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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Work is the most unpopular way of making money."

Snyder's new director of economic development, John DeLille, has been on the job about a month. He's already met lots of citizens and has been busy doing his homework — catching up on what's been done and is to be done in the industrial park.

In fact, he was in Los Angeles Friday, meeting with Lorber officials.

John has a dry sense of humor that we like. Over coffee a few days ago, he sheepishly admitted that he had done a stupid thing.

We said, "Welcome to Snyder."

He said it was really dumb. "I'm supposed to be in charge of economic development, and I've already had my lights turned off."

It happened on one of those sub-freezing days last month.

John called the toll free number. The operator announced, "Mr. DeLille, you didn't pay your deposit."

John said he had arranged for service over the telephone as well. "If the lady told me about a deposit, I guess I wasn't listening. Then she told me something about having to go to IGA. I said, "Isn't that a grocery store?"

Just before the lights went out, DeLille had accompanied TU Electric manager Daryl Thomas to Lubbock. They were to board a plane and meet with TU officials in Dallas.

The Dallas airport was socked in, and after a couple of hours of waiting, the flight was finally cancelled. On the way back to Snyder, Daryl's car broke down. Two hours later, the duo was back on the road to Snyder, but the work day was about to expire.

As you can imagine, the TU manager was red-faced. "If you ever need to get hold of me, here are all my telephone numbers," Thomas said.

Thomas' cell phone number came in handy that night. John's electricity was back on in about 15 minutes — and DeLille made sure he anted up his deposit.

A lot of folks have come through Snyder. We noticed the other day that Dr. Don Newbury, former president of Western Texas College, has been named chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Dr. Newbury has been president of HPU since leaving Snyder, and his new role will concentrate on university development. We think that means fund-raising.

Also, you may remember Cogdell Hospital administrator Tom Hochwalt. He was the no-nonsense guy who helped turn the hospital around and was then rewarded by becoming a vice president with St. Mary in Lubbock.

Hochwalt then left St. Mary to become administrator of a large hospital in Butte, Mont. Tom is back — in Lubbock — with St. Mary and promises to be in Snyder soon to buy lunch, so everybody be hungry.



TESTING — Raymond Hernandez (left) and Jorge Sanchez of Trinity Engineering and Testing of Odessa have been conducting tests this week on the soil at the location of the future United Supermarket in the 3500 block of College Avenue. The drilling unit samples the soil down to 25 feet in preparation for foundation work at the site. (SDN Staff Photo)

Public invited to ISD banquet

Podesta to speak

In recognition of the second year of Snyder Independent School District's "Adopt-A-School Program," the district is hosting a banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Country Club, featuring an internationally-known motivational speaker.

"Life would be easy if it weren't for other people" will be her topic, and it will touch on marriage, parenting, teen-agers and even two-year-olds.

Podesta addresses the workplace also, describing the whiner and complainer and the employee who says, "That's not my job."

Her presentation is both humorous and motivational, and is full of information and techniques that can be applied immediately at home and work to help build better relationships, open lines of communication and make everyone enjoy life more.

The district's adopt-a-school program has 41 businesses and organizations enrolled.

The public is invited to the banquet A steak dinner will be served. Tickets, at $10 each, are available through Wednesday and may be purchased at the school administration building at 2901 37th St.

For additional information, call 574-6012.



Connie Podesta

Council, board seats up for election

Twelve terms on Snyder City Council and the three public school boards in the county come to an end in May and interested persons can begin staking their claim for one in just over a week.

Four of the places are in city government where the two-year terms of Mayor David Holt and at-large councilmen Ron Shaw and Dayton Robertson end. Also on the ballot will be the District 3 spot, a one-year term. That seat, originally held by former councilman Kenny Gambrell, has been vacant for most of the past year.

There are eight spots scattered among the three public school boards.

All four elections are scheduled for May 3.

The first day to file as a candidate is Monday, Feb. 17. The filing period runs through April 2 with early voting set for April 14-29.

There are no seats up for election on the Western Texas College board of trustees.

Seats coming available for election on the Snyder ISD board are two 3-year terms: Place 2, held by Geraldine Parker, and Place 3, held by Richard Chambers. School officials advise that Feb. 17 is a holiday for the district. The business office will be closed but a number to call will be posted on door for anyone wishing to file that day.

At Ira, Place 4, held by Bo Robinson, and Place 5, held by Dirk Dunn, will be up for election. All seats on the Ira ISD board are at-large, but candidates must designate which place they are seeking.

There will be four places on the Hermleigh ISD board, all at-large. Those places are held by Jimmy Hudgins, John Williamson, Chip Roemisch and Tim Dacus. Hudgins' spot comes available because he has submitted his resignation from the board. Trustees are expected to act on that next week and could appoint someone to fill the spot until the May election, or leave the seat vacated.

Unless elected to fill out an unexpired term, all school board terms are three years.

Countdown begins for space mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown began Saturday for NASA's return visit to the Hubble Space Telescope, amid concerns over a space shuttle fuel cell that may not have been flushed adequately.

Discovery is scheduled to blast off early Tuesday on the 10-day mission to add new science instruments and other equipment to the orbiting telescope. Forecasters expect an 80 percent chance of good launch weather.

The only concern is an electricity- and water-producing fuel cell that might have too much potassium hydroxide residue left inside and could result in drinking water with a high pH level, said shuttle test director John Guidi.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration won't know whether the new fuel cell is acceptable for flight until it is turned on Monday, 17 hours before launch, and flushed repeatedly.

A similar problem occurred on a flight by Atlantis last September. That fuel cell was manufactured the same way as one of the three fuel cells on Discovery, Guidi said.

If the new unit has to be replaced — a big if at this point — the Hubble servicing mission likely would be delayed 1½ weeks, Guidi said.



MOBILE HOME FIRE — Snyder firemen prepare to enter a mobile home at 1004 33rd St. around noon Friday to extinguish a fire in the structure owned by Howard Smith. The cause of the fire is still under investigation according to fire department officials. There were no injuries reported. (SDN Staff Photo)

Blood drive planned here

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for the Texas Blood Institute are sponsoring a blood drive here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday's drive is primarily for Cogdell Hospital employees and family members.

According to information released by the Texas Blood Institute, more than 90 percent of all people who live to age 72 will need blood during their lives, however, only three percent of this area's population donates blood.

Everyone who registers to give blood during the drive will receive a free T-shirt from TBI.

Tuesday's drive is for the general public and will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Wednesday's drive will be from 3-7 p.m. at Cogdell Hospital.

Appointments are not necessary but can speed up the process for donors on the run. Anyone wishing to make an appointment should call Martha or Bill Schiebel at 573-8626.

Donors are reminded that they are required to show identification before donating blood. Acceptable identification can be a driver's license, birth certificate or Social Security card.

In appreciation for blood donations, each participant will receive coupons from local merchants good for free or discounted products.

Orange juice will be furnished by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, fruit drink by TBI and cookies by Lawrence IGA.

Senior Center VIVA volunteers have been making reminder telephone calls.

COT course offered now

Western Texas College has extended the deadline for its next correctional officer training class until noon Thursday.

The class begins March 24.

The extension was made after the Texas Department of Criminal Justice announced that the Ware Unit in Colorado City will be opening in mid-May.

The class will meet at WTC from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for six weeks. Graduation is April 30.

Tuition is $385. Applications may be picked up at the WTC corrections office. Call 573-8511, ext. 391 for more information.

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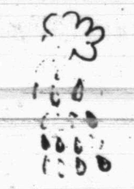
Q—How long has the Old Mill Trade Days been open in Post?

A—It will soon celebrate its third anniversary and despite internal problems, drew some 2,600 paid admissions last weekend.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 42 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Saturday, 30; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 1.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy. Low around 35. Slight rain chance. Light E wind. Sunday, 20% rain chance. Cloudy. High around 45. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Ashton Minyard
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 6:25 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.

Of 38 days in 1997, the sun has shone 34 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don't know when to quit. Most men succeed because they are determined to.
—George Allen

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PTK chapter set to induct 56 new members

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College will induct 56 new members Sunday in ceremonies planned in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Family and friends of the new inductees are invited to the ceremony which will begin at 2 p.m.

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, will attend and offer the WTC welcome. Featured speaker will be Dr. Mary Hood, longtime adviser for the Psi Zeta chapter and an instructor at WTC for 25 years before her retirement last spring.

Mrs. Hood now serves as the adviser for the Texas Region of Phi Theta Kappa, a post that involves her with 79 student chapters throughout the state. She and her husband, Duane, also a former adviser here, now live in Granbury.

Each of the new inductees will place their name in the Psi Zeta membership book and light a symbolic candle of membership.

Student members of the Psi Zeta executive board will take part in the program to include Barbara Chapman of Snyder, who currently serves as vice president of District 1.

In this capacity, she is one of five executive board members overseeing the activities of the 79 chapters in the Texas Region. Psi Zeta as a chapter won the right to represent District 1 at the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention last spring.

Other executive board members on Sunday's program are Rebecca Sweet of Colorado City, Cindi Burrow of Snyder, Paul Rucker of Lubbock, Tonya Tiday of Graham and Jonathan Carroll of Hawley.

Phi Theta Kappa advisers assisting with the program will be Carolyn Osborn, Jana Wesson-Martin, Donny Brown and Bill McGlothlin.

Duane Hood will close the ceremony with brief remarks regarding the Texas Region.

Invitations to be a member of the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are extended twice yearly.

To be eligible, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of college-level work and achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average. A 3.0 GPA is required to maintain active membership.

The local chapter hosts monthly meetings and several fellowship gatherings during the semester.

There is also the potential for several trips, to include the leadership conference in the fall; the regional and national Phi Theta Kappa conventions in the spring; and honors institutes in the summer.

Upon graduation, Phi Theta Kappa members wear the honorary golden honors stole and monogrammed tassel.

Beyond WTC, membership in Phi Theta Kappa opens up several nationwide opportunities, including the potential for some $21 million in transfer scholarships exclusive to members.

Nationwide, Phi Theta Kappa has been recognizing academic achievement in two-year colleges since 1918. It is the sister organization to Phi Beta Kappa at four-year schools.

Phi Theta Kappa has chartered 1,100 chapters and inducted its one-millionth member in 1993. Chapters are located in all 50 of the United States and Canada.

In the spring of 1972—the second semester of classes at WTC—the local chapter Psi Zeta was installed.

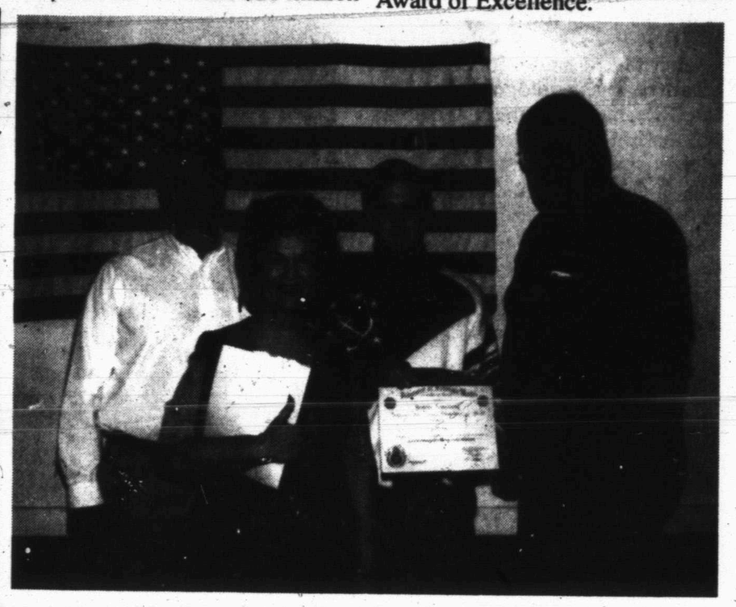
The chapter has earned many awards including being named one of the Top Ten chapters in the Texas New-Mexico Region for the past six years.

In 1984, 1985 and 1987, the chapter was awarded the National Award of Excellence.

50 may seem like a lot when you're living in Dermott, but you just GOT to keep peddling.



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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Tye Shirley, center, Ira sophomore, recently received a $300 scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8231. Also pictured are Sue Parham, one of Shirley's teachers; his dad, John Shirley, left, back row, and John Fair, commander of Post 8231. (Contributed Photo)

Tye Shirley receives scholarship from VFW

Tye Shirley, Ira sophomore, recently won awards in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest, including first in area and fifth in district.

For his efforts, Shirley received a $300 scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8231.

His school accomplishments include serving as the Bulldog mascot, FHA parliamentarian, president of the Spanish Club, vice president of the sophomore class. He also participates in one-act play.

He is the son of John and Tammy Shirley. John is the agriculture loan officer at West Texas State Bank and Tammy teaches home economics at Ira.

Lottery hearing cancelled

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lottery Commission on Friday cancelled a Feb. 20 hearing scheduled, it said, to provide former director Nora Linares a chance to clear her name.

Ms. Linares' lawyers had called the proceeding "nothing but window dressing" because she couldn't require lottery employees or others to testify.

In a letter, Assistant Attorney General Richard Naylor told Ms. Linares' lawyers that lottery officials considered her efforts to expand the hearing a rejection of their offer.

"The name-clearing hearing being provided is not an investigation but is merely to provide Ms. Linares an opportunity to 'tell her side of the story' as she has publicly requested in the press," Naylor wrote.

Ms. Linares was fired last month from the $82,687-a-year job as lottery executive director. The action followed by two months news reports that her friend, Mike Moeller, once was on the payroll of GTECH Corp., the company that runs the lottery's games.

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BCSI is a full service computer store. In addition to being an Internet provider, they design web sites for businesses large and small with a number of successful sites already to their credit.

"Web site design is a growing part of our business," said Bullard, "and we encourage anyone with an interest in establishing a presence on the Internet to contact us."

BCSI also sells new computers, upgrades and repairs old ones, sets up networks, and answers your computer related questions. If you have any computer needs, Computer Solutions can be reached at 573-4801 or you can come by their store located at 3405 College Avenue across from the Kwik Kar Lube and Tune.

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS — These West students were named winners in last week's annual science fair. From left are, Chris Thames, 6th place; Austin Rinehart, 2nd; Laura Hager, 5th; Ashlee Grantham, 9th; Terri Marshall, 1st; Jacinda Judah, 4th; Kellie Dodson, 3rd. Winners not pictured are Tyler Kerr, 7th; T.J. Jones, 8th; and Jade Taggart, 10th. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Top science fair winners named

Some 250 science projects were entered in West Elementary School's annual science fair. Winners were determined last week, and all exhibits were on display Tuesday night at Towle Park Barn.

The top winners receiving ribbons and prizes were Terri Marshall, first place; Austin Rinehart, second; Kellie Dodson, third; Jacinda Judah, fourth; Laura Hager, fifth; Chris Thames, sixth; Tyler Kerr, seventh; T.J. Jones, eighth; Ashlee Grantham, ninth; and Jade Taggart, tenth.

All students received participation awards.

Marshall's project explored the effect various kinds of water had on the growth of plants.

Rinehart's was on osmosis.

Dodson researched what soap does to bacteria.

Judah's experiment concerned how soil reacts to water.

Hager chose filtering water for her project.

Chris Thames worked with syphons.

Kerr experimented with the effect vinegar has on brown and white eggs.

Jones tested several brands of tennis shoes to see which jumped the highest.

Grantham studied the difference between galvanized and ungalvanized metal.

Taggart's project concerned plant transpiration.

Jo Ann Ham, West teacher, said students prepared "many good exhibits," adding that "it was hard for judges to chose the winners."

Other teachers included Malcolm Crawford and Steve Tyler.

Sponsors were Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank.

Hazing accusations studied

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A grand jury is investigating allegations of hazing in connection with the death of a Texas A&M freshman who died of an asthma attack while cleaning his fraternity house.

Phi Gamma Delta members told authorities they thought dust, wallpaper and paint fumes at the house prompted the asthma attack. Freshman William "Trey" Walker III died on Jan. 8.

Investigators and a Brazos County grand jury are investigating a report, however, that pledges were subjected to a "hosing down" outside the fraternity house on Jan. 8.

The grand jury began investigating the accusations on Friday.

In late January, the national chapter of Phi Gamma Delta suspended the fraternity pending the outcome of the investigation, while A&M launched its own investigation.

The incident is the third such episode university officials have investigated this school year.

One incident involved a fraternity that was shut down after a Kappa Alpha pledge was injured and had to have his testicle removed. Another incident involved Company B-2 of the Corps of Cadets which was accused of violating hazing and underage drinking laws during a December party. A senior is accused of striking about 15 freshmen in the buttocks with an ax handle during the party.

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Small cellular firm asking Clinton campaign to pay up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lisa Pretka Turner has something to say to President Clinton: Pay up.

The small Reston, Va., company owned by Turner and her husband, Jeff, is out $40,569.72 while she waits for President Clinton's multimillion-dollar campaign to make good on its bill for cellular telephones rented before the Nov. 5 election.

The delay is costing her personally, she said.

"My husband and I took half pay in today's check and in our checks two weeks ago because of this," Turner said Friday. "And February is our slowest month here, so it's definitely tight right now."

Clinton-Gore campaign officials said they were working to clear their books as soon as possible. In all, the campaign owed $3 million to vendors, including Turner, as of Dec. 31, according to its latest financial report.

"It's not our intent to stiff anybody or drag our feet," said Eric Kleinfeld, campaign counsel. "We particularly don't want to hurt the small vendors."

The campaign rented 37 phones from the Turners' firm, InTouch USA, which has 18 employees. One of the phones is still missing, Lisa Turner said.

The campaign paid its first $1,800 bill. But Turner said despite several calls, she still has not been told when the rest of the invoices, sent between Nov. 21 and Dec. 17, will be honored.

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Army leaders still supporting men, women training together

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army leaders still support training men and women together, even though sexual harassment has become a problem of "substantial proportions," the service's top civilian official said.

Army Secretary Togo West said Friday that while Defense Secretary William Cohen has said he intends to look into the issue, the Army leadership believes such training is appropriate.

"It's a good way to train, it's a necessary way to train, we need to keep doing that," West said. He made the comments in an interview with CNN.

The Army trains men and women together during the first eight weeks of service in basic training. The issue has come under scrutiny since several drill sergeants were charged with rape and harassment of young trainees at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

West said the Aberdeen incidents have shown the military "had a problem of substantial proportions. That's why we took unusual steps to deal with it," including an investigation by the Army's inspector general.

But on training, he said:

"From the Army's point of view, setting up separate training would be ... a step backwards."

West said mixed-gender training has gone on at more senior levels for more than 20 years and a study by the Government Accounting Office in June of last year concluded that the mixed-gender basic training "was working well. It endorsed it."

The state bird of Alaska is the willow ptarmigan.

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WTC MEATS JUDGING — Western Texas College's meats judging team won several awards at the Southwestern International Meats Contest in Fort Worth. From left are, Shane Kelly, Jason York, Jeremy Howard, Doug Machen, Scott Nickell, Jeremy Bills, Cody Arrington. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC earns second place overall

The Western Texas College meats judging team won second overall in last Saturday's Southwestern International Meats Contest in Fort Worth.

Eighteen teams from two and four year colleges had a total of 120 contestants and alternates.

In individual categories, the team was first in placings, second in pork judging, third in lambs and beef grading and fifth in beef judging and questions.

"The scores were really close," said Jim Judah, advisor, "as Tarelton State University won the competition, edging out WTC by only seven points."

In individual awards, Shane Kelly of Colorado City, and Jeremy Howard of Ira, both placed in the top ten overall.

Kelly was 7th overall and once again the high individual in the contest in beef judging. He also earned 4th in placings, 7th in questions and 9th in lamb judging.

Howard was 10th overall, 3rd in pork judging and 5th in placings.

Jeremy Bills of Houston was first in placings and 10th in pork judging.

Scott Nickell of Abilene was 2nd in beef grading and 11th in lamb judging.

In the alternates contest, Doug Machen of Houston was 3rd high individual. He was also 2nd in both grading questions.

Cody Arrington of Abilene was 3rd in beef grading.

Jason York of Snyder was 6th in lamb judging.

"It was a very good contest for WTC," Judah said.

The next competition — the final for this school year — is slated for March 1 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Financial Focus

People can play golf for years and years — and still be trying to figure it out. For the average golfer, it seems that success usually depends more on luck than smarts.

For investors, however, the opposite holds true: Success depends more on smarts than luck.

Smart investors look for quality, and one way to find quality in a stock or mutual fund is to look at its history of paying dividends. Stocks that have historically paid increasing dividends are companies that grow consistently and stay in favor with investors.

Some stocks are more vulnerable to a change of sentiment — for example, concept stocks when the concept doesn't work as expected, momentum stocks when the momentum slows, and sector stocks when that particular sector falls out of favor.

No one can accurately predict a stock's short-term results, but stocks with a long-term history of strong results can be more reliable than others. According to John Snyder, portfolio manager for the John Hancock group, "I can say that in a few years, the earnings of steadily growing companies should be substantially bigger than they are today. And if their price-to-earnings ratios stay the same, their valuation should also be much greater."

This concept of steady growth is shared by most portfolio managers looking for quality. Steady growth generally means increasing dividends. One mutual fund, for example, will not invest in a company unless it has paid a dividend in at least nine of the past 10 years. The fund's latest annual report shows that 68 percent of the companies in its portfolio raised their dividends that year. Since this fund's inception 44 years ago, shareholders who chose to receive dividends in cash experienced only three years (1982, 1989, and 1992) in which dividends did not increase. In fact, if you had invested $10,000 in this fund at its inception in 1953 and left your investment intact, your dividends alone in 1996 would have been $10,007 — slightly more than your original investment!

Of course, this could not be possible without the steady growth of the companies in which the fund invested. If you had taken your dividends in cash, your original $10,000 investment would have been worth $381,514 on April 30, 1996. The current dividend is only about 2.6 percent, but look what the growth of capital has done for the size of your regular dividend check.

It's not unusual for mutual funds to look for steadily growing companies with consistently rising dividends. Another major fund that just celebrated its 60th anniversary has an inflexible rule: It will buy only companies that have raised their dividends in each of the last 10 years. Its annual average rate of return, after allowing for all expenses including the 5 percent sales charge, is 15 percent, and it has had only one down year.

Were those results due to smarts or luck? Luck may have had something to do with it — after all, there are no guarantees. The fund managers promised only to invest in the best companies they could find, using strict standards of quality. However, finding those high-quality stocks took brains, no luck.

For my money, it's better to be smart than lucky.

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We'll finish the course with a look at retirement planning and ways to ensure your older years will indeed be your golden years.

