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Eicke repeats as steer wins grand champ

T'Leah Eicke also wins senior showmanship award

For the second straight year, T'Leah Eicke captured top honors with her steer at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale.

Eicke's cross breed steer was named Grand Champion Friday night as the stock show wrapped up at the Scurry County Coliseum ag annex.

The 16-year-old is a member of the Scurry County 4-H.

Eicke also won the senior showmanship award.

Fellow Scurry County 4-H member Tatum Gruben showed the Reserve Champion steer. The 12-year-old was also given the junior showmanship award.

Kaci Waller exhibited the Grand Champion lamb. Waller, 10, is an Ira fourth grader. She also showed the Grand Champion hog Thursday night.

Reserve Champion lamb honors went to Celeigh Sterling, an Ira FFA member. The 14-year-old Ira freshman was also given the senior showmanship award.

The junior showmanship award went to Corbin Smith of Snyder 4-H.

Stacey Williamson of Snyder FFA exhibited the Grand Champion goat while John Ryan Rasmus showed the Reserve Champion goat.

Williamson, 12, is a seventh grader at Snyder Junior High School. Rasmus, 17, is a Snyder High School junior and member of the Snyder FFA.

Rasmus received the senior showmanship award and Williamson received the junior showmanship award.

Jake Fite of Burkburnett judged the steers, while Steve Sturtz of Garden City judged both the lambs and goats.

The show concluded Saturday afternoon with the awards presentation and auction.

Steers

Grand Champion: T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H, Cross.

Reserve Champion: Tatum Gruben, Scurry County 4-H, Cross.

Senior Showmanship: T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H.

Junior Showmanship: Tatum Gruben, Scurry County 4-H.

British

Class I: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Katie Voss, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4-H.

Class II: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Morgan Miller, Scurry County 4-H, Reserve Breed Champion; 3. Tess Gruben, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Tyrelle Gilbert, Ira FFA.

Cross

Class III: 1. Tatum Gruben, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Cody Beaver, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Morgan Miller, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Tess Gruben, Scurry County 4-H; 5. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4-H; 6. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4-H.

Class IV: 1. Morgan Miller, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Tatum Gruben, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Tess Gruben, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4-H; 5. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4-H.

Class V: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry County 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Tatum Gruben, Scurry County 4-H, Reserve Breed Champion; 3. Cody Beaver, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4-H; 5. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4-H.

Lambs

Grand Champion: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA.

Reserve Champion: Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA.

Heavy Weight Med. Wool: 1. Tyler Frey, Ira FFA; 2. Travis Trey, Ira FFA; 3. Nickelyn Withers, Ira FFA; 4. Shannon Chambers, Snyder FFA; 5. Nickelyn Withers, Ira FFA.

Light Weight Fine Wool: 1. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Jose Juarez, Ira FFA; 3. Jace Olvera, Ira FFA.

Heavy Weight Fine Wool: 1. Nickelyn Withers, Ira FFA, Breed Champion; 2. Jared Boyd, Scurry County 4-H; Reserve Breed Champion 3. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 4. Justin Boyd, Scurry County 4-H; 5. Jose Juarez, Ira FFA.

Cross

Lightweight: 1. Brady Hackfeld, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Clay Hirt, Snyder FFA; 3. Marci Kruger, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4-H. 5. Clay Hirt, Snyder FFA.

Medium Cross: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 3. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 4. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 5. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4-H.

Heavy Weight Light Wool Cross: 1.Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 2. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 3. Tyler Frey, Ira FFA; 4. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 5. Brady Hackfeld, Scurry County 4-H.

Heavy Fine Wool Cross: 1. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA, Breed Champion; 2. Tyler Frey, Ira FFA; Reserve Breed Champion 3. Seth Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Tyrelle Gilbert, Ira FFA; 5. Lori Eckert, Hermleigh FFA.

Light Weight Medium Wool: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Cliff Beights, Snyder FFA; 3. Moses Williamson, Ira FFA; 4. Bryce Wilkins, Ira FFA; 5. Damon Early, Snyder FFA.

Medium Weight Medium Wool: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 2. Kade Kruger, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Janet Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Kade Kruger, Scurry County 4-H.

Goats

Grand Champion: Stacey Williamson, Snyder FFA.

Reserve Champion: John Ryan Rasmus, Snyder FFA.

Light Weight: 1. John Ryan Rasmus, Snyder FFA; 2. Samantha Berry, Hermleigh FFA; 3. John Ryan Rasmus, Snyder FFA; 4. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; 5. Bryan Long, Snyder FFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Shae Rinehart, Hermleigh FFA; 2. Justin Pechack, Snyder FFA; 3. Heather Crawford, Snyder FFA; 4. Shae Rinehart, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Marci Kruger, Scurry County 4-H.

Heavy Weight: 1. Stacy Williamson, Snyder FFA; 2. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Kendra McGuire, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Alex Koonce, Scurry County 4-H; 5. Valerie West, Hermleigh FFA.

GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Scurry County 4-H member T'Leah Eicke showed the Grand Champion steer Friday night at the 2000 Scurry County Livestock Association Show and Sale. She is pictured with judge Jake Fite of Burkburnett. (SDN Staff Photo)

First sales tax rebate for 2000 drops 11%

The first sales tax rebate check the city of Snyder received from the state this new year reflects a 11.06 percent drop from the same time in 1999.

The city received $98,010.24 as compared to $107,954.62 in 1999.

The rebate check includes local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in November, and reported to the Texas Comptroller's office in December.

Neighboring communities fared somewhat better, however, as several posted impressive percentage increases, but still shy of the total received by Snyder.

Lamesa posted a 46.79 percent increase over last year.

The Dawson county seat received $69,039.81, as compared to last year's total of $47,029.94.

Sweetwater's total rebate check exceeded last year's by 22.65 percent. In 1999, that community received $111,049.24, while the most recent check was for $136,209.70.

Colorado City's total was up 57.64 percent for a total of $32,525.74. This compares to $20,632.69 in 1999.

Big Spring received a check this month for $261,905.51 – up from $231,129.40 last year. Big Spring's percentage increased by 13.31 percent.

Post showed an increase of 59.43 percent. The Garza County community received $18,482,54 this year as compared to $11,592.19 in 1999.

Both Roby and Rotan had increases in the amount of tax received this month.

Rotan's amount was up 30.57 percent, while Roby's increased by 22.27 percent.

Abilene's rebate check increased 18.01 percent – from $1,488,237.25 to $1,756,294.76, and Lubbock's increased from $1,695,037.53 to $1,983,105.79 – an increase of 16.99 percent.

Midland and Odessa also received more money this year than their first payment last year.

Midland received $892,038.68 as compared to $798,252.13 in 1999. This was an increase of 11.74 percent.

Odessa's percentage was just a little more. It received $887,426.49 as compared to $775,916.27 last year for an increase of 14.37 percent.

Overall in Texas, the first rebate checks in 2000 were up 20.5 percent.

The next report from the Comptroller's office will be released Feb. 11 and will include sales tax money collected in December.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Jan. '00	Jan.'99	+/-	Year '00	Year '99	+/-
Abilene	$1,756,294.76	$1,448,237.25	18.01%	$1,756,294.76	$1,488,237.25	18.01%
Big Spring	$261,905.51	$231,129.40	13.31%	$261,905.51	$231,129.40	13.31%
Colorado City	$32,525.74	$20,632.69	57.64%	$32,525.74	$20,632.69	57.64%
Lamesa	$69,039.81	$47,029.94	46.79%	$69,039.81	$47,029.94	46.79%
Lubbock	$1,983,105.79	$1,695,037.53	16.99%	$1,983,105.79	$1,695,037.53	16.99%
Post	$18,482.54	$11,592.19	59.43%	$18,482.54	$11,592.19	59.43%
Roby	$1,519.40	$1,242.64	22.27%	$1,519.40	$1,242.64	22.27%
Rotan	$8,141.28	$6,234.91	30.57%	$8,141.28	$6,234.91	30.57%
Snyder	$96,010.24	$107,954.62	-11.06%	$96,010.24	$107,954.62	-11.06%
Sweetwater	$136,209.70	$111,049.24	22.65%	$136,209.70	$111,049.24	22.65%

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebates to the city of Snyder were down 11.06 percent in January compared to January of 1999. January's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by montly tax filers in November, and reported to the Comptroller in December.

Chamber sets board meeting

Snyder Chamber of Commerce members will convene at noon Monday at The Shack to consider requests from the Scurry County Rodeo Association and the Western Texas College Rodeo Club for hotel/motel funds for upcoming rodeos.

Each association is requesting $2,500.

The board will also be updated on a number of upcoming events.

February happenings include the West Texas Taekwondo tournament Feb. 5; Gatti Circus Feb. 15; and Pied Piper Sale Feb. 26-28.

March activities include the Upside Downers Tumbling and Trampoline Show on March 4; Snyder Wheels and Car Show March 11; Club Calf Sale March 14-18; and Homier Tool Sale on March 14-15.

John DeLille, executive director of DCOS, will report on several industries in Snyder including the transfer of ownership of YZ Industries.

Blood drive is set

United Blood Services and the Snyder blood drive committee are conducting a two-day drive beginning Tuesday and continuing on Thursday.

The community-wide drive will be Tuesday at the First Baptist Church activity building from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Employees of the Price Daniel Unit will hold their drive on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Cogdell Hospital employees will hold their drive on the same day from noon until 5 p.m.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience may not keep you from making the same mistake twice, but it will eliminate the same excuse."

It wasn't associated with Y2K, but it still bugged the dickens out of us.

In fact, we were feeling pretty smug about avoiding all the pitfalls associated with the Year 2000. About the only thing that didn't work in the office on New Year's morning was the coffee pot.

But a call to the guy who normally makes the day's first pot resulted in an expert resolution. "Check the wall plug," he advised. "Sometimes it's not in there snug."

Sure enough, he was right.

But 10 days later, the problem wasn't that simple. TXU Electric had asked that we shut down all computers on Sunday morning so they could relocate a power pole associated with the planned widening of East 37th Street.

Our computer honcho, ad manager Wayne Burney, agreed to power everything down Sunday morning and return after lunch to turn 'em back on. We think the real computer folks say "boot 'em up."

But what was to have been a simple task resulted in a crash of an almost-new hard drive. Twelve hours later, Burney was ready to give 'em the boot.

Instead of watching the Cowboys being eliminated in embarrassing fashion, Burney stayed on the horn with the telephone support folks in Wichita, Kan.

A back-up server had not mirrored more than six months' worth of work, so new codes had to be installed in order to copy them into a backup server.

By midnight, Burney had the in-house system working, but the AP wire, although being captured, could not be imported into the system.

An even newer classified advertising program was down, and a printer had to be reinstalled.

At midnight, the telephone support guy in Wichita suggested that we start again at 7 a.m. By almost 8 a.m., the call had not been received and we had already lost two hours of precious production time.

We later found that he was buying time for more help. He called, and then put us off again for an in-house conference with his technical staff. The response was scary, "We've never had this much go wrong at one time."

But mid-morning, Burney had us limping along. Despite the uneasy moments, Monday's edition actually hit the streets within established deadline.

We only had one call about a missed paper that evening. The caller said it might have even been delivered, but a neighbor's dog has the bad habit of fetching her paper.

It would have been fitting if the Mutt's name had been Megabyte.

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Guilty plea delays jury

A jury panel scheduled to report Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court has been excused until Jan. 31.

Some 142 jurors had been summoned for duty for a criminal trial, but a guilty plea late Friday delayed the need for a jury.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong said the same panel should report at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 31.

ASK US

Q-What is the minimum amount of time a person must spend in jail on an initial DWI arrest?

A-No less than 72 hours.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 69 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Saturday, 46; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, high clouds; low, 40-45; S wind 5-10 mph; Sunday, cloudy, cooler; high 55-60; W wind 5-15 mph, then N by noon.

Ashley Swigert
Cooler

Sunset: 6:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Of 21 days in 2000, the sun has shone 21 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To move the world, we must first move ourselves.
—Socrates

Kinkel tells police he had 'no choice'

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — As Kip Kinkel surveyed the scene of his carnage — a blood-stained high school cafeteria — he offered few answers to police about his actions that left two classmates dead.

In a just-released police videotape made hours after the May 21, 1998 shooting spree, the teen-ager hangs his head when Detective Al Warthen, in an almost parental voice of admonishment, asks: "Why did you do this?"

"I had no other choice," Kinkel responds quietly.

The footage, released Thursday, captures none of the violence that occurred in the Thurston High School cafeteria, but hints of the brutality left behind.

Blood smears the white tile floors. A body covered in a white sheet lies near a long picnic table, a set of headphones by its side. Books, backpacks — even shoes — lie abandoned.

In the grainy videotape, excerpts of which were featured in a recent PBS documentary, Kinkel is in handcuffs with a police jacket slung over his shoulders. His plastic, police-issue sandals shuffle along the floor.

Kinkel, then-15, nods and murmurs one-word answers to Warthen's questions as they retrace his steps from the spot near the tennis courts where he parked his mother's Ford Explorer, through the school's hallways, to the cafeteria.

As they stop in the breezeway, Kinkel tells Warthen he didn't focus on faces as he pulled the trigger and wasn't targeting anyone in particular.

"It was a blur," he says. "I told one kid he should probably leave."

Warthen asks, "Did any of these students make you upset or hurt you or anything?"

"No," answered Kinkel, who appears emotionally exhausted.

The boy's quiet, videotaped answers contrast starkly with his stuttering sobs as he confesses to killing his parents in an audiotaped interview with Warthen three hours earlier.

Kinkel had killed his father, Bill, after returning with him from school after being expelled for bringing the gun. He dragged his father's body into the bathroom and covered it with a sheet.

"I didn't want to," he says on the audiotape when Warthen asks him about that shooting. "I loved my dad."

Regarding his mother, Faith, who he shot several times in the family's garage, he says: "My dad kept saying how embarrassed she was going to be (about his expulsion) and how horrible I was. I couldn't let my mom feel like that."

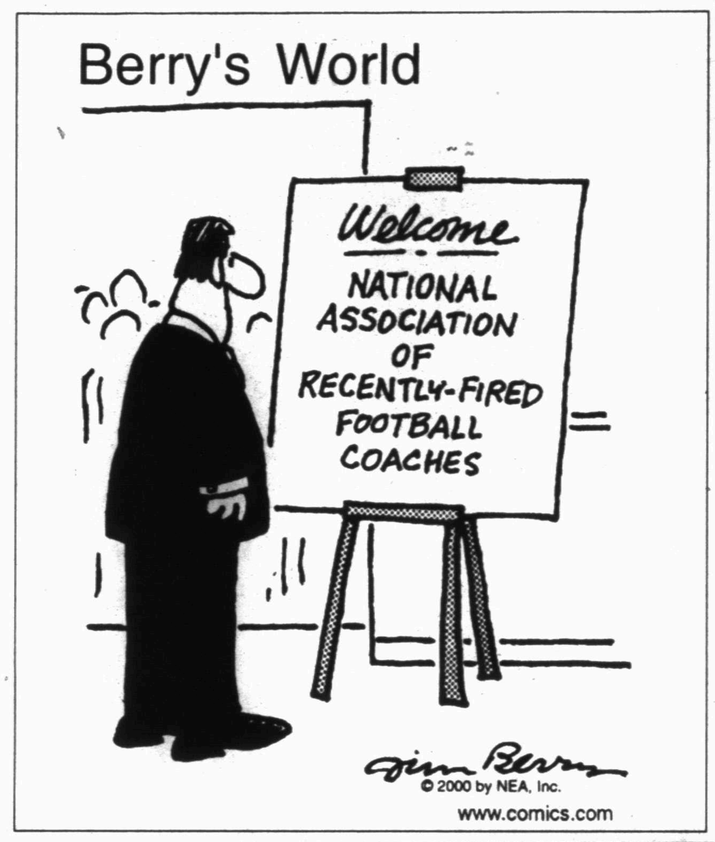
Kinkel said he turned on the television to "keep me company," but stayed up all night, talking to some of his friends and trying to decide what to do.

"I tried so hard to kill myself," he said. "But I couldn't do it."

Moments before the audiotaped interview, Kinkel had lunged at Warthen with a knife he had taped to his ankle. Officers missed it when searching him.

"I wanted you to shoot me," Kinkel told the detective during the interview. "I just want to die."

Kinkel, now 17, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 112 years in prison without parole.



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Cox Cable TV - Channel #2
Mon., Jan. 24, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

Cause of crash still pending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, says that his agency must conduct additional studies before determining the cause of the EgyptAir crash last October, and he disputed an Associated Press report that investigators are increasingly convinced the jet was crashed deliberately.

Three government officials close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said examinations of the jet's remains have revealed no signs of a mechanical failure that would have caused the plane to crash, the AP reported Thursday.

"No hypothesis for the cause of this accident has been accepted," Hall said Friday in a statement. "There is much that still needs to be done before a determination of cause can be reached." The AP story did not report that any hypothesis had been officially adopted by the safety agency.

One official told the AP that the Boeing 767 showed no signs of mechanical problems and that "it was doing what it was supposed to," before the crash. Asked about Hall's statement, the official said Friday night that he stood by his original account.

Two other officials said the working theory remains that the plane was sent into a dive shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Attempts to contact those two officials Friday night for comment on Hall's statement were not successful.

Hall said the NTSB and the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority had agreed this week to continue studying the accident, including the voice and data recorders. The investigators will be examining the plane's elevator system, hydraulic components and engine pylons, he said. They also plan to conduct flight simulations at Boeing facilities in Seattle.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; cost is $7.50 and serving will begin at 11:30. Games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon; reservations necessary by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal at west 37th Street; open date, bring pictures for library; Marie Dollins, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Commercial citrus burned because of threat of canker

FLORIDA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Lime trees infected with citrus canker are being bulldozed and burned by agriculture officials looking to stop the disease from spreading to the state's orange and grapefruit crop.

Five-hundred square miles in Dade and Broward counties are under a quarantine that prevents the movement of citrus fruit and plant material out of the area. Infected trees are being bulldozed, and on Friday, authorities began burning them.

"My wife shed enough tears already," said Lime County owner Herbert Yamamura, who will lose a 290-acre grove to bulldozers on Saturday. "It makes me cry when she cries. I try to be strong. Somebody's going to have to be strong."

Canker, a contagious plant disease carried on the wind, was discovered in a commercial grove Jan. 5. Citrus canker causes lesions that make the fruit drop prematurely.

Experts believe at least one-third of the $15 million lime crop has already been lost in Dade County, but the overwhelming concern is for the bulk of the $8 billion citrus industry as little as 90 miles north.

"Everybody has their fingers crossed that we're going to be able to contain what we've got there," said Tom Kirby, executive director of the Dade County Farm Bureau. "Given the fact that it travels by wind, I personally am not very hopeful."

Most of the U.S. lime supply has come from Mexico since Hurricane Andrew annihilated crops in 1992, but Dade growers had been counting on groves planted since then to boost their 10 percent market share.

Citrus cannot be planted in cleared acreage for at least 18 months.

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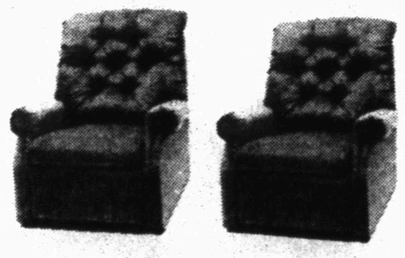
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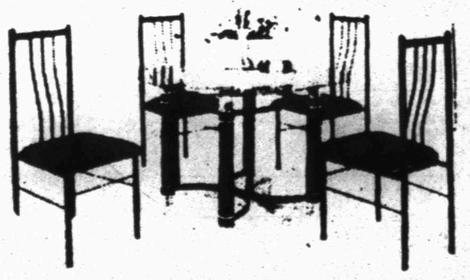
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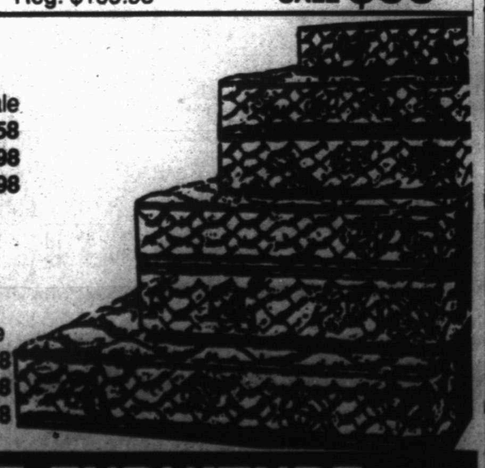

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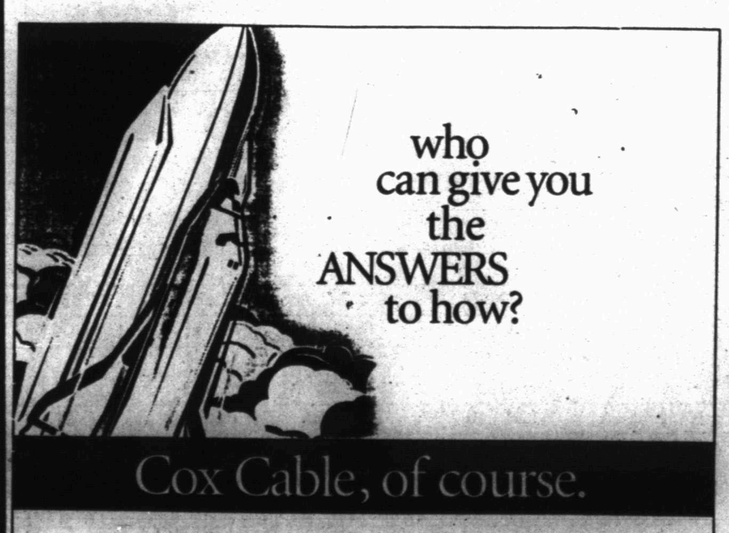

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WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — A 30-year-old Mexican man is dead after the van he and at least 21 other illegal Mexican immigrants were traveling in blew a tire and overturned on a southern New Mexico highway.

U.S. Border Patrol spokesman Doug Mosier said agents believe the passengers were being smuggled into the United States. However, an investigation will not be conducted until the victims of the crash are treated for their injuries, he said.

"Right now the medical condition of the victims is first and foremost," he said.

The crash occurred on U.S. 70 about halfway between Alamogordo and Las Cruces when the van blew one of its tires, state police Lt. Richard Newman said.

"The vehicle was traveling eastbound on U.S. 70 when its left rear tire blew. The driver lost control and the vehicle left the highway and rolled at least twice," Newman said.

At least 22 people were aboard the Chevrolet Suburban when it crashed. Investigators had received conflicting information from some of the victims and were trying to determine late Friday if another person was unaccounted for after the crash.

"It's such a mess out there because there were so many people involved," Newman said.

The man killed in the crash was identified as Luis Cantellano. His wife and two children were among those taken to area hospitals.

Officials at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital said victims started arriving at the Alamogordo hospital shortly after 4 p.m. The hos[illegible] including 10 adults and four children ranging in age from 21/2 years old to 17.

A nursing supervisor at the hospital said late Friday that 13 of the victims, including the children, had been treated and released. The remaining five patients were in stable condition.

Three victims were transported to William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas. The driver of the vehicle, 22-year-old Saul Rodriguez, is recovering there from a fractured vertebra along with a young boy who broke both his legs in the accident.

A 32-year-old woman was treated and released Friday evening from the Ft. Bliss hospital, a spokesman said.

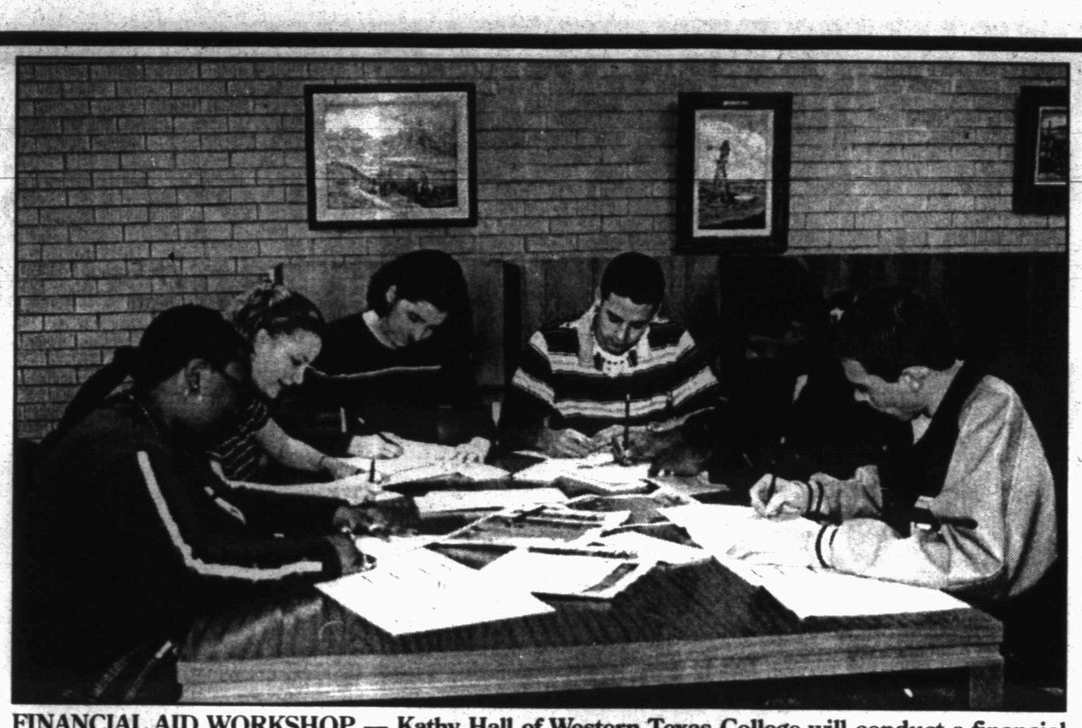
Investigators said the passengers were from the Durango and Puebla areas of Mexico. The vehicle they were driving had an unregistered Texas license plate.

At least one passenger told authorities the group was headed to Colorado.

The passengers did not appear to have luggage, but some personal effects were strewn about the Suburban and the highway.

Friday's accident was the latest in a string of New Mexico highway accidents involving illegal Mexican immigrants.

Thirteen people were killed Dec. 4 when the van they were traveling in slammed into the back of a tractor-trailer on an icy stretch of Interstate 40 east of Albuquerque.



FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP — Kathy Hall of Western Texas College will conduct a financial aid workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Snyder High School's Student Center. Seniors preparing for the workshop are from left going around the table, LaShunda Collins, Leah Williams, Laura Canada, Justin Phillips, Joe Esparza and Layne Scott. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

University of Alabama told not to use humans in tests

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's largest medical center has been ordered to stop enrolling human volunteers in hundreds of federally-funded studies after a government citing potential safety concerns among the test subjects.

University of Alabama at Birmingham officials said Friday that about 25 percent of its 2,220 research projects — including those on AIDS and cancer — could be temporarily affected.

The order, made public by the university, was issued this week by the National Institutes of Health's Office for Protection [illegible]esearch Risks, which oversees patient safety procedures at federally funded institutions.

The order made no mention of any harm to research volunteers, and it was unclear how long admissions to the programs would be halted.

Last year, a similar moratorium at Duke University's medical center lasted four days.

The NIH office found flaws in UAB's internal oversight of its research projects involving human subjects, including failure to adequately review patient risks and insufficient tracking of research participants for follow-up information.

Calls to NIH officials were not returned Friday.

The NIH order means new patients cannot enroll in about 40 AIDS research programs that already involve as many as 150 people, said Dr. Michael Saag, head of UAB's outpatient AIDS clinic. People already involved in studies will continue with the trials, he said.

"This is a serious issue, and the university is addressing it very seriously and thoroughly," Saag said.

The university said the order meant some research projects must be reviewed again by its internal watchdog panel, known as the Institutional Review Board.

"Many of these items had already been addressed at UAB and were in the process of being implemented," said Dr. Joan Lorden, the university's associate provost for research.

