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Taiwanese president wins landslide victory

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — President Lee Teng-hui won a landslide victory in Taiwan's first direct presidential election Saturday and a strong mandate to seek world recognition for Taiwan in defiance of China's threats.

With the official count complete, Lee had 54 percent, well over double the 21 percent of his nearest rival, Peng Ming-min.

A massive turnout of 76 percent demonstrated Taiwan's passion for democracy, even as China waged a sixth day of war games dangerously close to Taiwanese islets.

China believes that Lee's policy of seeking wider international recognition for Taiwan disguises a plan to make the island independent and to abandon the doctrine that it and China are one country.

Voters interviewed at random Saturday were split, some saying China weighed heavily on their decision while others said domestic issues were paramount.

Maysing H. Yang, a senior aide to the defeated Peng, said she believed the China tensions helped Lee.

"The China threat made Lee Teng-hui very popular because he spoke back in very strong language," she said. "People supported him because he was under attack from China."

As firecrackers sparkled over Taipei, Lee thanked a gathering of 50,000 cheering supporters. Taiwanese voted "under threat and intimidation," he said, but "used their ballots to express their true love of this land."

"This is the most precious moment in our history."

Lee made no mention of how he will tackle the biggest crisis facing Taiwan: resolving a war of nerves with China that has shaken Asia, rattled Taiwan's economy and brought a U.S. naval armada into the region to deter a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

Beijing did not immediately comment on Lee's victory, and China's state-run media didn't mention the election. A commentary in today's People's Daily again denounced Lee, calling him a "splittist" of the motherland, a trickster in league with the United States, and a man whose policies "have pushed Taiwan's people toward the abyss of catastrophe."

But as the 73-year-old president sipped champagne with smiling aides, his triumph seemed complete. Lee had crushed his opponents on both flanks — Peng, who advocated outright independence for Taiwan, as well as two defectors from Lee's Nationalist Party who ran independently, advocating a more conciliatory line toward China.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People rarely think alike until it comes to buying a new dress."

A father in the coffee shop was asked about his family's spring break.

"Spent all our time on the road," he moaned.

Although it wasn't planned that way, spring break was spent in preparation for this week's junior-senior prom.

"We were decorating," the father declared.

The small audience said they thought the kids did all that.

"I'm not talking about the prom decorations, I'm talking about my daughter's decorations."

He said he got stuck in the reading room recently and the only material available was his daughter's copy of Your Prom magazine.

Girls on an average, he read, shop for dresses 10 weeks before the prom. The same article said they visit an average of nine stores and try on 21 dresses.

"We beat the average," the father continued. "We didn't take 10 weeks, we did it in one. "Nine stores...shoot we must have stopped at 90. I don't know about 21 dresses, but we had to wait while she tried 'em all on."

Even after that tearful story, the fellow coffee drinkers weren't showing much sympathy. They suggested that a shopping spree for prom dresses should be a mother-daughter thing.

"That's what you think," he said. "Have you checked the prices on those little darlings. The less material, the more they cost. I had to go along to protect the credit card limit."

The father, with a captive audience, was on a roll.

"A dress was just the beginning. We had to buy new shoes that had to be dyed to match the dress. And then there was the hair-do and nails thang."

Somebody suggested that the worst was over. "Your daughter's a junior...she can wear the same dress next year."

The guy giving advice, obviously, had already reared his kids — all boys.

We're told that fathers of girls have a different thought pattern. It reminds us of a story about a protective father of a teen daughter.

He told her to be home by midnight.

She objected: "But Daddy, I'm no longer a child."

The dad replied, "I know, that's why I want you home by midnight."

In the ole days, the kids liked to borrow the parents' car for special occasions.

One father, however, asked to use the son's vehicle. The teen wanted to know why.

"I'm taking your mom out, and I want to impress her."



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE - The James Price residence, 3405 Ave. M, suffered extensive damage in a fire Friday night. The structure was fully engulfed in flames when the fire was reported around 8:30. Price was taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital for treatment of burns to his hands. He was released following treatment. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. (Staff Photo)

SISD's safe child program receives national attention

A program within the Snyder Independent School District has been chosen to be represented in a national database as an example of exemplary child abuse prevention programs, according to Ann McCabe, SISD assistant superintendent.

"The staff of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas selected our district to represent the entire state," said McCabe.

The district's safe-child program has served 146 students since its inception last year and it operates on five of the district's campuses.

Mary Ann Juarez is the parent liaison for the program. Sandi Wells serves as its director.

Students are admitted to the program under strict guidelines and must sign a contract agreeing to have their children attend the program on a regular basis.

Parents who wish to have their children in the program must be working and have no other place to keep their children in a safe environment between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. during normal school weeks.

The program is operated with a $22,064 grant from the Children's Trust Fund of Texas and will receive $19,000 in the coming school year.

Parents who wish to see if their children qualify for the program are urged to contact Juarez or Wells at 574-6080 or 574-6012 or go by Humble-Smith School.

NATO and Red Cross urge parties to release prisoners

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The NATO-led force and Red Cross officials urged the former warring parties in Bosnia to honor their agreement to release all prisoners of war by the end of Saturday.

During talks last week in Geneva, leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia agreed to release remaining POWs by midnight Saturday (6 p.m. EST).

A total 152 prisoners not being held for investigation of crimes are scheduled for release, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross. The POWs include 129 held by the Bosnian government and 23 by the Bosnian Serbs, ICRC spokeswoman Anne-Sophie Bonefeld.

Another 62 prisoners are being held for investigation, she said — 51 by Bosnian Croats, six by the Bosnian government and five by the Bosnian Serbs.

"It's very sad to see that individuals are still being treated as currency," said Brig. Gen. Andrew Cumming, director of joint operations for the NATO Implementation Force.

Cumming called on the parties "to make an immediate and unconditional release of those prisoners today" as a sign of their commitment to the Dayton peace agreement.

"Any further delay in releasing the prisoners will constitute a serious violation of those agreements, and in our opinion can only impede progress towards peace," he said.

Officials from the Bosnian government commission for POW exchanges said they were meeting Bosnian Serb officials Saturday afternoon to clarify details of the release.

"There are people talking to each other, but they have done that for quite a while now," Bonefeld said. "We are hopeful that these people will be released very soon, because many of them have spent quite a long time in prison and they should be released now."

The ICRC has taken down names of about 12,000 people who are missing in Bosnia, including 8,000 from the eastern Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica which was overrun by Bosnian Serbs last summer, she said.

It will follow up all allegations of detentions, and Red Cross teams will visit places "where we have been told that detainees could be held," Bonefeld said.

The ICRC and officials assigned to implement the civilian side of the peace agreement have set up a working group, which includes representatives of the former warring parties, to exchange information about missing people.

On other issues, NATO reported that two soldiers were killed and two injured Friday.

County to ponder providing manpower for SnTx Park I

Veering from its normal routine, Scurry County Commissioners Court will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday instead of the traditional morning meeting.

One item of new business awaits the court as it will consider a resolution committing county labor and equipment for construction work at SnTx Park I, the industrial park now being developed.

The court approved a similar resolution last year, but the grant application process by the Development Corporation of Snyder requires a more detailed breakdown of the value of the services the county will perform.

Two items of old business will be considered by commissioners, including the extension of a ban on open fires within the county.

Also, the court will consider a request to purchase new radar equipment for the Department of Public Safety. DPS trooper Marquis Cantu made the request to the court last week, but the item was tabled.

Line-item transfers and the payment of bills will also be considered.

Grants top city agenda

Snyder City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday to consider approval of an application to the state for $500,000 in funds to help develop the infrastructure at SnTx Park I.

The application will be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TDCP) Texas Capital Fund grant.

In addition to infrastructure at the industrial park, the council will also discuss the amount of funds from the grant proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons within the city.

The council will also consider applying for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $250,000 for water line replacement and street improvements.

Stanfield students provide weather art

With the help of a bunch of willing kiddoes and artist Carol Bullard, Snyder Daily News begins a new feature in our Forecast-Almanac section today — weather art drawn by Stanfield second graders.

The students are pupils of Sharlot Sparlin, Elvira Gonzales, Jean McMillon, Melissa Rosson, Aleta Long and Neoma Harlin.

The arts program is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

In classes taught by Mrs. Bullard, the second graders drew pictures depicting types of weather: cold, snow, hot, fair, sunny, windy, cloudy, and yes, even rain. They also drew up a few tornadoes, which we hope we never have to use.

The weather forecast this weekend calls for wind, and we think young Eric Martinez has done a pretty good job of getting the idea across.

ASK US

Q—When is the Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday and do they still need volunteers and/or funds?

A—Like most other non-profit organizations, SNS always welcomes volunteers and funds. The address for donations is P.O. Box 541. The workday is April 27.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 57; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20% chance of thunderstorms. Low 55-60. S-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Sunday, mostly sunny. High, upper 70s. SW-W wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Windy! Eric Martinez

Sunset: 6:57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.
Of 82 days in 1996, the sun has shone 79 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

Proverbs 17:9

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Perot may decide he is a candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the middle of a media blitz to expound on government and promote his new Reform Party, Ross Perot looks a lot like a presidential candidate again in 1996. Shucks, he says, "This is not about me."

But four years after he turned the presidential race upside down, Perot couldn't help but look as if he was reprising his candidacy when he returned to CNN's "Larry King Live" show, where he launched his 1992 independent bid.

"I'll say this on a personal note," King quipped after a wide-ranging interview Friday night, "if it ain't about you, this hour was about something."

The Dallas billionaire sought to dampen speculation about his political plans, insisting that the work of his new Reform Party was all about the desires of voters who are disappointed with the two major parties.

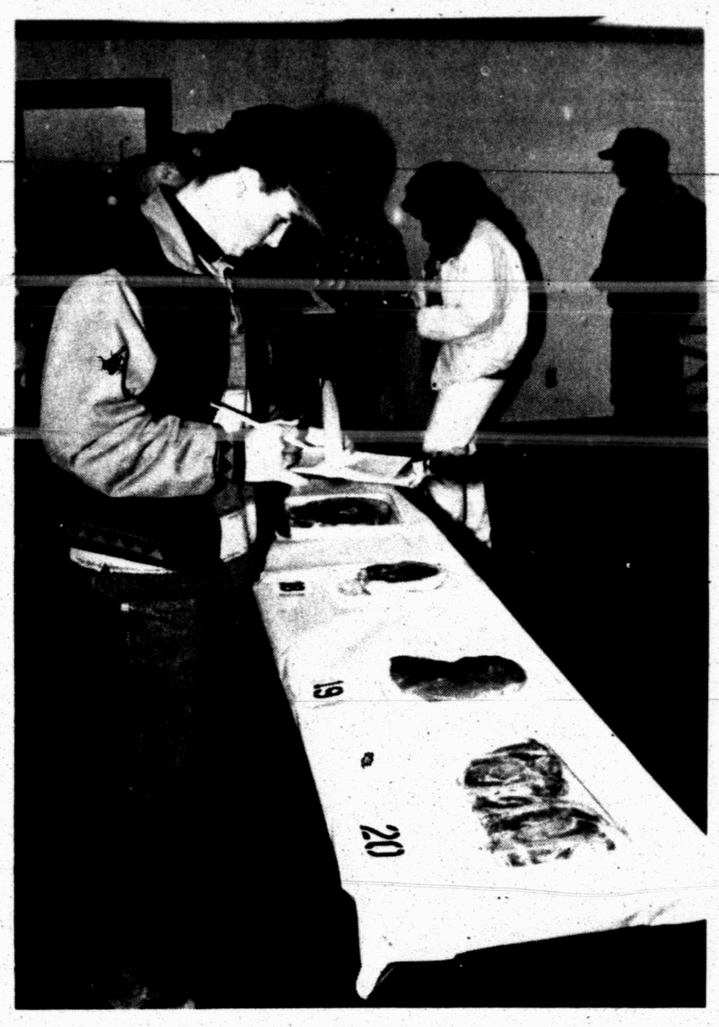
"We don't in any way want this to be focused on any individual, and certainly not me," he said.

Throughout the interview, Perot steered the talk to the government's failure to straighten up federal finances and decried the tendency of politicians to favor theatrics over substance.

"If you get elected by being an actor, than the tendency may be to keep acting after you're elected," he said.

Perot vowed a "massive" fund-raising effort before the Reform Party's nomination of a presidential candidate in September. He said the party would only endorse candidates who sign pledges to address its concerns and forgo negative campaigning.

"The nation will be shocked how many people will leave the two existing parties to join the Reform Party," he predicted.



CHECKING IT TWICE — Cody Cribbs looks over packaged meat during the meat judging contest held at Western Texas College this week. Some 150 students attended the annual contest which also included entomology judging. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC hosts annual judging contest

Western Texas College hosted some 150 students this week during its annual judging contest sponsored by the college ag department.

Thirty schools were represented in events which included a meat judging contest and an entomology contest.

Dr. David Kattes was in charge of the entomology contest while Jim Judah directed the meats judging.

Floydada High School took top prize in the entomology contest with 520 points while Seminole was second and Menard was third.

The top individual awards were won by Floydada High School students as Leigh Dawdy took first place with a score of 177.5 and Tiffany Hinkle was second with a score of 174.

Chris Deck of Grandfalls-Royalty came in third with 171.5 points.

In the meats judging contest, Anson took first place in the team awards with 1,549 points while Cross Plains was second and Spur was third.

Janel Stephens was tops in individual awards with 550 points while Mark Cave of Snyder High School was second with 543 points. Jessica Gomez of Sweetwater came in third place with 534 points.

Cave captured first place for Snyder in the individual awards — placing with 247 points while Scott Nickell of Wylie was second with 246 points. Cave came in fifth in retail ID with 212 points while the winner was Stephens of Cross Plains with 221 points. Katie Gaskins of Sands High School was third with 213 points.

Ship relics start controversy

PALACIOS (AP) — The remains of a ship of French explorer Rene Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle are generating controversy.

The remains of the ship Belle, given to La Salle by King Louis XIV, will be taken from Matagorda Bay this summer.

So when commissioners of Matagorda Navigation District No. 1 learned Thursday night that the remains are actually in Matagorda County water, they decided to ask the Texas Historical Commission to bring the relics to Palacios as a magnet for tourism.

Earlier this year, after trips to the site were launched from Port O'Connor, Calhoun County Judge Howard Hartzog talked to historical commission officials about raising money to display relics in Calhoun County, arguing that the 310-year-old relicsk belonged there.

And Hank Holcomb of Port O'Connor said his family has a claim to the discovery because his father snagged a cannon and a keg of hollow cannon balls in his shrimp net in 1968.

"He knew it was LaSalle's ship," Holcomb said of his father who died in 1974. "They're going to find a boat fender tied a piece of iron I buried there that'll prove who made the discovery.

"The historical commission gave the wrong location last summer because they said somebody would steal something," Holcomb told The Victoria Advocate. "Everybody in the county knew where it was, and nobody went over there to get it."

Last July, officials with the state Historical Commission said they'd discovered the wreck in the bay off Calhoun County. Divers brought a 793-pound bronze cannon into Port Lavaca.

But the state said the two counties' claims are irrelevant because "the state is not going to turn anything loose," said Layne Hedrick, assistant state archaeologist for the project.

The relics from the LaSalle ship will wind up in a new museum in Austin if current preliminary plans are fulfilled, said Mary Jane Wardlow, spokeswoman for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. They will be in a general state historical museum on the grounds of Camp Mabry west of the capital, she said.

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Treadway completes 6-months deployment

FHTNC — Navy Airman David A. Treadway, a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after completing a six-month overseas deployment to the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia and to the Persian Gulf near Iraq aboard the aircraft carrier USS American.

Treadway is one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who completed the 51,000-mile voyage.

Treadway first traveled to the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, where the 1,047-foot-long aircraft carrier and its nine aircraft squadrons participated in three days of NATO Air strikes against Bosnian-Serb military targets in support of U.N. initiatives in Bosnia.

Aircraft from Treadway's ship flew more than 250 missions in the three-day period in which they delivered missiles and laser-guided bombs on targets. The air strikes targeted military storage and ammunition depots, anti-aircract missile defense systems, command and control facilities, and military communications systems.

Treadway and fellow shipmates also traveled into the Persian Gulf to help enforce the international no-fly zone over southern Iraq. While in the Persian Gulf, Treadway's unit was ordered to return to the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia. Traveling more than 4,200 miles in just nine days, Treadway and shipmates were back in the Adriatic before the peace implementation forces began to pour into Bosnia from around the world.

During the six-month deployment, aircraft from Treadway's ship flew more than 12,000 missions and completed 11,500 arrested landings aboard the carrier.

Treadway and fellow Sailors and Marines also participated in several multinational exercises with forces from Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Mandy Patinkin in new role

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mandy Patinkin knows laughter is the best medicine — and he knows how to clown around.

Returning as Dr. Jeffrey Geiger for two episodes of CBS' medical drama, "Chicago Hope," Patinkin takes on the role of "Dr. Clown" to spotlight a favorite cause.

The actor is involved in New York's Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit, whose volunteers play for smiles at pediatric wards in New York hospitals.

Alec Baldwin found innocent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alec Baldwin was acquitted Friday of misdemeanor battery on a celebrity photographer who was videotaping the actor and wife Kim Basinger arriving home with their new baby.

Baldwin placed his hand over his face, shook his head and smiled as the verdict was read in Municipal Court.

The actor was accused of attacking Alan Zanger, a member of the Hollywood paparazzi who take candid photographs of celebrities. Baldwin had faced up to six months in jail if convicted.

Defense attorney Charles English dubbed Zanger a "stalkerazzi."

On Oct. 26 Zanger was videotaping the couple's arrival from inside a camper shell of a pickup truck parked across the street from their Woodland Hills home.

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*Dr Scott, Dean S.I.B.I. (formerly Sunset School of Preaching) since 1988, has served as a missionary in Italy for eleven years, as a full time elder for ten years, as a pulpit minister in various churches of Christ in California and Italy, publisher and staff writer of four Italian periodicals, 50 books, four Bible Correspondence Courses, and served on the translation committee and publisher of Italian New Testament, Buona Notezia. He is a graduate of Freed Hardeman College, Henderson, TN, Harding College Searcy, AR (double major in Bible and Biblical Languages), Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, TN (M.A. in Old Testament), and Bethany Theological Seminary (Masters and Doctorate, Christian Counseling).

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WINNERS — These exhibitors placed their animals during the San Antonio Livestock Exposition-Junior Hog Auction Sale last month. From left are, Stephanie Uptergrove, Snyder FFA, 10th place with a Duroc; and Justin Boyd, Snyder 4-H, 9th place with a crossbred. (Contributed Photo)



STADIUM BLANKETS — Snyder High School's sophomore class is now taking orders for Tiger stadium blankets like the one held by Kevin Kerr, class treasurer, and Traci Eicke, class president. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rock may have helped end reign of dinosaurs on Earth

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A small rock found in a core sample from the bottom of the Pacific Ocean appears to be part of an asteroid that scientists believe hit the Earth 65 million years ago and wiped out dinosaurs and all large land animals.

Frank Kyte of UCLA told a session of the 27th annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference at Johnson Space Center that analysis indicates the object that hit the Earth was an asteroid rather than a comet.

The tiny piece of rock was embedded in a little lump of clay only one-fifth of an inch across. The clay contains fragments of shocked quartz and other elements identifying it as part of the boundary layer between the Cretaceous and Tertiary eras. In the shorthand of geologists, this is called the K-T boundary.

Dinosaurs, which dominated the land for 200 million years, came to an end 65 million years ago after the Earth was hit by an object about six miles across. Scientists now generally accept that the object hit the edge of the Yucatan Peninsula where a buried crater about 180 miles across was discovered about 20 years ago.

The beginning of the Tertiary age that followed is marked by a thin layer of clay containing soot, bits of shocked quartz and rare elements such as iridium that are only found in objects from space.

"I am convinced it is a meteorite," Kyte said.

Kevin Baines of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said a new mathematical model indicates the impact was followed by a blackout lasting three to six months as dust from the impact and soot from global fires drifted out of the atmosphere.

The heat only raised the temperature of the atmosphere about 2 degrees, he estimated.

Baines said this darkness was followed by a long period of gray skies, rains of sulfuric acid and depletion of the ozone layer. The temperature of the Earth gradually dropped 15 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit in a period of cold lasting eight to 18 years, he said.

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Asian girl may lose scholarship

HOUSTON (AP) — An Asian girl appears to be the first casualty of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's new citizenship requirement, and officials are considering withdrawing her $10,000 award.

Both Asian and Hispanic community leaders on Friday blasted the rodeo's citizenship requirement, saying it would deter otherwise qualified students from applying.

But Friday's deadline for the Go Tejano rodeo scholarships brought in hundreds of qualified Hispanic applicants despite the citizenship requirement, rodeo officials said.

"I'm drowning in applications, and it's wonderful," said Mike Nathanson, director of the rodeo's educational programs in an interview with the Houston Chronicle.

Once officials wade through the applicants' grades, test scores, community service, citizenship and other requirements, winners will be selected later this year, she said. However, a major problem may be the Asian student possibly losing her $10,000 art scholarship because of a question about her citizenship after she was notified of winning in February.

Dan Gattis, Livestock Show and Rodeo general manager, said, "I have personally talked with her and told her not to panic because we're still discussing the matter."

"It is still under investigation. We are trying to gather the facts," Gattis said.

Rodeo officials declined to release her name or details of her background.

"Don't change the rules in the middle of the game," said Glenda Joe, spokeswoman for the Council of Asian-American Organizations.

"We wouldn't be having this discussion if the country was not in an ugly immigrant-bashing mood," she said.

"Plus, if she is a refugee, her family probably sacrificed more helping the U.S. military than those making armchair decisions on who's American and who's not," Ms. Joe said.

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SHS sophomores offering stadium blankets for sale

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Kato Kaelin now believes OJ guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brian "Kato" Kaelin finally admitted Friday what he wouldn't say during O.J. Simpson's criminal trial: "I do believe that he had murdered Nicole."

Simpson was acquitted last October of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman, and Kaelin has equivocated in court and with the media over his opinion of what really happened.

He finally let his feelings show during an interview with Geraldo Rivera, broadcast Friday night on CNBC's "Rivera Live."

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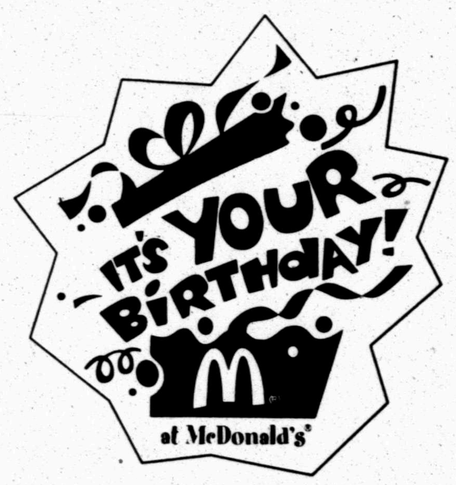
TEMPLE (AP) — The Department of Veterans' Affairs has issued new rules governing oxygen services at its 172 hospitals following a possibly deadly mistake at the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center in Temple.

Five men, four in the hospital's intensive care unit, have died since being exposed last week to tainted oxygen.

Medical examiners continue to investigate whether the deaths were related to a standard cleaning chemical found in a 50-foot hose connecting the hospital's central oxygen system to its source.

This week, the VA issued rules requiring hospital officials to monitor all contractor work on oxygen systems and to monitor selected oxygen outlets inside their facilities.

The suspect hose was used to connect a temporary oxygen tank outside the hospital to the center's oxygen system. A new contractor, Air Liquide of Houston, was installing its system after winning a one-year federal contract for oxygen supplies.



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Drought thwarts early wildflowers

HOUSTON (AP) — Drought conditions in most of the state have prevented Indian paintbrushes from germinating and waves of bluebonnets from blanketing the sides of Texas roadways.

But all is not lost. With some rain, the composite family of wildflowers, such as coreopsis and other yellow-blooming flowers that are in the early stages of germination, could take hold later in the spring.

And such plants as the pink primrose that normally are overshadowed by other flowers can be more readily seen.

"It's like survival of the fittest," said Craig Steffens, director of landscape design for the Texas Department of Transportation. Steffens said the wildflower season is "real iffy" thus far, but it may be too early to foretell what will happen.

"I've predicted a lot of good years that didn't pan out," he said. "Wildflowers are difficult to predict. But maybe that's the beauty of it. Otherwise, it would be all cultivated species."

The scene is so sparse now that callers to a toll-free number set up by the Texas Department of Transportation are informed there are no reports of good places to spot wildflowers in the state.

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Financial Focus

What's the difference between a broker and a money manager? A lot.

There is much confusion about who does what in the securities industry. While the labels may seem trivial, they're actually very important. Understanding the functions, responsibilities and costs associated with each type of financial professional is the first step in getting the service you want and need.

Basically, there are three types of financial service groups:

*people who manage money (registered investment advisers);
*people who recommend money managers (consultants); and
*people who buy or sell securities (brokers).

