off to his best start since 1995 when he won the NL MVP award, was hitting .355 and collected his 350th career steal. He immediately had surgery.

Two bowl games added

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two new bowls were added next season — the galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston and the Silicon Valley Classic in San Jose, Calif.

An NCAA panel approved the additions and recertified the 23 existing bowls.

Stars finish off Oilers with 3-2 win in Game 5

DALLAS (AP) — It's hard to tell which the Dallas Stars are more excited about, advancing to the second round or avoiding a return trip to Edmonton.

The Stars accomplished both Friday night by beating the Oilers 3-2 to close out their first-round Western Conference series in five games. A sixth game would have been Sunday in the raucous Skyreach Centre.

"I really did not want to jump on a plane tomorrow," Dallas captain Derian Hatcher said. "We wanted to spend Easter at home."

There's still some ringing in the Stars' ears from the shouting that began in warmups and ended long after the final horn during the third and fourth games in Edmonton. The fans might not have been also cheering between games, but it sure seemed that way to Dallas players.

"Edmonton is the last place we wanted to go," said Dallas center Mike Modano, whose two assists made him the franchise's postseason scoring leader. "They have one of the loudest buildings I've ever been in or played in."

The Stars managed to split the games there, then took care of business at home. They've beaten the Oilers in 12 straight games at Reunion Arena and have bounced them from the playoffs three years in a row.

But it wasn't as easy as it sounds. Edmonton punished Dallas and kept things close until Brett Hull scored the series-winning goal with 5:03 left

"The quicker you can get it over with, the quicker you get away from a team that's so physical." Hull said. "We're extra happy to have a few days off. You look ahead to the teams that are left and there's nothing to cheer about."

Dallas next plays either San Jose or Colorado. If the Sharks upset top-seeded St. Louis, the Stars become the top seed and would have home-ice advantage at least until the Stanley Cup finals.

The Oilers did not lead in any of the three games at Reunion, but they made this one interesting by matching the Stars shot-for-shot, hit-for-hit and nearly goal-for-goal. Both teams even had about the same number of missed opportunities.

"We've got to get better as a team and an organization, because we've got a couple of years of not getting to the next level," coach Kevin Lowe said. "We need to tweak it here and there."

Said defenseman Tom Poti: "They stick to their game plan for the whole 60 minutes. As a team we have to learn from that."

The Stars won their seventh straight knockout game since 1998. Goaltender Ed Belfour, celebrating his 35th birthday, made 24 saves as he upped his record to 14-2 in games that can end a playoff series.

Edmonton goalie Tommy Salo, who also stopped 24 shots, fell to 1-8 in the playoffs — with all the games against Dallas.

The Stars opened their title defense with an incredibly balanced scoring attack in the first round as 11 players scored their 14 goals.

Ira sends seven on to regional meet

ABILENE — Seven Ira tracksters turned in solid performances at the District 9A-10A Area Track Meet to earn spots in next weekend's regional meet.

Jose Juarez posted runner-up finishes in the 400-met[illegible]sh and the 800 to lead Ira's effort.

Juarez crossed the line in 52.98 seconds in the 400, and registered a time of 2:04.64 in the 800.

Two Bulldog shot putters will compete at regionals, as Logan Daves and Jerek Brown both finished in the top-four.

Daves, a state qualifier a year ago, tallied a toss of 47-11 1/2 to finish second, with Brown taking fourth.

The Lady Bulldogs were paced by Morgan Clements who cleared 4 feet, 10 inches to grab second in the high jump.

Also securing a berth at the regional meet was the Lady Bulldogs' 800-meter relay team that finished fourth. The relay team is comprised of Clements, Tara Allen, Jamie Goolsby and Kristen Harless.

The regional meet will be begin Friday at Abilene Christian University, with the top two finishers in each event earning a spot in the state meet.

Padres don't need long ball to beat Astros, 7-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Diego Padres didn't hit any home runs in Houston's home-run friendly Enron Field. Their seven doubles were more than enough.

Bret Boone, Damian Jackson and Ryan Klesko hit two doubles apiece as San Diego defeated the Houston Astros 7-2 Friday night.

"I'll take those doubles. The home runs will come," Boone said. "The dimensions are weird here. I like it a lot better than the Astrodome."

Klesko agreed.

"This is my first game here, but compared to the Dome the ball carries a lot better. It's a smaller park so there are going to be a lot of home runs," Klesko said.

Houston manager Larry Dierker was critical of his pitchers.

"It just goes to show you it doesn't have to be a home run," Dierker said. "It's possible to pitch well here because their guy did. We only got two runs. So it's not the ballpark. Our staff just isn't pitching well right now."

Woody Williams beat Houston for the second time in six days, with both wins coming against Jose Lima.

"I don't worry about who I'm pitching against or what I've done against a team in the past," Williams said. "I just try to concentrate on the hitters I'm pitching against."

Manager Bruce Bochy liked the way Williams (3-1) concentrated.

"He did a good job," Bochy said. "He had all of his pitches working and had good command. He's a competitor. He's been throwing well except for one start."

The Astros were impressed with Williams.

"He pitched a good game against us in San Diego and did a good job again," Dierker said. "He kept the ball out of the strike zone a lot. It's not like he was overpowering us.

"I figured if we faced him twice, he'd pitch well once and we'd hit him once. But it didn't work out that way."

Williams said he got away with a lot of bad pitches.

"All of the guys on the team told me how drastic it is when the ball gets in the air here," he said. "It's definitely a hitter-friendly park. I was fortunate not to give up any more home runs."

Williams scattered four hits in seven innings, striking out seven.

Lima fell to 1-3 as he allowed five runs on eight hits, including five doubles, in five innings.

"Obviously, Jose has done a lot the last couple of years. He's a top pitcher. This year we just have his number so far," Boone said

Lima is concerned about his slow start.

"I'm not doing anything different than I was last year," said Lima, who won 21 games last season. "I have to look at the tape to see what's wrong. I can't wait to get out of this month."

Jeff Bagwell hit his fifth home run leading off the sixth.

Slumping Kings to face Lakers in opening round

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Sacramento Kings finished the season on a downer, losing seven of their last eight games, including the final four. They dropped into the No. 8 slot in the Western Conference playoff race.

Now, as they prepare for their first-round matchup with the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers, Lakers star Kobe Bryant believes the Kings appear to put have the slump behind them.

"I think everybody who knows Sacramento knows they don't really care about that, they just come out and play," he said.

Kings guard Jason Williams supported that theory, saying, "There's no question we never lose our confidence."

The Kings will need more than confidence to succeed.

Based on a 67-15 regular-season record — second-best in franchise history — and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs, the Lakers are favored to win their first championship since 1988.

History is against the Kings, too. In 156 opportunities since the 16-team playoff format was adopted 16 years ago, the 1994 Denver Nuggets and 1999 New York Knicks are the only eighth-seeded teams to beat a No. 1, eliminating Seattle and Miami, respectively.

Nevertheless, the Lakers enter the best-of-five series that begins Sunday at Staples Center a bit wary, and the Kings come in with some optimism.

"We all know this team, we'll have to play well to beat them," first-year Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We have not yet found a way to stop (Chris) Webber."

Webber, the NBA's sixth-leading scorer, averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds in four games against the Lakers this season.

"He's the heart and soul of their team," Bryant said.

Shaquille O'Neal agreed, saying, "He's a dominant power forward. I think if we shut everyone else down, we'll be all right."

O'Neal has been even more dominant. A virtual lock to win his first NBA Most Valuable Player award, he scored an NBA-leading 29.7 points per game and averaged 35.3 points and 13.3 rebounds against the Kings.

"You can't stop Shaq, you just do your best to keep him busy, make him work hard," Sacramento's Vlade Divac said.

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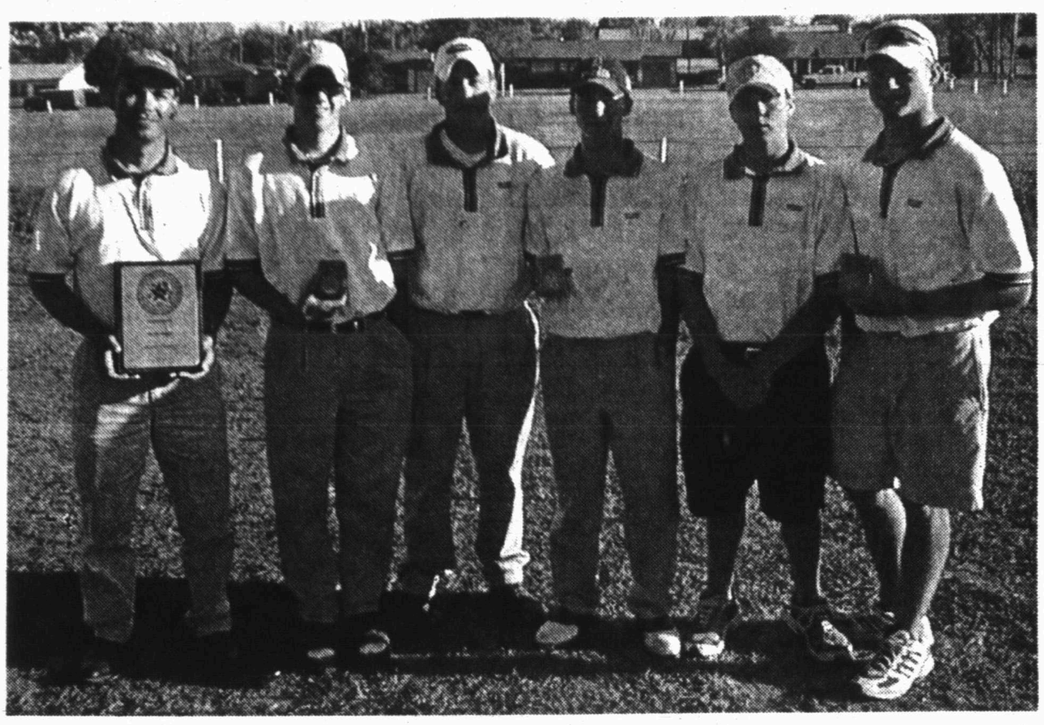

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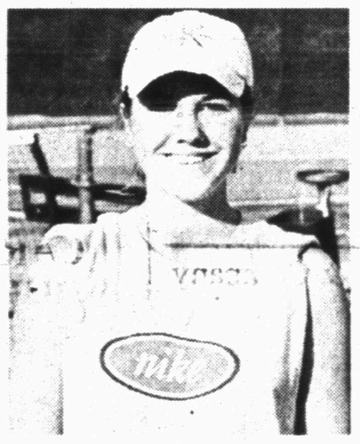

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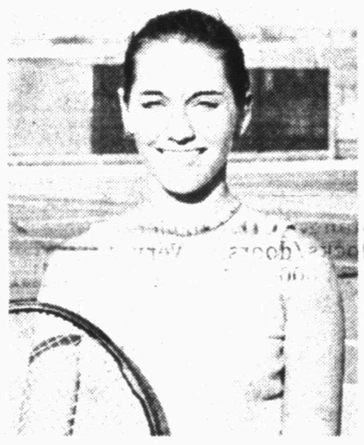

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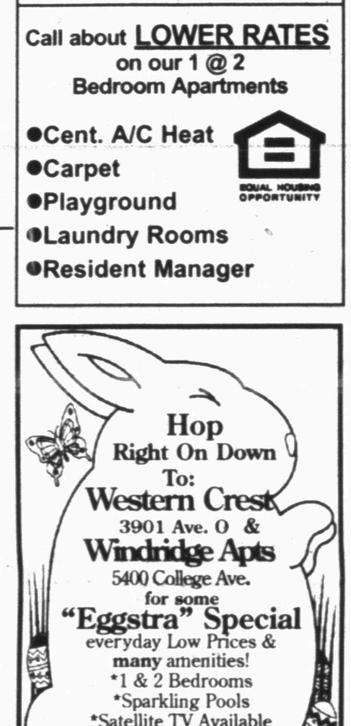

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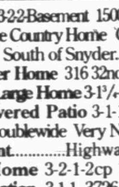
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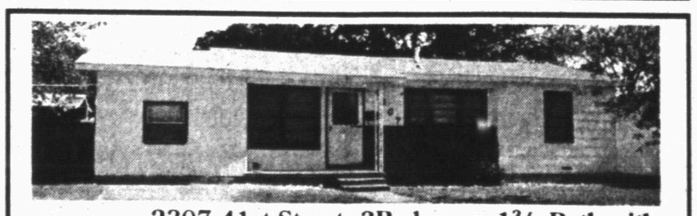

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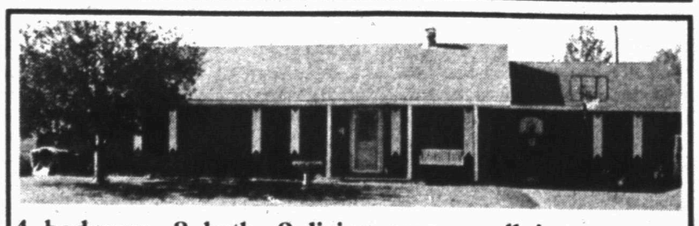
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The family of Jean Bennett wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors for your kind words, beautiful flowers and the wonderful food you provided. But, most of all, thank you for the prayers that are getting us through our time of sorrow.

A special thank you to our First Baptist Family, Dr. Marty Akins, Dr. Burleson and staff of Cogdell Hospital, Bell-Cypert-Seale and Vista Care Hospice.

God Bless You!
Roy Sr. Donald
Roy & Christine Tonya & Wayne
Becca, Melissa, Nicole, Kailey, Chris & Savannah

When our lives changed in the blink of an eye by the unexpected death of our Eddie, we were showered with love and comforted by the faith of our friends and neighbors. At what seemed to be our darkest hour, a light shone to lead us by way of prayers, food, flowers and memorials.

Among those who lightened our heart during this difficult time was Brother Marty Akins. Thank you for your visits, your hugs, your prayers and most of all your genuine concern for Eddie and all who love him.

Special thanks for the crew of Snyder EMS for conducting themselves so professionally when personal feelings filled their hearts. Also to the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for accommodating our family so well.

If we have learned one thing from the experience of losing Eddie's contagious smile, it is to tell those close to you that you love them every chance you get. May God hold Eddie in his arms as he watches over us.

Thank you,
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From All The Staff At SDN

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Don't pick on granddaughter's habit

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 8-year-old granddaughter constantly picks or twitches her nose. I try to tease her out of it by telling her she is going to end up looking like Pinocchio, but this hasn't worked. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Does the child live with you? If not, leave the behavior modification to her parents who, with the help of a qualified pediatrician, will make the necessary adjustments.

Your granddaughter is smart enough to know that her unseemly habit is not going to make her nose grow longer — lying does that, I think! (Has your nose grown lately?) Therefore, she may have kept at her nose because a. it gains a lot of attention from Grandmother, b. she doesn't believe you, or c. you're the only one making a fuss about it. Of course, you — as a grandmother — have every right to express your opinion about the child's habit, but, for heaven's sake, don't harp.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes enlarged blood cells?

DEAR READER: Blood cells enlarge when, during their formation, their structure is altered. This can occur in red blood cells if the hemoglobin (pigment molecule) is disrupted by a congenital abnormality (such as thalassemia) or by a nutritional deficiency (such as a lack of vitamin B12 or folic acid).

Ordinarily, blood cells are not released into the circulation until they are fully developed; immature forms are larger than adult blood cells. Therefore, large cells may indicate that young forms are being pressed into service. Leukemic white blood cells are exceedingly young and very large. In addition, in the presence of hemorrhage, young (and large) red blood cells may appear in the circulation. Enlarged blood cells almost always mean that something is wrong and should be investigated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had a dull ache in my upper neck for several weeks. I have difficulty holding my head up because of the discomfort. I also have pain along my jawline and ears, dizziness and blurred vision. But what's really bothering me is that I feel constantly angry. What's happening to me?

DEAR READER: You seem to be describing muscle-contraction pain, a common complaint that can cause headache and other symptoms (including muscle spasms in the neck and shoulders). Anger often causes this syndrome. Therefore, your physical discomfort could well be eased by addressing the root of your rage.

I suggest that you have a medical examination. Ask the doctor if counseling would be appropriate and whether pain-relief techniques — such as massage, acupuncture or biofeedback — might be used to treat your pain and dizziness.

Of course, muscle-contraction pain may be associated with many illnesses, such as hypertension and muscular disorders. Consequently, your visit to the doctor would serve at least two purposes: Evaluation of potentially treatable physical ailments, plus the opportunity to obtain psychological support, if indicated.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on doctors' egos.

DEAR READER: I will — but in a roundabout way.

For those who give a hoot, April 2000 is Superman's 62nd birthday. He is probably older, but his newsstand debut was in April 1938.

Since the original awkward figure appeared in print, Superman has been transformed from a crude superhero into a nostalgic institution. Although his qualities of honesty, strength, idealism, and optimism have endured, he has fallen victim to attempts — starting in the 1950s — to remake him into a more "relevant" fantasy.

In his previous incarnation, the Man of Steel with X-ray vision was truly all-powerful. He could fly faster than the speed of light, wrestle comets from their trajectories and steadfastly resist selfishness. His only enemy was not a weakness of the flesh but the imaginary element krypton, of which the planet of his birth was composed.

In contrast, the "modern" Superman sweats, goes to the bathroom, falls in love and lifts weights to keep in shape. Serious analysts have criticized the original Nietzche-superman concept and have asked why the comic book hero's powers could not have been put to better use fighting social injustices, industrial colonialism, terrorist nationalism and AIDS.

Today's Superman has been terminally sanitized. About all you can say about him is that he looks almost as good as Arnold Schwarzenegger, has not been indicted for insider trading and remains prissy. The adultification of a folk hero is woefully complete. By this I mean that a character created purely for children's fantasy has been royally screwed up to fit an image that many grown-ups believe is more appropriate to our generation — and is more marketable in our increasingly high-tech media. Those of us who grew up with the Superman of the 1940s may (or may not) be amused that the indestructible crime-fighter has succumbed, finally, to the age of electronics.

In a parallel of sorts, the medical profession has undergone a comparable transformation. Many doctors still secretly battle against the evil forces of disease. When off duty, they are mild-mannered, shy and ingratiating. But in the hospital or the operating room, they shed their ho-hum street clothes, bend steel with their bare hands, and stand up for truth and justice. Show me a surgeon who, consciously or unconsciously, does not think he is a superman and I'll show you a wimp.

Actually, if you think about it, there's a little Superman complex in every doctor: The all-powerful savior in the disguise of a mere mortal. Truthfully, it's a difficult task as a physician not to let medical miracles go to your head. The old man in heart failure cannot breathe until the practitioner gives him a shot of diuretic to wring excess fluid from the lungs. Two hours later, the patient is on his feet, practically normal, ready to walk 18 holes. The surgeon removes a gangrenous appendix from a housewife who was writhing in pain. In a week, she's back playing tennis and driving the carpool. The mental patient goes berserk; it takes six attendants to hold him down. An hour after being given a tranquilizer, the guy is lucid and calm. This is, indeed, super stuff... and it's not out of a comic book.