At least six other research institutions have undergone similar moratoriums since 1998.

Federal regulators restricted research at Duke for four days last May because the school didn't meet the agency timeline for making changes after an inspection.

UAB said that, unlike other schools that have been placed under tighter restrictions, it can continue approving new research projects. In addition to AIDS and cancer, the university has major centers for treating and researching heart disease, kidney ailments and eye injuries and disorders.

The federal action had no immediate effect on privately funded research.

The university, with an enrollment of 15,000 students, receives about $300 million in research grants each year, an amount higher than the total given to all other Alabama universities combined. Of that, about $212 million is from federal sources.

Dietary supplement recalled by FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A product called Zen that a Florida company sold as a dietary supplement, but which the government says contains a dangerous and illegal drug called BD is being taken off store shelves.

BD is chemically related to the illegal "party drugs" and sleep aids GHB and GBL.

The Food and Drug Administration considers the drugs significant health hazards, because they have been associated with at least three deaths and 119 other serious side effects, including comas, breathing difficulty, vomiting and seizures. They are particularly dangerous when used with alcohol.

Science Enhancement Systems of Delray Beach, Fla., said Friday it had agreed to recall 5,400 bottles of Zen distributed in 24 states.

Proposed concrete plant in Celina has lots of opposition

DALLAS (AP) — When Janet Smith moved nearly two years ago from Dallas to Celina, she did it to escape the big-city smog she said inflamed her sinuses and made breathing difficult.

So when Texas Industries Inc. applied last month for a state permit to build a cement dispensing facility on the south end of town, she vowed to fight it every way she could.

She and about 300 others in the town of 2,000 have formed a grass-roots effort called the Celina Clean Air Citizen's Action Committee.

Some in the group want to ensure that TXI lives up to rules mandated in the permit. Others, like Smith, say they fear the plant will send plumes of powdery rock dust into their fresh country air.

The company is awaiting state approval to build the plant on an 80-acre plot of land, TXI spokesman Maurice Osborn said.

The facility would cost $1 million to build and would function as a depot to load concrete trucks, Osborn said. The company has applied for a second permit with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin to build a rail terminal at the site.

Train cars at the terminal would deliver rocks, sand and other raw materials, called aggregate, used to mix concrete. Osborn said the plant would bring jobs and a new source of tax revenue to the area, but little else.

"Right now there's a misunderstanding of exactly what we're doing up there (in Celina). We are not building a cement plant," Osborn said. "We've been in the community a few times to assure them that's not the case."

But many residents of Celina, a town in northwest Collin County about 40 miles north of Dallas, remain suspicious.

"It'll be blowing right over town," said Rex Glendenning, who lives about half a mile north of the proposed facility. "We're concerned about property values, ongoing growth and the quality of life."

It's a familiar debate for TXI, which faced stiff opposition from environmentalists in winning approval to burn hazardous waste at four cement kilns in Midlothian.

"Everybody needs concrete, and I'm certainly sympathetic to their predicament," said Smith. "I think in many ways they've really worked on cleaning up their air, but nonetheless we don't want this at the gateway of our city."

The Celina committee filed a protest with the TNRCC last week, claiming TXI did not give the community enough time to voice its opinion and failed to show how the plan would affect the environment.

The TNRCC has 30 days to review the petition and decide whether a hearing is warranted. That won't happen until mid-February at the earliest, said Charles Steen, a lawyer for the group who filed the complaint.

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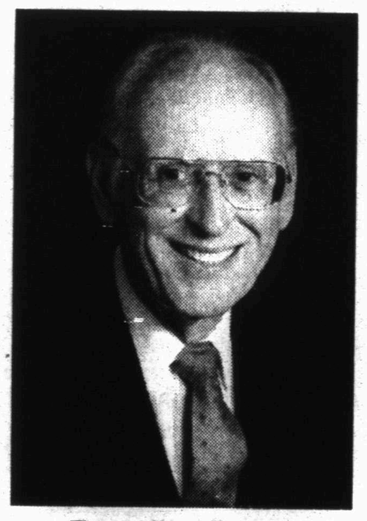
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VETERINARIAN UNIFORM — Veterinarians once served in the military so they could care for the horses ridden by thee troops. This veterinarian uniform is included in a display at Scurry County Museum which opens Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

PRUSSIAN HELMET — This Prussian helmet will be on display at the Scurry County Museum beginning Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

NEW EXHIBIT - Sue Goodwin, curator at the Scurry County Museum, is hanging one of the military uniforms in the new exhibit which opens Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Arts, War exhibit to open Sunday at local museum

Scurry County Museum will open an exhibit on Trench Art and items used in various wars of the 20th century Sunday afternoon.

The exhibit will be open from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Trench Art vividly displays mankind's need to be creative in the worst of times. During World War I, men lived in trenches for days and weeks. To pass the time, some men started drawing, engraving and hammering on exploded shells.

After the war, men returned to trenches to pick up shells and take them home to decorate or reshape into the now-treasured art forms. These works of art are much more ornate than those made in the trenches. Nevertheless, the term "trench art" also applies to them because the objects from which they were made came from the trenches on the battlefronts.

Men in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam also returned to the battlefields and continued the process of self-expression on exploded shells.

A second form of art which is linked to World War II is that of Sweetheart Jewelry. During World War II, commercialization began to creep into arts forms. Men no longer had to make items to send home, they could buy them.

Hence, Sweetheart Jewelry emerged.

Sweethearts, mothers, aunts and other female friends and relatives were treated to decorative scatter pins, earrings, bracelets, and pendants from their boys on the battlefields. Some jewelry reveals a military motif while others mention a specific person, such as "Beloved," "My Best Girl," or "Mother."

Other decorative items in the exhibit include wall items, pillow cases, banners, pin-ups and posters. Many of these items are hand-made, while others reflect the trend toward commercial souvenirs.

A series of popular reproduced World War II prints, military uniforms, and maps are featured with the decorative items. The result is an exhibit which highlights the creative side of soldiers along with the items that kept them alive and fighting for democracy.

The museum is located on the campus of Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue.

Lecture series will coincide with new exhibit at museum

To compliment the Arts and War display, a series of lectures have been planned at the Scurry County Museum on Tuesday nights.

Beginning Tuesday at 7 p.m., the series will feature personal accounts of life on the European and Pacific battlefronts. Local men will relate their experiences.

Two weeks later, on Feb. 8, life on the homefront will be discussed by several women.

On Feb. 22, life during the Korean War, the Forgotten War, will be featured with Col. Emerson Armstrong and Dr. James Durham.

The final lecture will center on Vietnam. Dr. Durham and Lee Burke will provide insights into a war only the politicians wanted.

Sprawl, soaring property values squeeze ranchers

DENVER (AP) — The cowtown image Denver tries to shake most of the time gets trotted out and gussied up once a year when the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo comes to town.

But after the event ends on Sunday and the cappuccino-sipping cowboys stow their hats and boots, Tom Compton will return to his ranch in southwestern Colorado — a place where he struggles to survive.

"It's a great lifestyle," he said. "It's very rewarding in many aspects, but financially it's not."

Faced with encroaching development and rising taxes, ranchers increasingly are quitting to capitalize on soaring property values as part of the growing cows-to-condos movement.

The transformation has joined low cattle prices, high grain prices and foreign competition as major problems for ranchers.

Between 1987 and 1997 in Colorado, 1.3 million agricultural acres were converted to other uses — an average of 130,000 acres a year, according to Agriculture Department data.

"It can be visualized as a strip of land a mile and a half wide and 130 miles long," said Dave Carlson, a resource analyst with the state's own Department of Agriculture.

And from 1992 to 1997, the pace picked up in the state, boosting land conversion to an average of 270,000 acres per year.

Federal figures do not show what happened to the land, so "it's not accurate to infer that all of that change is due to urbanization and second-home development," Carlson said.

But whatever the transformation, he said, ranchers are feeling squeezed.

In the Durango area where Carlson lives, as well as near ski resorts, selling out to developers appeals to many ranchers who are weary of predator problems, roller-coaster cattle prices and complaints from new neighbors unfamiliar with country ways.

"When you can get $8,000 to $10,000 an acre for a hay meadow, the cattle prices just can't compete," said Kent Lebsack, executive vice president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

Colorado's population growth, one of the nation's fastest, causes much of the pressure, he said. So does demand for more remote cabins and homes as development pushes farther into the mountains.

The number of ranchers in Colorado has dropped from more than 20,000 in the 1960s to roughly 10,000 today, Lebsack said.

"Some of it is consolidation," he said. "But we are losing agricultural acres, we're losing ranches and that land is being converted. The trend obviously can't continue forever because there won't be any ag land base left."

Since 1995, the association has used a nonprofit, private land trust to help ranchers stem the losses, working with those who want to preserve their land but also want a tax break or a chance to benefit from the hot real estate market.

In the trust, ranchers place a conservation easement on their land, forfeiting the right to develop or subdivide the property. In return, the Internal Revenue Service taxes the land based on its lower, agricultural worth — rather than its value if developed. The move helps ease inheritance taxes.

The trust holds the land easement, but not the title. Ranchers can get a tax benefit for giving up development rights, or can opt for money.

"The biggest challenge we're coming up with is not people willing to do it, it's the dollars to make it worth their while," said Lynne Sherrod, the trust's executive director.

The approach is catching on, with a similar trust forming in California and frequent queries coming to Sherrod from elsewhere.

Saving agricultural land not only maintains habitat for wildlife, open spaces and scenery, but also preserves an important industry, Sherrod said.

"Less than 2 percent of us in this nation is feeding the other 98 percent and exporting food to the world," she said. "When we lose these people, we lose people out of the communities.

"Even if we're able to protect and conserve every single acre, what good will it do if there's nobody left who knows how to raise food?"

In a financial sense, short is an investment term used to describe the position held by individuals who sell stock that they do not yet own by borrowing from their broker in order to deliver to the purchaser.

MACHINE GUN — The Lewis Machine Gun was used during World Wars I and II, in the trenches and on early airplanes. It was invented by an American, but used chiefly by the British infantry. It is included in an exhibit which opens Sunday at Scurry County Museum. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

HELMETS — These helmets were worn by soldiers during World Wars I and II. They will be on display at Scurry County Museum beginning Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Financial Focus

You may not like the company cafeteria, and you may not have the best parking space, but if your employer offers a 401(k) plan, then you've got at least one pretty good "perk" at work.

In fact, a 401(k) is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles available. Your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, which means you can lower your taxable income. And your 401(k) earnings grow tax-deferred, so you pay no taxes until withdrawal, usually at retirement. Consequently, your money has the potential to accumulate much faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

Many people take advantage of another feature offered by a 401(k): loans. Your 401(k) plan may allow you to borrow money from your account. Typically, you can borrow up to half of your vested account balance, or up to a maximum of $50,000.

The question really isn't whether you can borrow money from your 401(k) —— it's whether you should. As with most financial decisions, there are "pros" and "cons" to consider.

On the "pro" side:

*You'll have ready access to needed cash. Most 401(k) plans permit you to borrow money for any reason —— and you may be able to get your money within a week.

*You pay interest back to yourself. You'll have to pay your account back through after-tax payroll deductions. The interest rate charged on your 401(k) loan may be slightly lower than that of a bank loan, but the 401(k) loan rate would still have to be competitive. However, the exact rate depends on your individual plan.

On the "con" side:

*You may be missing out on investment growth. Your account might be able to earn more if you left the money invested, despite the fact that you're paying interest to yourself on loans. Over the past several years, for example, the Standard & Poor's 500 has averaged more than a 15 percent annual return. But if you had borrowed from your 401(k), and you were repaying yourself, you may have earned interest of only 8 percent or 9 percent.

*You may have to pay off a lump sum if you leave your job. Most plans require you to repay your loan within five years. If you leave your job, you will probably have to repay the outstanding balance within 30 to 90 days. If you can't make the payment, you loan will be considered in default, and the balance will be considered as a taxable withdrawal. If you are under age 59-1/2, you also may have to pay a penalty for early withdrawal. (However, if you are 55 or older when you leave your job, you may be able to avoid this penalty.)

You'll have to weigh these and other issues before you decide whether to take out a 401(k) loan. Keep in mind, however, that your 401(K) is a retirement plan. The government provided 401(k)s with special tax advantages, with the specific purpose of helping people save for retirement —— a huge need for most people. So, think long and hard before using your 401(k) for some other purpose, no matter how tempting.

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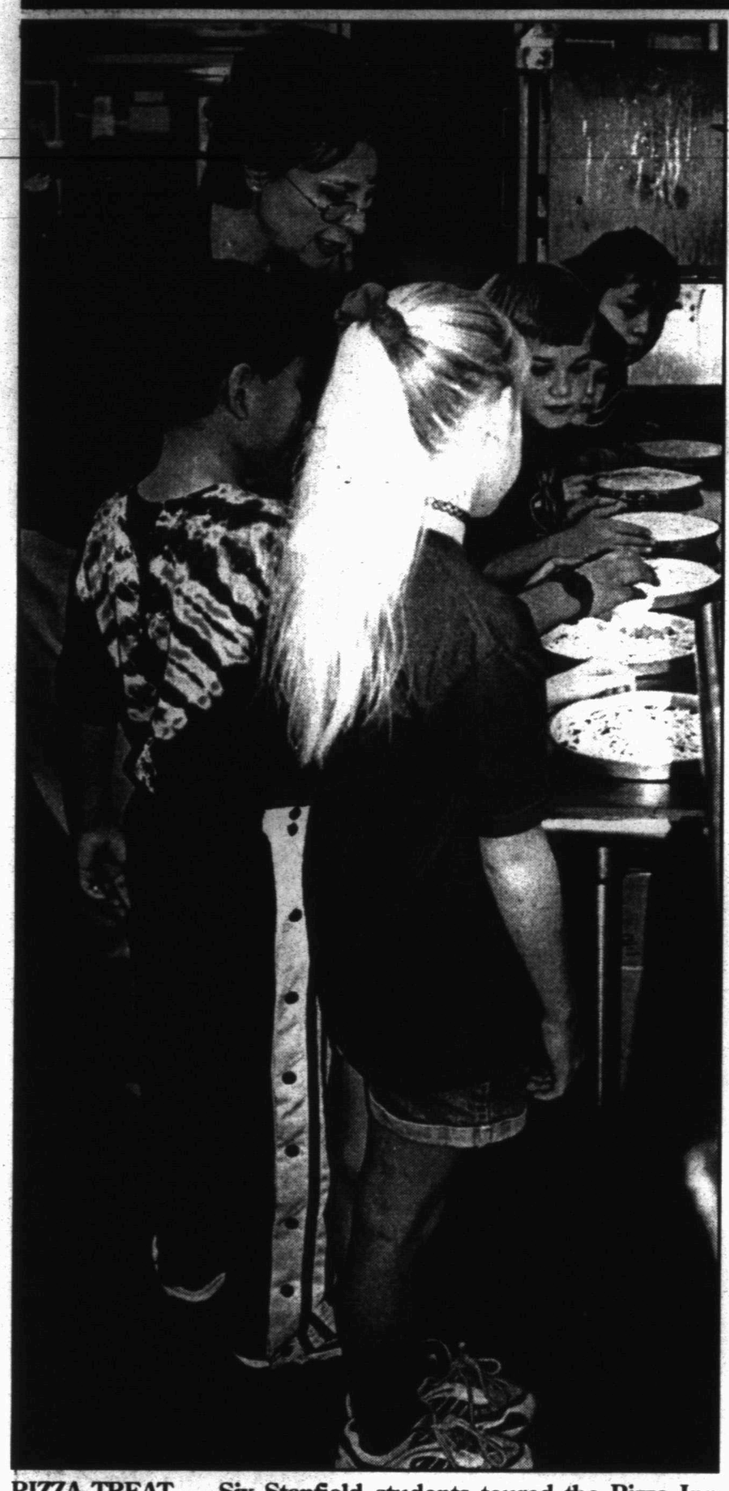

PIZZA TREAT — Six Stanfield students toured the Pizza Inn last week and helped make their own pizzas. It was their treat for earning 100 points in the Accelerated Reader Program. The restaurant's owner Karen Herrley assists, from front to back, Rachel Dupree, L.A. Jaramillo, Colton Mitchell, Kayli Brewster, Samana Arizmendi. Alicia Chaidez is not pictured. Pizza Inn is one of Stanfield's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by [illegible])

Probe seeks fire drill records

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Seton Hall University students said they couldn't recall having fire drills, and school officials have admitted there were none last semester at the freshman dormitory where three students died in a fire this week.

Investigators still looking into the cause of Wednesday' fire in Boland Hall are seeking records about the building, including reports on whether required fire drills were conducted, officials said Friday.

University spokeswoman Lisa E. Grider said Boland — where 18 false alarms had occurred since September — had no planned fire drills in the fall semester.

"There were fire education programs, where the (resident assistant) posts the fire evacuation plan and talks in a meeting with students," Grider said Friday.

She could not say how many programs had been conducted, or whether the school had records on fire drills.

Two students were dismissive of university fire procedures.

"We didn't have any drills when we lived in Boland last year," said Vordana Ruggeri, 19.

Bobb Barber, 19, added, "They don't even wake us up when the alarm goes off."

False alarms are no replacement for organized, planned drills, said William Cane, director of the state Division of Fire Safety.

He said college dormitories in New Jersey have been required since at least 1995 to have two fire drills a year and maintain reports about the drills.

Cane said his office has not yet inspected the university's records subpoenaed by an Essex County grand jury, so he could not say whether the papers included reports of drills.

Funerals are scheduled Monday for the three victims: Frank S. Caltabilota of West Long Branch, John N. Giunta of Vineland and Aaron C. Karol of Green Brook. All were 18-year-old freshmen.

Classes at the 10,000-student Roman Catholic school are to resume Tuesday, following a memorial service in the morning.

With talk of morality, Keyes attracts conservative Iowans

MASON CITY, Iowa (AP) — Alan Keyes paces on stage, daring listeners sitting in the back rows and squatting in the aisles to tune him out, even for a moment.

They sit rapt as the GOP presidential contender weaves a complex sermon deploring the tax code, abortion, President Clinton and a general decline in morals. Occasionally, they shout "Amen!" or applaud.

These are the Iowans who are supporting Keyes in remarkable numbers as the first-in-the-nation caucus on Monday approaches.

While George W. Bush and Steve Forbes, the expected Nos. 1 and 2, squabble over their projected slices of the vote, Keyes has quietly moved into a tie for third place, drawing up to 10 percent in some state polls.

Who are these supporters, and why are they gravitating to long-shot Keyes?

"They're just folks who realize that the major challenge we face is a moral challenge," Keyes said Thursday night.

Those who braved single-digit temperatures outside to see the former U.N. ambassador in rural Mason City were housewives, factory workers, farmers and students at the community college where Keyes spoke. "These are not your regular Republican activists," said Drake University professor Hugh Winebrenner, a caucus historian.

Many said they supported Keyes for his assertion that morals should underpin American culture and politics, and that morals and rights flow from God, not from citizens or the government.

Asked after the address whether she was a Keyes supporter, 33-year-old Shawna Germundson said, "Now I am."

"He's about restoring morality and integrity," said Germundson, who teaches her children at home. "It's what this country needs after Clinton."

"He seems like a very strong-minded person who's not going to be swayed one way or another — he'll stand his ground," said Ken Roeder, a 30-year-old driver. "It comes from his heart, he's thought things through instead of looking at polls."

"For those who want a rock 'em, sock 'em, revivalist kind of talk, and don't want to worry about electability, Keyes gives them that revivalist message," said Dennis Goldford, chairman of the politics and international relations department at Drake.

Keyes, a former State Department official and radio host, drew 8 percent of the vote in the 1996 Iowa caucuses and has spent 59 days here since 1997, by Winebrenner's count. He is running about even with Gary Bauer, who is courting the same bloc of Christian conservatives, and with John McCain, the Arizona senator who is not campaigning in Iowa.

And while Keyes professes to disdain the dirty business of politics, he can promote himself, too.

"Most people who watched the debates reached a conclusion about who was the most effective in that regard, and their conclusion didn't hurt us any, let's put it that way," Keyes said.

Questions of health follow Bill Bradley

CLINTON, Iowa (AP) — Bill Bradley sought a final-weekend focus on tuning his political organization, but struggled to move the focus of his presidential campaign beyond discussions of his irregular heartbeat.

While Bradley sought to discount the condition as merely "a nuisance," he was dogged throughout the day by shouted questions from reporters and even polite inquiries from backers.

"It is not a factor in the campaign or in conduct in office," said an exasperated Bradley. "If I'm sick at my stomach, do I have to tell you I'm sick at my stomach?"

Bradley's rival for the Democratic nomination, Vice President Al Gore, eased up, though he had previously set aside Friday to tout his health care plan and was questioned as he toured a hospital.

"He's out there campaigning, that's the good news," said Gore. "It's a routine matter."

Already trailing in polls in Iowa, and with Gore looking better in New Hampshire, Bradley found the health issue and his handling of the disclosures consuming his campaign as it headed into the final weekend before Iowa's lead-off nominating caucuses.

The subject took center stage when Bradley confirmed he'd had four episodes of irregular heartbeats since disclosing last month he suffered from that condition.

Reporters demanded to know why Bradley hadn't disclosed the episodes when they happened, and even backers conceded they had worries. At a rally in Muscatine, Bonnie Weeks told Bradley she'd seen a deluge of reports on television and asked him to set the record straight.

"I was wondering about his health," she said. "Is he going to be fit if we elect him?"

Looking stern, Bradley said there was nothing to fear, which satisfied Ms. Weeks.

"It's a common condition," said Bradley. "It's a nuisance for me and it shouldn't be a concern for you."

Defense attorney seeks mistrial for accused man

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A lawyer for a man accused of murdering a New Mexico State University freshman has asked for a mistrial.

Defense attorney Jesse Cosby told a state district judge Friday a mistrial should be granted because the state failed to tell defense attorneys about a Crime Stoppers reward given in December to a key witness in the case.

Cosby's client, 27-year-old Jesse Avalos Jr., is accused of kidnapping, raping and stabbing Carly Martinez to death atop a mesa west of Las Cruces two years ago.

Judge Lourdes A. Martinez, who is presiding over the trial on a change of venue from Las Cruces, reserved judgment on the mistrial motion.

Cosby said prosecutors should have told the defense that Sam Sanchez, who took the stand Friday in the first full day of testimony, had received a $1,000 Crime Stoppers reward for leading police to Avalos and co-defendant Jason Desnoyers, 24.

The state's case against Avalos "hangs on informants," Cosby said. "And to date, without exception, the state has been arguing that none of its witnesses have received any rewards."

District Attorney Susana Martinez, who is not related to the victim or the judge, said that defense lawyers never interviewed Sanchez and that laws governing Crime Stoppers requires strict confidentiality.

She also said that while Sanchez was the one who led police to Avalos and Desnoyers, he was not testifying about Avalos' guilt or innocence.

Sanchez testified Friday that he hadn't sought any reward when he went to police.

Sanchez, a co-worker of Avalos and an acquaintance of Desnoyers, told jurors he went to police after seeing a flier post on the NMSU campus five days after the 18-year-old El Paso native's disappearance.

Sanchez testified that he had seen Avalos and Desnoyers with Carly Martinez the night of her murder.

The student's barely clad body was found more than two months later on a mesa top west of Las Cruces. She had been stabbed more than 30 times.

Desnoyers was convicted on all counts by a Bernalillo County jury at a second trial in November, following a July mistrial.

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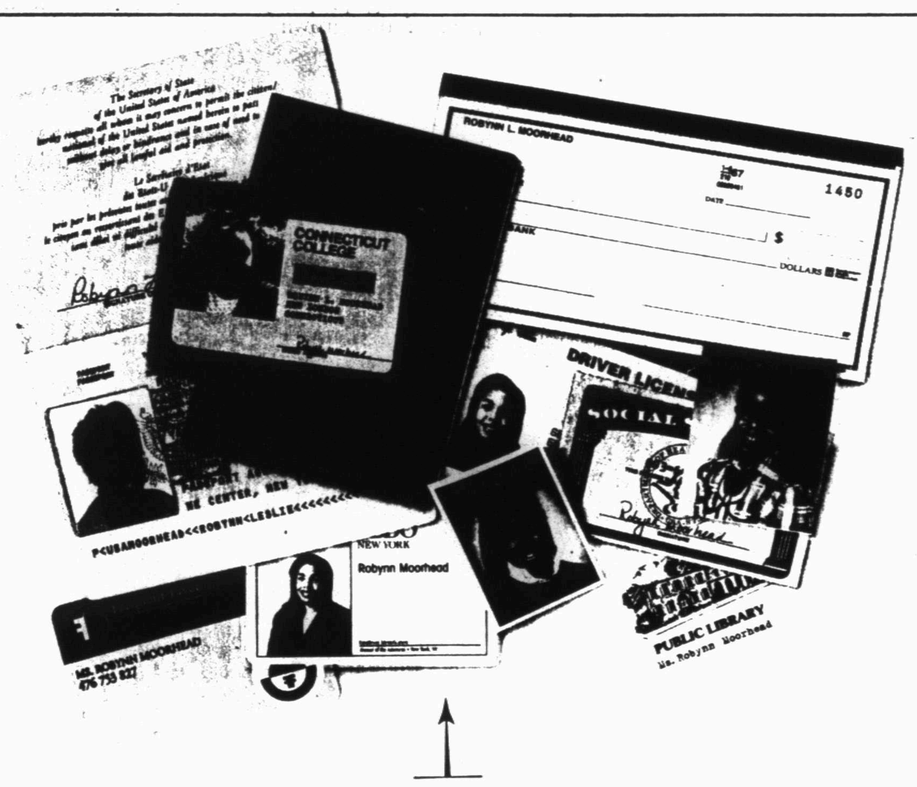

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SPORTS

Tigers stay on track with 51-46 win

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The Snyder Tigers seem to have the knack of winning district games, down to a science.

The Tigers' recipe of stifling man-to-man defense, tenacious effort on the boards, and solid bench play has worked well through the first three games of the District 5-4A schedule.

Snyder held Lake View to only 39 percent from the floor, and held a 38-28 advantage in rebounds, to secure a 51-45 district victory Friday night at San Angelo's Babe Didrickson Gymnasium.

It is Snyder's third straight win to open league play, and keeps the Tigers alone atop the 5-4A standings at 3-0.

"We took care of business at home in the first two games," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Now we've shown we can do the same thing on the road. Going in, we didn't want to let the crowd, or the atmosphere, affect our performance. And I think we handled the situation well. The guys remained focused on the job at hand."

Snyder controlled the action from the opening tip, getting a stellar performance from Heath Pinkerton who poured in a game-high 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while the Tigers' bench outscored Lake View's, 12-2.

"Heath had a good week of practice," Birks said of the junior wingman. "He does some things really well, and he showed those skills, tonight. He's strong on the offensive boards, and he can score on the inside. What didn't show up in the stats was his defensive effort. He played extremely well on the defensive end, and that was a bog key for us."

The Tigers' strong play wasn't limited to its starters. Snyder got 12 points and four rebounds from its bench, compared to only four points from Lake View's reserves.

"We're more athletic this year, from top to bottom," Birks stated. "There's not a whole lot of drop-off when we make substitutions. Our bench has played well all year, and continues to do so in district play. That's a big plus when you get in important ballgames."

Eight of Pinkerton's points came in the first quarter when the Tigers went on an 11-4 run to open up a 15-7 lead.

Snyder struggled from the floor in the second period, connecting on only three of 15 attempts. The Tigers maintained an eight-point advantage at halftime, thanks to a 14-5 edge in rebounds in the second quarter.

"Every year, we stress the importance of rebounding the ball," said Birks. "Sometimes a game can hinge on a few rebounds, here or there. And these guys realize that. They really battle on the glass."

Snyder handled Lake View's pressure in the second half, committing only 12 turnovers on the night. The Tigers' patience on the offensive end led to baskets from five different players in the third quarter.

With Snyder on top, 36-25, to open the final period, Lake View made its only run of the contest. Adrian Greenwood and Will Moore used their athleticism to create open shots, as the Chiefs closed to within nine with 3:05 left on the clock.