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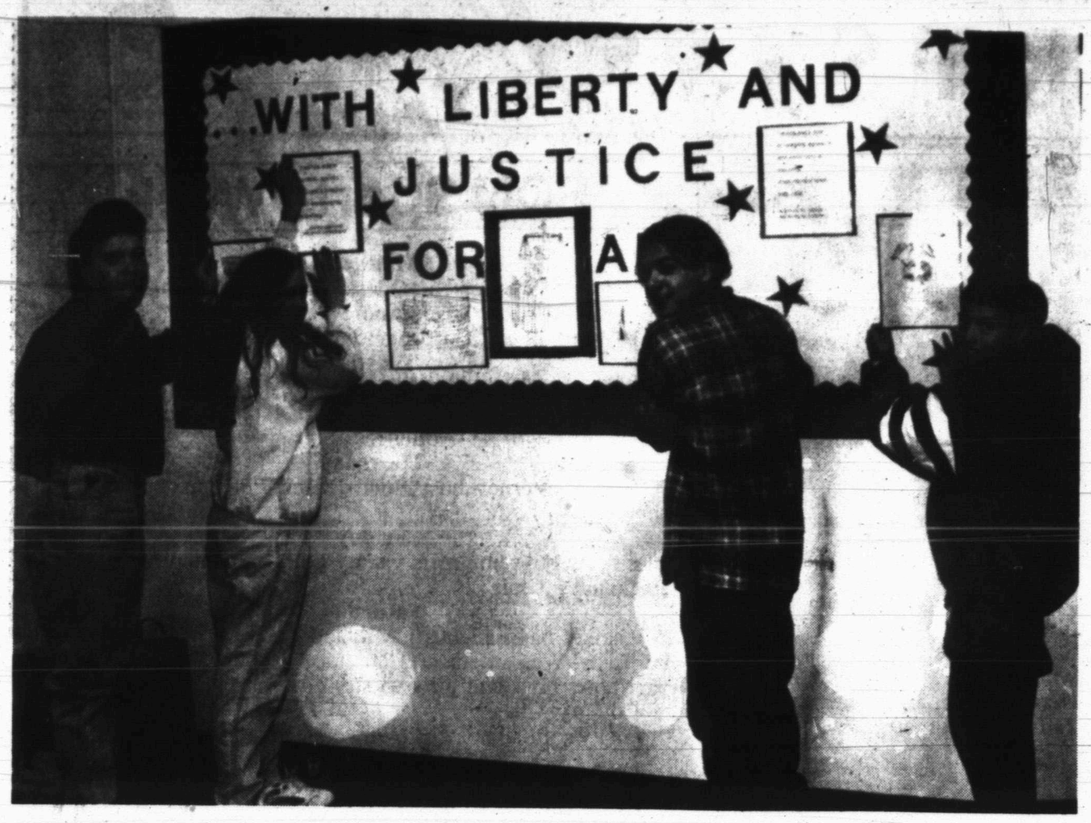
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BULLETIN BOARD — These Ira students contributed original artwork for their school bulletin board. From left are, Marcia Martin, Dayna Broker, Raymon Perez and Eric Dickerhoff. Every month the board has a specific topic. February's topic is justice. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Governor withdraws reward

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Responding to Bill Cosby's request that no public money be used as a reward for information about his son's killer, Republican Gov. Pete Wilson on Friday withdrew the state's offer of $50,000.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, had offered the reward last month when Wilson was out of the country. He and Wilson are longtime political rivals.

"We received a request from the Cosby family to withdraw the reward," Wilson spokesman Sean Walsh said, adding that Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams had told them doing so wouldn't impede the investigation.

But Davis' office said Friday evening that he had announced the reward after being advised by Los Angeles police that it might be helpful.

"I greatly empathize with the Cosby family's pain over the loss of their son," Davis said. "Solving this terrible murder, however, is a public, not a family, responsibility."

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death early Jan. 16 while changing a tire on a road just off a freeway in Los Angeles. There have been no arrests.

Walsh said Davis did not follow the governor's policy on rewards because it was not requested by the victim's family, law enforcers or community leaders and because all leads had not been exhausted. Davis could not be reached for comment.

Several rewards — including one offered by Los Angeles County — have been dropped. But a $25,000 reward from the city of Los Angeles, and rewards of $200,000 and $100,000 from tabloid newspapers — have not been withdrawn.

Datebook

Feb. 8, 1997

Today is the 39th day of 1997 and the 50th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1587, Mary Stuart, the Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay, England.

On this day in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was founded.

On this day in 1915, D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" premiered in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William T. Sherman (1820-1891), Civil War general; Jules Verne (1828-1905), novelist; Martin Buber (1878-1965), philosopher; Lana Turner (1920-1995), actress; Audrey Meadows (1924-1996), actress-author; Jack Lemmon (1925-), actor; is 72; James Dean (1931-1955), actor; John Williams (1932-), composer-conductor, is 65; Ted Koppel (1940-), broadcast journalist, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1887, the first-ever ski-jumping event was held in Red Wing, Minn.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it." — William T. Sherman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1936, a winter storm killed 2,000 sheep near Havre, Mont.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

Feb. 9, 1997

Today is the 40th day of 1997 and the 51st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, 109 Union officers escaped from Libby Prison, where they were being held by the Confederate army.

Nitroglycerine was first produced by an Italian chemist in 1847.

German Rudolf Virchow was the first scientist to conduct cancer research in the 1800s.

On this day in 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO.

On this day in 1964, the Beatles appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), U.S. president; Amy Lowell (1874-1925), poet; Ernest Tubb (1914-1984), singer; Brendan Behan (1923-1964), writer; Carole King (1942-), singer-songwriter, is 55; Joe Pesci (1943-), actor, is 54; Alice Walker (1944-), novelist, is 53; Mia Farrow (1945-), actress, is 52; Judith Light (1949-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Jean-Claude Killy won the Olympic downhill skiing competition at Grenoble, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A decent and manly examination of the acts of government should be not only tolerated, but encouraged." — William Henry Harrison

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1870, President Grant established the federal meteorological service, which eventually became the National Weather Service.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 7) and first quarter (Feb. 14).

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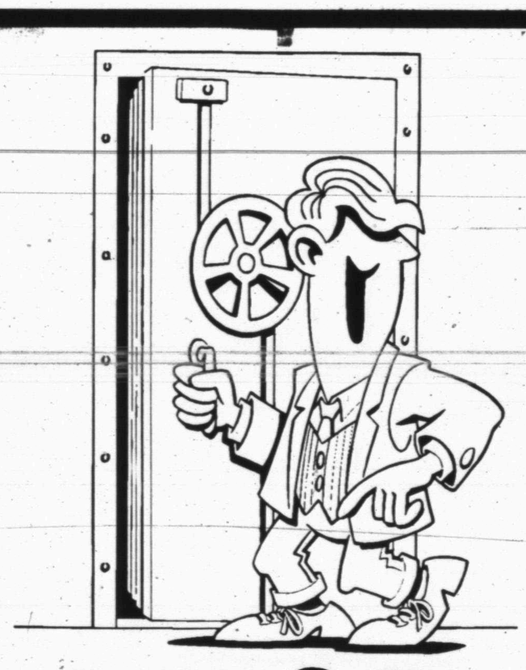


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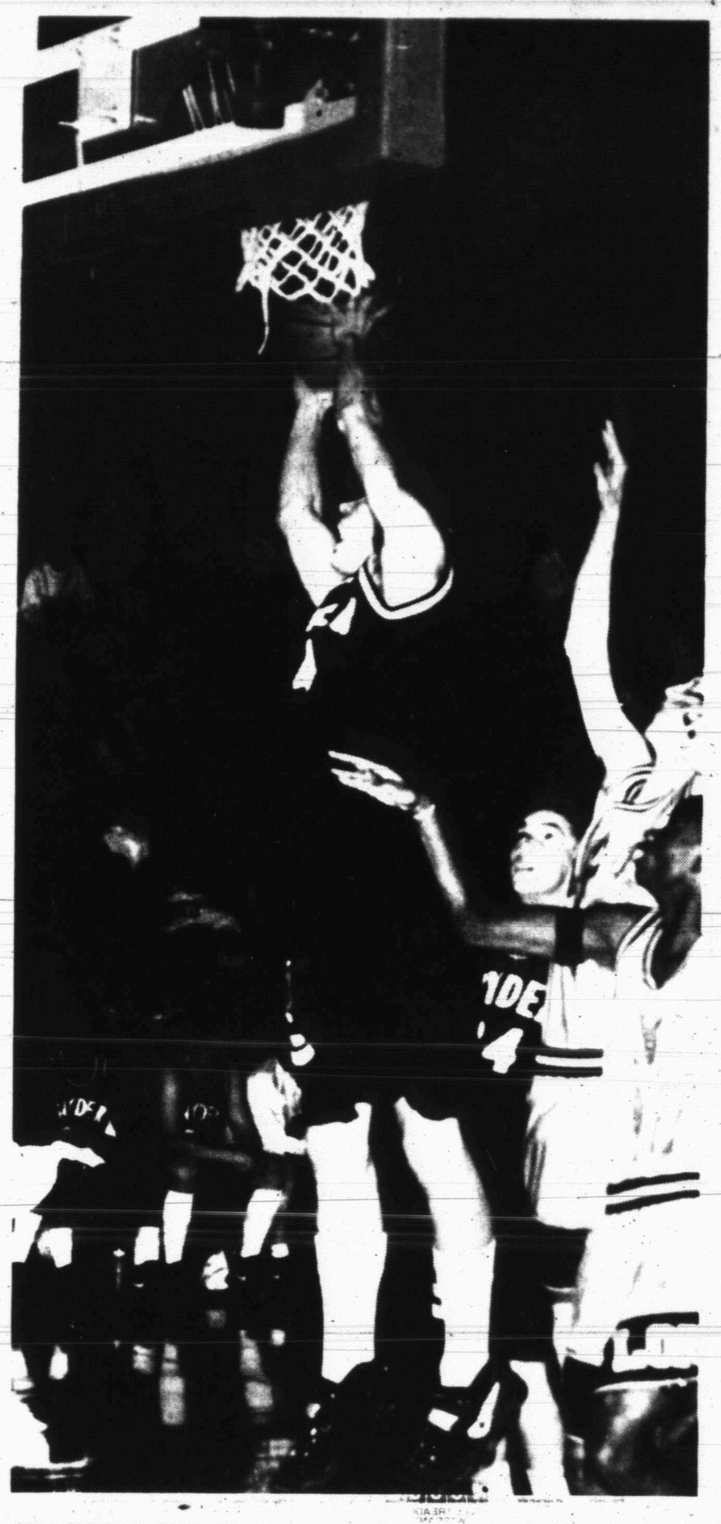
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SPORTS



CRASHING THE BOARDS — Snyder's Rick Henderson grabs a rebound in the Tigers' 48-47 loss to the Levelland Lobos Friday night. Henderson finished with 19 to lead the Tigers. (Photo by Wade Warren)

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Lobos edge Tigers on last second free throw, 48-47

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — The Tigers went into Levelland in a three-way tie for first place in District 2-4A. They left in a tie with the Lobos for third place.

Snyder dropped its second district game in a row Friday night, 48-47, to the Levelland Lobos. The loss drops the Tigers' loop record to 6-4, putting them in the tie for third with theLobos who are also 6-4.

Snyder will now play the Lobos Tuesday night at Lubbock Coronado High School at 7:30 for the third spot in the district and a trip to the postseason.

The contest remained close throughout, before Levelland's Jason Pitts went to the line when he was fouled going after a loose ball that he stripped from Rick Henderson on what appeared to be a reach-in foul that was not called. When Pitts stepped to the line, the game was even at 47-47 with two seconds remaining,

Pitts missed his first attempt, but drained his second to give the Lobos the one-point win.

Snyder came out flat in the first period, missing its first seven shots, before Jimmy Taylor hit a jumper in the lane at the 2:30 mark to bring the score to 5-2.

Henderson drained a trey with 22 second left to tie the game at 5-5, but Pitts hit a jumper in the corner at the buzzer to put the Lobos up by two after one.

The second period was almost identical to the first, as the Tigers continued their cold shooting, and the game staying close.

Ramsey Castillo drained a trey at the 3:54 mark to give the Tigers their first lead of the game at 12-9. Levelland remained close until the closing seconds of the half when Castillo knocked down a second three, giving the Tigers an 18-14 lead.

At the start of the second half, it appeared as though the Tigers were goin, to run away with the game, but the Lobos had a late quarter run, giving them the lead after three.

Snyder came out of the locker room red hot, nailing its first seven shots.

Castillo started it off with a trey, and after the Tiger shooting barrage was finished, the Tigers found themselves up, 34-23, with 3:50 left to play in the period.

Pitts brought the Lobos back to life, scoring seven of their next 10 points, giving Levelland a 36-35 lead at the buzzer.

The fourth period saw the contest go back and forth until Levelland was able to convert a foul into a win.

Henderson started the Tigers off with a three and a pair of jumpers to tie the game at 41-41 with 5:10 ticks remaining. Henderson hit a second trey with 1:40 left, tying the game at 45-45.

Taylor drew his fifth foul of the game with 44 seconds left, leaving the Tigers without their top rebounder.

Levelland's Tyler Hayes stepped to the charity stripe with a chance to tie the game. Hayes ripped both attempts to deadlock the contest at 47-47, before Pitts stepped to the line to give the Lobos the win.

Henderson finished the night with 19 to lead the Tigers, while Castillo knocked down 11. Taylor drained 7, and Fambro added 6. Chris Riggins and Alvin Fabre contributed two apiece.

In other district action Friday, Estacado ripped Lamesa, 81-50, giving the Matadors the top spot with a 7-3 record. Plainview dropped Frenship, 61-38, giving the Bulldogs the second spot with a 7-3 record. Plainview would have produced a tie for first place, but Estacado beat the Bulldogs both times they played.

Boys basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	7	3	16	14
Plainview	7	3	18	12
Snyder	6	4	20	12
Levelland	6	4	14	19
Lamesa	3	6	19	11
Frenship	0	10	12	19

Friday's Results: Levelland 48, Snyder 47; Estacado 81, Lamesa 50; Plainview 61, Frenship 38.

Playoff Picture: First place Estacado gets first-round bye; Second place Plainview vs. Hereford, TBA; Snyder vs. Levelland for third place, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Coronado.

NBA at glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	12	.750	-
NewYork	34	14	.708	2
Orlando	24	20	.545	10
Washington	22	25	.468	13½
NewJersey	13	33	.283	22
Philadelphia	12	34	.261	23
Boston	11	35	.239	24
Central Division				
Chicago	42	6	.875	-
Detroit	34	12	.739	7
Atlanta	31	15	.674	10
Charlotte	29	19	.604	13
Cleveland	25	22	.532	16½
Indiana	23	23	.500	18
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	20¼
Toronto	17	29	.370	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	14	.702	-
Houston	32	16	.667	1½
Minnesota	23	25	.479	10¼
Dallas	16	28	.364	15½
Denver	16	32	.333	17½
SanAntonio	11	34	.244	21
Vancouver	9	42	.176	26
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	35	13	.729	-
Seattle	32	15	.681	2½
Portland	25	23	.521	10
L.A.Clippers	19	25	.432	14
Sacramento	21	28	.429	14½
GoldenState	17	29	.370	17
Phoenix	17	31	.354	18

Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
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SDN Sports Week

Monday
WTC Lady Westerners at Odessa College, 6 p.m.
SHS varsity softball hosts Andrews, 6 p.m.
SHS JV softball at San Angelo, 1 p.m.

Tuesday
SHS varsity baseball hosts Odessa High, 4:30 p.m., Moffett Field.
SHS JV baseball at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.
SHS JV girls golf at Abilene.

Thursday
WTC Lady Westerners hosts South Plains, 7:30 p.m., Scurry County Coliseum.

Friday
Snyder hosts boys and girls varsity golf tournament, at WTC and Snyder Country Club.

Saturday
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WTC Lady Westerners at Clarendon College, 6 p.m.
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SHS varsity softball hosts Brownwood, 1 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado, 5 p.m.
SHS JV softball hosts round robin with Big Spring, Brownwood and Lubbock Coronado; host Brownwood maroon, 1 p.m.; host Brownwood white, 5 p.m.
SHS varsity tennis hosts Monahans and Odessa High.

All-Star Game missing All-Stars

CLEVELAND (AP) — In a season marred by missing offense, it's fitting that something is missing at All-Star weekend: All-Stars.

A record five players — Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley, Clyde Drexler, Alonzo Mourning and Patrick Ewing — will miss Sunday's All-Star game with assorted injuries, breaking the record of three set in 1962.

And the game isn't the only event plagued by no-shows. The NBA held the first gathering of its greatest living players Friday, and at least 11 didn't show up. Among the missing were Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest, and Barkley.

Walt Frazier said he didn't appreciate being dissed.

"Some guys in the past have come up to me and shaken my hand and said, 'Thanks, man, for helping us make the money that we do,'" Frazier said. "All of the guys should be in this room, paying homage to us."

The consensus of those in attendance was that Jordan and Barkley were out paying homage to golf.

"They're probably playing golf right now as we speak," said Billy Cunningham, who coached Barkley in Philadelphia.

Also not seen at the media gathering were Larry Bird, Bob Cousy, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Lenny Wilkens, Bill Walton, George Gervin, Dave Bing, O'Neal and Hal Greer.

Most of the greats didn't think the no-shows spoiled the event.

"If they want to take the day off, more power to them," Boston Celtics center Bill Russell said. "That sounds like a great idea. They're the only ones that know what they have to do to get through this life and to get through this season."

Rick Barry only had one problem with Jordan and Barkley playing hooky.

"I'm disappointed just from the standpoint that I can't get them to sign my book," Barry said. "This is not good."

Even without the likes of Bird and Jordan, it was incredible to see these great players in the same room. Wilt Chamberlain's table was at one end of the Renaissance Hotel ballroom, Bill Russell's at the other, as if the centers were squaring off for battle. Magic Johnson's smile lit up one corner of the room, John Havlicek's humble storytelling brightened another.

"My son is here, he'll get to go around and see all the 50," Johnson said. "This is why I played the way I played.

Commissioner David Stern chose Detlef Schrempf, Kevin Garnett and Chris Gatling as the Western Conference subs. The Eastern Conference replacements are Chris Webber and Joe Dumars.

Two All-Stars were sidelined by injuries in 1952, 1973, 1977, 1986, 1992, 1993 and 1994. The only year when three players sat out was 1962.

"The other side of it is you get to see some other guys in this game, and that may be every bit as exciting," John Stockton said.

All-Star weekend activities get under way tonight with the rookie game, 3-point shootout and slam dunk contest. Jim Valente, a 49-year-old resort manager from Bradenton, Fla., will attempt a 3-point shot worth $1 million.

Sunday's game begins at 6:38 p.m. EST.

Ira ends season with loop losses

SANDS — The young Ira Bulldogs narrowly missed an upset Friday night, finally bowing to Sands, 72-68, in the final District 27-A game of the season.

The two teams were tied 11-11 at the end of the first period, and Sands held a two-point advantage at intermission. In the third, the Bulldogs narrowed the margin to one with Sands leading 49-48 going into the last quarter. During the final eight minutes, Sands outscored the Bulldogs, 23-20.

Finishing with a 0-6 loop mark, four Bulldogs were in double digits. Richard Wilkins hit for 15 and Logan Daves canned 14. Drew Wall chipped in 13 and Jerek Brown sank 12.

The Lady Bulldogs bowed to Sands, 75-35, ending the season with a 0-6 district mark.

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SPORTS

Bill Parcells will coach NY Jets

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Parcells is going to coach the New York Jets. Just when is still undecided.

Parcells signed a six-year deal Friday that could be worth as much as $20 million. He will coach the Jets for at least four of those years.

For now, he is a consultant-in-waiting, however. Parcells is in limbo until commissioner Paul Tagliabue renders a decision on Parcells' agreement to be a consultant for the Jets in 1997, then become coach next Feb. 1.

Tagliabue ruled last week that Parcells could not coach anywhere in 1997 but for New England, which he led to the Super Bowl last month, unless the Patriots give their permission. A clause in Parcells' contract, which was shortened from five years to four last winter, gave New England that power.

Parcells resigned as Patriots coach on Jan. 31. He agreed to his deal with the Jets four days later, when Bill Belichick was named as coach for '97 — unless the Jets and Patriots reach a deal that would allow Parcells to coach sooner.

New England has appealed Parcells' arrangement with the Jets, and Tagliabue will make a ruling either Monday or Tuesday. Until then, Parcells can't have any dealings with the Jets — but a league spokesman said signing the contract was not prohibited.

"Any employee is free to sign a contract pending league approval," the NFL's Joe Browne said.

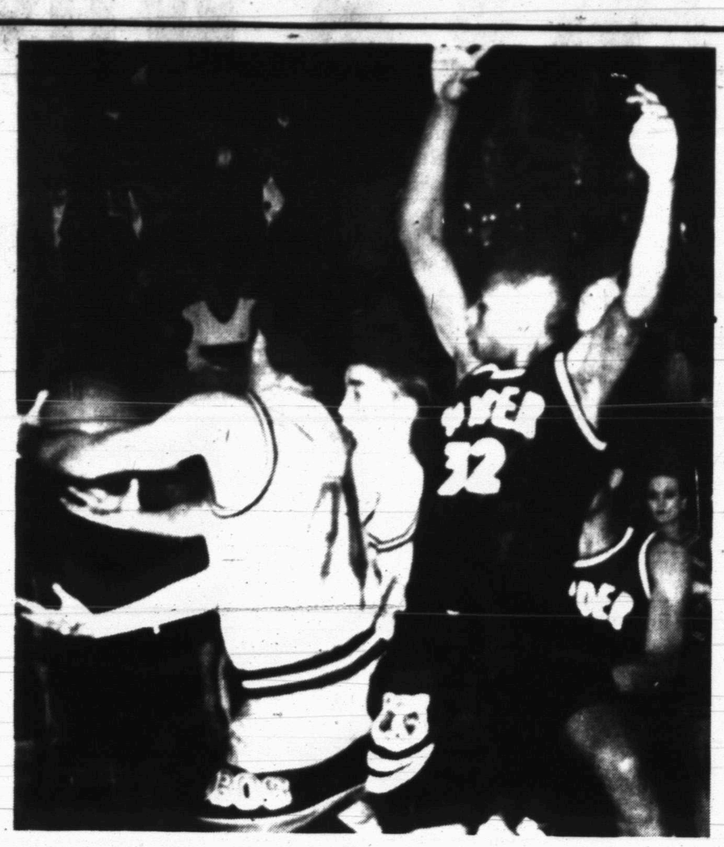
Parcells said he was sending a message with the signing and the long-term commitment.

"I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew I was in this for the long haul," Parcells said. "In my mind, I want to make sure the players here know that and the fans know it. As long as I'm physically able, I'm going to do it.

No terms were disclosed. Parcells originally was seeking a $10 million, three-year deal. This contract almost certainly makes him the highest paid coach in the NFL, surpassing Jimmy Johnson's $2 million annual salary with the Dolphins.