In today's medical climate, doctors are not looked upon as being dedicated and innocent upholders of the guileless American Way. As much as we healers bemoan this change in perception, it's probably a more healthy one. Superman was a figment of the imagination — and he came from a different planet. Doctors are real and they come from down the block.

Yes, M.D.s still exercise tremendous influence in alleviating suffering and curing disease. This is all the more astonishing because doctors are human, not superhuman. The tasks Superman undertook were a piece of cake compared to the difficult and stressful decisions a physician has to make every day.

Therefore, don't be disappointed if your doctor 1. won't move faster than a speeding bullet, 2. is not more powerful than a locomotive, and 3. cannot leap tall buildings in a single bound. He may dream about doing these things, but in the real world, no way. The only time he'll jump on his desktop and shout "Up, up and away!" is shortly before he leaves for a vacation to take his kids to Disney World.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, April 23, 2000
Through ambition and industriousness you can greatly expand your financial wherewithal in the year ahead. Make the effort using your talents and the rewards will follow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though contacts can be more important than what we realize, this won't be true in your case today. Your smarts will be credited for your successes at this time. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because you're so easygoing, associates sometimes feel they can pull the wool over your eyes, but they'd be wrong today. You'll easily see through any smoke screens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) People have a tendency to mirror the behavior of those they are with, and this will be true in your instance today. If you're cooperative, you can expect the same type of treatment in return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Just because this might not be a work day for you is no reason to let down on your ambitious objectives. Lay out plans in your mind as to how you'll tackle your tasks tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be especially adroit at picking up pointers from your observations of other people's successful endeavors. This new knowledge will go a long way toward future rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The results for which you're hoping should live up to your expectations today in all your endeavors involving the family and in laying personal foundations for growth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Bright sunshine today could begin to clear away the shadows that kept you from seeing several situations that need tending. Once you know what to do, you can clear out the cobwebs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rewards you receive today will be in proportion to your productiveness. When you work hard, you can expect a lot in return, but expect very little if you don't work for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Self-interests may dominate your plans today, but you may not be able to gratify them without the help of others. People who like you will make sure you get what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Making those you love as happy as possible will be all that you care about today. Your satisfaction and peace of mind comes from giving, not taking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Get together with some close friends today and light the fuse that will ignite everybody's desire to share an activity all will enjoy. The camaraderie will be greatly strengthened.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generating profit is your strong suit today, so give full attention to career matters that could bring in extra earnings when executed effectively.

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Monday, April 24, 2000
The year ahead may take you in directions where you'll be able to broaden your range of acquaintances as well as your interests, both socially and commercially.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Matters can be put back on track today with an involvement that has been a bit awkward lately and needs some correction. Just be up front and everything else will fall into place. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Utilize tactics that are more compassionate than self-serving and you'll function far more effectively today where your career is concerned. The response will be immediate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get in touch today with those who like to team-up if you have a unique idea you'd like to promote. They'll be your best bet for getting the backing you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Chances are you'll be better equipped to be a winner today than your competitors will be, especially involving career or work related issues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you never considered an ally might surprise you today with an offer to support an important endeavor. This person could figure prominently in the matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take matters into your own hands and change those things that have been a problem for you. Everything can be altered, and today you'll have luck on your side to push things along.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Knowing what to say to whom and when will be a special gift that you'll possess today. Use it wisely, such as for bringing unrelated factions together for worthy purposes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The primary reason you're likely to succeed today is because you won't be locked into unproductive procedures. Your willingness to try something new will pay off big.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An unexpected introduction today could get you involved with the very person you've been eager to get to know better. Much of this will be due to sheer luck.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't waste this chance for completing matters you've left dangling for some time. Strive to wrap things up while conditions favor you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Perhaps the greatest asset you'll possess today is an aptitude for thinking fast and coming up with the right answers. You might experience several occasions for putting this to the test.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could score financially today, because conditions are beneficial for you when it comes to economics. You'll spot an advantage and be quick to tag it yours.

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May Day activities set for 6th of May

It's just two weeks until May Day, May 6, at Scurry County Coliseum, beginning at 2 p.m. From then until 6 p.m., a variety of activities will be available including entertainment, the silent auction, crafts and baked goods.

Local businesses have donated items for the silent auction. Seniors will make homemade baked items and crafts.

Seniors are reminded that home baked breads, cookies, brownies, and cakes are needed to sell in the booths. Due to health regulations, homemade pie$ cannot be sold, only commercially ones.

The barbecue will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets will cost $6 per plate and may be purchased at the Senior Center, from seniors or at May Day. The ExxonMobil cooking team will donate and prepare the brisket.

The quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Grady and Molly Morris as the auctioneers. Items to be auctioned include 31 large quilts (embroidery, pieced, candle wicking, applique, panel, fabric painting), one comforter, 12 baby quilts, 8 afghans and a pair of collectible china dolls called Laughing Baby."

"All of the quilts are special and unique," says Pam Fenton, activities director, "but we have one quilt this year that has generated tremendous interest. Our quilters have made a Mobil quilt with the Pegasus on a white background with, red, white and blue borders."

Many of the quilts are displayed in local banks and businesses.

A work schedule will be posted at the Senior Center and she encourages everyone to volunteer. Most of the workers will be seniors, but children of seniors are also invited to help raise money for the center. Call 573-4035 to volunteer.

Volunteers will provide the entertainment.

The Sparkle City Line Dancers will perform from 2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers will take the stage from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Kitchen Band will perform from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Hoss Clayton Band will be on from 5 to 6 p.m.

Senior Menu

Monday
Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dill pickle spears, red applesauce, sugar cookies

Tuesday
Baked ham, sweet corn, baked potato, fresh spinach salad, peach cobbler

Wednesday
Chicken pot pie, vegetable sticks, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate pudding

Thursday
Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, diced carrots, cornbread, salad, white cake w/strawberries

Friday
Fried fish, steamed turnips, macaroni & tomatoes, creamy slaw, brownie, cornbread

Senior News

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m., the nine ball tournament at 10 a.m., and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The AARP meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a pot luck supper followed by games.

Tuesday
"88" play begins at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels Band will perform at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon. Senior swimnastics will meet at Western Texas College on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3 p.m. The Senior Center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the country western dance at 7 p.m. with Benny Benitez and his band.

Wednesday
The Kitchen Band will perform at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. and line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. The swimnastics class at WTC is from 2-3 p.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m., "88" play at 10 a.m., and the sing-a-long art 11:30 a.m.

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The winners of the bridge tournament this month are first place Clara Tate, second place Ann Walton, and third place Helen Wadleigh.

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY — Cub Scout Pack 177 held its Arrow Of Light Ceremony April 1 for the Webelos II. The Arrow Of Light is the highest rank that can be earned in Cub Scouts. Front row: Zane Block, Zack Block, Andy Garvin, Monte Crooks, Danny Courtney, Dalton Cole; back row, Scott Downing of Big Spring; Warren Wallace, DE with the Buffalo Trail Council, helped with the special ceremony. Not pictured is Brett Bowlin who also earned the award. (Contributed Photo)

Cleanup OK'd in two Michigan towns

By The Associated Press

A company that closed its oil refinery in Alma after 65 years will spend $9.9 million to clean up waterways there and in neighboring St. Louis, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Friday.

The cleanup is part of a proposed settlement between the EPA and TPI Petroleum Inc. that was filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Bay City.

The agreement resolves government claims that TPI's Total Petroleum Ltd. refinery polluted the air, soil and water before it closed in October 1999, the EPA said in a statement.

Former black militant to face charges

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s black militant formerly known as H. Rap Brown, returned to Atlanta on Friday to face charges he killed an Atlanta sheriff's deputy.

He was being held in the Cobb County Jail in Marietta.

Al-Amin, 56, is accused of shooting Ricky Kinchen to death and wounding Deputy Aldranon English. The two officers were trying to arrest Al-Amin at his grocery store when the shooting occurred March 16. Al-Amin was captured four days later in Alabama, and had opposed extradition back to Georgia.

Defense attorney J.L. Chestnut said they withdrew their objections because the "hysteria" surrounding Al-Amin's arrest had eased and he now feels "relatively safe going back to Georgia." Chestnut said his client was ready to return to Georgia, "where the real fight is."

Chestnut said there had been more emotionalism about Al-Amin than about the convicted Oklahoma City bomber.

"This sort of hysteria did not surround Tim McVeigh," Chestnut said after an extradition hearing. "I have never understood that sort of foolishness ... I was not about to rush him back."

Sheriff: Definitive evidence links man to nine slayings

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An alleged serial killer has been definitively linked by DNA and other physical evidence to the slayings of nine women and authorities say that total is expected to climb to 12.

Further lab tests are expected to tie Robert Lee Yates Jr. to the slayings of three other women shot to death from 1996 to 1998, Sheriff Mark Sterk said Friday.

"The evidence here is growing stronger and stronger," Sterk said.

Additional charges are expected to be filed after more precise DNA tests are completed in a few days and police reports are available, authorities said.

"We don't have to rush through it," county prosecutor Steve Tucker said.

Investigators Saturday planned to continue searching the home of Yates, a 47-year-old father of five, located in an upper middle-class neighborhood in this eastern Washington city.

Sheriff's spokesman Dave Reagan described the house as "not neat" — the disruption perhaps caused by the family's abrupt eviction Tuesday morning by deputies.

Family members are staying in a motel while their home is searched, and have refused to talk with reporters. They aren't likely to be allowed back in for months, Reagan said.

On Friday, Yates had a jailhouse visit from his wife, Linda, their first contact since his arrest Tuesday, Sterk said.

Yates, an aluminum smelter and Army National Guard helicopter pilot, so far has been charged with first-degree murder in just one death, that of 16-year-old Jennifer Joseph in 1997.

Investigators also are looking for possible links to Yates in six other killings in Washington dating to 1990, Sterk said. In all cases, the victims were involved in prostitution, drugs, or both.

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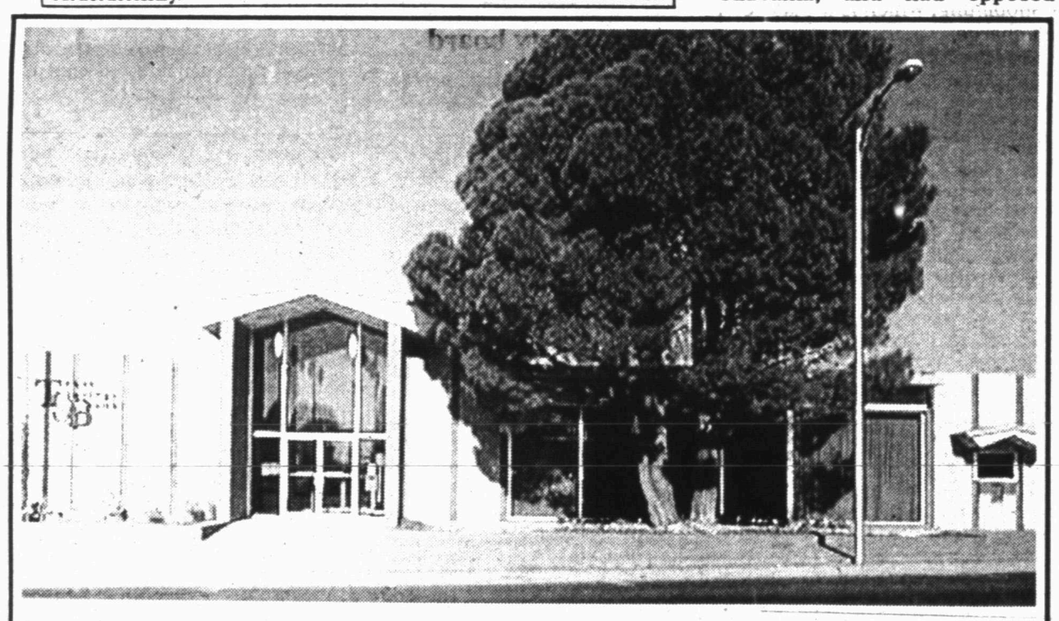

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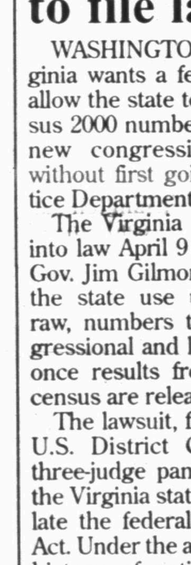

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EGG HUNTING FUN — Emily D'Ann Sosa, two-year-old daughter of David and Gracie Sosa of Snyder, caught on quick to the skills required for an Easter Egg Hunt. She filled her basket with eggs along with a large crowd of children at the Knights of Columbus sponsored egg hunt in Towle Park. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Clinton announces global warning plans in radio talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — To celebrate Earth Day saturday, President Clinton announced two new initiatives to combat global warming, warning that if ignored, rising temperatures will mean more violent storms and flooding.

He also chided the Republican-led Congress for not passing more environmental legislation.

"While the science on climate change has grown stronger, and the need for American leadership has grown greater, some in Congress have buried their heads even deeper in the sand," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. He called on lawmakers to approve his $4 billion package of tax credits for energy-efficient homes, cars and appliances.

"The 1990s were the hottest decade on record, and the first three months of 2000 were the hottest here in 100 years," the president said. "Scientists say that the temperature rise is at least partly due to human activity, and that if left unchecked climate change will result in more violent storms, more economic disruptions and more permanent flooding of coastal areas."

Clinton said he was issuing an executive order requiring that federal agencies reduce the amount of gasoline used in their vehicle fleets by 20 percent in five years. This, he said, will cut oil consumption by 45 million gallons a year.

The president also announced new incentives to cut pollution and greenhouse gases. Federal workers now will be able to set aside up to $65 tax-free every month to pay for public transportation, he said.

Six jailed Friday; two reports filed

Six subjects were taken into custody Friday and two offense reports were filed.

A 39-year-old male was arrested at 4:58 p.m. in the 900 block of Avenue Q on warrants for theft and issuance of a bad check.

Officers took a 36-year-old man into custody for public intoxication at 6:41 p.m. in the 400 block of 20th Street.

At 7:59 p.m., officers arrested a 29-year-old male in the 2700 block of Avenue K for no liability insurance.

Officers were called to Wal-Mart at 8:46 p.m. where they took a 17-year-old female into custody for shoplifting, which is a Class C theft charge.

Driving while license suspended resulted in the arrest of a 23-year-old man. Deputies arrested him at 10:43 p.m. in the 3700 block of Denison.

Public intoxication sent a 47-year-old man to jail at 11:25 p.m. Officers took him into custody in the 700 block of 23rd Street.

At 2:30 p.m., officers were called to Wal-Mart in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted and a 24-year-old female was issued a citation.

An offense report for dog bite was taken at 2:55 p.m.

Virginia first to file lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Virginia wants a federal court to allow the state to use raw Census 2000 numbers for drawing new congressional districts without first going to the Justice Department for approval.

The Virginia statute, signed into law April 9 by Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore, would have the state use unsampled, or raw, numbers to redraw congressional and legislative lines once results from this year's census are released.

The lawsuit, filed April 10 in U.S. District Court, asks a three-judge panel to rule that the Virginia statutes do not violate the federal Voting Rights Act. Under the act, states with a history of voting rights discrimination, including Virginia, must obtain prior approval from the Justice Department.

In Little Havana, angry crowds take to streets after Elian taken away

MIAMI (AP) — Hundreds of protesters, outraged by the government's pre-dawn seizure of Elian Gonzalez, swarmed the streets of Miami's Little Havana Saturday, halting traffic and setting small debris fires in the roads as police in riot gear tried to keep order.

"We are the owners of the streets in Miami until Elian comes home," said protester Santiago Portal, 68.

Some threw rocks and shouted in anger. Others waved signs and flags — Cuban and upside-down American ones. A mob of about 100 chased and attacked a police officer as he was being interviewed by reporters outside the home of Elian's Miami relatives.

Miami Police Lt. Bill Schwartz tried to run from the mob, which chased him for a block. Schwartz was pushed, punched and spit on before six police cruisers pulled up and took the officer away, sirens blaring.

"We are going to paralyze Miami. You will see. The blame will be on Clinton," said Irma Garcia, who was watching protesters after buying rice and meat at a corner grocery in Little Havannah.

More than 500 people crammed the street where agents snatched Elian in a raid at about 5 a.m., denouncing the government for seizing the 6-year-old from his great-uncle's house on the day before Easter.

"This is like crucifying the Messiah all over again. This is a slap in the face to the Cuban-American community and the Christian community," said Ralph Anrrich, a social worker helping the family at the house, where more than 500 people had massed by midmorning.

Five blocks away, more than 100 people protested on a street corner as police in riot gear kept them on sidewalks.

One demonstrator, Duvyl Celebron, held up an Associated Press photograph showing a helmeted federal agent armed with an automatic rifle confronting a man holding Elian in Lazaro Gonzalez's bedroom.

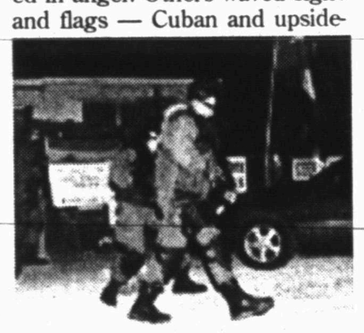
"Look at this photograph! Look at it well!" demonstrator Ofelia Munoz yelled at police.

"You don't have to be doing that to anybody. He is a 6-year-old," hollered Carmen Cantu, a 12-year-old demonstrator

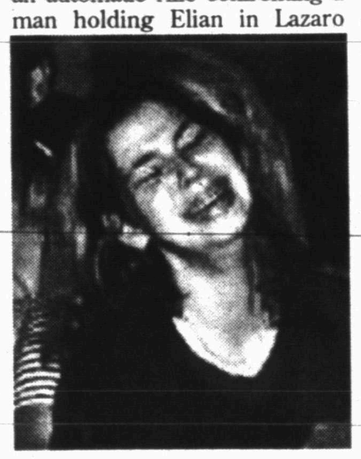
On one street, a debris fire burned. Some protesters marched onto Route 836, a main highway, slowing traffic. Others threw rocks, one smashing the rear window of a police car. Still others stood around in small groups and talked quietly.

Within hours of the pre-dawn raid, police in riot gear faced off with the crowd. They blocked off 35 square blocks of the neighborhood around the house, even barring residents from their homes.

"They broke through my window and put a gun to Elian's head. This is not freedom, putting a gun to a 6-year-old's head."



RAID OVER — Heavily armed federal agents leave the home of Lazaro Gonzalez after the INS took 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the house that he had called home since being rescued on Thanksgiving Day. (AP Photo/Luis Alvarez)



IN TEARS — Marisleysis Gonzalez cries after her cousin, Elian Gonzales, was removed from her home by government officials early Saturday morning. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

Obituaries

Carrolynne Potts

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COLORADO CITY — Carrolynne Kaye Potts of Colorado City, sister of Leslie Bohannan of Snyder, died Thursday, April 20, in a San Angelo hospital.

Memorial service will be held for Mrs. Potts, 62, at 3 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church.