Snyder killed the threat with buckets from Pinkerton and Jared Hester. Foreign exchange student Gregor Knirsch drained four of five attempts from the stripe in the final 30 seconds to keep the nine-point margin.

A half-court shot by Greenwood as the buzzer sounded finalized the 51-45 tally.

"Lake View is very athletic," Birks said. "Overall, they're probably the most athletic team in the district. I think our defense frustrated them. Then when they took some tough shots, we crashed the boards and didn't let them get any second chances."

In Friday's other district action, Fort Stockton knocked off Big Spring, 71-59, while Andrews downed Sweetwater, 72-60.

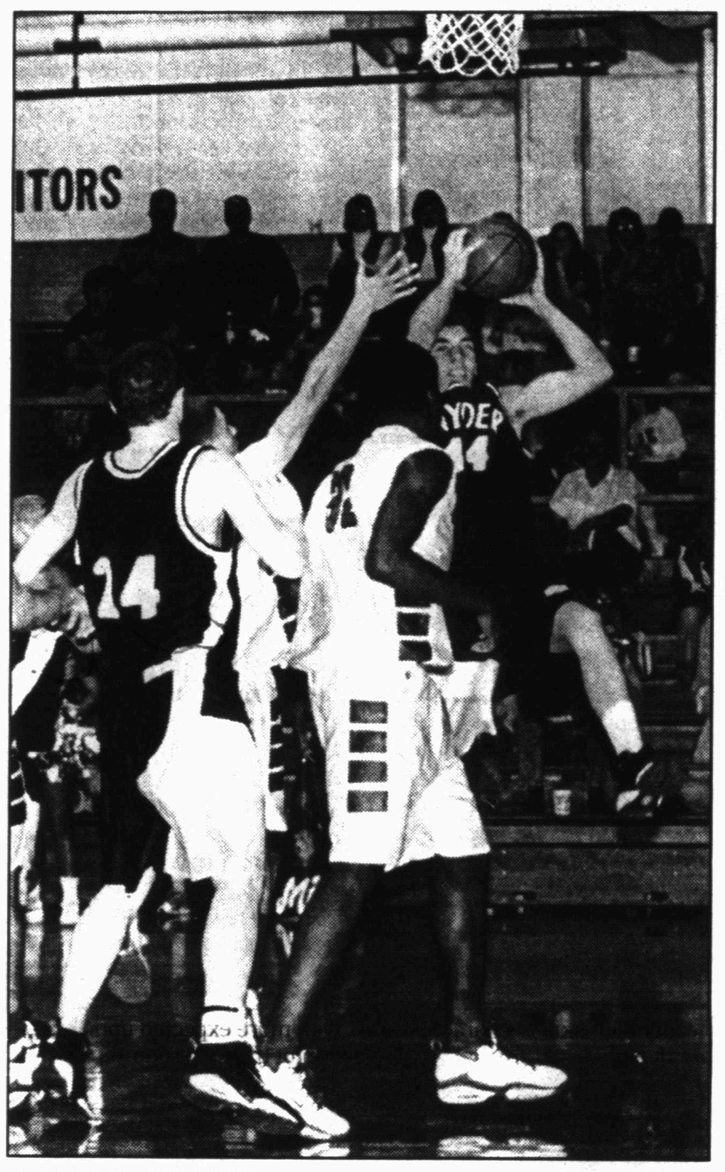
Snyder hits the road again Tuesday when it visits Andrews at 7:30.

Snyder	15	06	15	15	—	51
Lake View	07	06	12	20	—	45

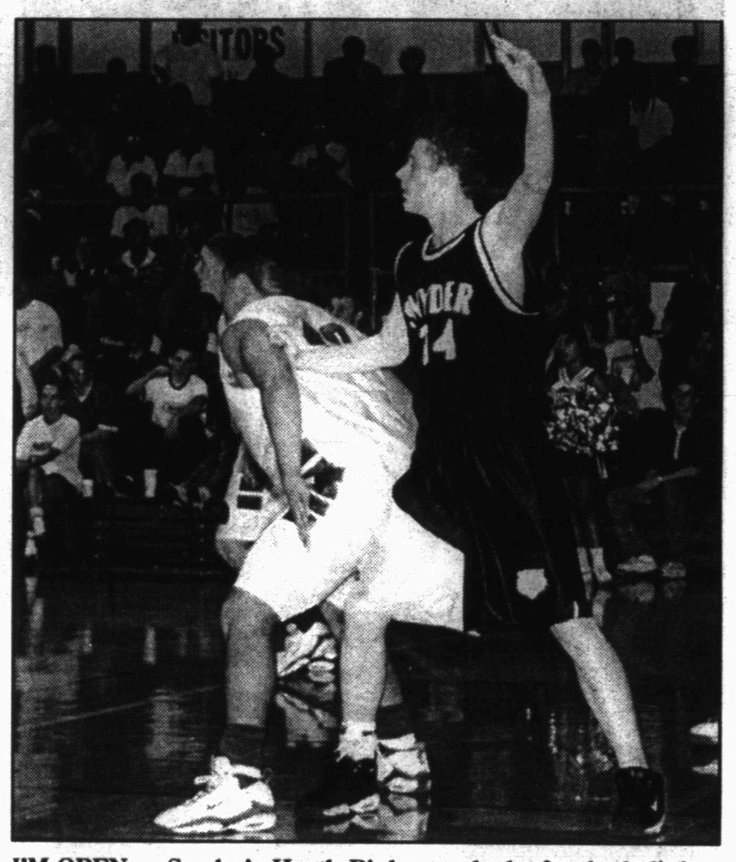
Snyder
Pinkerton 8 2-4 18; Cumbie 3 0-0 6, McAnaw 2 0-0 6, Wofford 1 2-2 5, Hester 2 0-1 4, Thornhill 3 0-2 6, Knirsch 0 4-5 4, Loper 1 0-0 2. **Totals 20 8-14 51.**

Lake View
Lewis 6 3-7 16, Moore 5 3-4 13, Greenwood 3 2-6 9, Gonzalez 2 1-2 5, Clay 0 2-4 2. **Totals 16 11-23 45.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (McAnaw 2, Wofford), Lake View 2 (Lewis, Greenwood). Rebounds: Snyder 38 (Pinkerton 12), Lake View 28 (Moore 9). Total fouls: Snyder 20, Lake View 16. Fouled out — McAnaw, Hester.



ANOTHER REBOUND — Snyder's Jared Thornhill pulls down a rebound Friday during district action against Lake View. The Tigers' 38-28 advantage in rebounds was key in their 51-45 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)



I'M OPEN — Snyder's Heath Pinkerton looks for the ball during the Tigers' 51-46 district victory Friday at San Angelo Lake View. Pinkerton paced Snyder with 18 points and 12 rebounds. (SDN Staff Photo)

District 5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	16	9
Fort Stockton	2	1	12	12
Andrews	2	1	10	14
Lake View	1	2	9	13
Sweetwater	1	2	7	15
Big Spring	0	3	13	13

Friday's results: Snyder 51, Lake View 45; Fort Stockton 71, Big Spring 59; Andrews 72, Sweetwater 60.

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Lake View at Fort Stockton; Sweetwater at Big Spring.

Sealy coach T.J. Mills accepts Permian Panthers' head job

SUGAR LAND (AP) — T.J. Mills, who led Sealy High School to state championships in five of the last six seasons, agreed Friday to take over as head coach and athletic coordinator at Odessa Permian.

"We decided to take the job," Mills said Friday night after stepping off a private plane that had taken him, his family and two assistant coaches to Odessa and back.

"We saw a lot of good things today. We saw a lot of good kids, good school atmosphere, good administrators. We met some outstanding people in the community. I felt like it was the place for me. I felt it was a great place for my kids," Mills said.

Mills reportedly will receive $78,000, an increase of about $7,000 over the salary Randy Mayes got at Permian last season.

Mills' eyes teared as he talked about leaving Sealy. He said the return flight from Odessa was tough.

"It's hard (leaving Sealy), very hard. It's been a very emotional flight back," Mills said. Two daughters were on the plane, and the excitement wasn't as great for them.

"The kids were upset, you know. And all of us coaches discussing things. Lots of memories flooding over you. It's just tough," Mills said.

Sealy is about an hour's drive west from Sugar Land, where the plane picked up his entourage earlier in the day and then returned them.

Mills' wife had indicated Wednesday that he was giving a serious look at the job.

"He's really excited about it and he feels that it's a great opportunity for him," she said then. "It's THE job in Texas; that's how we look at it.

Mills was one of two finalists to coach one of Texas' most storied programs. The other finalist, Grand Prairie coach Jerry Bomar, withdrew from consideration Wednesday morning.

Mills won four consecutive Class 3A state titles from 1994-97, an unprecedented feat in Texas high school football history, and led the Tigers to the state championship game five of the last six seasons. Sealy lost to Commerce, 17-10, in the 1999 title game.

Mills was 148-27 in 15 seasons at Sealy. He is 169-59 overall in 20 seasons as a head coach.

Mayes was reassigned to a teaching position on Dec. 6 after six seasons at Permian. The Mojo, which has won six state championships since 1965, had two of the three worst records in school history over the last three seasons.

Ira splits non-loop tilts with Guthrie

GUTHRIE — With one starter and four reserves busy with the Scurry County Stock Show, it took a little extra effort from the Ira Bulldogs to put away Guthrie.

The Ira boys scored 20 points in the fourth quarter Friday night en route to a 65-50 non-district victory, while the Lady Bulldogs fell to highly-touted Guthrie, 56-25.

Without the services of starting guard Richard Wilkins, or reserve players Jose Juarez, Bryce Wilkins, Jase Olvera and Jenson Gainer, the Bulldogs looked to senior Jerek Brown.

The Ira forward responded with 27 points to lead all scorers. Drew Wall dropped in 12 points for the Bulldogs, with Nathan Smith adding 10. Terry Jamison and Logan Daves finished with eight points apiece.

"It's tough to be focused on district play, and then all of the sudden face a non-district opponent," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We're going to take a little break, and not practice on Saturday. Then we'll come back Monday refreshed and ready for Westbrook on Tuesday."

In the girls' match-up, the Lady Bulldogs trailed by only eight points at halftime, before a 35-12 outburst from Guthrie in the second half.

Morgan Clements paced Ira with 11 points, while Korby Calley drained six. Tara Allen and Michelle Nettles tallied three points each, and Jamie Goolsby chipped in two.

Both Ira squads resume the district race Tuesday when they host Westbrook. The Lady Bulldogs tip off at 6:30, followed by the boys' contest at 8 o'clock.

Titans looking to repeat past efforts against Jags

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A day before the AFC championship game, there's actual news — Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair's toe still hurts.

OK, so McNair said there's no chance he'll miss Sunday's AFC title game with the Jacksonville Jaguars. But he did miss Friday's practice in Nashville and was wearing a boot to protect his turf toe injury at the obligatory final press conference after the Titans arrived in Jacksonville.

"Steve is 100 percent in my eyes and his eyes as well," running back Eddie George said. "Any time you play 20 games in a season, nobody is totally healthy."

There were, of course, no startling revelations at the final press conference for either team.

It was the usual fare — questions to Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin about his sense of humor, or lack of it; questions to the Jaguars about whether they want to force McNair out of the pocket or keep him in it; questions about the weather report (a chance of rain), and a question to Tennessee's Jevon Kearse, the defensive rookie of the year, about how fast he is.

"Fast enough," Kearse replied.

But there were two major subjects — the fact that Tennessee inflicted Jacksonville's only two losses this season and McNair's toe.

The Jaguars said the two losses to the Titans were additional incentive.

The Titans said they didn't matter.

"We're playing this like we've never played them before," McNair said.

And nobody on the Tennessee side seemed particularly concerned about McNair's toe problems, which he's had off and on for at least two years.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	25	13	.658	—
New York	24	14	.632	1
Philadelphia	23	17	.575	3
Boston	19	20	.487	6½
New Jersey	16	23	.410	9½
Orlando	16	24	.400	10
Washington	13	28	.317	13½
Central Division				
Indiana	26	13	.667	—
Charlotte	21	17	.553	4½
Detroit	21	17	.553	4½
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	5
Toronto	20	19	.513	6
Cleveland	16	24	.400	10½
Atlanta	13	25	.342	12½
Chicago	6	30	.167	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	25	12	.676	—
San Antonio	25	15	.625	1½
Minnesota	21	16	.568	4
Denver	17	21	.447	8½
Houston	15	24	.385	11
Dallas	13	25	.342	12½
Vancouver	10	28	.263	15½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	33	7	.825	—
Portland	29	10	.744	3½
Sacramento	25	12	.676	6½
Seattle	27	14	.659	6½
Phoenix	22	15	.595	9½
L.A. Clippers	10	29	.256	22½
Golden State	8	30	.211	24

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 122, Detroit 120
Charlotte 109, Philadelphia 100
Seattle 104, Milwaukee 96
Houston 122, Denver 115
Utah 94, Vancouver 89
Sacramento 111, Orlando 103

Friday's Games
Washington 123, Indiana 113
Boston 111, Seattle 86
Miami 101, Atlanta 79
Phoenix 101, Denver 99
Minnesota 95, L.A. Clippers 89
Golden State 115, Cleveland 103

Saturday's Games
Dallas at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Seattle at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
State Farm	22	6
Daylight Donuts	21	7
Headquarters	18	10
C&M Roofing	17.5	10.5
Stephens' Office	15.5	12.5
Rose Barber Shop	13	15
McLeod Jewelers	12	16
G&W Trucking	8	20
The Shack	7.5	20.5
Wal-Mart	5.5	22.5

High series: Barney Tate, scratch, 592; Charles Bennett, handicap, 651.
High game: Ricky Clayton, scratch, 206; Mark Thompson, handicap, 234.
Splits and special mentions: Jeff Smith, 3-10; Wayne Monroney, 5-7.

Jack N Jill

Team	W	L
Renegades	49.5	14.5
Countryplace	36.5	27.5
BCEC	32.5	31.5
Clayton & Mills	30	234
Alley Kats	27.5	36.5
Ratliff Insurance	16	48

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 526; Daphne Thompson, 574. Handicap: Jeff Smith, 541; Daphne Thompson, 484.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 199; Daphne Thompson, 188. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 238; Daphne Thompson, 218.

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SPORTS

Lake View 33, Snyder 31...

Road win slips away for Lady Tigers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — With sole possession of second place on the line, the Snyder Lady Tigers saw 31 minutes of strong play go out the window in 50 seconds.

Snyder held Lake View scoreless for the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter Friday night, before the Maidens scored six of the game's final 10 points to escape with a 33-31 victory at San Angelo's Babe Didrickson Gymnasium.

The setback drops the Lady Tigers into a three-way tie for second place with Lake View and Big Spring, after the first half of the district schedule.

"We still control our own destiny, but we let one get away that we should have won," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "We had our chances. But down the stretch, we didn't make the plays we needed to make to win the ballgame."

Trailing 27-21 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Lady Tigers began to seize the momentum they had held during the first half. Snyder forced four Lake View turnovers and didn't surrender an offensive rebound in the first seven minutes of the period.

On the offensive end, the Lady Tigers looked inside to post Ashley Delce. The junior responded with a pair of free throws in the opening minutes of the period, before scoring from in the paint on back-to-back possessions to knot the tally at 27-27, with 2:13 left on the clock.

But after turnovers by each team, Lake View found the range once again with under a minute left.

Jennifer Hill gave the Maidens a two-point lead at the 50-second mark, followed by a Snyder turnover that led to Erica Hernandez' three-point play.

Hernandez drained a 12-foot jumper, and was fouled on the shot. The free throw put Lake View up by five with 36 seconds remaining.

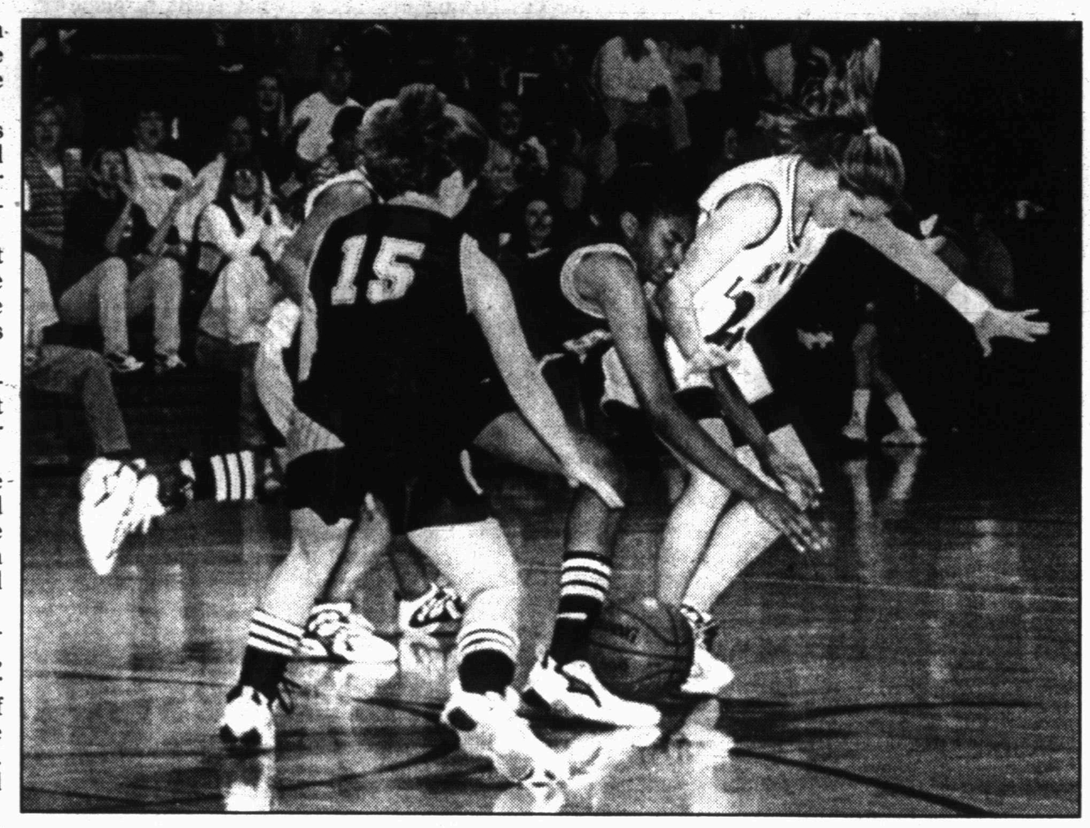
Delce, who scored all 10 of Snyder's points in the final period, got free underneath six seconds later for a 32-29 margin.

But the clock was in Lake View's favor, Hillery Lee drained one of two free throws, before Delce posted the final bucket with four seconds left for the 33-31 final tally.

Snyder was without the services of starting guard T'Leah Eicke, due to the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. The shuffling of the line-up had some effect on the Lady Tigers, according to Tipton. But he added that his squad still had a chance to pull out the win.

"Going in, I didn't think having some girls in different positions would be that big of a deal," stated Tipton. "But the longer the game went, the more it showed. Late in the third and fourth quarters, our girls weren't as fresh as they have been in games past, and it allowed Lake View to hit some big shots in the end."

It was evident early on that the contest would be tight. The lead changed hands only twice in the first half, with neither squad able to pull away.



FUMBLE — Snyder's Ashley Delce battles a Lake View player for the ball, while teammate Cameron Mackey moves in to help during the Lady Tigers 33-31 district setback in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder took its first lead of the night on Kameron Kallemeyn's bucket at the three-minute mark of the second quarter. Kallemeyn scored again with five seconds left in the half to give the Lady Tigers a 13-10 advantage at the break.

Lake View came storming back in the third period. Hernandez nailed a pair of three-pointers and totaled eight points in the quarter, after going scoreless in the first half.

The Maidens notched 17 of their 33 points in the third period to take a 27-21 lead into the final frame, before Snyder's defense stiffened leading up to the final minute of action.

While Snyder slips into a three-way tie in the standings, the remainder of the Lady Tigers' schedule is in their favor. Snyder gets Lake View and Big Spring at home during the last half of district play.

"We still control our own destiny. We can't push the panic button, yet." Tipton remarked. "The real basketball is still ahead of us. Now, we can just wipe the slate clean. There are five games left to decide our season, and we're going to find out what we're made of."

Snyder	04	09	08	10	—	31
Lake View	06	04	17	06	—	33

Snyder
Delce 5 3-6 13, Kallemeyn 6 1-2 13, Voss 1 1-2 3, Murray 1 0-0 2. **Totals 13 5-10 31.**
Lake View
Hernandez 4 1-1 11, Hill 4 0-0 8, Lee 3 1-2 7, Teague 2 1-2 5, Russell 1 0-1 2. **Totals 14 3-6 33.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 0, Lake View 2 (Hernandez 2). Rebounds: Snyder 30 (Delce 11), Lake View 13 (Hill 4). Total fouls: Snyder 10, Lake View 10. Fouled out — None.

District 5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sweetwater	5	0	23	2
Snyder	3	2	8	14
Big Spring	3	2	13	10
Lake View	3	2	10	14
Andrews	1	4	7	14
Fort Stockton	0	5	6	23

Friday's results: Lake View 33, Snyder 31; Sweetwater 41, Andrews 24, Big Spring 62, Fort Stockton 28.

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Lake View at Fort Stockton; Sweetwater at Big Spring.

Teen program gets start at Boys' Club

Local teenagers now have an alternative when it comes to extracurricular activities and helping out in their community.

The Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County is adding a teenage program and is opening up a teen center within the facility, thanks to a grant of $17,500 from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

The teen program will be centered around a core of community service programs.

"Smart Moves" will be an alcohol and drug prevention program, while "Project Care" will have teenagers helping senior citizens in areas, such as lawn chores or grocery shopping.

"Job Ready" will teach youth the skills of resume writing, as well as possible on-the-job training at local businesses. "Big Brother/Big Sister" will consist of teenagers mentoring younger club members, while "Midnight Madness" will feature various recreational tournaments and events.

"The kids want to get involved, not just in the recreational aspect, but in the community service aspect, as well," said Stephanie McKnight, teen program director. "Our primary goal is provide a positive, safe, educational and fun environment for youth to develop leadership skills, character and work ethic."

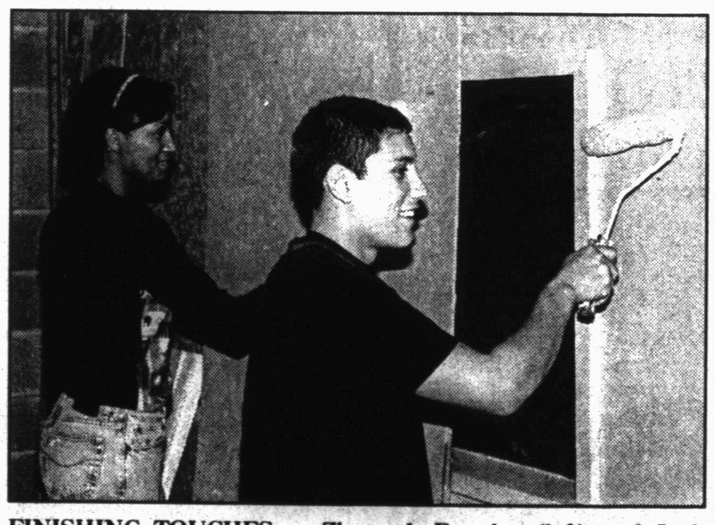
In addition to the programs, a teen center is being added to the upstairs of the club. Dale West, a freshman at Western Texas College, has done much of the construction, with teen members helping out with painting and decorating.

The room can be used to host dances or other group activities, and should help draw members, according to McKnight.

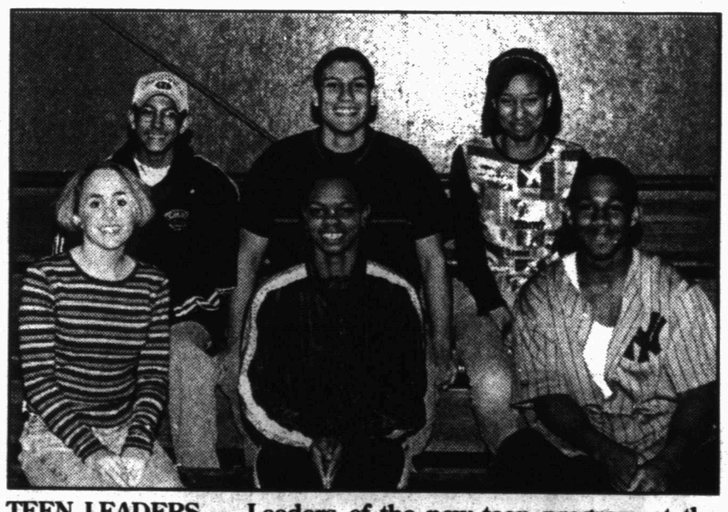
To receive the total amount of the grant, the club must add 100 members by June. Already, 20 new members have signed on, with more expected upon completion of the teen room.

"We only had seven teenage members before we started this," said McKnight. "Now we have 27, and we're planning on more signing up when we get everything in place."

Local students who have been helping with the project are Snyder High School sophomores Bailey Stoker and Morgan Miller, junior John Rasmus, freshmen Josh McGaha, Zipporah Peoples, Josh Montoya, Daniel Medrano and Ricardo Madera, and junior high students Demetris Horn and Leon Tippens-Triggs.



FINISHING TOUCHES — Zipporah Peoples (left) and Josh Montoya add another coat of paint to the new teen room at the Boys and Girls Club. (SDN Staff Photo)



TEEN LEADERS — Leaders of the new teen program at the Boys and Girls Club are, front row from left, Bailey Stoker, Stephanie McKnight and Josh McGaha. On the back row are Daniel Medrano, Josh Montoya and Zipporah Peoples. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics scheduled

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

3-on-3 tourney scheduled

A girls' 3-on-3 basketball tournament for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be held Feb. 5. Deadline to enter is Feb. 3 and entry fee is $30. For more information, call the Boys' and Girls' Club at 573-3344.

Sign-ups approaching for Little Dribblers

Girls' Little Dribblers sign-ups will be held next Saturday and Sunday and Feb. 4-5 at the First Baptist Family Life Center. Players must bring a parent or guardian, birth certificate, and a registration fee of $25. For more information, call 573-5356.

Grizzlies still for sale

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The Vancouver Grizzlies were back on the block after prospective buyer Bill Laurie ended a four-month courtship, paying an undisclosed sum to walk away from a deal.

Stan McCammon, deputy chairman of Orca Bay, the parent company that owns the Grizzlies, wouldn't indicate how much the franchise received from Laurie, who had agreed to buy the team last September for $200 million.

Tagliabue backs Jets

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue upheld the New York Jets' rights to Bill Belichick through the 2000 season. Tagliabue ruled Belichick breached his contract, which has three years remaining, when he resigned as coach of the Jets on Jan. 4 — one day after Bill Parcells stepped down — and cannot work for another team this year without the Jets' approval.

That means compensation, which almost certainly would be in the form of draft picks.

An NFL source told The Associated Press that Parcells reiterated to Woody Johnson, the Jets' new owner, that he doesn't want to coach anymore. He also recommended linebackers coach Al Groh to take over the post that Belichick didn't want. Groh is expected to be announced on Monday as the new coach.

Beem takes lead at Bob Hope Classic

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — Rich Beem tied the 54-hole record in the Bob Hope Classic with a 7-under 65 to take the lead over Nike Tour graduate Matt Gogel.

Gogel, who turned pro in 1994 but never played a PGA Tour event until last week in Honolulu, had four straight birdies and finished with a 64 for a 19-under 197.

David Duval shot a 63 that left him at 18-under.

Casey Martin had a 1-under 71 — 5-under for the week — and was in danger of missing the cut in his debut as the first PGA Tour member in a cart.

First-round leader David Toms had a 66 and was at 18-under 197. Peter Jacobsen, a past champion of the Hope Classic, was at 17-under. Greg Kraft, the leader to start the third round, fell four strokes behind.