Registered investment advisers, or money managers, typically have one function: they manage investment portfolios for a fee. Professional money managers include mutual funds, insurance companies, trust companies and independent money managers. Investors deposit money with these institutions and authorize the money managers to invest it at their discretion. Money managers usually charge a fee for this service and pass on any investment expenses to the investor.

The most well-known money managers are mutual funds. Their functions and charges are usually clearly defined and create little confusion.

Insurance companies typically confine their investments to fixed or variable annuities and generally charge fees and commissions for managing money.

Trust companies, which are usually associated with banks, normally charge a fee for their services in addition to any charges associated with the investments.

Independent money managers are not necessarily affiliated with banks, insurance companies or mutual funds. Their only function is to manage portfolios or securities. They sell no products, receive no commissions and are paid by fees from their clients. Independent money managers typically depend on outside consultants to recommend them to clients.

That leads us to the next financial services category, people who recommend money managers. These are investment management consultants, and their job is to obtain clients and help them define investment goals, establish investment strategies and balance risk and reward. They develop the plan. Then they refer the client to a money manager who carries out the plan by making investments.

Investment management consultants are compensated in various ways. In some way, however, it affects the total return on the investment. Therefore, it is vital to ask and understand how each member of the consulting team is compensated before entering into an agreement.

While some larger investors can afford the services of private money managers and investment management consultants, the needs of most individual investors can be met by the people who sell investments. They go by a variety of names: investment representative, financial-services professional, registered representative, broker. They are paid by commissions on the investments their clients buy.

Don'tworry if you sometimes refer to your broker as a money manager. Making a mistake with someone's title is OK. But making a mistake by choosing the wrong type of financial professional is not. Be sure you get - and pay for - only the services you need.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple Considers the Odds For a Second Time Around

DEAR ABBY: This is the first time I've ever written to you, but I have been reading "Dear Abby" since I was a teen-ager and I trust your advice.

I was married to "Harold" for 15 years. We had three children together and divorced four years ago for several reasons. The main reason was that he was unfaithful to me. I was hurt, bitter and angry because I had always been faithful to him. I never dreamed I would end up divorced, having to raise three children alone.

Now, after four years, he has had a relationship fall apart, and so have I. We have both reached the same conclusion. It is very hard to find a partner who is completely accepting of someone else's children. It makes life extremely complicated to be with someone who does not accept the full "package."

We are presently considering the possibility of dating and possibly reuniting our family. It makes a lot of sense for many reasons.

Abby, what are the chances of making a marriage work the second time around? The only one that comes to mind is Elizabeth Taylor, who married Richard Burton twice, and we all know how that ended.

PUZZLED IN PORTLAND

DEAR PUZZLED: If there are reliable statistics on the success or failure rate of remarriages, I am not aware of them. In my opinion, the most important ingredient for a successful marriage — in addition to love — is for the couple to really need each other.

A word to the wise, however: Before committing yourself to another marriage to a partner who has been unfaithful in the past, make sure that whatever caused it is resolved. I recommend "couples counseling."

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I am a 71-year-old widow who has read your column for years. You've had letters about older men who are reluctant to become romantically involved because prostate problems have left them impotent. Yes, there are women, as you say, who prefer a sexless relationship. I am one of them. When I meet a gentleman, early on in our acquaintance I let him know that I do not want to become sexually involved.

My reason: I have an ugly body from my waist down. My thighs are heavy and I have developed what is called "drop stomach" or an "apron."

I joined a gym class and exercise regularly, but there is nothing I can do about this apron of flesh that just hangs down. This is very discouraging because I would like to have a gentleman in my life, but when I let a man know I want a sexless relationship, he loses interest in me.

Surgery (a "tummy tuck") is not an option for me. Ten years ago I had a face-lift, and I've already had my eyelids lifted, and that's enough surgery for me.

My husband left me fairly well-off, so I don't have to marry a man for his money. What advice do you have for me?

ABBY FAN IN ARIZONA

DEAR FAN: Most older men who marry older women do not care if the woman has an "apron" of flesh that hangs down. If you can overlook a man's potbelly, he can overlook your "apron."

The organ of the body that is most important in romance is — believe it or not — the *ear*. What lovers hear when they make love can work wonders in achieving satisfaction. Trust me.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the poem I'm sending you so much that I hope you will share it with your readers.

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DEAR SCHOOLTEACHER: I'm sure many of them will enjoy it. It reads like the lyrics to a rap song:

Hey, whatcha doing? Whaddaya say?
Do ya wanna read a good poem today?
Hey, gotta sec? C'mon! Let's see!
Our language is changing, you'll hafta agree.

Well, gimme a minute, and lemme just show:
There's a new coined spelling, doncha know?
It's a heckuva note; it's kinda sad,
'Cuz our sloppy talking has gotten this bad.

If you're like me, and you hate there to be
Words like ain't in our vocabulary;
Don't be surprised if we're soon gonna see
Sorta or coulda in the dictionary.

Yeah, merchants and stores are doing it, too;
Making things EZ and quik for you.
They'll offer mor-valu; we can sav-rite tonite;
But the spelling's not kool; it's outtasite!

It's "lots of" (not lotsa), and "going to" (not gonna),
And "got to" and "want to," (not gotta or wanna);
It's "extra" (not x-tra), and "light" (not lite).
And who sez it's OK to use shur or nite?

Comic book lingo; doesn't it getcha?
Annoy? Perplex? Confuse? You betcha!
A whole lotta words like thru and tho;
So why do we all do it?
I dunno!

GEORGE WILLINK, 1995

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DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married in four months and was planning on having a "dollar dance" at my reception.

My soon-to-be father-in-law is totally against it. He says it's tacky, and he would be embarrassed in front of his millionaire friends.

I told him that I have had friends do this at their receptions, and nobody thought it was tacky.

Help, Abby. I don't know what to do.

DANCE DILEMMA IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR DILEMMA: Since your father-in-law-to-be has told you that he would be embarrassed, I suggest that you skip the "dollar dance." The few dollars it would bring in aren't worth risking your relationship with your future in-laws.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Re "Wiser Now," who bought fire extinguishers as gifts for weddings, housewarmings and graduations, after she had a close call with a pot of burning rice on the stove:

That has been a two-decade tradition in our family. My late father came up with the idea as a "funny" but practical shower gift. Dad suggested that I combine the "wishing well gift" (a bottle of aspirin) and the fire extinguisher, with a note:

"The extinguisher is for the bride to put his fire out, and the aspirin is for the groom to get rid of her headache!"

In all the years I have attended bridal showers, this is one gift that has never been duplicated, or returned.

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Five bodies found inside burning home

STAFFORD (AP) — A 28-year-old woman found dead in her burning home along with her husband and three children had threatened to kill herself and her family, police said.

The bodies, all of which had gunshot wounds, were discovered before dawn Friday after a police officer patrolling their suburban Houston neighborhood saw smoke coming from the white-brick home.

The victims were identified as Ashak Katta, 37, his wife Neemi, 28, and their three children — Anil, 6, Jonathan, 4, and Jessica, 3.

Stafford police theorized early Friday that one of the adults killed the rest of the family, started the fire, then committed suicide.

However, authorities stressed they were treating the case as a homicide. They were awaiting final autopsy reports before ruling out any theories.

Relatives told police the family's lives had been threatened.

"One said Mrs. Katta told them she was going to kill herself and her family," Sgt. Lonnie Crum told the Houston Chronicle. "The other said that Mr. Katta told them she was going to do that."

Mrs. Katta left behind a handwritten note requesting that items in a safe-deposit box at a local bank be mailed to her mother in India, Crum said. Police released no further details of the note or the contents of the safe-deposit box, except that it may contain financial information.

Justice of the Peace Joel Clouser, who did not see the note, said he was told one of the Kattas asked that their checking account be transferred to a parent.

Clousing, who noted both adults received multiple gunshot wounds, had leaned away from the murder-suicide theory.

"There's a history of family violence in the family," Clouser said. "However, the father has three gunshot wounds and it's not likely to be considered a suicide."

Police said Katta was arrested for spousal abuse a month ago and the case had been filed with the Fort Bend County district attorney's office. District Attorney John Healey said Katta was to be arraigned April 16 in a County Court-at-Law.

"She initially indicated she did not want to prosecute," Healey said.

Katta, who managed a grocery store, was shot three times. Mrs. Katta, who worked as a nurse for a local doctor, received two bullets. Anil was shot three times, his brother Jonathan, once and their sister was shot twice.

A .38-caliber handgun was discovered beneath burned debris in a hallway leading to the master bedroom where the family was found. Police would not comment on how a suicide victim could be found in one room and the weapon in another.

When police officers arrived at the scene, they contacted fire officials and began pounding on doors and windows of the home, trying to alert the family.

When they got no answer, firefighters broke windows and forced their way in, hoping to save the residents in the modest Vaccaro Manor subdivision, Crum said.

"A gas can was found in the house," he said, indicating that one of the victims possibly shot the others, then set the house on fire.

The family had lived in the neighborhood about 15 miles southwest of Houston about 2½ years, said Kennie Lara, describing them as "a perfect family."

However, Katta and his wife were seen by neighbors last Saturday loudly arguing in their front yard.

"My husband said the husband was telling her to leave," Mrs. Lara said. "They were all just arguing."

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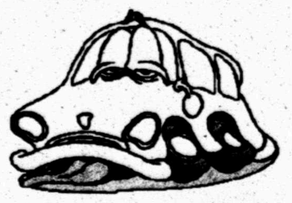


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Academy fiercely guards Oscar's reputation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don't sell them. Don't use them in a store display. And for heaven's sake, don't put pictures of them on a restaurant menu.

A deli owner, a trophy maker and others learned the hard way: The Academy Awards show and its Oscar statuettes are the legal property of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

And the academy has a keen eye for copycats, a crack team of lawyers on retainer and a well-deserved reputation for fiercely defending its copyrights and trademarks.

It has been known to sic its attorneys on minor shoe manufacturers, major television networks, international corporations and a California candy maker.

"One of the reasons the integrity has built up around the award is because we haven't allowed car dealers and such to use it," said Ric Robertson, the Academy's executive administrator.

Nor has the Academy allowed Oscar's New York Style Delicatessen in Rochester, N.Y., to keep its name — or its menus.

Bill Petsos said he had been serving pastrami and turkey sandwiches under the aegis of the naked golden guy for 11 years when he heard from the Academy in June.

"They said, 'We understand you have a copy of the likeness of the statue,'" he recalled. "We said, 'OK, so what do you want us to do about it?'"

What the Academy wanted was a new menu, minus the picture; the Academy Award photos taken down from the wall; and a name change, to delete "Oscar" from the deli's title. Oh yes, and a cash settlement.

"I was shocked," Petsos said.

He shouldn't have been. The Academy had to battle a reluctant Petsos to learn the full extent of his trademark infringement, said Academy attorney David Quinto. And after all that trouble, no one at the Beverly Hills-based institution was in a mood for deals.

"It was just incredible," Quinto said. "It took months to resolve this."

Now, in addition to an overhaul of his Academy Award-theme restaurant, Petsos must pay the Academy $45,000, Quinto said. The money will go toward restoring old films.

Petsos doesn't understand why his small deli back East is such a big deal out West. "From my point of view, we're in the restaurant business, not the movie business," he said. "We don't feel we're a threat to the Hollywood industry."

Here, according to the Academy, are a few of the copyright troublemakers from the last year alone:

— Mervyn's of California, a department store chain, posed a 4-foot tall, Oscar-like statue alongside a clothing display. It quickly removed it at the Academy's request.

— A trophy business in Houston named itself Academy Award Trophies. After rumbles from its namesake, it renamed the enterprise Academy Advertising Specialities and Awards Co.

— CBS used clips from an Oscar telecast to accompany the appearance of a celebrity on a morning talk show. It ended the practice and coughed up a cash settlement when the Academy threatened to sue.

Academy officials say none of these problems would arise if people would only read its 10-page, turquoise booklet crammed with rules and regulations for using its names and symbols.

The policy, for instance, forbids an Oscar winner to sell the statuette without first offering it to the Academy for $1.

Quinto said winners were required to sign that agreement starting in the 1950s.

A number of pre-'50s Oscars have been auctioned off, including those awarded to Harold Russell for "The Best Years of Our Lives," Vivien Leigh for "Gone With the Wind," and Joan Crawford for "Mildred Pierce." In 1994, the Oscar won by "Casablanca" co-writer Howard Koch sold for $184,000. Koch said he needed to pay for a granddaughter's graduate studies.

John Lennon's Oscar for "Let It Be" was donated — with Academy approval — to a school on the understanding that it would be "treated appropriately," Quinto said.

But the school sold it to raise money, prompting the Academy to further tighten the rules. Now, all Oscar holders must sign the first-refusal agreement no matter how they obtained the award.

The Academy also permits a best-picture winner to use the Oscar name and image on its videocassette cover. But the picture of the statuette can only be an inch tall and can appear only once on the package.

The Oscar rules are mailed free to anyone Academy officials think might be involved in advertising or promoting movies. The staff fields tips from the public and keeps its lawyers on alert for infringement.

"People sometimes say, 'Our use of your name or symbol is small potatoes. Why don't you just let it go?'" said Bruce Davis, the Academy's executive director.

But the law doesn't allow a trademark holder the luxury of picking and choosing which violators it pursues.

"If you allow anyone to use your trademark without your permission, you can lose the ownership of the property. You become," Quito said, "genericized."

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Oscars can bring fortunes to winners

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the envelopes are finally opened and the 68th Academy Awards bestowed Monday night, the honors can bring millions of dollars in earnings and indelible fame to the recipients.

Or perhaps the winners could receive a flurry of media attention and merely resume their careers as before.

Such are the vagaries of Oscar history, and sometimes the statuette proves not so golden. The outcomes of the awards for best actor and actress might be outlined in five categories:

THE CINDERELLAS

Audrey Hepburn is the classic example of a virtual unknown who soars immediately to top stardom by winning the award. In her first American film, "Roman Holiday" (1953), her elfin charm and beauty enthralled Academy voters and moviegoers everywhere. She enjoyed a brilliant career thereafter.

Daniel Day Lewis was a little-known English actor before he was chosen as best actor in 1989 for his stunning performance in "My Left Foot." American producers recognized his appeal, and he scored in "The Last of the Mohicans." Although he has been selective in his projects, he remains a much sought-after actor.

Ernest Borgnine seemed destined for a career as a film heavy when his sensitive portrayal in "Marty" took the Oscar in 1955. He enjoyed star status for several years and has continued as a character actor.

With her first film, "Mary Poppins" (1964), Julie Andrews won Academy accolades and soon reigned as one of the most popular film actresses.

THE ONE-SHOTS

A survey of Academy history reveals several performers who have won awards for the performances of their lives but never achieved the same heights as others. This may have been caused by the special nature of their talents or because their careers didn't fit the normal pattern of film stars.

Paul Scofield took the Oscar for "A Man for All Seasons" in 1966. The reticent Englishman has remained a theater star, but he never again sought or achieved

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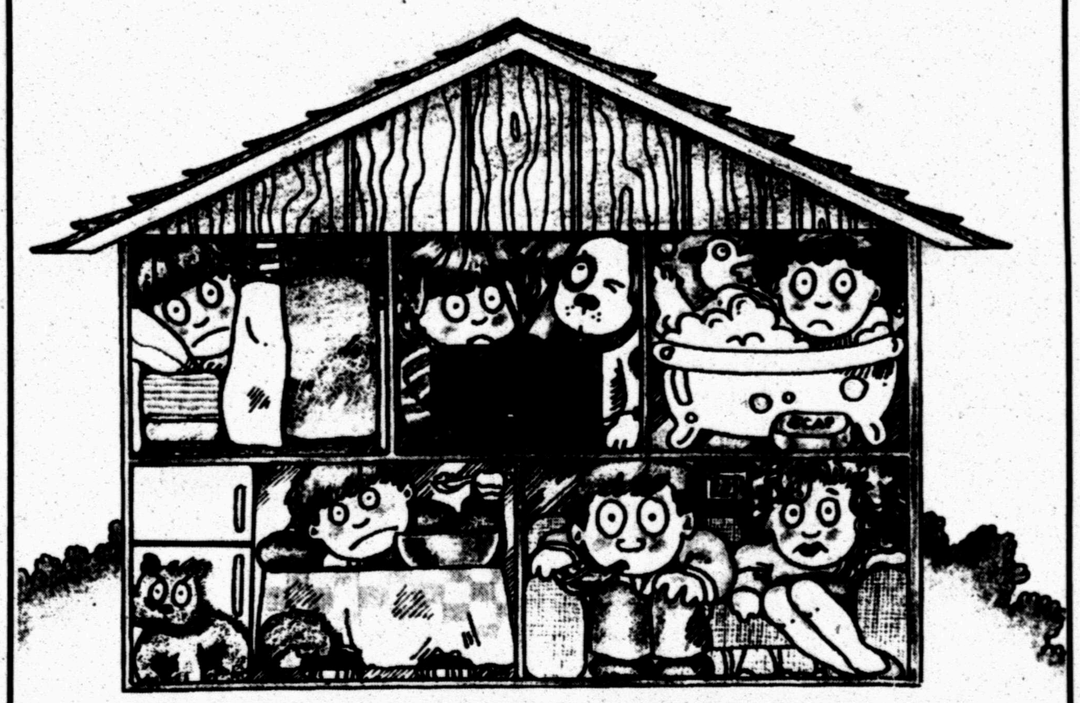
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers pull out seventh inning win

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

A routine grounder off the bat of Connie Payne was turned into a throwing error by Andrews, giving the Lady Tigers a narrow 15-14 victory here Friday night in girls softball action.

A seventh-inning rally by the visitors scored two runs to knot the score at 14, and Snyder faced the situation of getting a run in the bottom of the seventh or wade into an extra-inning affair.

Coach Billy Hicks' troops sacked up the non-conference victory when Raechele Wemken lef off with a single and then stole second on a passed ball. Payne then stepped up to the plate and tagged a grounder to the pitcher. However, the throw to first got past the first sacker, allowing Wemken to score the winning run.

Snyder almost didn't have to bat in the bottom of the seventh. Andrews had the bases loaded and two outs when a double scored two runners to evened the score at 14. Andrews had a chance to win, but a runner was throw out at third to put a lid on the Lady Mustang rally.

The Lady Mustangs jumped out to a 3-0 lead their first time at bat, but Snyder roared back with five runs from the first five batters.

Jodi White led off with a double before Mendy Winter and Joanie Wemken both walked to load the bases. R. Wemken would then hit into a sacrifice fly, but White tagged up and came into score.

Payne brought in Winter on a single to right. Adrienne Bailey would knock in R. Wemken and Payne. Later, Lochie Applin would would hit a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Bailey.

Andrews regained the lead in the top of the second on three runs. Snyder would not score again until the third.

R. Wemken got on base with a error to lead off the third. Three batters later, Sharon Gulseth would pick up the RBI with a single up the middle. Gulseth would eventually get walked in for run number seven.

Andrews would tie the game at seven in the fourth, but Snyder regained it in bottom half of the inning.

The second batter up for the Lady Tigers, R. Wemken got a single to left. Payne would then walk before Andrews picked up the second strikeout of the inning. Gulseth would then get with the base on balls before Julie Lang hit a two RBI double to right field.

The Lady Tigers would take a 10-7 lead.

Afte scoring two in the fifth and three in the sixth, the Lady Mustangs had stolen the lead, 12-10, but as they had done several times already, the Lady Tigers came back to take the lead.

Payne would stike out to start the sixth. Bailey got a single, Gulseth a double and Lang and Shawn Purcell both walked. Purcell's base on balls would bring in Payne.

Gulseth would then steal home before White connected for a two-run single, bringing in Lang and Purcell.

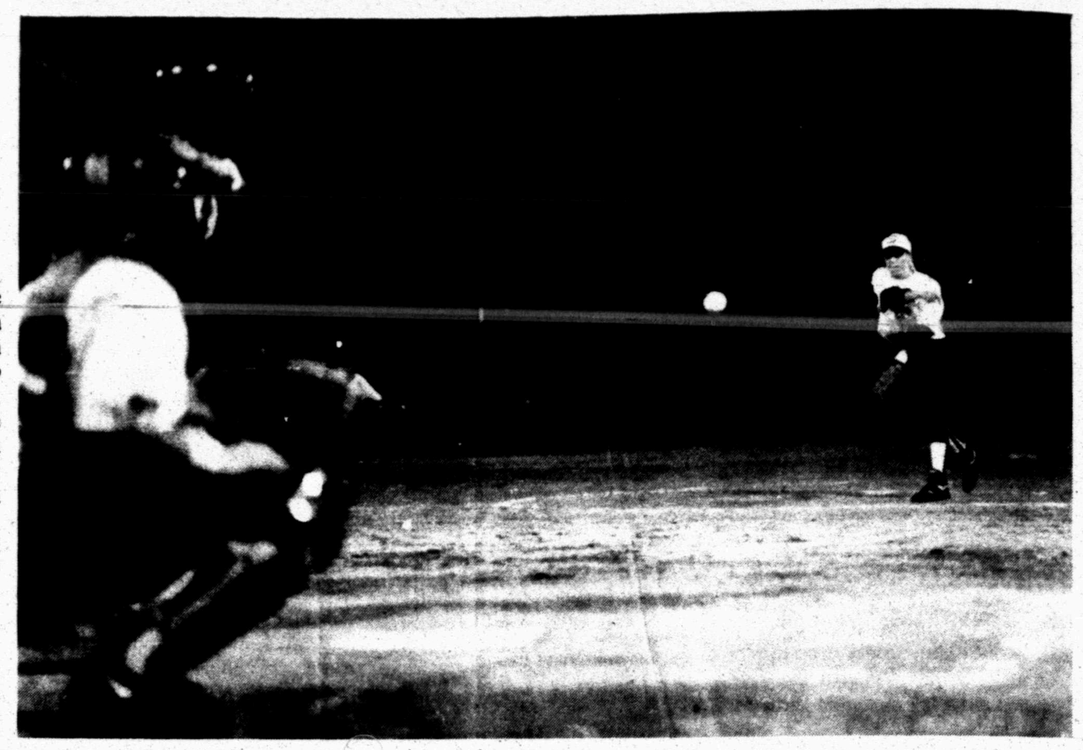
Snyder had a 14-12 lead going into the final stanza. J. Wemken went the distance for the Lady Tigers on the mound.

Snyder is now 12-10 for the year while Andrews drops to 10-7. The Lady Tigers were to have played Hawley at 10 o'clock Saturday in Sweetwater before going to Coahoma for a 7 p.m. game Tuesday.

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Andrews	330	123	4—14	11 5
Snyder	502	304	1—15	11 6

J.Ortega, L.Lopez (3), J.Ortega (6) and K.Hill. J.Wemken and R.Wemken. WP-J.Wemken LP-J.Ortega. 2B-Andrews, T.McDonald, P.Rampone; Snyder, White, Gulseth, Lang. Records: Snyder 12-10, Andrews 10-7.



UMPIRE'S VIEW—The Snyder Lady Tigers pulled out a narrow victory, 15-14, Friday night over the Andrews Mustangs. Snyder pitcher Raechele Wemken went the distance on hill to pick up the win. Her catcher is sister Joanie Wemken. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

JV softballers take 2 run win

Mandy Hess hit an inside the park homerun in the sixth to tie the game and Renae Hall connected on a game winning, two-run double in the seventh to lift the Snyder JV over Andrews, 8-6, in softball action Friday night.

The win gives the younger Lady Tigers their 14th victory of the season against eight losses.

Snyder came up with 11 hits for the game. CeCe Valdez contributed a double. Darcee Purcell had two singles. Starla Davis, Brittany Drummond, Brandi Johnson, Magen Lee and Amy Ricks all pounded singles.

Drummond went the distance on the hill for Snyder. Drummond gave up six runs on 10 hits and struck out three.

Next action for Snyder will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Coahoma.

TEXAS BASEBALL COACHES POLL

By The Associated Press
Here is the weekly state poll from the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Records are through March 20.