Born to William and Goldie Bohannan on Nov. 5, 1937 in Denver, Colo., she married Thurman Potts in 1972 in Lovington, N.M. She had been a resident of Colorado City since 1993.

Mrs. Potts is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Billy; and a daughter, Edie.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Robinson of Colorado City, Randolph Ratliff of Plano; two daughters, Cynthia Partin of Lubbock, Angela Kaye Potts of Big Spring; another brother, Richard Bohannon of Lovington, N.M.; three sisters, Judy Jones of Fort Myers, Florida, Loava Swarengin of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Pat Bruner of Hambrick of Cisco; four grandchildren.

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Births

Juanita Moran announces the birth of her son at 6:24 a.m. on April 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces.

Rig count up by 8

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States increased this week by eight to 817.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 206 were exploring for oil, 610 were looking for gas and one was listed as miscellaneous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

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The combined choirs of First Baptist and Colonial Hill Baptist churches will present "God For Us" at 7 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Easter service

First Baptist Church will conduct its Easter service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Easter celebration

First Church of Nazarene, across from Big Country Chevrolet, will have its Easter service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Easter events

The First Presbyterian Church will have a sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday, followed by a breakfast and the formal service at 11 o'clock. An Easter egg hunt will follow the service.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for a "pot luck" dinner and games at the Senior Center.

Church of God revival

Snyder Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will host a revival at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Evangelist Ed Grogan of Jenks, Okla, will be the guest speaker. Bobbie Woods is the pastor.

Kids College instructors

Instructors and assistant instructors have until Monday to apply for a teaching position with Western Texas College's Kids College. The applications are to be turned in to Human Resources office. Catalogs listing classes to be offered will be available on May 5. Kids College registration is set for 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Scurry County Museum.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Prophecy's Role in the Church," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 10."

R.C. Patton reception

A reception to honor R.C. and Amy Patton is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Patton, an original member of the Western Texas College board, will be recognized at the reception for his service to the college and community. The public is invited.

Cancer society board

Board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Holocaust survivor to speak

Helene Shiver of Lubbock, a survivor of the Dachau Death Camp during World War II, will speak at Snyder Junior High School at 2 p.m. May 2. The community is invited to attend.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. Tuesday's topic is "Expanding Your Child's Reading Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Genealogy Society

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Everyone is welcome to hear the program on how to use computers for research.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for next Saturday's work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Union Baptist Church garage sale

Union Baptist Church garage sale will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. next Saturday, five miles west of Snyder on Hwy. 180. Proceeds will go to the church building mission trip to Pennsylvania in July. Call 573-6814 or 776-2403 to have items picked up.

Avenue D Baptist anniversary

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 30. A noon meal will be served following the morning service, and an afternoon service will also be held. Former pastors Calvin Brown and Jack Riley will speak, as will Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry director of missions, as will former interim pastor John Shugart. Charles Day is the pastor of the church.

All sports banquet

Tickets for Snyder High School's all-sports banquet set May 4 are available at the principal's office. Tickets are $5 each for non-varsity and parents.

Union Baptist revival

A two-week revival will be held by Union Baptist Church. The church will observe Heaven's Jubilee May 7-13. Following regular service on May 14, Mickey Wagoner will be the evangelist May 15-17. The speaker May 18-21 is Dr. Allan Lane. Services nightly at 7 o'clock.

Project Graduation 2000

Anyone interested in making donations of cash or merchandise for Project Graduation for the class of 2000 can call 574-6080 for additional information.

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

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

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

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ABILENE — Salvador Aguirre of Snyder, right, recently receiv[illegible] the Dean's Award at Hardin-Simmons-University's School of Business Awards banquet. Aguirre is an business management major and Spanish minor. The award was presented by Kyle Usrey. (Contributed Photo)

Lockheed, machinists will resume talks on Monday

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lockheed Martin officials and representatives for striking machinists will resume negotiations Monday, two weeks after about 2,500 workers walked off the job at Lockheed's Fort Worth plant.

The two sides agreed Friday to meet again with a federal mediator. There was no progress during a similar 10-hour meeting last weekend, but union representatives are optimistic that things will be different next week.

"We are going to try to negotiate until we reach an agreement, hopefully, but there is no definite on anything other than we are going to be meeting," said Pat Lane, president of Local 776 of the International Association of Machinists.

Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout did not return a telephone message, but a note on the company's strike Web site confirmed the planned Monday meeting.

After the previous negotiating session, Lane said there were major differences in both parties' bottom line.

Lockheed Martin has since withdrawn its latest contract proposal. That is the proposal the union rejected before going on strike on April 10.

"We're going back with an open mind. Obviously they said they withdrew their offer, but we had a lot of members say, 'Good, we didn't like it anyway,'" Lane said.

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Dinosaur footprints attract thousands

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — About 200 million years ago, a herd of dinosaurs walked through Sheldon Johnson's back yard.

And no one would ever have known if Johnson hadn't decided in February to level out a sandy hill, flipping over rocks to reveal what paleontologists are calling one of the best collection of dinosaur footprints ever found.

Johnson uncovered about 150 prints from several species, many of them so detailed you can pick out what appear to be scales between the creatures' claws.

"This is basically a snapshot of life in this part of the world about 200 million years ago," said Jim Kirkland, Utah state paleontologist.

Now, thousands of homo sapiens are making tracks to Johnson's front door to get a look at the footprints.

What they see is a rare early record of the first big meat-eater to show up in the age of dinosaurs, as well as tracks that may belong to a previously unknown species.

The tracks are scattered over more than a dozen 10-by-3-foot blocks of stone that Johnson, a 73-year-old retired ophthalmologist, overturned while using a backhoe to fill holes on his property. The rock naturally split into massive rectangles, with the upraised marks of the dinosaurs — not imprints but bumps — revealed on the flat bottom side.

Scientists believe that the 130 acres Johnson owns at the edge of this growing retirement city was once part of a great shallow lake. Where there are now red rock spires, mesquite trees and a new shopping mall, dinosaurs fed along the muddy shoreline, probably eating the bony carp-like fish found fossilized in the area.

Among them were the three-toed Eubrontes, a 26-foot plant eater that probably ate prehistoric ferns along the lake. Nearby, the 20-foot-long Dilophosaurus — the first big meat-eater of the early Jurassic period, easily recognized by the massive crest on its head — tip-toed along the shore looking for fish. As they crouched to grab their prey, some sank so deep into the mud they left imprints up to their elbows.

When the dinos walked away, their prints stayed intact long enough for sand to drift into the molds. Mixed with water, that sand created a sort of concrete, which then was covered with 200 million years of mud, clay and rock.

When Johnson unearthed the first pizza-sized print, which looks like the track of a giant, three-toed bird, he had no idea of the scientific significance. But he knew he had something big.

"When people ask me, 'What did you think?' I tell them, 'I don't know what I thought, but I'll tell you, I didn't sleep that night,'" he said.

He hasn't slept much since. Johnson and his wife, LaVerna, have been guarding the dinosaur rocks from dawn to dusk for the past two months.

As word of the discovery spread, dinosaur enthusiasts began arriving from across the country and even from South Korea and France.

"In two weeks, we've had over 12,000 people, and I haven't even had time to go check the guest book the last few days," said LaVerna Johnson, a poet and former schoolteacher who has become the family's dinosaur expert.

Clad in overalls and a broad straw hat, she welcomes visitors, as many as 1,200 a day on weekends, handing them loose-leaf notebooks with descriptions of the animals that lived here.

"This is magnificent. You can't hardly believe it," said Mark Manning of Ogden, who drove five hours from northern Utah to see the tracks.

The Johnsons' dream is to build a dinosaur museum in St. George, and they have promised to donate 20 acres to make it happen. The City Council supports them, and the local university, Dixie College, also has expressed interest.

RESERVE CHAMPION — Keagan Herrley, a junior member of Snyder's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, exhibited the reserve champion light weight cross pig at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. David Frazier, FFA advisor, said "This was Keagan's first year to show pigs and his continued and dedicated work paid off greatly." (Contributed Photo)

Man charged with pushing car in front of freight train

SINKING SPRING, Pa. (AP) — A man who police say was so enraged at his former girlfriend that he pushed her car into the path of a freight train was arrested and charged Friday with killing her, her friend and two children.

"It seems like there was an awful lot of bad luck involved on the part of the victims," said state police Lt. Edward Snyder. "If she had arrived just moments earlier, she might have been able to pass across the tracks without any problem. As it was, she was only several blocks away from a police station."

Police said Carlos Angel Diaz Santiago, 22, had argued with Candace Wertz, 20, at a fast-food restaurant and then chased her in his car at speeds of up to 90 mph for a half-hour Thursday afternoon through this small town about 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Despite a desperate 911 call on her cell phone, the chase ended when Santiago rear-ended her car at a railroad crossing as she waited for a train to pass and then used his car to push her vehicle onto the tracks, police said.

The Norfolk Southern train smashed into the car, killing Wertz; her 2-year-old son, John Michael Cortez; Cynthia Jacques, 22; and her daughter Allissa, 2.

Santiago fled and was arrested without incident Friday at a house. It wasn't clear Friday afternoon whether he had a lawyer yet.

He was charged with four counts each of homicide and aggravated assault. Police also took into custody another man who they say may have been in the car with Santiago; he was not charged.

Relatives and neighbors said Wertz was trying to flee an abusive relationship. Police said Wertz had obtained a protective order against Santiago, but it had expired.

David Peterson, a 24-year-old mechanic who lived next door to Wertz, said he often saw her come home with a bloody nose and bruises on her face.

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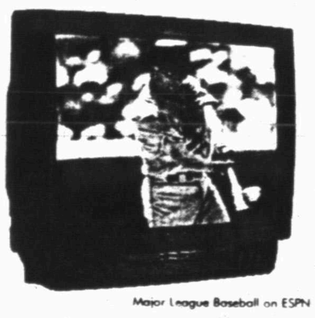

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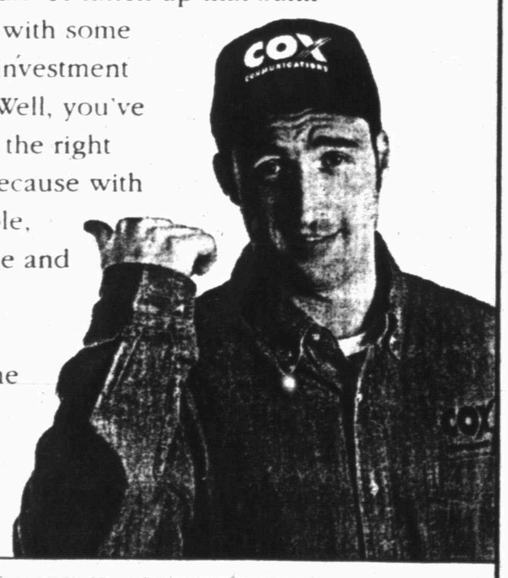

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FFA is bridging the cultural gap

Snyder High School chapter hosting seven visitors from the Ukraine

Snyder High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter is doing its part to bridge the cultural and economic gap between the U.S. and the Ukraine, a former Soviet Union Country.

Seven people from the Ukraine, four students and two teachers, are currently living in Snyder and participating in FFA activities as well as touring businesses and other places in the city and the surrounding area.

Ukraine does not have an FFA program, so they are very interested in how ours operates.

Anna Gryshchenko has been living here since February. The others are here for a three-week visit, which ends Wednesday. The students are Sergey Melnichenko, Andrew Matrienko, Alex Matyushenko, and Oksana Tupchiy. They are from Bila Tserkva and attend a Technical College of Meat and Milk Industry.

Teachers from the school visiting are Lydmila Verbytskaya and Natalie Serak.

Their visit has been arranged through the national FFA's new School Linkage Program which partners a high school in the U.S. with a similar school in countries that once made up the Soviet Union.

In June, David Frazier, ag instructor and FFA sponsor, and two other adults, Carmen Carpenter and Ricky Beights, will spend two weeks in the Ukraine and another two weeks visiting cities in Russia.

FFA students who will also be included are Riley Tatum, Johnna Ferris, Cliff Beights and Zach Rollins.

Ashlei Mason, a Brownfield High School student, will also accompany the Snyder contingent when they travel to the Ukraine.

While there, Frazier said the Snyder group will take part in a community service project along with their school partner.

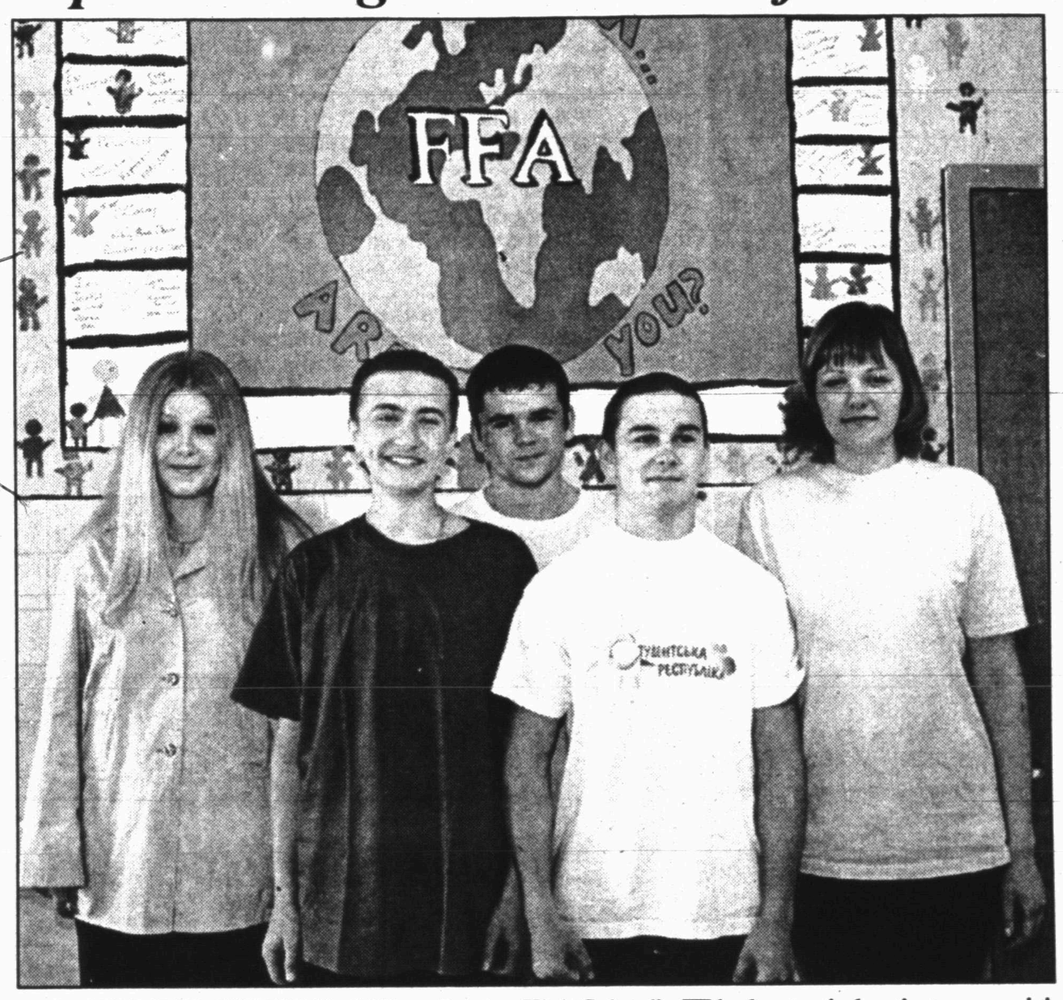
Frazier noted that the Ukrainians are very interested in our agriculture program and want their students to learn how to take a risk without losing everything.

He said they will all stay with host families.

Frazier said the purpose of bringing the schools together is for each to learn about the other's country as well as the school and the ag program. Students from two different countries will be building a relationship. "This program is all about students," he added.

From interacting with the visiting students, he noted that FFA students are getting the chance to learn about another country's food, lifestyle, clothing, culture and ag program. The visitors toured businesses and schools in Snyder as well as sites in Lubbock such as feedlots and the winery. They also toured the meats lab at Texas Tech University.

This weekend the visitors were to enjoy Fiesta San Antonio style.



BRIDGING THE CULTURAL GAP — Snyder High School's FFA chapter is hosting seven visitors from the Ukraine; Anna Gryshchenko, Sergey Melnichenko, Alex Matyushenko, Andrew Matrienko, Oksana Tupchiy. Not pictured are Lydmila Verbytskaya, Natalie Serak. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder is one of only four high schools in the U.S. to participate in this program. The other schools are located in Washington, Idaho and Wisconsin. Hundreds of schools applied for the School Linkage Program and competition was very fierce, Frazier said.

He said Snyder was accepted for three main reasons. The first being the high school's strong agriculture program and students who are active in different areas of it.

"A lot of our students participate in several proficiency areas," David said. They are considered entrepreneurs, which the Ukrainians value. Our kids know how to take risks without losing everything, and this is what the other school wants to learn."

Frazier noted that Snyder is also a great community with a great school system, one in which parents are very involved.

It's been a two-year process to get accepted into the national FFA's new program, but Frazier said its been worth the effort. Twenty years ago, such a venture would have been unheard of, he added.

Russia is just beginning to develop its agriculture program. The Ukraine was once considered the bread basket of the Soviet Union.