Canadian government won't bail out teams

The NHL is intent on keeping six teams in Canada — but less hopeful of doing so — after the Canadian government abandoned its bailout of those clubs.

Without the federal aid plan, further migration of teams from Canada to the United States is a real possibility.

National Football League Playoffs

All Times EST
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Tennessee 22, Buffalo 16
Washington 27, Detroit 13
Sunday, Jan. 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
Miami 20, Seattle 17

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Jacksonville 62, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 14, Washington 13
Sunday, Jan. 16
St. Louis 49, Minnesota 37
Tennessee 19, Indianapolis 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:25 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu, 5:30 p.m. (ABC)

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Man executed in spite of protests

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Larry Keith Robison didn't want to go down as an insane criminal unable to think for himself. Rather, he preferred to die in the Texas death chamber and pay for the five murders he committed in 1982.

Robison, 42, was executed by lethal injection Friday night amid protests by family and supporters who claimed that the 42-year-old one-time construction worker's history of paranoid schizophrenia rendered him incompetent.

He said he appreciated the efforts on his behalf, but Robison had said for months that he wanted to get off death row. He dropped all his appeals, although he likely would have lost them anyway.

Robison kept his eyes closed and nodded when he was asked if he had anything to say. He appeared to whisper, "I'm ready," and the injection of drugs began.

He grunted, opened his eyes slightly and inhaled, and his chest heaved a couple of times before he fell still. He was pronounced dead at 6:16 p.m., seven minutes after the flow of lethal drugs began.

Four relatives of the victims viewed the execution and released a statement:

"Larry Robison has paid with his life for the 17-year nightmare of trauma and heartache he caused for the families of his victims. The laws of God and man were broken. Justice has been done. May they all rest in peace."

Robison's execution was the fourth this year and third this week in Texas. Three more are scheduled by month's end, which would make January the second-busiest month in the Huntsville Unit's death chamber since eight convicted murderers were put to death in June 1997.

Robison's mother, Lois Robison, who has become an activist against the death penalty, was backed by a chorus ranging from the Vatican to the European Union to mental health activists. They said Robison's mental illness should have precluded him from execution.

"This is why so many mentally ill people are executed. They are easy to execute because they don't understand even their own illness so many times," Ms. Robison said. "There is so much stigma in this country about the mentally ill."

About 50 protesters formed one of the largest execution-day gatherings outside the death chamber since pickax murderer Karla Faye Tucker was killed Feb. 3, 1998. Many were on hand for a capital punishment conference over the weekend.

Greg Pipes, the Tarrant County assistant district attorney who convicted Robison in his second trial, countered that Robison was an intelligent man who brought any mental problems upon himself with reckless drug use.

"The fact that a person can be identified as being mentally ill doesn't mean he can't function," Pipes said earlier this week. "A lot of paranoid schizophrenics, if he is one, function in society without giving in to the urge to decapitate, emasculate and cannibalize, then go next door and kill four more people."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1986 that the mentally ill may be executed if they understand the punishment and know why they are receiving it. Robison had said he comprehended both questions.

Bush confident of Iowa votes

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — With polls showing him leading among likely voters, George W. Bush pushed on toward Monday's Iowa caucuses amid last-minute criticism of his abortion stance from his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination.

The Texas governor expressed confidence about his chances in the first voting of the 2000 presidential race during informal conversations with reporters while flying aboard their press charter Friday night.

Bush reiterated he is optimistic he can beat Arizona Sen. John McCain in the New Hampshire primary eight days after the Iowa balloting, perhaps sealing the GOP nomination.

Earlier Friday, Bush said his greatest challenge was turning out the vote. The Iowa caucuses begin at 7 p.m. in dark, wintry conditions that usually test all but party loyalists.

"I'm a little concerned," he said during a speech at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs.

"I'm concerned that some of your friends and neighbors are looking at the polls and saying, 'Well, George W. is ahead, he doesn't need my help.' That's not the way it works. The only poll that matters is the one that happens when folks show up on caucus night."

Bush also faced questions about his abortion stance for the second consecutive day.

He said "it should be up to each state legislature" to decide what limits to place on abortions, adding that the Supreme Court erred by ruling on the issue 27 years ago.

But Bush, who opposes abortion, did not directly call for the outright repeal of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortions. His comments drew a taunting reply from publisher Steve Forbes, his closest rival in Iowa polls.

"Come on, even if people disagree with you, they'll respect you for having a firm stand and believing in principle," Forbes said. "But he ducked it."

The volatile issue has flared in recent days, as anti-abortion forces gird for their annual march in Washington on the anniversary of the court's ruling and the Iowa caucuses near.

Bush, who is campaigning as a "compassionate conservative," opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest and where the life of the mother is at stake. But he doesn't emphasize the issue. Forbes does, and hopes to parlay his anti-abortion stand into a second-place finish in the caucuses.

The governor was asked to clarify his statement Thursday that the 1973 decision legalizing abortion "was a stretch." He replied: "I felt like it was a case where the court took the place of what the legislatures should do in America."

Asked further what he thought the legislatures should do, Bush said, "It should be up to each legislature."

His answer remained basically the same each time Bush was asked if he thought Roe vs. Wade should be overturned. "This is a case where the court stepped across its bounds and usurped the right of the legislatures," he said.

Aides said later that Bush believes states should have the right to impose strict anti-abortion laws, as they could before Roe vs. Wade. The ruling overturned just such a law in Iowa.

Bush's ultimate goal is a constitutional amendment banning abortion — except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life — which state legislatures as well as Congress would have to approve. But Bush has said the country is not ready to pass such a sweeping measure.

Abortion is a critical issue in the caucuses in Iowa, where social conservatives will make up a large bloc of the voters Monday night. One in 10 Republican likely to attend the caucuses say a candidate's "pro-life" views are most important.

Seeking a politically safe way to couch his views, Bush has settled on criticizing the Supreme Court ruling without directly saying that Roe vs. Wade should be overturned.

His challenge is to appease conservatives in the primary campaign without alienating swing voters before the general election in November.

Bush got some unexpected support from McCain. The senator said he opposes abortion but, like Bush, would accept it in cases of rape, incest or where the mother's life is in danger.

"I believe that Roe v. Wade was a flawed decision, yes, and overreached and that's why I think it should be repealed," McCain said in Greenville, S.C.

Major airlines adopt $20 surchage

DALLAS (AP) — The $20 fee that airlines have tacked on to most tickets could still crumble, as some major carriers have declined to raise prices on routes where they compete with discount carriers, according to some industry observers.

By midday Friday, TWA, US Airways and America West Airlines had become the latest airlines to adopt the surcharge, making the fee standard among the largest carriers.

But TWA and US Airways did not immediately add the charge to routes where they compete against discount carriers who haven't adopted the fee, said Tom Parsons, editor of online discount travel broker Bestfares.com.

As of Friday, United, American, Delta, Northwest and Continental — the latter started the $20 surcharge on Tuesday, citing higher fuel costs — were charging more than Dallas-based Southwest Airlines even on the same routes, such as $78 Houston-to-Dallas.

"Southwest is now $20 cheaper on a $78 fare. That's enough to get people to switch carriers," Parsons said. "I think the major airlines have to reconsider."

But Terry Trippler, who tracks airlines for 1travel.com, another online travel service, had a different view.

"It really can stick with just the major carriers because it doesn't show up in the fare," Trippler said.

TWA and US Airways did not tack the $20 charge on some of their Baltimore-to-San Diego routes, where they compete against Southwest. Round trips are as low as $198 with no surcharge, Parsons said.

But all the major airlines were sticking with the $20 fee in addition to the regular $666 fare for a Washington-San Francisco round trip, Parson said. The difference, he said, is that Southwest and fellow low-cost carriers Alaskan Airlines, American Trans Air and AirTran — none of which had adopted the surcharge — don't operate on that route.

The surcharge — $10 one-way and $20 on round trips — applies only to domestic flights. It applies evenly, regardless of the flight's length.

Airline officials and Wall Street analysts have said the surcharge was warranted because their fuel costs in the fourth quarter were as much as 50 percent higher than a year before.

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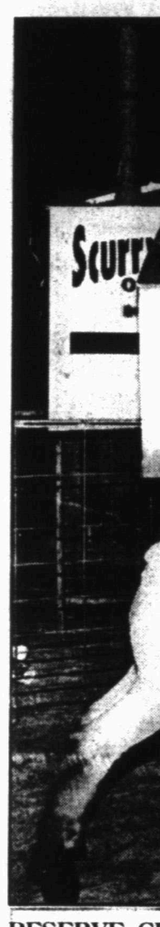

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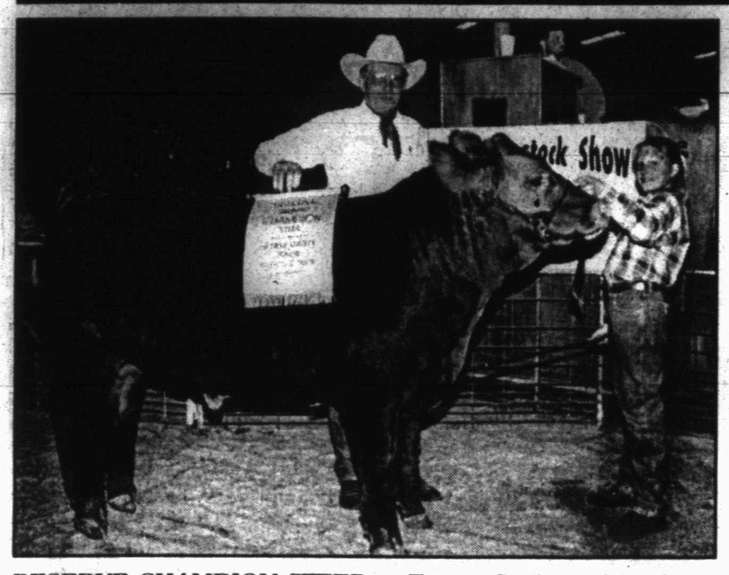
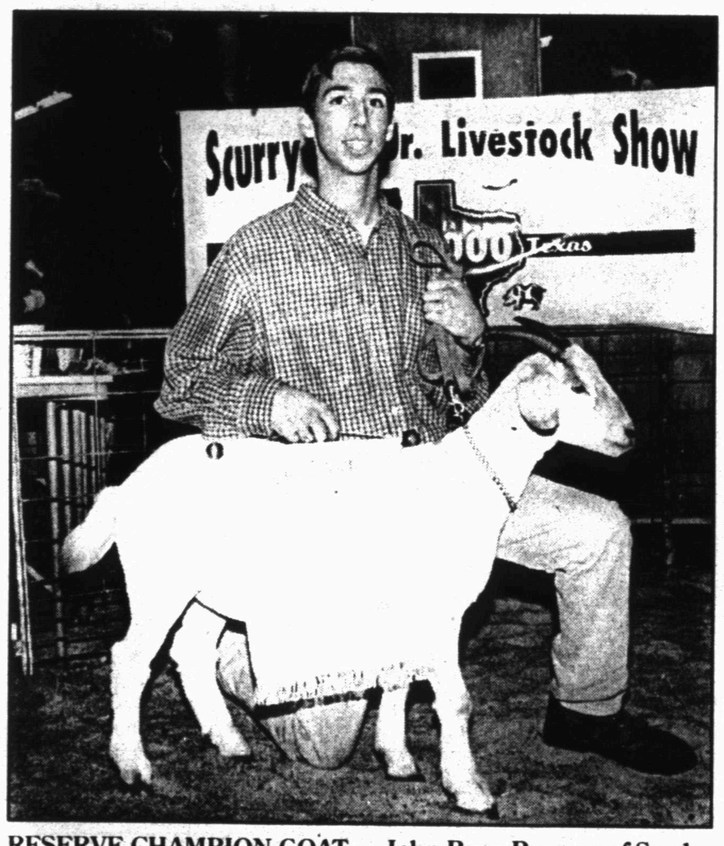


RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Tatum Gruben of the Scurry County 4-H showed the Reserve Champion steer Friday night at the 2000 Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale. She is pictured with steer judge Jake Fite of Burkburnett. (SDN Staff Photo)

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — Celeigh Sterling of the Ira FFA exhibited the Reserve Champion lamb Friday night at the 2000 Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. She is pictured with judge Steve Sturtz of Garden City. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT — John Ryan Rasmus of Snyder FFA displayed the Reserve Champion Goat Friday night at the 2000 Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commercial diving called dangerous

REESEDALE, Pa. (AP) — Construction work is perilous enough already. Take it underwater and divers are confronted with other dangers including darkness, cold water, the possibility of electrocution and losing their air.

Commercial divers such as Todd Washburn, who died last week at a private dam, on the Allegheny River in northwestern Pennsylvania say the unexpected always shadows the familiar in their field.

The 33-year-old Trenton, N.J., man, who had 18 months experience as a commercial diver, disappeared Jan. 13 while inspecting gates that control water flow to the dam's generator. His air lines broke just after he signaled to his surface crew he was ready to come up, said fellow diver Jeff Pelkowski, 32.

"Every time you get in the water there is an inherent danger, even if it's just a survey or inspection," said Pelkowski, who worked with Washburn at Marion Hill Associates Inc., a commercial diving company near Pittsburgh.

Rescuers found Washburn's body on Tuesday in 20 feet of water downstream from the Piney Hydroelectric Station in Armstrong County, about 40 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. His funeral is scheduled for Saturday in Trenton.

"It's a very hazardous industry," said Frances Stepp, president of the National Association of Commercial Divers and a former commercial diver. "There are easier ways to earn a living."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta reported in June 1998 that commercial divers are 40 times more likely to die or have a major accident than any other workers.

Ms. Stepp said that last year about 90 of the nation's 2,500 commercial divers died on the job. She is investigating 30 other fatalities that might have involved commercial diving accidents.

The work of commercial divers includes heavy construction in the darkness of deep water and sometimes strong, cold currents. Divers weld, pour concrete, lay pipe and inspect structures such as dams, all the while carrying 70 pounds or more of equipment, which could include oxygen tanks and the tools for their job.

Stepp said few divers stay with it when they get older than 50 because of the physical demands. Much of the work, particularly in the ocean, is plentiful in warmer months and spotty in the winter.

The career attracts young men with recreational or military diving experience who want to dive for a living. Finding jobs is easy, said Ernie Barton, training director at the College of Oceaneering in Wilmington, Calif.

"I would sense that 99 percent of our students have some idea of the industry before they get here through their own research," Barton said. "Schools train the basics, and graduates hopefully go to work for a reputable diving company with its own set of standards."

Pelkowski said Marion Hill Associates maintains strict safety standards. He said scuba diving is much more dangerous because those divers lack a commercial diver's backup equipment and radio contact with a surface crew.

But even the commercial diving industry isn't well regulated, Ms. Stepp said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which is investigating Washburn's death, places commercial divers in a "miscellaneous" labor code, which includes home tax preparers and taxidermists, and hinders efforts to keep track of diver deaths and accidents.

The U.S. Coast Guard is supposed to investigate the deaths of divers working on ocean jobs, but divers often are lumped in with construction workers, complicating efforts to maintain accurate statistics, Ms. Stepp said.

OSHA has some safety regulations for divers and the Coast Guard has a few rules, but job standards are mostly left to diving outfits and the companies that hire them, she said.

A Seattle-area contractor whose son died in an offshore diving accident has waged a crusade against the lack of regulations.

Foreign nationals detained at AFB

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal immigration agents have arrested 40 Indian nationals working for the U.S. Air Force as contract computer programmers, developing systems for the military.

The raid at Randolph Air Force Base Thursday followed a six-month U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service investigation into a visa scam. Half the foreign workers assigned to teams charged with developing two computer systems at the Air Force Personnel Center were picked up.

But a spokeswoman at the center said Friday that the INS' compliance inspection was not related to foreign nationals' access to the work area, but immigration concerns instead.

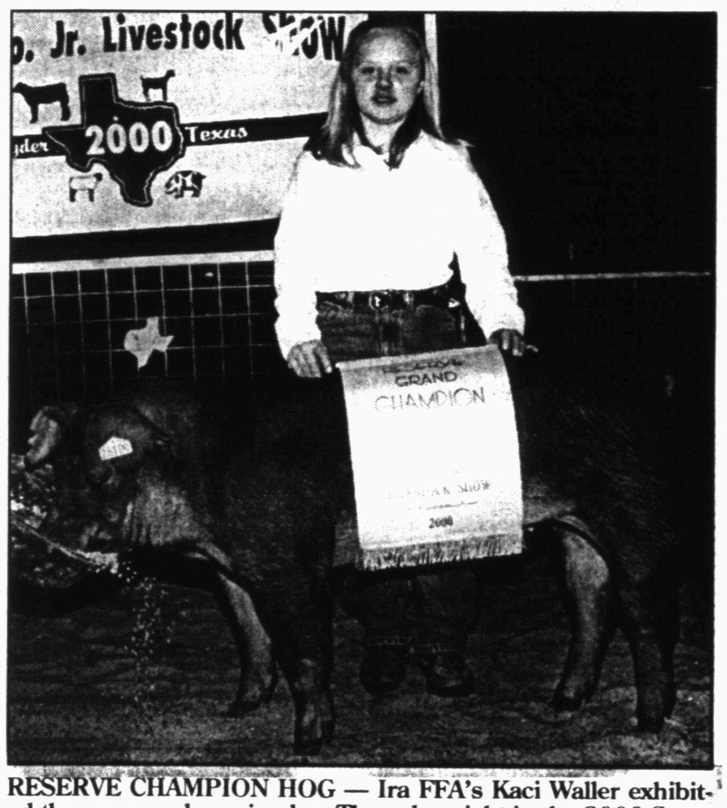
"They had zero access to any classified or sensitive material," said Capt. Tracy O'Grady, AFPC's public affairs chief.

The INS said the workers had passed criminal background checks and legally entered the United States, but were pawns in a scam dubbed "body shopping." In such schemes, companies tell the government they will place highly skilled foreign workers in jobs that don't exist, then send them to other locations.

"That's what initiated this type of investigation, because we've had similar cases where there was body shopping going on, and through one of these investigations we are currently conducting we came with this lead," Thomas Homan, INS assistant district director of criminal investigations, told the San Antonio Express-News.

None of the workers detained had security clearances. Thirteen workers were released on their own recognizance pending further investigation, while 27 remained in detention and were expected to face deportation hearings.

Ms. O'Grady said the foreign workers were not believed to have breached security at the center on the base, which is one of four Air Force installations in San Antonio. The workers were assigned to a personnel management system that will serve active-duty airmen, reservists, the National Guard and retirees.



RESERVE CHAMPION HOG — Ira FFA's Kaci Waller exhibited the reserve champion hog Thursday night in the 2000 Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale. The hog is a heavy weight Duroc. (SDN Staff Photo)

Teen killer will be tried as an adult

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy will be tried as an adult on charges he sexually assaulted his 13-month-old niece and fed her a bottle poisoned with windshield washer fluid.

In transferring Braxton Bowers' case, Juvenile Court Judge Steven Nash cited the boy's history of arson and the "fundamentally brutal, vicious crimes" he is charged with in the Dec. 6 death of Amber Bauer.

"I don't know that rehabilitation is possible for this young man if he did these crimes," Nash said Friday.

The boy bowed his head during much of the hearing and left without comment. He remains held in a juvenile facility. His parents and Amber's parents also left without comment.

The most serious punishment he could have received as a juvenile was incarceration in a juvenile facility until age 21. If convicted as an adult, he could be sent to a juvenile facility until age 17, then serve the rest of his life in an adult prison.

According to prosecutors and police, the teen was baby-sitting Amber and her 4-year-old sister for several hours when the baby scratched him while he was changing her diaper. He allegedly mixed windshield washer fluid with juice in a bottle and gave it to her

David Duke organizes civil rights group for white people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing a need for whites to band together and protect themselves from America's growing minority population, former Ku Klux Klansman David Duke has started a civil rights group for whites.

"I respect other cultures, but I really want America to remain with the values of our forefathers," Duke said at a news conference Friday. "European Americans must band together as a group the same way African Americans do, the same way other minorities do."

He announced formation of the National Organization for European American Rights.

About 75 organizers of the new group, which will be based in Mandeville, La., plan to meet Saturday night in Philadelphia, and Duke said there already are member representatives in 30 states.

"European Americans face a situation where we're going to be outnumbered and outvoted in our own country," said Duke, who is chairman of the Republican Party in Louisiana's St. Tammany Parish.

The Census Bureau projects that non-Hispanic whites will drop from 72 percent of the total population in 1999 to 53 percent by the year 2050 as immigration increases and the population of minorities grows more rapidly than whites.

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Minnesota, N. Dakota lead nation in two-job workforce

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Deanna Kubas took on a second job seven years ago because she wanted some extra spending money — her daytime job as a deputy court clerk paid enough to cover the bills, but left little extra.

"Financially, it was always tight," said Kubas, 39, a county court clerk in Fargo for nearly 16 years. "Having that second job gave me the extra money I felt I needed."

She's not alone. A new study says North Dakota has the second-highest rate in the country of workers who take on second jobs.

In 1998, the latest year for which figures were available, 10.6 percent of the state's workforce had more than one job.

The national rate was 6.3 percent, according to the survey released this week by the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University.

The study was based on results of a comprehensive U.S. Department of Labor survey of workers.

Minnesota led the nation with 10.8 percent of its workforce collecting two paychecks.

Victor Higgins is among the Minnesotans pulling double duty.

The 37-year-old Minneapolis man puts in more than 60 hours a week between two part-time jobs. He doubts he could make ends meet on one job alone as he works to pay rent and save for a car.

"It's kind of hard," he said. "My rent is $250 and I can barely pay that."

Richard Rathge, director of the state data center, said the figures suggest that even though jobs may be plentiful, they don't pay very well.

"The obvious thing that comes to mind when you see this many people holding multiple jobs is that one job no longer is cutting it for a lot of people," Rathge said Thursday. "Maybe they don't get to work enough hours or the wages are low. But in the current job they have, they can't maintain the lifestyle they want and they feel they have to take on another job."

Rathge said the problem is worst in the Midwest and in states whose economies are closely tied to agriculture. Kansas and Nebraska also had rates of multiple job holders just above 10 percent in 1998.

The study found, however, that in nearly every state, the number of workers with two or more jobs declined slightly from 1996.

Dave Ramsett, an economist at the University of North Dakota, believes the lower-paying service industry — the fastest growing area of job development in the Midwest — has a lot to do with the high numbers of multiple jobs.

While work that pays $8 to $10 per hour may pay the bills in an area of the country where it's relatively cheap to live, most people "want to do better than just survive."

"They seek out other employment because there's a desired lifestyle they seek, but can't achieve with one job," he said.

Kubas, the Fargo court clerk, said she took the second job as a bookkeeper for a West Fargo business at a time when she was trying to pay off debts and buy a new car. Recently married and now a new homeowner, she has kept the job to help pay bills and for entertainment.

"My husband and I firmly believe in entertainment," she said. "We like to gamble and go out and take trips. I doubt we could do that if I gave up my second job."

Higgins, who stocks shelves at a discount store and cleans the bakery at a supermarket across the parking lot, hopes that he might someday be able to give up one of his jobs.

"The main thing I'm looking for, I want to get a car," he said.

New Orleans TV reporter accused of sexual crime

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A longtime television reporter who frequently covers crime was arrested Friday after authorities seized videotapes allegedly showing him having sex with more than 20 boys and young men.

Mike Longman, a reporter for WVUE-TV, was also seen using what detectives believe were illegal drugs on the videotapes, said Police Chief Richard Pennington. He said drug paraphernalia confiscated from Longman's house tested positive for cocaine residue.

Longman, 43, in a brief press conference at his lawyer's office before he surrendered to police, said he will plead innocent when he is arraigned.

"I have never knowingly harmed or hurt anyone," Longman said.

He declined to comment on the accusations but said he had taken a leave of absence from his job and would enter a treatment program for alcohol abuse.

Longman was released on $20,000 bond.

He was charged with aggravated crime against nature, carnal knowledge of a juvenile, contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine residue. The sex-related charges carry maximum penalties that range from 10 years in prison to 15 years in prison.

The investigation began Jan. 3 after the director of a New Orleans group home for abused teen-agers told police that a 15-year-old resident said he had had sex with Longman.

In a statement, Keith Esparros, WVUE vice president of news, praised Longman as a talented journalist. But, he added, "As a citizen of New Orleans and especially as a parent, I understand how reprehensible and repugnant these charges are."

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We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our time of sorrow when our loved one was called away. We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers and all the delicious food that was prepared. May you have just this kindness bestowed on you when sorrow visits your home. May God bless you all.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Too many supplements can be dangerous

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been taking a vitamin E supplement for a number of years. I just began taking ginkgo biloba and garlic. Taken together, could these supplements cause a major problem of poor blood clotting? Thanks in advance. — SC

DEAR SC: You ask a very important question. Can combinations of potentially helpful ingredients give rise to negative consequences? Let's look at how this plays out with blood clotting.

We all need our blood to clot, otherwise we would face the risk of bleeding to death at the slightest injury. Not all blood clots are good things, however. A heart attack results when a blood clot blocks the flow of blood through an artery that services the muscles of the heart. A stroke occurs if a clot were to form in an artery that brings blood to the brain. Life-threatening clots such as these often occur when the body's clotting mechanism is inadvertently triggered in arteries narrowed by cholesterol deposits. High blood pressure is also a risk factor.

Clotting is essential, to be sure, but only in the right places and at the right times. Those who are at high risk of getting heart attacks or strokes are often given prescription drugs designed to decrease the blood's tendency to clot. These medications are often referred to as "blood thinners." (Taking low doses of aspirin can also accomplish this task.)

There is, however, another event that can prevent blood from getting where it belongs. Less common than a wayward clot, a hemorrhagic stroke can be just as dangerous. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when there is an actual break or rupture in a blood vessel. We've all seen the effects of minor internal bleeding whenever we get bruised. The telltale "black and blue" mark is a sign that bleeding has taken place. A big difference between a bruise and a hemorrhagic stroke is that the latter takes place in a critical location, such as the brain or the heart, where the loss of blood has dire consequences.

But here's the kicker: Each of the three compounds you list has a mild blood-thinning effect. (Vitamin E tends to be an issue with doses above 800 IU per day.) Depending on your particular state of health, taking ginkgo biloba, garlic and vitamin E singly or all together would theoretically increase your risk of a bleeding disorder.

Taking these supplements would be more of a risk if you were also taking any blood thinning medications, such as Coumadin (warfarin), heparin or Trental (pentoxifylline), or if you are taking aspirin on a regular basis.

Another factor to consider is Vitamin K, an essential nutrient that plays a key role in the clotting process. Vitamin K is found in turnip greens, other leafy vegetables, cruciferous vegetables, whole grains and green tea. Many of the blood thinners work by inhibiting or competing with vitamin K. If you happen to be deficient in vitamin K, the potential for a bleeding risk from taking ginkgo biloba, garlic or vitamin E would also increase.

Say, however, that you are in good health, you have an adequate intake of vitamin K and you are not on any blood-thinning medications. Is it OK then to take ginkgo biloba, garlic and vitamin E together as dietary supplements? Unfortunately, there is no answer that works for everyone.

For the great majority, the risk would be minimal. Caution about the use of these compounds should always be exercised, however, especially by those with bleeding disorders such as hemophilia, and individuals about to undergo surgery or labor and delivery.

Clearly, it is important to find out where you stand. Luckily, there are simple tests that can check your blood's ability to clot, and they are often included in the lab tests that accompany a routine physical. I would encourage anyone using or considering using these compounds to discuss these issues with your physician.

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

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S. Carolina poll has Bush in the lead

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush holds a commanding lead over Arizona Sen. John McCain in a poll of likely Republican South Carolina voters released today.

When asked who they would vote for in the Feb. 19 GOP primary, 51 percent of the potential voters questioned said they would vote for Bush and 29 percent said they would vote for McCain in the Palmetto Poll from Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute. Other candidates were in single digits.