"Bill wants this, and so do we, to be the capstone of his career, the last job he has in professional football," Jets president Steve Gutman said. "We want to give Bill every opportunity to succeed and he wants to give the Jets every opportunity. Four years happened to be a good period of time. It could be longer."

In his fourth season with the Giants, he led them to the NFL title. He won another Super Bowl with that franchise four years after that, in 1990, and took the Patriots to the Super Bowl in his fourth season in New England.



BLOCKED OUT — Snyder's Chris Riggins (32) gets blocked out by his Levelland defenders. Riggins finished with two points. The Tigers are in a tie with the Lobos for third place and will play Levelland Tuesday night for the third spot in the district and a trip to the playoffs. (Photo by Wade Warren)

SDN Sports Briefs

Little League umpires needed

Snyder Little League is in need of umpires for the upcoming season. Umpires are needed for all levels of play such as Farm League, Senior League and Girl's Softball. If you are interested, contact Phil Robinson at 573-7985 or 573-7970.

Senior LL manager needed

Snyder Senior Little League is accepting applications for a manager for a Little League team. Applications will be accepted until Monday and can be picked up at McDonald's.

Girl's fast-pitch clinic

A fast-pitch clinic for girl's softball is scheduled for next Friday and Saturday. The clinic is open for girls ages 8 and up, and scheduling will be set up according sign-ups. For further information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390 after 4 p.m.

Little Dribblers sign-up

Late sign-ups for Snyder Girls' Little Dribblers will be accepted from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon next Saturday in the West Elementary Cafeteria. Players must be accompanied by an adult and bring a copy of the player's birth certificate. Registration fee is $25.

The league is open to girls ages 8-12, with 8-year-olds in their own division. For more information, call 573-9437 or 573-3951.

Ground Hog Tourney

Snyder Country Club Ground Hog tournament is set Feb. 22-23. Format will be a two-man scramble. Entry fee is $80 per team.

Boys fall, 106-79...

Hermleigh Lady Cards rip Blackwell for league crown

Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals came into the season wearing the district runner-up crown and looking for a championship. After compiling a 5-0 district record, the only thing left standing in their way was Blackwell team with a lot of heart and an impressive 4-1 mark.

Blackwell could steal the Cardinals' goal with a victory. But Hermleigh was having none of that.

The Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals, utilizing an all out offensive and defensive attack, broke into a double-digit lead less than four minutes into the ballgame and went on to defeat Blackwell here Friday, 78-48.

The victory earned Coach Brandye Hughey's Cardinals the District 25A crown.

"The girls came out and played really hard. They really wanted it," said Coach Hughey. "I'm really proud of them. This follows last season when we were (district) runner-up. The girls really wanted to win it all this year."

Hermleigh will take a 14-11 record into the playoffs. Blackwell, at 4-2 now, is the district runner-up and will also advance.

As of Saturday morning, first-round playoff opponents had not been determined.

Friday's game, on the other hand, was determined early. By halftime, 10 of the 11 Lady Cardinals on the roster had seen action and six had scored. Early in the second quarter, Coach Hughey called off a torrid press that had done almost as much damage as the Hermleigh offense.

Jennifer Roemisch opened the scoring with a pair of free throws, then got the defense clicking with a steal. Teammate Kelly Gonzalez converted and the Cardinals were in front 4-0.

Miranda Scott countered for Blackwell's first score but it would be almost three minutes before the Hornets tallied again. In the meantime, Hermleigh got two baskets from Michelle Roemisch, another from Jennifer Roemisch and one from Melissa Brasuel to stake a 12-2 advantage with 5:32 to play in the period.

Blackwell's Judith Taylor broke the string with a three-pointer moments later, but her effort didn't slow the Hermleigh attack. Ester Martinez scored on a layup, Jennifer Roemisch dropped in three consecutive baskets and Michelle Roemisch added one more as the Cardinals extended their lead to 22-5.

They led 28-8 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Cards came out in the second just as hot. Kelly Gonzalez, who had scored the last four points of the first period, opened with another bucket. Brasuel hit a free throw, then Jennifer Roemisch and Gonzalez each scored to bring Hermleigh's advantage to 35-8.

The game under control already, Coach Hughey called off the full court pressure, and substituted freely. Still, Blackwell didn't tally until Jay Shafer scored from underneath with 3:42 left before halftime.

Gonzalez led four girls in double figures with 23 points. Jennifer Roemisch scored 21, Brasuel 14 and Michelle Roemisch 13.

Blackwell, which trailed 43-18 at halftime and 57-33 at the end of the third period, was led by Schafer's 19 points.

Blackwell dominated the boy's game, winning 106-79. The Hornets stung Hermleigh for 25 first-quarter points, and led 48-34 at halftime. A 34-21 third quarter put the game out of reach for the Cardinals, who finished the season at 6-17 and 1-5 in loop play.

Blackwell completed a 4-2 district stint, and will join league champion Highland in the playoffs.

Top scorers for Hermleigh were Jason Hernandez with 29, Johnny Garza with 12 and Larry Lambaren with 11.

Bowling News

Roll-n-Hope
League Standings as of 01/20/97

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Fuller Foods	54	34
Lawrence IGA	46	42
Carousel Arcade	44	44
Should of Beens	42	46
Redman	42	48
City National Bank	40	48
J.C. Wells	29	59

High Series Scratch: Ginger Moore 619.
High Series Handicap: Alma Posey 643.
High Game Scratch: Lynn Maldonado 188.
High Game Handicap: Dorris Martin 225.
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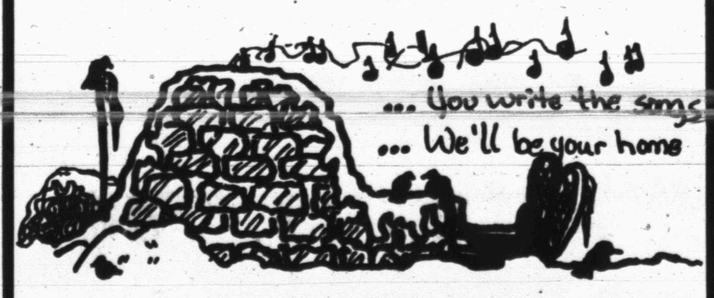
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bid proposals for the **purchase of a CHIPS-PREADER**, Wednesday, February 12, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Scurry County Commissioners Court will open bid proposals for the Purchase of Books from the Scurry County Law Library on Monday, February 24, 1997, during special session of the Commissioners Court beginning at 10:00 a.m. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas.

BID NOTICE
The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of a Portable Air Compressor. Bids will be received until Friday, February 14, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. Bids will be received at the accounting department in the City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Applications are available in the CORRECTIONS OFFICE, Learning Resource Center, Western Texas College Campus.
Deadline for completed applications is 12 noon, Thursday, FEBRUARY 13, 1997.

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Two read all 20 books in series

Ira third through sixth graders participate in the Bluebonnet program by reading the books in the series and voting on the ones they like best.

Librarians throughout the state then pick the winners.

In what may be a first for Ira, sixth graders, John Gainer and Tara Jones, have read all 20 books in the 1996-1997 series.



BLUEBONNET READERS — Ira sixth graders, John Gainer and Tara Jones have read all 20 books in the Bluebonnbet series for 1996-1997. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Woman meets her rescurers

DALLAS (AP) — Karen Nelson, survivor of nearly 40 hours in a pickup truck stuck in a South Dakota blizzard with wind chills as low as 70 below zero, said she lived through the ordeal because "there were so many angels out there."

She embraced several of them Friday when she met a team of behind-the-scenes workers at Nortel Wireless Networks who helped pinpoint her location from more than 1,000 miles away, using her cellular telephone.

"I just gave them a hug and thanked them," Mrs. Nelson, 51, said of her meeting with the technicians at their office in suburban Richardson.

A few hours later, the group was honored at a company awards luncheon on the 69th floor of a downtown bank building.

Bob Gurba, a manager on Nortel's emergency technical support team, said he and his colleagues were elated to receive the award, but nothing topped their emotion when Mrs. Nelson was rescued.

"It all ended up with pure joy, and there was no other way we would have liked to have it," he said.

The team became involved in the rescue effort when Switch 2000, a Minnesbta customer, called for help after Mrs. Nelson became lost and stranded in her truck Jan. 9 while driving home from her job as a cook at a nursing home.

Since Nortel Wireless engineers had designed and manufactured the cell towers used by Switch 2000 and Glacial Lakes Cellular, Since Mrs. Nelson is a Glacial Lakes customer, the company asked Nortel to help find her.

Firefighters make three calls

Snyder firemen responded to three calls Friday, including one at a mobile home on 33rd Street.

Firemen were called to 1004 33rd St. at noon Friday in reference to a fire at a mobile home owned by Howard Smith. The structure, occupied by Lee V. Brooks, suffered extensive smoke damage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The department responded to a car fire at 2:10 p.m. Friday in Hermleigh near Allsup's. A 1995 Oldsmobile belonging to Cary Thurmond of 2711 Ave. X suffered damage to the engine compartment.

At 11:10 p.m. Friday, the department was called to a vehicle fire two miles south on Highway 350. No damage report was available on a 1994 Chevrolet pickup owned by Pete Wisher of 1726 Golden.

Blow kills convict

KENEDY (AP) — A convicted sex offender from Tarrant County was murdered in his cell Friday at the maximum security Connally Unit, a state prison official said.

Leslie Bibbs, 28, died at about 5:20 p.m. from a blow to the head, said David Nunnelee, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Bibbs, who entered the prison system on Feb. 27, 1988, to serve a 10-year sentence for sexual assault, had been stuck with a coffee pot about five minutes prior to his death.

His cellmate, Gilbert Caballero, 25, was being questioned about the death.

Caballero, who is serving a five-year sentence for a sexual assault conviction out of Bexar County, entered the prison system on April 21, 1995.

A series of assaults in the prison this week had led to 400 prisoners out the 2,800-bed facility to be placed in lockdown. Caballero and Bibbs were among the prisoners restricted to their cells for the duration of the lockdown.

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997

Last year's experiences can be put to good use in the year ahead. You will not repeat past mistakes, and you will not let opportunities pass you by again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Plan a full agenda today, because you will need continuous activity in order to feel fulfilled. This feeling will continue into the evening. Aquarius, 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Remain alert today, because financial opportunities might come from several sources simultaneously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you will have the ability to find people who will help you achieve your most important goals. Leave no stone unturned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you want to be the center of attention today, act friendly, but keep your distance. Members of the opposite sex will find you attractive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can live up to your expectations if you try to remain enthusiastic. Do not underestimate the power of positive thinking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your luck will be proportionate to the rewards you anticipate. If the stakes are high, you will have a good chance of winning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you will have the ability to bring divergent interests together in a manner that will benefit everyone concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The promise of a material reward will stimulate your creativity today. You could be particularly lucky in regard to group projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not forget to include old friends when making social plans today. The old group will get along well with your newer acquaintances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is someone you would like to impress because you may need his help soon, invite this individual to lunch or dinner today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, try to participate in activities that will enable you to use your body and your mind. A competitive, social sport will be best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Commercial trends will continue to move in your favor again today, especially in regard to projects you have already started.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 10, 1997

Welcome changes are indicated in the year ahead where your finances are concerned. The changes might not be very large at first, but with time their magnitude will increase.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When a friend isn't in complete accord with you today, it doesn't mean he or she dislikes you. Back off and try to see the wisdom from your pal's perspective. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius 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. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Treating others in a selfish manner could cause them to be reluctant to get involved with you in the future. Take a little, give a little.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may deal with a person today who is unreasonable and rough. He or she can be turned around if you treat this individual the opposite way he or she treats you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A co-worker who usually does things in a hasty, careless manner must be monitored today, so this person doesn't mar your efforts as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to be effective today, your priorities must be kept in order. Make sure you do the essentials first and that which is frivolous last.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Challenging developments today, are apt to strengthen your resolve. When the going gets tough, your determination to excel will prevail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A good idea shouldn't be ignored or shelved today just because it didn't originate with you. Favorable, collective results are more important than ego trips.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to be too extravagant with your resources today. Remember, it is not painful to take it out of the bank, but it sure can be when it is time to put it back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Fulfill your intentions by being patient and tolerant with key people on a one-to-one basis. Make them feel respected, in order to be treated similarly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This can be a productive day for you, provided you are self-assured and persistent. If you meet with resistance, push the pedal to the metal and go for broke.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Opportunities available to you today might lose some of their dynamics if you don't follow through quickly. The ball is in your court.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In an important career development today, have a backup plan ready just in case. If you are prepared, your chances of success are enhanced.

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Before being killed at Trafalgar, British Adm. Horatio Nelson had lost an eye and an arm in battle.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is forgetfulness a danger sign?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been told that I have "cerebral vascular insufficiency." What is this? I am 79 years old, forgetful, and sometimes have difficulty saying the word I want to speak.

DEAR READER: As we age and arteriosclerotic plaque builds up on our arterial linings, we often develop symptoms, depending on which organ is affected by the deficient blood supply.

For example, coronary artery blockage frequently results in angina or heart attack, renal artery occlusion can lead to hypertension, and occlusions in the leg arteries may cause muscle cramps.

When such blockages affect the cerebral (brain) circulation, the patient is said to have cerebral vascular insufficiency. This can lead to forgetfulness, confusion, periodic weakness, difficulty speaking, and a wide variety of other symptoms. The basic problem is two-fold: how to improve blood flow to the brain and how to prevent blood clots from forming on the arteriosclerotic plaque, because such clots may be carried to the brain and cause a stroke.

The task of improving circulation is really tough. No medication has been shown to be effective. Therefore, in selected cases, surgeons may have to try to remove the blockages, especially if the plaque affects the blood vessels (such as the carotid arteries) in the neck.

The challenge of preventing blood clots is, surprisingly, relatively easy and is now standard practice. Patients with cerebral vascular deficiency are advised to take one aspirin a day to retard clotting. In advanced cases (or in instances where the heart beats erratically), prescription anti-coagulants, such as Coumadin, are used.

Exactly which method of treatment is appropriate for you I cannot say. This is a decision best left to your doctor, with the help of a neurologist, perhaps. But I can say that, at the least, you should be taking aspirin therapy. Ask your doctor about this.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." 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: What is the prognosis of someone with cirrhosis from hepatitis C? He cannot take interferon therapy.

DEAR READER: Liver inflammation from the hepatitis C virus often progresses to cirrhosis (liver scarring) and eventual liver failure. The treatment of choice to prevent this serious eventuality is interferon, an anti-virus drug.

If a person cannot tolerate this therapy (because of an allergy to the drug, for instance), and the cirrhosis progresses, the prognosis is grim. Ultimately, such a person would be a candidate for a liver transplant.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, my wife had a total hip replacement, after her doctor and an orthopedic surgeon assured me that she would be free of pain and able to return to a normal active life if she underwent surgery.

She is now more handicapped by pain than she was previously, and the affected leg is about an inch longer than the other one. Our doctors have continued to advise us to be patient. "Given time, she will become normal," they said.

However, we are angry and confused. We believe the doctors are more concerned about the possibility of litigation than they are about my wife's well-being. Therefore, we obtained a second opinion.

This orthopedic surgeon confirmed that my wife's legs are not symmetrical and that the operation was unsuccessful. He did mention surgical revision, but we hesitate to risk a further operation if it isn't necessary. Please advise.

DEAR READER: No surgery is guaranteed to be risk-free. Your wife appears to have had a recognized complication of hip replacement: The prosthesis isn't the right size. This has caused a discrepancy in the length of her legs, resulting in a limp, continuing pain and substantial handicap.

I can well understand your anger and frustration and am sorry about what you are going through. I believe that her original doctors should have been more sympathetic to her plight, rather than merely offering vapid reassurances. Under ordinary circumstances, her hip should have healed in a matter of weeks, and she should have returned to normal months ago.

In pondering your wife's predicament, I've concluded that she has four options.

• Leave well enough alone, use a cane or walker, and rely on pain medication, such as ibuprofen, for relief of symptoms. Although not the best choice, a "do-nothing" approach means that she won't get any worse and — more important — need not undergo additional surgery, with the attendant risks and lack of a guaranteed good result.

• Seek physical therapy. With an intense program of rehabilitation, under the supervision of a physiatrist, she may be able to regain much of her independence.

• Try a lift in the shoe. A one-inch lift to the shorter leg will re-stabilize her gait and get rid of the limp and pain. A qualified orthopedic surgeon can measure her legs and prescribe the exact degree of lift required. In conjunction with physical therapy, this strategy may go a long way in resolving her pain.

• Undergo restorative surgery. A second, corrective procedure could solve the problem permanently. Of course, no one looks forward to an operation, but if it were performed by a super-specialist — for example, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hip surgery at a major medical center — repeat surgery would probably allow your wife to return to a fully active life.

Rather than "locking in" your decision right now, you and your wife might first try the physical therapy and/or the lift option. If this isn't successful enough, she can always choose surgery in the future.

Let me know what you decide to do.

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

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Four people arrested Friday on drinking related charges

Four people were arrested Friday on alcohol-related charges.

DPS troopers arrested three males, ages 25, 26 and 48, at the Hermleigh Community Center at 6:52 p.m. Friday for public intoxication.

At 11:57 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 4400 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, deputies were called to the Willow Park Inn at 9:35 a.m. in reference to a guest having a vehicle burglarized. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

A report for telephone harassment was made at 1:44 p.m. Friday.

An officer was requested at Cogdell Hospital's emergency room at 2:13 p.m. in reference to a nine-year-old boy being assaulted. An offense report for assault was submitted. The boys was treated and released.

An officer was requested at West Texas State Bank at 3:50 p.m. Friday in reference to someone short-changing the bank. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

An officer was requested in the 4100 block of Avondale at 5:20 p.m. Friday in reference to a juvenile being bitten by a dog. An offense report for dog bite was submitted.

An officer was requested in the 3100 block of 38th Street at 5:26 p.m. Friday in reference to dogs killing a cat.

At 1:09 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to the parking lot at Snyder High School in reference to a vehicle belonging to Matthew Fambro being damaged. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for a runaway was submitted at 4:05 Saturday morning in reference to a 15-year-old female juvenile not returning home. At 5:25 a.m., the juvenile did return.

Happy Birthday
"Granny"
Faye Marie

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank You

Our loved one, John A Noble, is now free... and at peace. Thanks and God bless to each one of you who shares our sorrow and our loss. Your sympathy and deeds of kindness and words of comfort will forever be remembered. Our love especially to our minister, Dr. Tim Griffin, who was constantly at our side.

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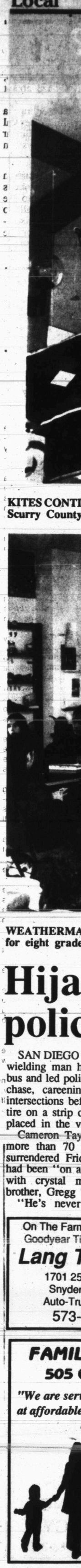
We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, phone calls, flowers, food, and loving kindness, during the illness and death of Faye Myers. A special "Thanks" to Dr. Bid Cooper, the staff on 2nd and 4th floor, Wilma Dillard, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Jessie Faulkenberry for the service, Cleo Wolf for the pretty songs, and neighbor and friend Opal Stout.

The Family of Faye Myers
Bessie Early & family
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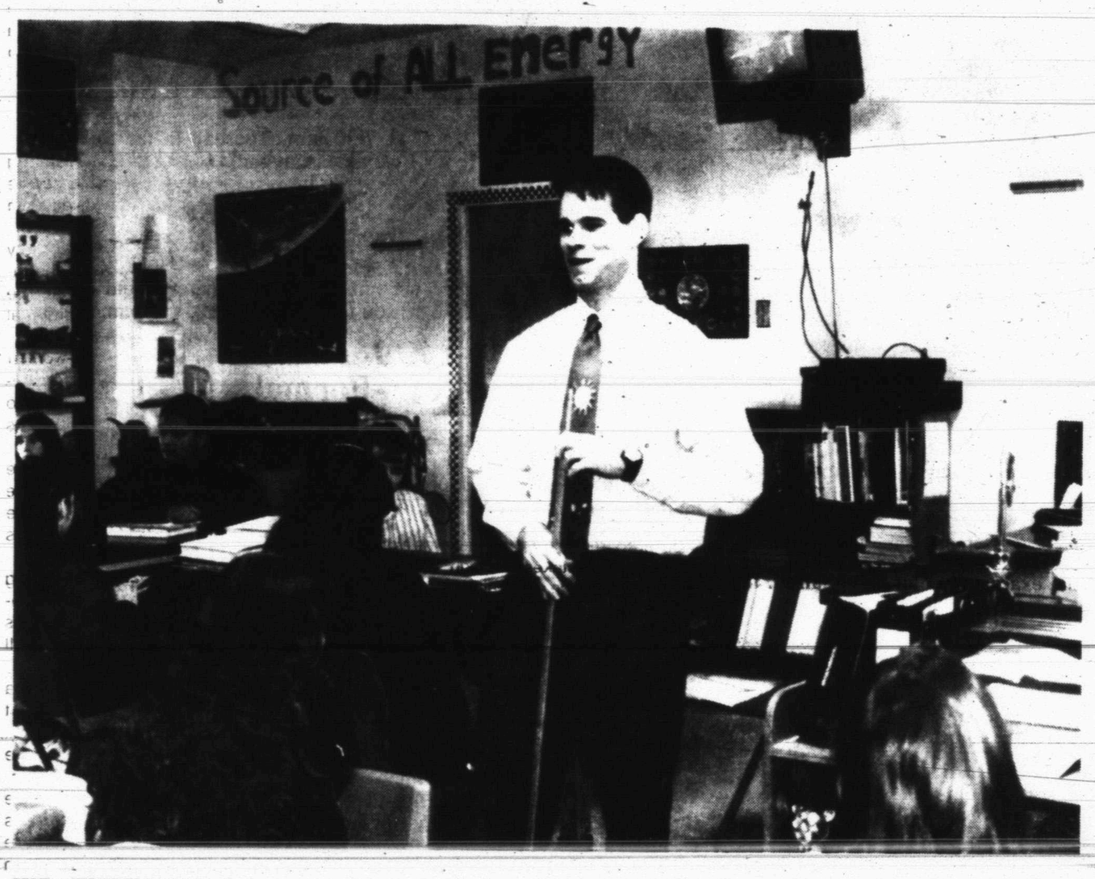
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KITES CONTINUE — A variety of kites continue to be on display at Western Texas College and the Scurry County Museum. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



WEATHERMAN — Area weatherman George Flickinger (KTXS) presented a program last week for eight graders at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Hijacked transit bus leads police on 2½-hour pursuit

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A knife-wielding man hijacked a transit bus and led police on a 2½-hour chase, careening through busy intersections before puncturing a tire on a strip of spikes officers placed in the vehicle's path.

Cameron Taylor, 35, traveled more than 70 miles before he surrendered Friday evening. He had been "on a four-day bender with crystal meth," said his brother, Gregg Taylor.