Once Snyder was accepted into the program, then the

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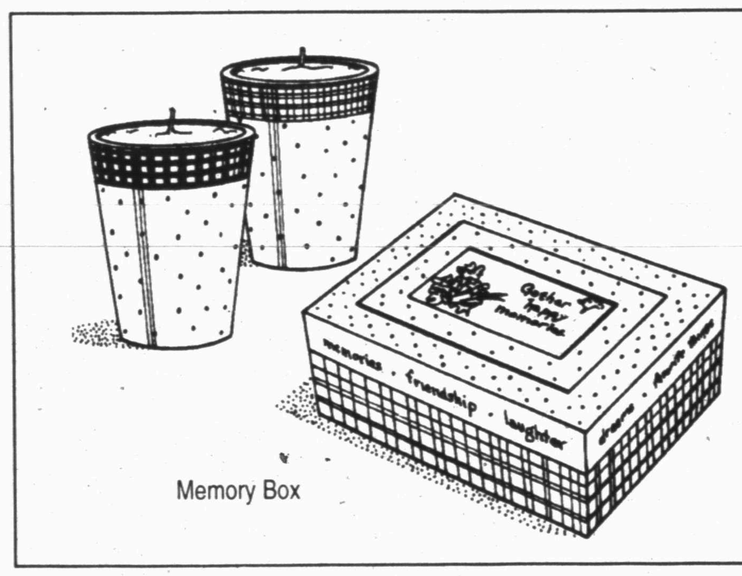

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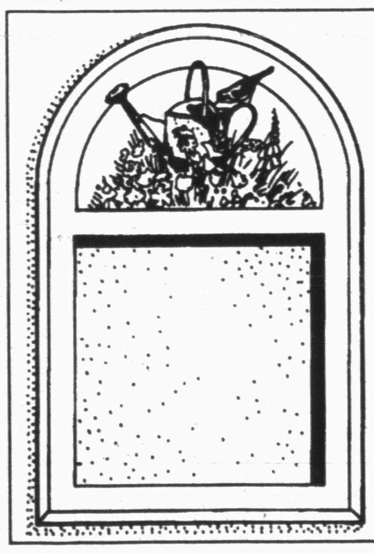

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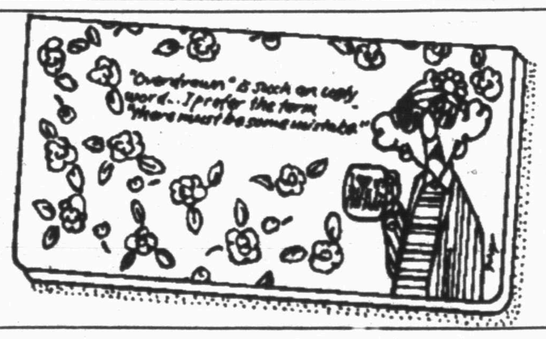

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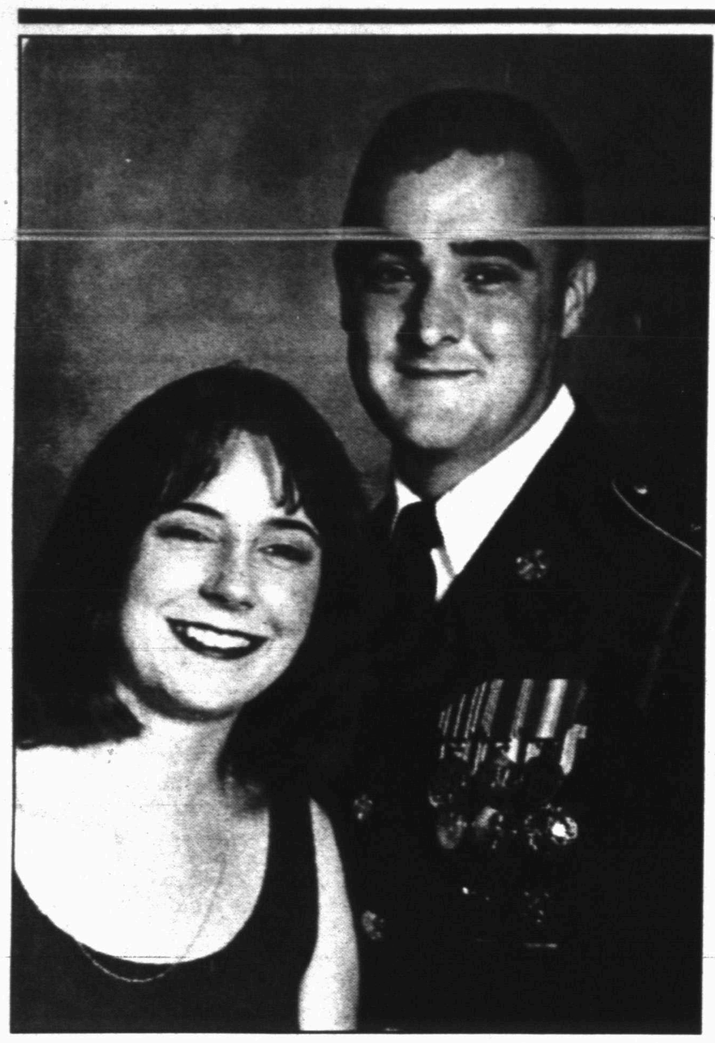

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — A May 27 wedding is being planned at the Big Spring Country Club for Joni Lynn Douglas and Sgt. James O. Evans of Fort Myer, Va. Joni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Douglas of Big Spring. James is the son of Richard and Saundra Bloom of Coahoma and Rickey Evans of Fluvanna. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sneed of Gail and Opal Evans of Brownwood, formerly of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Reception will honor Denmans on 50th wedding anniversary

Jack and Frances Denman of Snyder will be honorees at a golden wedding anniversary reception on Saturday, April 29, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Colonial Hill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3506 El Paso Ave.

Hosting will be their daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Mike Post, along grandchildren Ricky and Brea Post and Chris Post.

The Denman's son and his wife, David and Martha Cox live in Jacksonville, Tex.

Jack, born Sept. 14, 1929 in Grapeland, and Frances, born Jan. 12, 1928 in Fairbanks, La., met in March of 1948 at Kay's Variety Store in Grapeland where Frances was working. They married April 13, 1950 in the First Baptist Church parsonage by the Rev. W.E. Vaughn.

During their marriage they have lived, in order, Grapeland, Delhi, La., Robert Lee, Silver, Robert Lee, Snyder, Garland, Edmond, Okla., and back to Snyder.

He worked at Gier-Jackson Oil Co. for six years in Grapeland and for Sun Oil Co. 32 years, retiring Nov. 1, 1984.

Frances worked for Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Grapeland and for West Coke County as an LVN. She also worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the operating room until 1979. They are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Jack is a member of Lions Club, Goldcoaters, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Masonic Lodge and has served on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Board, Snyder City Council, BCD, school board, former director of American State Bank and has taught Sunday school classes.

Frances is a member of Art Guild Study Club, Martha Ann Woman's Club past director, CMH Auxiliary, Eastern Star and has served on the Scurry County Library Board and Child Welfare Board and also taught Sunday school classes.

They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Hannah.

Jack and Frances Denman
(Photo by Harley Bynum)

HONORED COUPLE — Christopher and Deanna Stanfield were honorees at a wedding shower held on April 15 in the community room of Texas Savings Bank. They were married March 24 in Norco, Calif., at Calvary Church Corona. From left are the honored couple and Ruth Richburg, mother of the groom. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will follow for those who can stay; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; open day; hostess, Rachel Martin; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC, 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

SC Library News & Views

Scurry County Library is continuing to have "Spring Cleaning." The staff reminds everyone to check their closets and storage areas for library books. We will be using the following incentives until the end of April:

Video Fines—For every dollar you owe, give us one can of food for the Food Bank, or pay only 50 percent of the amount in cash to clear your fines.

Paperback Books—Bring another book to the library that is in good condition.

Please remember to get library materials turned in.

NEW LARGE TYPE EDITIONS

"Quick-trigger Country," by Nelson Nye.

"Into the Far Mountains," by Fred Grove.

"Bounty-hunter's Moon," by Ray Hogan.

"Sky's West: Sun River," by Richard S. Wheeler.

"Stolen Gold: a Western Trio," by Max Brand.

"The Six-gun Syndicate," by Norman A. Fox.

"A Saga of Texas," by Will Cook.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Condor's Shadow: Loss and Recovery of Wildlife in America," by Davis S. Wilson.

"Discover Texas Dinosaurs," by Charles E. Tinsley.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m.—6 p.m.: Mon., Wed. & Fri.

10 a.m.—9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

10 a.m.—5 p.m.: Sat.

Births

Blaine and Serena Irons of Wichita Falls are parents of a son, Dustin Blaine Irons, weighing nine pounds, 15 ounces. Dustin was born at 7:11 a.m. on April 17 in Wichita Falls.

Grandparents are Johnny and Zelma Irons of Snyder and Richard and Donna Barnett of Wichita Falls.

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At the turn of the century, the U.S. Census determined that about 25 percent of male Americans between the ages of 10 and 15 were "gainfully employed."

Wedding cake difficult choice

WOODRIDGE, Il. — Planning a wedding can be a stressful experience. Brides and grooms are faced with a seemingly unending series of difficult decisions from deciding guest lists to choosing a dress to picking a location. Among the hardest choice is the wedding cake design.

The cake is among the most important of traditional wedding components, and one of the most-photographed. Now a new book on the market offers brides a guide to choosing and selecting this important symbol.

Wedding Dream Cakes is a book written and designed by Wilton Enterprises. Through the Wilton School and cake decorating classes nationwide, Wilton has been teaching America cake decorating for over 70 years.

Wedding Dream Cakes packages that expertise into an essential resource for the bride, groom and their cake decorator.

Through 45 unique cake projects, the book includes cake theme for every taste, from elegant classic tiered designs to colorful contemporary cakes. The book includes complete instructions on decorating as well as illustrated photographs of each finished cake.

As a companion to this book, Wilton has also released *Bridal Showers* which covers a wide range of themes for the couple's shower ranging from an outdoor garden party to a traditional restaurant brunch.

These books are available at major specialty department stores.

Bridal Registry

Christa Rosson and Brett Littlejohn
Rachel Huddleston and Justin Locknane
Rachel Moore and Ralph J. Shanafelt
Stephanie West and Cody Lewis
Angel Scarber and Robert Kee Patterson
Laura Collins and Matthew White
Kelly Gonzalez and Banks Alexander
Kathryn Robbins and Scott Hall
Jamie Bass and Daniel Schlumpf
Amy Lewis and Chad Martin
Mary Hollis and Ramsey Castillo
Amanda Keils and Heath Porter
Karrah Griswold and Todd Iglehart
Karan McAnelly and Charles Kittles
Michelle Roemisch and Matthew Byrom
Tabitha Gilbreth and Chad Carter
Jackie Beck and Eric Robertson
Kristi Harris and Jeremy Howard
Felicia Castill and Freddie Martinez
Geneva Martinez and Tracy Loyola
Becky Straut and Brady Collier
Lisa Nix and Chris Bargas
Candace Barrow and Justin Stribling
Kara Gowin and Christopher Fuentez

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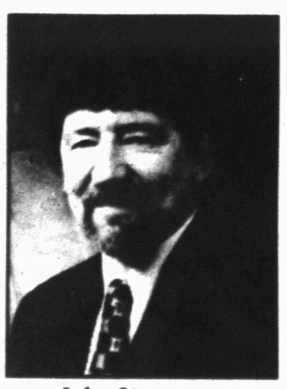

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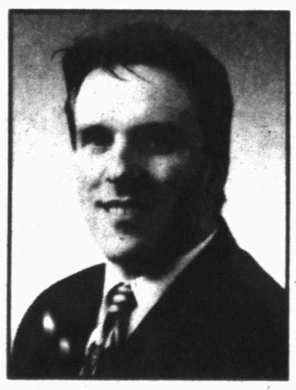

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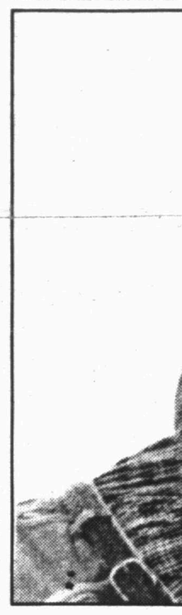

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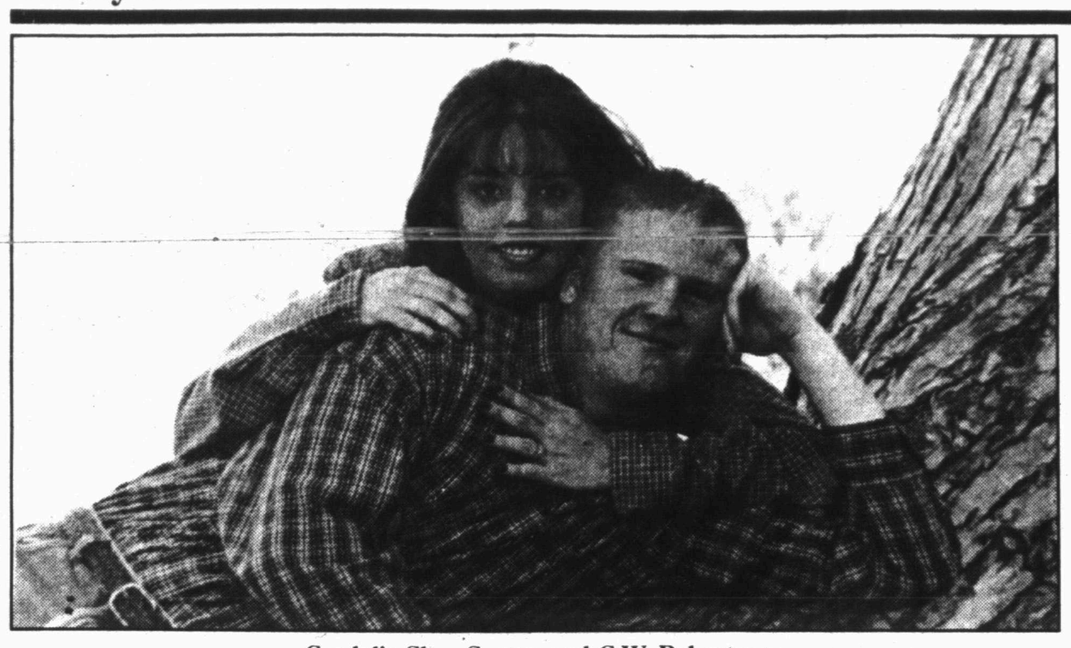

Cordelia Shea Seaton and C.W. Robertson
(Contributed Photo)

MAY WEDDING IN LUBBOCK — Ms. Toby Morris of Snyder announces the engagement of her daughter, Jaclyn Marie Morris, to Vincent Vidal Vasquez. The couple will marry May 20 at Trinity Church in Lubbock. Jaclyn is the daughter of the late Leon Morris, and Vincent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Agustin Vasquez of Farmington, N.M. A 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, Jaclyn attends Texas Tech University and is employed by Wells Fargo Bank as a personal banker. Morris, a 1995 graduate of Lamesa High School, will graduate from Texas Tech in May and is also employed by the bank as a business service specialist.

Couple marry in ceremony here March 3

Cordelia Shea Seaton and C.W. Robertson of Vista, Calif., were married March 3 in Snyder.

The bride is the daughter of Randall and Margaret Seaton of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Selby K. Johnson of Snyder and Carola Seaton of Rotan and Alvin Seaton of Sweetwater.

Cordelia is a 1998 Snyder High School graduate and received her nail tech license from Howard Junior College.

The bridegroom is the son of Myra Robertson of Rotan and Charlie Robertson of Idalou. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Burrow of Rotan and Leota Robertson of Idalou and the late Wheeler Robertson.

C.W., a 1997 graduate of Rotan High School, joined the Marines in 1999 where he is an aviation electrician, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The couple have made their home in Vista, Calif.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Easter Holiday
Tuesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Wednesday
Fruit
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Friday
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy
LUNCH
Tuesday
Burritos/Chili/Cheese
Salsa Sauce
Tater Tots
Tortilla Chips
Baked Apples
Wednesday
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Chilled Pears
Thursday
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Friday
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jell-O

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk and the breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast with jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Holiday
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Sausage on a Stick
LUNCH
TUESDAY
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza or
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Thursday
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple
Cookie
Friday
Corn Dog or
Egg Roll, Fried Rice & Fortune Cookie
Chilled Fruit
Mixed Vegetables
Ice Cream

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All meals are served with choice of milk.
Monday
Holiday
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Peaches
Wednesday
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Cookies
Thursday
Chicken Burritos
Refried Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Brownies
Friday
Goulash
Corn on the Cob
Black-eyed Peas
Peach Cobbler

CMH AUXILIARY OFFICERS — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary past president, Carol Davis, (left) installed officers for the 2000-2001. Davis presented a rose to officers, from right, Shirley Stewart, president; Jo Ashley who stands for Sandra Robinson, first vice president; Jo Ann Peek, second vice president; Una Orms, corresponding secretary; and Kathryn Dodson, recording secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-22-00
♠ Q J 9 7
♥ Q J 8
♦ K Q J 6
♣ 7 4

West
♠ 6 2
♥ 9 6 5 4 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 5 2

East
♠ A 4 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ 10 9 8 6 3

South
♠ K 10 8 5
♥ A K 10 3
♦ A 7 4
♣ Q J

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

With the values, get to game

By Phillip Alder

Stayman is a great convention for finding a 4-4 major-suit fit — if you have that major-suit fit and you can do better in that suit than in no-trump. If, after a Stayman inquiry, you end in three no-trump, you have simply given the opponents extra information about the declarer's hand. So, if Stayman were used only to find a 4-4 major-suit fit, I would happily trade it in for something else. However, as you can use Stayman followed by a three-level rebid to increase greatly the number of hand-types that can be described, it is worth keeping the bid in your arsenal.

Just to drive you completely crazy, here is a deal in which North cannot win. If he doesn't use Stayman, three no-trump fails — East-West run the club suit. Yet if North trots out the convention, he reaches a four-spade contract that also goes down!

How should West plan to defeat four spades after leading the club ace and seeing the dummy?

Many Wests would cash their second club trick, then wonder where to turn. At this point, their best move is to feign a sudden illness and flee the premises.

When dummy comes down with three hearts, West should realize that his partner has a singleton. So, there are two ways to win by switching to a heart at trick two: Partner might have either the singleton heart ace or an early trump trick.

As you can see, this defense defeats the contract. East wins the first (or second) round of trumps, puts West on lead with the carefully preserved club king, and receives the contract-killing heart ruff.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed Duplicate Bridge on Friday at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton directed Sunday and then Tuesday.

Friday, April 14
A Group
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Margaret Dillaha, ElWanda Nall.

Sunday, April 16
1. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
2. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.
3. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.

Tuesday, April 18
1. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall
3. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.

Firefighters rescue girl from washing machine

SOMERSET, Mass. (AP) — Ready or not here we come — with the Jaws of Life.

Firefighters used the extrication tool to free an 11-year-old girl from a washing machine, where she got stuck for more than 90 minutes while hiding from her brother and friends during a game of hide-and-seek.

The girl, who was not identified, was not hurt in the incident Monday. She had crawled into machine and became jammed inside with her legs wrapped around the agitator and her back wedged against the bucket.

The girl's mother first called a repairman, who worked for an hour but could not free the girl. She then called the fire department, which cut the girl free within five minutes, Chief Stephen Rivard said.

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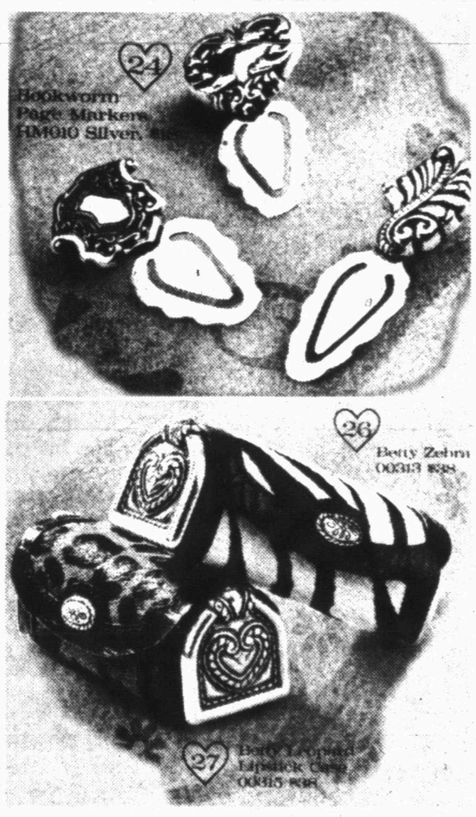

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Movie studio creates Web site for time capsule

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The time capsule has gone virtual.