Class 5A
1. Round Rock (15-1)
2. Duncanville (12-2)
3. Grapevine (14-2)
4. SA Churchill (10-1)
5. Klein Oak (14-2)
6. Round Rock Westwood (13-1-1)
7. Houston Bellaire (10-4)
8. CC Moody (13-4-2)
9. Lake Highlands (12-2)
10. CC Carroll (14-5)

Class 4A
1. Calallen (16-1)
2. Little Cypress Mauriceville (16-0)
3. Boswell (14-1)
4. Waco Midway (12-2)
5. Boerne (11-2)
6. Midlothian (12-2)
7. Andrews
8. Nederland (12-3)
9. Brenham (14-5)
10. Robstown (12-7)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
Exhibition Baseball
All Times EST
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
California	17	6	.739
Texas	14	8	.636
KansasCity	13	9	.591
Detroit	13	9	.591
Chicago	14	10	.583
NewYork	13	10	.565
Cleveland	14	11	.560
Minnesota	14	11	.560
Baltimore	10	8	.556
Oakland	12	12	.500
Boston	9	12	.429
Seattle	9	12	.429
Toronto	8	15	.348
Milwaukee	6	16	.273

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	12	6	.667
NewYork	13	7	.650
Chicago	14	8	.636
Colorado	15	11	.577
LosAngeles	12	9	.571
Pittsburgh	10	11	.476
SanDiego	11	13	.458
St.Louis	10	12	.455
Cincinnati	9	13	.409
Houston	8	12	.400
SanFrancisco	9	15	.375
Philadelphia	8	14	.364
Montreal	7	13	.350
Florida	7	18	.280

Split-squad games count in standings; games against college teams do not

Friday's Games
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 4
Houston 4, Los Angeles 1
Kansas City 14, Cincinnati 3
Minnesota 4, Baltimore 2
Detroit 7, Pittsburgh 4
Boston 8, Montreal 5
Texas 13, St. Louis 4
California 9, San Diego 5
Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 5, Florida 1
Toronto 2, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Chicago Cubs 9, San Francisco 4
Seattle 8, Oakland 2.

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Orlando	52	17	.754	—
NewYork	38	27	.585	12
Miami	34	33	.507	17
Washington	30	37	.448	21
NewJersey	27	40	.403	24
Boston	26	41	.388	25
Philadelphia	13	54	.194	38
Central Division				
y-Chicago	60	7	.896	—
Indiana	41	26	.612	19
Cleveland	38	29	.567	22
Detroit	38	29	.567	22
Atlanta	37	29	.561	22½
Charlotte	33	33	.500	26½
Milwaukee	21	45	.318	38½
Toronto	17	49	.258	42½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-SanAntonio	48	18	.727	—
x-Utah	47	20	.701	1½
Houston	42	25	.627	6½
Denver	28	39	.418	20½
Minnesota	22	45	.328	26½
Dallas	21	46	.313	27½
Vancouver	11	54	.169	36½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	51	15	.773	—
L.A.Lakers	41	24	.631	9½
Phoenix	33	33	.500	18
Portland	32	35	.478	19½
Sacramento	30	36	.455	21
GoldenState	30	38	.441	22
L.A.Clippers	25	42	.373	26½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Friday's Games
San Antonio 120, Toronto 108
Boston 99, Denver 98
Orlando 111, Washington 108, OT
Atlanta 117, Charlotte 92
Detroit 111, New Jersey 96
Indiana 111, Vancouver 94
Miami 122, Milwaukee 106
Minnesota 110, Dallas 84
Utah 88, Cleveland 75
L.A. Clippers 107, Philadelphia 93
Sacramento 80, Portland 78

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 1 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Western Texas sports banquet

This year's Western Texas College sports banquet will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The banquet will honor the Lady Westerners' basketball team, as well as the golf and rodeo teams. Tickets may be reserved at $10 each by calling the athletic secretary's office at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Former WTC golfer named Seminole pro

Jeff Beal, a former WTC golfer, has been named assistant golf professional at Gaines County Golf Course near Seminole.

Beal, who is currently going through the apprentice program, is a 1987 graduate of Andrews High School and played golf at the school. In addition, he played two years, 1987-89, at Western Texas College.

He was employed at Midland Country Club from August of 1992 through June of 1995.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

By The Associated Press
NCAA Basketball Tournament
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Thursday, March 21
Georgetown 98, Texas Tech 90
Massachusetts 79, Arkansas 63
Regional Championship
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Saturday, March 23
Georgetown (29-7) vs. Massachusetts (34-1), 6 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Friday, March 22
Mississippi St. 60, Connecticut 55
Cincinnati 87, Georgia Tech 70
Regional Championship
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Sunday, March 24
Mississippi State (25-7) vs. Cincinnati (28-4), 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The Metrodome
Minneapolis
Thursday, March 21
Kentucky 101, Utah 70
Wake Forest 60, Louisville 59
Regional Championship
At The Metrodome
Minneapolis
Saturday, March 23
Kentucky (31-2) vs. Wake Forest (26-5), 3:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Friday, March 22
Syracuse 83, Georgia 81, OT
Kansas 83, Arizona 80
Regional Championship
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Sunday, March 24
Syracuse (27-8) vs. Kansas (29-4), 2:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
East champion vs. Midwest champion
Southeast champion vs. West champion
First game tip-off: 5:40 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 9:22 p.m.

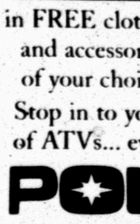
By The Associated Press
NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Saturday, March 23
Tennessee (28-4) vs. Kansas (22-9), 11:30 a.m.
Virginia (25-6) vs. Old Dominion (29-2), 2 p.m.
Regional Championship
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Rosemont Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Saturday, March 23
Vanderbilt (22-7) vs. Iowa (27-3), 8 p.m.
Connecticut (32-3) vs. San Francisco (24-7), 10:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Rosemont Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Johnson Coliseum
Nacogdoches, Texas
Saturday, March 23
Louisiana Tech (30-1) vs. Texas Tech (27-4), Noon
Stephen F. Austin (27-3) vs. Georgia (25-4), 2:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Johnson Coliseum
Nacogdoches, Texas
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Hec Edmundson Pavilion
Seattle
Saturday, March 23
Auburn (22-8) vs. Penn State (26-6), 10 p.m.
Stanford (27-2) vs. Alabama (24-7), midnight
Regional Championship
At Hec Edmundson Pavilion
Seattle
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, midnight

THE FINAL FOUR
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
National Semifinals
Friday, March 29
East champion vs. Mideast champion, TBA
Midwest champion vs. West champion, TBA
National Championship
Sunday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

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SPORTS



MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS—Team members of the Snyder Little Dribbler minor league all-stars are,(L to R) Kris Hatley, Marcus Villarreal, Jed Martin, Demetris Horn, Jake Barnes, Caleb Dickerson, Colter Williams, Lee Scott, Isaac Ramon and Jess Wall. Coaches are, back row, Gary Martin, Kerry Hatley and Rick Martin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Steelers' fullback arrested after marijuana found in car trunk

ROCKWALL (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers running back Bam Morris is out of jail, but the future is clouded by a third-degree felony charge of marijuana possession he now faces.

Morris, 24, and Rodney Dwayne Reynolds, 26, both of Cooper, Texas, were released Friday afternoon after each posted a $25,000 bond. If convicted of the third-degree felony, the men could receive two to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of $10,000.

They were arrested outside the town of Rockwall, 25 miles northeast of Dallas, after an officer of the Northeast Area Drug Interdiction Task Force allegedly saw Morris' black 1995 Mercedes-Benz swerving out of its eastbound lane on Interstate 30 about 10:20 a.m. Friday.

Officer Mark Spears said he became suspicious when he spoke to Morris and Reynolds individually and they gave conflicting statements about where they had been.

Spears said Morris gave him consent to check his vehicle, and he found the marijuana in a duffel bag in the trunk.

Rockwall County District Attorney Galen Ray Sumrow said both men denied any knowledge of the marijuana.

"One said it was not mine, and the other said it was not mine," he said. They said "they didn't have any idea how it got there."

Assistant District Attorney Rick Calvert said the men also gave conflicting accounts of where they were going.

Noting the heavy media attention over the arrests, Calvert said, "We're trying to treat it just like we would treat anyone else."

They were taken to the Rockwall County Detention Center. Later, the men — shackled and wearing bright orange jail jumpsuits — were driven to the Rockwall County Government Center. Morris hid his face from cameras in the parking lot as he made his way into the building.

They appeared separately before State District Judge William B. Lofland, who set the bail. The men were returned to the jail after the arraignment. Morris was released at 4:30 p.m. and Reynolds about 5 p.m.

Morris' car was impounded, and the two men left separately with bail bondsmen.

Morris' mother, Marie Morris, said her son had spent about a week in Cooper visiting and had left "a day or two ago." She said she had been expecting him back in Cooper on Friday about the time of the arrests, but had not spoken with him Friday.

"I'm so devastated because this is all uncalled for," Mrs. Morris said in a brief telephone interview with The Dallas Morning News.

Morris and Reynolds were driving toward Cooper, less than an hour ahead on Interstate 30, at the time of their arrest.

The officer who pulled Morris and Reynolds over was part of a task force formed eight years ago to intercept drug traffic along I-30, a popular byway for dealers transporting illicit drugs. The task force is composed of officers from area small towns.

Steelers' spokesman Rob Boulware said the team is aware of Morris' arrest.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASEBALL

Monday: Snyder 9th at Wylie, 5:00
Tuesday: Ira at Eula, 4:30
Friday: Haskell varsity at Snyder JV, 5:30
Snyder 9th at Levelland, 6:30
Post at Ira, 5:00
Saturday: Snyder at Levelland, 1:00

SOFTBALL

Tuesday: Snyder at Coahoma, Var. 7:00, JV 5:00
Friday: Estacado at Snyder, 6:00
Saturday: Snyder at Lubbock Monterey, 10:30

GOLF

Monday: Snyder Var. & JV, Boys at WTC Golf Course
Snyder Var. & JV, Girls at Snyder Country Club
Tee time 10:00 both places

TENNIS

Friday & Saturday: Snyder at Midland Lee

TRACK

Friday: SJHS at Big Spring
Friday & Saturday: Snyder Tigers at San Angelo



HEAT—The Snyder Little Dribblers minor league team, Heat, won second place in the regular season and second in the post season tournament. They had a 15-1 season record and went 2-1 in the tournament. Team members are back row, (L to R) Coach Gary Martin, Brad English, Trey Woolsey and Coach Rick Martin. Middle row, Matthew Qualls, Jed Martin and Marcus Villarreal. Back row, Kevin Marshall, Thomas Hefner, Justin Stoker and Bryan Clifton. (Contributed Photo)

Injuries depleting Phillies staff

By The Associated Press

Still have a little something left on that fastball? How's the curve breaking? The Phillies need some pitchers.

Philadelphia found out Friday that pitcher Tyler Green, an All-Star last season, might need season-ending shoulder surgery. That couldn't be worse news for the Phillies, whose list of injured pitchers already includes projected starters Curt Schilling, Bobby Munoz and David West.

It was already going to be a long year in Philadelphia. Now this.

Doctor, may we see the medical chart?

Schilling had shoulder surgery in August and is out until at least May. West, too, had his shoulder repaired and the Phillies hope he'll be back by late May. Munoz had ligament replacement surgery in his elbow and may not be ready until June.

Fortunately, Terry Mulholland and Sid Fernandez, the team's Nos. 1 and 2 starters have avoided arm trouble.

Green, 26, went 8-9 last season with a 5.31 ERA. He opened the year 8-4 before losing his last five decisions.

He was bothered by soreness in his right shoulder early in the spring and underwent the first of two MRI exams on March 4. The preliminary testing should no damage, but a second evaluation this week revealed a lesion that may require arthroscopic surgery.

"It is the same injury as Curt Schilling and David West," Phillies team physician Dr. Phillip Marone said. "We won't know the degree until we have it scoped. I would imagine he would face a lost season unless the scope wound up being just a cleaning out of the shoulder joint."

Rangers 13, Cardinals 4

At Port Charlotte, Texas, Warren Newson's two-run homer keyed a four-run fifth inning for Texas, which collected 15 hits.

Ken Hill, signed as a free agent in the offseason, allowed eight hits and four runs in six innings for the Rangers. St. Louis starter Andy Benes allowed nine hits and seven runs in 4 1-3 innings.

Astros 4, Dodgers 1

At Kissimmee, Fla., Doug Brocail, John Johnstone, Alvin Morman and Anthony Young each pitched two scoreless innings for Houston.

Los Angeles starter Chan Ho Park pitched four hitless innings, striking out four.

Royals 14, Reds 3

At Haines City, Fla., Patrick Lennon and Michael Tucker homered during Kansas City's six-run fifth inning.

The Royals had 17 hits, eight for extra bases. The Reds made five errors.

Mike Macfarlane had three RBIs and Bob Hamelin went 3-for-4 for the Royals.

Rockies 3, Brewers 2

At Tucson, Ariz., Dante Bichette, whose bat has been quiet all spring, looped a two-run single in the eighth inning to lead the Rockies.

Bichette was batting .117 (7-for-60) prior to the hit.

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

If you didn't get a full dose of baseball and softball last weekend in Snyder, than you are truely a fan of the diamond.

After the 19-team baseball tournament and 16-team softball tournament was completed, there were a lot of tired players, coaches, fans — and at least one sports scribe.

Hats off to coaches Roland Herrera and Billy Hicks for the work they did in pulling off the tournaments. There were a lot of behind-the-scene workers who also made the tournaments a whooping success.

Perhaps the biggest winners of all was the business community of Snyder.

I jotted down a few figures based on at least 16 teams staying in motels in Snyder and 32 teams eating meals. Two teams stayed in Sweetwater because no rooms were available here.

Rough figures came up with almost $20,000 spent during the three days on food and lodging, and that does not include the fans who came to town. Add gas and other items, and the figure could easily go over $25,000 spent because of the baseball and softball tournaments.

If you have not driven by Moffett Field, you need to. Whether you thrive on baseball or not, it's worth a drive by just to see the lush, green field. Frankie Grimmett and the folks at Grimmett Brothers Construction have done a marvelous job with the field.

I had the chance to fly over Snyder with David Shifflett a few weeks ago. Without question, Moffett Field shines.

Frankie's wife, who just happens to be Snyder High volleyball coach Patty Grimmett, said she has had little problem finding Frankie when she needs him. "I always know where to find him. If he doesn't answer the phone, I just drive to the field."

Taylor Made

Speaking of baseball, how would you like to see a minor league game in Snyder?

Plans are underway to bring the Lubbock Crickets and the Abilene Prairie Dogs to town for an exhibition game in May. Confirmation was received Friday morning that the two teams have agreed to play at Moffett Field.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Taylor Made

For the first time in more than 10 years, I failed to get my NCAA basketball tournament bracket filled out before the first games. In fact, with the Sweet 16 becoming the Elite 8, I still don't have my bracket ready.

One team I have kept a close eye on is Texas Tech. Even though the Raiders were knocked out by Georgetown Thursday night, Tech enjoyed a banner year.

Now here's hoping the Lady Raiders are still playing by the time you read this.

Next year, hopefully the baseball and softball tournaments are moved up a week so they won't conflict with the NCAAs. On second thought, that would mean the Canyon Reef Relays would be going on the same time as the softball and baseball tournaments.

But then again, if you move everything up, chances are the weather would be too cold. I guess just leave everything where they were.

Thank goodness for VCRs.

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Senior Center recognizes volunteers

Scurry County has countless volunteers who unselfishly give of themselves throughout the year. But Friday night it was their turn to be recognized. The occasion was the 17th annual Recognition Banquet held at the Senior Citizens Center.

One of the top volunteers recognized included Ann LaRoux who received a special Star plaque for reaching 10,000 accumulative hours. Her name had previously been added to the Star Volunteer Board when she reached 5,000 accumulative hours.

Three volunteers who qualify for Star Awards (5,000 accumulative hours) — Verdi Kimbro, Pat Moffett and Jean Yearwood — will have their names added to a special Star Volunteer board displayed at the center. The all wood plaque was made by Bernhard Bartels who presented the awards.

Red roses were also presented to the Top 15 volunteers for the year which ended Feb. 29. They include Gloria Browning, 2,024.25 hours; Dessie Harvel, 1,550; Benn Nachlinger, 1,062; Thadine Harless, 1,014; Pat Moffett, 1,000; Betty Kellum, 979.5; Ruby Anderson, 834; Betty Boyd, 812.25; Maxie McNew, 810.75; Mae Brush, 807; Sue Trice, 737.25; Peggy Fowler, 704; Nate Pyburn, 702.5.

Two other Top 15 volunteers were not present. They include Margaret Johnston, 1,115.5, and Jean Yearwood, 1,000.

Pins were presented to volunteers who have worked an additional 500 hours since their last pin. Anyone who accumulated more than eight hours received a certificate.

Shirley Hines received a special award as an under age 60 volunteer who assists with the Home Delivered Meals program.

Dignitaries from the city, county and college were recognized.

Some 405 volunteers for the just completed year worked a total of 43,795 hours. Some 50 new volunteers also joined within the past year.

The banquet was dedicated to past senior citzens, including Joe Glass. Norma Laywell, director, read a poem, "Love For The Senior Citizens," that Glass had written before he died.

Pins were presented to Mae Brush, 28,000-28,499; Maxie McNew, 20,000-20,499; Ruby Anderson, 15,500-15,999; Margaret Johnston, 15,000-15,499; Erna Chauncey, 12,500-12,999; Texa Ball, 11,000-11-499; Ann LaRoux, 10,500-10,999; Beulah Starnes, 8,500-8,999; Gloria Browning, 8,000-8,499; Frances Black, 7,000-7,499; Benn Nachlinger, 6,500-6,999; Verdi Kimbro, Pat Moffett, 5,000-5,499.

Other recipients were Dessie Harvel and Sue Trice, 4,000-4,999; Betty Boyd and Evelyn Shifflet, 3,500-3,999; Thadine Harless, Betty Kellum, Lois Leech and Ernest Shifflett, 3,000-3,499; Odis Craig, Margaret Stubblefield and Henrietta Trevino, 2,500-2,999; Wayne Eubank, Wana Fisher and Dot Stokes, 2,000-2,499; B.J. Bartels, Nate Pyburn and Pauline Withers; 1,500-1,999

Others were Dorothy Duncan, Mary Farris, Lonice Hall, Herman Richburg; Velma Smith and J.B. Tate, 1,000-1,499; Peggy Fowler, and Nettie Faye Gardner, 500-999; Ruth Moreland and Rob Robinson, 500-999.

Eligible for pins, but not present Friday are Opal Wigington, 9,000-9,499; Mattie Morris, 7,000-7,499; Jean Yearwood, 5,000-5,499; Irene Hudgins, 4,500-4,999; Catarina Torres,, 2,500-2,999; Bobbie McKinney and Maria Terrazas, 2,000-2,499; Marie Walton, 1,500-1,999; Jo Flynn, Anna Sears, 1,000-1,499; Margaret Clevenger, 500-999; Herb Grover, Nita Grover and G.W. Kitchens, 500-999.

Gay Hickman gave the welcome and Cecil Lankford gave the involvation. Carla Thompson, secretary, presented the special award and Norma Laywell, director, recognized special guests and gave the closing remarks.

Staff members presented pins to volunteers. Norma Laywell and Valerie Drum recognized the Top 15.

Carla Thompson and Pamela Fenton gave away door prizes.

Entertainment was provided by the Ira Combo.

Staff members recognized include Nadine Heard, food services director; Melva Craig, assistant cook; Nellie Rios and Helen Norwood, kitchen aides; Ronnie Brown, maintenance man; Peggy Edwards, transport driver; Doris Bennett and Helen Bolin, Green Thumb workers; Valerie Drum and Margie Glasscock, secretaries; Pamela Fenton, activities director; and the steak-cooking crew of Daryl Heard, John Harper, Gay Hickamn and Max Drum.

The banquet meal consisted of steak with trimmings, rolls and chocolate cake for dessert.



STAR VOLUNTEERS — The name of Verdi Kimbro, left, and Pat Moffett will be added to the Our Star Volunteers board at the Senior Citizens Center. Each has accumulated their first 5,000 hours. Not pictured is Jean Yearwood whose name will also be added. Bernhard Bartels made the wood board. (SDN Staff Photo)



STAR AWARD — Bernhard Bartels presented a Star Award to Ann LaRoux who has accumulated more than 10,000 volunteer hours. A Star Award is given for the first 5,000 hours and then every additional 5,000 hours thereafter. (SDN Staff Photo)



SPECIAL AWARD — Carla Thompson, left, Senior Citizens Center secretary, presented a Special Award to Shirley Hines who volunteers with the Home Delivered Meals Program. Hines is one of the center's Under Age 60 volunteers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senior Center News

The Golden K Kiwanis Club invites the public to its annual Fish Fry set for March 31 in the Senior Citizens Center. Tickets for the Fish Fry are $6 and can be purchased from club members or at the door. Proceeds go for club projects, many of which benefit the center.

The Kiwanis Club is made up of men and women 60 years of age and older and meets in the center at noon each Tuesday.

Senior citizens with birthdays in March are invited to celebrate at the Senior Center's birthday party Wednesday morning. The party gets underway at 10 in the dining room.

The Local Yokels will present a musical program at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Benny Benitez and his band will play for country/western dancing at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The pool/ domino room will also be open on Tuesday evening and senior citizens who prefer to play pool, dominoes or cards are invited to arrange those activities.

Bridge and a domino tournament are scheduled in the center Monday morning. Bridge begins at 9:30 and the tourney begins at 10. Bridge games are scheduled again at 9:30 Friday morning. Forty-two is scheduled at 9:30. Tuesday, canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Skip-Bo at 9:30 Thursday morning. A pool class for ladies will meet after lunch on Thursday.

Senior citizens who need help in filing their income tax are invited to meet with Bernhard Bartels in the center on Wednesdays. His hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m. The center also provides office space for E.H. (Dan) Dever, Jr., county veterans service officer. The telephone number for his office is 573-0289.

Judge sentences Madonna stalker to 10 years in prison

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A homeless drifter who stalked Madonna, scaled the fence surrounding her home and threatened to slit her throat was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison.

Robert Dewey Hoskins, 38, showed little emotion as Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Connor imposed the sentence. The judge rejected a plea that Hoskins' apparent mental illness and troubled past merited leniency.

"It doesn't decrease the danger, it appears to increase the danger" in putting him out on the street earlier, the judge said.

Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of 10 years and six months.

Connor agreed with prosecutors who recommended that Hoskins serve his time in a prison with psychiatric services. The judge also fined Hoskins $200, which she said he can work off in prison.

Hoskins was convicted Jan. 8 of stalking and making terrorist threats to Madonna and two employees last year.

Madonna's attorney, Nicholas DeWitt, said the entertainer hoped the judge would send a message that "society will not tolerate these types of threats."

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'Mad cow' disease not in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans have no cause to worry about tainted beef thought to have caused a new strain of fatal human brain illness in Britain, the Agriculture Department said after a daylong meeting with international scientists Friday.

U.S. officials brought together beef and disease experts after Britain disclosed this week that 10 cases of a new strain of Cruetzfeld-Jacob disease that hits younger people were most likely caused by eating beef with "mad cow disease."

But this "bovine spongiform encephalopathy does not exist in the United States," the Agriculture Department said in a statement.

The U.S. scientists reviewed emergency plans that would take effect if a single case of BSE, or mad cow disease, were discovered in U.S. or imported cattle.

The also discussed how state and federal officials currently test cattle to ensure the disease hasn't appeared but no decisions were made to strengthen existing safeguards.

The United States does not allow cattle or beef to be imported from countries at risk, including Britain, France, Ireland, Portugal and Switzerland.

Drugs made from bovine hormones or other body parts must be certified to come from BSE-free cattle, the FDA said. If BSE were found in cattle here, such drugs immediately would be recalled.

CJ disease is an incurable illness that eats holes in people's brains, and usually strikes people in their 60s. It afflicts just one in a million people.

But the British cases were in young people.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Western Texas College meat judging team members are shown with the team and individual awards received this school year. From left, back row, Randy Cornett and Ethan Holtman; front row, Brandy Atkinson, Jennifer Morris, Tasha Naegele and Jennifer Critz. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC meats judging team ranked fourth

Western Texas College's meats judging team finished the judging year with a fourth ranking in the nation.

Final ranking is based on the last national contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The 1996 national champion was Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Besides the overall ranking, the team was also third in pork evaluation and third in beef evaluation.

Students are also ranked in the Top 10 which is comparable to an All-American ranking. WTC students recognized include Jennifer Morris of Colorado City, second in the nation in beef judging and sixth in questions; Ethan Holtman of Hawley, 3rd in pork judging; Randy Cornett of Sweetwater, 5th in beef grading and fourth in placings; Brandy Atkinson of Snyder, 7th in beef judging and 10th in placings; Jessica Critz of Sweetwater, seventh in lamb judging.

According to Jim Judah, advisor, "The WTC team had a very good year and was right in the thick of things to the very end. Just a break or two and they could have been second in the nation."

Judah also said, "This year's national champion, Eastern Oklahoma, was probably the best I have ever seen in the last 15 years. WTC's meats judging team did an excellent job of representing the school and the agriculture program in 1995-1996."

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TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Volunteers packed 2,200 teddy bears for shipment to the Scottish school where a teacher and 16 children were shot to death.

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FBI agent and drug suspect both killed during shootout

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As backup agents waited nearby, an FBI agent trying to buy drugs in an undercover operation on the waterfront was fatally shot in his car Friday along with a drug dealer.

"They killed each other," FBI Director Louis J. Freeh said late Friday at the agency's Philadelphia office. Tired, with red-rimmed eyes, he stood in front of an FBI seal draped with a black ribbon.