"He's never driven a bus, doesn't have a license even," Gregg Taylor said. "He just really needed some help and I think the system finally is going to help him."

Authorities said a police car accidentally ran over Taylor's left foot after he surrendered, but he was not injured.

"He just brought the bus to a stop, came out and laid down on the ground, and then the officers came up and took him into custody," California Highway Patrol Officer Phil Constantine said.

Taylor was examined at a hospital before being taken to jail on investigation of carjacking and other charges. Bail was not immediately set.

The hijacking began about 5 p.m. when a knife-wielding Taylor forced the driver and a passenger off the bus, police said.

Much of the pursuit was shown live on television. Video from a news helicopter showed the bus careening through crowded intersections and along freeways with police cars in pursuit.

"I just prayed to God he wasn't shot and killed," said Taylor's 72-year-old mother, Betty, who shares an apartment in El Cajon with him. "He's not a violent person. But I could tell he'd gotten drugs and something set him off."

Earlier in the day, Ms. Taylor said she begged police to help her son.

Faked DEA drug tests uncovered

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Fake drug test results allegedly filed by a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chemist could have affected 58 federal criminal cases in New Mexico, authorities say.

The U.S. attorney's office in Albuquerque has notified defense attorneys in the cases that the credibility of the chemist, Anne Castillo, is in question.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Gorence said Ms. Castillo, who worked in the DEA laboratory in Dallas, is accused of supplying positive results for drugs when she had not actually performed the tests.

The DEA suspended Ms. Castillo in June 1996 after she was confronted and admitted to the allegations that she began faking drug analyses in February 1996, lab officials said at the time.

The lab tests evidence from Texas, Alabama, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana and Mississippi, primarily for federal agencies.

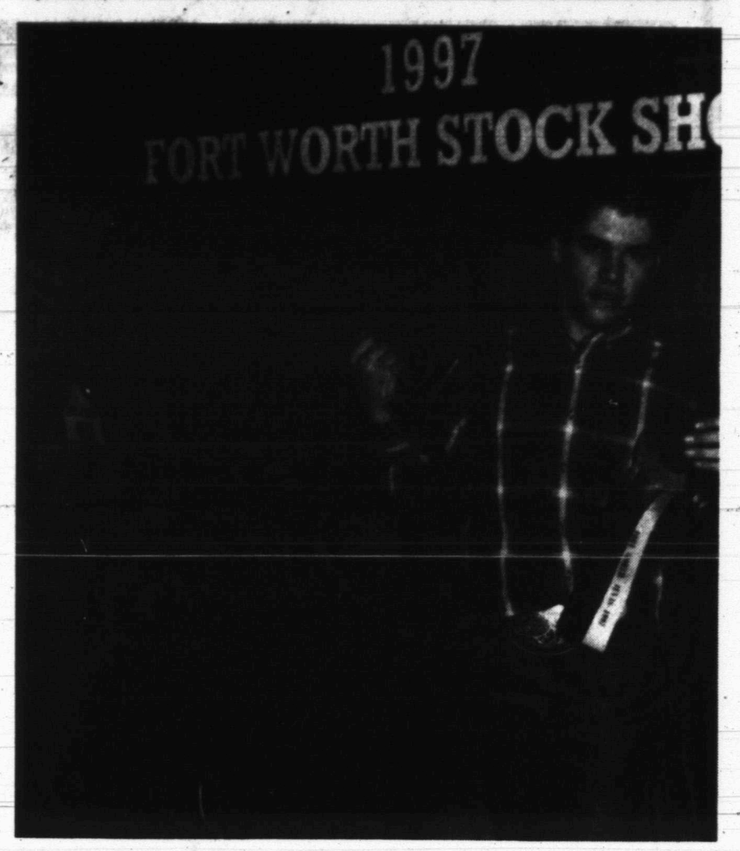
Gorence said Thursday that the U.S. attorney's office in Albuquerque decided to review cases going back to 1989 in which Ms. Castillo was listed as having performed the tests.

The office advised attorneys in letters that there are "allegations against Castillo that may affect the veracity of her opinion that the substance involved was in fact a controlled substance."

Gorence said prosecutors will fight defense motions to throw out the sentences in all but three cases.

In those three, the defendants were tried and the seized substances cannot be retested because they have been destroyed. The defendants can ask a court to set aside their convictions.

Gorence said that in two of them, the defendants already have served their sentences.



CHAMPION ANGUS STEER — Chad Beaver, Fluvanna 4-H member, showed the champion angus steer in the angus division of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. (Contributed Photo)

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After 2nd close call, AF suspends flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force suspended all its flights in restricted training areas on the East Coast after a pair of close calls between National Guard jets and civilian airliners.

The service's chief of staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman, ordered an indefinite halt to operations by regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units in the zones "as a precaution to ensure that all procedures are sound and present no compromise to safety," the Pentagon announced Friday.

But Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, director of the Air National Guard, insisted that military aviation is safe, noting that thousands of flights occur each day along the East Coast.

At the same time, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered air traffic controllers at its centers in Florida, Washington and New York and military controllers in Virginia to review procedures for operations in and around East Coast military areas.

The orders were issued shortly after the pilot of an American Eagle flight reported that four jet fighters zoomed both above and below his plane off the Maryland coast Friday. On Wednesday, the pilot of a Nations Air jetliner went into a dive and then a steep climb when a fighter came close enough to set off the collision warning signal in his cockpit. Three people were thrown to the cabin floor.

The National Transportation Safety Board launched investigations of both incidents, seeking transcripts of conversations between pilots and air-traffic controllers and other details.

In Friday's incident, an American Eagle Saab 340 turboprop en route from Raleigh-Durham, N.C., to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport took no special action, and no one was hurt.

Maj. Mike Milord, a spokesman for the District of Columbia Air National Guard, said the four fighters were returning from air combat training when they passed the airliner.

Shepperd said three fighters passed at least 1,000 feet above the civilian plane and the fourth, returning because of low fuel, was 1,500 feet below the airliner.

"There was no imminent collision, all had the airliner in sight," the general said.

In the earlier incident, a government official said Friday that military and civilian controllers hundreds of miles apart were coordinating the flights of two F-16s and a Nations Air Boeing 727 en route from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Kennedy Airport.

Obituaries

Mrs. McMichael

1911-1997

BIG SPRING — Dessie L. McMichael, a former resident of Lake Thomas, died Thursday, Feb. 6, in a Fort Worth nursing home.

Service for Mrs. McMichael, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born May 18, 1911 in Quitman, she married Neiman Marcus McMichael on May 6, 1933 in Abilene. He died in 1972.

Mrs. McMichael moved to Big Spring in the late 1950s, and she then moved to Lake Thomas in the early 1960s where she and her husband owned and operated Neiman Marcus Hydroponic Tomato Greenhouse, retiring in 1972. She moved to Fort Worth in 1994.

Mrs. McMichael was a member of the Knapp Baptist Church and had been a member of the American Women's Business Association.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Glaze and Jeannie Gillespie, both of Fort Worth, and Frances Bryan of Odessa; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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O.J.'s jurors break for weekend without decision on damages

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The complicated testimony about O.J. Simpson's finances gave way to emotional pleas, as jurors broke for the weekend with the plaintiffs urging them to send a harsh message, and the defense saying he has been punished enough.

Deliberations in the punishment phase began Friday after the plaintiffs called for heavy damages in addition to the $8.5 million already awarded. The defense said Simpson is already broke.

The jury, which returns Monday for more deliberations, asked for two documents to review: a statement of Simpson's current financial condition and a graph depicting his net worth plummeting from about $8 million to near nothing the moment plaintiffs sought financial data.

The panel socked Simpson for $8.5 million in compensatory damages on Tuesday after finding him liable for the June 12, 1994, knife murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

In summations, plaintiff lawyer Daniel Petrocelli urged a large punitive award to send the message: "You cannot kill two people and get away with it."

"You must send him a message as loud as humanly possible so he can hear it on whatever golf course he is hiding out on right now," Petrocelli yelled.

Simpson, who has been absent from the courtroom during the punitive phase, was on the links Friday afternoon when a twin-engine plane crash-landed at Rancho Park Golf Course, injuring the two people on board. The course manager said Simpson wasn't near the crash.

Petrocelli, who spoke after a final witnesses said Simpson was financially ruined, told jurors not to trust the lawyers and experts hired to speak for Simpson..

Chicken to get artificial legs

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — A rooster that lost its legs to frostbite will be strutting again soon with a pair of artificial limbs.

Mr. Chicken gets fitted for the new legs Sunday at Crossroads Animal Hospital. The bird was found around Christmas, when Chris Gilzow spotted it struggling through her yard.

She took it to veterinarian Timothy England, who adopted the emaciated rooster and named him Mr. Chicken.

Despite England's care, Mr. Chicken lost both legs at the first joint. Dressed in special bandages, the bird is still able to walk.

"He runs pretty good on his little stumpies," England said.

The doctor is footing the bill for the prosthetic feet, which he hopes could become a prototype for injured birds. The staff also has ordered 14 chicks for Mr. Chicken to enjoy the outdoors with come spring.

"He will have his own harem," England said.

What's Up?

'Frankenstein' to be on stage

Snyder High School drama department will present an original version of "Frankenstein" Saturday and Monday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $3 each for the shows, which begin at 7:30 p.m.

Retired teachers to meet

Retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center.

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. Spring sports chairpersons are invited to attend.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled The Story of the Bible. The program continues at 7 p.m. Monday. The tape is "Jesus Through the Eyes of James," followed by lesson four in The Story of the Bible: "The Movement."

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Historical commission to meet

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dermott School. Among the topics will be the Texas Independence Day observance.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Bass Club sets meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder National Bank hospitality room. Everyone is invited.

Football booster club

The football booster club encourages players, parents and Tiger Moms from the 1996 football season to meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Edward D. Jones office.

Lucky 13 Sweetheart Formal

The Lucky 13 Sweetheart Formal will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 until midnight at the country club. Admission is $3 per person or $5 per couple. The formal is for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Photographs will be taken by Wadleigh Studios.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide will be available on Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast coming

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club members are selling tickets for their annual pancake feast, set for March 1 in the West Elementary cafeteria. The all-you can east feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4. Children under age 6 can eat free. You can have tickets delivered by calling 573-0972.

GED testing dates slated

GED testing times are 6 p.m. Feb. 18 and 8:30 a.m. Feb. 19. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-1-7
(six, one, seven)

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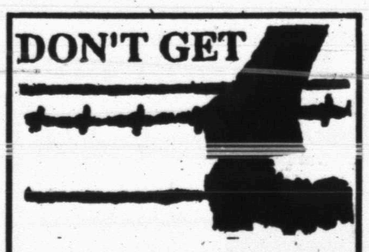
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New Peacekeepers program started at East Elementary

Through Peacekeepers, a new elementary school program, East fourth graders are learning ways to resolve conflicts and manage anger without fighting.

The initial group of eight students is Israel Torres, Arthur Alvarado, Lupe Ferrusca, Abel Martinez, Joel Delgado, Joed Delgado, Eric Torres and Brian Rodriguez.

They meet weekly with elementary school counselor Debbie Brunson. The sessions begin at 2:50 p.m. in Brunson's office at East Elementary, the fourth grade campus. The meetings last just 40 minutes.

She said fourth graders were chosen because "They are mature enough to handle this program and work in small groups." She said she will probably be starting another group this semester.

Peacekeepers, instituted about three weeks ago, is the brainchild of Brunson and one of the eight students — Joed Delgado. The initial idea surfaced during a "brainstorming" session the two had several weeks ago.

Brunson coined the name Peacekeepers.

The program is considered gang preventative, and its anti-gang, anti-violence, anti-drug themes are designed to ward off problems before they occur.

Through Peacekeepers, Brunson said she wants to build the students' self-esteem and empower them so they realize they can make a difference.

She plans a variety of activities, including role playing and drawing peace posters to be displayed at the school as one large collage.

Through role-playing, Brunson helps the students learn ways to avoid turning a confrontation into a fight and how to help their friends avoid gangs.

Periodically, they will also watch videos which give the students a chance to work out solutions to hypothetical situations.

The boys all agree that the anti-gang, anti-violence and anti-drug messages are very important.

They are learning other ways to deal with anger, and most said they are fighting less.

Each meeting begins with the boys standing in a circle and shaking hands.

The boys, who already knew each other before they joined Peacekeepers, shared their thoughts and feelings during Wednesday's session.

Descriptions ranged from "cool" to "neat."

Joed Delgado likes Peacekeepers because it helps keep him out of trouble.



BEGINS NEW PROGRAM — Debbie Brunson, an elementary school counselor for Snyder ISD, has organized a new Peacekeepers program, designed to teach students positive ways to deal with anger and how to keep confrontations from turning into fights. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



PEACEKEEPERS — These eight boys are the first to benefit from the new Peacekeepers program which helps students learn how to avoid fighting and manage anger. From far right, counter clockwise, the East fourth graders are Israel Torres, Arthur Alvarado, Lupe Ferrusca, Abel Martinez, Joel Delgado, Eric Torres, Brian Rodriguez and Joed Delgado. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

To Joel, Joed's twin brother, painting pictures is the fun part. He also said Brunson is nice and that it's fun to "do stuff."

Israel said the group is fun and everyone is happy to be in it. Besides having fun, Arthur likes the "nice people" he interacts with.

Lupe enjoys all of the activities while Abel enjoys the treats Brunson provides as well as videos which cover a wide range of topics.

Eric believes Peacekeepers is important because "It stops us from fighting."

Brian enjoys the treats and credits Peacekeepers with "keeping me out of trouble."

When asked what future activities the boys would like to participate in, some mentioned raising funds. While Brunson does not rule-out having a fund-raiser to purchase T-shirts for everyone, she said that is not her stated goal.

The first four to join were referred by their teachers. Each then invited one of their friends to join. To stay in the group, each student must attend the weekly meetings.

Another important requirement is that they may not get into trouble at school, at home or on the streets, Brunson added.

Parents also had to sign permission slips before their child could participate.

Brunson said the students are "excited and look forward to the meetings." They continue to be motivated and have even designed their own logo which her husband Ty, who teaches at Western Texas College, printed through a computer.

Brunson is enthusiastic about the initial results of the new program, which she hopes will grow and continue for the rest of the school year.

The eight students agree, adding that they hope Peacekeepers carries over into the next school year "so more students can participate."

Thus far, Brunson said, Peacekeepers is receiving a positive response from students, teachers and administrators.

She added that Wayne Kennedy, East principal, and Wendell Sollis, SISD director of curriculum, are both very supportive.

Any parent of a fourth grader interested in Peacekeepers may call Brunson at East (573-1769) on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Brunson works with pre-kindergarten through fourth graders at Central, Stanfield and East.

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

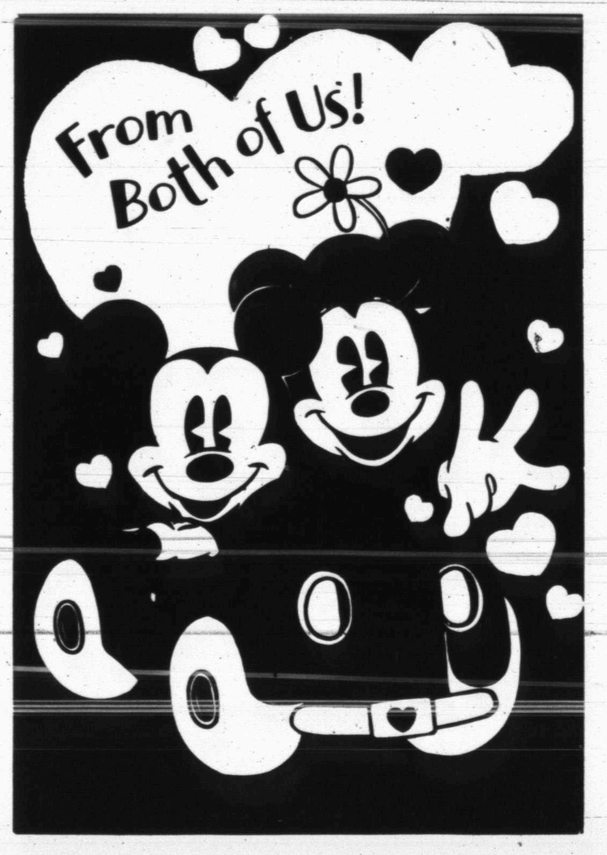
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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cork of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Canyon, formerly of Snyder, announce the wedding of their children, Rhonda Sue Cork of Lubbock and Bryant Thomas of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder. Vows were solemnized Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. in the Lubbock First Baptist Church. The Rev. John Ballard officiated. Bryant is the grandson of Gene and Lewie Thomas and Una Orms, and the late Johnny Orms. He is the great-grandson of Essie Orms of Snyder. The couple will reside in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)



MARCH WEDDING SET — Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina Renee, to Rayland Lee Goswick. The future groom is the son of Donnie Goswick and the late Etta Goswick. The marriage ceremony is planned for 7 p.m., March 7 in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



MAY VOWS PLANNED — Kim Adcock and Mitchell Page are planning a 2 p.m., May 10 wedding ceremony to be held in the Martindale Baptist Church in Martindale, Tex. The bride-elect's father is Melton Adcock of San Marcos, and the future groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Dot Casey directed games for Duplicate Bridge Club Friday, Sunday and Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

Seven tables.

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1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
2. Marjorie Brown, Durelle Gorman.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

E-W

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Mary Beth Vestal.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Martha Fagin.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Mippie Brownlee.
3. Nona Morrison, Mary Beth Vestal.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-08-97
♠ K J 8 5 4
♥ 7 6
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ 3 2

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

East
♠ 6 3
♥ J 10 5 4 3
♦ J
♣ J 8 7 6 5

South
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A K
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A K 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

One slim extra chance

By Phillip Alder

Alice Lupton is generally considered the best bridge player at the Jupiter Island Club in Hobe Sound, Fla. She is careful and thoughtful, as she showed on this tricky deal.

North's three hearts was a transfer bid promising five spades. After South rebid a cautious three spades, North continued with four diamonds. This persuaded South to use two doses of Blackwood before settling in six spades. (Really, four no-trump ought to be natural here, showing no interest in spades or diamonds, but Lupton and her partner, Charlotte Richardson, were on the same wavelength.)

After winning with her heart ace, Lupton drew trumps, played off her top clubs, and ruffed the club four in the dummy. She continued with a heart to her king and a low diamond toward the dummy.

When West followed low, declarer was about to call for dummy's queen when she realized the finesse could wait. Instead, Lupton played low from the dummy. As she always had a diamond loser, this duck couldn't cost. And it gained when East had to win with a singleton. Whatever East returned, declarer ruffed in hand and discarded the remaining low diamond from the dummy. Then Lupton finessed dummy's diamond queen to land the slam.

Brilliantly done, but West had missed an even more difficult coup. He could have played the *king* on the first diamond trick. This swallows his partner's jack and ensures two diamond tricks for the defense. This anti-ducking play is called the Crocodile Coup.

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Reagan celebrates eating GS cookies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan celebrated his 86th birthday with Girl Scout cookies, some golf, a cake decorated with jelly beans and a private dinner with wife Nancy.

Reagan arrived at his office for a party Thursday, looking much the same as he did as president — the thick patch of dark hair, the confident gait and the friendly wave.

Brownie Troop 313 from Redondo Beach delivered cookies and a children's choir sang "Happy Birthday" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

After blowing out the candles on his cake, Reagan unwrapped a gift from his staff: golf shoes. Later, he headed off to a driving range to hit a few balls before returning to his Bel-Air home for dinner.

Visitors to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley signed a 14-foot birthday card.

School Menus

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MONDAY
Pizza
Lettuce
Corn
Crackers
Cookies

TUESDAY
Fiesta Bowl
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Brownies

WEDNESDAY
Hot Dogs w/Chili
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Peaches

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BREAKFAST
All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, milk or assorted fruit juice.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Donut

WEDNESDAY
Sausage & Biscuit

THURSDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Holiday

LUNCH
All lunches are served with milk.

MONDAY
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Baked Beans
Cowboy Cookies

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Grilled Cheese
Tossed Salad
Fruit Gelatin

WEDNESDAY
Corn Dog
Meatloaf
Macaroni and Cheese
Fruit, Assorted Fresh
Cowboy Cookies

THURSDAY
Sausage Pizza
Stuffed Potato w/Cracker
Peas
Pears

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All meals are served with milk

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Muffins

TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Coffee Cake

THURSDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

FRIDAY
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Ginger Bread

TUESDAY
Fried Chicken/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

WEDNESDAY
Texas Hash
Buttered Corn
Corn Bread
Pink Applesauce

THURSDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
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FRIDAY
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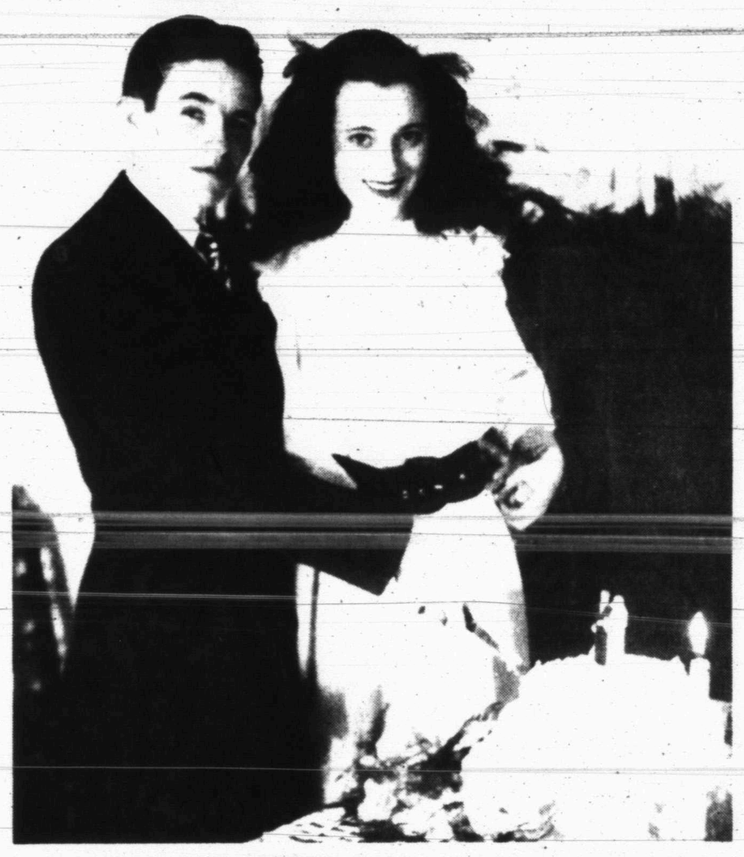
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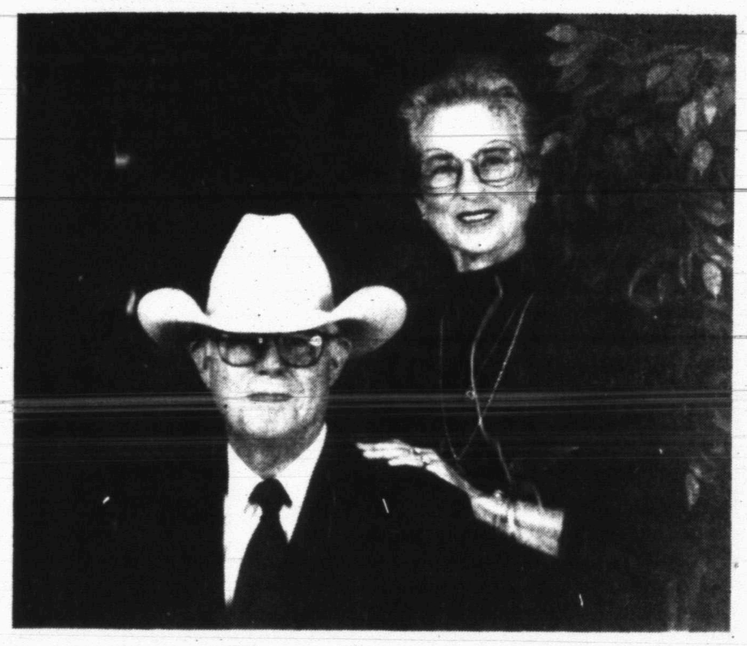


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MARRIAGE PLANNED — Barbara and Arlie Eicke of Snyder and Mary and Charley Ellis of Sherman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Amy Heather and William Scott. A morning wedding is planned for June 28 at the Cornelius-Dodson House. Both attend Abilene Christian University where she is an interior design major and the future bridegroom is a business and Bible major. Both plan to continue their education after the marriage. (Contributed Photo)





J.R. and Effie Lou Meadows
(Contributed Photos)

Anniversary reception is set to honor couple on Saturday

A golden wedding anniversary reception will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club honoring J.R. and Effie Lou Meadows. The event will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

They married Feb. 15, 1947 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Eiland, J.R.'s foster parents. The late Rev. George Lloyd, a WWII buddy and Baptist minister, officiated.