In a promotion for its new time-travel thriller "Frequency," New Line Cinema is offering Internet users the chance to post messages that cannot be retrieved for 30 years.

Browsers visiting the movie's Web site can open a time capsule link where they write text messages and have the option to attach photos or audio files. Parents could leave baby pictures or voice messages for a newborn, which their child would be able to retrieve at the Web site in 2030.

The virtual time capsules can only be opened then with a password the site generates and sends back to originators of the messages.

"One of the themes of the film is communication across time," Gordon Paddison, New Line vice president for worldwide interactive marketing and development, said Thursday.

"If you're not here in 30 years, what would you say, what would your message be to loved ones in the future?" Paddison said. "The technology is here to actually do this and do it very simply."

"Frequency," which opens April 28, stars Jim Caviezel as a present-day cop who discovers he is able to talk by ham radio with his dead father (Dennis Quaid) 30 years in the past. The policeman uses their time-traveling conversations to try to prevent his father's death and uncover his mother's murderer.

Aram Sinnreich, an analyst with Internet marketing firm Jupiter Communications, said it was the first Web time capsule he had heard of.

"It's very clever marketing," Sinnreich said. "This is exactly the kind of stuff consumers latch on to. One friend e-mails it to 10 friends, they e-mail it to 10 more, and before you know it you've got a groundswell of awareness."

Messages will be stored on discs and put up on the site in 2030 for retrieval, no matter how the technology may have advanced by then, Paddison said.

"You may retrieve it on your wristwatch or cell phone," Paddison said. "It's kind of a romantic notion if the Internet equivalent of a crumpled black-and-white photo is delivered to you on your digital sunglasses."

New Line will edit out any messages that may include threats or other inappropriate material. But "anything private between people generally is fine, because they're the only ones who will be able to see it," Paddison said.

Consumers also have the option to post public messages for relatives and friends, some of which New Line will include on a DVD version of "Frequency" when it goes to home video.

On the Internet: http://www.frequencymovie.com

'Wizard of Oz' receives special exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A hundred years after its publication, that very American fantasy — "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" — is being celebrated by the Library of Congress.

L. Frank Baum opened his fairy tale in a Kansas twister. Among the principal characters were a scarecrow from a Midwestern cornfield and a tin woodsman whose mechanisms recall traditional Yankee ingenuity.

Hero Dorothy insists on how much she loves her Kansas home and wants to get back to it. The Wizard himself hails from Omaha.

The small "Oz" show opening today is part of an elaborate celebration of the library's own 200th birthday on Monday. Just twice as old as Dorothy, it's now the world's largest collection of books — more than 27 million.

Library officials did not know how many millions of copies of "Oz" have been sold or how many translations exist. Known translations include Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, Polish and even Latin.

Baum produced his best seller in 1900 and copies went to the library, as U.S. copyright law requires. A successful musical soon followed, with a shapely young woman in tights and big hair replacing little Dorothy. In the original book, she's likely about 10 years old, exhibit director Martha Hopkins said.

A poster advertising the musical appears in the library's exhibit, along with games, dolls, film clips, costumes and other memorabilia based on the story.

Many remember Dorothy as a 16-year-old Judy Garland in the 1939 film, where the silver shoes of the book are replaced by the famous ruby slippers. Hopkins pointed out the line in the original shooting script that still mentions the silver shoes. She doesn't know when the change occurred or why.

"Better for Technicolor," she suggested.

Novelist Salman Rushdie, who had a now-abandoned death edict placed against him by Iranian Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini for his book "Satanic Verses," said "Oz" inspired his first story.

After seeing the film in Bombay when he was 10, he wrote about a little boy's bizarre adventures, including an encounter with a talking pianola.

In 1992, he wrote a 70-page essay on the book, in which he reported a pair of ruby slippers found in the MGM Studios basement sold at a 1970 auction for $15,000.

Q & A

Tobacco

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

I recently read a sign that said, "If you are smoking in here you had better be on fire!" Society's tolerance for tobacco is growing thin. Right now cigarettes seem to be the target for all of society's aggression. And why not? According to ETR Associates, tobacco products are the only legal consumer products that are harmful when used exactly as the manufacturer intended. We will look at just what all the uproar is about and what the youth trend is.

One of the concerns surrounding the debate over smoking is the second hand smoke. Can those who don't light up suffer from the smoke of those who do? The fact is that 3,000 non-smokers die premature deaths each year from second hand smoke. The American Cancer Society tells us that a non-smoker married to a smoker has a 30% greater risk of developing lung cancer that the spouse of a non-smoker. Also the ACS found that smokers shorten their own life by 20-25 years. According to the FDA, tobacco is the nation's leading cause of premature death. Most of us have seen the sad sight of the children in a car with windows up while mama or daddy puffs on a "cancer stick." Secondhand smoke actually has a higher concentration of toxins than inhaled smoke. Toxins that cause many types of cancer, asthma and that lead to premature death. According to a report just released by the British government, cigarettes contain: a paint thinner, a toilet cleaner, a lighter fuel, the chemical in mothballs, a poison used in gas chambers, a rocket fuel, and many other deadly poisons. It's something to think about next time you hear the host or hostess say, " Would you like smoking or non?"

So what would keep someone smoking after all the warnings? Well it's nicotine and tobacco is full of it. Nicotine is one of the most addictive drugs known to mankind. Once your body is addicted it is no different than needing the next shot of dope. It is as hard to quit smoking as it is to quit using heroin, cocaine or alcohol. Is it any wonder that in 1999 Philip Morris Tobacco Company brought in $78,060,000,000.00? Now that we know the profits, let's look at costs. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1998 alone health care cost associated with smoking totaled $72,000,000,000.00. That means it cost us $72 billion dollars to treat the smoking population while tobacco manufacturers become billionaires. With the rate of 400,000 people dieing of tobacco-related illnesses each year, the tobacco industry has to attract 5,000 new smokers a day to maintain the smoking population.

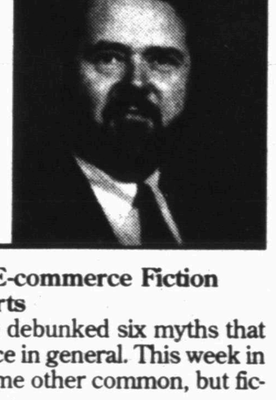
So who are these new smokers? About 90% of all tobacco users start before age 18. Don't think for a second that the tobacco industry does not know this. They have known it for years. In fact, in 1998 internal documents from the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. where released to the Washington Post. These documents span nearly two decades of tracking smoking habits of 15-16-17 year olds. Studies show that if you are 18 or older and are not currently using tobacco product you probably never will. So the key is to hook those who are young. According to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, more that 7 in 10 teen smokers are still smoking 5 years after they start, yet 60% of teen smokers wish they could quit and regret ever starting.

Next week we will look at the other tobacco products and more about how to curve the teen trend of smoking. As smoking continues to be the number one preventable cause of death in America I hope you will respect yourself and others enough to never start or quit. There is always hope. No matter how many times you have tried and failed you can do it. Do it for yourself. Do it for those you love and that love you.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Ten Technology Myths — Some E-commerce Fiction
Last of three parts

In the first two parts of this series, we've debunked six myths that exist regarding the Internet and E-commerce in general. This week in the final part of this series we'll uncover some other common, but fictitious thoughts on technology.

Four more myths

(Myth Number Seven: Build it and they will come. Even though there is tremendous interest in — and lots of media attention being paid to — all aspects of E-commerce today, it's not quite as easy as just throwing up a web site. Having a retail store doesn't guarantee customers and having a web site doesn't guarantee instant commerce. You must consider several other factors.

If you built it and they aren't coming, ask these questions: How easy is your site to find? Are you well-positioned on search engines? How much cross promotion do you do? Are you telling everyone about your site on your business cards, letterhead, invoices, advertising, packaging, etc.? Web sites are easy to build. However, to be successful you must give people good reasons to visit your site. It starts with awareness, builds to desire and results in action when you do it right..

(Myth Number Eight: Internet companies don't have to be profitable.

This may be the most common myth on Wall Street. I'm certain I'm in the minority with this opinion, but I don't plan to own any E-commerce stock in the short-term future. I see much of this hoopla as a financial bubble. A big, fragile bubble. While I take calculated risks every day, I'm not a serious gambler.

you can gamble if you choose. I hope you win big. It's OK by me if people win a big lottery prize every day, but I personally don't buy lottery tickets. I work too hard for my money and the odds of winning are published. I'm not a fool.

I believe that the future of our economy is still based on businesses that generate profits, not Wall Street speculation. Internet companies must figure out how to be profitable if they are to stay in business.

In the early 1900's, more than 500 automobile manufacturing companies were capitalized by return-hungry investors. Most failed within a few years. How many can you count today?

(Myth Number Nine: I can get a great web site free.

Fact: You can get a free web site. And, it will likely be worth every penny you paid.

(Myth Number Ten: You can fool the search engines with slick tricks.

A famous technology guru once said, "You can fool some of the search engines all of the time and all of the search engines some of the time, but..."

Fact: Content rich text is the best way to get what you want from search engines — site visits or hits. There are too many strategies to increase your success with search engines to list here. Do a little surfing or visit with an expert if you want to increase your effectiveness.

(Myth Number Eleven: Once you get a great web site developed, leave it alone.

(Yes, I know I said ten myths, but I'm giving you a 10 percent bonus with this series. Under promise, over deliver.)

Fact: Great sites must be improved often. That is the only way to have great results. The Internet is all about speed of change. It is a challenge of ever more demanding technology and technique. To stand still is to be left far behind. Don't allow it to happen to you. Once you make the commitment to jump in the water, you must keep swimming.

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FFA hosts Ukrainians

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national organization began the lengthy process of selecting the right school in Ukraine to link with.

The visiting students are all pursuing specialized degrees at their college, which is similar to but academically harder than our high schools.

The Ukrainians basically attend elementary school, then a college and perhaps a university, which is similar to ours.

Anna arrived in February so she could become familiar with the school and the city, which would help her to help the others to more quickly become assimilated into Snyder's lifestyle.

Anna said one of the main reasons she wanted to come to the U.S. was to practice speaking English. English can be the "first reason to be hired," she added.

She already speaks Russian and the Ukrainian language but wants to learn how to speak French as well.

This is her school's first year to participate in the School Linkage Program. She studies agriculture, finances and the technology involved with meat and dairy at her college.

She's been making good grades in Snyder and she likes participating in judging team contests. She enjoys economics. She especially likes Frazier as a teacher and said he inspires her to consider becoming one herself.

She is currently staying with the Doug Neff family, which she enjoys very much. She calls them "mom and dad" and enjoys having a younger brother and a sister. One of her favorite things is that everyone has breakfast and dinner together.

Anna lost her own dad five years ago, and her mother has since remarried. She misses her parents and will be returning home in June, just in time for Snyder's FFA group to arrive in the Ukraine.

She has a dream that she will be able to return to the U.S. for a visit someday. She is proud to be a Ukrainian and acknowledges that her country is experiencing hard times economically. "We work hard just to put food on the table," she said.

Anna said living here has changed her. She likes the U.S. but feels that her country needs her. Someday she hopes to find a job she really loves to do, one that will allow her to help her people. "I feel that I am needed there," she added.

Sergey likes everything about Snyder and he loves being in the U.S. His host family is Ricky and Terry Beights and their son Cliff.

He noted that as a student he can relax more and he enjoys more freedom of choice here.

At his college, he is studying economics and marketing. He said his home town, Bila Tserkva, has around 220,000 residents.

The technical college is 55 years old. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m. They have from three to four classes each day. Besides economics and milk technology, he also takes a physical education class.

The college is divided into four departments, technical, mechanical, veterinarian, commercial.

They have summer and winter breaks similar to ours. If students score high enough on their entrance tests they can be excused from paying tuition. Meals are provided free. Students don't get to take electives and they must make good grades or they will not be allowed to continue. Those with the better grades can go on to a university.

Alexander likes having a chance to visit in this country. He is staying with Mickey and John Ferris and their daughter, Johnna.

In the future, he would like to work in the economic and trade markets.

Andrew likes Snyder High School and living in Texas. He is staying with Sharon Rollins and her son Zach.

Since coming to Snyder, Oksana has enjoyed swimming, rodeos and cowboys. She is a meat processing major in Ukraine.

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Even doctors have hard time with conflicting health news

BOSTON (AP) — This time it is fiber, which contrary to the collective wisdom of the brightest minds in medicine apparently does not ward off colon cancer after all.

The specifics change, but the pattern is the same: Over and over, the conventional medical wisdom collapses under the weight of new evidence.

Remember when salt was evil? When eggs were the soul of dietary wickedness? When estrogen seemed like an iron shield against heart disease?

Now it is pretty clear that salt is not an important cause of high blood pressure. Most people probably can eat an egg for breakfast without triggering a heart attack. And estrogen? No one really knows how that will turn out, but there is doubt about the long-accepted assumption that it keeps the heart working smoothly after menopause.

So how does this happen? Why do health rules fall apart after they are chiseled in stone? And how do they get to be rules in the first place?

Many health professionals say it comes down to the willingness of all involved to draw firm conclusions from a stew of often poorly conducted, contradictory and incomplete observations.

"One of the problems is that strong recommendations have often been made on very weak data," says Dr. Walter Willett of the Harvard School of Public Health. "It may have been the best guess at the moment. But often the recommendations are repeated so many times that people forget they were rough guesses in the first place and come to think they are hard facts."

This is not to say everything is wrong or likely to be overturned tomorrow. For instance, scientists feel absolutely certain that smoking is bad.

Many are reasonably sure that obesity is harmful over the long haul. And they are comfortable recommending that people avoid saturated fat and eat lots of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, even though the exact benefits of some of these aren't entirely clear.

Willett says one reason for the today-it's-good-for-you, tomorrow-it's-not phenomenon is the well-intended "missionary zeal" of scientists who believe their own work and happily repeat the seemingly solid bottom line without going into the complexity and uncertainty of the whole business.

Another essential player in this process, scientists like to point out, is the news media.

"You get the two-sentence synopsis that turns a complicated issue into a black or white, a yes or no," says Lynn L. Moore, an epidemiologist at Boston University School of Medicine. "That's not a great service."

Dr. Thomas Pearson of the University of Rochester notes that some scientists seem bent on encouraging the boldest headlines for their research, and get plenty of help from the reporters who interview them.

"The probing question is, 'What does this mean?' Reporters don't want the usual blah-blah answer, which is, 'We really need more research,'" Pearson says. "Between science and the press, we have confused a lot of people."

The fact is, science is a messy process. No single study, no matter how large or careful, is likely to settle an important health question.

Sorting out the influence of genes, food, pollutants, living habits and all the rest requires drawing together information from many different scientific approaches. These include experiments in lab dishes, tests on inbred rats, observations of large groups of people and human experiments.

Data from all of these kinds of science went into the rise and fall of the idea that fiber prevents colon cancer.

The theory began in the 1970s. Scientists noticed that poor people in rural Africa get much less colon cancer than do better-off Westerners. Of course, the differences between these two populations are too numerous to count, but an obvious one was the Africans' higher consumption of fiber.

Over time, many lines of evidence seemed to support the theory. For instance, it was shown that people who immigrate to places where colon cancer is common take on a higher risk as they adopt the eating habits of their new home. In the lab, experiments showed that animals fed cancer-causing toxins seem to be protected by high-fiber diets.

Furthermore, the idea made sense. Fiber makes the stools bulkier and perhaps more likely to dilute cancer-causing substances. Fiber also makes these bad things flow more quickly through the digestive system.

The data seemed convincing enough for health agencies to recommend high-fiber foods as one way of preventing colon cancer, the second-leading cancer killer, even though the evidence was conflicting at best.

Government begins protecting children from Web site quires

WASHINGTON (AP) — Web site operators must begin complying with a federal law Friday requiring them to get a parent's permission before they collect personal information from children.

Government agents will peruse thousands of Web sites to enforce the law, officials said.

"It's a high priority for the agency," said Loren G. Thompson, a lawyer with the Federal Trade Commission, the regulators overseeing the implementation of the new online child privacy law. "The bottom line is we will be enforcing this law and we will be looking at violators closely."

Thompson said Thursday that dozens of employees in the agency's computer lab will make "sweeps" of random Web sites to make sure the sites post how parents can grant their permission.

Companies can get the approval several ways: through mailed or faxed paperwork, toll-free phone calls, credit-card numbers, or e-mail.

The agency has the capabilities to check hundreds of Web sites daily.

Each child that e-mails or posts identifiable information like a name and address — without a parent's say so — could cost a Web site operator $11,000, said Thompson.

Fines and sleuthing won't stop everyone, said privacy advocate Jason Catlett, but federal scrutiny could move larger, more-reputable firms to do the right thing.

"This law draws a line in the sand," said Catlett of Junkbusters Corp., a company that specializes in Internet privacy matters. "Some will stumble over it stupidly. Clearly, it will take time."

The 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, affecting mostly commercial sites, was enacted after federal officials found that companies were asking children all sorts of questions while they played video games online or researched book reports. Just 1 percent were asking for parental permission. The ban covers information that could identify a particular child.

Last fall, the FTC wrote the set of rules telling companies how to follow the law. When critics complained that anyone — especially a bright, tech-savvy child — could impersonate a parent over Internet mail, the FTC said companies sharing information with others would have to use digital signature technology — designed to prevent e-mail forgeries.

Parents, however, must help industry and government protect their children, said Andrew Weinstein, spokesman for America Online, which gets consent from parents when they create screen names for their children on the service.

He added, "this law is not a replacement for parental involvement."

On the Net:

Federal Trade Commission site on the law:
http://www.ftc.gov/kidzprivacy

Junkbusters site:
http://www.junkbusters.com/news

Food allergies can be deadly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ingredients not listed on product labels prompted two food manufacturers to issue recalls.

Gourmet Mixes, Inc., of Seattle, Wash., said Thursday it recalled all bottle sizes and production codes of Demitri's Bloody Mary Seasoning because they may contain egg yolk not listed on the label.

Also, Snyder of Berlin, Pa., said it voluntarily recalled 202 cases of Naturally Low Fat Carmel Corn because they may contain peanuts that are not listed on the label.

People with allergies to these foods could run the risk of life-threatening reactions if they eat them.

The 10-ounce packages of Snyder's Naturally Low Fat Carmel Corn were distributed in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. They have the code 42May22 directly below the preprinted price of $1.75 on the front. Consumers can return the item to the place of purchase for a refund. Persons with questions can call 1-800-270-2743.

The recalled Demitri's Bloody Mary Seasoning was distributed nationally in retail stores and through catalogs in 5-ounce glass bottles and 16-ounce and 64-ounce plastic bottles. Customers can return the mix to the place of purchase for a refund. Those with questions can call the manufacturer at 206-764-6006.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Weaver Services, dba WSI, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tracy Loyola, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mellissa Contreras, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Willie and Michelle Garcia, 2000 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Allen Ranch, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Pablo and Norma Verduzco, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

John T. and Wanda Short, 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Mildred Grantham, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

T. Brent McQuirk, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Carl L. and Hazel L. Walser, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Edith L. Dawson, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Snyder Brick and Tile Co., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Fagin Inc., 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Sandra Pullig, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Price Construction Inc., three 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Walsh & Watts, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Myron H. Roe, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Francene Allen-Noah, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Anita Joyce Smith, 2000 Pontiac van from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc. vs. Monterey Construction Co., United States Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity Insurance Underwriters Inc., Abilene Sheet Metal Inc. and Abilene Heating and Plumbing Inc., suit on account.