Charles L. Reed, a 16-year FBI veteran, wore a body wire to record the meeting with the suspected drug dealer, 24-year-old Jonathan Cramer, in the parking lot of a Comfort Inn.

He was in the back seat of his gray Mercedes-Benz on the passenger side, and Cramer was in front on the passenger side. A third person, about whom Freeh would say nothing, was in the driver's seat.

Backup agents were waiting several hundred feet away and had little chance to intervene.

The agent was negotiating over a kilogram of cocaine, unidentified sources told WPVI-TV. But Freeh also said no drugs were recovered.

"It's a sad day for the FBI in Philadelphia," said Bob Reutter, the FBI's agent in charge of the Philadelphia office.

Reed, 45, of Lansdale, was the father of three.

"This was an extraordinary, committed agent who never said no, who worked harder than anyone in this division," Freeh said.

Reed was a major investigator in one of the region's most sensational cocaine cases, Freeh said, breaking open a nationwide cocaine ring operated by dentist Larry Lavin in the 1980s. The case netted 100 convictions.

Cramer was shot twice, in the head and upper chest, and pronounced dead at Hahnemann University Hospital.

The agent was taken to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Officials there wouldn't release any details.

Reed is the 46th FBI agent killed in the line of duty in the bureau's 87-year history and the first since agent William Christian Jr. was killed on May 29, 1995.

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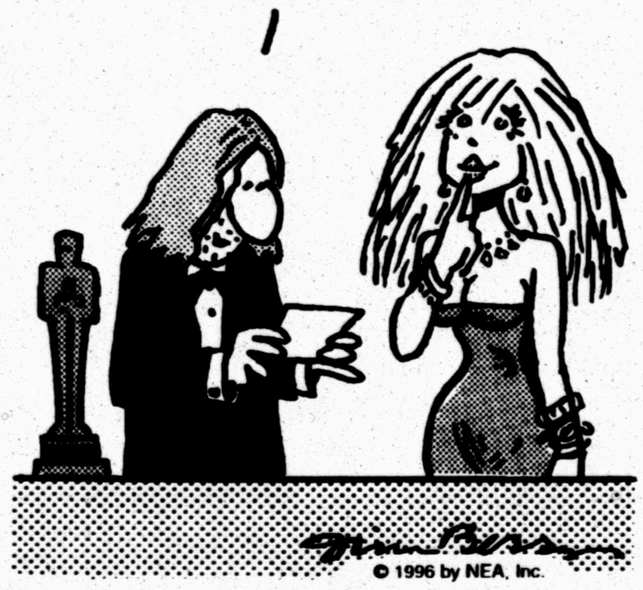
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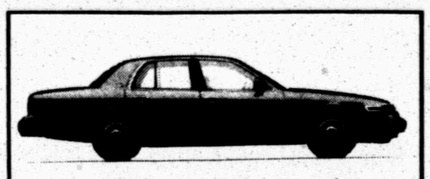
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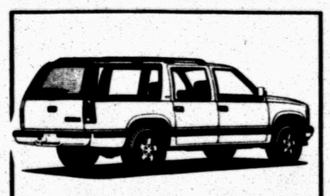
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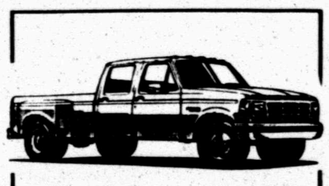
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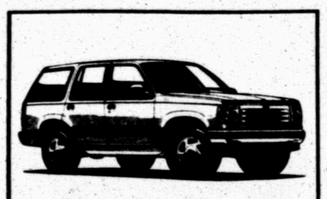
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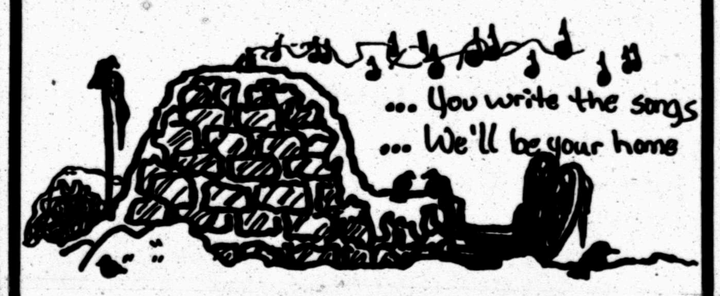
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pennzoil Exploration & Production Company, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject CO2, brackish water, produced water and fresh water into the Canyon Reef, Formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s). 238-02, 23902A, 239-03, 251-01, 251-A-05, 251-06, 252-01, and 252-03. The proposed injection well is located approximately 8 miles West from Snyder, Texas in the Kelley-Snyder Field, in Scurry, County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6614' to 7200' feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Oscar

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prominence in films.

Ben Kingsley stunned the film world with his award-winning lead performance in "Gandhi" (1982), and now appears in character roles.

Others whose awards appear to be one-shots: Marlee Matlin, "Children of a Lesser God," (1986); F. Murray Abraham, "Amadeus," (1984); Art Carney, "Harry and Tonto," (1974).

THE QUESTION MARKS

After being long dismissed as a pop singer with an eccentric lifestyle, Cher proved her acting talent with "Moonstruck" in 1987. Her film career has been virtually nonexistent ever since. Hard to cast? Personal problems? It remains a puzzlement.

Louise Fletcher was carried along by the sweep for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975. Although she remained a talented actress, her career dwindled into pale imitations of her nasty Nurse Ratched.

THE SUNSET SALUTES

Actors sometimes give remarkable performances after long and distinguished careers. Those performances might not have been their greatest, but Academy voters may have judged them on a body of work.

John Wayne had only been nominated once before ("The Sands of Iwo Jima") when he was finally accorded the Oscar for "True Grit" in 1969.

Henry Fonda was honored for his last film, "On Golden Pond," (1981). He was too ill to attend the ceremonies and died soon afterward.

Jessica Tandy climaxed her long, distinguished career in theater, films and television with her award for "Driving Miss Daisy" in 1989. She was 81.

In her eighth nomination, Geraldine Page finally won her Oscar for "The Trip to Bountiful" in 1985. She died a year afterward.

THE STATUS QUOS

Many actors receive Academy Awards at the peak of their careers, when even Hollywood's highest honor can't improve their positions.

Among them: Meryl Streep, "Sophie's Choice," (1982); Jodie Foster, "The Accused," (1988) and "The Silence of the Lambs," (1991); Al Pacino, "Scent of a Woman," (1992); Michael Douglas, "Wall Street," (1987); Dustin Hoffman, "Rain Man," (1988); Robert DeNiro, "Raging Bull," (1980); Jack Nicholson, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," (1975).

Tom Hanks made the record books with his back-to-back wins for "Philadelphia" in 1993 and "Forrest Gump" in 1994.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What causes a chronic sinus drip?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a chronic sinus drip and wonder if the after-effects of inhaling powder from an air bag that inflated following a car accident might be part of my problem.

DEAR READER: Chronic sinus drainage can certainly be caused by inhaling irritating vapors or powder. However, the effects are usually short-lived, so if your air-bag incident occurred several weeks ago, I doubt that it is a factor.

You may have to perform some detective work to discover the cause of your symptoms. Are you allergic to dust, pollen and animal dander? Do you work in an environment in which air pollution is a problem? Could you have a chronic, low-grade sinus infection? These and other questions need answers.

I suggest that you start with your family physician, who can later refer you to an allergist or ear-nose-and-throat specialist, if warranted. Something as inexpensive as an over-the-counter anti-histamine might help you. Or you might need a course of antibiotic therapy. After examining you and, perhaps, obtaining blood tests and X-rays for sinus infection, your doctor should be able to help identify the cause of your problem.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you tell me anything about reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome? What causes it and is there any treatment or medication for control?

DEAR READER: After severe injuries to bone and muscle, some patients develop a constellation of symptoms in the area, including pain, loss of hair, diminished sweating, and shrinkage of the skin and underlying tissues. This reflex sympathetic dystrophy is believed to be caused by injury to certain key nerves.

The condition is diagnosed by its description and nature.

Treatment includes physical therapy, analgesics, acupuncture, and a host of techniques to stimulate the damaged nerves. Sometimes nerve blocks, using either injections or surgery, may be necessary to control chronic pain. In my opinion, patients with this unusual condition should be under the care of neurologists.

For centuries, overweight persons have been haunted by the universal opinion that obesity is merely a consequence of willfully consuming too many calories. Briefly stated, fat people could lose weight — and keep it off — if only they ate less. The corollary of this opinion is that obese people choose to be that way; they don't thin down because neurosis, stress, poor body image, and a host of psychological factors make them overeat.

It's true that most of us can lose a few pounds by dieting — and many of us should. More Americans are overweight than ever before. However, a majority of obese persons cannot shed pounds, even if they reduce caloric consumption to an unhealthful, ridiculously tiny amount. For years, scientists have been asking: "why?"

Metabolic specialists now believe they have discovered the answer to this question and it is, as you might suspect, in the head — but not in the way that you think.

In both animals and humans, a part of the brain called the hypothalamus produces a substance that has been named "neuropeptide Y." This protein stimulates appetite. Obese laboratory rodents have high levels of neuropeptide Y; if the protein is injected into normal-weight rats, they get fat.

Not until 1994 had research scientists been able to identify how neuropeptide Y dysregulation occurs: through a complex loop system involving yet another protein called leptin.

Leptin is produced by fat cells. It circulates in the bloodstream, reaches the hypothalamus and shuts off the production of neuropeptide Y. Thus, in an individual with normal metabolism, here is how the feedback loop works.

Neuropeptide Y stimulates appetite. (It also increases the secretion of insulin and other hormones vital to digestion.) As a result, we feel hungry and eat. As the calories are stored as fat, the adipocytes (fat cells) produce leptin, which reduces the hypothalamic secretion of neuropeptide Y, leading to a sensation of satiety. Thus, there is a constant balance established between fat deposition and calorie intake.

This balance is upset in obesity. In a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine (Feb. 1, 1996), scientists discovered that fat people have high levels of leptin (as one would expect from their large fat stores), but this leptin fails to shut down production of neuropeptide Y; hence, the overweight people keep eating.

The scientists concluded that their subjects suffered a decreased sensitivity to leptin. Somehow the protein wasn't triggering the proper reaction. There was some sort of chemical resistance to it. In all probability, the impairment is due to a genetic defect. Stated another way, obese people have excess leptin levels that should reduce the production of neuropeptide Y — but don't. Uncontrolled weight gain follows.

Now all of this fancy scientific talk may be simply a lot of useless theory to the overweight person who struggles to slim down. But, I am suggesting, the identification of this feedback loop holds great promise. If researchers can identify the reason for the leptin/neuropeptide Y abnormality, it can — perhaps — be corrected, much as insulin is administered to the diabetic. Such a breakthrough is, admittedly, years away but it is a distinct possibility nonetheless.

And, of course, the real fall-out now is that obesity need no longer be considered a matter of will and determination. It is a metabolic/biochemical disorder like any other.

This observation should itself be cause for celebration among people who have been discriminated against because of excess body weight.

Readers can obtain further information by requesting my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Simply send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Appeals Court strikes down 'Brady' background check

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A high-level legal conflict is brewing in Texas and other states after the federal Brady Law that requires local law enforcement agencies to check handgun buyers' criminal records was struck down by a federal appeals court.

In a Thursday ruling made public Friday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the background check violated the Constitution by requiring local law enforcement agencies to perform duties prescribed by the federal government without giving them the resources to do it.

The decision only affects the three states covered by the 5th Circuit — Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. It conflicts with a ruling handed down last September in the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit, which covers nine western states.

The 9th Circuit upheld the same Brady Law requirement.

Requests for rehearings are likely in each appellate court. Ultimately, the issue will be settled by the Supreme Court.

The 5th Circuit ruling did not address one provision of the Brady Law that requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases. But the other key requirement of the law is that chief law enforcement officers of the nation's localities perform the background checks during the waiting period.

Sheriffs across the nation have complained that the background checks strain the resources of their agencies because Congress never provided the money to perform them.

Thursday's 3-0 opinion came in an appeal by Sheriff J.R. Koog of Val Verde County, Texas. Koog's case was merged with a similar suit brought by Sheriff Bill McGee of Forrest County, Miss.

"It's probably going to end up going to the Supreme Court, but hopefully this will stop those unfunded mandates to us," Koog told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Del Rio, where he has been retired since Dec. 31.

In Koog's case, U.S. District Judge Ed Prado of San Antonio ruled that "the Brady Act confers great discretion on each chief law enforcement officer to determine what is a reasonable background search under the circumstances."

The 5th Circuit disagreed.

"First, we find that the interim duties imposed on the CLEOs are tantamount to forced state legislation," the court said.

Weekend off to busy start for Snyder area law officers

Six people were arrested Friday and three people were booked into jail early this morning as the weekend got off to a busy start for local law enforcement agencies.

A 54-year-old female was arrested at 9:50 a.m Friday at the sheriff's office to lay out a fine for allowing a dog to run at large.

At 5:49 p.m. Friday, a 56-year-old male was arrested in the 3100 block of Avenue V for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 53-year-old male at 8:30 p.m. Friday at 30th Street and Avenue E on outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance, no driver's license and for failure to appear on both.

A 17-year-old female was arrested at 8:45 p.m. Friday in the 2900 block of Avenue V for public intoxication.

At 10:02 p.m., officers arrested a 20-year-old female on outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance, no driver's license, expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear on each.

Following a report of a reckless driver at 10:21 p.m. Friday on Highway 180, DPS troopers arrested a 22-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Three people were arrested at 2:44 a.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of College Avenue on alcohol-related charges. A 21-year-old male was charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 28-year-old female and a 23-year-old female were charged with public intoxication.

In other activity Friday, an offense report for a found bicycle was made at 7:45 a.m. from the 2800 block of Avenue B.

Central Elementary principal Jim Rosson notified officers at 9:46 a.m. Friday that some playground equipment had been damaged at the school. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Michael Brasher requested a deputy at 10:36 a.m. Friday in reference to some windows being broken at a residence at 2274 McMullen Road.

A person notified officers at 2:59 p.m. that he had been receiving harassing telephone calls.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 10:05 p.m. Friday.

The fire department responded to a report of a house fire at 8:33 p.m. Friday. A residence at 3405 Ave. M was gutted on the inside by the fire.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 9:22 p.m. Friday from the 300 block of 34th Street.

Javier Salinas notified the police department at 1:47 a.m. Saturday that someone had broken some windows in her vehicle while it was parked at 301 23rd St.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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SCURRY COUNTY
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Scurry County will hold a second public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 1996 at the Scurry County Courthouse in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP), Community Block grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for the Hermleigh Water Works in the amount of $250,000 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at the Scurry County Courthouse during regular business hours. The Scurry County Courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Commissioner Jerry Gannaway at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Suspect arrested

PLANO (AP) — Investigators have arrested a man in Tennessee in connection with a 1982 Plano murder.

Carl Franklin Davis III, 34, a former Allen resident, was arrested in Nashville on Thursday and charged with the murder of Carol Ann Hartman, who was stabbed 12 times and left near an intersection just outside the southern city limits Dec. 16, 1982.

Ms. Hartman, 20, worked in Allen as a convenience store clerk at the time of the crime.

Plano Detective Billy Meeks said police recently discovered that a friend of Davis' had the murder weapon, described as a lock blade knife, in his possession and knew of the stabbing.

The friend was not questioned by police during their original investigation and he did not hand over the knife because "he said no one asked him for it," Meeks said.

Date Book

March 23, 1996

Today is the 83rd day of 1996 and the fourth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, Patrick Henry stood before the Virginia Provincial Convention and delivered his famed speech urging independence from Britain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Fannie Farmer (1857-1915), cookery expert; Joan Crawford (1908-1977), actress; Akira Kurosawa (1910-), film director, is 86; Werner von Braun (1912-1977), rocket scientist; Roger Bannister (1929-), athlete-physician, is 67; Chaka Khan (1953-), singer, is 43; Moses Malone (1955-), basketball player, is 41; Amanda Plummer (1957-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1944, Maurice Richard scored all five goals in Montreal's 5-1 win over Toronto in a Stanley Cup playoff game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I know not what course others might take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death." — Patrick Henry

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1885, unseasonable cold froze the Delaware River at Easton, Pa., and the Potomac River at Washington, D.C.; it also brought freezing temperatures to Pensacola, Fla.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 19) and first quarter (March 26).

March 24, 1996

Today is the 84th day of 1996 and the fifth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1989, 11 million gallons of oil were spilled when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Mellon (1855-1937), financier-philanthropist; Harry Houdini (1874-1926), magician; Edward Weston (1886-1958), photographer; Clyde Barrow (1909-1934), outlaw; Lawrence Ferlinghetti (1919-), poet-publisher, is 77; Steve McQueen (1930-1980), actor; Bob Mackie (1940-), costume designer, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, a fight between members of the New York Knicks and the Phoenix Suns drew a record $177,500 in fines.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am waiting / for them to prove / that God is really American." — Lawrence Ferlinghetti

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1912, 25 inches of snow fell on Kansas City, Mo., and 37 inches fell on Olathe, Kan.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 19) and first quarter (March 26).

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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 24, 1996

In the year ahead, you will target several significant objectives simultaneously. Networking will weld them together and enable you to go after them collectively.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend you've been anxious to hear from might try to get in touch with you today by phone or in person. Keep the lines of communication open so you can catch up. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to allocate some time today to put your business papers and records in order. In addition, you should re-examine your budget to try to get more for your money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This will be the kind of day in which you'll need a busy schedule in order to feel content and productive. Assign yourself a long list of things to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your subtle sense of humor will be an effective asset today. It can help you to get your points across to others without making them angry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you can smooth over a misunderstanding you recently had with a close pal. Your friend will wait for you to make the first move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An important personal objective can be achieved today, provided your tactics and methods are flexible and can be altered to suit existing conditions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you feel you've been lagging behind in regard to acquiring new knowledge which can benefit your career, this will be a good day to catch up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Joint endeavors will be more profitable than independent efforts today. If you are in a position to make a choice between the two, select the former.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today someone who is trying to manipulate you might pressure you to make a decision that will benefit him or her more than it will you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are in charge of a group of co-workers today, make them feel appreciated and significant. If you fail to do so, they may shut down your production line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may discover a new social interest while roving around today. This may not be something that you will make a habit of, but it could interest you for now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The media will be a good source of interesting news. Today, however, the most fascinating bulletins might be revealed at the dinner table.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 25, 1996

The objectives you establish for yourself in the year ahead might be more difficult to achieve than usual. This is okay because the rewards for success will increase proportionally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you can obtain more effective knowledge from personal experience than you can get from books. This information can be used immediately. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today your success might depend on the role models you choose to emulate. Do not set up a cheering section for has-beens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you become involved in a project with friends today, make sure everyone has a chance to express his or her opinions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you have to make a choice between something that offers long-range possibilities as opposed to something that has only immediate benefits, choose the former.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An associate's ideas might be better than yours today. You should not reject his or her suggestions just because this person doesn't make you feel warm and fuzzy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will benefit from changes today, even those implemented by forces over which you have little or no control. Try to go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Associates will determine your degree of assertiveness today. If they are progressive and ambitious, you will be too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Verbal agreements could have limited value in your financial affairs today, so use caution. In order to protect your interests, put everything in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any feasible formula for success today will employ proven techniques. It will not matter if you continue to use the same methods.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Timing will be essential today if you have to negotiate a critical matter. Avoid using your high cards until your opponents have used up their trump cards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually it is unwise to involve friends directly in your business affairs, but today could be an exception. Their knowledge could enable you to succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will have a high probability of achieving what you aspire to today if you act promptly. Do not let the grass grow under your feet.

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Cigars & sheet music

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Burns got his last wish — to take his music with him — and then some.

The entertainer was laid to rest with his sheet music, Daily Variety columnist Army Archerd reported Friday.

Burns was entombed last week alongside his beloved wife, Gracie.

The family also added some non-requested extras: Three cigars were placed in his pocket and he was fitted with his toupee and a watch.

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House gun-control repeal

Senate promises cold reception to new bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the House's approval of a bill to repeal the 2-year-old ban on sale of assault-style weapons, any similar attempt in the Senate seems unlikely. An opponent of the repeal declared it dead.

"I don't think it will be up in the Senate this year," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee-in-waiting, said hours after the repeal passed the House on a 239-173 vote Friday.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who prodded the Senate into including the ban in the 1994 crime law, said the repeal would be "dead on arrival" in her chamber.

She said she has sufficient commitments from colleagues to mount a successful filibuster or to sustain a promised veto by President Clinton should the measure get through the Senate. The House vote fell well short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

Dole had promised the National Rifle Association last year that he would produce a vote on repeal, but he signaled a change of heart Thursday by saying a vote was "not a priority" and he was not optimistic it would pass.

Dole said in San Diego on Friday that it was clear the ban was not working. He said that 50 percent of the weapons covered by the ban had been redesigned and are still available.

Tanya Metaksa, the NRA's chief lobbyist, held out hope that the Senate will act. "We're going to try working with the leadership in the Senate, as we worked with the leadership in the House to get this issue to the floor."

And he said he would introduce legislation earlier this year providing for "an instant check" using a national computer database, for anyone who wanted to buy guns so people with criminal records or other impediments couldn't buy them.

Lifting the ban on 19 specific styles of firearms, dozens of similar models and large-capacity ammunition magazines is the top legislative priority of the NRA, which plays an active role in elections through campaign contributions and the votes of its 3 million members.

9 days after massacre, Dunblane reopens

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — Margaret Finnie couldn't help noticing who was missing Friday as children again streamed across the street to Dunblane Primary School.

"It was difficult but I had to pin on a smile and try and keep going," said Mrs. Finnie, a school crossing guard.

"We can't let that man win," she added, referring to the gunman who for no discernible reason marched into the school on March 13 and killed 16 students and a teacher before fatally shooting himself.

Many parents came with their children as the single-story, brick-and-prefab school reopened for its 700 pupils. Mothers and fathers wiped away tears after they left their children for Friday's half-day session.

On Thursday, this town of 9,000 people completed four days of funerals for the young victims and their teacher.

"Dunblane is still in mourning," said Head Teacher Ron Taylor, who appeared to be struggling to master his emotions as he met reporters outside the school.

"However, the evil that came last week is gone. The children returned to school Saturday, and this is a very important day for us because Saturday marks the beginning of our recovery.

"And you mark my words: We will recover. I promise you that," Taylor said.

Reporters were not allowed inside the school and a limited number were allowed to attend Taylor's news conference outside the school. The community had appealed to the media right after the massacre for privacy and to reduce its coverage during the initial mourning period.

School began as usual at 9 a.m. but ended early, at noon. Some children looked solemn as they arrived, but once through the gates, many broke into a run to greet friends they had not seen for days.

One of the first to arrive was a girl about 5 years old with long blonde hair. With a tiny schoolbag on her back, she skipped confidently through the gates and up the drive.

Whitewater prosecutor examines White House Travel Office firings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater counsel Kenneth Starr is trying to determine whether investigators were lied to about Hillary Rodham Clinton's role in the 1993 firings of White House travel office employees.

The special three-judge court that originally appointed Starr ordered him Friday to expand his inquiry to cover whether former White House aide David Watkins lied to investigators from Congress' General Accounting Office. The court acted at the request of Attorney General Janet Reno.

"Starr has notified me that he is investigating possible false statements concerning the travel office firings made to his office in the course of its inquiry into the suicide of former deputy White House counsel Vince Foster," Reno wrote to the court.

"It would be appropriate to expand his jurisdiction to include Watkins' statement to GAO on that same subject."

Reno's request to the court was the first public confirmation that Starr already was looking into possible lying about the travel office matter. A note by Foster found after his suicide indicated it was troubling him.

Reno did not identify whom Starr was investigating, but she made clear his suspicions about lying stemmed from the same source as those of congressional investigators — a draft memo by Watkins that surfaced in January and notes he took in 1993.

"Independent counsel Starr, like the GAO, has relied on the memorandum and notes by Watkins as the primary evidence of the possible falsity of the statements relating to the travel office," Reno's letter said.

In his memo, Watkins said Mrs. Clinton was the driving force behind the May 1993 dismissals. Three years ago, Watkins told the GAO that the staff was fired because of a review by a private accounting firm that found sloppiness and mismanagement in the office, which handles travel arrangements for the White House press corps.

Watkins' lawyer, Bob Mathias, said Friday that his client has consistently told the truth about the travel office firings and that Watkins will continue to cooperate fully with investigators.

Mathias called the GAO's request for an inquiry "completely unwarranted and unfair."

On Thursday in sworn written answers to a House committee, Mrs. Clinton stuck to her denials of any personal role in the firings.

Sextuplets born premature

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Norman and Michelle Haner were hoping for a second child because they wanted a larger family.

They got their second child plus five more after Michelle gave birth to sextuplets — only the sixth living set of siblings known in the world.