Effie Lou is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart. She and J.R. were born and reared in Scurry County.

Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows moved to a ranch in Borden County, moving back to Scurry County in 1959. Retired stock farmers, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows are members of the First Baptist Church.

They have one daughter and son-in-law, Clara Ann and Aaron Carpenter; and two grandsons, Justin, a petty officer in the U.S. Navy, and Cole, an elementary student. The Carpenters reside near Blanco.

The couple's family, along with friends, will host the reception and the couple requests that guests "bring only their memories and lots of love, and help them to reminisce."

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Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Oatmeal Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Steak Fingers
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Tomato Wedges
Pineapple Pudding

THURSDAY
Chicken Spoonbread
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Tossed Salad
Tropical Apples

FRIDAY
Valentine's Day
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Pinto Beans
Carrot-Cabbage Slaw
Valentine Cake

Retired teachers speak at meeting

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Jan. 27 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with DKG retired teachers giving the program.

Billie Hartsfield reviewed her trip to Singapore, and other retired members shared information on their activities in education, community and church.

Honored retirees include Marie E. Armstrong, Joyce Fuqua, Georgene Galloway, Durelle Gorman, Philomen Kelley, Vestal Maner, Marge Mathis-Smith, June McGlaun, Jo Alyce McMullan, ElWanda Nall, Monette O'Day, Margaret Presswood, Dorothy Rosson, Jean Sealy, Donna Stehley, Maribeth Vestal, Gayle Wittie and Hartsfield.

Helen Mock has been accepted to the February State Leadership Development Conference in Austin.

Couple notes anniversary with dinner

Wortham and Joye Loyd will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at a dinner party on Feb. 8 at Willow Park Inn with their children.

Mr. Loyd was born in on Oct. 2, 1920 in Throckmorton and Mrs. Loyd was born on July 13, 1925 in Eastland County. Meeting in Throckmorton, Wortham and Joye Pitzer married there on Feb. 7, 1947. They also lived in Archer City.

Loyd farmed and was employed by Texaco, and retired from the Department of Highways and Transportation. He refereed baseball, football and basketball games for 25 years. Mr. Loyd served in the Marine Corp for over three years during WWII.

A homemaker, Mrs. Loyd taught school for 25 years and Sunday school for many years. She has been active in the Scurry County Association for Retarded Citizens for 31 years.

They are members of the First Baptist Church. Bridge and other table games, swimming, fishing and traveling in their RV are enjoyed by the couple. Mr. Loyd is an avid golfer.

Their children and their spouses include Leslie and Keith Powell of Granbury, Louis and Karen Loyd of Van Vleck, and Russell Loyd of Snyder. They have three grandsons, Bryan Lee and Aaron Loyd, and Travis Loyd.

Hampton surprised

NEW YORK (AP) — Lionel Hampton, who lost a lifetime's worth of memorabilia in a January fire, regained a piece of the past thanks to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

On Thursday, Giuliani presented the Jazz great with copies of several photographs and city proclamations that were lost in the blaze.

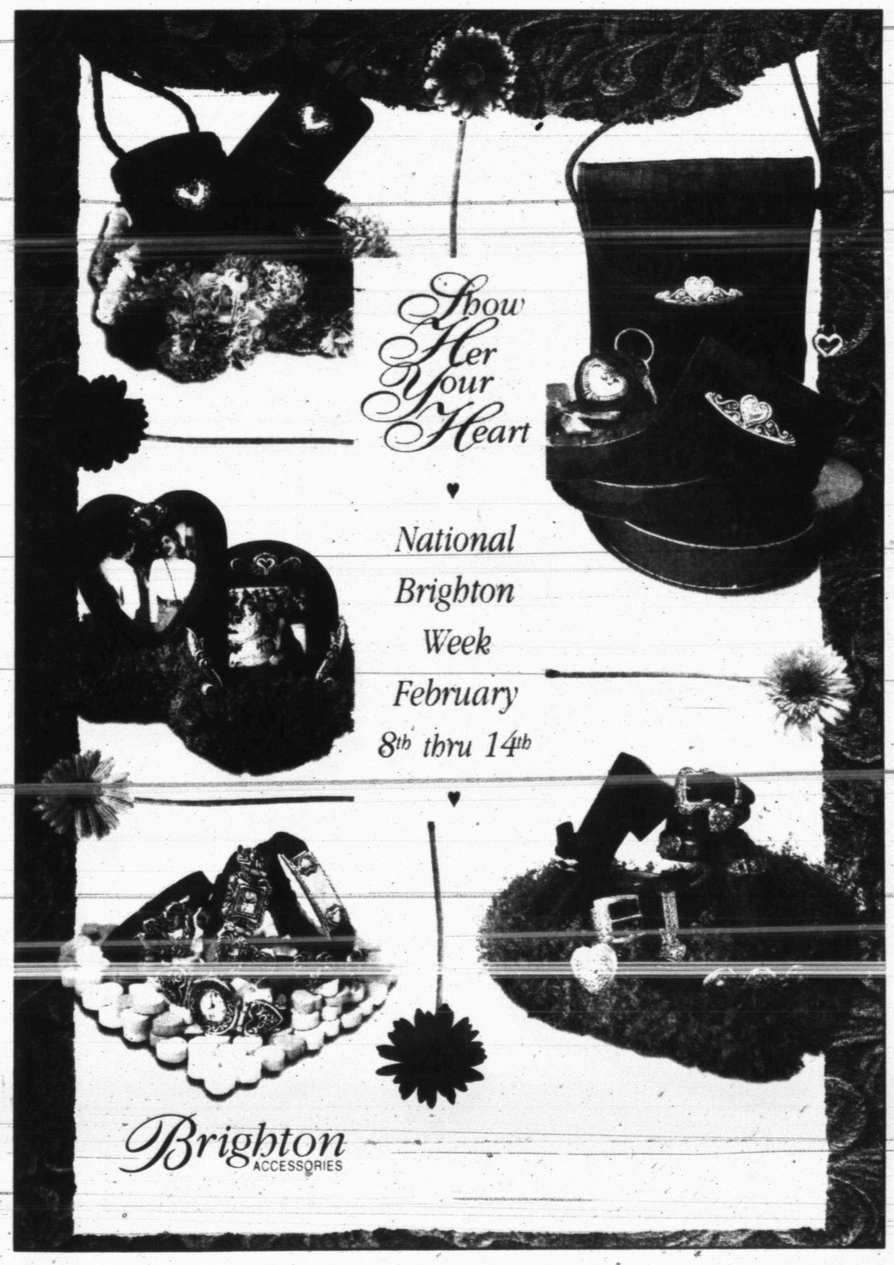
"Ain't that something," Hampton said. "That's so wonderful."



VALENTINE DAY WEDDING — Leslie Melot and Chaz Knight, both of Dallas, have planned their wedding vows for 7 p.m. on Valentine Day, Feb. 14, in the Raintree Christian Church in Lubbock. The bride-elect was reared in Snyder and is a SHS graduate. Her parents are Dorothy Grimes of Raleigh, N.C., and Ben and Cheryl Melot of Lubbock. The future bridegroom's parents are Charles Knight of Pueblo, Colo., and Deion Jackson of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Old Girlfriend Is Burden For Man With New Wife

DEAR ABBY: I have recently married a wonderful woman whom I consider the girl of my dreams, and I don't want to spoil what we have together.

My problem is an old girlfriend from my college days. Throughout the years, we have remained in contact, mostly because of her persistence. I've wanted to cut the string with this woman for years, but I didn't want to hurt her feelings and saw no harm in maintaining a long-distance friendship, although her dependency on me and her references to me as her "soul mate" have concerned me.

I was relieved when she finally married, but after her marriage came letters and phone calls, complaining about her husband and asking me for advice. She has told me intimate details about him, and frankly, I don't want to share this kind of information about her with my wife. She treats my wife with disregard, sending letters addressed only to me. Her only references to my marriage are the ones that blame it for the lack of communication between us.

Although I once had affection for her, I no longer want this woman in my life, but this decision makes me feel like a heel. Abby, is a man a heel for wanting to put to rest an old relationship?

Have you any suggestions for ending this friendship once and for all? Ignoring her phone messages and letters hasn't seemed to work, and my wife's patience is wearing thin.

WEARY IN THE WEST

DEAR WEARY: I suggest you *tell* this woman that you no longer want to have any communication with her. Then, if her letters and phone calls persist, ask your attorney to explain to her what the word "harassment" means.

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DEAR ABBY: Last summer, I was touched by a simple act of kindness from a stranger in a park.

I had gone to New York from California to visit my boyfriend, but by the third day, it was obvious that he didn't want me there.

Overwhelmed with pain and disappointment, I left his apartment and walked down the Manhattan streets, ending up in a park. I sat down and began to cry, thinking to myself, "Everyone says that people in New York don't care, and no one will notice me."

A few moments later, an elderly gentleman walked over and introduced himself. He said he had been sitting across from me, and asked what could be making me so sad. Through my tears, I poured out my heartbreak — I told him everything. He listened for a long time and then he spoke. "You are a beautiful woman. Your boyfriend doesn't realize what he has. Anyone who would treat you that way isn't worth your time." Then he gave me a hug — a long, wonderful hug.

This caring, genuine man was like a guardian angel. He gave me the strength to walk back with my head held high, talk to my boyfriend, and feel strong enough to leave the next day.

I will never forget the man in the park. Sometimes perfect strangers show more kindness than one ever expects.

B.J. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: It gave me great encouragement to observe your readers' response to the Rod Carew family's pleas for marrow donors last spring. I was saddened that a match was not found for Michelle, but one never knows how many other lives were saved because of your informative columns.

Cancer is the No. 1 disease killing our children. Some cases — like that of Michelle Carew — resist all of our best efforts. However, the National Childhood Cancer Foundation is helping to raise the cure rate every day. Forty years ago, leukemia was an always-fatal disease. Today, 73 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are alive and well five years later, and hopefully will go on to lead productive lives.

The National Childhood Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to achieve a world in which there are no children with cancer, and the only way to do that is through medical research. We support research projects at more than 100 of the most prestigious pediatric medical centers in the world. The improvements in the response and cure rates of children with leukemia (and a great variety of tumors) have been the most gratifying in the entire history of cancer therapy.

However, the work is far from finished. Research on the cures of tomorrow must be done today or we will remain where we are. Abby, please let your readers know that a donation made to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation gets right to work on projects that are just waiting to be funded. Those wishing to contribute can call 1-800-458-6223 for donation information, or write to NCCF, P.O. Box 60028, Arcadia, Calif. 91066.

MEREDITH BRUCKER, NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION

DEAR MEREDITH: I am pleased to publicize this fine organization. I cannot imagine a more worthwhile commitment than that of the National Childhood Cancer Foundation: a world where no children (or their families) will suffer from the devastation of cancer. I wish you well.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Ashamed and Heartbroken," about her mother having fallen in love with a much younger man, caught my eye.

After more than 20 years of marriage, my parents were divorced. A few years later, Mother announced that she was going to marry her much younger boyfriend. (He is young enough to be her son.) All of us siblings were skeptical, but we trusted Mother's judgment and accepted her decision. That was more than 20 years ago. Since that time our young stepfather has in some respects been more of a father to us than Dad was. He has always been kind, respectful, supportive and loving to all of us.

Now with the onslaught of years, Mother has been subject to many illnesses and hospital stays. She requires care almost 24 hours a day and her ability to walk is minimal. My stepfather has always been there for her.

Over the holidays, Mother went into the hospital again. I have never witnessed a man so genuinely concerned and loving. Marrying this younger man was the best thing Mother could have done. He is, and always will be, a part of our family, and we love him.

NOT ASHAMED OR HEARTBROKEN IN TORONTO

DEAR NOT ASHAMED OR HEARTBROKEN: Thank you for your testimonial, which illustrates that love has no age limits. Your mother is in my prayers.

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DEAR READERS: Worth remembering: "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, Notre Dame

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Scurry

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She has been a counselor for the past four years. Prior to that, she had taught second, sixth and fifth graders in Snyder.

She completed her masters in counseling while teaching school.

Haitians to receive land as promised

PONT SONDE, Haiti (AP) — When Haiti became the world's first black republic in 1804, its leader promised to divide the land among the slaves who fought with him to throw off French colonial rule.

Jean-Jacques Dessalines was murdered for that policy. Haiti's current leader says he wants to fulfill Dessalines' promise.

Rene Preval will hand out 2,500 acres of rice paddies in the Artibonite River Valley in ceremony marking his first year as president, a year in which he admittedly has failed to relieve the country's abject poverty.

"We have begun in the Artibonite because it has great productive potential ... and because people are dying in land disputes" there, Preval said this week.

But Friday's handover, in an area notorious for bloody feuds between peasants and landowners, provoked loud complaints from people left out of the deal and criticism from those who call the move a half-measure.

For weeks, four peasant associations have been choosing 1,600 families to get 1.2-acre plots. Bernard Etheart, director of the National Agrarian Reform Institute, said some plots already are being worked by more than one-family; one of the two presumably would be pushed out in the deal.

The lucky families — chosen for how long they have worked the land and their standing as citizens — receivedt temporary contracts until Parliament defines the terms of ownership.

Peasants have been debating the issue passionately in Pont Sonde, a hamlet of Artibonite farmers 40 miles northwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

"If the government expropriated the big landowners, I'd be 100 percent behind it," said Audeson Charles.

"But it isn't! Lots of people have 300 acres," added Charles Henri. "The government isn't explaining what land reform is. It's rushing things and making enemies."

Critics accuse Preval of arranging the package hastily to recoup support after a series of protests that culminated in a one-day general strike last month.

"It's political," Artibonite legislator Renold Jules told Radio Vision 2000. "It won't solve the problem,"

The general strike, the first against a democratic government in Haiti, protested the austerity measures, including lower tariffs protesters say will bump farmers' produce from the market.

Haiti has struggled to make the passage to democracy since Preval succeeded President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in the first peaceful transfer of power in the country's 193-year history.

But the fight over land goes back a long way, with warlords honing their swords and peasants sharpening machetes.

Dessalines' murder following Haitian independence in the early 19th century unleashed a spiral of violence that twisted and turned through succeeding decades. Revolutionary war generals took over confiscated plantations, living in feudal luxury off the labor of freed slaves.

One dictatorial regime after another redistributed land to its partisans, creating a maze of land titles.

Since then, changes in the condition of the land have been equally wrenching. Most of Haiti's current population of 7.2 million are peasants whose misery has increased in direct proportion to soil erosion and land-sharing.

Traditionally, land is divided among the owner's descendants. After many generations, the heirs inherit so little that they cut down soil-holding and fruit-bearing trees to make charcoal for a living. Trees now cover less than 2 percent of Haiti's 11,000 square miles.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; this meeting will be at 4 p.m.

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

Retired Teachers; Senior Center meeting room; noon.

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.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 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

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; program, state historian Mrs. Robert Minton; hostesses, Dot Casey, Maribeth Vestal; noon.

Plainview FCEC; call Bonnie Foree for more information at 573-6807; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Experiencing Guatemala," program by Sammie Jarrell and Martha Schiebel; 4:15 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 8a63-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club; 1602 Bristol in Sweetwater; all area Aggies are invited to attend; 6:30 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; for information, call Gene Bowlin at 573-2323; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal building; Rachel Martin, watercolor; Lois Burney, hostess; 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

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

Noah Project advisory committee; MAWC; noon.

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Euba 573-6509.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

CNN seeks Havanna bureau

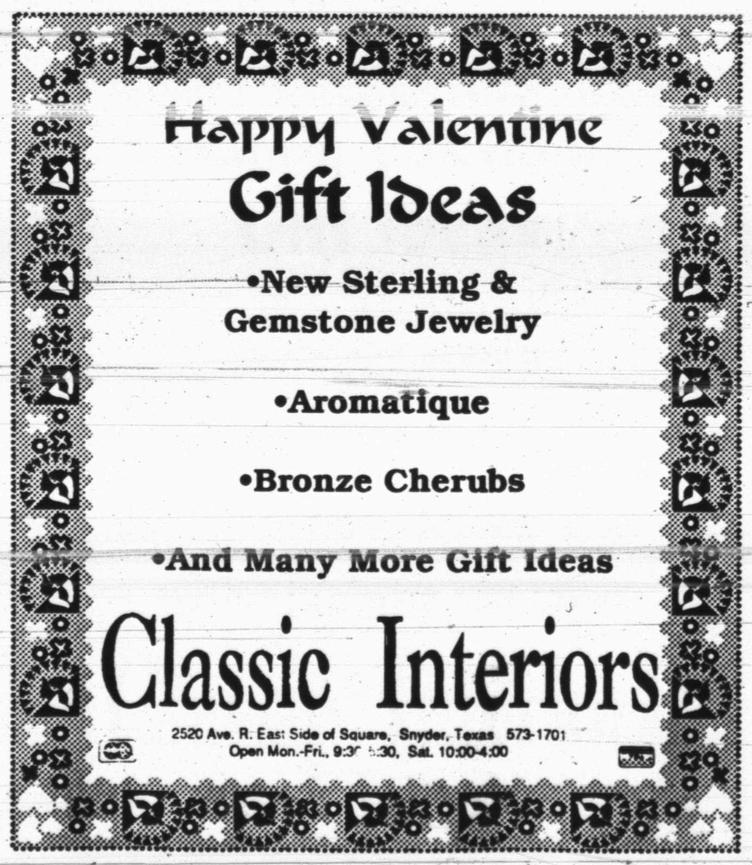
WASHINGTON (AP) — Allowing CNN to open a news bureau in Cuba could hasten the demise of Fidel Castro's government, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said in urging President Clinton to approve CNN's application.

In a letter sent Thursday to Clinton, Sen. Jesse Helms said he supported the proposal provided the "opening is completely unconditional and that the Castro regime will be granted no quid pro quo."

Helms, R-N.C., also said all U.S. news organizations that make similar applications should be permitted to establish a presence in Cuba.

"I am persuaded that the spotlight of a free press focused on Castro's tropical gulag will only hasten the day when the Cuban people are free of his brutal communist tyranny," Helms said in the letter.







Doctors try new procedure on stroke victim

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Being paralyzed was bad enough. But it was the thought of never playing golf again that persuaded stroke victim Bill Boyer to let doctors attempt an astonishing and highly experimental procedure in which they rerouted blood backwards through his veins and into his brain.

"I walked out of the hospital five days later," said the 61-year-old carpet installer from the Los Angeles suburb of Sylmar. "Four days after that, I went out and played nine holes of golf in the rain."

The procedure involves the use of veins to feed blood to the oxygen-starved area of the brain cut off by the stroke. Normally, arteries carry oxygen-rich blood to the brain; veins carry the used blood back to the heart.

So far, doctors from UCLA Medical Center have tried the approach on six patients. Four have had virtually complete recoveries, escaping probable paralysis, while the two others were unchanged.

"There is a lot of excitement from our point of view, and the patients are ecstatic," said Dr. John G. Frazee, a neurosurgeon who developed the procedure.

Boyer was lifting a box in his garage a year ago when suddenly his left side went numb and he fell flat on his face. He crawled to his truck and dialed 911 on his cellular phone.

By the time he got to the UCLA Medical Center, his left leg and hip were paralyzed. Frazee had permission from the Food and Drug Administration to try his approach on 10 patients. Boyer, if he agreed, would be his second.

Frazee explained the procedure: About 80 percent of strokes — Boyer's included — occur when a blood clot gets stuck in an artery somewhere in the brain. Unless the clot dislodges by itself, as sometimes happens, all the brain tissue downstream from the clot is starved of oxygen and nutrients and begins to die.

At the time, there was no medicine for strokes, although this has since begun to change with the approval of TPA, a clot-dissolving medicine already widely used for heart attacks.

While the blood supply to part of Boyer's brain was cut off, the blood drainage system — the veins — was free and clear. Frazee's idea was to hook up the plumbing backwards and send blood shooting into the brain via the veins.

"The front door to the brain is blocked by a clot," Frazee said. "We decided to use the back door."

Frazee had been experimenting for eight years on baboons. He thought it would work, but it was, after all, an experiment.

"I'm an avid golfer," Boyer said. "I decided to give it a chance."

So 6½ hours after he fell down, doctors hooked up a tube to a big artery in Boyer's groin and pumped the blood to the veins in both sides of his neck. Next, they threaded the tube through the veins up into the back of his head.

Lotto Texas to offer 'lump sum' prizes

AUSTIN (AP) — Lotto Texas winners get a new option for getting paid next week — a lump sum instead of annual installments.

Texas Lottery officials said Thursday that the new "cash value option" — a single payment equal to about half of the estimated lotto jackpot — takes effect Monday.

"Players have been asking the lottery for the choice to claim their jackpots immediately, in one lump sum, since Lotto Texas began four years ago. We're ready to give them that choice," said Karen Porter, lottery marketing director.