The telephone poll that began Jan. 13 and ended Thursday included 650 Republicans who voted in both the 1996 and 1998 elections. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A Time-CNN poll in December gave Bush a 62 percent to 15 percent lead over McCain. McCain's campaign aides say that South Carolina polls will be far more meaningful after the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary, where McCain and Bush are in a close contest.

Clemson political science professor Dave Woodard said the Republicans seem to like both candidates, but most seem to prefer Bush at this point.

Bush has received endorsements from most of South Carolina's Republican leaders although some significant names, notably U.S. Rep. Lindsey Graham who was a leader in the House impeachment efforts, are backing McCain.

The Arizona senator has said winning South Carolina, considered a barometer of how a candidate will do in other Southern states, is critical to his campaign. McCain, a former prisoner of war, is counting on support from the state's many veterans.

The Palmetto Poll found no significant differences in how people viewed Bush and McCain when it came to intelligence, morality, setting a good example, fairness, compassion, and being in touch with the electorate.

Those polled thought Bush would provide stronger leadership, and he was seen as kinder and more religious, which Woodard said was important in a state with many Christian conservative voters. McCain was seen as harder working and commanding more respect.

Data questioned on packs of cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study suggests smokers of cigarettes supposedly low in tar and nicotine may actually inhale twice as much of those chemicals as numbers on the packs indicate.

The Federal Trade Commission already warns smokers to be skeptical of the tar and nicotine measurements tobacco companies derive using a machine-testing method the FTC created 30 years ago.

Researchers in the mid-1990s reported that smokers were inhaling more tar and nicotine than the FTC machine measures, because smokers take more puffs, puff longer and deeper and cover air vents supposed to filter some chemicals from cigarette smoke.

Q & A

Partnership generates advertising

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

Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas gets prevention message to the masses

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas has generated almost $10 million in advertising and media exposure to encourage Texas youths to make wise choices about alcohol and other drugs.

"Research is pretty clear that kids respond to media messages," says Joe Wiese, prevention director for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which funds the Partnership. "I think this a valuable tool to reinforce our larger prevention campaign."

The Texas Partnership is an arm of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a private, non-profit coalition of professionals from the communications industry. The national organization provides counsel and much of the creative work while the stat team solicits local media to run the Partnership's advertising message for free.

Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse involvement and funding make the Texas Partnership unique, Wiese says. "Texas has taken it to a new level to expand, and personalize the campaign," he says.

The Texas Partnership reviews public service announcements provided by the national organizations, adds the state logo and hot line number and distributes the ads to more than 70 television stations, 1,300 print publications and 600 radio stations around the state. The Texas Partnership also generates creative work tailored to address concerns identified by TCADA. During the past year, the Partnership has designed book covers that were distributed to Texas students, set up kiosks with anti-drug information in malls and developed a billboard campaign targeting marijuana use.

TCADA also used the Partnership to distribute timely messages to the Plano area after several young people died of heroin overdoses. The Partnership prepared public service announcements and distributed them to radio stations in the area. "Teen-agers really listen to the radio," Wiese says. "They've got their earphones on, and we just pipe our message right into their heads."

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas also has initiated a corporate campaign to help spread the state's anti-drug message. As part of this new public-private collaboration Minyards grocery stores sponsored an anti-drug night at a Dallas Mavericks game, E-Zone Health Club runs the Partnership's ads on television in its clubs and the State Fair included anti-drug messages on big screens on the fairgrounds.

"When a company prints a million shopping bags with an anti-drug message or flyers with parenting tips, those things end up in homes'" Wiese says. "This reaches a lot people, and sometimes we don't realize that." Wiese says the Partnership's media campaign supports TCADA's broader mission of trying to provide Texas youths with the skills needed to avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. "It's just another way to get the message out," he says.

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

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Texas Prison Board dismisses allegations

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Friday dismissed allegations by the prison system's training director that corrections officers are inadequately trained and that prison officials lied to the public.

Charles Godwin, who has urged that Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott resign, told the board that prison guards are subjected to increased assaults and are not adequately prepared to handle them because of an underfunded and inadequate training program.

Job performance of Gary Johnson, TDCJ Institutional Division director, was also examined.

"We do not believe that Mr. Scott or Mr. Johnson or anyone working on their behalf has lied or misled or deceived the governor or the people of the state of Texas or this board," said interim chairman Mac Stringfellow after the board met in an executive session to discuss the two officials.

"We firmly believe that the training program will continue to meet the standards and the needs of correctional officers," Stringfellow said.

Godwin contended that TDCJ has lowered academic standards and reduced the length of training. He also said there's a uniformed instructor shortage and that recruiters are needed to seek out qualified corrections officer candidates to alleviate the understaffing at prisons.

"I speak from the position that effective training can save lives," Godwin told the board, as he read from a 41-page report he prepared. "The degree of support for training, to me, is an indicator of how much the prison administration really cares."

Godwin made a number of suggestions, which he also included in a letter to Gov. George W. Bush, including strengthening the training curriculum and teaching better defense skills like hand-to-hand combat.

Godwin accused the TDCJ public information office of lying to the public after Officer Daniel Nagle was stabbed at the McConnell Unit near Beeville and a disturbance occurred at the prison days later. Godwin quoted them as saying "there's no threat to security."

TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury clarified that he'd said the public was safe, despite incidents like the one at McConnell, where about 80 inmates were let out of their cells but never left the cell block.

"I have tried to get the news media's attention for five years on the dangers faced by these correctional officers. This poor fellow over here is trying to use one sentence for his own purpose," Castlebury said.

Godwin also told the board he supported the convening of a special session of the Legislature on prison officer salaries, a suggestion that has gained momentum since the Beeville incidents.

In response, prison officials pointed out that a TDCJ committee is already working on strengthening the training curriculum and that suggestions made by Godwin were the same suggestions being prepared by that committee.

"I'm not sure why he chose to break away from the committee that was working on the very issues and problems ... coming up with the same plan he submitted to the governor," Stringfellow said after the meeting.

Scott also pointed out that the state's training program is accredited by the American Correctional Association. Godwin argued that the ACA's requirements when it comes to evaluating teaching and learning were lacking, an assertion that Stringfellow dismissed.

Scott said he hadn't thought about whether to take disciplinary action against Godwin. Godwin indicated he was ready to take TDCJ to court, if necessary, to keep his job.

"I don't plan to let them run me off," he said.

Godwin feels he helped bring the problems corrections officers face to light by speaking Friday.

"Somebody has to stand up for these officers," he said.

Elian's 2 grandmas plead for his return

NEW YORK (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers spoke pointedly, at times tearfully, in asking a nation to let them take their grandson back to Cuba.

"I came here to tell you all and to ask you to finish this tragedy that has been so hard for us as a family and to ask you that our grandson can return as soon as possible," Mariela Quintana, Elian's paternal grandmother, said after arriving at Kennedy International Airport on Friday.

The women flew to New York with a church delegation that has supported Elian's return over the objections of the boy's relatives in Miami.

The next step toward reclaiming their 6-year-old grandson was expected to take place later Saturday in Washington — a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno and Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner.

U.S. officials said that the grandmothers requested the meeting and that the Clinton administration wants to hear what they have to say. The INS has ordered that the boy be returned to his father in Cuba, a decision supported by Reno.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Florida on Nov. 25, after the boat on which he was heading for the United States capsized, killing his mother, her boyfriend and nine other people.

He has been living with relatives in Miami, who say he would have a better life in the United States. Attorneys for the family in Florida have asked a federal judge to prevent his return before he has an asylum hearing.

"Nobody has a right to make him an American citizen," Mrs. Quintana said. "He was born in Cuba. He lived in Cuba. He is a Cuban."

The boy's maternal grandmother, Raquel Rodriguez, said the boy's late mother will not "rest in peace" until Elian is back in his homeland.

"Respect the memory of my daughter," she said.

Mrs. Quintana also said Elian, in telephone conversations with her and with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, had expressed a desire to return to Cuba.

The emotional appeal failed to impress Elian's relatives in Miami. Following the grandmothers' televised news conference, the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, emerged from his house with Jorge Mas Santos, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation.

"Elian saw the images of his grandmothers," Mas said. "He crossed in front of the television set and continued playing in his room without spending more than 10 seconds looking at the screen."

Both reiterated their request that the grandmothers visit Elian in Miami.

"Why don't they come to Miami to hug him and be together with him?" Mas asked

Koch settlement may fund cleanup

An abandoned oil recovery operation located at 36th St. and Ave. M may be cleaned up with funds generated by the civil settlement between Koch Industries and state and federal agencies, including the Texas Railroad Commission.

Railroad Commission spokesman John Tintera said Friday that the cleanup has been recommended for action by the agency's commissioner, Tony Garza.

"The site, which dates back to the 1950s, is a candidate for being cleaned up with the settlement money," Tintera said. "At this time, we do not have a timetable as to when a final decision might be made on the site."

The estimated cost of the project is $180,000 and some state funds have already been used to determine that the contaminants are liquids and oily-basic sediments. The waste is contained in tanks and pits, and some has spilled onto the ground.

Peace officers file various reports

Activity was light for law enforcement personnel Friday as no one was booked into jail.

Three offense reports were filed, however.

A woman reported to the sheriff's office at 1:30 p.m. that a subject had been threatening her. An offense report for terroristic threat was submitted.

Officers filed an offense report for found property at 2:27 p.m. Friday in reference to a bicycle that was found in the alley behind a residence in the 3000 block of 41st Street.

At 1:41 a.m. Saturday, deputies filed an offense report for Class A assault and Class C assault.

An offense report was not submitted, but Faye Blackledge with Heritage Homes real estate office contacted officers at 10:48 a.m. Friday in reference to several real estate signs missing from various locations.

Obituaries

Hettie V. Harmon

1912-2000

Hettie Velma Harmon of Lubbock, sister-in-law of Nadine Lockard of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 21, in Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harmon, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Matheny, pastor of Snyder's First Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon was born on Jan. 15, 1912 and married Bob Harmon in 1965. He died Jan. 14, 1999 and is buried in Pyron Cemetery. Mrs. Harmon was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Balch of Pueblo, Colo., Mae Hood and Frances Kemp, both of Fort Worth; a son, Buddy Stark of Fort Worth; three other sisters-in-law, Dorothy Bonner of Lubbock, Ada Fawver of Lubbock and Betty Jo Ott of Odessa.

Shannon Paredez

1976-2000

BIG SPRING – Shannon Lea Paredez, the sister of Andrew Chaverria of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 21, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Funeral service for Miss Paredez, 23, was set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment was to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 18, 1976 in Big Spring, she had lived in Big Spring all her life and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her mother, Dora Flores of Big Spring; her father, Nicholas Paredez of Big Spring; a sister, Cassandra Beltran of Big Spring; another brother, Nicholas Paredez Jr. of Big Spring; and three nephews.

Grady Gaskins

1922-2000

BIG SPRING – Grady Gaskins, the grandfather of Trisha Dodson of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 20, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Gaskins, 77, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jess Colegrove, pastor of the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 29, 1922 in Knott, he married Dean Hasley on Dec. 5, 1943 in Big Spring. A lifelong farmer in the Knott community, Mr. Gaskins retired in 1988 and moved to Big Spring. He was a deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Gaskins of Big Spring; a son, Ronnie Gaskins of Coahoma; two daughters, Wanda Hendrickson and Donna Marlow, both of Big Spring; a sister, Sylvia Sullivan of Big Spring; six other grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Births

Haley Roe announces the birth of her son, Weston Curtis, at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Weston weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Terry and Danita Roe of Lake Thomas. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Louise Layne of Ira and Pat and Bill Roe of Lake Thomas.

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Trey and Heather Bailey of Carrollton announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole, weighing seven pounds. Emma was born at 2:17 p.m. on Jan. 10 in Trinity Medical Center.

Grandparents are Chuck and Norma Bailey of Mertzon and Terry and Danita Roe of Lake Thomas. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Louise Layne of Ira and Pat and Bill Roe of Lake Thomas.

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Teen dance

A dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Teen Center inside the Boys and Girls Club. There will be door prizes for food, video rentals and a drawing for a CD player. The dance is for teens in grades 9-12 and cost is $2.

Book fair

Scurry County Head Start will host a book fair starting Monday and ending Friday. Hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the stage at the Snyder Child Day Care Center at 2800 2nd Street.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Growing Through Grief," followed by "Marriage: What Did God Intend?"

WTC driver education

Registration for driver education at Western Texas College continues for class that begins Monday. The class will end on Feb. 22 and the cost is $300. Call 573-8511, ext. 229 to reserve a spot in the class.

Lions Club speaker

Bill Stevens of Abilene, executive director of the West Texas Oil and Gas Association, will be guest speaker at noon Tuesday at the Snyder Lions Club. Guest who would like to hear the program should RSVP by calling 573-3427, 573-3881 or 573-8322.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will have a board meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

10-week study

"The Blessing," a 10-week Bible study by James Smaulley and John Trent, is being taught at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Lloyd Stice. For more information, call 573-3988.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira Wednesday. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Kathryn Roberts, Scurry County extension agent, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the extension office, 2605 Ave. M.

Bible study

A 10-week study, "To Live As Christ," by Beth Moore is being held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Shirley Stice is the teacher. For more information, call 573-3988.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Ruby Neves will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Friday, on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary next Sunday. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Enchilada dinner

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will host an enchilada dinner from noon until 1:30 p.m. next Sunday, in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 and are available at the church office. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $4. Funds will got toward summer youth activities.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Monday, Jan. 31.

Marriage course

A 13-week course, "Covenant Marriage: Communication and Intimacy Course" will be presented by the North College Ave. Baptist Church starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. The course is designed to strengthen a marriage and equip persons to assist others who are struggling in a relationship. For more information or pre-registration, call 573-9540 or 573-7930.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-9

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
6-12-14-29-32

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
15-29-58-86
(fifteen, twenty-nine, fifty-eight, eighty-six)

Minnesota, N. Dakota lead nation in two-job workforce

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Deanna Kubas took on a second job seven years ago because she wanted some extra spending money — her daytime job as a deputy court clerk paid enough to cover the bills, but left little extra.

"Financially, it was always tight," said Kubas, 39, a county court clerk in Fargo for nearly 16 years. "Having that second job gave me the extra money I felt I needed."

She's not alone. A new study says North Dakota has the second-highest rate in the country of workers who take on second jobs.

In 1998, the latest year for which figures were available, 10.6 percent of the state's workforce had more than one job.

The national rate was 6.3 percent, according to the survey released this week by the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University.

The study was based on results of a comprehensive U.S. Department of Labor survey of workers.

Minnesota led the nation with 10.8 percent of its workforce collecting two paychecks.

Victor Higgins is among the Minnesotans pulling double duty.

The 37-year-old Minneapolis man puts in more than 60 hours a week between two part-time jobs. He doubts he could make ends meet on one job alone as he works to pay rent and save for a car.

"It's kind of hard," he said. "My rent is $250 and I can barely pay that."

Richard Rathge, director of the state data center, said the figures suggest that even though jobs may be plentiful, they don't pay very well.

"The obvious thing that comes to mind when you see this many people holding multiple jobs is that one job no longer is cutting it for a lot of people," Rathge said Thursday. "Maybe they don't get to work enough hours or the wages are low. But in the current job they have, they can't maintain the lifestyle they want and they feel they have to take on another job."

Rathge said the problem is worst in the Midwest and in states whose economies are closely tied to agriculture. Kansas and Nebraska also had rates of multiple job holders just above 10 percent in 1998.

The study found, however, that in nearly every state, the number of workers with two or more jobs declined slightly from 1996.

Dave Ramsett, an economist at the University of North Dakota, believes the lower-paying service industry — the fastest growing area of job development in the Midwest — has a lot to do with the high numbers of multiple jobs.

While work that pays $8 to $10 per hour may pay the bills in an area of the country where it's relatively cheap to live, most people "want to do better than just survive."

"They seek out other employment because there's a desired lifestyle they seek, but can't achieve with one job," he said.

Kubas, the Fargo court clerk, said she took the second job as a bookkeeper for a West Fargo business at a time when she was trying to pay off debts and buy a new car. Recently married and now a new homeowner, she has kept the job to help pay bills and for entertainment.

"My husband and I firmly believe in entertainment," she said. "We like to gamble and go out and take trips. I doubt we could do that if I gave up my second job."

Higgins, who stocks shelves at a discount store and cleans the bakery at a supermarket across the parking lot, hopes that he might someday be able to give up one of his jobs.

"The main thing I'm looking for, I want to get a car," he said.

New Orleans TV reporter accused of sexual crime

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A longtime television reporter who frequently covers crime was arrested Friday after authorities seized videotapes allegedly showing him having sex with more than 20 boys and young men.

Mike Longman, a reporter for WVUE-TV, was also seen using what detectives believe were illegal drugs on the videotapes, said Police Chief Richard Pennington. He said drug paraphernalia confiscated from Longman's house tested positive for cocaine residue.

Longman, 43, in a brief press conference at his lawyer's office before he surrendered to police, said he will plead innocent when he is arraigned.

"I have never knowingly harmed or hurt anyone," Longman said.

He declined to comment on the accusations but said he had taken a leave of absence from his job and would enter a treatment program for alcohol abuse.

Longman was released on $20,000 bond.

He was charged with aggravated crime against nature, carnal knowledge of a juvenile, contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine residue. The sex-related charges carry maximum penalties that range from 10 years in prison to 15 years in prison.

The investigation began Jan. 3 after the director of a New Orleans group home for abused teen-agers told police that a 15-year-old resident said he had had sex with Longman.

In a statement, Keith Esparros, WVUE vice president of news, praised Longman as a talented journalist. But, he added, "As a citizen of New Orleans and especially as a parent, I understand how reprehensible and repugnant these charges are."

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We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our time of sorrow when our loved one was called away. We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers and all the delicious food that was prepared. May you have just this kindness bestowed on you when sorrow visits your home. May God bless you all.

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The flowers, food, cards, visits, phone calls, all the many expressions of love just overwhelmed us.

A special thank you to Dr. Marty Akins, Charlie Reynolds and everyone that had a part in David's service.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Too many supplements can be dangerous

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been taking a vitamin E supplement for a number of years. I just began taking ginkgo biloba and garlic. Taken together, could these supplements cause a major problem of poor blood clotting? Thanks in advance. — SC

DEAR SC: You ask a very important question. Can combinations of potentially helpful ingredients give rise to negative consequences? Let's look at how this plays out with blood clotting.

We all need our blood to clot, otherwise we would face the risk of bleeding to death at the slightest injury. Not all blood clots are good things, however. A heart attack results when a blood clot blocks the flow of blood through an artery that services the muscles of the heart. A stroke occurs if a clot were to form in an artery that brings blood to the brain. Life-threatening clots such as these often occur when the body's clotting mechanism is inadvertently triggered in arteries narrowed by cholesterol deposits. High blood pressure is also a risk factor.

Clotting is essential, to be sure, but only in the right places and at the right times. Those who are at high risk of getting heart attacks or strokes are often given prescription drugs designed to decrease the blood's tendency to clot. These medications are often referred to as "blood thinners." (Taking low doses of aspirin can also accomplish this task.)

There is, however, another event that can prevent blood from getting where it belongs. Less common than a wayward clot, a hemorrhagic stroke can be just as dangerous. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when there is an actual break or rupture in a blood vessel. We've all seen the effects of minor internal bleeding whenever we get bruised. The telltale "black and blue" mark is a sign that bleeding has taken place. A big difference between a bruise and a hemorrhagic stroke is that the latter takes place in a critical location, such as the brain or the heart, where the loss of blood has dire consequences.

But here's the kicker: Each of the three compounds you list has a mild blood-thinning effect. (Vitamin E tends to be an issue with doses above 800 IU per day.) Depending on your particular state of health, taking ginkgo biloba, garlic and vitamin E singly or all together would theoretically increase your risk of a bleeding disorder.

Taking these supplements would be more of a risk if you were also taking any blood thinning medications, such as Coumadin (warfarin), heparin or Trental (pentoxifylline), or if you are taking aspirin on a regular basis.

Another factor to consider is Vitamin K, an essential nutrient that plays a key role in the clotting process. Vitamin K is found in turnip greens, other leafy vegetables, cruciferous vegetables, whole grains and green tea. Many of the blood thinners work by inhibiting or competing with vitamin K. If you happen to be deficient in vitamin K, the potential for a bleeding risk from taking ginkgo biloba, garlic or vitamin E would also increase.

Say, however, that you are in good health, you have an adequate intake of vitamin K and you are not on any blood-thinning medications. Is it OK then to take ginkgo biloba, garlic and vitamin E together as dietary supplements? Unfortunately, there is no answer that works for everyone.

For the great majority, the risk would be minimal. Caution about the use of these compounds should always be exercised, however, especially by those with bleeding disorders such as hemophilia, and individuals about to undergo surgery or labor and delivery.

Clearly, it is important to find out where you stand. Luckily, there are simple tests that can check your blood's ability to clot, and they are often included in the lab tests that accompany a routine physical. I would encourage anyone using or considering using these compounds to discuss these issues with your physician.

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

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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S. Carolina poll has Bush in the lead

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush holds a commanding lead over Arizona Sen. John McCain in a poll of likely Republican South Carolina voters released today.

When asked who they would vote for in the Feb. 19 GOP primary, 51 percent of the potential voters questioned said they would vote for Bush and 29 percent said they would vote for McCain in the Palmetto Poll from Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute. Other candidates were in single digits.

The telephone poll that began Jan. 13 and ended Thursday included 650 Republicans who voted in both the 1996 and 1998 elections. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A Time-CNN poll in December gave Bush a 62 percent to 15 percent lead over McCain. McCain's campaign aides say that South Carolina polls will be far more meaningful after the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary, where McCain and Bush are in a close contest.

Clemson political science professor Dave Woodard said the Republicans seem to like both candidates, but most seem to prefer Bush at this point.

Bush has received endorsements from most of South Carolina's Republican leaders although some significant names, notably U.S. Rep. Lindsey Graham who was a leader in the House impeachment efforts, are backing McCain.

The Arizona senator has said winning South Carolina, considered a barometer of how a candidate will do in other Southern states, is critical to his campaign. McCain, a former prisoner of war, is counting on support from the state's many veterans.

The Palmetto Poll found no significant differences in how people viewed Bush and McCain when it came to intelligence, morality, setting a good example, fairness, compassion, and being in touch with the electorate.

Those polled thought Bush would provide stronger leadership, and he was seen as kinder and more religious, which Woodard said was important in a state with many Christian conservative voters. McCain was seen as harder working and commanding more respect.

Data questioned on packs of cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study suggests smokers of cigarettes supposedly low in tar and nicotine may actually inhale twice as much of those chemicals as numbers on the packs indicate.

The Federal Trade Commission already warns smokers to be skeptical of the tar and nicotine measurements tobacco companies derive using a machine-testing method the FTC created 30 years ago.

Researchers in the mid-1990s reported that smokers were inhaling more tar and nicotine than the FTC machine measures, because smokers take more puffs, puff longer and deeper and cover air vents supposed to filter some chemicals from cigarette smoke.

Q & A

Partnership generates advertising

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

Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas gets prevention message to the masses

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas has generated almost $10 million in advertising and media exposure to encourage Texas youths to make wise choices about alcohol and other drugs.

"Research is pretty clear that kids respond to media messages," says Joe Wiese, prevention director for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which funds the Partnership. "I think this a valuable tool to reinforce our larger prevention campaign."

The Texas Partnership is an arm of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a private, non-profit coalition of professionals from the communications industry. The national organization provides counsel and much of the creative work while the stat team solicits local media to run the Partnership's advertising message for free.

Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse involvement and funding make the Texas Partnership unique, Wiese says. "Texas has taken it to a new level to expand, and personalize the campaign," he says.

The Texas Partnership reviews public service announcements provided by the national organizations, adds the state logo and hot line number and distributes the ads to more than 70 television stations, 1,300 print publications and 600 radio stations around the state. The Texas Partnership also generates creative work tailored to address concerns identified by TCADA. During the past year, the Partnership has designed book covers that were distributed to Texas students, set up kiosks with anti-drug information in malls and developed a billboard campaign targeting marijuana use.

TCADA also used the Partnership to distribute timely messages to the Plano area after several young people died of heroin overdoses. The Partnership prepared public service announcements and distributed them to radio stations in the area. "Teen-agers really listen to the radio," Wiese says. "They've got their earphones on, and we just pipe our message right into their heads."

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas also has initiated a corporate campaign to help spread the state's anti-drug message. As part of this new public-private collaboration Minyards grocery stores sponsored an anti-drug night at a Dallas Mavericks game, E-Zone Health Club runs the Partnership's ads on television in its clubs and the State Fair included anti-drug messages on big screens on the fairgrounds.

"When a company prints a million shopping bags with an anti-drug message or flyers with parenting tips, those things end up in homes'" Wiese says. "This reaches a lot people, and sometimes we don't realize that." Wiese says the Partnership's media campaign supports TCADA's broader mission of trying to provide Texas youths with the skills needed to avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. "It's just another way to get the message out," he says.

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

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Texas Prison Board dismisses allegations

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Friday dismissed allegations by the prison system's training director that corrections officers are inadequately trained and that prison officials lied to the public.

Charles Godwin, who has urged that Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott resign, told the board that prison guards are subjected to increased assaults and are not adequately prepared to handle them because of an underfunded and inadequate training program.

Job performance of Gary Johnson, TDCJ Institutional Division director, was also examined.

"We do not believe that Mr. Scott or Mr. Johnson or anyone working on their behalf has lied or misled or deceived the governor or the people of the state of Texas or this board," said interim chairman Mac Stringfellow after the board met in an executive session to discuss the two officials.

"We firmly believe that the training program will continue to meet the standards and the needs of correctional officers," Stringfellow said.

Godwin contended that TDCJ has lowered academic standards and reduced the length of training. He also said there's a uniformed instructor shortage and that recruiters are needed to seek out qualified corrections officer candidates to alleviate the understaffing at prisons.

"I speak from the position that effective training can save lives," Godwin told the board, as he read from a 41-page report he prepared. "The degree of support for training, to me, is an indicator of how much the prison administration really cares."

Godwin made a number of suggestions, which he also included in a letter to Gov. George W. Bush, including strengthening the training curriculum and teaching better defense skills like hand-to-hand combat.

Godwin accused the TDCJ public information office of lying to the public after Officer Daniel Nagle was stabbed at the McConnell Unit near Beeville and a disturbance occurred at the prison days later. Godwin quoted them as saying "there's no threat to security."

TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury clarified that he'd said the public was safe, despite incidents like the one at McConnell, where about 80 inmates were let out of their cells but never left the cell block.

"I have tried to get the news media's attention for five years on the dangers faced by these correctional officers. This poor fellow over here is trying to use one sentence for his own purpose," Castlebury said.

Godwin also told the board he supported the convening of a special session of the Legislature on prison officer salaries, a suggestion that has gained momentum since the Beeville incidents.

In response, prison officials pointed out that a TDCJ committee is already working on strengthening the training curriculum and that suggestions made by Godwin were the same suggestions being prepared by that committee.

"I'm not sure why he chose to break away from the committee that was working on the very issues and problems ... coming up with the same plan he submitted to the governor," Stringfellow said after the meeting.

Scott also pointed out that the state's training program is accredited by the American Correctional Association. Godwin argued that the ACA's requirements when it comes to evaluating teaching and learning were lacking, an assertion that Stringfellow dismissed.

Scott said he hadn't thought about whether to take disciplinary action against Godwin. Godwin indicated he was ready to take TDCJ to court, if necessary, to keep his job.

"I don't plan to let them run me off," he said.

Godwin feels he helped bring the problems corrections officers face to light by speaking Friday.

"Somebody has to stand up for these officers," he said.

Elian's 2 grandmas plead for his return

NEW YORK (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers spoke pointedly, at times tearfully, in asking a nation to let them take their grandson back to Cuba.

"I came here to tell you all and to ask you to finish this tragedy that has been so hard for us as a family and to ask you that our grandson can return as soon as possible," Mariela Quintana, Elian's paternal grandmother, said after arriving at Kennedy International Airport on Friday.

The women flew to New York with a church delegation that has supported Elian's return over the objections of the boy's relatives in Miami.