Mrs. Haner, 28, who had taken fertility drugs, gave birth Friday to four boys and two girls. The babies were due June 16, but doctors at St. Peter's Hospital performed a Caesarean section on Mrs. Haner.

They said the infants and their mother are healthy.

The four boys and two girls weighed in at about 2 pounds each. Five were on respirators.

"I always joked with my wife, I said I'd love a dozen. I always wanted a big family. I love kids," said the new father, Norman Haner, 34, a state Department of Corrections worker.

Advances in infertility treatments, including drugs that stimulate more eggs, have dramatically increased the rate of multiple births, but sextuplets remain exceedingly rare.

Keith and Becki Dilley of Indianapolis had sextuplets in 1993 after she took Perganol. There are also two living sets in Great Britain, one in Argentina and one in Canada, hospital officials said.

The Haners, who live in Chatham, 25 miles south of Albany, also have a 16-month-old daughter, Courtney. Haner said he and his wife used fertility drugs for her, too, after trying for several years to have a child.

While their prognosis is good, the babies are prone to infection and have to be monitored carefully, said Dr. Albert L. Bartoletti, the hospital's chief of neonatology.

If all goes well, Christian Eric, Ryan Thomas, Mary Ellen Theresa, Joshua Erin, Breanna Mae and Austin Nathaniel should be able to leave the hospital around May 15.

Asked if he thought he was ready to be a father of seven, Haner said, "The good Lord's only going to give you what you can handle."

Obituaries

Pat Gilstrap

1933-1996

Pat Gilstrap, a long-time Snyder resident, died Friday at his home in Snyder following a long illness.

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gilstrap worked for Noble Engine Service and later was self-employed as an industrial engine mechanic.

Born in San Angelo, he married Venona Hamblett on April 20, 1957 in Crane. He was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Venona Gilstrap of Snyder; a son, Doug Gilstrap of Aspen, Colo.; a daughter, Tracie Gilstrap of Dallas; three sisters, Betty Childs of Lubbock, Ann Jordan of Perryton and Jo Rose of Yukon, Okla.; and a brother, F.L. Gilstrap of Odessa.

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What's Up?

SHS Junior-Senior Prom

The annual SHS Junior-Senior Prom will be held Saturday evening at the National Guard Armory in Towle Park.

Parents are invited between 5 and 7 p.m.

Prom photos will be taken beginning at 5 o'clock.

SHS pre-registration

Snyder High School students who are in Cindy Herridge's English class will pre-register Monday and Tuesday.

To pre-register, the student course selection card must be signed by a parent. A make-up day is scheduled on Wednesday for students not able to pre-register Monday or Tuesday.

Bible lessons to air

A series of Bible lessons on video tape is being aired on Snyder's TCA Cable TV channel 2, featuring Mike Tackett as speaker. The fifth tape, "Concern Without Worry," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Ira Lodge sets meeting

Ira Lodge 943 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Boosters to reorganize

A reorganizational meeting of the Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the SHS student center. Plans will be made for the All-Sports Banquet, to be held April 18. Parents and fans are encouraged to attend and get involved.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Scurry County Museum

Scurry County Museum continues its membership drive. This month, the museum, in conjunction with the Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank, will be including a membership and memorial form in monthly statements. For convenience, these can be mailed back to the museum.

New system at Food Cupboard

Due to the large amount of people coming to the Food Cupboard on the first Tuesday of the month, an alphabet system will begin in April. Persons with last names starting with A through F should come the first Tuesday of the month; those with names G-L on the second Tuesday; M-R, the third Tuesday, and S-Z, the fourth Tuesday. If there is a fifth Tuesday in any month, anyone who needs help may come. New clients may come on any Tuesday initially.

Golden K Fish Fry scheduled

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will sponsor its annual fish fry on Sunday, March 31, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Tickets are $6 each. Carryouts will be available. Children under age 6 will be admitted free.

Bike-A-Thon slated April 20

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that the annual Snyder "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon will be held April 20. Coordinator for the event will be Sheryl McClendon. More information about the event will be released soon.

TRS program planned

A representative of the Teacher Retirement System will be at East Elementary at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 1. All school personnel are welcome to attend. Information will include the status of the TRS and what is needed to keep it secure and sound. A question and answer period will follow.

Cash 5

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

27-11-18-16-8

(twenty-seven, eleven, eighteen, sixteen, eight)

Pick 3

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

9-5-5

(nine, five, five)

Former shuttle commander killed in small plane crash

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — The astronaut who commanded one of the last successful flights of space shuttle Challenger died Friday when a small plane he was test flying went into a spin and crashed.

Col. Robert Overmyer, 59, was wearing a parachute, but couldn't manage to free himself from the plane, according to Carolyn, one of his daughters.

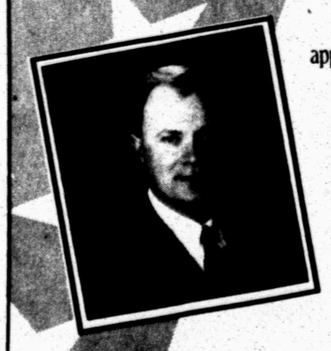
"He was doing full-flap stalls at 8,000 feet and the plane turned over and went into a spin. He had the door open and was trying to get out and couldn't get out in time," she said from her parents home in Nassau Bay, Texas.

Overmyer left behind a wife, Katherine, and three children. But he died doing what he loved, Carolyn said.

"Being a test pilot, he knows the risks. But that was the love of his life," she said.

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Young barrel racer earns titles, sets records

Jana Himes loves rodeos

There is no off-season in barrel racing. Just ask Jana Himes, 14, who lives 30 miles north of Snyder. This veteran competitor has been working the rodeo circuit since she was a youngster, racking up an impressive litany of awards for one so young, including numerous saddles and buckles. Along the way, she has even set a record or two.

In 1993, Jana set the record at Scurry County Coliseum with a time of 13.1 seconds, logged during the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA) finals. The coliseum is the smallest pattern she has run so far.

That same year she was TCRA Rookie of the Year.

Jana set another record in Oklahoma City when she won the youth barrel race championship with a score of 15.3.63 seconds, her best performance and the fastest for her horse, "Red," who tends to "work barrels wider," she said.

Jana is the 1994 world reserve champion junior barrel racer, the 1994 Stamford Texas Cowboy Rodeo Reunion barrel race champion and the 1994 Barrel Futurity Association (BFA) champion.

Jana has also earned several titles in West Texas Barrel Racers Association competition, including 1993 junior champion, 1994 open champion and 1995 jack pot reserve champion.

Jana has also competed well during the XIT Rodeo in Dalhart — which features one of the biggest amateur barrel racing events — becoming champion in 1993, and reserve champion in both 1994 and 1995.

Jana has already won her first buckle for 1996, at the West Texas Barrel Racers Association Extravaganza.

She has competed as an amateur, but since turning 14 in September Jana has received her Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) card.

Barrel racing careers can start as early as age 5 or 6 and continue until the age of 18 or 19, she said.

Jana's days are mainly filled with barrel racing, riding, working and caring for her horses. The rodeo season usually kicks off in Odessa and concludes at the Cow Palace in California.

Jana competes from mid April to mid August and after a short break, rodeos pick up again in Oklahoma City.

She said that spring rodeos are "hard to do good in," but she isn't sure why. She prefers summer rodeos because frequent competition helps "keep me tuned up."

To have more time for barrel racing, Jana opted for home schooling this year rather than returning to Snyder Junior High School.

Though Jana misses her friends, she is willing "to give up a little to get something." Besides, on the rodeo circuit she gets to meet new faces and visit new places quite frequently. That's what helps make it all worthwhile.

Jana also loves the rodeo atmosphere, because when it's "good it is so great."

Another plus-factor, Jana said, is that "winning is the "greatest feeling." Of course, the down side is not doing well, the "lowest of feelings." With Jana, like many competitors, there is no middle ground.

According to the young barrel racer, a truism seems to be that girls who get their WPRA card enter a "slump" soon after.

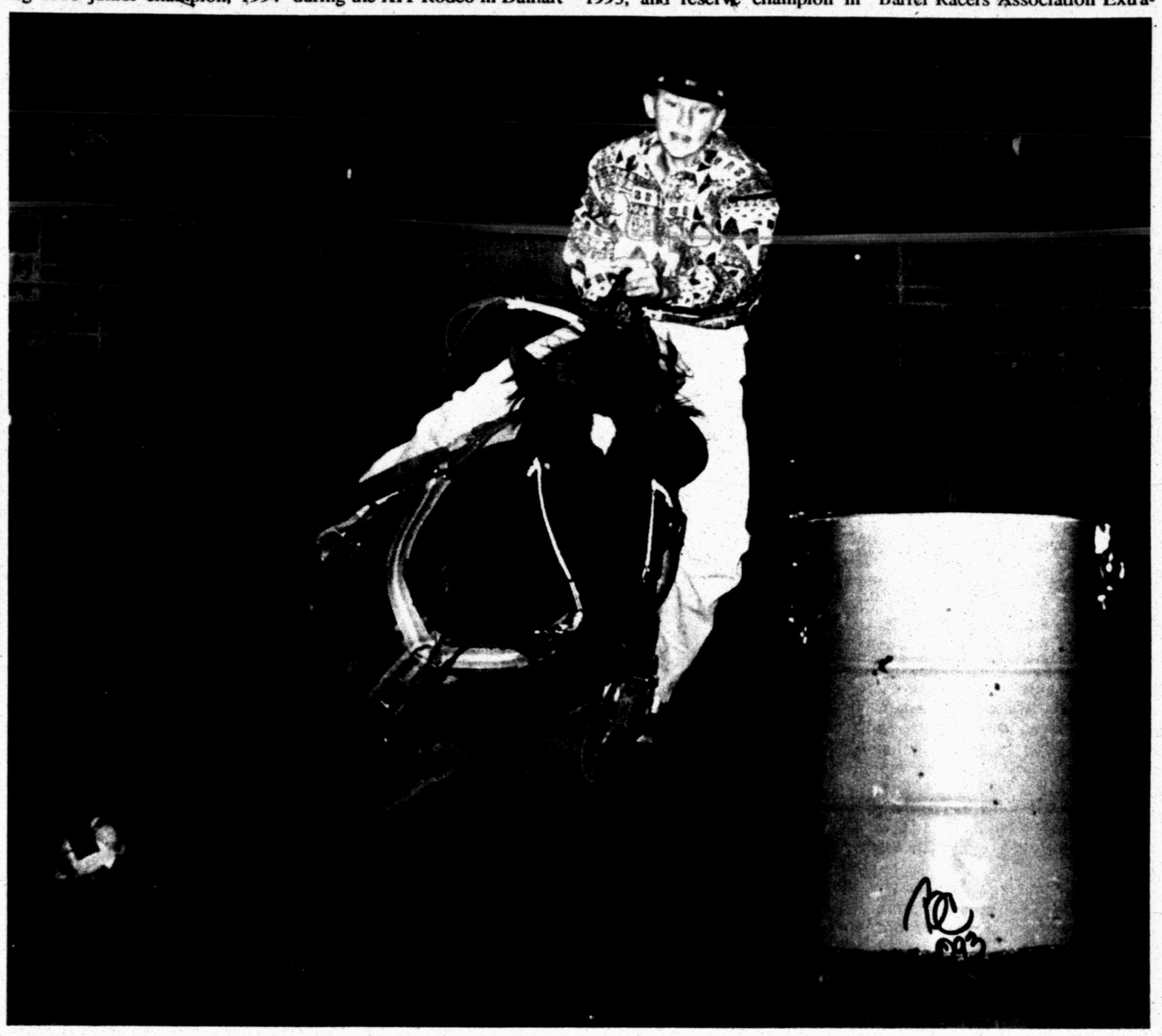
That's where she has been, but since she and her horses have been working better together, she is hoping that she has started to come out of that phase.

Jana's rapport with her horses is extremely important because the two must work together as a team

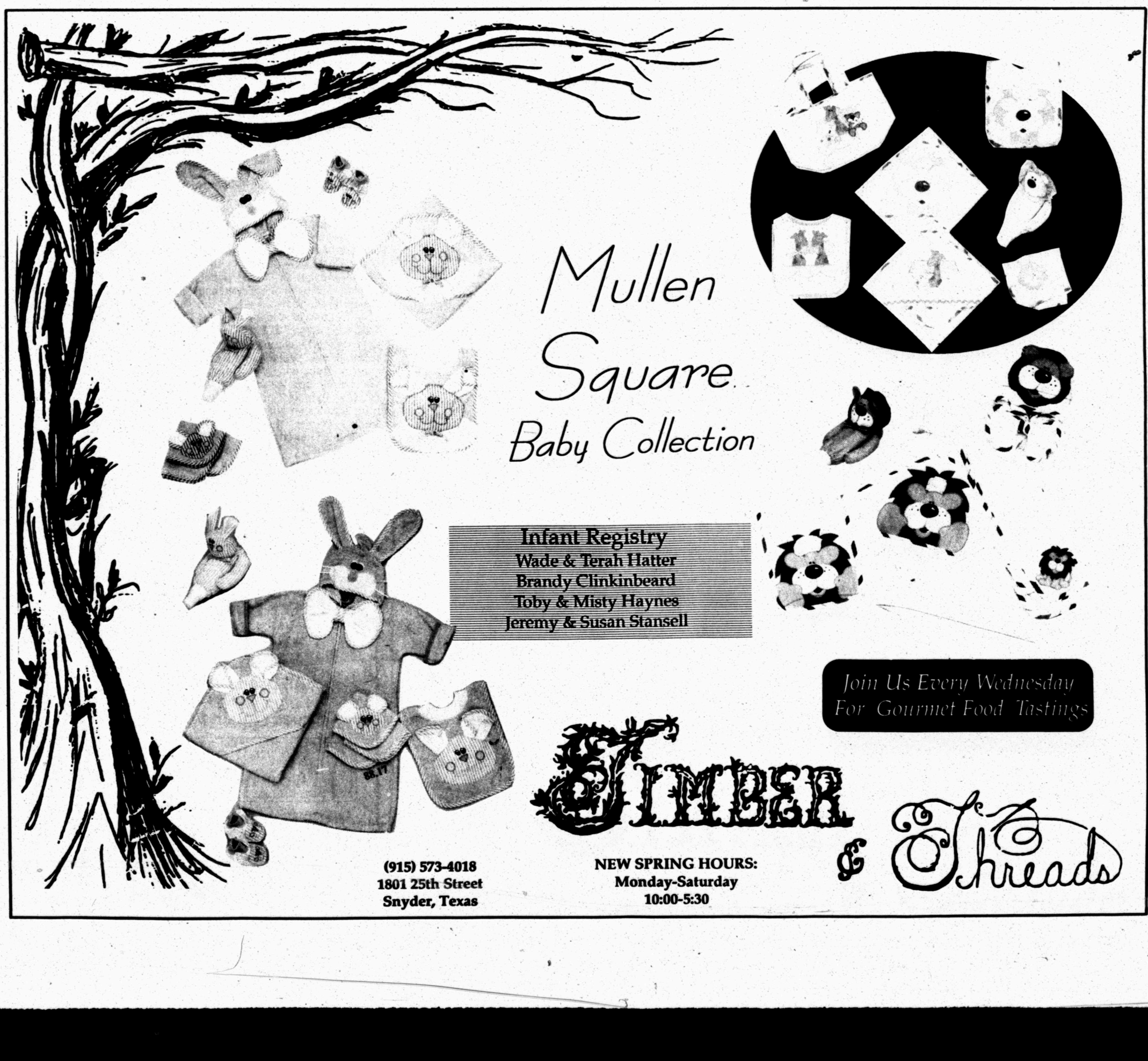
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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman



RIDE'EM COWGIRL — Jana Himes and Red are shown barrel racing during the 1993 Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association finals held at Scurry County Coliseum. Their efforts paid off as the young racer set a record with a time of 13.1 seconds. That year, she was also named TCRA Rookie of the Year. (Contributed Photo)



MAR 23 1996

Murphy, Grant united in January ceremony

Kristen Kit Grant and Benjamin Thomas Murphy, both of Snyder, were united in marriage on January 20 at Snyder's First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins officiated the 6 p.m., double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Wylie and Betty Grant of Rankin.

The church was centered with a pair of stacked 15 branch brass candlelabra and staged with two spiral candlelabra and a pair of seven branch brass candlelabra. All held white taper candles entwined with springeria fern and baby's breath. Arrangements of greenery decorated the choir and lower rails. A brass stand held the unity candle which was encircled with springeria fern enhanced with sprigs of baby's breath.

Pew bows of white bridal tulle, satin ribbons of white, and fern with baby's breath marked the aisles. The church entry was adorned with a large floral arrangement of burgandy snapdragons and white larkspur with assorted greenery. Joan Dryden and Lacy Crawford of Snyder registered guests at a table that featured Bride and Groom bears dressed as replicas of the couple. Church decorations were designed by Friendly Flowers of Snyder.

Serving as candlelighters were Brian Crawford and Seth Crawford of Snyder.

Vocalists were all from Snyder, and all former students of the bride. Sharika Wofford sang "The Power of Love," Jacob Crawford sang "It Was Worth Every Mile," and Heather Ward and Jacob Crawford sang a duet entitled "Endless Love."

Reba Bailey played favorite piano selections of the bride as guests were seated and during the lighting of candles. Mrs. Bailey played the organ as the bride entered to "The Wedding March."

The bride was attired in a formal slipper satin, white gown designed by Mori Lee. It featured a jeweled, high neck wedding band collar and sweetheart neckline inset with embroidered English net embellishment with pearls and mirrored sequins.

The fitted bodice was heavily encrusted with pearls and irridescent sequins on embroidered Battenburg lace. Large tapered sleeves with shoulder puffs accented with strands of pearls came to points at the wrist.

The bouffant skirt falling from deep points at waistline was hemmed with wide scalloped Battenburg lace. The back featured a large double butterfly bow with long streamers trimmed down the center with cutwork lace with pearl clusters in the middle. Oversized embroidered Battenburg windows covered with sequins and pearls decorated the cathedral train which was bustled at the end of the ceremony.

The headpiece was a headband of beaded flowers accented with sprays of pearls and crystals. The irridescent illusion veil was fingertip length.

The bouquet carried by the bride was a cascade silk arrangement that featured burgandy alstroemeria, ivory and burgandy roses and rosebuds. The flowers were entwined with English ivy and shiny grape ivy accented with sprays of pearls.

As the bride came down the aisle, she presented a long stemmed red rosebud, decorated with baby's breath and red ribbons to her mother.

Bridesmaids carried bouquets of ivory roses, alstremeria, and burgandy roses. Matching ivory streamers completed their bouquets.

Leslie Murphy of Snyder served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Armanda Herrera of Snyder, Kori Glenn of Snyder and Mechelle Chrane of Abilene.

All four attendants wore matching dresses of hunter green satin. Dresses were tea length with full skirt gathered to princess seamed bodices with shaped waistlines. They featured long tapered sleeves coming to points at the wrist. The deep V back was accented with a large back bow. Shoes were dyed to match their dresses and all wore matching pearl necklaces, a gift from the bride.

Best man was Wesley Murphy of Snyder, the groom's son. Groomsmen were Greg Crawford of Snyder, Joe Rue Beaver of Snyder and Brian Crawford of Snyder.

Ushers were Brady Murphy, son of the groom, Bo Robinson, Mike Murphy, and Seth Crawford, all of Snyder.

The groom was attired in a Christian Dior Black Onyx Fulldress tuxedo. This tuxedo was designed with luxurious black vest and black tie. A white wing collar and pleated shirt with matching cuff links and accessories completed the groom's attire.

The other attendants chose matching fulldress tuxedoes. The accessories included a Ocean Mist kelly green diagonal cummerbund and matching tie. The white wing pleated shirt completed the attire.

Sandy Crawford and Linda Cozart of Snyder assisted the wedding party.

A reception was held immediately following the wedding ceremony in the Garden Room area of the church. The hall and other areas were lavishly decorated with fresh flowers and greenery.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Murphy
(Contributed Photo)

The bride's table was the focal point which held a large five tiered wedding cake.

The eighteen-foot serpentine table was draped with a satin white floor-length tablecloth. The table was then overlaid with a white lace tablecover. The overlay was then scalloped and a large white satin bow was placed between each scallop. Streamers were then added to complete the table decor.

The five-tiered cakes were separated with five-inch Grecian columns. The bottom two layers were stacked together and attached with large shell border. The next three layers were stacked together and attached with large shell border. The next three layers were separated with circles of greenery and white fresh flowers. Assortment of flowers and greenery were draped and cascaded downward connecting each cake with flowers.

Between each tier of the cake, circles of greenery, flowers, handmade sugar roses and baby's breath completed the decorations. The cakes were encircled with white lace, greenery and flowers.

The entire cake was embellished with a delicate design. Ruffles detailed with strings of like pearls and handmade lace circled the entire sides of the cakes. The delicate decorations were then intertwined into the top shell border. An elite lacy design completed the confection.

The top cake held a large arrangement of matching flowers and miniature porcelain bears dressed as a bride and groom. The cake was baked in a fresh white chiffon and frosted with a white cream cheese frosting. The cake was then completely encircled with large amounts of greenery and flowers designed by JoAnn Prince of Friendly Flowers. This cake was baked and designed by Reta's especially for the couple and decorated by Sandra Hall of Snyder.

Appointments of silver and crystal were used on this table. A large silver champagne fountain served a citrus fruit mixture of punch. Napkins monogrammed with the couple's first names and their wedding date were given to guests from this table. A silver and crystal cake knife and server were used to cut and serve the cake onto crystal plates. A large arrangement of flowers was then placed in the center of this table arranged on a tall stand. The bridal bouquet completed the centerpiece.

Serving at the bride's table were Linda Cozart, Wilma Penn and Shann Pierce, all of Snyder.

The groom's table was draped with a satin floor-length cover. The overlay was then scalloped to match the bride's table. Bows and streamers completed the table which was set with gold and crystal appointments.

The chocolate cake served from the groom's table was baked in a three layer double round cake. The cake was then frosted in various shades of chocolate. The top of the cake was a mound of fresh dipped chocolate California Driscoll strawberries then cascaded from the top layer to the base of the bottom layer of the cake forming a large mound of strawberries on crystal trays.

A chocolate cream cheese filling was between the layers of the cakes. A design of chocolate Fleur-De-Lis accented the sides of the cakes. Various shades of chocolate roses accented the entire cake. Reverse shell borders surrounded the cake. This cake was served on a large crystal platter and circled with greenery. This cake was also designed by Reta's of Snyder and decorated by Sandra Hall.

Mixed nuts and mints were served from American Fosteria crystal bowls. Dried fruit was also served from this table. Coffee was served from a five-piece gold coffee service. The center of the table held a large arrangement in a gold vase.

Lyndia Allen and Becky Robinson served at the groom's table.

An eight-foot rectangular table was draped to match the other tables. This table was used for a gift table for the bride and groom. A large bear dressed as a replica of the bride served as the centerpiece on this table.

Guests were seated in the hall around large round shaped-tables draped with white cloths. The center of each of the tables held a large centerpiece of flowers.

The trio of Rick Martin, Gary Martin and Terry Bowden provided musical selections.

The entire wedding reception was a catered event of Reta's Cake Shop.

A dance and reception to honor the couple was held at the Snyder County Club following the wedding and reception.

An eight-foot table held a three-tiered wedding cake and a chocolate groom's cake with dipped strawberries. Food was served from a sixteen foot table. The buffet included many selections of hot foods and large trays of fruit, vegetables, and cold cut of meats and dips.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, which included stops at Freeport, Nassau and Cococay, the couple made their home in Snyder.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Buena Vista High School and graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree. She teaches at Snyder Junior High.

The groom graduated from Borden County High School in 1980 and received a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in 1984. He currently is self-employed as a certified public accountant.

Children able to wear just about anything

By The Associated Press

Kids are lucky. With their simple, straight little silhouettes, they can wear just about anything. They can be precious-cute one day and hip-cool the next, without skipping a beat.

Children's stores and departments this spring will have plenty of clothes to indulge this versatility (two prices listed reflect different size ranges):

— Retro fashions reign at J.C. Penney, recalling everything from the Buster Brown era to the disco '90s. One show-stopper for girls is a sophisticated Jackie Kennedy-like knit suit with an embellished cropped jacket ($32) and matching skort ($27), both from R-Wear. A matching pant-vest set in white for boys from Michael James ($34.99), worn with a dark banded- collar shirt ($18), will recall either Saturday Night Fever or Casablanca, depending on which era you prefer. Then there's the Carmen Miranda bit, with a girl's swimsuit in a fruit punch pattern, complete with matching sarong ($14.99).