The first drawing where winners could choose the new payment scheme will be held on Wednesday.

Leticia Vasquez, lottery spokeswoman, said the option will be available only for lotto drawings, the twice-weekly six-number drawings where jackpots have been starting at about $4 million.

Under the new system, when players purchase lotto tickets, they also will make a choice for prize payment: lump sum or 25 annual payments.

Players who choose to claim their winnings in a lump sum will receive the single payment for about half the estimated jackpot. That's because about 50 percent of the each jackpot total comes from interest earned on annuities the lottery purchases for winners.

"Many people will wonder what happened to the 'other half,'" Ms. Porter said. "The 'other half' is the interest the players would have received if the lottery had invested that net present value and paid out the prize over 25 years."

A winner choosing annual installments gets that earned interest, which over time raises the total payout to that amount listed as the estimated jackpot.

Winners who don't indicate a preference at the time of purchase also would get annual payments, Ms. Vasquez said.

Since its start in 1992, the lottery has paid lotto winners in 20 annual installments.

Lottery officials said at least eight other states have a cash value option, including New York and Colorado. In those states, up to 50 percent of the winners choose the option.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

Various deductions explained below

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax-reform advocates denounce deductions because they complicate the system and push tax rates higher. But taxpayers looking to save money cherish them.

The higher your tax-bracket, the better they are. A taxpayer in the 28 percent bracket, for example, saves $28 for every $100 deducted; in the 15 percent bracket, $15.

The first step is to figure out whether you need to itemize your deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 or whether it's better to take the standard deduction.

If your itemized deductions total more than your standard deduction — and they probably will if have a home mortgage and pay state income tax — then itemize.

This year, for married couples filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers, the standard deduction is $6,700. For single people, it's $4,000; heads of household, $5,900, and married people filing separate returns, $3,350.

If either you or your spouse were age 65 or older on Jan. 1 or were blind at the end of 1996, check your instruction booklet, or see Publication 501. You're eligible for a bigger standard deduction.

Some deductions may be limited if your income was more than $117,950 ($58,975 married filing separately).

A few deductions, such as health insurance for the self-employed, moving expenses, Individual Retirement Account contributions and alimony paid are taken on the front of Form 1040. You get them whether or not you itemize. Most of the rest, you list on Schedule A.

Here's an overview:

— MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES: You can deduct out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses and health insurance premiums for yourself, your spouse and your dependents. But you can deduct only the amount that exceeds 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income (line 32 of Form 1040).

Deductible expenses include hospital, doctor and dental fees; prescription drugs including insulin and birth control pills, and certain home renovations such as the addition of a wheelchair ramp or removal of lead-based paint. If you're self-employed, you can count the 70 percent of health insurance premiums that you weren't able to deduct on the front of Form 1040.

You can't deduct health insurance premiums if they've already been shielded from tax through an employer-sponsored cafeteria plan. Premium payments listed in box 1 of your Form W-2 weren't shielded and can be deducted.

You can't deduct the cost of health club membership, smoking cessation and weight loss programs, non-prescription medicine and surgery for purely cosmetic purposes.

Publication 502 has the details.

— TAXES: State income taxes and local real estate taxes are deductible. Annual personal property taxes, such as those charged on cars and boats, also are deductible if based on the value of the vehicle but not deductible if based on weight. Sales taxes on personal (as opposed to business) purchases aren't deductible, neither are trash pickup fees, water and sewer bills and fees and fines.

— INTEREST: You generally can deduct all of your home mortgage interest if the loan totaled $1 million or less and was used to buy, build or improve your home. You also may be able to deduct interest on home equity loans of up to $100,000, for any purpose. If any of your loans were taken out on or before Oct. 13, 1987, you might be able to deduct more.

Most lenders will send you a Form 1098 detailing how much you paid in 1996. See Publication 936 for more information.

You can deduct "points" — advance interest — you paid to buy a home, if charging points is the general practice of lenders in your area. You also can deduct points paid on your behalf by the seller of the home you purchased. However, points paid to refinance a mortgage generally must be deducted over the life of the loan.

Personal interest isn't deductible. But interest incurred for investment purposes, such as on a margin account at a stock broker, is. Publication 550 explains.

— CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Contributions of money or property to qualified charities are deductible. These include churches and synagogues; non-profit schools and hospitals; groups like the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Goodwill Industries and scouting organizations. Expenses you incur when serving as a volunteer also may be deductible.

You can't deduct the value of blood you donate or contributions to individuals, lobbying or political groups, or contributions made in exchange for raffle and lottery tickets.

You must obtain a written acknowledgment for all charitable contributions of $250 or more. A canceled check isn't good enough.

If you get something in exchange for a contribution, such as dinner or a sweat shirt, the value must be subtracted from the amount of the contribution. If your contribution was more than $75, the charitable organization must give you a statement stating you can deduct only the amount exceeding the value of the goods or services you received.

You must attach a Form 8283 if you claim a non-cash contribution over $500. See Publication 526.

If you donated stock to a private foundation after June 30, you can deduct its full market value, rather than the original cost of the stock.

— CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES: Losses that aren't covered by insurance from theft, disasters, storms, fires and accidents are deductible. You need to fill out Form 4684. Publication 547 explains the rules. Publication 584 is a workbook to help you list your damaged goods and figure the loss.

— MOVING EXPENSES: Moving expenses are subtracted from income on the front of Form 1040. You'll need Form 4782, from your employer, and Form 3903. Your new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job was. See Publication 521.

— JOB EXPENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS: You can deduct a variety of expenses to the extent that, when combined, they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. These include: unreimbursed employee expenses for travel, education, professional publications and tools; union dues; tax-preparation fees, and safe-deposit box rental.

For job expenses, you may need to fill out Form 2106 or the simpler, 12-line Form 2106-EZ. See Publication 529.

— SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE: The self-employed can deduct 30 percent of the cost of their health insurance, up to an amount equal to their net profits and other earned income. On 1997 returns, the amount will rise to 40 percent.

Rome's Circus Maximus could hold 150,000 people after it was rebuilt by Julius Caesar.

Virginia executes teen's killer

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — A man was executed by injection for abducting, sexually torturing and killing a 15-year-old boy in 1990.

Michael Carl George, 39, was executed Thursday night at the Greensville Correctional Center for murdering Alexander Eugene Sztanko. The slaying came just four years after George was released from prison, where he had served time for killing an 8-year-old boy.

Alexander was abducted as he rode a motorcycle along a dirt trail in Woodbridge. After handcuffing the teen-ager to a tree, George sodomized him, used a stun gun to shock the boy's genitals and then shot him in the head with a handgun.

"It brings an end to a very tragic killing, but unfortunately probably will never bring closure for the family," said state Del. David G. Brickley, a witness to the execution.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center's new Valentine king and queen will be crowned at 11 a.m. Friday and honored at the noon luncheon along with past kings and queens.

Voting for the 1997 king and queen will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday.

A 42 "trash" tournament is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Bridge is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday. Dominoes and pool get under way each morning. Senior citizens who have other games they enjoy are invited to bring them and to suggest special activities or programs.

Social Security representatives will be available on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m. to work with county residents.

Bernhard Bartels will assist senior citizens in filing income tax returns on Wednesdays from 9-12 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m.

E.H. (Dan) Dever Jr., County Veterans Service Officer, will be available to talk with veterans and their families from 9-12 Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We are in the process of writing the history of the Senior Center and would appreciate any stories," Pamela Fenton, activities director, said.

The center opened in November 1974 on the campus of Western Texas College and moved into its present home in January 1979. Personal stories relating to the center can be taken to the office or mailed. They need not be typed and there is no particular requirement as to length.

World War II veterans were encouraged to submit articles about their experiences during the war for the center's Pearl Harbor Day observerance and these will also be welcome.

A special day for Korean War veterans is being planned in June and stories about those years are also requested.

"National Hug a GI Day" will be observed on March 4.

Bridal Registry

Melanie Thompson and Michael Alarcon
Jenny Marie Anthony and Robert Lee Haddox
Holly Barkowsky and Bart Bynum
Laci Naylor and Greg Box
Juli Lay and Eric Springer
Amy Eicke and Scott Ellis
Angie Robinson Key and Reagan Key
Kim Adcock and Mitchell Page

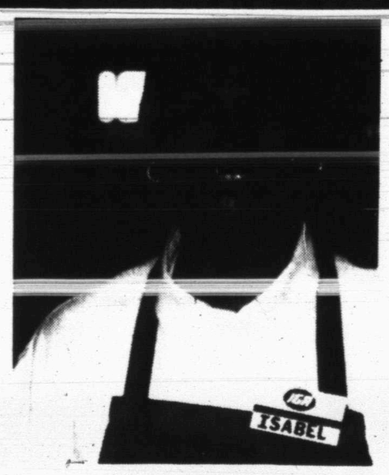
Infant Registry
Melanie & Stephen Sullinger Baby

Phone In Orders Welcome
Free Delivery To Bridal Shower

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Open Mon.-Fri., 9:30-5:30, Sat. 10:00-4:00

TEAMMEMBERS ...of the Month...

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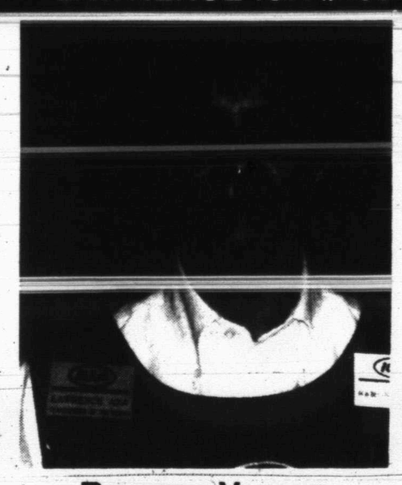
Isabel Vargas

Isabel, a dairy, pershable clerk for the past five months, was nominated for this honor because of her friendliness, she helps all customers, knows her job, handles herself very professionally, she is clean and neat in her apperance every working day and she is always on time.

Isabel and her husband, Orland have lived in this area for 1 1/2 years. They have a fourteen year old son, Joseph in Snyder High School, a set of twins 12 years old, Thomas and Andrew in the 6th grade and a four year old daughter, Kathryn. Isabel is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

During her spare time Isabel enjoys going to sporting events, reading, cooking and being involved with her family.

LAWRENCE IGA #400



Ramona Vargas

Ramona and her husband, Oscar have three children, a son John and two daughters, Vicki and Patricia. Ramona has lived in the Snyder area all her life. She is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

In her spare time Ramona enjoys watching her daughter play tennis and basketball. She also enjoys reading a good book.

Ramona is a meat wrapper. She has worked at Lawrence IGA for fourteen months. She was chosen for the honor of Teammember of the Month because she takes care of her guests, she works hard, she is always on time, she works good with her fellow teammembers, she comes to work when called for another teammember, and she is friendly to her guests and teammembers.

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Texas must cut school property taxes — and do it now!

A Dallas policeman told me he is worried he can no longer afford his home, because his property taxes have increased much faster than his salary has.

Gov. George W. Bush



A state senator from El Paso told me working Texans are moving across the border to New Mexico, driven out of Texas by high property taxes.

A chamber of commerce president told me Arlington lost a major semiconductor plant and hundreds of jobs because Texas property taxes would cost the company $40 million more than taxes in Maine.

I hear the concern everywhere I go. High property taxes are threatening the Texas dream. That is why I have outlined a plan to substantially cut school property taxes.

School property taxes have doubled during the last ten years, yet overall property values declined. As school districts struggled to keep pace with growing enrollment, many raised tax rates dramatically. Now, as the economy improves, property is being reappraised. Higher appraisals on top of already high tax rates spell disaster for Texans who are trying to make ends meet.

Too many senior citizens are strapped by property taxes that are higher than their original mortgage payments. Too many young Texans cannot afford to buy homes because property taxes price them out of the market. Too many working families cannot save for their retirement or their children's college education because property taxes devour their income. Rents keep rising as landlords pass on their property tax increases.

The problem will only get worse unless we act now. That is why I have proposed the Property Tax Cut Act of 1997 that will not only provide significant property tax relief for Texans — nearly $3 billion a year — but also will fundamentally change the way we pay for our schools.

My plan raises the homestead exemption by $20,000 and cuts school property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district. The net result is a 40 percent school tax cut for the owner of the average home valued at $61,500. For a $100,000 home, school taxes will drop 30 percent.

To help pay for my plan, I propose returning to taxpayers $1 billion in savings from leaner, more efficient state government. I have submitted a balanced budget that shows we can meet basic state needs, fully fund our schools and give taxpayers $1 billion over two years in property tax relief.

Part of the plan will be funded by a ½-cent increase in the state sales and motor vehicle sales tax. This is fair. The savings homeowners will realize in school property tax cuts far exceed the amount they will pay in higher sales tax.

The average Texas family makes $35,000 a year and owns a home valued at $61,500. That family will pay $333 a year less in property taxes under my plan, and $71 more in sales taxes, for an overall savings of $262. Texans earning $12,000 a year who own a $40,000 home will pay $290 a year less in school property taxes under my plan, and $38 more in sales tax, for an overall savings of $252.

One of my concerns about the current property tax system is that it is blind to an individual's ability to pay. Under my tax cut plan, more than 411,000 low-income Texans will see their school property tax bills drop to under $35 a year. Basic necessities, including food, medicine and utilities, will remain exempt from sales taxes.

My plan also proposes changing the way we tax business. Under our current system, some businesses don't pay a dime to support our schools and others are taxed so heavily that it threatens to drive them from our state. My plan would abolish the corporate franchise tax and school property tax on business inventory and replace them with a simple 1½ percent levy on all forms of business that bring in more than $500,000, after certain expenses and all capital investments are subtracted. Only revenues generated in Texas will be subject to this tax.

The $500,000 exemption recognizes that small business is the backbone of our Texas economy. Tax policy should encourage small businesses to grow. By allowing a deduction for capital investment, we invite businesses to invest and create jobs in Texas.

Tax policy must be fair. I realize some businesses that don't have to pay any school taxes now are going to yell — loud. But everyone gets benefits from this plan — lower property taxes and a fair way to meet the growing needs of our schools — and everyone ought to pay something. I am urging businesses to look beyond their balance sheets and support this plan for the future of Texas.

Like you, I want school taxes to stay low once they have been rolled back. My plan includes safeguards to prevent local district from arbitrarily hiking their rates. School districts may not raise taxes through rate increases or reappraisals without compelling justification.

Finally, all the money raised in this plan will be placed in a school trust fund and spent only on our schools. I have also asked the Legislature to dedicate all lottery proceeds to the school trust.

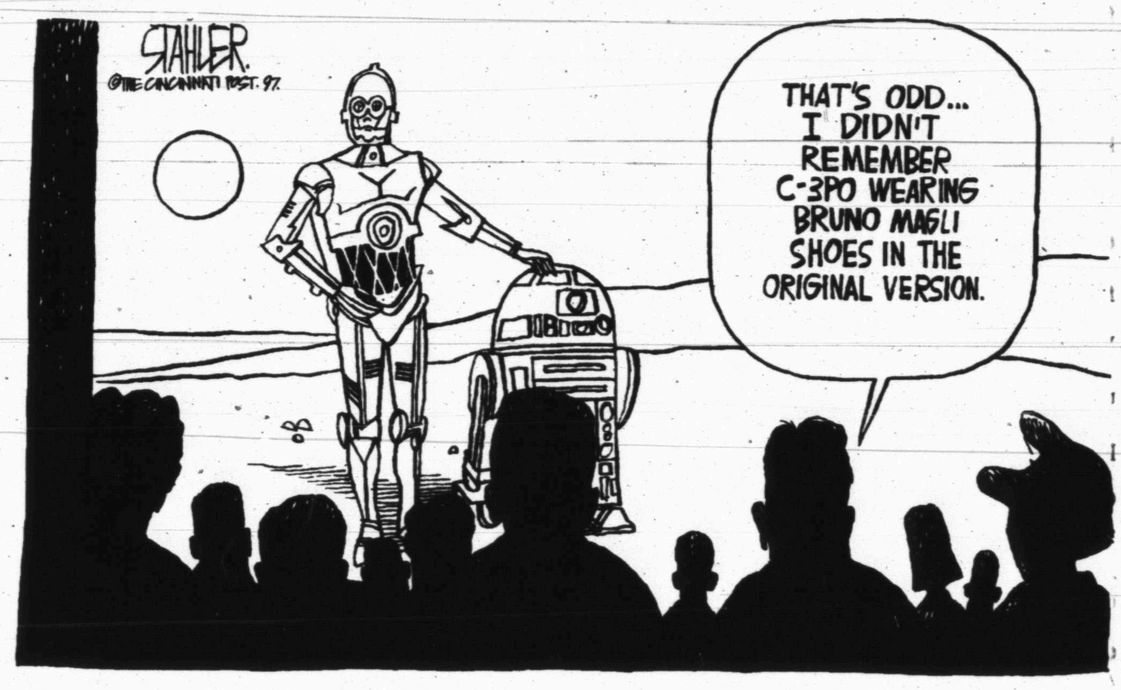
My plan makes the State of Texas the primary funder of our public schools, as it should be. Texas has for too long shirked its responsibility by relying too heavily on local property taxes to pay for schools. Our current system has sparked years of court battles over school funding — battles that are not over unless we act. Our current system is too tied to a revenue base that cannot keep pace with the tremendous enrollment growth in Texas. My plan reduces reliance on property taxes and takes us a giant step closer to ending "Robin Hood."

That is a plan that is capable of growing to meet our schools' growing needs. It will carry us, year after year, into the next century. We must act boldly now or face a crisis later. Change is never easy. But I believe the people of Texas elected me to take on the tough challenges. I hope you will join me. Contact your state legislators. Make your voices heard for lower taxes and a fairer way to fund schools.

Impact of Governor's Proposal on Texas Families

Value of Owned Home	Family Income	Change in Property Tax	Change in Sales Tax	Net Tax Impact
$ 40,000	$ 12,000	$ (290)	$ 38	$ (252)
61,500	35,000	(333)	71	(262)
100,000	60,000	(410)	102	(308)
200,000	100,000	(610)	149	(461)

Source: Family income, home values and taxable consumption patters are based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the Southern Region. Tax calculations are based on rates in effect in Texas.



Grazing to my heart's content

Deanie Francis Mills

"Are you a workaholic?" a friend asked me recently.

He is a fire investigator up in Philadelphia who is helping me research my latest book project, a story about a serial arsonist I'm calling, "Torch."

We'd been discussing my last paperback book which is just out, my first hardcover book which will be released in May, the book manuscript I recently submitted to my new publisher, and the book I'm working on now.

I said, "I prefer to call it grazing."

There is a quote by an author named Kaethe Kollwitz which I just love. In her diary in 1910, she wrote, "I am gradually approaching the period in my life when work comes first ... No longer diverted by other emotions, I work the way a cow grazes."

That's great, isn't it? "I work the way a cow grazes." If you've ever watched a cow graze, you know that they do it virtually 24-hours a day, but not in big long stretches. They also curl up in the grass and ruminate from time to time, thoughtfully chewing their cuds. They sleep. They hang out with other cows and gossip. They wander in to the water trough and back out again. Then they graze some more.

With the advent of laptop computers and FAX machines and cellphones, many of us have fallen into that same pattern. My husband, Kent, often plugs in his laptop while watching TV and fiddles with formulas; and his pickup is a virtual moving office. On his extended trips, he talks to clients on the carphone and works out snarls in his head while roaming remote rural roads.

Because I'm a writer, I can work anywhere. I can think up an SDN column while washing dishes, untangle plot problems while swimming laps or driving to and from town or hiking cross-country. I've been known to scribble and scrawl on anything from a TV Guide to a stack of post-it notes.

Last year, while having lunch with my agent in New York, I mentioned to him a "fifteen-year plan" I had written out when my children were babies and which I unearthed again while cleaning out my files last summer. During their preschool years, I worked whenever I could snatch a moment of naptime or TV time — a couple hours a day — and did lightweight person-experience articles I freelanced to parenting magazines.

When the kids were both in school, I worked about four hours a day writing more difficult things, stringing for various magazines and newspapers and trying my fledgling hand at writing novels. When they were in junior high, I was publishing paperback hours a day.

By the time they were in high school, I was tackling much more challenging projects and struggling to break into hardcover; firing agents, taking stands, traveling, putting in eight-to-ten hour days — which I would immediately drop anytime they needed me. Now, my son has left home to start college and my daughter is driving her own car and very busy with play rehearsals and choir concerts and things like the academic decathelon she attended with her teammates in Dallas a couple weeks ago. So now, I am almost constantly busy, myself, working virtually nonstop.

Grazing.

My agent was amazed that I had literally scheduled the difficulty and demands of my work to coincide with the growing independence of my children. Actually, it's not such a rare thing.

There comes a time in a woman's life, especially when her children reach a certain age, that she is liberated to spring full-blown into her work without distraction. In a "Newsweek" cover story on our new secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, the comment was made that, "For women who have worried that taking a few years off to raise their children would ruin their careers, Albright offers a reassuring example."

They go on to say that she spent ten years doodling on her doctorate while her three girls were in kindergarten and elementary school, and that the older they got, the more involved she became in her work.

In a sidebar written by one of Albright's grown daughters, Anne, she says, "When I remember highlights of ... her career, I know how tremendously lucky we are. As kids, we never felt we were being sacrificed for her career. Quite the opposite."

As for me, I'm now also making about ten times the amount of money I made back when my kids were babies. But when you are a grazer, it's not really about money, is it? The nineteenth-century author, Samuel Butler, said that, "Every man's work ... is a portrait of himself." It is what I like to call the thumbprint of your soul.

"Work is ... love made visible," said Kahil Gibran.

The great black writer, William E.B. Du Bois, wrote that, "The return from your work must be satisfaction which that work brings you ... With this, life is heaven, or as near heaven as you can get." He went on to say that when you do work which you despise or which bores you, "this life is hell."

I don't know many grazers who despise their work. In fact, I don't know any. When your work enriches and empowers you, fulfills and challenges you, and leaves you with the joyful felling that you will leave behind a ghost of your soul's thumbprint when you take leave of this world ... well, it's not really work at all, is it?

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Simpson civil trial verdict

The Los Angeles Times

... Though the Goldmans and Browns will never stop grieving for their loved ones, part of their ordeal is over. The broader impact of these murders lingers. ... The yearlong criminal trial ... and the 4½-month-long civil trial have been about the enduring racial and economic divides in this country; about our national fascination with celebrities and crime, and worries about the jury system.

The wrongful death claim itself ... an effort to seek in court the retribution (the Goldman and Brown families) they feel they were denied in the criminal trial. ...

The civil jury also heard testimony from Simpson himself, who insisted over and over he did not commit the murders. But Simpson may have proved to be his own worst enemy by saying he didn't beat his wife, despite police reports and photographic evidence to the contrary. ...