The next step toward reclaiming their 6-year-old grandson was expected to take place later Saturday in Washington — a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno and Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner.

U.S. officials said that the grandmothers requested the meeting and that the Clinton administration wants to hear what they have to say. The INS has ordered that the boy be returned to his father in Cuba, a decision supported by Reno.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Florida on Nov. 25, after the boat on which he was heading for the United States capsized, killing his mother, her boyfriend and nine other people.

He has been living with relatives in Miami, who say he would have a better life in the United States. Attorneys for the family in Florida have asked a federal judge to prevent his return before he has an asylum hearing.

"Nobody has a right to make him an American citizen," Mrs. Quintana said. "He was born in Cuba. He lived in Cuba. He is a Cuban."

The boy's maternal grandmother, Raquel Rodriguez, said the boy's late mother will not "rest in peace" until Elian is back in his homeland.

"Respect the memory of my daughter," she said.

Mrs. Quintana also said Elian, in telephone conversations with her and with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, had expressed a desire to return to Cuba.

The emotional appeal failed to impress Elian's relatives in Miami. Following the grandmothers' televised news conference, the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, emerged from his house with Jorge Mas Santos, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation.

"Elian saw the images of his grandmothers," Mas said. "He crossed in front of the television set and continued playing in his room without spending more than 10 seconds looking at the screen."

Both reiterated their request that the grandmothers visit Elian in Miami.

"Why don't they come to Miami to hug him and be together with him?" Mas asked

Koch settlement may fund cleanup

An abandoned oil recovery operation located at 36th St. and Ave. M may be cleaned up with funds generated by the civil settlement between Koch Industries and state and federal agencies, including the Texas Railroad Commission.

Railroad Commission spokesman John Tintera said Friday that the cleanup has been recommended for action by the agency's commissioner, Tony Garza.

"The site, which dates back to the 1950s, is a candidate for being cleaned up with the settlement money," Tintera said. "At this time, we do not have a timetable as to when a final decision might be made on the site."

The estimated cost of the project is $180,000 and some state funds have already been used to determine that the contaminants are liquids and oily-basic sediments. The waste is contained in tanks and pits, and some has spilled onto the ground.

Peace officers file various reports

Activity was light for law enforcement personnel Friday as no one was booked into jail.

Three offense reports were filed, however.

A woman reported to the sheriff's office at 1:30 p.m. that a subject had been threatening her. An offense report for terroristic threat was submitted.

Officers filed an offense report for found property at 2:27 p.m. Friday in reference to a bicycle that was found in the alley behind a residence in the 3000 block of 41st Street.

At 1:41 a.m. Saturday, deputies filed an offense report for Class A assault and Class C assault.

An offense report was not submitted, but Faye Blackledge with Heritage Homes real estate office contacted officers at 10:48 a.m. Friday in reference to several real estate signs missing from various locations.

Obituaries

Hettie V. Harmon

1912-2000

Hettie Velma Harmon of Lubbock, sister-in-law of Nadine Lockard of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 21, in Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harmon, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Matheny, pastor of Snyder's First Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon was born on Jan. 15, 1912 and married Bob Harmon in 1965. He died Jan. 14, 1999 and is buried in Pyron Cemetery. Mrs. Harmon was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Balch of Pueblo, Colo., Mae Hood and Frances Kemp, both of Fort Worth; a son, Buddy Stark of Fort Worth; three other sisters-in-law, Dorothy Bonner of Lubbock, Ada Fawver of Lubbock and Betty Jo Ott of Odessa.

Shannon Paredez

1976-2000

BIG SPRING – Shannon Lea Paredez, the sister of Andrew Chaverria of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 21, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Funeral service for Miss Paredez, 23, was set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment was to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 18, 1976 in Big Spring, she had lived in Big Spring all her life and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her mother, Dora Flores of Big Spring; her father, Nicholas Paredez of Big Spring; a sister, Cassandra Beltran of Big Spring; another brother, Nicholas Paredez Jr. of Big Spring; and three nephews.

Grady Gaskins

1922-2000

BIG SPRING – Grady Gaskins, the grandfather of Trisha Dodson of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 20, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Gaskins, 77, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jess Colegrove, pastor of the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 29, 1922 in Knott, he married Dean Hasley on Dec. 5, 1943 in Big Spring. A lifelong farmer in the Knott community, Mr. Gaskins retired in 1988 and moved to Big Spring. He was a deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Gaskins of Big Spring; a son, Ronnie Gaskins of Coahoma; two daughters, Wanda Hendrickson and Donna Marlow, both of Big Spring; a sister, Sylvia Sullivan of Big Spring; six other grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Births

Haley Roe announces the birth of her son, Weston Curtis, at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Weston weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Terry and Danita Roe of Lake Thomas. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Louise Layne of Ira and Pat and Bill Roe of Lake Thomas.

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Trey and Heather Bailey of Carrollton announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole, weighing seven pounds. Emma was born at 2:17 p.m. on Jan. 10 in Trinity Medical Center.

Grandparents are Chuck and Norma Bailey of Mertzon and Terry and Danita Roe of Lake Thomas. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Louise Layne of Ira and Pat and Bill Roe of Lake Thomas.

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ONGOINGS

Teen dance

A dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Teen Center inside the Boys and Girls Club. There will be door prizes for food, video rentals and a drawing for a CD player. The dance is for teens in grades 9-12 and cost is $2.

Book fair

Scurry County Head Start will host a book fair starting Monday and ending Friday. Hours are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the stage at the Snyder Child Day Care Center at 2800 2nd Street.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Growing Through Grief," followed by "Marriage: What Did God Intend?"

WTC driver education

Registration for driver education at Western Texas College continues for class that begins Monday. The class will end on Feb. 22 and the cost is $300. Call 573-8511, ext. 229 to reserve a spot in the class.

Lions Club speaker

Bill Stevens of Abilene, executive director of the West Texas Oil and Gas Association, will be guest speaker at noon Tuesday at the Snyder Lions Club. Guest who would like to hear the program should RSVP by calling 573-3427, 573-3881 or 573-8322.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will have a board meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

10-week study

"The Blessing," a 10-week Bible study by James Smaulley and John Trent, is being taught at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Lloyd Stice. For more information, call 573-3988.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira Wednesday. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Kathryn Roberts, Scurry County extension agent, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the extension office, 2605 Ave. M.

Bible study

A 10-week study, "To Live As Christ," by Beth Moore is being held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Shirley Stice is the teacher. For more information, call 573-3988.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Ruby Neves will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Friday, on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary next Sunday. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Enchilada dinner

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will host an enchilada dinner from noon until 1:30 p.m. next Sunday, in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 and are available at the church office. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $4. Funds will got toward summer youth activities.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Monday, Jan. 31.

Marriage course

A 13-week course, "Covenant Marriage: Communication and Intimacy Course" will be presented by the North College Ave. Baptist Church starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. The course is designed to strengthen a marriage and equip persons to assist others who are struggling in a relationship. For more information or pre-registration, call 573-9540 or 573-7930.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-9

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
6-12-14-29-32

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
15-29-58-86
(fifteen, twenty-nine, fifty-eight, eighty-six)

Internet primary to face challenge

PHOENIX (AP) — A group trying to block Arizona's Democrats from holding the nation's first Internet presidential primary says voting by computer would hurt minorities and the poor.

The Voting Integrity Project filed a federal lawsuit Friday to stop the plan.

Arizona Democrats are scheduled to hold their presidential primary March 11. Online voting from personal computers at home, work or elsewhere is planned from 12:01 a.m. March 7 until 11:59 p.m. March 10.

The challenge was brought on behalf of two Arizona Democrats, Lu Bain Jr. of Maricopa County and Olivia Lizarraga-Bussey of Florence.

"A large number of voters, especially minority voters, lack computers or access to the Internet," said Lizarraga-Bussey said. "Our voices will not be heard like others."

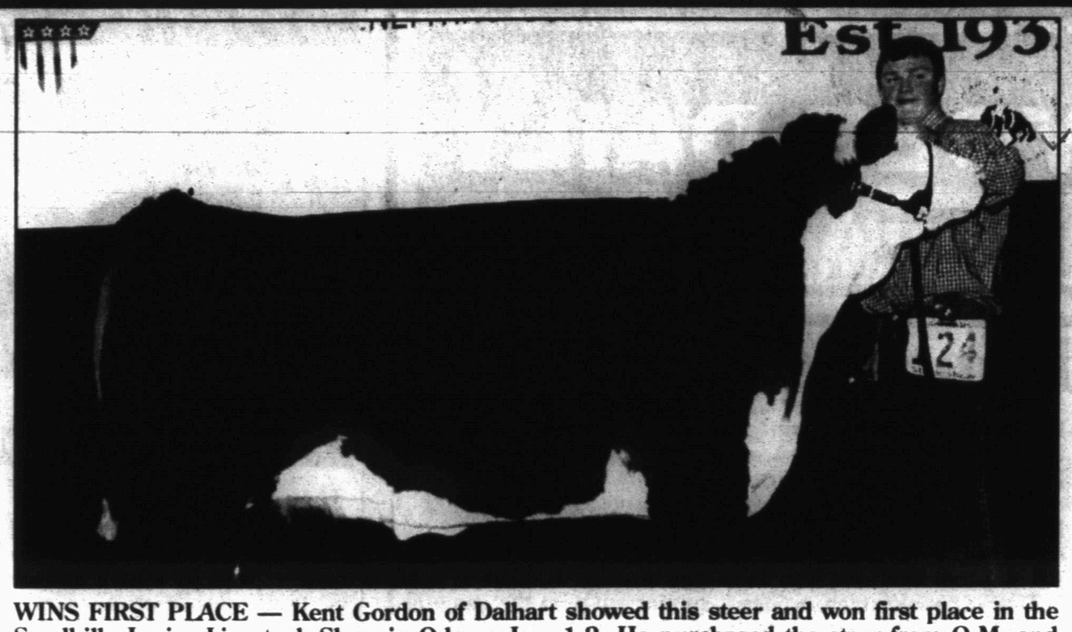
Traditional paper ballots and computer terminals will be available at each of the 50 polling places statewide.

Deborah Phillips, president of the Virginia-based Voting Integrity Project, said people who don't have access to a personal computer may have to travel long distances to vote because so few polling places will be available.

Arizona Democratic Party Chairman Mark Fleisher said he has worked with minority legislators and the state's Indian tribes regarding polling place locations to make sure those groups can participate. Fleisher said the party will fight the lawsuit.

Party and computer industry officials have said that this would be the nation's first binding election for public office to be conducted over the Internet.

Supporters say online voting could increase voter participation and reduce costs.



WINS FIRST PLACE — Kent Gordon of Dalhart showed this steer and won first place in the Sandhills Junior Livestock Show in Odessa Jan. 1-2. He purchased the steer from O.M. and Dorris Martin of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

To begin on Monday...

Dallas residents asked to cut back on use of water

DALLAS (AP) — Water consumers in the Dallas area will be asked to voluntarily conserve water beginning Monday to help combat one of the area's driest periods on record.

Customers will be asked to reduce the number of times they water lawns and plants and wash cars for up to 60 days, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

"This is a proactive measure to help the citizens of Dallas help protect the water supply," said Janell Mirochna, spokeswoman for Dallas Water Utilities, which sells water to more than 2 million customers in Dallas and 19 other area cities.

The utility can meet current demand, but lower water levels in three western Dallas County lakes that supply the utility company have caused concern.

1999 was one of the driest years on record, and weather forecasts call for dry conditions to continue. Rainfall totals last year were below half of the annual average in several parts of the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture said.

During the unusually dry fall and winter months, average daily water consumption has reached new records, she said.

From Oct. 1 to Wednesday, customers used daily average of 419 million gallons of water into their homes and onto their lawns. During the same period a year ago, an average of 368 million gallons flowed daily.

Increased water usage could prompt a call for the first mandatory water restriction since the drought of the 1950s, she said.

But Ms. Mirochna said the water supply would have to be severely compromised before the city would take such an action.

Residential users who are trying to quench their parched lawns are likely to blame for the shortage rather than population increases, said Ms. Mirochna.

Dallas isn't the only metropolitan area grappling with water-shortage issues.

San Antonio, the nation's largest metropolitan area that relies solely on ground water for its municipal supply, could face mandatory rationing for home and commercial users as early as mid-March if the dry conditions persist. Projections of the Edwards Aquifer's level show it could drop 35 feet from its current level of 665 feet above mean sea level by July.

In Austin, commercial users are restricted from watering grounds during daytime hours from May 1 through Sept. 30 to prevent water loss through evaporation and runoff.

E-mail was a joke

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — A university employee in trouble for posting a computer message urging opponents of handicapped parking to "do something nasty" to people in wheelchairs says the message was meant as a joke.

"I wrote it to be controversial and stir things up," Jody Dunkel said Friday. "It was extreme humor."

Names in the News

Doc Severinsen's suits

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) — During 25 years on "The Tonight Show," Doc Severinsen was known as much for his colorful, clashing outfits as for his musical talent.

But for his current tour with his big band, he purchased a few traditional suits. He quickly found out he wasn't suited for the conventional duds.

"They were too conservative," he said. "When a salesman picks out a matching coat and pants, I ask him for pants and coats that don't match."

Severinsen and his band were in northern San Diego County for a performance Friday at the California Center for the Arts.

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John Lennon's FBI files

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An author who has been trying to open John Lennon's FBI files for nearly 20 years said he believes he knows what's in them, and it includes the lyrics to at least one song by the former Beatle, "Working Class Hero."

Also contained in the files are reports stating Lennon donated thousands of dollars to left-wing organizations before his death in 1980, said Jon Wiener, author of the new book, "Gimme Some Truth: The John Lennon FBI Files."

The book reproduces 100 pages of FBI files on Lennon that have been released, including some that were entirely blacked out for security reasons. Those not censored include reports on Lennon's immigration fight with the U.S. government, which tried to deport him in the 1970s.

Another document contains a report from a confidential source who told officials Lennon donated $75,000 to a group that planned to disrupt the Republican National Convention in 1972.

Wiener, who filed his first Freedom of Information Request for FBI files on Lennon just weeks after the musician was murdered, says he still wants the final eight files opened.

"We have long wondered what are the eight documents the government refuses to release," Wiener said Friday at a news conference to announce the book.

Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit with Wiener in 1983, said his organization is continuing to fight for release of the remaining files.

"They have treated these documents ... as if these files could lead to the outbreak of war between United States and Great Britain," he said.

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Miss America tours

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — Miss America Heather French toured areas of her home state ravaged by a recent tornado and offered words of hope and encouragement for storm victims.

"The recovery is so amazing," she said after walking through a hard-hit neighborhood on the city's southeast side Friday. "I have seen a community that has come together unlike any community that I have seen across the United States."

Miss French, a Maysville native, presented a pneumatic nail gun to Mayor Waymond Morris and Daviess County Judge-Executive Reid Haire. The gift was provided by an Ohio company as a symbol of its commitment to aiding the community.

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Elvis Presley tour

TUNICA, Miss. (AP) — It isn't the kind of Elvis Presley exhibit you'll find at Graceland.

This one includes pill bottles and such from the collection of George Nichopoulos, who once went on trial charged with overprescribing drugs for the king of rock 'n' roll.

The 100-piece exhibit, "Memories of Elvis," features jewelry, autographed photos and other items given to Nichopoulos by Presley.

Prominently displayed is the black medical bag carried by Nichopoulos, Presley's longtime physician, while on concert tour with Elvis.

The bag is accented by 13 medicine bottles, including one for Dilaudid.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Roberts reflects on 18 years with the extension service

"It's time and I'm ready."

That's how Kathryn Roberts explains her decision to retire after serving as Scurry County's home extension agent for the past 18 years. Her last day will be Jan. 31.

"Life comes in cycles," Kathryn said, "Career, family, empty nest and retirement. Retirement is a process I have worked toward. I am now ready for that stage. As I get ready to leave, I feel good about the work I am doing." She added that it is time for someone with "new ideas and new blood" to take over her extension duties.

A retirement reception for Kathryn Roberts will be held at the extension office, at 2605 Ave. M from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday.

Kathryn had taught home economics at Snyder High School for 10 years when the extension position became open in 1982. She applied and because of her teaching experience, was able to begin as an agent rather than an assistant agent, as was the custom at the time.

Over the past 18 years, Kathryn said the extension service has changed extensively. It now emphasizes nutrition, more than teaching how to cook, and health care, especially the prevention of disease or diabetic care.

The name of her field changed too, from home economics to family consumer science. Kathryn said the name change reflects that home extension is a science.

She added that change can be a very good thing and the ability to adapt to changes is very important in life.

As she looks back over almost two decades of extension work, Kathryn said several things stand out in her mind. At the top of the list is the professional training she has had the opportunity to participate in - "hands on" learning experiences which "helped me to stay current," she said.

She said she always paid her own expenses to meetings.

Some of the trips were out-of-state meetings, and one was to Europe for which she earned three hours of college credits.

Highlights include a New York City clothing study sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Another was a two-week clothing and textiles study tour in England and France, sponsored by Texas Tech University and Purdue University.

Along with the training, Kathryn said the extension service always encourages its agents to pursue advance degrees.

Throughout the years, Kathryn said she has enjoyed working with a wide range of extension specialists who are always available to answer questions.

READY FOR NEXT STAGE — Kathryn Roberts will retire at the end of this month. Though she has enjoyed her home extension role for the past 18 years, she said she is ready to return to her roots. She wants to be a homemaker like her mother was and work on the family farm during visits to the Oklahoma homestead her two brothers are farming. (Staff Photo By Shirley A.

The Internet has made communication between the different extension offices easier too, she added.

Serving on state committees and getting to know key people at the state level was also a job plus, Kathryn said.

Her extension work allowed her to work with people of all ages in the community. "Input from citizens helped us to build our strengths and set goals."

She also enjoyed working with volunteers.

"Volunteers are very important to the community," she noted. Being able to get out of the office and work one-on-one with people is something Kathryn has always valued. Seeing the results of their efforts makes the job enjoyable. "Or if something did not work, then we would try something different next time," Kathryn explained.

While she is ready to move on to the next stage of her life, she knows she will miss her extension "family." Over the years, she has grown close to her co-workers, the FCS (Family Consumer Science) agents in the district and the volunteers who help make the extension programs possible. "I have worked with some very wonderful families, some very good people" she said.

"I will miss that daily contact with the people I have worked with. I'll still get to see them, but it won't be the same," she added.

Kathryn will also miss the regular contact she has with children through 4-H projects and special after school programs for

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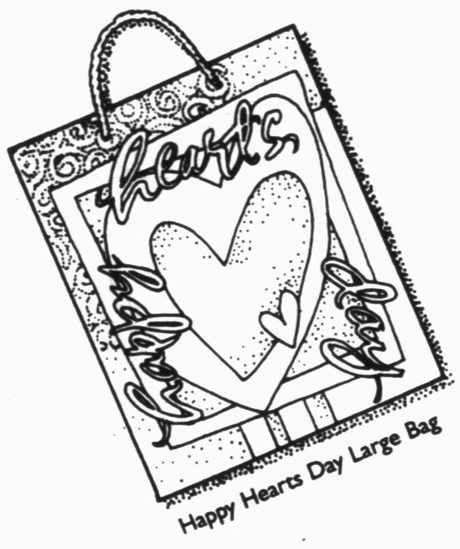

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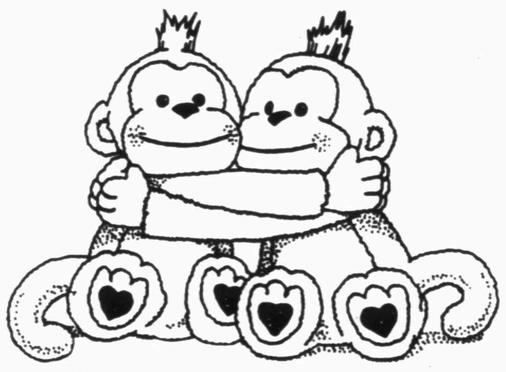
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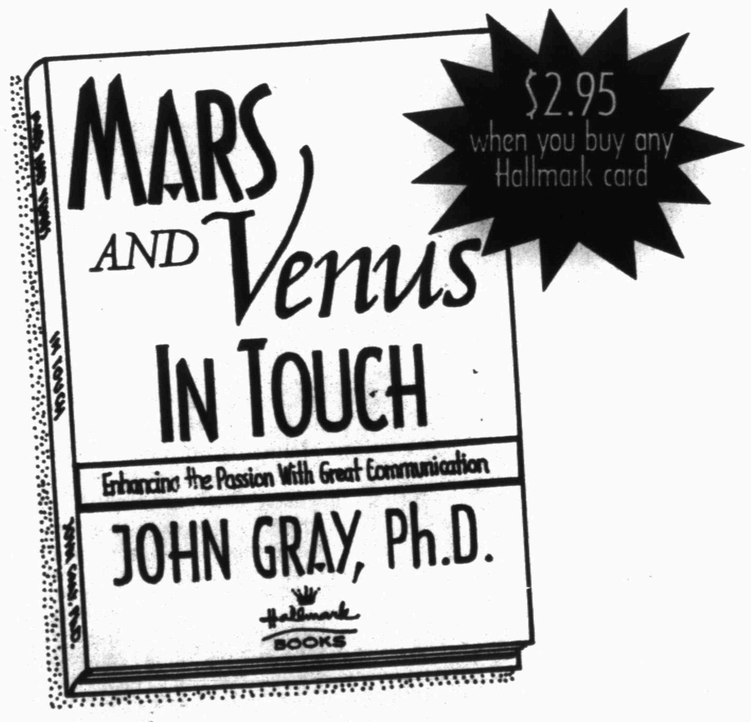

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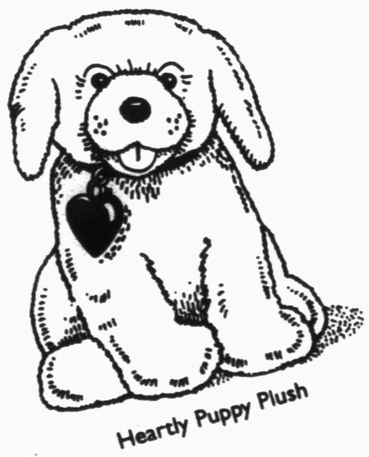
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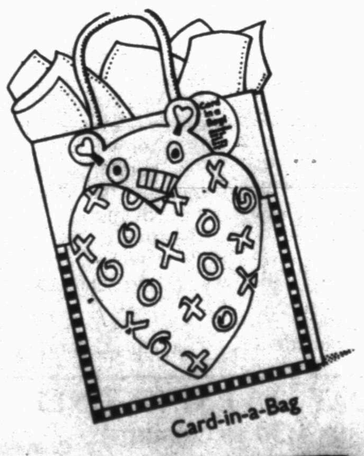
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School Menus

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

The breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Sausage on a Stick

LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Beef Tacos
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Chicken Tetrazzini w/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza or
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Thursday
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple
Cookie
Friday
Corn Dog or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Potato Puffs
Mixed Vegetables
Ice Cream

All meals are served with milk.

HERMLEIGH MENU

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Pancake/Syrup
Tuesday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Sausage & Biscuits
Friday
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
Monday
Barbecued Pork Rib Patties
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Thursday
Vegetable Soup
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Pickle Spears
Orange Cake
Friday
Chili Dogs/Cheese
French Fries
Relish Cup
No Bake Cookies

IRA MENU

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
No Bake Cookies
Tuesday
Green Enchiladas
Ranch Style Beans
Fruit
Crackers
Brownies
Wednesday
Turkey Roast
Broccoli and Rice
Carrots
Rolls
Peaches
Thursday
Wieners w/Cheese
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Bread
Peach Cobbler
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Apples

Recipes for 'Super Bowl Sunday'

By Marialisa Calta

Okay, I'll be honest. I don't "do" the Super Bowl.

I have, on occasion, been called upon by my Wisconsin-born husband to support the Green Bay Packers when they've made it to the big game. I've learned to yell "Way to go, Favre!" at appropriate intervals and have even been known to don a cheese-head. But, generally speaking, I pay no attention.

Super Bowl Sunday, however, does happen to be a prime weekend for having friends over. It's guaranteed that we'll come together, at some point, to eat.

COUNTRY CAPTAIN CHICKEN

1-1/2 cups flour
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Paprika
2 frying chickens, cut into pieces
6 tablespoons unsalted margarine
6 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 large onions, peeled and chopped
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 tablespoon curry powder
2-1/2 cups fresh or canned stewed tomatoes (with juices)
1 cup golden raisins
4 cups steamed rice, for serving
1 cup chopped peanuts or 8 ounces toasted almonds, for serving

Combine the flour, salt, black pepper and paprika in a paper bag. Shake the chicken pieces in this flour mixture until they are well coated. Shake off excess flour.

Combine the margarine and oil in a large skillet. Heat until sizzling. Brown the chicken on all sides over medium-high heat. Remove the chicken pieces, reduce the heat to medium-low, and allow the fat to cool a little. Add the onion, bell pepper and garlic to the pan and stir until soft but not browned. Add the curry powder and tomatoes. Stir until blended. Return the chicken to the pan, cover and cook over low heat 25 to 30 minutes, or until the chicken is tender. Put the chicken pieces on a platter and keep warm. Turn the heat to high and reduce the liquid until thickened, stirring frequently. Taste and correct the seasoning. Stir in the raisins. Spoon the sauce over the chicken and serve with rice. Top with peanuts or toasted almonds. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

— Recipe from "A Gracious Plenty," by John T. Edge (Putnam, 1999)

JAMBALAYA

1-1/2 pounds sausage or cubed beef
3 tablespoons bacon drippings (if beef is used)
3 tablespoons flour
2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
1 bunch green onions, trimmed and chopped
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
2 cups uncooked rice
2-1/2 cups water
2 teaspoons salt
Black pepper, to taste
3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

If using sausage, heat a heavy pot until quite hot, then add the sausage (no oil or grease) and brown it. If beef is used, heat the bacon drippings and brown the beef in them.

Remove the meat with a slotted spoon. Add the flour to the pot and brown it until it is the color of dark chocolate. Add the onions, green onions, parsley and garlic. Cook until soft, then add the rice, water, salt, black pepper, cayenne and browned meat. When the mixture comes to a boil, lower the heat as much as possible and cook, covered tightly, for about 1 hour. Remove the lid and let cook for a few minutes to allow the rice to dry a little. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

— Recipe from "A Gracious Plenty," by John T. Edge (Putnam, 1999)

Lyons, Lomax promise vows

Wedding vows were exchanged in a double-ring ceremony Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m. between Tiffany Nicole Lyons of Snyder and Wayland Kyle Lomax of Ira.

The ceremony took place in the gazebo at the residence of Loraine Dennis, the bride's grandmother of Snyder. Tony Wofford, pastor of Word Is Life Deliverance Church of Snyder, officiated.

The bride's parents are Roger Lyons and Rickey and Tori Thompson, all of Snyder. The groom's parents are Gene and Nancy Lomax of Ira. His grandparents are Tommy and Beth Guynes and Robert Lomax, all of Snyder.

The redwood gazebo was draped with white tulle and accented with large white tulle and satin bows. The aisle leading to the gazebo was lined with white wooden hearts draped with white tulle and accented with pink mums. White mums were used to decorate the gazebo and the surrounding areas were decorated with a mixture of pink and white mums.

Her father escorted the bride down the aisle to the traditional wedding march. Nicole selected a gown by the designer, Alyce. The gown featured a wide scoop neckline and spaghetti straps. A layer of white silk chiffon covered the entire gown and was accented with a beautiful garden array of daisies. Each petite flower was dotted with a tiny seed pearl and crystal sequin and trails of cascading crystal bugle beads connected each flower. The back of her romantic gown featured a V-back and criss-cross satin cording to create a stunning effect.

She wore satin slippers, accented with lace and pearls, and a white net veil streamed down her back that was attached to a pearl covered comb worn in her hair. The bride carried a bouquet of white and pink roses and greenery accented with long satin ribbons streaming from the base.