Misty Thurmond vs. Donlan Arthur Salgado Jr., suit for damages.

Scurry County vs. Jessie Alvarez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Phil Robinson, dba Par Safety Services, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Santos Gutierrez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Joann Benitez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Isidro B. Rodriguez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Artemio Aguilar, aka Artemio Aguliar, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Angel Juarez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Allan Daves, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Rene Garza, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of German Calderon Rodriquez and Maria Rodriquez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Edgar Lee Williams and Cathy Virginia Williams, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Laura Marie Hall and Douglas W. Hall, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Casey Laine Fincher and Michael Dewayne Fincher, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Christy Renee Strong Nix and William Carroll Nix, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lisa LeeAnn Cross and Matt Custis Cross, divorce granted.

Superior Bank vs. Thomas Rocha and Thomas Rocha Jr., default judgment.

Sears Roebuck and Co. vs. Deanie F. Mills, agreed judgment.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Jerry Cline, dba Omega Services and Carpet Cleaning, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Guy Turner Jr. to Steven Stanley, two 100 x 150-foot tracts out of Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bert Sellers to Margaret Sellers, the south 135 feet of Lot 4 in Block 35 of the Blankenship Addition.

Bill and Bonnie Phipps to Arthur and Nanette Sanchez, Lot 10 and the east one-half of Lot 11, both in Block 42 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Dolores Ann Blocker to Daryl and Nadine Heard, Lots 45-48 in Block 31 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Steven Jerome Qualls to Reynaldo and Maria E. Hernandez, Lot 10 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

Richard E. and Marilyn Lancaster to Doyle and Martha Knowles, Lot 3 and the north 6 feet of Lot 4, both in Block 4 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Alvin A. Fabre Jr. to Albert DeLoera, Lot 21 in Block 7 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Doyle W. and Martha Knowles to Edward and Laura Benitez, the east 87.5 feet of Lot 4 in Block B of the West Ridge Addition.

Della Light to Jonelle Light Kight, the south one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 155 and the west 350 acres of Section 233, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Della Light to Morris L. Light, 334.9 acres out of Sections 234 and 241, both in Block 3, H&TC survey.

Velma Lunsford, individually and as Trustee of the Raymond C. Lunsford Trust, to David and Alisa Cain, tract one being 442.5 acres in the west one-half and the southeast part of the east one-half of Section 256, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the east 34.4 acres in Section 257, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Maynor B. and Kathryn Hanks to Kendrick Ray Graves, 4.65 acres out of the northwest corner of a 37.5-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 97, H&TC survey.

M.B. and Kathryn Hanks to Kendrick Ray Graves and Laurie Kathy Cowan, tract one being 10.54 acres in Section 150, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being an 0.26-acre tract in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patsy Burney Bryant and Robin Michelle Burney to Jack Birdwell Burney, the northwest one-quarter of Section 137, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Emmitt Hataway to Lana Prewitt Hataway, one acre out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Trust of William G. Spurlock to Weldon D. Spurlock and Thomas L. Spurlock, the north one-half of Lots 7 and 9 in Block 53 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Ted Mireles Sr. to Stanley Mireles, the north 90 feet of Lots 10-12 in Block 55 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Lynn and Mayzell Fenton to Linda Arizmendi, all the west 57.5 feet of Lot 3 in Block 14 of the Cody Heights Addition.

NY mayor's wife gets explicit part

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress and television personality Donna Hanover, the wife of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, is joining the cast of the sexually frank off-Broadway hit "The Vagina Monologues" next month.

Beginning May 30, Hanover will take over a lead role in the play written by Eve Ensler, a personal friend and political supporter of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Giuliani's opponent in the U.S. Senate race.

Joannie Danielides, Hanover'sgues are construed from interviews Ensler held with women on topics including orgasm, uncomfortable pelvic exams, sexual abuse, sexual fantasies and childbirth.

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Letters to Editor

City Council does listen

Dear Editor:

I wrote in before about the White Buffalo Cafe and its parking dilemma. I want to thank the city council members for their decision to rent the parking lot to them.

It is a lot more useful now and it is not so unbecoming looking.

The council does listen to people that voice their opinion openly and that is a positive thing for Snyder and now I want to voice my opinion openly that they did good!

Thanks,
Carol Crowder

What a great crusade

Dear Editor:

Wow! Wasn't the community-wide crusade with Ken Freeman and his team members just awesome this week?

It's so incredible how God used this man's talent and testimony to change so many lives in such a short time. Ken Freeman's willingness and courage to use his testimony to minister to so many people across the United States truly shows his love for God and all mankind.

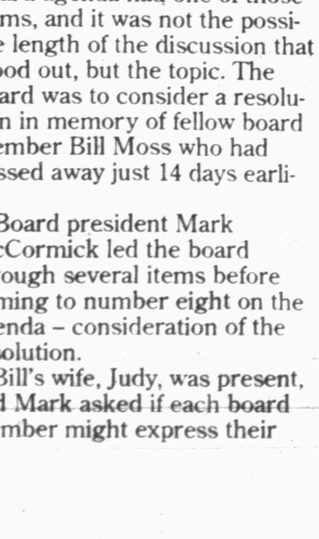
If you could not make it to one of the services this week to hear Ken speak, you missed a true blessing. I think that I speak for everyone who attended one or all of the worship services, that I've never seen so many lives transformed in such a short period of time in all my life.

I would like to publicly thank, from the bottom of my heart, our ministerial staff at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for inviting this crusade and its ministry into our community.

Tommy Culwell, Damon Simpson, Bob Moore and Larry Wesson, through your hard work, prayers and words of encouragement, this crusade was a huge success. I would also like to thank the other members of Colonial Hill for allowing this crusade possible.

My family and I are truly blessed to be a part of this church family. We love and appreciate all of you.

Sincerely,
Steve Clark



North of 40 by Red Green

Stick with your own generation

My nephew was complaining to me the other day about his part-time job at a fast-food place; he works indoors wearing a uniform for $5.80 an hour and all the saturated fat he can stuff into his fanny pack.

I was telling him about when I was a kid working as a milkman's helper out in the freezing cold for a two-dollar bill a day. He had no idea what I was talking about. He'd never heard of a milkman or seen a two-dollar bill. I'm not even sure he knows what freezing cold is.

And I didn't try to educate him because I've been married long enough to know that most things can't be explained. The person either gets it or they don't. And it's not their fault. My nephew has just as much trouble trying to tell me what he's learning in school, why he likes the music he listens to, or how much more hardware he's planning to attach to his facial features.

The message is that we should all hang out with our own peer groups. The people of our generation have a lot more chance of understanding what we're talking about and forgiving us for what we've done. I recommend that you marry someone around your same age, work for a boss from your own era, and always give your side of the story to the cop with the gray hair.

STOMACHING EACH OTHER

I've been married over 30 years, and when people ask me how to make a relationship last that long I tell them to marry the right person. I compare it to food.

Now, sure, you may like spicy food once in a while, but over the long haul you're better off with meat and potatoes — something that will sustain you over the years without destroying your body. You need to pick a meat-and-potatoes type of partner. And don't think you can sneak out once in a while for a spicy snack. Your wife can always tell.

LAUGHTER IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE

A preliminary list of bad times to laugh:

— When you're meeting your new boss.

— When the judge asks if you'd been drinking.

— The first time you see your girlfriend in a bathing suit.

— When the auditor asks if you declared your full income.

— When someone you're hoping to inherit money from drops his teeth.

— When you've just been threatened by a motorcycle gang.

— When someone you're married to stubs his toe.

— Anytime in church or anywhere that nobody else is laughing.

GIVE ME THE BIG HOUSE

They say that as you get older and the kids move out, you're supposed to downsize your house. I don't want to do that.

As I age, I want more space, not less. My coordination will be down a notch or two, and I'll probably have a few more pounds on me, so I need generous doorways with lots of clearance.

And I won't be getting out as much as I do now, so the house will be my whole world. I don't want to live in a world where I can see all four of its corners from anywhere in the living room. And when you're living in one open room, you have to put your projects away all the time, as well as explain the paint stains and the burn marks to people who don't understand the handyman mindset.

Give me a big house with lots of rooms for my twilight years. Those tiny retirement homes aren't for me. I may think small, but I live big.

Quote of the Day: "My friend spent so much time in the doughnut shop, he was arrested for impersonating a police officer."

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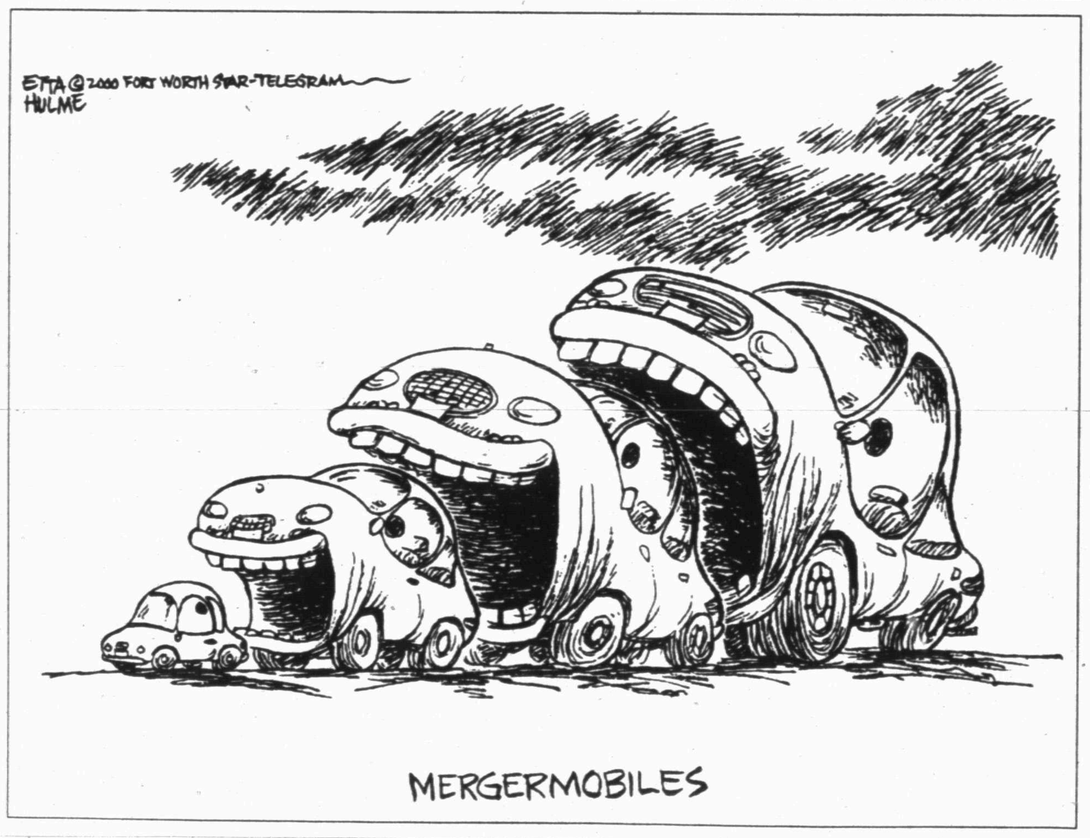

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

On virtual slave trade:

She was recruited through someone who knew someone who could get her work in the United States. She volunteered to be smuggled to a job in California. What she found was not what she expected.

She worked all hours, in a restaurant and in a home where she had no bed. Often she would sleep on the floor by her employer's bedroom door so she could hear him call. She received wages only intermittently. She was never alone or allowed out unaccompanied. Her employer threatened her and said her family in Thailand would be killed if she left. She was afraid. Her children live on the land owned by one of the traffickers.

But somehow she escaped, her family has survived, and the trafficker has been prosecuted. She was lucky to be linked up to the Los Angeles-based Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking. The advocacy group coordinates nonprofit organizations that provide housing, health services and education about rights to these slave laborers. This new group appears to be one of a kind in the United States. More such groups might be needed. The slave trade thrives.

Although men are also trafficked, particularly into forced labor, Undersecretary of State Frank Loy says that women and children are the main targets of traffickers, "Globally, there are over 700,000 women and children trafficked annually across international borders. Forty-five thousand to 50,000 are trafficked annually into the United States."

Houston Chronicle

On strip searches:

When a group of black women in Chicago sued over being singled out for drug searches by U.S. Customs Service inspectors and when Washington lawmakers proposed legislation to crack down on racial profiling by the agency, customs officials denied that race had much of anything to do with who was selected for special scrutiny.

Now a study by the independent General Accounting Office finds race — and gender — played a significant role in whom inspectors plucked out of line for strip searches, body cavity searches, pat downs, X-rays and other invasive examinations.

According to the Washington Post report on the congressional study, black women returning from abroad were nearly twice as likely as white men and women to be strip-searched on suspicion of smuggling drugs. Black women were three times as likely as black men to be strip-searched. Black men and women were nearly nine times as likely as white men and women to be X-rayed, and Hispanic-American men and women were nearly four times as likely to be subjected to such searches, the report said.

The GAO study found that the higher rate of intrusive searches of black women did not result in more frequent discoveries of contraband. On the basis of X-ray results, black women who were U.S. citizens were less than half as likely to be found carrying contraband as white women, the GAO said. And GAO researchers found that women and men and whites and blacks were equally likely to carry drugs and be caught smuggling drugs.

The Galveston County Daily News

On government accountability:

The Associated Press dug up an interesting story that tells taxpayers how their tax dollars are being spent. The moral of the story is simple: Don't ever let anyone tell you that you don't have the right to know how your tax dollars are being spent.

The story is about a loan program operated by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. The program has gotten into some trouble with the state auditor's office because of high default rates on loans to projects such as emu ranches.

Associated Press reporter Chris Williams got curious when he saw that the state's taxpayers were backing a $360,000 loan for a shrimp farm near Pecos.

Pecos is in the middle of the West Texas desert.

Williams and The Associated Press sought financial documents on the loan. The Texas Agriculture Department, to its credit, released them.

Then, in a truly amazing ruling, state District Judge Margaret Cooper ruled that the AP could not release the stories to newspapers across Texas.

For the past 225 years or so, the law in the United States has been that the government cannot prevent private citizens from publishing information. That's called prior restraint.

Once the information has been published or broadcast, the person who published the information can be held accountable.

But the notion that the government can prevent someone from publishing information that some other person doesn't like generally went out with the king's government at the end of the Revolutionary War.

One can only wonder why it took the Texas judicial system eight days to lift a blatantly unconstitutional order.

The Victoria Advocate

On guarding tobacco loot:

States that l e scourged tobacco companies as unconscionable peddler of disease and death are now moving to protect the industry's profits.

This particular manifestation of the outrageous hypocrisy that has marked the behavior of both federal and state governments concerning the tobacco industry in recent years is grounded in the fear that the $246 billion the states won as a nationwide settlement could be wiped out by huge class-action judgments. When it comes to money, the states clearly are far less interested in smokers' health than in getting their cut of the slush fund engineered by the various states' attorneys general.

Of immediate concern is the recent finding of a Florida jury, which awarded $12.7 million to three people representing hundreds of thousands of Florida residents who smoked. The tobacco companies were found guilty of misrepresenting the dangers of their product, a finding that paves the way for punitive damages. In a few weeks, the same jury is expected to decide whether to award the damages and in what amount. Some predict a judgment as high as $300 billion.

Legal experts never expected the Florida case to proceed. They were confident it would be thrown out. The settlement negotiated between the industry and the states was believed to shield the industry from future litigation. Yet proceed it did, and now lawmakers and officials in several states are busy devising ways to protect the financial viability of the goose that laid their golden egg.

Florida legislators are considering capping the amount of compensatory damages a defendant would have to pay out in a single year. Under Florida law, parties appealing a judgment must post a cash bond equal to the amount awarded.

Bill Moss remembered...

Time to time, when covering school boards or city council meetings, there are agenda items which I dread.

Most of the time they pertain to budget matters and I know those discussions – although certainly necessary – might make for a longer than normal session.

Tuesday's Snyder ISD school board agenda had one of those items, and it was not the possible length of the discussion that stood out, but the topic. The board was to consider a resolution in memory of fellow board member Bill Moss who had passed away just 14 days earlier.

Board president Mark McCormick led the board through several items before coming to number eight on the agenda – consideration of the resolution.

Bill's wife, Judy, was present, and Mark asked if each board member might express their feelings to her about the loss of Bill.

You have to remember that Bill was a professional educator. He was the assistant regional director of the TDCJ Windham School System, and had served 15 years with the Pecos and Monahans school districts. He was certainly on top of all items related to education. Because of this, he could have probably dominated most discussions about any topic to come before the SISD board.

Bill was a big man, but despite his physical size, he was not overbearing when it came to contributing to the discussions.

That is one thing that impressed fellow trustee Richard Chambers.

"I know he knew a lot more about education than I did," Richard said. "But even in discussing some controversial issues, he would often ask for my opinion."

"For that, I will always appreciate him. He will be missed," said Chambers.

Fellow board members Janet Stribling and Glenn Claraday echoed that sentiment.

Mike Levens, also an employee of TDCJ, said his relationship was two-fold – as SISD board members and as employees of the prison system.

Mike and Bill also played a lot of golf together.

"I don't think I will ever step up to a tee box again without thinking of Bill Moss," said Mike.

Veteran school board member Luann Burleson couldn't say much. It was a much too emotional moment for her.

"You know me Judy. I'm just a big cry baby."

Luann did repeat what Miller Robinson said at Bill's funeral.

"Bill didn't live long, but he lived well."

McCormick told of the time he and Moss went to a basketball game in Sweetwater and decided to eat after the game.

"Getting Bill to stop and eat was never a problem," laughed McCormick.

"Anyway, a man I knew from Lamesa sat down and started talking basketball with us, and during the course of the conversation, it became apparent that he thought Bill was my father," said Mark.

"After the man left, I looked at Bill and asked him if he knew what that guy thought."

"Yes, yes," Bill grumbled. "Let's just get out of here."

Mark said he had thought of that meeting several times, "In a lot of ways, Bill *was* a father-figure to me."

Bill Moss served on the Snyder ISD board for only two years, and there weren't that many dry eyes in the room when the board passed the resolution honoring him for his service to the school district.