For all the obvious racial implications of Simpson I and Simpson II, we prefer to believe that fundamentally it was the case, not race, that made the difference. ... It could just be that the many pronouncements of a terminally ill U.S. jury system were premature indeed.

The Simpson civil trial

The Daily News of Los Angeles

The wait is over, finally, and there is at last a small sense of justice.

The civil jury in Santa Monica Superior Court contradicted the not-guilty verdict handed down by the jury that heard the criminal case against O.J. Simpson. ...

Before anyone shouts "double jeopardy," remember that this was a civil case about money, not a murder trial. No criminal sanctions could be imposed. ...

The verdict in the civil trial certainly will restart the debate over the influence of race. ...

But even as we talk through these difficult issues, many Americans felt a sigh of relief that a jury found O.J. Simpson responsible for the two deaths and awarded $8.5 million in compensatory damages against him.

He will not spend the rest of his life in prison. But he will live the rest of his life with the stigma that he was found liable for these deaths in a court of law.

The FBI's crime lab mess

The New Orleans Times-Picayune

The FBI, rocked by allegations of serious problems at its vaunted high-tech forensic laboratory in Washington, needs to be concerned not so much about the effect on its image as the damage to its effectiveness in fighting crime.

... The crime lab mess smacks of the same leadership lapse that got the FBI in hot water after the operation against the Branch Davidian sect in Waco, the deadly shootout at Ruby Ridge in rural Idaho and the investigation of Olympics security guard Richard Jewell.

This time, the water appears just as hot for the bureau, because the lab is at the heart of its fight against crime in the federal courts. The agency needs to conclude its investigation as quickly as possible and assure the public that its evidence in the Oklahoma City, Unabomber and other cases is not tainted.

Letters to the Editor

If it ain't broke...

To the Editor:

Have you ever hard the expressions "Trying to fix something that wasn't broke in the first place" and "you had better leave well enough alone?"

That is exactly the way I feel about this hospital situation.

We have been able to acquire some good doctors. It hasn't been easy and it has taken a long time.

We have specialists who come to our hospital from Lubbock, Abilene and Big Spring. This saves us making a trip to these places. If they or our local doctors feel we need further tests made that can't be done here then we can go to Lubbock or Abilene. To me, this is an ideal situation.

Snyder is my home. To me, Snyder is an ideal place to live. We are a kind of compassionate people. We care for each other and our doctors and hospital staff care about us. Do you think someone from Tennessee or somewhere else cares about us? I don't think so. All they see in us are the dollar signs.

Do you think they want to buy or lease our hospital because they care about us? Don't be ridiculous. Sure, they talk a good game, but if our hospital doesn't make them enough money, what then?

One more quote: "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Please, please don't let this happen to something we all have pride and confidence in.

Izora Milliken
Snyder



Some on education board scrutinize project

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is spending $2.1 million without public scrutiny on a national education project that could inject radical ideas into the school curriculum, say some State Board of Education members backed by religious conservatives.

"It's public funds that have been spent and given to a private entity ... funding a national agenda," board member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands said Thursday.

Ms. Ballard and others said they're concerned that the so-called New Standards Project is promoting "outcome-based education," a concept that may have different definitions depending on who's describing it.

As described by Ms. Ballard, outcome-based education is "a very controversial method of teaching that emphasizes process rather than content," including such ideas as doing away with honors programs and promoting group grading instead of individual grades.

Backers of the project, however, said it's aimed at strong academic standards.

Several board members said they were concerned that they didn't have a say on spending the money.

"Public money is being spent without public scrutiny, and quite frankly, this is abuse of the taxpayers of Texas," said board member Richard Neill of Fort Worth, who contends a project leader has "kooky" ideas.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said the state's curriculum rewrite isn't being driven by the New Standards Project, a joint effort of the Washington-based, nonprofit National Center on Education and the Economy and the University of Pittsburgh's Learning Research and Development Center.

The state has spent $1.6 million on membership dues for the program over several years, and is obligated to spend $500,000 more, said Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

Moses and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant and former Education chairman, are listed as governing board members of the project, as are officials from other states and from Fort Worth.

Former Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno originally entered into the contract, Moses said. He said he also has some concerns over the project's leadership, but he bristled at criticism he said was meant to "blindside" TEA.

"At some point in time, we probably need to concentrate on what kids need to learn," Moses said.

Andy Plattner of the National Center on Education and the Economy said early criticism of outcome-based education focused on those who wanted to test such outcomes as students having self-esteem and working well in groups.

"That is about the last thing we want. What we're focused on is rigorous academics," Plattner said. He said input has been sought from diverse groups of parents and others on standards.

Other board members said the curriculum rewrite was meant to improve education in the wake of concerns that students were being tested on material that they weren't being taught.

Despite the controversy, the board tentatively approved a curriculum rewrite of enrichment subjects, including such areas as languages other than English, fine arts and home economics.

The vote was 8-6. Voting against initial approval were Ms. Ballard, Neill, David Bradley of Beaumont, Robert Offutt of San Antonio, Randy Stevenson of Bullard and Richard Watson of Gorman.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

VT Inc. as Trustee World Omni Ltd, 1997 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

John M. and Nonnie R. Ward, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Gary W. Key, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Ratholes Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bennie and Tiffany Anderson, 1997 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Boot City, Too LP, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Josie Carter, 1996 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Troy Wilkins, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Leland Wallace, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mike T. and Leslie W. Murphy, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Joe L. and Carolyn Elam, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Scott C. and Billy Blythe, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James M. and Marsha Levens, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lynx Energy Co. Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ernest Owen Dickey, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

PrideCo., two 1997 Ford pickups from Don Thornton Ford.

Marriage License

Stewart Ray Childers and Tresha Ann Bailey, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Don and Carla Bradshaw, next of friend of Jessica Bradshaw, a minor, vs. Lorraine Cooley and Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, friendly suit for damages, motor vehicle.

John K. Copeland, dba Copeland, Kramer, Sewell and Sopko, P.A., vs. Fredrick D. Yost, suit on sworn account.

Scurry County vs. James K. Conner, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Cresencio P. Davila, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ida Mae Moore, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. James Donald Smith, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Charles N. Longbotham Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Estelle Rendon, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Bobby Hernandez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Southwest Coco-Cola Bottling Co., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Shirley McMillan, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Odessa James, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Roy Maldanado, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ruben Pesina, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jesse Salinas, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Herby Thomas, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Joe L. Carey, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Lucio Solis Jr., et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Grace Truman Nelms, devisse of Syble Bullock, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Robert James Corp., et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Ygnasio De La Rosa, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Donna Parrish, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Frances Pendez, et al, order granting nonsuit.

Scurry County vs. Alexander F. Garza, et al, order granting nonsuit.

In the marriage of Annette Martin and Trent Lowell Martin, divorce granted.

Associates Commercial Corp. vs. WDI Construction and Environmental Inc., fka, WDI Construction Inc., judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

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Greg and Sandra Crawford to Jeffrey Dee and Melinda Kay Stewart, the north one-quarter of Section 139, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Kay Owen and Jon Drew Price to Loy Drew and Mavis Logan, tract one being the southwest one-quarter of Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being part of the southeast one-quarter of Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey south of the railroad.

Billie Marie Jackson to Dwain C. and Jacquelyn F. Smith, 10 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 4, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

A.L. Barfoot, K.W. Brackeen, Harold Brackeen, Kenneth Gilpatrick, Kevin Gilpatrick to Travis E. Brackeen, three acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Loyd M. and Johnnie Faye Hatcher to Maria Torres, all of Lot 6 in Block 3 of the Morningside Addition.

Charles William Harrell, independent executor of the estates of Myrtle Harrell and Fay Harrell, to Mary Jo Harrell, an undivided one-third interest from each estate, tract one being Lots 9-11 in Block 86 of the Town of Fluvanna; tract two being all of Section 59, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being Section 148, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract four being Section 81, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract five being Section 140, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract six being the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter and the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter and the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter and the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 80, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Also tract seven being 240 acres out of Tracts 38 and 39 of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey and Tract 40 in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey, all in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands; tract eight being Tracts 38 and 39 in the Kirkland and Fields survey and Tract 40 in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey, all in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands; tract nine being Tract 34 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh to W.A. Cooper, tract one being all of Lot 11 in Block 17 of the Chambers Addition; tract two being all of Lots 8 and 9 of Block 20 in the Chambers Addition.

Robert C. and Carol A. Raborn to Christopher Michael and Mahriah Cheyenne Thomison, five acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Martha Gist to Sergio V. Molihar and Monica F. Saenz, all of Lot 3 in Block 35 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

J.B. and Wanda Autry to Lance H. and Sherry Autry, the east 200 acres of the north 400 acres in Section 96, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Mary Ann Hooks, attorney-in-fact for Mary Clark Doak, to Marion and Juanita Cochran, of Lot 2 in Block 15 of the Winston Co. Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

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Jewell Smith to Billye F. West, a tract out of Block 7 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Bobby R. Stansell, independent executor of the estate of James H. Stansell, to Shirley Ann Gregory, Bobby R. Stansell, Joe Weldon Stansell and Sandra Kay Holmes, tract one being the east 239.05 acres in Section 351, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Section 425, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the east one-half of Section 462, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being 11.70 acres out of the southwest corner of the southeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Judge decides against school districts on technology money

AUSTIN (AP) — School districts suing for millions more in state aid for computers and other technology lost their case with a judge's ruling that the State Board of Education has no authority to distribute the money.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown wrote Thursday that "respect for the separation and balance of powers" required him to leave the issue "in the hands of the Legislature."

An appeal is possible by more than 80 school districts that sued the Education Board, seeking to force the distribution of an estimated $97 million statewide for technology.

The school districts said that under the 1995 education law, they should be getting $55 per student for technology rather than the $30 per student they received.

But state lawyers said the board didn't have the legal authority to distribute the extra money. They said the state budget didn't specifically provide for appropriation of the money.

"Before a court finds that a legislative act is an appropriation, the court must be clear that the act was indeed intended to be an appropriation. Doubt must be resolved by finding no appropriation" to best safeguard the balance of power between the branches of government, McCown wrote.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said it was the right decision.

"We have to have a pretty hard and fast line in the sand: If it's not in the appropriations bill, it's not an appropriation — or we will find ourselves constantly in arguments and maybe in courts about whether or not some statement in a statute somewhere implies an appropriation," Ratliff said.

McCown's ruling came one day after the Senate passed a bill by Ratliff saying such funds must be specifically included in the state budget in order to go to school districts. The bill is headed to the House for consideration.

Lawyer Buck Wood, representing the school districts, said he would discuss an appeal of McCown's ruling with his clients.

"I think ... you can expect there will be an appeal if something can't be worked out" with lawmakers, Wood said. "He (McCown) clearly pitches it back in the Legislature's lap."

Some U.S. airlines lift liability limits

NEW YORK (AP) — Twelve major U.S. airlines have agreed to lift the limit on compensation for people killed or injured on international flights.

The previous limit was $75,000 unless the victims could prove that the airline was guilty of willful misconduct leading to the accident. That led to costly legal battles for the victims and the airlines.

Aviation trade groups and government officials had been working for decades to update the restriction, set under the 1929 Warsaw Convention.

The changes were made through the work of the Department of Transportation, the airlines and groups representing the families of airline disaster victims, according to the Air Transport Association, a Washington-based trade group that represents the major airlines.

"Today's actions by the DOT and the airlines will have a dramatic effect on the legal process following an international accident involving a U.S. carrier," said Nancy McFadden, the DOT's general counsel.

Some victims' families expressed concern that relatives would have a harder time learning what went wrong on doomed flights. They said details of airline negligence, exposed in previous willful misconduct trials, might no longer be relevant in court.

"Where is the fine print on this?" said Susan Cohen, whose daughter Theodora was among the 270 people killed when Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

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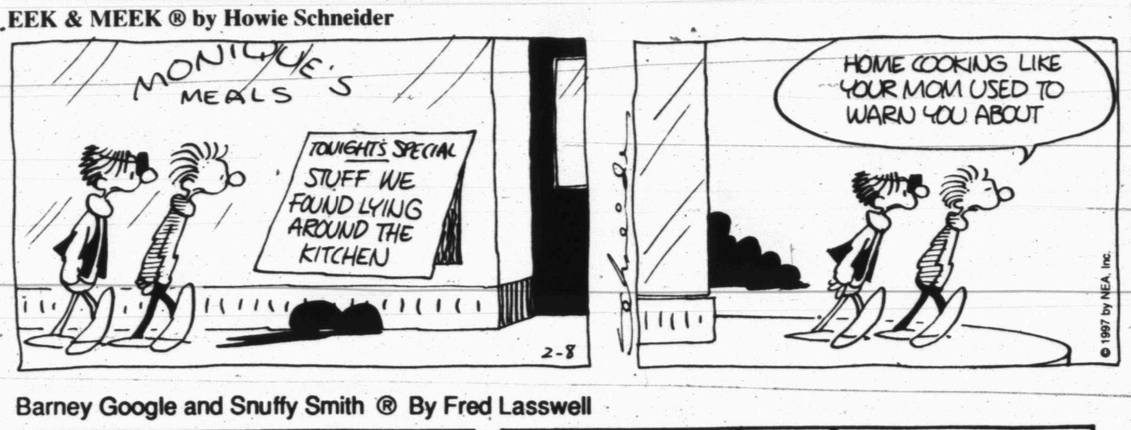
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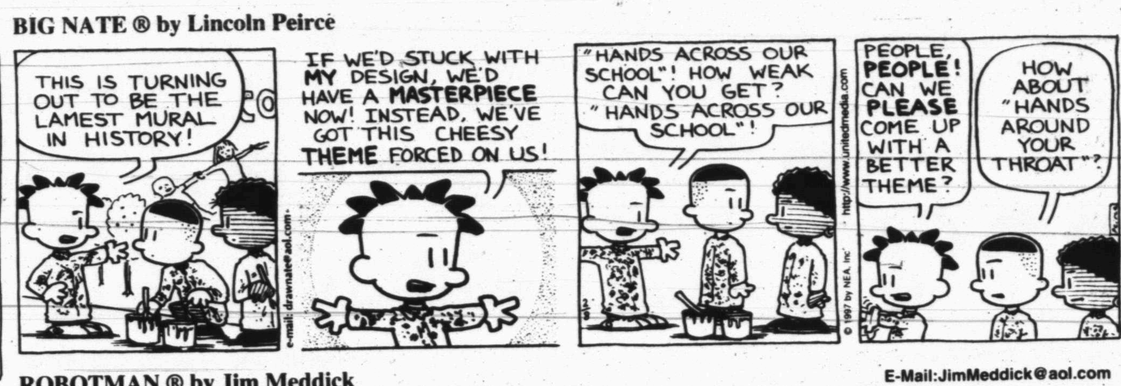
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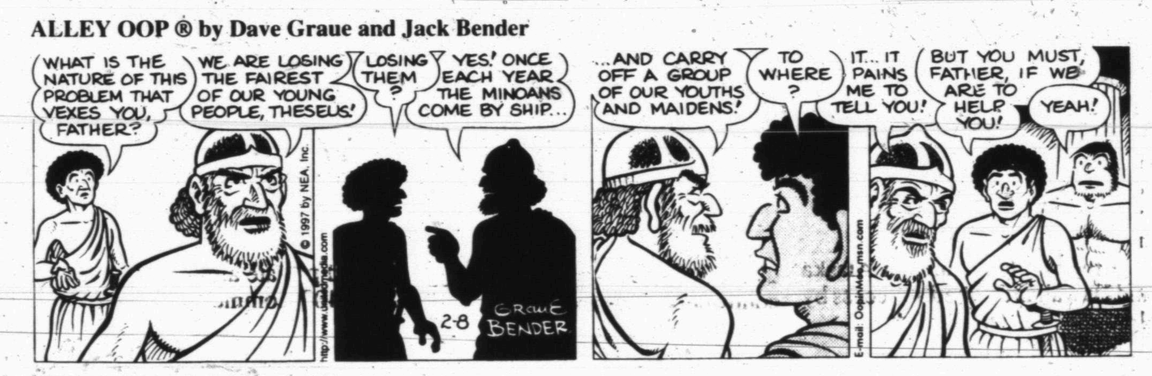
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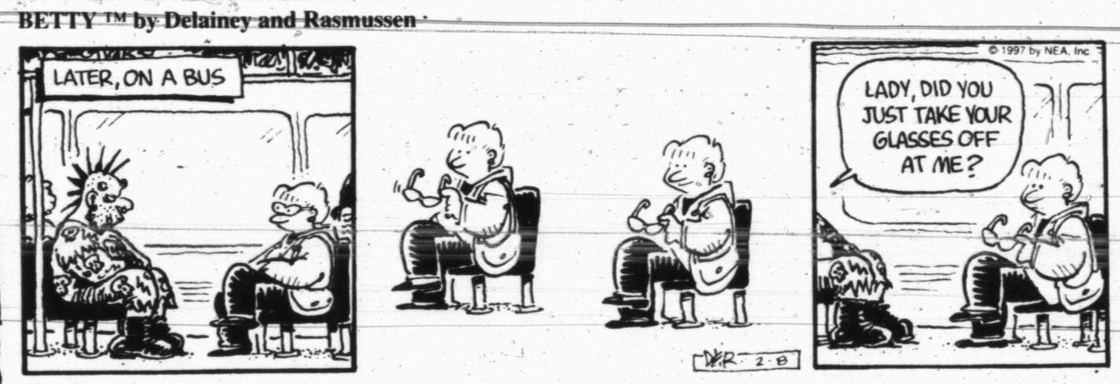
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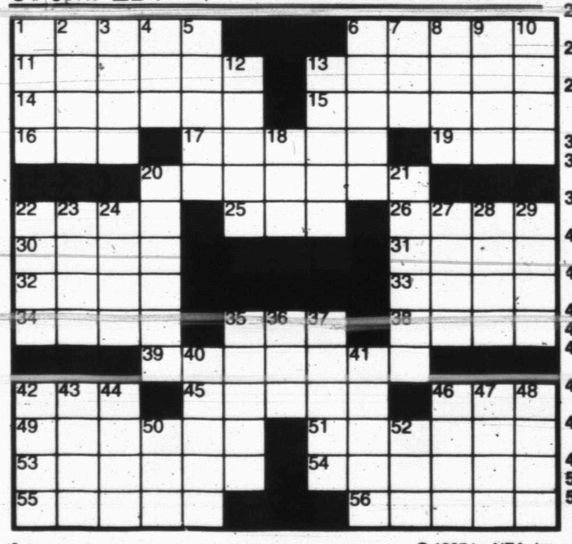
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Inmate calls Rowlett woman 'baby killer'

GATESVILLE — Darlie Routier lay on her white metal cot, just a few inches off the cement floor in cell No. 6.

It was the suburban mother's first full day in prison after being sentenced to die for the murder of her 5-year-old son, Damon.

"I had one inmate call me a baby killer," Routier said, "but it doesn't bother me too much because they're not in here for good behavior.

"As long as I know what the truth is, that's all that counts," she said in an interview for a copyright story by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

In her first interview since arriving at the Mountain View Unit in Gatesville, Routier talked for 20 minutes about the first 24 hours of the rest of her life.

Again, she disavowed any part in the deaths of two of her sons the night of June 6.

"If I had done this, I would be the first person to stand up and say, 'Oh, my gosh!'" she said. "I've never heard as many lies as what I heard in that courtroom."

At her side were three color photographs — of husband Darin; of her surviving child, Drake; and of herself with all three of her children.

A Woman's Devotional Bible lay at the foot of the bed along with a pair of black canvas slip-on shoes. A travel-size tube of Colgate toothpaste and a bright pink toothbrush were the only other personal items in the brightly lit cell.

"I have been living in a hell" the past eight months, said the 27-year-old Rowlett homemaker, who acted calm and cordial as she sat on the edge of her cot. She made small talk and smiled occasionally. Her voice was timid.

Earlier, through the window of her cell, she could be seen leaning on one elbow and scribbling furiously on a yellow legal pad. Wearing white prison garb, she had a dark gray blanket pulled over her legs and hips.

The tiny cell, with white painted walls and a stainless steel toilet and sink, is a temporary holding place until Routier joins the six other women on Death Row at Mountain View. Officials say she may remain isolated for up to 90 days.

Routier arrived at Mountain View about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, a day after her sentencing by a Kerr County jury, Senior Warden Pamela Baggett said. She spent an hour with an intake officer before being assigned a white uniform of pants and shirt. Then she was taken to her cell in an empty unit of the jail.

Melinda Gunnels, chief of unit classification who interviewed Routier, described her as "fine" during the interview, in which Routier received a 50-page rule book and was asked questions about her family and medical histories.

On her first morning in Gatesville, Routier was awakened, like the other inmates, at 4:30 a.m. for breakfast. Until she is moved to Death Row, she is allowed out of her cell three hours each morning for recreation, either in the nearby day room — furnished with metal picnic tables, bright yellow vinyl sofas and a television — or outside in a fenced cement and grass area with two trees, benches and two basketball hoops.

As a resident on Death Row, Routier will share a smaller but better-equipped day room, including a stereo and bookshelves, with the six other women.

In her one-woman cell, she'll be allowed to hang no more than five photographs and be able to write at a small desk instead of on her cot. The view out of her cramped space will be of the immaculate window-lit day room.

On Thursday, she said, she spent her time writing to her husband and filling out visitation forms. She is allowed to choose 10 people whom she would like to be allowed to visit her in jail.

While awaiting the arrival of a reporter and photographer, Routier filled a page of the legal pad with large type — a letter directed to her family, which she propped up on the cot beside her. She said she would like the letter to be included in the newspaper photograph.

"I love you Darin and Drake and All my family," it read. "I know it will take time but I know we will find the Real Killer and the world will know what has been done is WRONG."

Routier said she plans to undergo hypnosis by a memory-loss specialist to recall better the events the night of the murder.

"I know I saw a man in the house that night," she said, "and I'm hoping that it's in my memory, and we can bring it out. I know I fought with this guy, so I know I've had to have seen him."

Asked how she felt, Routier replied, "How would you feel if you knew you didn't do this, but all the people weren't listening to you?

"I'm all for the truth and what's fair and what's right," but the system, she said, sometimes fails. "People need to know when it does happen. It's not the system we were all brought up (to believe) in. Not everybody in the system is working for the right thing."

She hasn't watched the news, calling it "too depressing," and says that despite the "baby killer" label, she has received only encouragement from strangers, especially through the mail.

After a four-week trial in Kerrville, Routier was convicted Saturday of capital murder and was sentenced to death Tuesday. She was charged in the slaying of Damon, who was found stabbed with a kitchen knife in their Rowlett home. An appeal is automatic.

Routier, who had slashes on her throat, shoulder and right arm, has contended from the outset that an intruder attacked her and the boys while her husband and infant son slept upstairs.

The state's case rested on forensic evidence debunking Routier's claim of an intruder, along with testimony from police, paramedics and hospital nurses who said Routier did not behave as grieving mothers normally do.