The groom was dressed in jeans, white shirt and burgundy sports coat.

The registry table holding the bridal book was draped with a white Battenburg lace cloth and adorned with a spray of pink carnations and greenery.

A reception and barbecue followed at the wedding site. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth draped with tulle. The corners were accented with white satin bows. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece for her table. The white three-tier wedding cake, designed and made by the mother of the bride, was topped with a Kim Anderson bride and groom and trimmed with a mixture of fresh flowers.

Mrs. Wayland Kyle Lomax
(Contributed Photo)

Serving at the bride's table were Cara McLeod of Abilene and Angela Rodriguez of Snyder.

The groom's table was covered with a burgundy cloth and white crocheted overlay. The groom's red velvet cake was topped with cream cheese icing. A nursing emblem design covered the top of the cake. Serving were Brandie Rhodes and Ashley Guynes.

Guest tables were covered with white cloths and white spider mums and greenery served as the centerpiece on the tables.

The bride and groom made their exit as the guests showered them with tiny bubbles.

After a short honeymoon, the couple reside in Snyder.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, a 1999 graduate of Western Texas College, and is employed by American State Bank.

The groom, a 1997 graduate of Ira High School and a 1999 graduate of the LVN program at WTC, is employed by Mitchell County Hospital at the Ware Unit.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games for Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday
Jan. 14
1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever
2. Bette Byrd, Anne Spitler.
3. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott
4. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal

Sunday
Jan. 16
Two teams of four each.
1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, Charlotte Mitchell and Shirley Stewart.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison and Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday
Jan. 18
Two teams tied for first place.
1. Peggy Hardin, Shirley Stewart, Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson — Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen, Christine Stuard, Nona Morrison.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. made a collect call from a pay telephone which refused to return his quarter. He called the operator, who dutifully requested his name and address so the phone company could mail a reimbursement. "My name is John D.... Oh, forget it — you wouldn't believe me anyway."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-22-00
♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ A Q 4
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ J 4

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

South
♠ A K 2
♥ J 9
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ A 6 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

It's the opposite of summer

The Senior Life Master took some time to remove his overcoat, jacket and sweater. "Why do we keep our rooms so warm in winter?" he asked rhetorically. "We are acclimatized to the cold; it doesn't need to be so hot in here."

One of his students called out, "It's the opposite in summer."

"That's true," he replied. "All right, let's make a start. Coincidentally, today's lesson is about opposites, doing the unusual, doing the opposite of 'normal,' if I may call it such."

The SLM asked them to plan the play in three no-trump. West led a fourth-highest heart five.

After giving them a minute, the SLM resumed.

"You have only four top tricks: two spades, one heart and one club. You will get four diamond tricks, but still need a ninth from somewhere. Obviously, if West has the heart king, you can run his lead to your jack and cruise home. But what if East has the heart king? Winning with dummy's heart ace shouldn't help, because when in with the diamond ace, surely they will switch to clubs. And if you play low from the dummy, East will know you have two heart-stoppers. Again, he will doubtless find the club switch. The right play, strange as it looks, is the heart queen at trick one.

"If West has the king, you have sacrificed an overtrick in a good cause. Yet when East has the king, he is bound to win with it and return the suit. Then you will knock out the diamond ace in peace.

"Normally, second hand plays high or low. Here, though, there was a third play; did you consider it?"

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Katrina Carrasco and Eric Garivay
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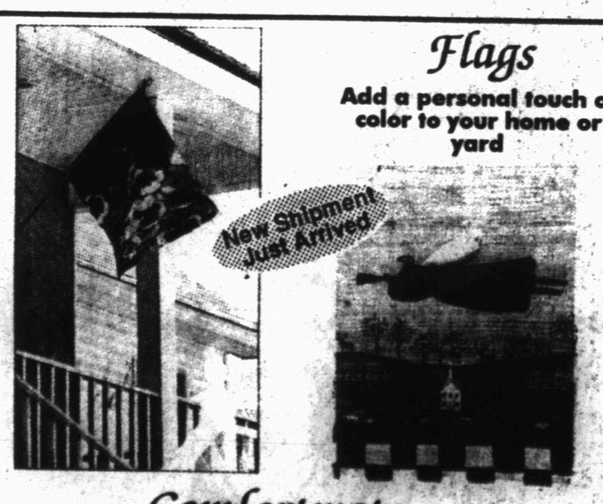

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Old flame is flickering about rekindling romance

DEAR ABBY: I have been in contact with my high school sweetheart for almost a year. We are both 32, and it has been 14 years since we've seen each other. My best friend looked him up for me and he begged her to send me his e-mail address. We are both engaged to other people.

His girlfriend is 10 years younger than we are, but we are still in love and find each other very attractive.

At first, he wanted to see me very badly. But when the date for our meeting approached, he seemed to forget about it. However, he continues to write, and gives me subtle messages that he may still love me.

About three weeks ago he brought up meeting again and began calling. He said he had done enough damage to our relationship and he was serious about getting together this time, but when I asked him to make real plans and set a date, he ignored me. He just sent jokes and letters about what's going on with his ex-wife.

What can I do to make him go through with his plans this time? I think he's scared or just a jerk. Frankly, I'm getting fed up. Should I just stop writing? — **OUT OF PATIENCE, SANGER, TEXAS**

DEAR OUT: If your former high school sweetheart were interested in anything more than e-mails, you would have seen him by now. It's time to log off the Internet and concentrate on your flesh-and-blood fiance — because if he gets wind of this flirtation, he'll feel very betrayed. And he'll be right!

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about obscene phone calls, I thought you might be interested in the one I received the summer of my surgery. When I answered the phone I heard heavy breathing. Then someone with a deep voice said, "I've been watching ... I've been watching you getting undressed every night."

I started to laugh because I knew it couldn't be true. I was in a body cast from underarms to hips — and confined to bed for four months! The caller then asked, "What's so funny?"

I said: "You'd better get glasses; I'm in a body cast."

There was no comment after that, just silence on the other end of the phone. That was the end of my one and only obscene call. — **STILL AMUSED IN CANADA**

DEAR STILL AMUSED: Although few people would welcome a call from a self-identified Peeping Tom, you appear to have handled yours quite well. Thank heaven for caller ID, the feature that makes it difficult for obscene callers to get through without exposing themselves, and for call-blocking, which cuts them off entirely.

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DEAR ABBY: Some friends of ours had a good solution for the folks who had "Mr. Uninvited" show up unexpectedly for dinner. They had a problem with a couple who regularly arrived just in time for dinner.

After dinner was over, they calmly put their plates down on the floor and let the dogs lick them completely clean. Then, as if it were the most natural thing in the world, they picked up the plates and put them away in the cupboard! The uninvited guests never showed up around dinner time again.

Cleanliness is next to dogliness. — **ELIOT FROM PORTLAND**

DEAR ELIOT: Cleanliness may be next to dogliness, but I'm praying that yours was a shaggy dog story. If it's not, there's no telling what you've unleashed.

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DEAR ABBY: I am not normally a person who would write to you, but I am prompted to do so as a result of the letter you printed relating to obtaining inheritance tax, estate tax or income tax incentives for people to become organ donors.

I am a lawyer who practices in the estate and tax field, and I thought that the proposition was interesting from that standpoint.

However, as a registered organ donor, I question both the proposition and your support of it. My questioning does not concern the need to get more organ donors, but it concerns the motivation of people to donate organs in return for tax relief.

I am concerned that our society needs to have "incentives" to do that which is right. Do we really need to have income tax deductions to support our favorite charities? Do we need tax incentives to encourage people to employ persons otherwise unemployable? Will charitable giving collapse if, for some reason, charitable deductions were eliminated from the Internal Revenue Code?

I would hope that the answer to these questions would be no, so I am not in support of the person who suggests that we give incentives to encourage people to become organ donors. The incentive should be that you are doing the right thing for the right reason. There is no other incentive necessary. — **ALFRED K. HETTINGER, ALLENTOWN, PA.**

DEAR MR. HETTINGER: The answer to all of your questions could well be "yes." And I agree with you that no incentive other than doing the right thing for the right reason should be necessary.

However, at this time 66,717 people are on organ-donor waiting lists, praying for a heart, a kidney or a liver that will save their lives. Last year, 4,800 people died waiting for that prayer to be answered. Is it more immoral for someone to die because there is a shortage or organs available, or to offer tax incentives to those who would otherwise bury their dear departed, organs and all? To me, it seems like a terible waste.

My philosophy coincides with that of the late Robert Test, who wrote the following:

TO REMEMBER ME

At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my "deathbed." Call it my "bed of life," and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teen-ager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body, and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

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High court tackles states' rights case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, taking on another states' rights battle, Friday agreed to decide whether state employees are protected by a key federal anti-bias law, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The justices, who two weeks ago barred state employees from going into federal court to sue over age bias, said they will study an appeal in which Florida officials say Congress likewise exceeded its power by giving state employees the right to sue in federal court under the ADA.

The court will hear arguments in the case in April, and a decision is expected by July.

The court's Jan. 11 decision whittled away more of the federal government's power over states, perpetuating a series of decisions legal scholars say comprise a states' rights revolution.

That 5-4 ruling said Congress had exceeded its authority when allowing state employees to sue their bosses under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act because the law cannot trump states' 11th Amendment immunity against being sued in federal courts.

Earlier this week, the court ordered lower courts to restudy rulings that said states and their agencies must abide by a 1963 federal law that requires employers to give men and women equal pay for equal work.

Chinese scientist disputes claim fossil is 'missing link'

BEIJING (AP) — A fossil hailed as an important find for the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs is really a composite of fossils from different creatures, a Chinese scientist says.

Xu Xing, an eminent paleontologist in Beijing, said he has found fossils that prove the fossilized turkey-sized creature unveiled last year may not be the evolutionary link some thought it was.

Xu's claim has forced paleontology circles, which greeted the find with some fanfare, to take a second look. And the controversy has highlighted the pitfalls of international research projects involving fossils that are often smuggled out of China and sold overseas.

Scientists have other evidence that birds evolved from dinosaurs, and Xu's finding doesn't overturn the theory.

The National Geographic Society convened a press conference in October to announce the discovery of the dinosaur, dubbed Archaeoraptor liaoningensis, which lived 120 million to 140 million years ago.

Unlike feathered dinosaurs discovered earlier, the Archaeoraptor showed evidence that it could fly, they said.

The Archaeoraptor fossil, however, included specimens that had been smuggled out of China and thus are of uncertain provenance.

Now National Geographic magazine plans to publish a note in its March issue saying that CT scans of the fossil appeared to confirm Xu's observations and had "revealed anomalies" in the reconstruction, said National Geographic Society spokeswoman Barbara Moffet. She added that more information was needed.

Xu contends the Archaeoraptor is a combination of two fossils: one of the body and head of a birdlike creature and the other of the tail of a different dinosaur. He said he has found another fossil, in a private collection in China, that contains the mirror image of the supposed tail of the Archaeoraptor.

Fossils often break in two when the rocks containing them are split in excavation.

"This is a completely new dinosaur. It's nothing like the Archaeoraptor," Xu, of China's Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, said in an interview.

Paleontologist Stephen Czerkas, who bought the Archaeoraptor fossil at a gem and mineral sale in Utah, said Xu may be right.

"No one has been able to actually compare the two fossils side-by-side. Research is still ongoing. But that is what we are all tending to believe."

Czerkas said the Archaeoraptor, even without its tail, remained a very important find.

"It's still totally one of a kind, first time anyone has seen anything like this before," said Czerkas, who with his wife, Sylvia, runs the Dinosaur Museum in Blanding, Utah.

He said Xu's dinosaur, a dromaeosaur that could not fly, was also "very exciting."

"We've never had a tail with feathers," Czerkas said. "We're getting new information about the dromaeosaur we've never had before."

Xu said he could not disclose further details about his find until he finished a research article for Nature magazine to be published later this year. He has invited U.S. scientists to visit Beijing to examine his find.

The fossils were unearthed in western Liaoning province, a barren, semi-desert region about 260 miles northeast of Beijing that is a treasure trove for paleontologists.

The region, which in prehistoric times was a humid lake area with abundant vegetation and wildlife, has yielded spectacular fossils of ancient birds and of dinosaurs with birdlike characteristics that some scientists say are evidence that birds evolved from dinosaurs.

As with other antiquities, China lacks the means to protect such treasures. Theft is such a problem that in another fossil-rich area, in southern Guangdong province, authorities offer rewards of up to $12,000 for tips on poachers, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

"Lots of specimens have been smuggled out for commercial purposes," Xu said. "For science, this is a disaster.

"When pieces are stolen and smuggled out, sometimes blocks of fossils are matched together mistakenly. That can be a big mistake, and it misleads the public."

Czerkas said he planned to return the Archaeoraptor fossil, which was illegally taken out of China, within several months.

"It is one of their natural treasures. Ultimately, it comes down to doing the right thing," he said.

Crib maker pays fine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Product Safety Commission says a Georgia furniture company will pay a $200,000 civil penalty for failing to report in a timely manner dangerous design flaws with some of its baby cribs.

The company, Baby's Dream Furniture of Buena Vista, "received nine reports of amputation, laceration and crushing of the fingertips associated with the problem before it reported to the agency," the commission said Thursday.

The commission said the defect caused cuts and crushed finger tips in at least nine cases. Eight of the injuries were to infants and one was suffered by an adult.

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New Vehicle Registrations

T&T Transport, 2000 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Lloyd and Loyce Ballard, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, three 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Carolyn Redwine, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

AccuChem Inc. and Robbie N. Floyd, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Brown, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Evelyn Barnett, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Carman and Mary McCown, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Sandra Jo Gannaway, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mike and Suzanne Dye, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Shelton Blake Bell, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David and Molly Kattes, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

C.A. Voncannon Jr., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dixie Haggard, 2000 Mercury Cougar from Wilson Motors.

Michael Comacho, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Scott Farley, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Barry and Peggy Jenkins, 2000 Ford Windstar from Wilson Motors.

Kenneth D. and Glenda Vestal, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

David and Gina Hood, 2000 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Manuel Barrera, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Antonio and Dominga Sosa, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Corey Bert Chester of Snyder and Amanda Kay Ellison of Post.

Alberto Rodriguez Jr. and Virginia Yescas, both of Snyder.

Adam Wayne Davis and Jennifer Lynn Rigsby, both of San Angelo.

Filed in District Court

Nancy Alexander vs. Jimmy Pittman, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of William L. Cotton and Shari M. Cotton, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Felicia Reynosa and Pedro Reynosa, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Roswell Rigsby to Malcolm Lee Rigsby, Lot 1 and part of Lot 4 in Block 43 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Doris M. Givens to Doris M. and Fred M. Givens, Trustees of The Givens Family Trust, tract one being 40 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 516, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 50 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 516, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Doris M. Givens to Doris M. and Fred M. Givens, Trustees of The Givens Family Trust, the north one-half of Section 491, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Colleen Cole to Bill and Nelda Luna, Lot 2 in Block 27 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Jerry McWilliams Pharmacy Inc. to Paula McWilliams, tract one being the northeast one-quarter of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the south 40 acres of the southeast one-quarter of Section 171, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the north 50 acres of the east 100 acres of the south one-half of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paula McWilliams to Jerry McWilliams Pharmacy Inc., Lots 29 and 30 in Block 1 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Raul and Margaret Villanueva to Sue Stroud, 2 acres out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Hoyt and Marie Dillard to Jesse B. and Caron S. Perkins, Lot 5, Block B of the Highland Park Addition.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. Inc. to Brian and Anita M. Moffett, 1.422 acres in Tract 47 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

James Elder Mills, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Marie Faye Mills, to James Elder Mills, tract one being Lots 3 and 4 in Block 6 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Kerry and Betty Bredemeyer, dba The Rental Store and More, to West Texas State Bank, the east 140 feet of the north 140 feet of Lot 1, Block 47 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Billy A. McCormick to Marco Co., Lot 6 in Block 17 of the Chambers Addition.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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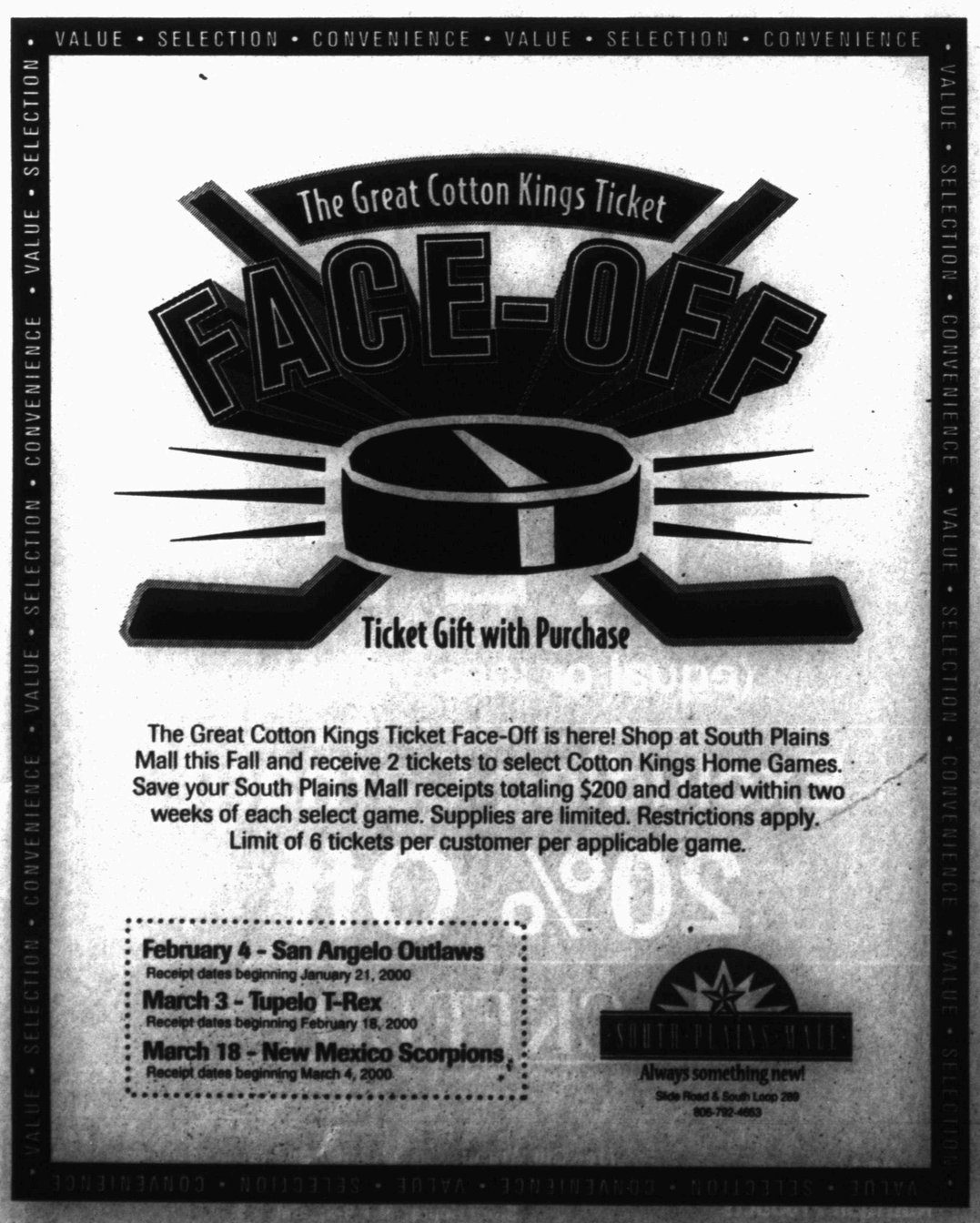

Better health exams and records sought

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federally-funded computer database holds a wealth of information on the nation's 9 million commercial bus and truck drivers, but very little about the drivers' health, the head of the program said Friday.

Jay Maxwell, president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, appeared Friday at a federal hearing into a charter bus crash on Mother's Day last year that killed 22 people in New Orleans. The investigation of the crash showed the driver's health problems played a major role in the accident.

The database, begun in the 1980s, contains information on driving records. But as for health information, it only indicates whether a driver has a medical record on file in a particular state, said Maxwell.

Another problem with the database is difficulty in getting access to it, said Peter Pantuso, president of the American Bus Association. He said companies that want to review the material have to go through private contractors.

"The system is very, very difficult. It's very cumbersome," he said.

The hearings began on Thursday, when the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said bus drivers and truckers should face the same strict medical exams that pilots take to avoid being grounded.

"You wouldn't want to get on an airplane with a pilot who is unfit," said NTSB chairman James Hall. "Each and every day we are sharing our highways with (bus and truck) drivers who are unfit."

An NTSB investigation found that driver Frank Bedell had a history of heart and kidney problems before the crash, but flaws in the licensing system allowed him to keep on driving.

The Federal Aviation Administration program to make sure pilots are healthy and free of drugs was held up as a model that the U.S. Transportation Department should adopt to improve bus and truck safety.

The FAA requires doctors to take a one-week training course before they can examine pilots, said Dr. Warren Silberman, chief medical officer with the FAA's pilot medical certification program.

All results are forwarded to the FAA for possible review. Also provided to the FAA are results of drug and alcohol tests. Pilots who test positive are grounded while they undergo treatment.

Congress last year passed laws revamping the federal agency responsible for bus and truck regulations, requiring employers to report positive drug tests to state officials and mandating that employers check driver drug test histories.

Transportation experts testified that commercial drivers with serious health problems "doctor shop" for physicians who give easy exams. Others said doctors are unaware of rules about driver health and that oversight by federal officials is virtually nonexistent.

Roberts to retire

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Snyder Independent School District's elementary schools. "Children need love, attention and direction. Seeing a smile on a child's face and the positive results that can result from working with children makes it all worthwhile," she added.

She noted that her former students now have children of their own in the 4-H program.

It came as no surprise that Kathryn chose to become a home extension agent. She and her brothers and sister grew up on a farm and the family was very involved with 4-H and showing animals. Kathryn's older sister, Doris, now deceased, also served as a home extension agent in Kansas as well.

While pursuing her home economics degree at Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College in Goodwell, Okla., now Panhandle State University, Kathryn earned a minor in science. When she graduated from college, she did not want to teach right away because she wasn't that much older than the high school students she would have been teaching.

Instead, she explored other options and found a job as a Home Service Advisor for Southwestern Public Service in Carlsbad, N.M.

She then took time out to begin a family with husband Gary Roberts, the production superintendent at YZ Industries.

A few years later she began teaching home economics at the high school. She had been substitute teaching, but when the home economics teacher resigned, she assumed her duties.

In a 1991 interview, Kathryn said she implemented the first food class for boys where they learned about cooking, buying groceries and washing dishes. Initially, she developed the program at the request of five boys.

Kathryn considers herself fortunate that her home economics degree allowed her to pursue three different careers within her field.

She was reared on a small family farm in Optima, Okla. Two brothers still farm the land today.

Her grandparents, William and Pauline Brune, established the farm in 1905, in No Man's Land territory. They planted wheat, milo and occasionally corn.

Growing up, Kathryn said her 4-H projects included sewing, food and nutrition, method demonstration, recreation, and she also showed Hereford steers and Registered Hereford Bulls.

She graduated from Guymon High School where she was a cheerleader and served on the student council. In college, she was a cheerleader for four years and served on the student council. She was elected homecoming queen her senior year and was among the first to be named to the then-new *Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities.*

After earning her BS degree in home economics, she later obtained her teaching certificate from Texas Tech University.

Kathryn holds membership in many professional organizations and has received several awards including state and national Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science Distinguished Service Award, state and national Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science Continued Excellence Award, and Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award.

She and Gary have been married for 38 years. They have two children and seven grandchildren. In 1974, they hosted an exchange student from France named Brigitte Glandut.

Their daughter Dalinda recently married Gary Halkowitz. Between them they have four children, Shannon Mangis, Bryce, Matthew, Kimberly Halkowitz. The Roberts' son, Dr. Stockton E. Roberts and his wife Georganne, live in Fort Worth. They have three children, Payton, Ashlyn and Preston.

Reflecting on retirement plans, Kathryn said she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, visiting friends, working on the family farm during visits, helping others and being a full time homemaker - just like her mother was.

She will now be able to take business trips with her husband. For relaxation, Kathryn said they like to spend time at their home on Lake Brownwood. She said she also likes to listen to quiet music, instrumental or Christian.

Fires may hurt effort to regain identity

RANGER (AP) — Since the oil boom ended nearly two decades ago, Ranger has struggled to regain its identity.

Protests against the North Texas town's police chief and a string of suspicious fires — events that some have said appear related — aren't what Mayor Ken Parrack had in mind.

"This really hurts from the standpoint of trying to go out and get new businesses because of the publicity," Parrack said. "The only way it could be good publicity is that we are trying to work on our drug problem here in Ranger."

Like so many small oil towns, Ranger has seen its share of post-boom misfortune.

The economy is stagnant and the population has dwindled from about 30,000 to just more than 2,800. There are vacant buildings on just about every street in this depressed town 85 miles west of Fort Worth.

Over the past year, at least four drug labs have been discovered and destroyed within the town limits. No arrests have been made in those cases.

Elected last May, the 71-year-old Parrack has worked to rekindle the economy, trying to recruit new businesses to the area. His first success came when a new mobile home sales park opened about a month ago.

"Since the oil boom went down, the economy hasn't recovered," said Parrack, who moved into town near the tail-end of the boom in 1979. "Of course, we're oil and gas and farming, ranching. And all of the above aren't very good."

But the problems seemed to arrive soon after protesters picketed City Hall on Monday night, demanding the firing or resignation of Police Chief Tom Million for excessive enforcement.

The City Council refused to act on the protesters' demands, and before it had even adjourned, the first of the fires had been reported.

Eventually, 12 fires sprang up overnight, with arson suspected in all of them. Among the worst: eight vacant houses and a barn filed with $150,000 worth of hay were torched.

Police spokesman Scott Cook said Thursday night, "That barn is going to smolder for a while."

Four more fires were reported Wednesday on a back road connecting Mingus and Strawn, towns were many Ranger police officers live.

Though most people in this town have an idea who is responsible for the Monday night blazes, as of Thursday night, no arrests had been made.

Parrack and Million both say some of the City Hall protesters were known to be involved in drugs and were likely upset with the no-tolerance stance the chief has taken concerning narcotics.

As for the vacant houses that were burned, some of them were structures that likely would have been targeted by town officials in an effort to clean up some 100 abandoned buildings.

The mayor and the town's secretary, Arthur Camacho, attended a seminar last week where they heard about procedures for getting rid of vacant, rundown houses or forcing owners to clean properties.

"We got a good knowledge of how to go about all of this, and within the next short period of time we are going to be sending our notices," Parrack said.

Officials say the fire investigation, which includes federal, state and local authorities, could take some time.

Police have already enacted a curfew in the town from dark to dawn, which remains in affect for the time being.

Part of Parrack's continued renewal involves giving cleaned-out lots to people who do business with Texas Ranger Homes, the mobile home sales business that opened in town just last month.

By giving the land away to homebuyers, the town hopes to strengthen its tax base while also making it more attractive.

"The mayor and the City Council are really trying," Jimmy Edmondson, a Texas Ranger Homes co-owner, told The Associated Press. "Any town has their problems and these guys are trying to pull it in the right direction.

"This used to be a boomtown, hopefully we are all headed back in that direction," he said.

No material of JFK shirt on fragments of bullet, tests say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Material found on the bullet that killed President Kennedy did not come from the clothing of Kennedy or John B. Connally, according to tests that raise doubts about a second gunman.

A scientific panel concluded in a report released Friday by the National Archives that material on the nose of a bullet retrieved from Kennedy's limousine consisted of paper fibers and nontextile material that could not have come from Kennedy or Connally's shirt.

If it had, that would have supported theories that a second gunman was involved.

The Justice Department asked the FBI to test the fragments to determine whether the materials had any relevance to the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman.

Connally, the Texas governor, was riding in Kennedy's limousine in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, when the president was shot and killed. One of three shots hit Kennedy and then Connally. The Warren Commission, which conducted the official U.S. government investigation of Kennedy's slaying, concluded that Oswald was the sole gunman. Connally died in 1993.