— Outdoor chic is the message from OshKosh B'Gosh, with garden-themed clothes, golf and tennis looks adopted from the country club, and patriotic red-white-and-blues inspired by the coming Olympic Games. Flower print fashions for girls in OKBG's In My Garden line include a sundress in tiered ruffles ($24), worn with a coordinating embroidered jersey top ($14), and a twill garden patch shortall with the signature suspender loops ($23), also with a embroidered jersey top ($13-$14). For boys there is the Seaworthy line placket shirt ($15.50) and twill shorts ($18-$20), both with naval logos, and the Seaworthy vertically striped rugby shirt in patriotic colors ($22-$24) with solid twill shorts ($17.50-$20).

— Also from OshKosh is its new sister-brother line, Genuine Kids. Some of these clothes are a bit more sophisticated, like the girl's denim jeans with pocket embroidery ($23.99-$25.99) worn with a sleeveless gingham shirt ($18.99), or a boy's pique polo shirt ($12.99-$15.99) worn with khaki cargo shorts ($17.99-$18.99).

— The Olympics are big at Healthtex, too, with a boy's pieced color-block crew with a screen-printed U.S. star logo ($14-$16), worn with jersey color- block shorts, also screen printed ($12-$14). More sporting looks are found in a boy's color-block rugby shirt with embroidered logo ($15-$17), worn with spiffy plaid pocket shorts ($14.50-$16.50) and knee-high golf socks ($3.50). For girls there is a charming apron jumper in woven plaid with embroidered cherries ($24.50-$26.50), worn with a puffed-sleeve placket top with embroidered collar ($16-$18), and a sleeveless babydoll dress that features a solid ribbed bodice and a fruit-basket print skirt ($18-20).

— Pre-teen sophistication characterizes the new Girls Club line from Healthtex. There's a daisy-gingham-print scooter skirt in cotton canvas ($19-$21) with matching vest ($17-$19), worn with a lattice-texture top with embroidery and picot trim ($15.50-$17.50), or a funky french terry jumper ($21-$23), worn with a yarn-dyed striped top ($14-$16).

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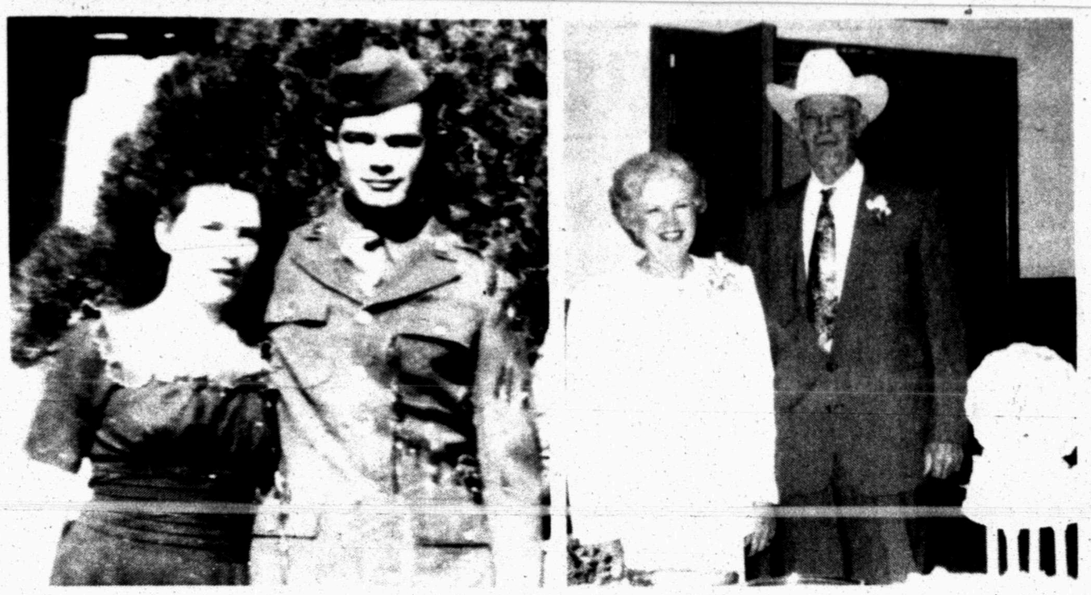
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Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Kitchens
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50th

Kitchens celebrate anniversary

G.W. and Bobby Kitchens celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 9 with a reception at Trinity United Methodist Church followed by a family dinner in the Burton home. The dinner was catered by Reta's.

Mr. Kitchens, a retired rancher and oilfield worker, was born July 17, 1927 in Hylton, Tex., and Bobby Warren Kitchens was born Dec. 16, 1929 in Italy, Tex.

The couple met in 1943 in Merkel and were married there March 9, 1946. They have lived in Fisher and Scurry Counties most of their lives.

The Kitchens are members of the Union Baptist Church.

They have six children, Jerry Kitchens of Albany, Tex., Mrs. Ken Ferguson of Rosenberg, Tex., Riley Kitchens of Lumberton, Tex., Mrs. Mary Burton, Buddy Kitchens and Mrs. Ruby Smith, all of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Beale of Wolfforth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, April Charlene, to Eric Lane West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte West of Snyder. The wedding will be June 8 at East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice



The pansy is known botanically as the Viola Tricolor Hortenis Cornuta. The pansy is one of the most popular plants because of the variety and combination of colors.

You can find colors of purple, white, blue, rose, dark red and many combinations as smiling happy faces. The pansy comes to us from Europe and is one of the most hybridized plants.

A pansy always has five overlapping petals. Most pansies have blooms of two to three inches but we have the Rogue Giants and the California Giants which are a hybrid type and can have very large blooms up to four and one half inches.

Pansies are technically a perennial but they tend to deteriotate very fast in this climate after the first of the year and therefore we must treat them as annuals or even biannuals where the temperature is warm or hot such as we have in the Gulf Coastal areas.

Pansies normally grow to a height of about eight inches and are considered to be a low growing plant which makes them most excellent for borders. They are also good as an edging as well as in window boxes, hanging baskets and used as pot plants.

They have a delightful fresh fragrant aroma. Remember that the more often you pick your pansies during their blooming stage, the more blooms that they will produce for your pleasure. They are one of the mainstays of Grandmother's Garden and this is one of the reasons why.

Pansies like full sun except where the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. They can also grow in semi-shade so they are very versital as to both color and growing conditions. A mass of pansies is very effective landscaping.

There are two ways to start pansies. One way is from seed and the other way is to buy bedding plants. Local nurseries all have good stocks of pansies on hand now. Remember when selecting plants to pick vigorous looking ones as you get what you pay for in most instances.

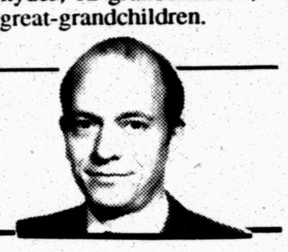
You can enjoy pansies blooms up into May. If you mass plant and stagger your planting dates you will receive a greater abundance of color for a longer period of time.

Pansies like rich sandy loam with an abundance of humas. Pansies like a regular well balanced diet with a water soluable type of fertilizer.

Gardeners let me leave you with this thought, God does not deduct from man's alloted time those hours spent gardening.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥2

Short enough to read it all

By Phillip Alder

Woody Allen said, "I took a course in speed reading, learning to read straight down the middle of the page, and was able to read 'War and Peace' in 20 minutes. It's about Russia."

In bridge, you have to read the cards, and it is better to do it slowly and accurately rather than quickly and inaccurately.

South went down quickly in today's deal. Which clue did he overlook?

Against three no-trump, West led the heart two, his fourth-highest. South took East's 10 with his king and played a diamond to dummy's queen. East's club discard was a painful blow. South maneuvered from one suit to another, but the defenders found the right answers, defeating the contract.

"How was I to know that West would have four diamonds?" asked South. "I thought that if he had four diamonds, he might have led that suit rather than a heart. So I assumed East was more likely to have the diamond length."

"Apart from the fact that West is more likely to lead a major than a minor, there is a much better indication," replied North. "We just need to assume that West will lead from his longest suit. If so, when West leads the heart two, you know he cannot have a void. The heart two tells you that he has exactly four hearts. If West has a diamond void, he must have a five-card suit and would have led that suit. So, only East can have a diamond void. You should have cashed the diamond ace at trick two. Then, using the power of dummy's diamond eight, you can pick up West's holding. You win five diamond tricks and nine in all."

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'Nun look' makes fashion statement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While all the stars are strutting their stuff in designer garb, Sister Helen Prejean will make her Oscar fashion statement in a floral skirt, borrowed black velvet top — and her cross.

"We're going to have a whole new trend in fashions now," she said in Thursday's Daily News of Los Angeles. "You watch. It's going be called the 'Nun Look.' People are going to have these veils and black sequins."

Prejean, the New Orleans nun who took a vow of poverty before her best-selling "Dead Man Walking" became a major motion picture, told the paper that she has owned the skirt and heels for some time but is borrowing the top from a friend.

Prejean said she was making the pilgrimage to Monday's Oscars to push the anti-death penalty theme of her book.

"A billion people look at the Academy Awards, and I want that issue out there," Prejean said.

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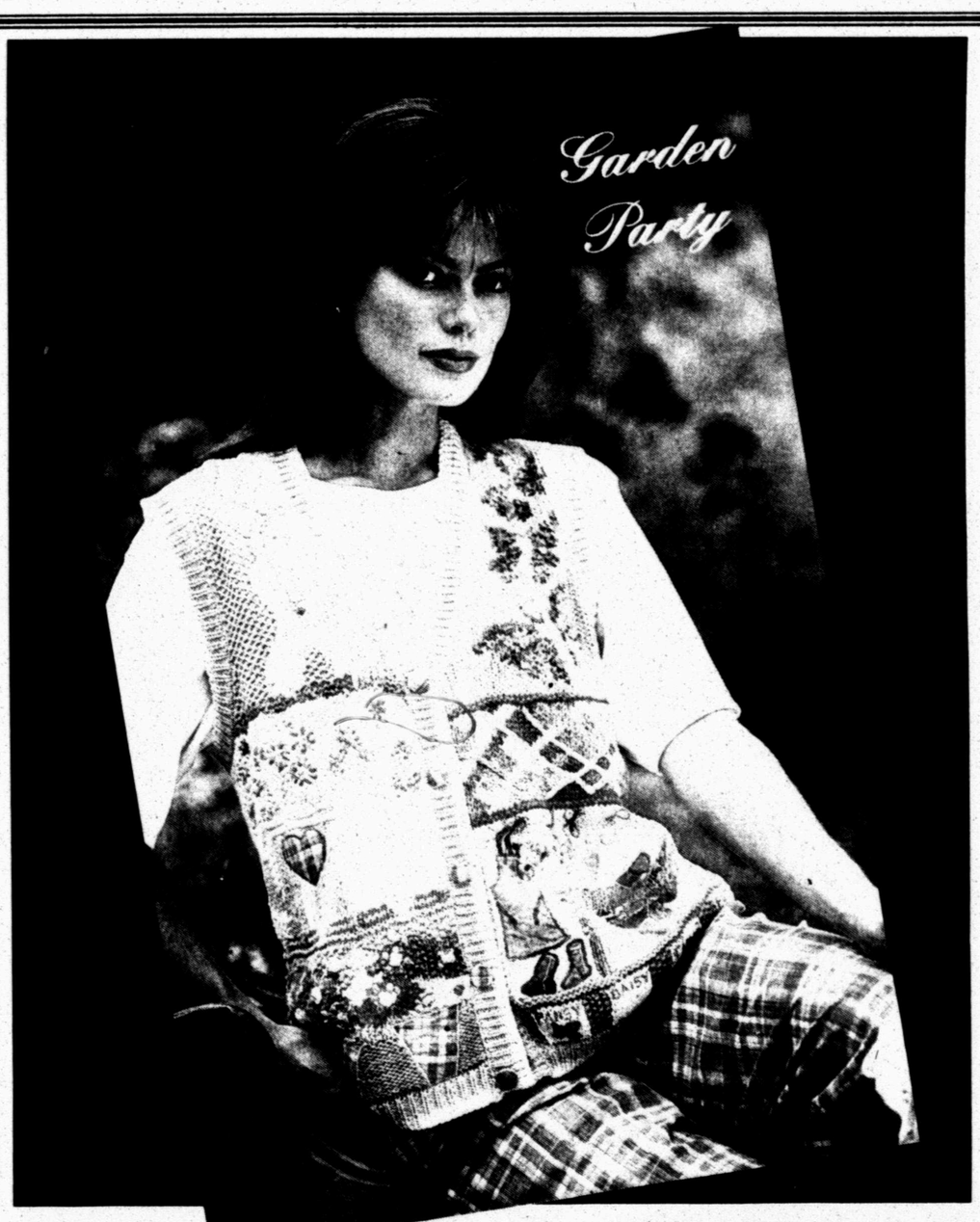
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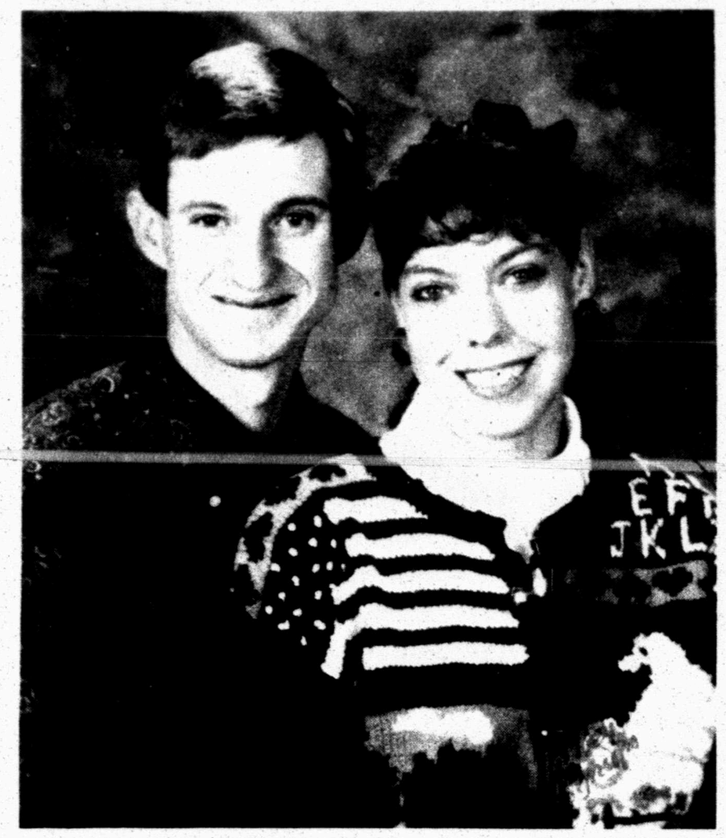
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SUMMER WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trevey of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to John Y. Stewart, II, son of Dale and Pearlene Nolan and John Stewart of Snyder. A wedding is being planned for 7 p.m., June 22, in the First Baptist Church. Miss Trevey and Stewart are seniors at Texas Tech University. (Contributed Photo)

Scurry County Library News and Views

Over $50 million dollars is sitting around Texas just waiting to be claimed. Money may slip through fingers, but it doesn't just disappear. Every day businesses report forgotten cash and valuables to the State of Texas. The money isn't lost, but the people it belongs to seem to be!

Scurry County Library has received a list of names of people that have some of this missing cash coming to them. Everyone is welcome to check the list, because there is nothing quite like money, especially from out of the blue.

BOOK FEATURE

"A Simple Decent Place to Live," by Millard Fuller.

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Since 1976, 40,000 sturdy, decent homes for more than a quarter of a million people have been built. This book tells the story of Habitat for Humanity in all its richness and verve.

NON-FICTION

"America's Best Hotels and Restaurants."

"Resumes That Mean Business," by David R. Eyler.

"Helping Teenagers Into Adulthood," by George R. Holmes.

"Your Living Trust & Estate Plan," by Harvey J. Platt.

"The Best of Teams, the Worst of Teams," by Russell O. Wright.

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Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast Taco
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
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WEDNESDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
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THURSDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger
Corn Dog
Burger Salad
Tator Tots
Fresh Apples

TUESDAY
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy
Chicken Nuggets w/Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Steak Burger
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Pineapple Tidbits

THURSDAY
BBQ Chicken
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy
Green Beans
Diced Pears
Hot Rolls

FRIDAY
Burrito
Nachos
Refried Beans
Apple Crisp
Cornbread

TUESDAY
Chili Beans
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Fruit Cup
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Sloppy Joes
Buttered Corn
Whole New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Ginger Bread
Milk

THURSDAY
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips and Corn Bread
Plum Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Spice Cake
Milk

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Juice
Pancake pups
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Smothered Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Apricot Crisp
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Ira Menu

MONDAY
Hot dogs w/Chili & Cheese
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Oranges

TUESDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Shredded Lettuce
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Cherry Cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Soup
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Brownies

THURSDAY
Turkey ala King
Carrot Raisin Salad
Loaf Bread
Peaches
Birthday Cake

FRIDAY
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Pears

Helmsleys donate 10 million dollars to hospital fund

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Checking into the Helmsley building in Greenwich will mean having other people in your room — mostly nurses and doctors.

Hotel moguls Leona and Harry Helmsley have donated $10 million toward the construction of a $117 million hospital; in return, the new building will be named after the Helmsleys, who are Greenwich residents, hospital officials said Wednesday.

Mrs. Helmsley, 75, said she wanted to thank Greenwich Hospital after her husband, 87, was treated there in September for pneumonia.

"It's our way of saying thank you and giving something back," she said.

Bruce Warwick, chairman of Greenwich Hospital's board of trustees, said the hospital was not concerned with bad publicity because of her 1989 conviction for tax evasion.

Nicknamed the Queen of Mean because of her management style, she served 18 months of her 21-month sentence in a federal prison. She was released in 1993, put on three years' probation and ordered to do 250 hours of community service.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Steak Fingers
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Tomatoes & Okra
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Apricot Cobbler

TUESDAY
Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Mexican Salad
Ice Cream

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Patty
Sliced Potatoes
Asparagus
Tomato Wedges
Banana Pudding

THURSDAY
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Dill Pickle Spears
Steamed Prunes
Oatmeal Cookies

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Hominy w/Cheese Sauce
Herbed Green Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Chocolate Cake w/Chocolate Sauce

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

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

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

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

American Cancer Society; board room in CMH; 5 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; homes; 7 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; CMH board room; 7 to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; Seven dollars per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m.; games follow.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting for non-smokers, noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Palette Club; Paint day; Hostess Evelyn Mebane; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Duplicate Bridge Club had seven tables hosted by Dot Casey at Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
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3. Ann Davis and Anita Talbot.

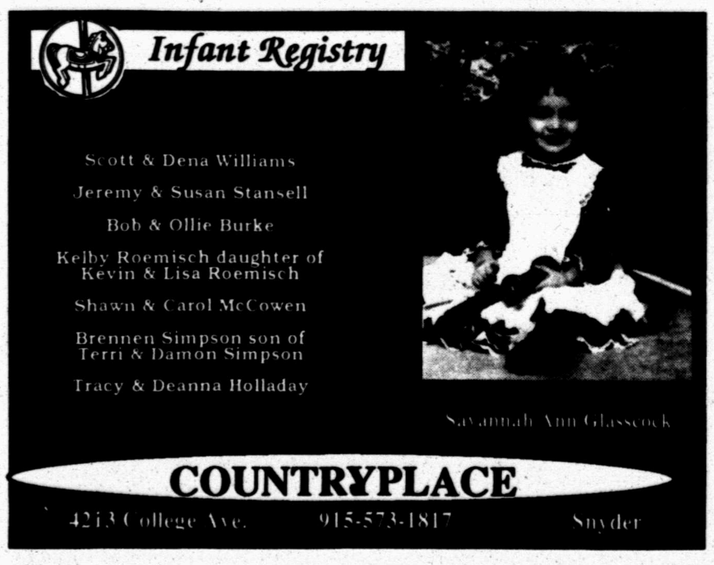
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1. Monte West and Rogene Spruell.
2. Verdi Kimbro and Marjorie Brown.
3. Dora Blakely and Nona Morrison.

SUNDAY

(TIE) 1. Rube McKinley and Barbara Yorgesen and Dora Blakey and Shirley Stewart.

2. Alta Cates and Laura Thompson.



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BRIDE HONORED — A wedding shower honoring Gina Brooks Juarez, bride of Terry Juarez, was held March 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick. Pictured from left are Mrs. Edna Brooks, paternal grandmother of bride; Mrs. Ebah Curb of Plainview, maternal grandmother of the bride; Nelda Brooks, mother of the bride; the honoree; Julia Juarez, mother of the groom; Estella Juarez, sister-in-law of the groom from Silverton; Janie Saladana, cousin of the groom from Seminole. (Contributed Photo)

Unlocking the secrets to old photographs

Members of the Scurry County Genealogical Society (SCGS) met Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Library for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Member Jo Thrower gave a program on Unlocking the Secrets In Old Photographs.

She advised learning the approximate date a photograph was made is the first step to take in identifying the people in the photo. This can be done by studying different types of photographs and the time period they were made.

She explained the Daguerrotype photograph was the very first photograph and were made from 1839 until 1860. The Tintype photograph was popular during the Civil War because they could be carried and shipped without risk of shattering. They were made from 1854 into the 1920s.

She told, there are many clues to look for to help in identifying photographs such as, styles of clothing, hair, automobiles, furniture, and building designs. Check to see who in your family lived during the time period they were popular.

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will have its annual Garage and Bake Sale Saturday, April 13, at the Towle Park Barn. Donations will gladly be accepted and can be made by calling Jo Thrower at 573-2085 or by calling any SCGS member.

The next genealogy meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 26 at the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested in researching their family is invited to attend. Dorothy Campbell will give a program on Organizing Your Genealogy Records.



Jo Thrower

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Know your rights for mail orders

DEAR READERS: Several of you have written to us about problems you've experienced receiving merchandise from mail-order companies.

We spoke to Bernice Friedlander, the acting director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, based in Washington, D.C.

We asked her to walk us through the process her agency recommends for people having problems with their mail orders.

First, federal mail-order law requires companies that take consumers' mail orders to ship within 30 days of receiving the order. If the company can't ship on time, they are required to notify consumers of the delay and give them a chance to cancel their order or get their money back.

Now, let's say you ordered a gizmo from the XYZ Corp. in St. Paul, Minn. Your check was cashed, but you never received your gizmo. First, you write a letter to the XYZ Corp. stating you have not received your order. Tell them what you ordered, the date and when your check was cashed.

If you don't receive a satisfactory reply within one month, the next step is to report the problem to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Write to: United States Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260-2100. In the letter, describe the product you ordered, when you ordered it and when your check was cashed. Be sure to keep your original documents.

Ms. Friedlander told us the postal service is effective, especially with mail swindles. She suggested that if you are a senior citizen to get in touch with your local senior center or club and ask for their help.

You could also get in touch with your local Consumer Protection Agency; look in your telephone book for the listing.

The 1996 Consumer's Resource Handbook is available by sending a postcard with your name and address to: Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009. This handbook has a huge section entitled "Buying Smart," which contains a sample complaint letter; consumer tips, red flags when buying by mail order and lots of other things. It also has a comprehensive "Consumer Assistance Directory."

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have had a back operation and would like to know where I could send away to get a long-handled metal dust pan. I have a plastic one, but the lip is so thick that it just scatters and throws the dirt and dust all over. — **RUBY BROADFIELD, Elmwood, Ill.**

DEAR RUBY: We found a dustpan, with a long handle, that is just like the ones used in movie theaters. It's called a "Lobby Dustpan" and is available from the Home Trends catalog. It doesn't have a lip, but it's designed to tilt backward when you move it from place to place. You can also buy a "Lobby Broom."

The dustpan and broom set (item VRM007) is $23.95; just the dust pan (VRM005) is $17, and just the broom (VRM006) is $8.50, plus shipping. To order, call: 1-716-254-6520 or write to: Home Trends, 1450 Lyell Ave., Rochester, NY 14606.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I'm working on my autobiography, which I plan to give to my children. I am using my computer and printing on a Laser Jet printer. I have seen papers that were photocopies and laser-printed just a few years ago, and sometimes the print seems to be sticking to other pages and/or fading. How can I be sure that the pages of my autobiography will be preserved for my grandchildren without fading or sticking together? — **TRUDY NIE, Island Lake, Ill.**

DEAR TRUDY: We spoke with Beth Patkus at the Northeast Document Conservation Service in Andover, Mass. She said the life of laser-printed documents depends primarily on the quality of paper used and how well the print sticks to the paper.

Archival-quality paper should be used. That is, a paper that meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidelines for permanent paper. Many papers today don't meet this standard.

The easiest way to make sure you are getting permanent paper is to buy it through a conservation supplier, such as University Products (1-800-628-1912) or Gaylord Bros. (1-800-448-6160).

The print, which is used in a laser printer and photo copier, should have a stable pigment such as carbon black. Regular maintenance and service of your printer will help to ensure that the print is fusing with the paper properly.

To make sure it is sticking properly, use a "tape peel" test. Simply take a piece of Scotch tape, place it on the print and slowly pull it off. Copies fail the test if any print comes off on the tape.