Routier is the seventh woman on Texas' Death Row. The state has not executed a woman since 1863.

Baggett said she expects that the other Death Row inmates will be supportive of Routier's situation and help her adopt to the surroundings.

Routier says she will welcome that.

"You're going to need all the support you can get to get through something like this."

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Gene therapy in study looks promising

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experiment with laboratory rats may point the way for using transplanted genes to control Parkinson's disease, a severe brain disorder that afflicts more than 400,000 Americans.

Scientists at the University of Rochester used a modified cold virus to transfer genes into the brains of rats that had been given a disorder that mimics Parkinson's. The genes produced a protein that protected brain nerve cells from the disorder, the researchers said in a study published today.

"This is proof that if you put a gene into the brain and produce a protein at very low levels, there is a possibility of using this as a therapy to prevent a progression of disease," said Martha C. Bohn, senior author of a study in the journal Science.

"If this works in humans, it would mean that we could prevent dopamine neurons from continuing to die in the Parkinson's brain and possibly allow the neurons to regrow," said Bohn.

In Parkinson's disease, nerve cells in a pea-size section of the brain called the substantia nigra stop producing dopamine, a neurotransmitter chemical important in controlling normal muscle movement. The dopamine-producing cells slowly degenerate, and the disease progressively worsens.

Patients with Parkinson's develop uncontrollable hand trembling, a stooped posture, a shuffling walk and other symptoms, all of which steadily worsen. Parkinson's affects about 1 percent of those over age 65.

The disease is often treated with the drug levodopa, which replaces the missing natural dopamine, but response to levodopa declines over time. Experimental treatments have included the transplantation of brain tissue from aborted fetuses and therapy in which genes that make dopamine are injected into the brain.

Those treatments were designed to replace the missing dopamine and not to stop the disease, said Derek Choi-Lundberg, first author of the University of Rochester study.

Choi-Lundberg's group is now starting to apply the technique experimentally to a group of African green monkeys. If the therapy proves it works with the primates, it could be ready for early human tests in five to 10 years.

The Rochester researchers were able to halt the death of neuron cells, thus preventing progression of the rat disorder that mimics Parkinson's, said Choi-Lundberg.

To create in rats a disorder that mimics Parkinson's, researchers injected 18 rodents with a toxin that gradually kills neurons over several weeks.

They injected into six of the rats a cold virus modified to be safe and to contain the gene for glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor, or GDNF. Choi-Lundberg said earlier studies had indicated GDNF could block brain cell degeneration.

After six weeks, an examination of the rats' brains showed that animals treated with the GDNF gene suffered three to four times less brain cell death than did animals that didn't receive the gene.

Test may give pilots right to chart their own courses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A two-year test set to start in 1999 could allow airline carriers to fly where they want and ignore indirect but long-established routes.

If the test for planes in Alaska and Hawaii is deemed a success by the Federal Aviation Administration, expanding the so-called free-flight system to the rest of the country will take more than a decade.

It may sound like a dangerous free-for-all, but the agency expects the system to ease congestion and therefore be safer. Some flights between distant cities will be quicker, not only because of the principles of geometry but because the lack of traffic will allow planes on some routes to fly faster.

"The test gives us an airspace where all, or almost all, aircraft are properly equipped to use the system," said George Donohue, the FAA's associate administrator for research and acquisitions.

The Air Lines Pilots Association, a Herndon, Va.-based union representing 46,000 pilots, applauded such a move toward pilot-charted flights, but warned that communication between ground control and pilots will be the key to making them work.

"When do the ground controllers hand over to the pilots and when do the pilots hand over to the ground?" asked a union official who asked not to be identified. "Everybody's got to know when that happens."

"We support anything ... that will provide greater capacities and better efficiencies," the official added. "In concept, this will do it."

Several airlines already have conducted a small test in the South Pacific.

Most airliners now follow directions from ground-based controllers, crossing the country from checkpoint to checkpoint, often in zigzag paths wasting time and fuel.

For example, a flight from Los Angeles to Chicago follows a straight path across California, then veers sharply to the northeast through Nevada and Utah. In Wyoming, the plane takes a hard right and flies across the Plains into Chicago. A direct path would stay farther south, taking the plane across the northwest tip of Arizona and a corner of Utah before bisecting Colorado.

Established air routes allow controllers to follow where planes are and keep them at least three miles apart horizontally and 1,000 feet apart vertically.

As the number of commercial planes in service grows, so-called "jet routes" across the country are becoming more crowded.

With free flight, planes will no longer be confined to the narrow paths. Instead, pilots can choose their routes, taking advantage of favorable winds, avoiding storms and potentially saving time and money.

As now, they will file flight plans.

Officials anticipate the system will spread planes out and make close calls less likely.

"Free flight is synonymous with benefits for everyone," said David Watrous, chairman of the government-industry panel that developed the plan. He said benefits will include improved safety, faster travel and reduced operating costs for airlines.

In the test, about 600 commercial and private aircraft in Hawaii and 1,400 commercial planes in Alaska will be equipped with special electronic gear, allowing them to plot routes using satellite navigation and to detect and avoid other planes. Air traffic controllers will keep watch to make sure planes don't come too close.

Many long-range aircraft pass through Alaska and Hawaii en route to Asia. Donohue said many of those planes already have much of the equipment that would be needed for free flight.

Alaska and Hawaii were selected for the test because they provide a relatively controlled environment with a manageable number of planes. In addition, Alaska offers a wide range of weather conditions and rugged terrain to help in evaluating the system's safety.

Equipping the nation's 200,000 aircraft with the necessary equipment could cost more than $7 billion, Donohue said. "A major goal is to get the cost ... down so as to remove that barrier," he said.

Required equipment includes a global positioning system satellite link, digital radio, automatic surveillance broadcast system, weather links into the cockpit, radar and other items.

The complex gear will create electronic zones around each plane and allow air traffic controllers to order route changes if planes get too close.

'Don't mess with Texas', more than a slogan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Transportation's "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign — in its second decade — didn't take long to become more than a slogan.

The first television spot in the campaign aired in January 1986 and the phrase's first spinoff appeared in March that year.

Now, 11 years later, the slogan is held in as high regard as the state's other battle cry.

State officials declared Thursday "Don't Mess with Texas" day.

"We did that first spot with Stevie Ray Vaughan and the campaign took on a life of its own," said Mike Blair, who's worked on all the radio and television spots. "'Don't mess with Texas' became almost as well-known as that other Texas battle cry, 'Remember the Alamo.'"

The first commercial aired during the 1986 Cotton Bowl and featured the late blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan standing in front of a large Texas flag, reminiscent of a scene from the movie "Patton." The step from advertising to pop culture quickly followed.

The campaign, which has won 12 environmental and advertising awards, not only jump-started other states' anti-litter campaigns — like "Don't Lay that Trash on Oklahoma" or "Don't Fool with Philly" — it became as universal as Nike shoes' "Just Do It."

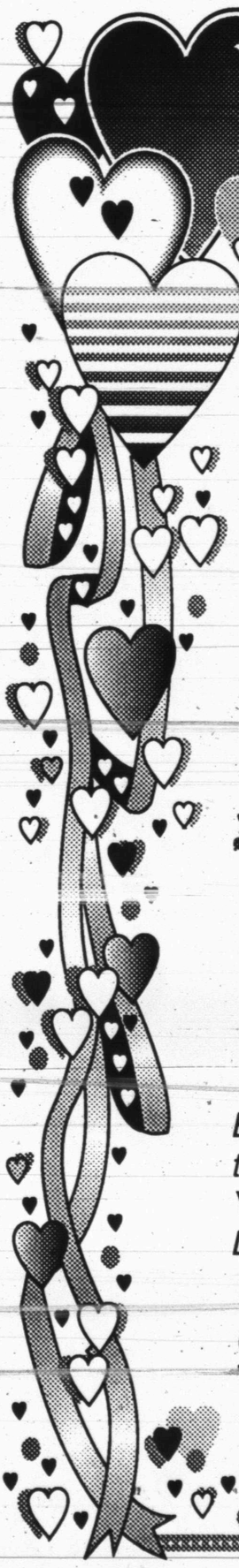
Blair once had to work hard to get such stars as musicians Lyle Lovett and Willie Nelson, professional quarterback Warren Moon and boxer George Foreman to do the commercials. Now he has a waiting list of celebrities interested in appearing in the ads.

The Texas Department of Transportation has had almost 200 requests for use of the slogan.

The University of Texas is believed to be the first to spin off the "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan created by Austin advertising agency GSD&M.

Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt remembers seeing "Don't Mess with Texas" signs held by fans during the March 1986 NCAA championships. Associate Athletic Director Chris Plonsky also remembers a Texas cheerleader holding up a handmade sign during the nationally televised championship game.

"If the theme wasn't nationally recognized then, that kind of got the tag going," Plonsky said. "That was its first exposure in the sports world."



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Albright's hidden heritage isn't uncommon

WASHINGTON (AP) — For those who shared Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's experience — born Jewish but raised Christian — there is no surprise that she did not ask her parents the questions that might have laid bare her roots.

In such families, they say, the question of heritage becomes a taboo subject and the child learns not to ask about it, perhaps not to think about it.

"My experience is that when there are these secrets in families, very often the message is that there are things not spoken off. People learn to stay away, even in their own minds," says author Kenneth Jacobson. His book, "Embattled Selves," explores the lives of 15 men and women "who discovered, concealed, embraced, or rejected their Jewishness as a result of Nazi persecution."

This week, Albright, in her first days of adjusting to her new office, had to adjust to her history as well. The Washington Post, in preparing a profile, uncovered documents, interviewed relatives and established that more than a dozen members of her family were killed as Jews during the Holocaust.

She says she knew nothing of it. Her father was a Czech diplomat in the years between the creation of democratic Czechoslovakia and the Nazi occupation. The family escaped to exile in London, and Madeleine was raised a Roman Catholic, fairly religious, told little about her forebears and relatives left behind.

Jacobson says he has difficulty imagining what the conversation would have been like in that educated household, well aware of world affairs, during World War II and later, when the subject of the Holocaust arose.

"It would be hard to imagine that they never spoke about what happened to the Jews in Europe," Jacobson said. "Maybe one day she will write about this."

"It's a sensitive matter, very personal, very difficult," says Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, which combats anti-Semitism.

Foxman's own life parallels Albright's in one major regard.

He, too, was raised in denial of his Jewish birthright. When he was 15 months old, his parents, Polish Jews, handed him to a Catholic nanny during World War II. She raised him as a devout Catholic.

A bitter custody fight, a kidnapping by his nanny and a rekidnapping by his parents ensued before the reunited family emigrated to America.

"To tell your children how horrible life is, to say to them, 'This is what you have to bear' — a lot of parents don't want to expose them to that," Foxman said.

To this day, Foxman said, "In Poland, Jews surface who thought they were Catholics all their lives. In Poland, Belgium, France, Italy, there are hundreds, if not thousands, who suspect they were born Jews but will never know. Sometimes it comes out in deathbed confessions of their adopted parents."

A few years ago, Foxman's organization called a meeting of "hidden children" — Jewish children raised in convents or by good-samaritan Christian families who concealed the truth from the Germans and the children, too. "We expected 300, and 1,600 showed up," he said.

Radu Ioanid, director of the 50,000-name "survivors' registry" at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, adds this observation drawn from his own life: "A child wants to look up to his father as almost godlike. One does not ask questions because one does not want to hear how his father was humiliated, pushed out of school, taken to forced labor."

Historian Alan Kraut, who grew up in the Bronx section of New York with Holocaust survivors and their children, recalled that the parents often refused to discuss the past "because they thought it was terrible, embarrassing, humiliating and because they were ashamed that they survived and so many had not."

Historians are grading past presidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — There they go again: Historians, grading the presidents and debating whether the tests themselves pass the test.

Was Ronald Reagan near great or merely average? Is it too soon to grade President Clinton? Is the notion of rating presidents a bad idea altogether?

The two newest entrants in the ratings game are getting a harrumph from fans of Reagan, miffed at his placement in the middle of the presidential pack.

"Rating the Presidents," a 300-page book by William J. Ridings Jr. and Stuart B. McIver that is being published this month by Citadel Press, ranks Reagan 26th out of 41 based on a poll of 719 historians, political scientists and others.

A survey of 32 jurors by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. for The New York Times Magazine in December lumped Reagan among 12 presidents in the average-low category.

"There You Go Again, Liberal Historians and the New York Times Deny Ronald Reagan His Due," the Heritage Foundation complains in a headline in its March-April issue of Policy Review magazine.

The magazine goes so far as to offer space to a number of voices more sympathetic to the Gipper.

"Reagan belongs on Mount Rushmore," wrote William F. Buckley Jr.

"Reagan's was a near-great presidency," said Henry Kissinger.

All sides acknowledge the particular difficulty of rating presidents of recent vintage, with Schlesinger predicting these men are the most likely to rise or fall in future surveys.

That's what's happened to Eisenhower: He crept from 22nd in a 1962 survey by Arthur Schlesinger Sr. to average-high in the younger Schlesinger's latest survey and ninth in the Ridings-McIver poll.

It wasn't until Eisenhower's presidential papers became available in the 1970s that the impression of him as an "sleepy, symbolic leader" gave way to the idea that he was well informed but used intermediaries to carry out his will, said Fred Greenstein, a presidential scholar at Princeton University and an Eisenhower biographer.

The ability of recent presidents to move up in the polls should be encouraging to Clinton, who wondered aloud to former political adviser Dick Morris last year about what he could do to rise from his current third-tier ranking.

George Bush and Clinton wound up 22nd and 23rd, respectively, in the Ridings-McIver poll; both were rated average-low in Schlesinger's December survey.

Presidential ratings first took off as a scholarly pursuit with a 1948 survey by the senior Schlesinger, who asked 55 leading historians to place each president in one of five categories ranging from great to failure.

From that simple beginning, the ratings have gotten increasingly sophisticated, with all sorts of statistical models, quality assessments and fancy methodologies.

Through it all, the headline results have been relatively consistent: Lincoln, Washington and Franklin Roosevelt invariably end up on top, and Grant and Harding tend to bring up the rear, with considerable shifting in between.

The truly great, all sides agree, achieved that stature by leading the country boldly through times of particular trial, such as the Civil War, World War II and the Great Depression.

Still, some historians shrink at the notion of assigning presidential grades at all.

"It's an empty and vacuous exercise," says Greenstein.

More Texaco staff want in on settlement

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Six black hourly and salaried workers at Texaco have asked a judge to include them in the company's proposed $176 million settlement of a racial discrimination lawsuit.

The settlement excludes "arguably the group most in need of a voice — African-Americans who toil in lower-level salaried and hourly positions who have been denied promotions," according to court papers filed Wednesday.

Dan Berger, a lawyer for the 1,300 current and former salaried minority employees who won the settlement, said he opposes the move.

"We never intended to represent hourly employees," he said.

"Ours was essentially a glass-ceiling promotion case. The universe of people that claimed they were victims of the racially discriminatory practices were salaried employees, subject to the ... evaluation process," he said. "That's not to say they shouldn't sue on their own."

He said he would oppose their motion.

Texaco spokesman Jim Swords said the company had not seen the papers and therefore had no comment.

Of the workers who filed the motion, five are paid hourly and one is a salaried worker not covered by the Texaco Merit Salary Program, which was criticized in the lawsuit as a "good old boy" network that reserved the best promotions and biggest raises for whites.

Possibly 300 other workers were in the same circumstances, the court documents said.

Bob Weininger, who represents the excluded workers, said the original complaint was filed for black Texaco employees "who have held or who have tried to obtain managerial, supervisory or professional positions."

His clients relied on the plaintiffs and their attorneys to protect their interests, Weininger wrote in the motion.

"They are shocked that the plaintiffs and their attorneys are attempting to throw them overboard at the last moment," he wrote.

The salaried employees sued Texaco in 1994, claiming the company engaged in racist practices. Texaco settled the case in November after several executives were caught on audiotape belittling black employees and suggesting the destruction of papers relevant to the lawsuit.

Texaco fired one executive in January, kept another on suspension and dropped benefits for two retirees for their secretly recorded comments.

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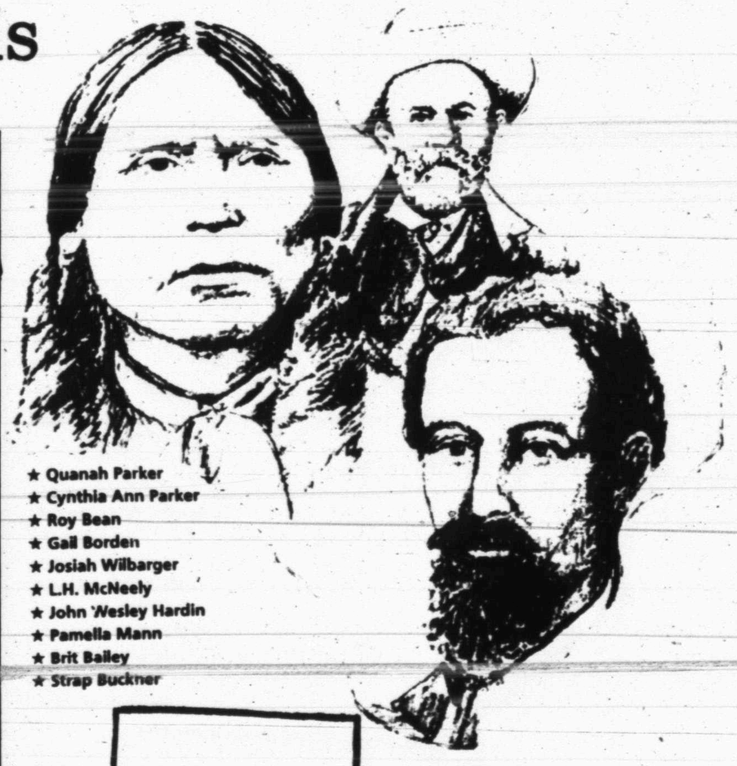
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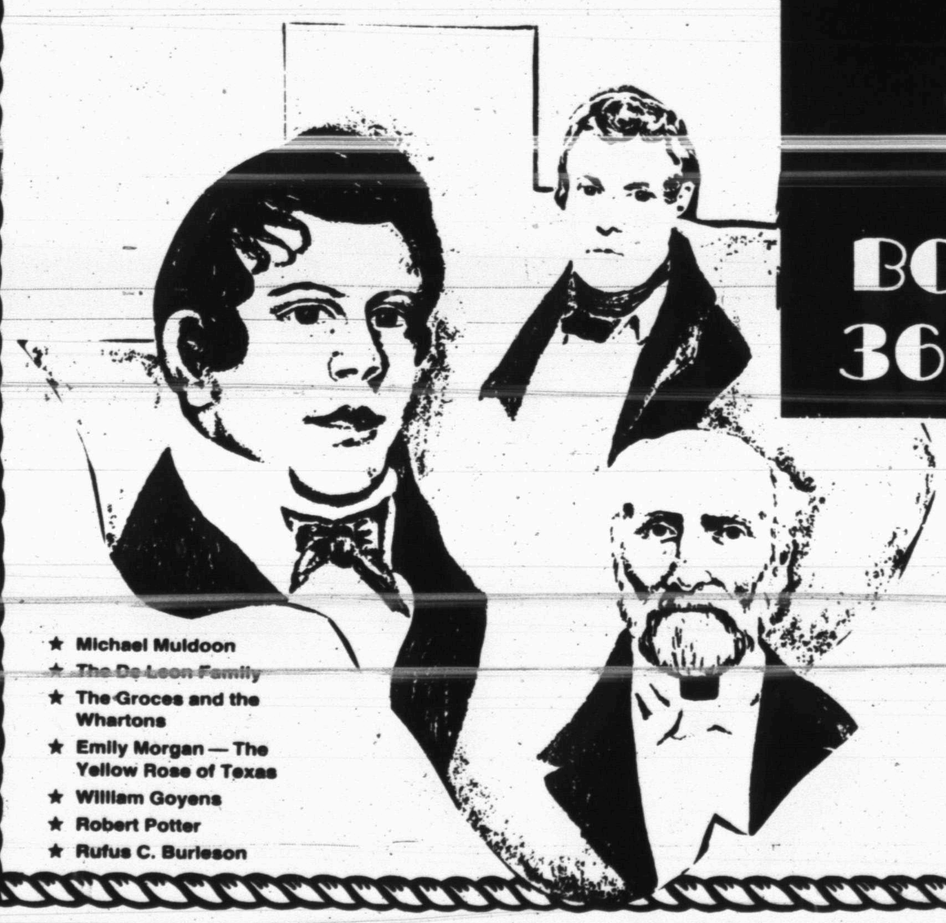
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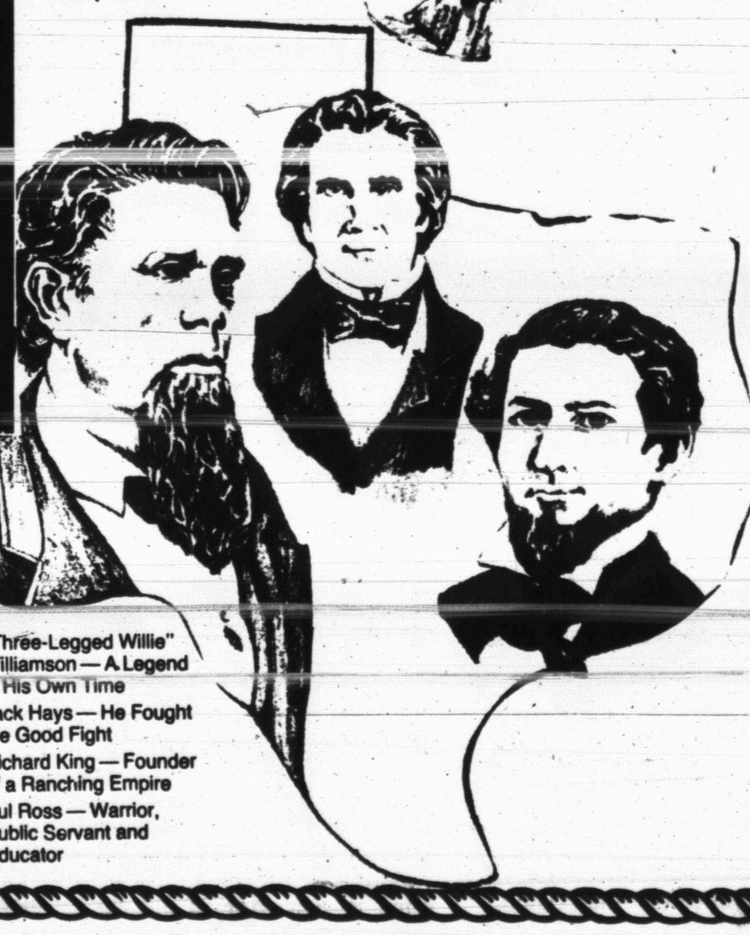
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