By Wade Warren

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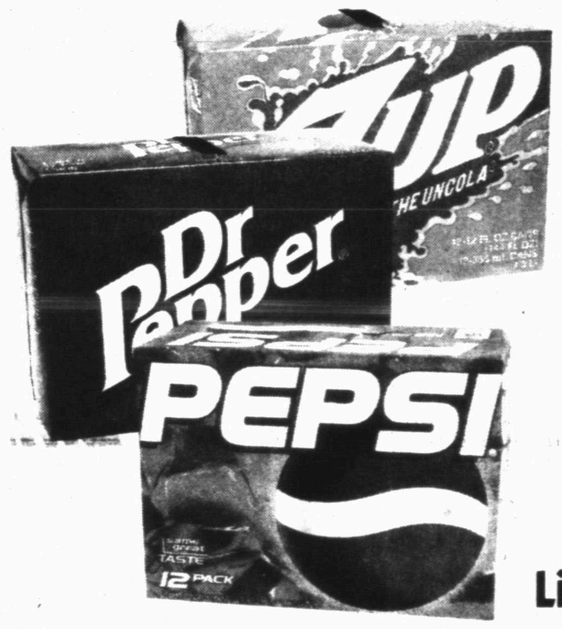

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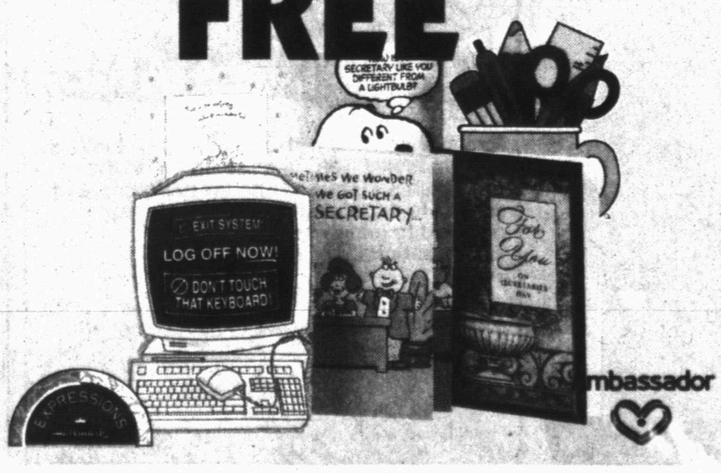

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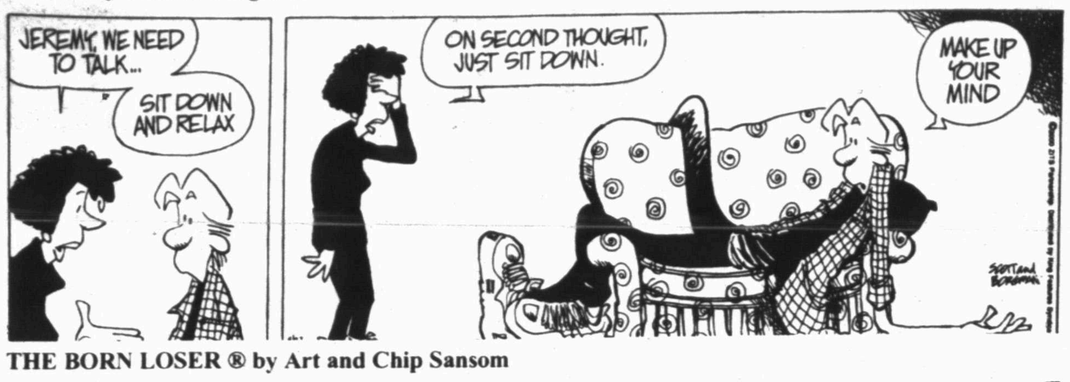

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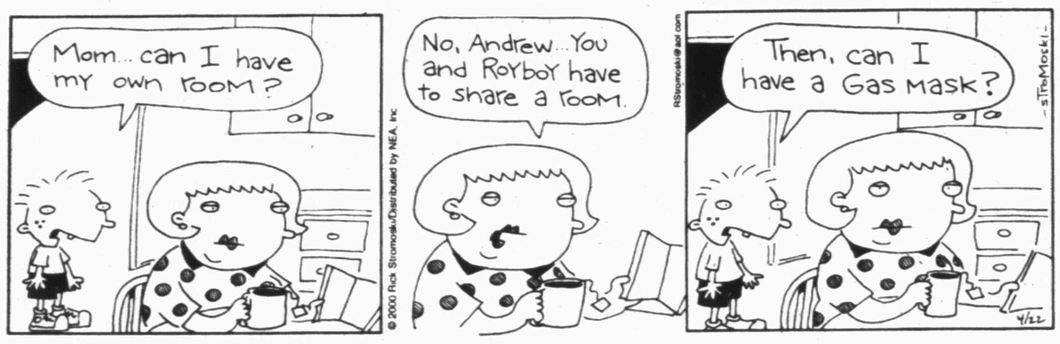

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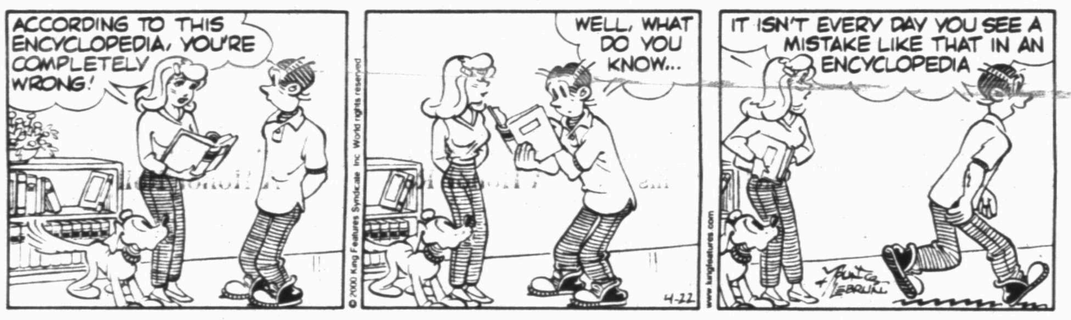

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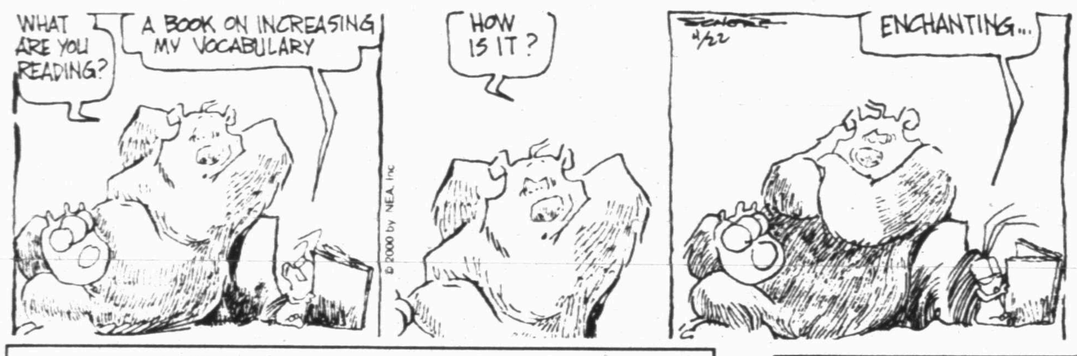

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ACROSS

1 Former ambassador Harriman
7 Tinker (with)
13 Captivate
14 Sufficient
15 Railroad locomotive
16 Nervous —
17 Astronaut Armstrong
18 Incline the head
20 She was "Born Free"
21 Foundations
23 "A rose — — other name . . ."
27 Instruct
32 Chemical compound
33 Secure (a rope)
34 Fracas
35 Andes animal
36 Ship's canvas
39 Inventor Howe
40 Move aimlessly
42 Got older
46 Spanish cheer
47 Taj Mahal city
51 Type of picture or sickness
53 Group of nine
55 Chant
56 Like wool
57 More expensive
58 Makes sleep noises

DOWN

1 Hammer part
2 Actress Archer
3 The three wise men
4 Actor
5 Mr. C
6 Fiel
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) Door sign
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21 Lane
22 Lease the apartment you're leasing
23 Most wonderful
24 River in Belgium
25 ABA member
26 Meshes
28 Con's room
29 Jai —
30 Writer Janowitz
31 Young hawk
37 Laundry worker
38 Mae West role
41 Senses
42 Surrounded by
43 Lost
44 Singer James
45 Designer Christian —
47 — Domini
48 First or reverse
49 Assess
50 Lime drinks
52 Small bill
54 A Bobbsey twin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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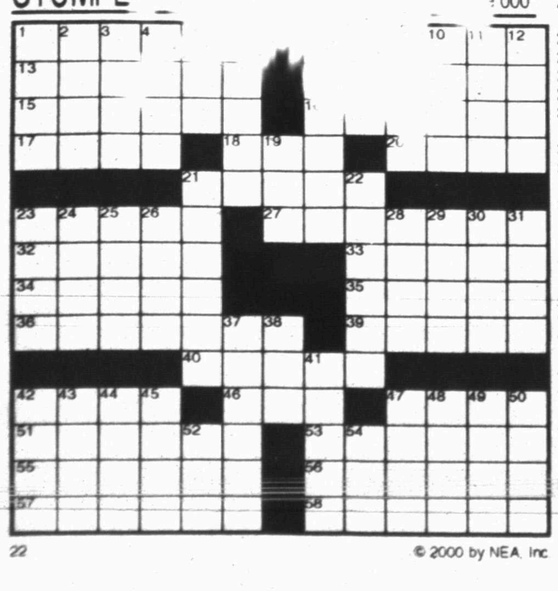

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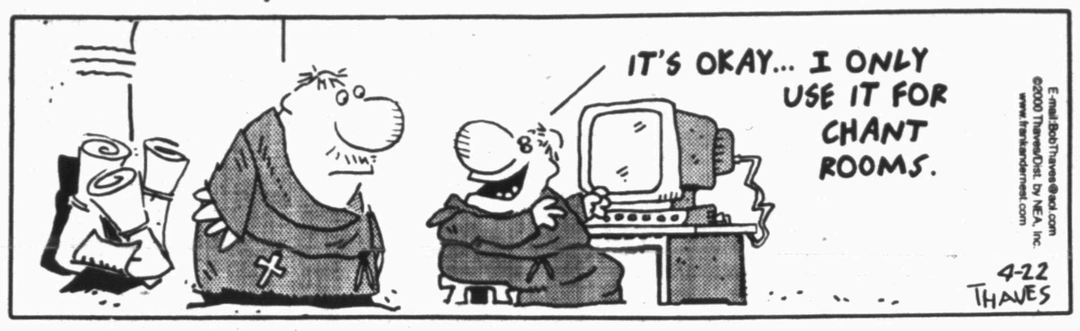

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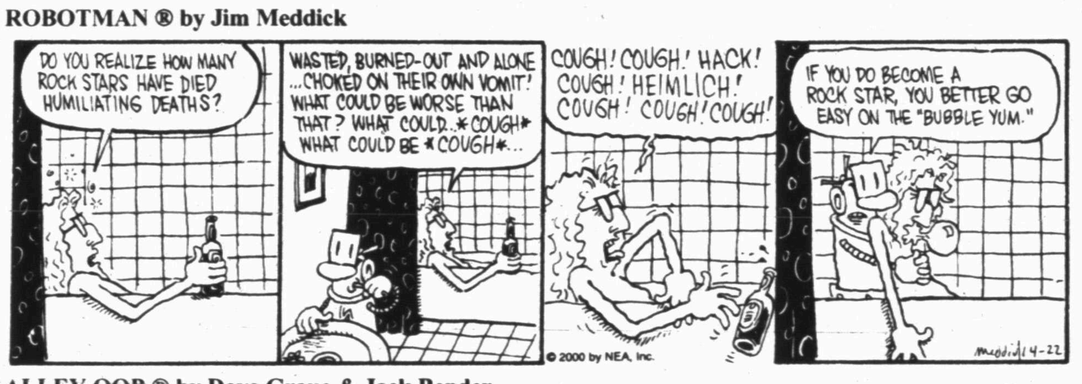

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"I DON'T GET THAT PART ABOUT BEING 'BORN AGAIN,' 'CAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER THE *FIRST* TIME."

Honor Roll - Fifth Six Weeks

Snyder I.S.D.
5th Six Weeks

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Tanya Adams
Tilatha Akins
Ryanna Alexander
Jessica Bilderback
Larissa Blackard
Zoe Briseno
Douglas Brunson
Jared Cave
Riley Davis
Jaclyn Deleon
Amy Fogleman
Sierra Foreman
Taylor Gibbs
Ashley Hagins
Gina Hermosillo
Kalyn Hildreth
Clay Hirt
Rubi Jaimes
Leslie Johnston
Kaylie Kahlich
Samuel Lee
Kari Lord
Carson Matthies
Clint McFatridge
Teresa Murillo
Roxann Renteria
Alix Rieser
Brittany Scott
Kailea Shaw
Will Stewart
David Strayhorn
Shelbie Talavera
Wes Von Roeder
Britney Webb
Jordan Wright
Kasey Young
A-B Honor Roll
Consuelo Acosta
Robert Albarez
Daniela Allen
Brian Allred
Adrian Alvarez
Yoci Arellano
Abraham Arizmendi
Zane Berryhill
Kira Bilano
Briana Bryant
Lareshia Carey
Shelby Carter
Chelsea Castillo
Forest Clayton
Jesse Conner
Lindsey Cox
Taylor Davidson
Jessie Deavers
Brenna Fletcher
K'ana Garcia
Jessica Garza
Heath Green
Dayton Grice
Richard Grice
Fabian Gutierrez
Chase Guynes
Brittney Hendricks
Jon Ryan Hernandez
Melanie Hernandez
Jessica Hinson
Kendra Iglehart
Maxine Jaramillo
Lesa Jones
Joe Lara
Kayla Liccardi
Stephen Luna
Alex Martinez
Jaime Martinez
Kendra Mcguire
Brittany Mitchell
Rebecca Morin
Tony Perales
Tyler Porter
Lolita Ramos
Riley Raschke
Ava Reyes
Lashondrick Richardson
Brittney Rivera
Joe Rivera
Erma Rodriguez
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Antonia Silva
Danorris Smith
Shaquita Sneed
Josh Sorrells
Matthew Sosa
Katy Spradlin
Dana Stanley
Chassidy Sterling
Teryn Sullenger
Jessica Timora
Heather Vasquez
Charles Velasco
Zachery Warren
Gage West
Kaycee Westlund
David Zalman
Lauren Zamora

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alexander, Alayna
Amarillas, Angie
Arellano, Ernesto
Ashworth, Brad
Bollinger, Brent
Brown, Devin
Burk, Daniel
Butler, Tanner
Cole, Lanxton
Daves, Samantha
Davidson, Devin
Day, Lance
Derryberry, Jordan
Gafford, Brooks
Gruben, Tess
Harbin, BranDee
Harlan, Kimberly
Hogan, Erin
Jones, Audrey
Keener, R. J.
Landa, Laura
Means, Nicole
Miller, Kristen
Munson, Preston
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Rhodes, Cayelea
Richards, Chris
Robertson, Craig
Scifres, Jacob
Shafer, Quentin
Toombs, Loren
Urias, Alex
Velasquez, Megan
Wesson, J. W.
Westmoreland, Layton
Wittie, Nathan
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Aguilar, Mark
Alaniz, Jake
Arteaga, Michelle
Ball, Josh
Billingsley, Kaden
Brewster, Colton
Bunch, Dylan
Burney, Cody
Calvert, Adam
Casas, Ashley
Cazarez, Cassie
Chandler, Kristina
Claxton, Ryan
Clay, Will
Cox, Alison
Davis, Kirstie
DeLeon, Jessica
Elam, Stacey
Estrada, Mayra
Farquhar, Ashley
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Garcia, Samantha
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Murphy, Derek
Norwood, Tatum
Pinkerton, Marci
Pittman, Kayla
Reyna, Nathaniel
Richardson, Wes
Rivera, Jessica
Rivera, Roy
Rivera, Virginia
Robertson, Luke
Rocha, Joel
Ruiz, Raquel
Rylant, Destiny
Sanchez, Amanda
Seale, Kelby
Slaughter, Cecelie
Tidwell, Kendra
Tippens, Christian
Turner, Michael
Villa, Christina
Villarreal, Samantha
West, Brittany
White, Zachary
Wilson, Shayla
Witte, B. J.
Yruegas, Michelle

Fifth Grade
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Marleah Akins
Michael Alaniz
Cinthia Arellano
Tasha Ball
Jaedi Baze
Monica Benavidez
Brianna Bernal
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Brett Bowlin
Dalton Cole
Sarah Covington
Julia Cruz
Laura Culwell
Krista Dorsett
Tyler Driggers
Chelsey Drummond
Andrew Dupree
Leslie Eades
Starla Early
Ami Foreman
Kinsey Guynes
Kaylee Lacik
Ashley Leucke
Shannon Mangis
Keith Manlief
Michael Mann
Kazual Moore
Ember Proffitt
Terann Ragland
Juan Ramirez
Cody Reed
Amanda Rivera
Jeremy Rodriguez
Jordan Stansell
John Whitworth
Sydney Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Norma Aguilar
Casey Arnold
Jamie Arnold
Mayela Borrego
April Boyd
Allie Brewster
Kendra Burns
Amy Campbell
Jaclyn Capps
Candace Chandler
Taylor Courtney
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Andy Garvin
Nolan Grady
William Green
William Greenwood
Desirae Guerra
Priscilla Guerrero
Chris Gutierrez
Aaron Guynes
Felicia Guzman
Victoria Hermosillo
Amber Hildreth
Stetson Kincheloe
Kade Kruger
Jordan Lester
Casey Long
Christina Martinez
Jesse Martinez
Teisha McGlouthin
Chase Medina
Cassie Mhoon
Claire Morris
Erica Munoz
Adrian Padron
Louisa Pena
Brandee Perez
Wesley Price
Henry Michael Ramos
Ernest Reyes
Candace Rice
LaShekka Richardson
Tara Robertson
Nicholas Salazar
Erissa Sanchez
Gabriel Sanchez
Ricky Sanchez
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Levi Stahl
Tana Sullenger
Courtney Tyrrell
Jessica Yanez

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Chase Ashworth
Kimberly Bell
Morgan Bilderback
Barrett Bowlin
Laura Boyd
Dondi Brock
Justin Burns
Jason Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seath Cooper
Kathryn Curry
Gena Dooley
William Floyd
Tyler Hogan
Ashley Hyer
Emily Jones
Tara Kubena
Ciara Latta
Jana Lewis
Christopher Lopez
Amber Luecke
Austin Lyle
Curtis Mason
Megan McCormick
Raymond McClain
Sierna Medrano
Ashly Pavlovsky
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Tressa Pollard
Miracle Ramirez
Jeremy Reed
Blake Scott
Cade Simpson
Breanna Talavera
Jessica Taylor
Temi Thompson
Shaela Vinyard
Christi Williams
Dustyn Williams
Takiayah Wofford
Leslie Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Veronica Aguilar
Cody Alaniz
Omar Alcala
Ashley Bailey
William Banks
Ashley Barrera
William Baze
Bridget Block
Jessica Calvert
Bianca Carrisalez
Teddi Crenwelge
T'Shambra Day
Merissa Dekeyser
Elizabeth Dominguez
James Eveland
Tyler Ezzell
Mayra Farfan
Ashley Flores
Stanley Forbes
Daniela Garcia
Keenon Garcia
Jose Garza
Stephanie Grant
Tatum Gruben
Kayla Hartzog
Kimberly Henkell
Santino Hermosillo
Mark Keller
Whitney Kinney
Nathan Lancaster
Erica Little
Valerie Lopez
Domingo Luera
Eric Martinez
Justin Martinez
Victoria Martinez
Lindsey Morin
Amanda Murray
Calvin Nobles
Andria Nussey
Amanda Orosco
Danny Ortegon
Whitney Parks
Sequoya Powell
Jamie Putnam
Samuel Ramirez
Wendy Reed
Troy Reigh
Jessica Robbins
Noe Ruiz
Blake Seale
Dulce Silva
Christopher Smith
Tina Speedon
Tye Stone
Christopher Vera
Caliber Vigneau
Ashton Wall
Jay Weaver
Mitchell Williams
Tyler Zalman
Alex Zamarripa
Ofelia Zamora