Beware of color photo copying and laser printings. There is some evidence that it is not stable and shouldn't be used for permanent documents. Further, daisy-wheel and ink-jet printing does not last (ink-jet is water-soluble).

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have a Maytag four-burner gas stove with a self-cleaning oven; however, I've lost the instruction book that came with it. How can I get in touch with Maytag? — **B. ALVRY, Westerly, R.I.**

DEAR B.: According to our copy of 1996 Consumer's Resource Handbook (free, just send your name and address to: Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009), the address for Maytag parts and service is: Maycor Appliance Parts and Service Co., 240 Edwards St. S.E., Cleveland, TN 37311.

STUMPED: REEF THONG SANDALS — Emma Gular of Doylestown, Pa., is looking for these. She thinks they are the most comfortable sandals. Nan likes them, too. Her only pair were eaten by mice at her summer cabin.

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

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of "Ask Anne & Nan" (Whetstone) and "Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets" (Bantam). To order, call 1-800-888-1220.

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Dressmaker tailors clothes to perfection

By SUZY PATTERSON
AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) - She looks like Madame Butterfly, not unlike her glorious logo. But Hanae Mori is also that rarest of Japanese designers, a true couturiere in the Western sense of the word: a dressmaker who knows everything about putting clothes together with tailored perfection.

Because a wave of Japanese creators invaded Paris and its fashion shows in the 1980s, one tends to think of them as quirky iconoclasts like Rei Kawakubo at Comme des Garcons, or the ultimate fabric artist, Issey Miyake.

But here is Mrs. Mori, turning out perfectly beautiful and fitted suits for ladies who lunch at the Ritz — or maybe at her superb French-oriented restaurant in Tokyo, the Orangerie in the Hanae Mori building.

Her styles are never startling or avant-garde. "I believe that women want to look pretty," says this most attractive and feminine of women.

She is a phenomenon in a country used to women bowing out in a secondary role. Mrs. Mori has forged out a powerful career for herself in a family business that includes both her husband and her two sons.

"But mother calls the shots," says Kei Mori, who runs the European operation from her shop on the Avenue Montaigne.

"I believe you can't sit still and stop evolving," said Mrs. Mori, beautifully clad in one of her black trouser outfits with cropped, lean pants, during a brief trip to Paris.

She doesn't like to discuss the recurring strikes there, since she's become a multimillionaire through her own and her family's dogged hard work, without state perks or automatic pay raises.

Her son Kei estimates overall $400 million as a rough figure for the Hanae Mori annual group turnover.

Just a couple of years ago, Mrs. Mori branched out from her couture and exclusive ready-to-wear fashions to start a casual, less expensive line called Weekend and Cashmere. It has become wildly popular, with its high-quality separates selling very well out of a new shop on the Place de l'Alma, with a view of the Eiffel Tower, and at dozens of outlets in Japan and around the world.

"And don't forget the perfume," said Kei Mori, noting her newest venture, launched with the fall haute couture collection. The whole family likes the fresh, flowery scent with notes of red fruit, white flowers and sandalwood in its rectangular bottle that has a glass top sculpted to look like a butterfly with folded wings.

"This perfect design is an extraordinary thing to achieve," says Claude Saujet, manager of Hanae Mori's perfume. Saujet was lured away from Sanofi, which makes Yves Saint Laurent perfumes.

"We've scrapped expensive boxing for a really beautiful, classic bottle — and a discreet, sensual perfume." For its retail price, (about $50 for a spray eau de parfum), it is a real bargain.

"I did think of the spring fields, the butterflies, the odors of my childhood in helping plan this this perfume," says Mrs. Mori.

This is no social butterfly; she works hard, all the time. But she's hardly a rags-to-riches-through-rags designer, either.

Her father was a surgeon and a very cultivated man, well-versed in all the arts. Her mother was equally erudite, very interested in fashions from Tokyo or Osaka, in the hometown province of Shimane.

"We were the only ones in my little town who dressed Western-style," Mrs. Mori recalls of the pre-World War II days. "It was embarrassing to me as a child to be different, but I guess we were rather envied, too."

She remembers the war as a stressful time when she hid out from the bomb raids, reading Gone with the Wind, trying to forget about the war.

Lifestyles Photo Policy

The Snyder Daily News will no longer take wedding shower pictures, but welcomes a contributed picture of the bride-elect, mothers and grandmothers of the couple, with complete identification. For those who do not have access to a camera, SDN has cameras available to loan on a short-term basis.

Also, contributed pictures of good quality will be published of baby showers.

Stories without pictures will also be printed.

Contributed pictures may be picked up the day after publication. Although care is taken, no guarantee can be made as an occasional picture may be damaged or lost. The Snyder Daily News cannot be held responsible for pictures left more than 10 days following publication.

Stars sue restaurant co-owners

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Picture the Variety headline: Hollywood Muscle Men Ankle Eatery.

Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, co-founders of the Planet Hollywood chain, sued the owners of Planet Hollyford restaurant, in the small tourist center of Te Anau in Fiordland.

The restaurant takes its name from the nearby Hollyford Valley, one of the area's major attractions, drawing many international tourists.

Paul Austin and Tony Chilton, co-owners of Planet Hollyford, say they don't have the money to fight millionaire movie stars.

"We are not just changing our logo, but we will have to change our name. We are gutted," Austin said.

Planet Hollyford opened six months ago. Austin said it was just a tongue-in-cheek idea to give the restaurant, in an isolated area, a similar logo to Planet Hollywood.

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Rating the movies



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

During my recent trip to New York City, while having brunch with a good friend of mine, producer Ron Schwary, he took pity on me when he found that there's only one cinema in town and that I hadn't seen most of the movies which were up for Academy Awards, and loaned me copies of almost all of this year's nominees, which are made available to Academy members for their voting consideration.

(To all my friends: no, I don't still have them.)

So I figure that, for a Snyder gal, I'm sitting in a pretty good position to comment on this year's Academy Award nominees. Aside from that, I thought I'd just do a little theater guide for those of you who haven't seen most of these movies and wonder if they're worth the money.

Besides, I've ALWAYS wanted to be a critic.

BRAVEHEART: This movie is out on video tape now and, though it is entirely too bloody and intense for younger viewers, adults should run, not walk, to one of our video rental stores and see this movie. It is a movie so rare to see these days: a sweeping saga which deals with the great themes of mankind, in this case: Do you think your freedom is worth dying for? Do you believe in ANYTHING passionately enough to die for it?

The history is painstakingly reconstructed of a real leader of the rowdy Scots, William Wallace, who rebelled against the British in the late 1200's. The battle scenes are vividly realistic, breathtakingly done, and Mel Gibson is superb as Wallace. You will not even notice the 3-hour length — the story is far too absorbing.

I predict that BRAVEHEART will sweep the Academy Awards in much the same way that Kevin Costner's DANCES WITH WOLVES did several years ago, and for much the same reasons.

APOLLO 13: I figure most of you have seen this one by now and if you haven't, well, you are missing a real treat. No space movie was ever done with greater attention to detail, and it gives a much-needed shot in the arm to that old blood-stirring emotion: patriotism. The actors are outstanding, particularly Ed Harris as flight director Gene Frantz. I promise, you will love this movie.

BABE: Never before has the Academy nominated a kid's movie which was not a Disney animated feature for Best Picture, but if you haven't seen this one, which is just out on tape, you MUST see it — I don't care if you're 80 years old and never had any kids. It's not just the incredible things those animals do or the astounding computer animation which enhances them — it's the sheer delight, the utter spell, this movie will cast over you as you watch. Even better and far sneakier ... you just might learn something.

SENSE & SENSIBILITY: This movie transports you into another era and another place so completely that you forget it's even a movie. I sincerely hope Emma Thompson takes home the Oscar for her brilliant screenplay adaptation of the Jane Austen classic. Even if you're not big on historical fiction, the performances of Kate Winslet, Thompson herself, and Hugh Grant are worth the price of admission. This is a feast for the eyes and a tale for the heart for all to enjoy, of all ages and genders.

DEAD MAN WALKING: The only reason this movie did not get nominated for Best Picture was that the Academy was feeling sentimental towards a foreign film, IL POSTINO, in which the writer-star died the day after filming was completed. Unfortunately, that squeezed out this absolutely outstanding movie written and directed by Tim Robbins and starring the incomparable Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn in the performance of his life.

Based on a true story of a nun who befriends a man on death row and teaches him about redemption, this movie is a must-see for adults. Robbins never stoops to liberal or conservative interpretations of this difficult issue, but merely presents both sides for our consideration. Susan Sarandon, without makeup or fancy clothes, is luminous as Sister Helen Prejean. A four-time nominee, she deserves this Oscar.

But it is Sean Penn who is in my opinion the hands-down winner for Best Actor. I know Nicolas Cage is the favorite this year, but Penn flat-out has him beat. I hope the Academy chooses to award performances this year, and not popularity contests.

MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS: I wish Richard Dreyfus didn't have to compete against Sean Penn and Nic Cage this year; I'd love to see him take home his second Oscar for this stand-up-and-cheer feel-good movie of the year. People of all ages can appreciate and enjoy this movie, but if you are a teacher, this should be required viewing! You will laugh; you will cry; you will shout for joy. Go see it.

LEAVING LAS VEGAS: Though Nic Cage does the performance of a lifetime in this film and Elizabeth Shue does a stand-out turn as the hooker with the heart of gold, I must warn you that this is one of the most grim, depressing movies I've ever seen, (It got an R rating, but I think NC-17 is far more appropriate, just for its relentless presentation of the wormy underside of life.) It realistically portrays an alcoholic who chucks his life and goes to Vegas to die. Based on a novel written by an alcoholic, the author committed suicide the day after the movie rights were sold. Need I say more?

SEVEN: Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt, and Kevin Spacey each turn in incredible performances in this twisting, turning and bleak

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Thanks, West Texas

Dear Editor,

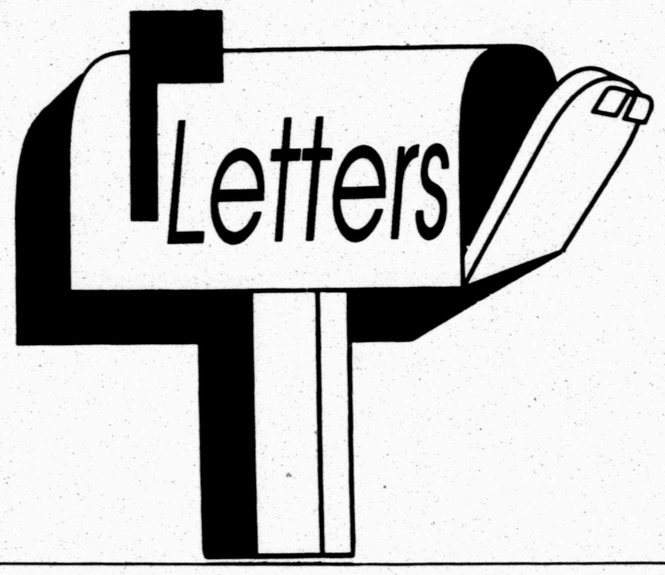
From the town of Huntington, Texas, the coaches, players and parents wish to express our thanks to your wonderful town of Snyder.

We were one of the many baseball teams that recently played in your tournament. We were treated so kindly at your motels and many eating establishments.

You have a fantastic baseball complex, one to be proud of. We would like to thank Coach Herrera and Coach Webb and other staff members for being so helpful. Thanks to the National Guard for the use of their facilities and to local restaurants for their discounts and patience.

Thank goodness for small towns.

Sincerely,
your friends
in Huntington



Stamp out drugs

Dear Editor,

To the City of Snyder Police Department and Scurry County Sheriff's Department:

Dear Officers,

Thanks for helping us clean up the recent drug problem. We have a lot of nice decent people that live here and they do not deserve to live in a drug environment. Also, we have a school right across the street from us and the children should not be exposed to such.

We here at Park Village work very hard to keep our apartments a safe and drug free place and with your continued cooperation, I know we can stamp this out.

Thanks again. If there is anything I can do, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Charles Hill
owner
Park Village Apts.

Personal vendetta

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a letter in your editorial page of the weekend edition, March 16-17, submitted by Jimmy Barnes and entitled "A Scary Thought." This letter pertained to last week's Hermleigh ISD school board meeting, the main topic of which was an audit, the cost of which was in excess of $10,000.

Since I am a taxpayer in the Hermleigh school district, the actions of four of the school board members are of great concern to me. It should be of concern to more taxpayers and community members as to how their monies are spent, as it appears that this expenditure was "money down the drain," since the yearly audit had already been completed, with nothing amiss.

Even after hiring their own auditor and spending more than $10,000 of school money, these four board members are not satisfied. Instead, they question the action of a previous board which approved paying the insurance premiums for the superintendent. At every school board meeting I have attended, at least one of these four men has dredged up some school board action of the past with which he has found fault. The present school board may vote to rescind some such action as it might pertain to the future, but they can hardly make their own actions retroactive. Whatever previous boards chose to do, it is beyond the scope, and should be beyond the interest, of the present board to undo it. How can our school go forward if the board members are forever facing backward?

Mr. Barnes accused Mr. Church of "siphoning off" some $40,000 to pay for his insurance; I notice that he did not mention the letters from members of the board which had approved paying his premiums stating that they had, indeed, done so. He also accused Mr. Church of paying for personal items with school money (Is this the pot calling the kettle black?); he neglected to mention that the school had been reimbursed.

It should be noted, and taken into consideration, that Mr. Barnes is a member of a small group of Hermleigh residents, four of the school board members included, who have some personal animus against Mr. Church; one only has to attend a board meeting to learn that there is no professional basis for their repeated attacks on him, however much they may try to manufacture one.

At least two of these board members have said in the hearing of others that their main interest in "serving" on the board is to remove Mr. Church from his position. (As much as they wish to see him gone, I wish they could have wanted it enough to spend their own money, rather than school funds.)

Nearly every board meeting tends to develop the complexion of a "kangaroo court" as these men dig and dig for some legal way to oust Mr. Church. Of course, there is nothing legitimate about their complaints. They are merely pursuing personal vendettas, at the expense of the Hermleigh community, school employees, students and the peace of mind of all concerned.

I am one of a very large group of community members in support of Mr. Church, for whom I have the utmost respect and highest regard, especially seeing the gentlemanly manner in which he has conducted himself through all of this — not to mention the excellent job he has made of his job as superintendent. His financial expertise literally saved the Hermleigh ISD from consolidation (in spite of the efforts of some, including at least one school board member, to close the school) and he has kept it in the black all the years he has been here.

If these men had put half the effort into improving things at school (which, after all, is what they were elected to do) as they have in trying to blacken Mr. Church's name and reputation, Hermleigh ISD would be really going places. How nice, indeed, it would be to return to "how it used to be."

Sincerely,
Sam McDaniel
an HISD taxpayer

Already gone too far

Dear Editor:

This is response to "A Scary Thought" written by Jimmy Barnes, a letter to the editor, published in last Sunday's edition of the Snyder Daily News.

Excuse me for my candor, but just who does Jimmy Barnes think he is? He blantantly accused certain members of the Hermleigh ISD administration and staff of "siphoning off" $40,000 of insurance coverage that certain members of the board claim was not approved and misappropriation of funds committed by said administration and staff. I may be mistaken, but these accusations have not been proven as fact and are only suspicions and heresay. Isn't that something called "slander?"

Forty thousand dollars of unapproved insurance coverage is something to cause a great upheaval about. But $40,000 of insurance coverage that was entered as a "line-item" in a budget that was in fact approved by present board member Milton Adams is not something that the two accused members of administration and staff should be tried, found guilty and unjustly persecuted for.

At the recent Hermleigh ISD School board meeting, for which I was present, Adams spoke out by saying he did not approve the said budget, when in fact, he did approve it and is documented as doing so. Adams then went on to attempt to discredit three of the members of the 1988 board who all willingly signed typed statements saying that they did remember approving of this extra insurance coverage. Adams said, "...well, they didn't write it," as if to accuse them of being naive enough to sign something they did not read, did not understand, or did not truthfully remember.

I fully believe that the three prominent and upstanding ex-members would not have signed something stating they did remember when actually they did not. But then again Adams himself cannot remember approving it in a budget. I suppose he won't trust anyone's memory on the subject except, of course, those of his fellow board members who are all in the same frame of mind.

During the meeting, Adams' memory was questioned more than once. At one point, a member from the audience raised the point that during the span of time in which Hermleigh ISD might have to "shut its doors" years back, that Adams actually voted for the school to close down. Of course, Adams denied all accusations but as one fellow audience member bellowed, "...that's not what your wife was telling everyone in town!"

I personally think that it is dangerous having someone on the board that years ago wanted Hermleigh ISD closed down.

The taxpayers of Hermleigh school district should indeed be up in arms over the abuse of their money. The $10,000 auditor's fee that was charged was for finds that were already known. That is what the taxpayers should be upset about, not $40,000 of approved insurance coverage that was divided between two people and their families over a span of eight years.

It was also said that this extra insurance coverage was paid to these people instead of a raise in pay for an increased workload. As much work as those two employees do, I believe they deserved everything they were given if not more for putting up with certain members of the board and all the unbelievable things they have done to them.

Being one of the accused's daughters, and actually being in the middle of this fiasco, much unlike Jimmy Barnes, I can speak for my whole family when I say, we don't deserve this. The vicious lies and rumors being spread throughout the community about my family by unnamed members of the board and community is a pathetic and immature way to achieve something which has no point and no reasonable logic behind it.

Board members who forget what they approved, who spread rumors and lies willfully, who can obviously be convinced of anything, and those who live outside of the school district that portray themselves as residents are not the kind of men and women that the Hermleigh ISD School board needs.

These are not the kind of men and women the students need. If things at Hermleigh never return to the way they used to be without the false accusations and lies, and people simply attempting to "get rid of" those they have a personal vendetta against, just imagine the consequences. The situation we are in has already gone too far; I dread the day it goes further than that. Now that is a scary thought Mr. Barnes.

Sincerely,
Sheri Sandefur

Who are the liars?

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the taxpayers of Hermleigh ISD and present to them some information about their illustrious school board. All of the information can be found in the tape recordings, bills and minutes. Their minutes are not any better than those of the past, otherwise you would not need the other two items to have the full picture.

On March 12, 1996, our ignoble school board met to disclose the findings of their investigative audit. Now let's look at what they found out. Insurance on the two

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Evict the IRS but please, don't give everybody $5 million



BILL MCCLELLAN

You've probably seen where the Republic of Texas has filed a $93.5 trillion claim against the U.S. government.

Not surprisingly, the state and federal boys are largely ignoring the claim, the Republic of Texas provisional government itself and its chief ambassador and consul general Richard McLaren.

The Republic has presented a vacate and eviction demand to the IRS. Good for them.

Whatever the outcome of all of this, I'm here to ask the provisional government to rethink one of its plans. It's the one to distribute the $93 trillion in equal portions to all citizens of the Republic — that's $5 million apiece for you, me and everybody else.

Mr. McLaren, I don't want you to give everybody $5 million. It would totally wreck the Republic of Texas, Nation of Texas or whatever we'd be calling ourselves.

You see, I've got a little plumbing work that needs to be done, and I want to hire someone to help me with it. And if you give $5 million to everybody, my faucets are going to continue to leak.

That plumber I'm wanting to hire will retire and build a house on the lake. The grocer will quit and move to the beach. The farmer will go to the city and the executive will head for the country.

We'll all retire, visions of the good life floating in our heads.

Now that $5 million will buy a nice home, but it won't fix the plumbing. You probably already know this, Mr. McLaren, but it takes a plumber to fix the plumbing.

But Joe the plumber won't be available. He'll have closed shop and moved out to Lake Ivie. He wanted to retire to Lake Thomas, but there's no water there.

Anyway, Joe the plumber will retire to Lake Ivie. And while Joe doesn't have any plumbing problems, he'll suddenly be having a devil of a time finding someone to repair the outboard motor for that new bass boat he bought.

That's because Sam, the motor repairman, will be living in Monahans, buzzing the sandhills in his suped-up dune buggy. At home, Sam's wife is going to try and call someone to repair the oven, but she won't be able to get the phone to work properly. It'll be three weeks before Ma Bell can send someone in from Rhode Island to repair it. All the phone employees in Texas will have retired to Las Vegas.

There'll be no lights, because the electric company will close when its employees go on a sea cruise together.

Because all these rich Texans will have quit their jobs, there will be no services, no schools, no shops. We'll be sitting on our rich little butts, in the dark, with nowhere to go and nothing to do.

That won't last long, because we Texans are an enterprising group. We'll hire people to turn on the electricity, run the shops, educate our children and all the other things we used to do for ourselves back when we were poor and had to work.

We'll import aliens — New Yorkers, Oklahomans, Massachusettsites and strange people from California — to actually get something done around here.

And we'll pay these people really really big bucks and pretty soon they'll be the rich ones and we'll be the poor ones. We'll have to go back to work, and Texas — *our Texas* — will be crammed full of well-to-do obnoxious New Yorkers. And we'll be working for them.

And I don't want that.

So, Mr. McLaren, use the $93 trillion for something else. Buy a military maybe, since as an independent nation we won't have one and will not be able to protect ourselves. It's doubtful we'll be able to rely on the U.S. government to fight our battles. I think they might be a little ticked off at us. Know what I mean?

Meanwhile, I'll try to make my $5 million the old fashioned way — by winning the lotto. That way, I can count on the poor plumber to be around to fix my leaky pipes.

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EXHIBITORS — Ira students have exhibited animals in stock shows at El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Odessa. Exhibitors shown include from left, back row, Amber Sanchez, Tyler Frey, Katie Howard, Celeigh Sterling, Colton Long, Colter Brown and Candace Sanchez; seated, Jeremy Howard, Jackie Beck, Audra Oliver and Tyrel Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira students receive many awards at stock shows

Ira students have placed numerous animals at five area stock shows.

At El Paso, Audra Oliver showed the first place light weight cross lamb.

The following students placed animals at San Antonio. They include:

—Jackie Beck, 3rd, light weight cross lamb; 2nd light heavy weight cross lamb; and 18th middle heavy weight medium wool lamb.

—Celeigh Sterling, 2nd, heavy weight medium wool lamb.

—Tyler Frey, 7th, middle heavy weight cross lamb; 16th heavy weight cross lamb.

—Colton Long, 2nd, middle heavy weight cross lamb; 4th middle heavy weight fine wool lamb; 14th light weight medium wool lamb.

—Jeremy Howard, 6th heavy weight cross pig.

Other exhibitors were Tyrel Sterling, Audra Oliver, Candace Sanchez, Amber Sanchez, Colter Brown and Katie Howard.

The chapter also sold nine of 15 lambs and one of five pigs during the sale.

In all, over 2,000 lambs and more than 4,500 hogs were shown during the San Antonio show.

The following students placed at Houston:

—Jackie Beck, 5th, middle weight finewool lamb.

—Colton Long, 5th middle heavy weight cross lamb.

Tyler Frey, 17th middle weight-cross lamb.

—Audra Oliver, 19th middle weight cross lamb.

Celeigh Sterling, 20th middle weight fine wool pig.

—Katie Howard, 30th heavy weight cross pig.

—Candace Sanchez, 30th, light weight Duroc pig.

The chapter sold five of seven lambs and three of five pigs during the sale.

Other exhibitors were Jeremy Howard and Amber Sanchez.

At San Angelo, Jackie Beck showed the 6th place light middle weight cross lamb.

At Odessa, Tyler Frey showed the 8th place light weight fine wool medium lamb.

Richard Long, advisor, said the chapter has sold a total of 21 head of animals in premium sales this year. "This the best we've ever had. Not only at the county level but for jackpots and major shows as well."



SIXTH PLACE — Jeremy Howard, Ira FFA, showed the sixth place heavy weight crossbred pig during the San Antonio Livestock Exhibition. (Contributed Photo)



IRA LAMBS — Ira FFA exhibitors showed so many lambs at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition that they needed some help lining them up for this picture. Ira students shown are, Jackie Beck, far left; Tyler Frey, fourth from left; Celeigh Sterling, fifth from left; and Colton Long, sixth from left. (Contributed Photo)

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

Spring is here, and it is that time of year at Western Texas College when we begin awarding scholarships to students who plan to attend WTC next year.

Some scholarships recognize a student's academic record; others are based on a student's ability in a particular sport or area of interest. Some may be used toward tuition, some toward housing. Some of our scholarships specify that they be awarded to students who show a genuine desire to receive an education. Several are restricted to residents of Scurry or Mitchell County or graduates of Snyder, Ira or Hermleigh High Schools. Some scholarships are for students who plan to choose a particular major.

Students who were the valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school graduating class are eligible for special scholarships. Scholarships are awarded by all divisions within the college. If you are planning to major in one of the following areas, or participate in one of these activities, you may be considered for a scholarship: agriculture, athletics, art, biology, business, chemistry, criminal justice, drama, English, foreign language, golf and landscape technology, history, livestock judging, management, math, mass communications, office systems technology, political science, pre-engineering, pre-law, pre-medicine, pre-nursing, pre-vet, rodeo, vocational nursing or welding.

If you are planning to enroll at Western Texas College for the fall semester of 1996, now is the time to submit your application. If you are planning to apply for scholarship assistance, we need your paperwork within the next few weeks in order for you to receive full consideration. Be sure to read the form over very carefully and provide all the information asked for. For a detailed description of each scholarship, call the financial aid office at 573-8511, ext. 309 and ask for a brochure and application. We want to help you. Come out to WTC and make 1996 the year you change your future.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is in the learning Resource Center. The phone number is 573-8511, ext 394.

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Reeve nominated

KATONAH, N.Y. (AP) — Christopher Reeve's congresswoman calls him "an inspiration to all Americans" and has nominated him for the 1996 National Medal of Arts.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Sylvia J. Sapsky, 1995 Ford wagon from Wilson Motors.

Carlos Lopez, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Trey P. Wilson, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Robert and Cindy Hand, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mike N. Crunk, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. and Dalton Walton, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Carroll C. Walker, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Carl A. Dillaha, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

J.A. Kidd, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bennie J. and Frances A. Whitehead, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Midwest Electric Cooperative, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ford Motor Credit Co., 1996 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Earline Stroud, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lelley Pitts, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Coty L. Tidwell, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Byrl T. Sallee, 1995 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Abel Garza, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Doris D. Gard, 1996 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Stephen W. Branner, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Octaviano Villa, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Arrow Construction Co. and Rickey Daniell, 1996 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

Royce Summers, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roscoe Haynes, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Danny Chaney, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mary Ann Burrough, 1996 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Roy and Ada Staton, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Dildy D. Smith vs. Jerry Jackson and Jeanie Jackson, suit on contract.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Doris Smithee, et al, order of dismissal.

Tisha Morrell vs. Migel Jaramillo, default judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Cheryl Ann Brooks and Willie B. Brooks, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Brenda Gail Burleson and Sterling Kile Burleson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Bobby Gene Ford and Aundie Carol Ford, divorce granted.

In the marriage of John Herd Hardin and Vivian Denise Hardin, divorce granted.

Deed Records

William A. Jones to Dean Wemken, all of Lot 13 in Block 105 of the Town of Fluvanna.

O'Neal's Interiors Inc. to David F. and Donna D. Holt, a 0.504-acre tract in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David F. and Donna D. Holt to O'Neal and Virginia Bloom, all of Lot 19 in Block 2 of the Parkview Addition.

Claude U. and Beth McDaniel to Rick N. and Janice Beard, a 1.257-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 121, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Claude U. and Beth McDaniel to John T. and Shelby C. Clayton, 57.79 acres in the west 140 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 121, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Hunter Lodge No. 920 to Louise Torrez Jaramillo, all of Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Helm Heights Addition.

Betty Boyd to Sergiot and Juliet Sanchez, all of Lot 1 in Block 23 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Andrew M. and Cynthia M. Sanchez to Richard Hutchins, Trustee, all of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Eastridge Addition.

Shannon Mhoon to Martha Goolsby, all the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Blankenship Addition.

Helen Bowen Winter to Gary Lynn Bowen, tract one being the south 310.9 acres in Section 188, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being all interest in the north three-eights of Section 230, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Catarino Vasquez Jr. to Daniel and Janie Martinez, all of Lot 4 in Block 22 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Agatha Lochabay to Pat and Nancy Alexander, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Callan Johnson "Doc" and Jo Ann Hardin to Morris Hardin, tract one being tracts 5-7 in the north part of the southeast one-quarter of the south part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 643, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being Tracts 3, 6 and 7 out of 98 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 643, Block 7, H&TC survey.

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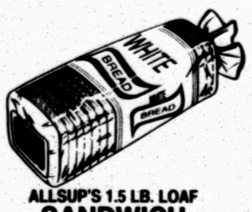
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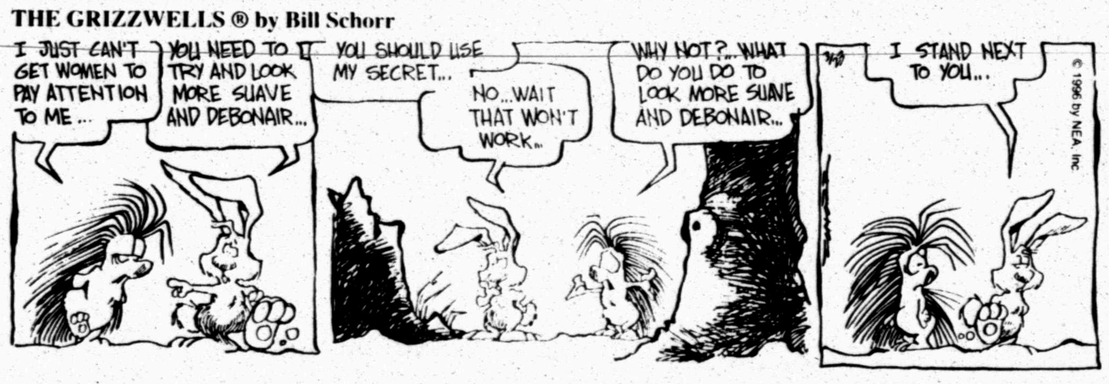
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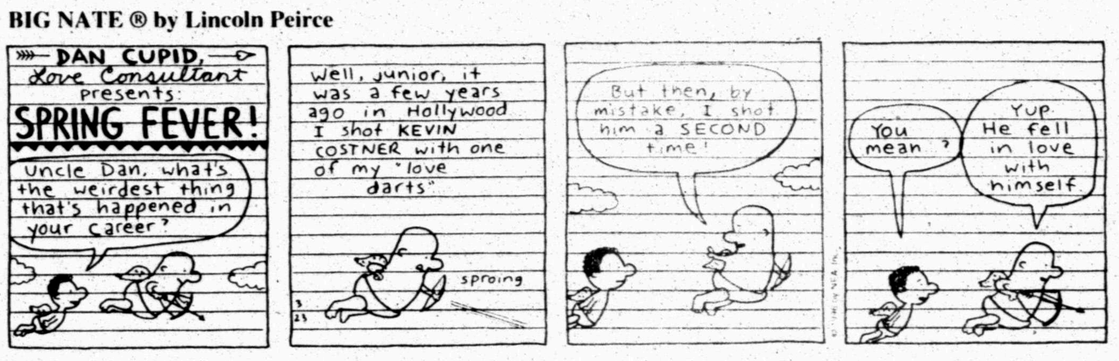
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27 Bring into harmony
29 Flightless bird
31 Male sheep
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37 Paving stone
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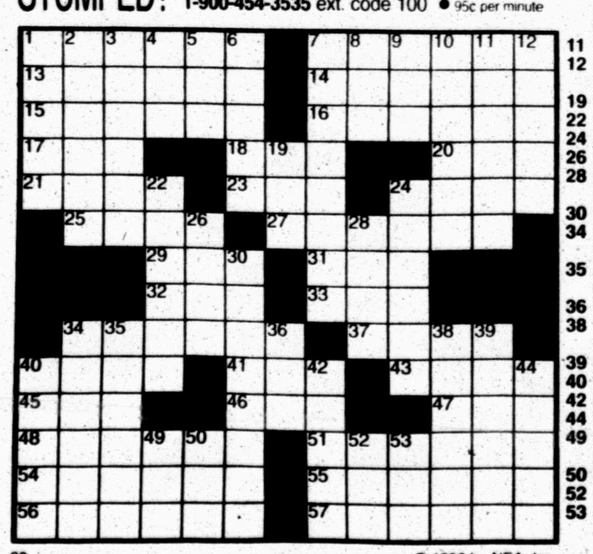
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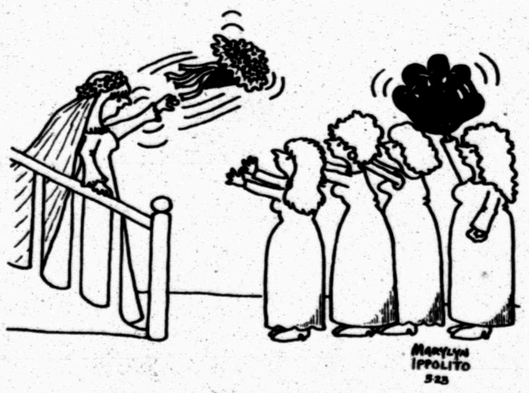


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"THE CHILD'S PLATE IS OKAY WITH ME, BUT I WANT A GROWNUP DESSERT."

Scurry County Folks

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by Shirley A. Gorman



THREESOME — Jana Himes is pictured with the two horses she rides when barrel racing. Red is shown at left and Jake is shown at right. Jana, who has been racing since she was a young girl, attends competitions throughout each year. During her career, she has won numerous titles, saddles and buckles. She has also set a couple of records. (SDN Staff Photo)

in order to perform well. Like people, horses "can have a bad day, too," Jana said.

A good performance blends both rider and horse together as a single unit. When the performance is right — that is both rider and horse "click," — the result "can be awesome."

"No one does it perfect every time. Sometimes, there is no way to avoid mistakes."

Every barrel race is different because no standard pattern will fit all arenas, Jana said. "Each has its quirks."

The type of arena also plays an important role. Jana prefers arenas which have "good, soft ground but are not too deep" rather than ones "with hard surfaces that are rough on the horse."

Rules can also change from competition to competition.

To protect her horses whenever she rides them, Jana puts special leg boots on them.

She devotes untold hours to caring, feeding and exercising the horses. Even when it's cold, Jana bundles up and goes out anyway. She and whichever horse she rides also "tune up" before it's their turn to race. The younger the horse, the more she works with it.

She also enjoys watching others compete and seeing other horses run.

Jana loves to compete, so traveling extensively (almost every weekend) presents no problem — even when they are as far away as Arizona.

For most events, especially the long-distance ones, her mom, Terry, chauffeurs her. Her dad, Jack, gets to accompany them when the events are closer to home.

Jana started riding at the age of two and by her seventh or eighth year she was well into barrel racing competition. Her first race horse was a shetland named "Minnie" who had been trained to run the barrels.

She next rode a Bay horse named "Old Bay" and "Big John." By her fourth summer she was competing on "Junior's Best One," nicknamed "Red." She started working with Jake about two years ago and he is just now beginning to come around she said. He is her "backup horse."

Jake works better in a smaller pen, Jana said, because he is very quick and if the arena is too big he builds up too much speed.

Red is just the opposite. He has a much longer stride so he needs a larger pen. When Red starts running for the first barrel in the clover leaf pattern so familiar to barrel racers, Jana said he gets people on the edge of their seats because he is so fast and athletic that he looks "like he is flying."

While Jana rides or works Jake, Red gets jealous and doesn't want to have anything to do with her. He is also a picky eater which can make mealtimes tricky.

Though Red has settled down considerably, Jana said she once thought of him as a "wreck looking for a place to happen." With a penchant for getting into trouble, he has had to undergo surgery for colic and have a bone chip removed from his hoof after he pawed a fence.



JUST STARTING — Jana Himes at age six or seven started barrel racing with Minnie, a Shetland Pony. She continues to compete. (Contributed Photo)

Red, now 10, came to Jana in his third year. He was around 8 before he started to mellow.

Jana's horses loves barrel racing as much as she does. Though barrel racing isn't natural to horses, Jana said they can "become addicted" once they learn how.

Example: During one of Jana's rides at Oklahoma City, Red fell and the two of them separated. That disqualified her, but Red got up and completed the run by himself.

Jana's mother, a former barrel racer, trained both Red and Big John.

Jana said quarter horses and thoroughbreds make good barrel racers. The best ones have the "look" and "cooperate with the trainer."

Horses are either "right-handed" or "left-handed," according to Jana. A left-handed horse is better at right turns and right-handed horses are better at left turns.

Jana competes because she loves it and she wins enough to break even. Prizes are usually based on the total entry fees collected, she said. But some rodeos add money to the pot.

Though barrel racing clinics are offered each year, Jana said she has never attended any because her mother, a former barrel racer, has taught her everything she knows.

A mutual passion for barrel racing has strengthened the bond between mother and daughter, so much so that Jana said "sometimes we are more like sisters."

Jana's ultimate goal is to win the world barrel race competition. A more immediate goal is qualifying for the national finals. If she does, Jana will be in good company. Her mother made four trips to the nationals. Her grandmother, Thay Lewis, made it one time in barrel racing.

Her dad was also a serious rodeo competitor for about four years, setting a bull riding record in 1975 — a 95 score — which stood for several years.

She also has an Uncle Jay Himes who went to the finals in bareback riding.

Jana has found her niche in barrel racing but her older sister, Elana, never cared for it. Instead, Elana, excelled in basketball and attended San Angelo State University on a scholarship. She is now married and lives in Plainview with her husband Scott and their son, Ryan.



Letters

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persons in question was told to them by Mr. Church on 8-11-95 in a budget summary meeting. In the meeting held on 8-28-95, Mr. Church explained how it came about. Yes, it was based on a verbal agreement and as I found out, and which this lawyer should know, verbal contracts are still legal and recognized by law. Yes, the school board of the past is at fault for not entering this in the minutes, but this mistake still does not make it illegal.

This lawyer said that night the statements from the three past school board members looked like a form letter. Well, Mr. Church asked my husband if he remembered the event in question and his response was "Yes. You have Debby type it up and if I agree with all of it I will sign it." Now I ask you to take a look at the contract you signed on your house or car and see if it's not a form letter. It appears we are all liars but the four horsemen and our new lawyer.

The other items that were questioned could not be proved one way or the other. So taxpayers, we just had $10,437.08 of our money spent by our school board to tell them what they already knew.

On 9-12-95 (make a note of this date), at this meeting a motion was made and I quote: "Motion for John and Milton, if possible, to consult with a lawyer about the grievance of Debby Sandefur and a representative of TSTA made by Milton. 2nd by Jay. Approved 5-2 with Chip and John against." I would like to make it known here, according to the minutes, there has never been discussion or action taken as a result of this consultation. Action has been taken by the board president with no record showing he had the authority to do so, because the TSTA representative representing Debby Sandefur in her grievance received a letter dated and postmarked 9-26-95. It does come out later in a meeting the board did see a letter in executive session and we all know no action can be taken in these sessions, so where is the motion?

Back to the motion on 9-12-95. Milton and John were to go to the lawyer, so where is the motion saying five were to go, but this is how many showed up and this constitutes an illegally called meeting. They may have been ignorant of the law at the time of the meeting, but were informed later before the paying of the first lawyer's bill. At the 10-31-95 meeting, Mr. Carol Tatum from Region XIV Service Center told them they had broken the law. The reason I know this, I also visited with him and asked about their visit with the lawyer. A few days later I called the Texas Attorney General's Office and was told that the meeting at the lawyer's office was illegal. I reported my findings to them at the 11-14-95 meeting. At this point I must take the blame for not filing charges because I thought I was dealing with honest people who would correct their mistake. Boy was I wrong!

At this 11-14-95 meeting, the attorney's bill is discussed for the first time. We found out it came addressed to Milton Adams, not the school. The bill is for services rendered from 9-15-95 to 9-29-95. The amount is for $860.

Now remember, this is about a grievance over an employee, so why is there a charge on the bill "Report to Auditors Davis-Kinard & Co?" (Auditor of annual audit) At this meeting, Milton Adams was questioned and his reply was he was under the impression he was to consult and take necessary action on the matter of the grievance. If he was under the impression he was to deal with the matter, then why were there five at the lawyer's office that day?

The bill was sent back to the lawyer to change the bill to HISD. And this cost us $40, plus we now have a bill for an additional $600 for services rendered for the month of October. Now remember, the grievance matter is over. This charge is for him calling and meeting the Condley and Co., (our new auditor). At this point the minutes show no motion until 10-31-95 and I quote, "John made motion to table the audit consideration until Dec. 2nd. Seconded by Chip. Failed 3-4 with James, Jimmy, Jay and Milton voting against the motion. Motion to conduct audit of the district's records and authorize the board president to make the necessary arrangements made by Jimmy and seconded by James. Passed 4-3 with Chip, John and Sherene voting against."

The next motion was "Motion to Hire David Buhrmann as the district's attorney for legal counsel and representation made by James and seconded by Milton. Approved 4-3 with John, Chip and Sherene voting against."

I guess the 31st comes at the first of the month now because it appears we have employed an attorney for over a month and an auditor for a week or more. We have a bill for $1,460 and we just now approved to have these two to represent us.

Each and every year we pay for an annual audit and in the 12-14-95 minutes you will find a report from Becky Roberts of Davis-Kinard & Co. "Several questions were asked and answered. Chip made a motion to approve the annual audit by Davis-Kinard & Co. Seconded by John. Approved 5-1. James opposed." Milton was not at the meeting.

This audit cost us $4,800 and for this school year we now have a total of $15,237.08 spent on audits.

Another interesting fact is our new auditor sent the bill to the lawyer, not the school. Mr. Church did not receive it until 3-12-96 and the bill shows $4,987.06 being 60-90 days past due with a 1.50% interest being charged each month. Why was the bill not sent to the school?

As for the lawyer, remember we started with $1,460. In November we received a bill for $288, including the $40 for the name change on the first bill. In January, $40 for phone conference with John Williams, which he had to make because he called the auditor first and asked for a copy of what he had so far and was told by the auditor he would have to get authorization to give him a copy. This sounds a little strange. Anyway, after calling the lawyer, John received what he wanted. John paid the school for this call.

In February, we received a bill for $440 for a phone call and attending meeting with Mr. Adams and Richard Agee at Condley & Co. This now gives us a total of $2,188 for the lawyer and $10,437.08 plus interest for the auditor. All this has been spent within a six-month period.

In my personal opinion, we have just had $12,625.08 stolen from we the taxpayers because it is all based on the illegal meeting with the lawyer in September. I now question, who are the liars?

Thank you,
Elizabeth Blair
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Part of highway is being renamed to honor Grizzard

ATLANTA (AP) — Lewis Grizzard, a humorist who spoke for average Southerners in his nationally syndicated newspaper column, is being honored with a stretch of highway.

The state Board of Transportation adopted a resolution Thursday that designates five miles of Interstate 85 as the Lewis Grizzard Highway. It is located near Grizzard's hometown, Moreland, about 45 miles southwest of Atlanta. He died in 1994.

Grizzard's thrice-weekly column originated at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in 1978 and ran in 450 newspapers nationwide.

His humor books — 20 in all — were top sellers and he was in demand as a speaker.

Rating the movies

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thriller. The police work is absolutely accurate, but again, I must warn you: the subject matter is some of the most grotesque I've seen in a crime movie, (and I've seen 'em all), and the ending is very downbeat. Absolutely NOT for younger viewers.

If you're a Woody Allen fan, and I am, MIGHTY APHRODITE is one of his best ever. It's hysterically funny without being cynical, and the device of the Greek chorus following Allen's character around, harping at him like his conscience, is brilliant. Mira Sorvino is a delight, but she doesn't deserve an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. (It's a wide-open field, but I'd like to see Mare Winningham take it home.)

The only reason HEAT was overlooked at the Academy Awards this year was that there were just too many good movies out there competing. I think it is one of the finest crime movies ever made. Directed by the incomparable Michael Mann of "Miami Vice" fame, (as well as the haunting "Last of the Mohicans") this movie does more than present twists and turns and exploding cars. Al Pacino, as the cop, and Robert Dinero as the high-stakes robber, present a true morality tale: each is what he is, and each can be nothing else than what he is. The scene in the coffee shop between the two men should go down in film history as a classic, but it won't, because there's just too much good stuff out there to bury it.

I can also recommend: THE USUAL SUSPECTS, which will keep you guessing no matter how clever you think you are; ROB ROY, which depicts Jessica Lange and Liam Neeson and Tim Roth at their bests and even has a happy ending (but not for younger viewers); TOY STORY — no matter what your age or who you are, you will be surprised by delight; and THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, if you like soppy romances, though I found the book to be an outrage and probably won't watch the movie. But Clint and Meryl are said to be great.

I think Sharon Stone has probably earned her star turn in CASINO, though I haven't seen it yet. TWELVE MONKEYS is just too weird, though I'm sure Brad Pitt was excellent. I can't recommend or not recommend NIXON, because after the irresponsible slaughter that was NATURAL BORN KILLERS, I'm boycotting all Oliver Stone movies.

Otherwise, you know where I'll be Monday night.

Stallone sued

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone says his ex-stepfather — fired as Sly's business manager — is taking things a little too personally.

Anthony Filiti, who says he helped raise and support Stallone since age 12, filed a $50 million lawsuit against the actor on Thursday.

Filiti, who became Stallone's business manager in 1991, claims he was defamed and wrongfully fired, and has suffered emotional distress. He says Stallone's profits rose "from zero to $80 million" from 1991 until he was fired last year.

The star of the "Rocky" movies said the lawsuit "is personal and frivolous and has no credence whatsoever."

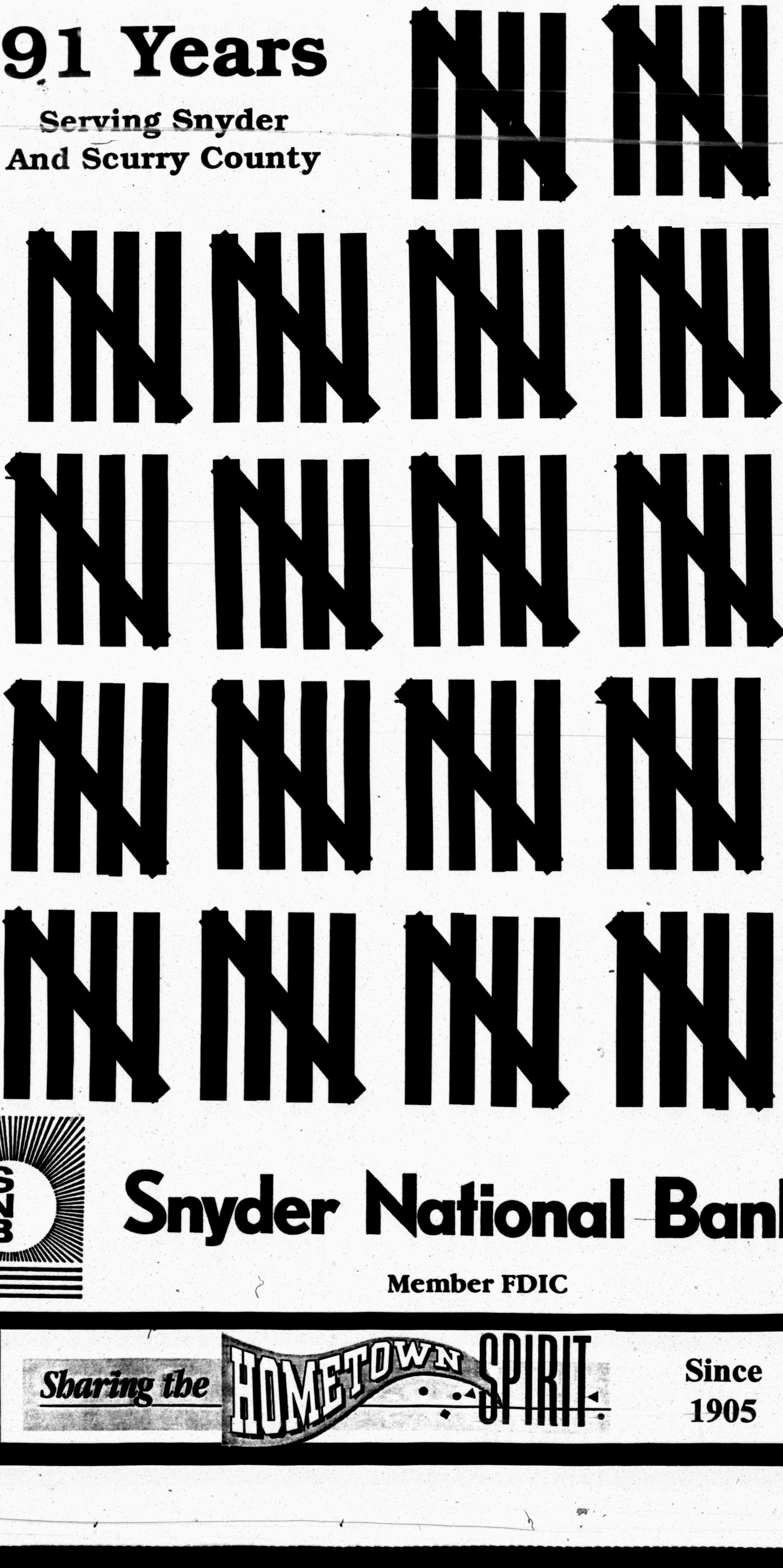
The restaurant chain Planet Hollywood Inc. and two of its executives are also named in the suit. Filiti said after he advised Stallone not to invest in the chain, the executives convinced the actor that Filiti was dishonest.

Stallone ignored Filiti's advice and became one of the chain's most high-profile investors.

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