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Danisha Akins
Paige Anderson
Jacy Beccue
Kassey Burney
Sarah Carpenter
Nathaniel Clarady
Alan Gray
Eric Guadarrama
Erin Hackfeld
Thomas Hefner
Heather Holmes
Jason Hook
Lesli Jackson
Paul Jackson
Patrick Jones
Traci Jordan
Matthew Kerr
Heather Polk
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Nikki Timora
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
Heather Zajicek
A-B Honor Roll
Rebecca Aguirre
Elizabeth Arellano
Tanner Bloom
Adam Booker
Brandon Bragg
Briana Burk
Daniel Burton
Eric Carranza
Federico Castillo
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Chris Smauley
Jeffrey Stanfield
Jessica Stansell
Bryan Thomas
Tyler Thompson
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Ashley Villegas
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Stacey Williamson

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A Honor Roll
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Ashlye Amox
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Beth Clements
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Donelson
Andra Dunham
Alexis Dupree
Molly Haire
Rankin Hardin
Josh Kemp
Meagan Langham
Emily Long
Ashley Martinez
Nichole Ornelas
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Jose Perez
Bradley Price
Tanner Reed
Kim Rivera
Lee Scott
Paige Smith
Sara Thornhill
Nikki Traylor
Brock Tyrrell
Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams
A-B Honor Roll
Laura Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tasura Baze
Shana Blackard
Desiree Braziel
Dominique Braziel
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Laura Calmes
Paula Carranza
Katie Chandler
Mitchell Cole
Russell Covey
Whittney Criswell
Jordan Dea
Kyle Dortch
Kelby Drum
Tucker Early
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Ashley Jenkins
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Sterling Millhollon
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Katie Neves
Destiney Proctor
Brandi Russell
Jeffrey Scott
Hunter Shipp
Kerissa Shipp
Mattie Smith
Anabelle Solis
Israel Sosa
Elizabeth Stewart
Justin Stoker
Jon Thomas
Kendall Tidwell
Misha Wofford

Ira I.S.D.
5th Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Kyrstin Baker
Seth Cotton
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Steven Juarez
Isaac Martin
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
Kellie Pilcher
J. P. Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Amanda Elam
Paul Martinez
Kolton Stokes

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Valeri Guzman
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
Daniel Wooldridge
A-B Honor Roll
B.J. Botts
Jonathan Hall

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Shandy McMullen
Seth Sanchez
A-B Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Tanner Price
Ashley Trotter

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Karen Coonrod
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Josi Presley
Kaci Waller
A-B Honor Roll
Colby McMullan
Kendyll Pilcher

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Jessica Odom
A-B Honor Roll
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kelbi Pitner
Kate Wall
Genvieve Weaver

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
David Kirk
Chad Nickerson
Ashton Smith

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
Wesley Kellner
Justin Taylor
Brandon Treat

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Chad Everton
Lindsey Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Franki Briseno
Rusty Josey
April Lollar
Phillip Payne
Suzie Pendergrass
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall
Nathan Wilkins

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Kali Clements
Eric Dickerhoff
Jeff Fine
Tyler Frey
John Gainer
Casey Kellner
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Candace Sanchez
Amy Strong

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Chet Stuart
Cade Tucker
A-B Honor Roll
Jessie Green
Jerry Jamison
Lecia Knight
Todd Wall
Josh Wilson

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Tara Allen
Jeremy Bowden
Morgan Clements
Kristen Harless
Mikanna Herring
Trey Shirley
A-B Honor Roll
Cody Kellner
Tosha Walker
Bryce Wilkins

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Jamee Goolsby
Katie Howard
Drew Wall
Richard Wilkins
A-B Honor Roll
Jerek Brown
Korby Calley
Jose Juarez

Hermleigh I.S.D.
5th Six Weeks

2nd Grade
A Honor Roll
Naomi Arellano
Dustin Dacus
Melanie Kariainen
Jose Rangel
Jacob Sanchez
Shawn Shankles
A-B Honor Roll
Anthony Jones
Vincent Mireles
J.P. Smith

3rd Grade
A Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Lelan Shankles
A-B Honor Roll
Hanna Brooks
Jeremy Eaton
Sean McClure
Rustin Webb
Casey Williamson
Shaye Williams

4th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Willie Berkley

5th Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Kelvin Doggett
K'Leigh Jackson
Megan Kariainen
Brittany Kelley

6th Grade
A Honor Roll
Alana Culp
Johnathon McClure
A-B Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
Danni Webb

7th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart

8th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Toni Jackson
Dustin Williamson
Justin Williamson

9th Grade
A Honor Roll
Terrel Culp

10th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Kendra Nachlinger
Rocky Glover
Sabrina Terry
Mary Spruill
Cheyenne Walker

11th Grade
A Honor Roll
Billy Lambaren
A-B Honor Roll
Sheena Callaway
Janet Eckert
Lori Eckert
Amber Harbin
Chris McClure

12th Grade
A Honor Roll
Randi Herrington
Jared Higgins
Janna Hinz
A-B Honor Roll
Caleb Callaway
Joey Garza
Rocky Gill
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Finance officer resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top finance officer of the Postal Service retired Friday after a report sharply criticized almost a quarter of a million dollars in relocation expenses paid to him and another official.

Postmaster General William Henderson announced the retirement of Richard Porras, the Postal Service's chief financial officer, so the agency can move onward "without any unnecessary distractions."

Henderson also issued a statement that said: "Effective immediately, no deviations from our relocation policy will be granted when the move does not involve a change in the work location."

A report from the post office's inspector general criticized payment of $248,000 in moving expenses for Porras and another top manager, controller John Ward, both of whom moved less than 50 miles and continued working in the same offices.

The payments exceeded those offered by private industry, were not approved by the postal board of governors and "could be perceived as a way to circumvent the statutory limits on compensation," Robert L. Emmons, acting inspector general for performance, concluded.

Counting relocation benefits as income would have boosted the pay of both men to about $250,000, well over the cap of $151,800 in effect at the time.

Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., who heads the House Government Reform postal subcommittee, said the report alarmed him. "At a time when the Postal Service is requesting a series of rate increases, this sort of mismanagement may undermine the postal customer's confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently," McHugh said.

He said he has mixed emotions on Porras' departure after 37 years of service. "I think it's very unfortunate that an individual of his experience had to get caught up in this situation and feels it's necessary to leave the service. His background and expertise was a definite asset that will be missed," McHugh said in a telephone interview.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Kids' potential multiplies with undivided attention

DEAR ABBY: This letter is intended for mothers and fathers who make beautiful children but don't spend quality time with them. You will never know what your child could become if you don't play an active role in his or her life.

When my wife and I married eight years ago, I said that when we had children, I would spend more time with them than my father spent with me. Judging from the events over the last seven years, I know I could have achieved much more had my father spent a little more time with me.

My son, who is now 7 years old, is academically excellent in school, talented in karate and basketball, gifted in art and has a CD on the market. At 7, he's already building for his future. All of this, and he still has time to play Pokemon and Digimon with his brother and sister, both of whom have received similar accolades.

Kids have so much potential. Parents, please spend time with you children. — **SOMEWHERE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR SOMEWHERE: Your plea touched my heart, and I'm printing it for parents who may need such a wake-up call. One of the unexpected benefits of women's liberation has been that recent generations of fathers have taken a greater role in child rearing. I, for one, think that's terrific.

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DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed reading about the random acts of kindness you have printed. I have a tremendous one to share with you that meant the world to me.

Four years ago, my husband, Roy, had a massive stroke. We had been married only 12 years when this happened. He is right-side paralyzed, has some speech impairment and is in a wheelchair. He does not like going out in public and usually refuses to do so. We were always "card givers," and I missed his cards so much after he got sick.

Our wedding anniversary is Valentine's Day. As Valentine's Day approached, I was quite depressed because I knew I would not receive my usual cards from my precious husband. One of our neighbors, Susan, knew how I felt. She went to a card shop and spent hours selecting Valentine and anniversary cards. She found the perfect cards and brought them to our house. Then she asked me to go out for a little while, saying she needed to talk to Roy. After I left, she read the cards to him, helped him sign them, and told him to wait until the next morning to give them to me.

The next morning when I got Roy up and fixed our breakfast, I gave him the cards I had for him. You cannot imagine the smile on his face when he presented me with the cards that Susan had brought for him to give to me. They were absolutely beautiful, exactly the kind of cards Roy had given me over the years. It was as if he had gone and picked them out himself.

Susan has done this every year since Roy had his stroke. I always express my gratitude to her, but there are no words to tell her exactly how much this means to me. Thank you, Susan, and God bless you. — **BRENDA GAY, EASLEY, S.C.**

DEAR BRENDA: Everyone should be so fortunate as to have a neighbor as caring and sensitive as Susan. I'm sure your letter will be a day-brightener for everyone who reads it, and plant the seed of an idea for readers who may know someone in a similar situation. Thank you for writing.

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DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers, young or old, to make provisions for their beloved pets in the event of major illness or death. I have rescued more than 10 cats from the local shelters this week alone.

These were all brought in individually by families of people who have passed away and made no specific provisions for their pets. The families are always happy to take the personal property, house, furniture, cars, etc., but the pets are up for grabs and end up in a cold, sterile animal shelter, not knowing what happened to them and why their home and their human companions are gone.

This is a real tragedy, and in most cases these animals are euthanized. The lucky ones are adopted by people like me who hear about their plight. Even if people cannot afford to have an attorney draw up a will, they should have handwritten instructions (holographic will) and leave it with a responsible person. There is no one to speak for these animals when their owners are gone. Please, Abby, get the word out to the public. — **CAROLE ELLIS, LOS ANGELES**

DEAR CAROLE: I'm pleased to help. As important as putting the instructions in writing is to make sure in advance that the animal would be a welcome member of the family in the event of the owner's death or disability. Some pets, specifically some species of birds, can live to 75 years or so. And they deserve to live to a ripe old age if they are able to.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading about Oscar Ortiz, the veteran who was appreciated after 55 years, I'm moved to write about the few seconds of appreciation I, a retired teacher, received while stopped at a busy intersection waiting for the traffic light to turn green.

A car filled with large, handsome, very noisy males drove alongside me and stopped. I glanced over at them and smiled. One of the young men said, "Don't worry — we're listening to Michael Jackson's 'Scream.'" I replied, "Sounds normal to me after teaching high school for 30 years."

The driver did a double take and said, "Where did you teach?" "Westminster High School," I answered. He then said, "Mrs. P. — is that you?" When I nodded affirmatively, he said: "I never told you before, but I loved you. You were the best teacher I ever had in all my years in school."

Then I recognized him. I said, "Sean, I remember when you brought your 18-month-old son to my class, and I gave him toys to play with while you studied." Sean said, "Look in the back seat, because there he is. He's almost 16 now."

The traffic light changed and our cars started moving into the intersection. The last I saw of my former student, he was waving at me and shouting, "Always remember, Mrs. P., I love you!"

I've been on cloud nine since those few seconds at the intersection. I hope this story might prompt students everywhere to communicate with those teachers who somehow influenced their lives. Dedicated teachers need appreciation. A few seconds will do — but more is always appreciated. — **ULA PENDLETON, LOS ANGELES**

DEAR ULA: I, too, hope your letter generates some response. I'm willing to bet that almost everyone can remember a special teacher who made a difference because of his or her caring heart.

Readers, if you do, sit down and write that teacher — or former teacher — a letter of acknowledgment and thanks. It won't take long, and the result will last longer than a few seconds at a stoplight. Your letter can be enjoyed repeatedly.

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Teen girl convicted

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl whose mother was choked, injected with bleach and stabbed to death was convicted Friday of a lesser charge of third-degree murder.

The jury rejected a first-degree murder charge, for which Valessa Robinson could have been sentenced to life in prison.

The maximum sentence for third-degree murder is 15 years, but the state's sentencing guidelines, which take into account a variety of factors, could set a much different term. Valessa has no prior criminal record.

The panel, which deliberated 17 hours after a 10-day trial, also found her guilty of petty theft and grand theft auto stemming from the death of her mother, Vicki.

"It was a very, very complex decision," juror Ray Straub said. "We did not rush to judgment."

Circuit Judge J. Rogers Padgett set sentencing for May 30.

Vicki Robinson was trying to separate her then 15-year-old daughter from Adam Davis, a 19-year-old drifter, when she was slain in June 1998. She was choked, injected with bleach and stabbed to death on her kitchen floor.

The single mother of two teenage girls planned to send Valessa to a school for troubled teens.

The prosecution said Valessa initiated the killing, then held her struggling mother down. In her closing arguments, assistant state attorney Shirley Williams focused on statements by Valessa that she wanted to kill her mother and afterward, that she had killed her mother.

Assistant public defender Dee Ann Athan depicted Valessa as a child and a victim and blamed her friends for the killing.

During the trial Valessa wore school-girl clothing that softened the hardened look in a poster size blow up of her booking mug presented to the jury.

At times, especially during descriptions of the murder scene, she bowed her head at the defense table and cried. Once, she was excused from the courtroom at her request before pictures were introduced of her mother's lifeless body stuffed headfirst into a trash can for disposal.

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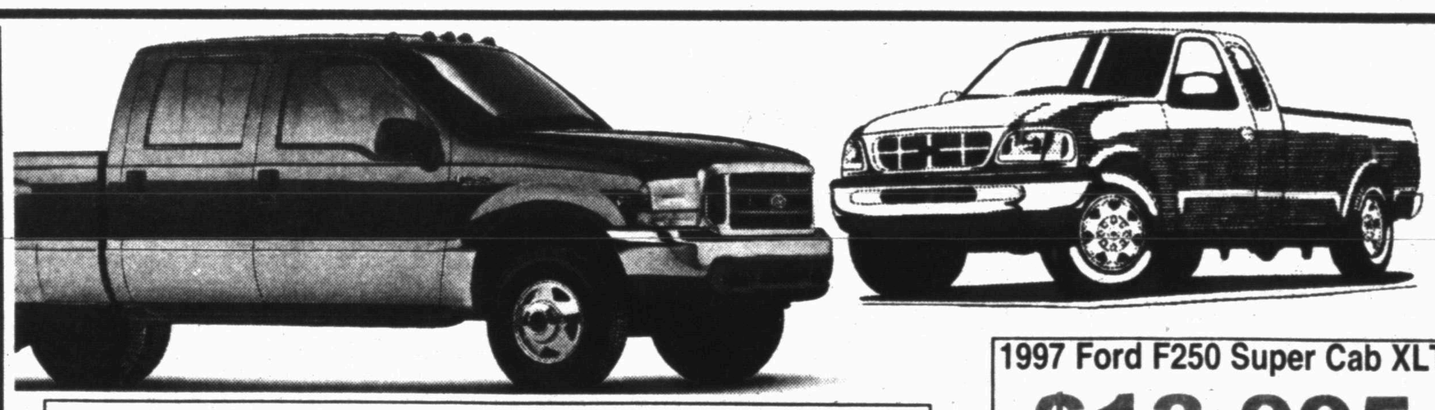

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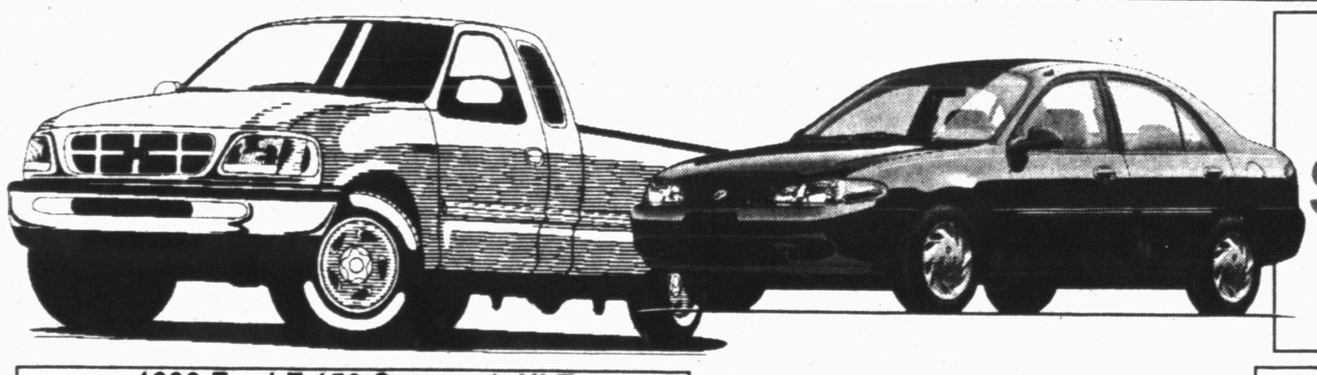

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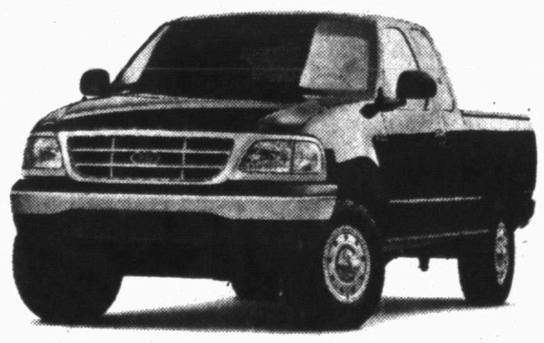

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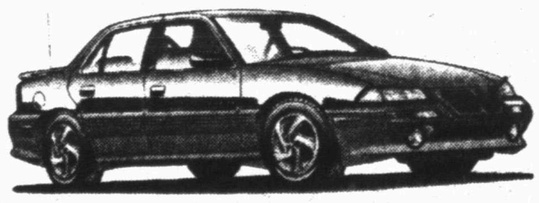

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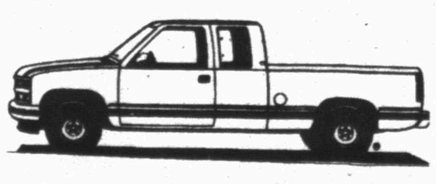

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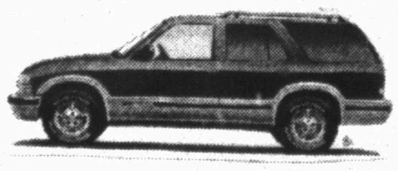

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