If the material was from Kennedy's shirt, tie or tie liner, there might have been a "different trajectory than that previously identified" by the commission, said John Keeney, acting assistant attorney general, in a January 1996 letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh requesting a bureau investigation of the bullet fragments. The letter was released by the Archives along with the bullet report.

The bullet fragments had been stored for years in a metal can lined with cotton, but tests showed that material found on the bullet was not the same as the cotton from the can.

Government scientists also found human skin and tissue on four bullet fragments, "but it was not possible to establish the precise body areas of origin (e.g. scalp, torso, limb)," the report said. DNA analysis of the material was inconclusive.

The panel of scientists from the Archives, the FBI Laboratory, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory had considered getting DNA samples from Kennedy and Connally family members for comparison, but ruled that out after DNA analysis proved inconclusive.

The tests were a piece of unfinished business in the investigation of Kennedy's assassination. The firearms-examination panel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations had recommended the analysis in 1979, but the recommendation was left out of the committee's final report and the tests were never done.

The tests on the fragments, which are government property, began in September 1998 and were completed last fall.

Rosa Parks name proposed for one stretch of highway

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a turnabout that tickles civil rights leaders, a Missouri lawmaker has proposed naming a Ku Klux Klan-sponsored stretch of highway after civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

State Sen. Bill Clay Jr., embarrassed by the Klan's participation in the state Adopt-A-Highway litter control program, offered the legislation Thursday.

"To have the Klan clean up a section of highway named to honor the woman who started the modern civil rights movement — I love it," Clay said.

Parks' refusal to yield her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in 1955 was a turning point in the civil rights movement.

The Klan won the right to participate in the cleanup program last fall after years of fighting the Department of Transportation in court. A federal appeals court ruled in November that the state cannot bar the Klan from participating.

The Klan's national director, Thomas Robb, did not return a call seeking comment. Michael A. Cuffley, who led the Klan's legal fight to adopt the road and is wanted on felony burglary charges in St. Louis County, could not be reached for comment.

Signs on a portion of Interstate 55 south of downtown St. Louis that read, "Next mile adopted by Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Missouri," were stolen a day after they were erected. They have not been replaced.

Jeff Briggs, a spokesman for the Transportation Department, said no Klan members are known to have gone to the site to clean it up. Groups are required to collect litter at least four times a year.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

Competing in the New Century

I don't have a crystal ball and I'm not clairvoyant. However, I think I can tell you what successful businesses will be doing to stay successful.

Sometimes you can predict the future by studying the past. Here are my predictions for what successful companies will do to maintain their success. These prognostications are based on what successful companies have been doing all along.

The elements of excellence

* **Successful companies will excel because they are willing to pay the price of success.** Hard work, sacrifice, long hours, continuous learning, ever changing and never satisfied are characteristics you'll see driving winning companies.

* **Successful companies will know where they are headed.** They will have a plan, a sense of direction and a purpose to guide them. Just as a mountain climber heads for the peak, a quarterback aims for the end zone and a runner pushes toward the finish line, these companies will focus on the results they have targeted.

* **Successful companies will prosper because they seek success, not security.** A company that is focused on protecting its assets is a stationary target for firms that are willing to risk their assets for gain. Businesses will find neither ease nor comfort. But, those who pursue prosperity with hard work, an iron will and a daring spirit of adventure will prosper.

* **Successful companies will grow because they know that bigger is not better.** Successful companies will grow because they focus on continually improving what they do. Those companies who strengthen their market position, focus on their customers and strive to make improvements, will achieve long-term, sustainable growth. Getting bigger is a byproduct of getting better.

The dinosaurs were big, but are now gone. The elephant is huge, but the lion is still king of the jungle. When you concentrate on becoming the faster, smarter and better competitor, you won't have to worry about the biggest kids on the block.

* **Successful companies will succeed because they have their priorities right.** They know the four P's of prosperity: 1) **People.** They care for customers and employees. 2) Planning. They know the value of thinking slowly before acting quickly. 3) **Promotion.** They know they can increase their standard of living if they increase others' standard of longing. 4) **Profit.** The byproduct of getting the first three priorities right.

* **Successful companies will use power tools.** For example, they use the power tools of marketing. They have the power of appeal in their products. They have the power of value in their prices. They have the power of benefit in their position. They have the power of technology in their promotion. They have the power of product knowledge in their people. They have the power of convenience in their location.

* **Successful companies will prosper because the current level of success is never good enough.** Some of the best-run companies of the '70s were battered by the up-and-comers of the '80s. Those who relaxed a little in the '80s were blown away by the over-achievers of the '90s. It will be the same in the '00s. Watch the companies who are unhappy with just being good. They'll be great before long.

* **Successful companies will not wait for their ship to come in.** They will wade out to meet it. They are proactive, not reactive. They won't wait for opportunity to knock, they will wedge the door wide open and leave the light on.

So what about you? Will you be leading the parade, or following it? I plan to be at the front. Hope to see you there.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken pot pie, vegetable sticks, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday

Braised ham, sweet potato patty, asparagus, sliced pineapple w/cheese, chocolate pudding

Wednesday

Roast beef w/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, Waldorf salad, pineapple flop cake

Thursday

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, sopapillas

Friday

Fried fish, au gratin potatoes, tomatoes w/green beans, fruited gelatin chiffon, coconut cookies

Senior Center News

The senior swimnastics class at Western Texas College is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Seniors needing further information may call the center at 573-4035.

The February-March Newsletter will be mailed this week. Seniors who are not on our mailing list or who have an address change are asked to phone the Senior Center.

Beginning Feb. 2, an AARP volunteer will be available on Wednesdays to help citizens who need assistance in filing their income tax forms. Bernhard Bartels will be at the center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The exercise class is low impact of 15-20 minute duration. The exercises focus on arms, shoulders, neck, eyes and legs. Many of the exercises can be done while seated, so all seniors are encouraged to participate at their level of activity. Any movement is better than none at all.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. daily exercise at 11, the Local Yokels Band will be entertaining at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. The building will open at 6:30 p.m. for the dance/game night. The Benny Benitez Band will play for the country and western dance at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

We will serve birthday cake at 10:30 a.m. and the Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m.

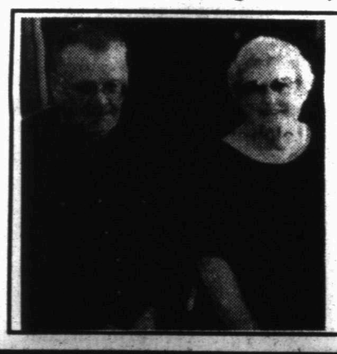
Friday

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

N.Y. obstetrician carved initials in skin

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman has filed a $5.5 million lawsuit against a doctor who carved his initials — "A" and "Z" — into her stomach after delivering her baby girl by Caesarean section.

Dr. Allan Zarkin used a scalpel to carve the 3-by-11/2-inch letters into the skin of Liana Gedz on Sept. 7.



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Making innocence a priority

by George R. Plagenz

Maybe you had Pokemon or the Harry Potter books for the children on your Christmas lists last month. As for me, I picked out "Pollyanna" and "Changes for Felicity" from the American Girls Collection.

These are books that keep alive the imagination and innocence of children. Elie Wiesel, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, said the world today is not a place we would want to bring our children into. Yet we must, he said, for the world desperately needs the innocence childhood brings. Yes — except that nowadays we take that innocence from children too soon. We force into the life of youth the experiences and thoughts of age. It is no blessing to children to see life as an older person sees it.

"In every corner of contemporary culture, childhood innocence is under assault," says Michael Medved, the film critic. "The idea of parental protectiveness has been overwhelmed by relentless pressure from a society that seems perversely determined to frighten and corrupt its young in a misguided effort to 'prepare' them for a harsh, dangerous future."

Let's go back to last summer and look in on a family reunion in progress:

The hot dogs have all been devoured and the children, tuckered out after a day of fun, are sprawled out on the floor in front of the television set, watching a baseball movie called "Major League."

What could be more all-American than a Sunday picnic, baseball and kids with mustard on their chins? Except that this was one of the saddest little scenes I have ever witnessed.

These were boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 listening to some of the foulest language ever uttered. But no little child spoke up to say, "Oooo, he said a bad word." No one got up and said, "I'm going to tell Daddy what that man said."

What if Daddy had known what the children were looking at? One father, who did watch the movie for 10 minutes, said when he got up to join the other adults on the back porch, "Good movie, but what awful language."

Another father poked his head in just as one ball player in the movie was turning the living room blue with a string of graphic obscenities. "Such language!" said this father as he sauntered back outdoors.

The TV played on.

These are parents who want a better environment for their children and themselves. They recycle and don't smoke. Do they see the irony of what was happening in their living room?

Do I sound like Pollyanna? I am glad. You know, I hope, the story of the 11-year-old orphan girl who comes to live with her Aunt Polly in Vermont and changes the heart of an entire town with her happy outlook. She does it by teaching the townsfolk to play the "glad game," which involves finding something to be glad about in everything that happens.

When old Tom, Aunt Polly's bent-over hired hand, can't find anything to be glad about, Pollyanna reminds him he can be glad he doesn't have to stoop so far to do his weeding — "cause he was already bent part way over."

The word Pollyanna is used today mostly in a disparaging sense, referring to someone whose irresponsible optimism fails to take account of the hard facts of the real world.

Pollyanna's critics want to warn children and their parents about the dangers of living in an unreal dream world. What they should be doing is helping to build a world that will be safe for the hopes of motherhood, safe for the dreams of childhood.

Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Life hands us challenges that have to be met

Every now and then, life hands to us challenges that cannot be met handily, but must be overcome in bits and pieces—by trial and error and persistence and grit and stamina and faith and a sort of cock-eyed optimism over a period of months or even years.

Few things test what we are made of quite so conclusively as having to endure such a situation and persevere until we triumph.

Over the long haul, we may question our faith a hundred times and our own soul-strength a thousand, and sometimes, it can get so tough that we almost give up from sheer exhaustion alone.

Many life events can throw us into a long-term situation. We may be caring for an elderly parent, raising a troubled teen to productive adulthood, completing a lengthy and demanding degree plan, undergoing chemotherapy or physical rehabilitation, or rebuilding a career while struggling our way back to financial stability.

Recently, I discussed this with my husband. As many of you know, three years ago I faced a shattering career setback that nearly sidelined me from the publishing game.

In September of 1997, I started intense research on a massive and difficult project, to be written under a male pseudonym in a different genre, that was designed to put me back in the game and us back on our feet.

By late spring of 1998 I had taken on a partner who had never written a book before. We had to learn to work together by trial and error, argument and compromise. As of now, the winter of 2000, we are about two-thirds of the way through the completed manuscript and hope to finish it this spring.

Through the whole thing, I have worked virtually without income, because since we are writing a "first" novel under a pseudonym, we have to write the book in full before my agent can sell it - with two kids in college, no less and during one of the worst droughts of the century.

It has been the toughest challenge of my entire career and one of the hardest times I've been through personally, because such a Herculean effort affects every aspect of your life, from your marriage to your friendships to your relationship with your kids.

I confess I pulled away from some friends who failed to realize just how difficult this has been on us. I found that I simply didn't have time any more to deal with them. I also had to drop some civic activities in which I believed, simply because I had to put the full focus of my concentration on my work.

When you are enduring a long-running situation, you must grapple with periodic depression, which can just flat lay you out, and a kind of fatigue that I lack words to describe. You can't get any rest, not even when you sleep. There is no rest, period.

So I said to my husband, Kent, "I'm so exhausted. I feel as if I'm in a triathlon event, and I've completed the 50-mile bike ride and the 20-mile swim, and now I've got the 27-mile run to go, and I can't even imagine completing this race. All I can do is put one foot in front of the other and not even look down the road."

And he said, "But what happens is, once you break through the wall, euphoria sets in and you're able to finish the race."

I knew he was talking about a figurative wall described by marathon runners—a time near the end of the race when exhaustion breaks through to a strange "high" that gives them an extra burst of speed and endurance. With a tired sigh, I said, "How am I going to get through that wall?" And he said, "You're at the wall now."

I found my husband's words immensely encouraging. They reminded me of an article I read that was written by a 17-year old boy, Kent Johnson, after he became the youngest person ever to complete the grueling Continental Divide Mountain Bike Trail.

The trail begins at the Canadian border and ends, 2500 miles later, at the Mexican border in Antelope Wells, New Mexico.

In discussing the mental toll that such a journey takes on the biker, Kent Johnson wrote, "the secret to success is to take one mile at a time...Never assume that when you look up the trail ahead of you that you are looking at the top of the pass.

You are probably going to be terribly disappointed to find that once you reach what you thought was the top, you have, in reality, completed only one of many small hilltops leading to the summit."

Young Mr. Johnson described what he referred to as a "trance-like state in which you stare about five feet in front of the bicycle," while you push your body onward until it assumes a rhythm of pumping your legs until your mind forgets what you are doing.

Real life, he says, suddenly jerks you out of it—when it's time to eat or go to the bathroom, for instance.

Over the long haul, we tend to do things we never thought possible, and as the young biker explained, "By taking little steps, I cycled an average of 45 miles each day, climbed a cumulative 210,000 feet, and...reached my final destination." In 75 days, no less—a record time.

When I get discouraged—and I often do—I like to compare where I am today with where I was this time a year ago.

And in spite of the fact that the going seems to be so agonizingly slow, the truth is that I'm much further along.

Who knows where I'll be this time next year?

At the end of my destination, I'm sure - and feelin' fine.

Letter to the Editor

Dog Fight

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to the dog fight last Tuesday. I resent the Daily News printing that our dog started that fight.

Did she bark at the Pit Dog — probably YES. Did she harm anything or any person NO. This is a little 12-pound loveable dog who loves people.

I do want to warn all the people in this neighborhood that the owner of the "Pit" has two more large dogs chained in his backyard.

One is another "Pit". The owner lives on 40th Street and not 39th as printed, and every time I drive down 40th Street, I see at least a dog and little children playing in the yards.

One lady told me that one of the "Pits" had chased her son into their house and even followed him in and she had to call for help to get it out.

It seems that everytime I hear or read of a Pit dog attacking a person, they go for the persons face. And children are mutilated. That dog missed Jake's eye by 1-1/2 inches and his throat by 2 inches. The last I've heard, the owner is refusing to give the dog up!

Another thing that has bothered me is that the woman in the passenger seat of the ambulance informed me that I cared more for my dog than I care for my husband.

And a neighbor told me that she was repeating it to other neighbors.

F.Y.I — Jan. 18th, the Tuesday of the dog fight was our 46th wedding anniversary, and we are still hoping for more years together.

Allene LaRoux

Let TDA know how you feel

Dear Editor:

Before 1991 there was a buffer zone above the Caprock, free of boll weevils due to spraying by Plains cotton growers each year. That year the first organic cotton was grown, and they could not control their weevils and would not spray.

In 1992, we were seeing weevils and by 1993 they began to multiply and move west into the surrounding counties.

The Permian Basin zone voted for a boll weevil eradication program. Next year, there is to be extensive control of the weevil by all cotton growers.

The orga. ic growers are wanting to be paid $400 an acre not to plant cotton. Yet, in the Texas Department of Agriculture there rules for organic certification program that addresses this problem.

It states "currently, there are limited pest management techniques that will effectively control the boll weevil under TDA's strict organic standards.

However, if boll weevils are present, certified producers are required under TDA's standards to comply with federal, state or local emergency sprayer pest management programs and adhere to a pest management plan designed or authorized by the department."

Let TDA know you do not approve of paying organic farmers. Call the TDA in Austin at 512-463-7553 and ask for Matt Brockman or Scott Hazelmire.

Please call soon, as the TDA is in the process of writing rules to govern how much the organic cotton growers in all active zones will be paid next year, not to plant cotton.

Conventional Cotton Farmers,
Glen Kingston
W.A. "Buddy" Telchik
Kent Holmes
Borden County

Wake Up Snyder

Dear Editor:

What can I say about Snyder? This town is always howling "spend your money here" along with "clean up the town." Nevertheless, when we get a new business in town we try to run them out.

We have a new restaurant in town called "The White Buffalo Café," a nice place to eat if you can find a place to park. You see the city has put in railroad ties and barricades so you cannot park in the lot next to this business (I have been told he has made an offer on the lot).

Is this a sign of things to come? Are we going to see railroad ties on all lots owned by the city? When you see this on College Ave., it looks like a crime scene. Do we get to look forward to this scene all over town, on all city lots or just next to a new business?

On the other side of the café, a business closes at 6 p.m. However, it has management that runs out and tells you not to park on their lot. If they do not catch you before you enter the café he will come in and find you. It is time for Snyder to wake up, the oil boom is over, we need to be more accepting of new businesses coming into Snyder. We need all the new business we can get in Snyder.

Glenn Burns

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

On Confederate flag flap:

South Carolina's Legislature convened last week. Guess what topic dominated the debate. Education? Transportation? The environment?

No, the Civil War.

Specifically, legislators discussed whether the Confederate battle flag should fly atop the Statehouse, as it has for nearly four decades. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People started a tourism boycott of South Carolina on Jan. 1 and means to keep it until the flag is removed.

The Civil War ended 135 years ago. Alas, it might as well have ended yesterday as far as some South Carolinians are concerned. History for them seems not to move in a line but a circle. The state earned a reputation for hotheadedness for firing the war's first shots, and the new flag flap makes it seem no less restrained.

Witness the intemperate talk of state Sen. Arthur Ravenel, a flag supporter. He called the NAACP "the National Association for Retarded People," then defended his remark as a "slip of the tongue" and refused to apologize. Instead, he apologized to "the retarded folks of the world for equating them to the national NAACP."

Mr. Ravenel's obnoxious commentary shows how the extremes have dominated the debate. The Sons of Confederate Veterans see the proposal to bring down the flag as an attempt to rewrite history and an assault on their heritage. Some African-Americans see the proposal as part of a larger campaign to eliminate all Confederate symbols.

Unlike South Carolina, Virginia does not fly the Confederate battle flag as an official emblem of the state government. And therein lies a key distinction. Virginians balance regard for history with respect for the descendants of the victims of slavery. South Carolinians should earnestly aspire to do the same.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

On uphill climb for Democrats:

Democrats in the House of Representatives, Dwight Eisenhower once said, were "too big for their britches and too small for their jobs." Those were the old Democrats when the boys in Congress — and they were mostly all boys then — always behaved badly, wielding power like Jimmy Hoffa in the Teamsters Union.

The Democrats have had their comeuppance in recent years, losing control of the House five years ago to the Republicans. They regained control of the White House with Bill Clinton's election eight years ago, and now they hope to regain control of the House.

While most observers think the Republicans will manage to hold on to their slim majority in the Senate, the outlook in the House is dicey. A nationwide survey by pollster John Zogby found that Republicans were favored for congressional seats by 33.1 percent while Democrats were favored by 31.8 percent. Of more significance, however, was the fact that 32 percent were undecided. This means that Democrats and Republicans must tailor their messages for voters who could go either way.

The strategy for both sides, it seems, is to demonstrate their willingness to work with the opposite party, to compromise, to "reason together," as LBJ once said when he was trying to sway Everett Dirksen. William E. Connelly Jr., professor of politics at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., said in a Congressional Quarterly article that the party that wants to control Congress in the next decade "is going to have to be willing to invade enemy territory." Democrats will have to deliver a message that will appeal to moderate and independent voters who are used to switch-hitting on election day and Republicans will have to moderate their fire-breathing zealotry.

Houston Chronicle

On China trade:

President Clinton recently named two senior members of his administration, Commerce Secretary William Daley and Deputy White House Chief of Staff Steven Ricchetti, to lobby Congress to approve the terms under which China may enter the World Trade Organization. Already, China and the United States engage in trade worth $80 billion annually. The value of that relationship would increase exponentially should China ever be granted WTO membership.

Far from an esoteric argument that little concerns Texans, the China-trade question packs the potential to enrich already lucrative export-import business between that Asian powerhouse nation and the citizens of this city and state. More than 33,000 Texas workers earn at least some part of their livelihood from exports to China, exports that amounted to $1.9 billion in 1998, according to the Texas International Trade Alliance. The Port of Houston, which plays a substantial role in international trade, would benefit greatly from freer trade with China.

Reinforcing that argument is the fact that organizations like the Trade Alliance and the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce strongly support improving trade relations with China.

In November, the U.S. government concluded bilateral trade negotiations with China on issues such as tariffs and market access. Two dozen or so other countries must wrap up their trade talks before China can enter the WTO. Congress has no authority to approve or derail this process, but lawmakers must establish permanent normal trade relations, which would avoid annual trade renegotiations that limit American business' full competitiveness in Chinese markets.

Waco Tribune-Herald

On population boom:

The Census Bureau projects that by the end of the next century America's current population will have doubled. Is this the arithmetic of doom?

We trust not. Rather, we trust in human collaboration, God-given resources and abilities, and sane policies to make America's prosperous way of life last another century.

In the 20th Century (which official timekeepers point out has a year left) the nation's population tripled. Rather than hit a wall, America experienced prosperity unmatched.

Some optimists will say that a doubling of today's population will bring even more prosperity through better services, better health care and technological advances.

Whether true or not, it all may depend on public policies that reflect a simple fact: The essence of population control is whether parents can control how many mouths they will feed.

To that end, President Clinton has proposed a most sane policy of increasing federal aid to family planning agencies. In the grand scheme of federal spending, it verges on the insignificant: a $35 million increase. But it's an important shot in the arm because for more than a decade, spending on family planning has lagged in relation to the need.

Prosecutors seek key to aide's suicide

BERLIN (AP) — Prosecutors probed the latest mystery in Germany's scandal-ridden Christian Democrats today, seeking clues to a party aide's suicide in the midst of swirling investigations into alleged bribes, covert campaign funds and secret cash transfers.

Party leaders, meanwhile, hinted they were considering legal steps to try to make ex-chancellor Helmut Kohl reveal the source of secret campaign money. That would represent a remarkable confrontation between the conservatives and their longtime chief.

Prosecutors in Berlin said they were pursuing an investigation for breach of trust after the suicide Thursday of Wolfgang Huellen, the party's senior accountant in parliament.

The offense can refer to embezzlement, a suspicion fed by newspaper reports that Huellen's suicide note suggested he diverted party money and feared being exposed by auditors.

Outside auditors are combing years of Christian Democrat records to shed light on secret campaign money, and the party was to publish their report Monday.

Berlin prosecutors refused to speculate on Huellen's motives today, though there was no suggestion he actively helped Kohl hide secret campaign funds.

Bonn prosecutors, who are examining possible criminal charges against Kohl himself, refused comment on whether Huellen's case was connected with their probe.

Kohl touched off the scandal Dec. 16 by admitting he accepted up to $1 million in cash from people he has refused to identify and kept the money off the books.

Revelations of secret campaign funds have multiplied since then, but Kohl's stubborn silence has kept alive speculation of political favors in return for campaign donations.

A longtime Kohl critic, Heiner Geissler, said party leaders were examining whether they could take Kohl to court to pressure him to name the donors.

As former party chairman, Kohl has a legal duty to disclose details on its money flows if asked, Geissler said late Thursday on ZDF television. Party leader Wolfgang Schaeuble dropped a similar hint in parliament Thursday.

A poll released today showed how severely the scandal has hurt the Christian Democrats, who led Germany for 16 years under Kohl.

Support for the conservatives has plummeted to 32 percent from 43 percent a month earlier, the poll for ZDF television said. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats polled 45 percent, up from 41 percent. The poll of 1,270 people taken this week had a margin of error of 2.7 percentage points.

A former Kohl aide today gave up her seat on a panel working on military reform amid allegations of involvement in the still widening scandal.

Agnes Huerland-Buening, 73, was made the Christian Democrats' business manager by Kohl after he became chancellor in 1982 and also held a senior Defense Ministry post.

German media said she is wanted for questioning in a probe by Swiss prosecutors into alleged kickbacks in the sale of an oil refinery in former communist East Germany to France's Elf Aquitaine, a prestige project after German unification in 1990.

Clinton seeks huge boost for science, research projects

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — President Clinton said today he will ask Congress for a $2.8 billion boost for basic scientific and medical research to spur economic growth and enhance longevity and health for Americans.

He spelled out steps he wants to take and the science investment he seeks to help America "accelerate the march of human progress" in the 21st century."

Speaking at the California Institute of Technology, Clinton announced that his administration's budget for fiscal 2001 will include a major new investment in a fund aimed at boosting research in several critical fields, including cancer, diabetes and AIDS, and promoting development of super-fast computer technology.

White House officials said that if Congress approves, which they said is likely, total U.S. spending on basic scientific and technological research would increase to about $43 billion in 2001.

Clinton also announced a new initiative in "nanotechnology," the study of atoms and molecules and how they can be manipulated to vastly improve the memory of computer information systems.

"Imagine putting the contents of the Library of Congress inside a device the size of a sugar cube," Clinton said.

While in the Los Angeles area, Clinton also planned to attend two fund-raising events to benefit the Democratic National Committee. He may also get in a round or two of golf.

In recent days, Clinton, administration officials and allies on Capitol Hill have been disclosing pieces of the 2001 budget that the president will present to Congress on Feb. 7. Details of Clinton's research-investment proposal were made available by White House officials who commented on condition of anonymity.

Clinton told his Cal Tech audience that a new investment in basic research of the magnitude he proposes is an important step in assuring U.S. prosperity in the 21st century and will lead to longer and healthier lives.

Major elements of the new proposal include:

—A $1 billion increase in biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health.

—A $675 million increase in spending for the National Science Foundation. A White House official said, that if approved, the new spending level will "double the largest dollar increase ever in the history of the foundation."

—$475 million for the nanotechnology initiative.

—More than $500 million for information technology research.

The White House official said this could lead to the development of a super-fast super computer that could predict tornadoes and hurricanes more rapidly and have other important practical applications.

Woman remains in jail because she refuses to allow grandma to visit

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A judge has ordered an Illinois woman to remain jailed for refusing to let her daughter visit with her paternal grandmother.

Julie Mehring, 27, has been jailed since Nov. 17 — except for a Christmas furlough— for defying a court order that grants Ella Mehring, 76, the right to visit with 7-year-old Jenna Mehring.

In her ruling Thursday, Madison County Circuit Judge Barbara Crowder said she's "not unmindful of the hardship" placed on Jenna by her mother remaining in jail.

The judge added: "My orders mean something, and I don't take lightly somebody saying they're going to defy them."

After the hearing, Julie Mehring told reporters she'll stay in jail "no matter how long it takes."

Date Book

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000

Today is the 22nd day of 2000 and the 32nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1968, "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on the NBC television network.

On this day in 1969, Glen Campbell's "Wichita Lineman" became a gold record.

On this day in 1980, Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, were sent into internal exile at the city of Gorky.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Bacon (1561-1626), philosopher; George Gordon, Lord Byron (1788-1824), poet; Richard Upjohn (1802-1878), architect; August Strindberg (1849-1912), playwright; D.W. Griffith (1875-1948), director; Piper Laurie (1932-), actress, is 68; Sam Cooke (1935-1964), singer; Joseph Wambaugh (1937-), novelist, is 70; Mike Bossy (1957-), hockey player, is 43; Linda Blair (1959-), actress, is 41; Michael Hutchence (1960-1997), singer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, State University of New York's Annette Kennedy scored 70 points in a game against Pratt Institute, setting a new women's collegiate record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Be so true to thyself, as thou be not false to others." — Francis Bacon

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 20) and last quarter (Jan. 28).

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000

Today is the 23rd day of 2000 and the 33rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell of Bristol, England, became the first woman to receive a degree in medicine. She got her M.D. at the Medical Institute in Geneva, N.Y.

On this day in 1943, "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, premiered.

On this day in 1970, Judy Collins' request to sing her testimony at the trial of the Chicago Seven was denied.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stendahl (1783-1842), novelist; Edouard Manet (1832-1883), artist; Sergei Eisenstein (1898-1948), Soviet film director; Randolph Scott (1898-1987), actor; Humphrey Bogart (1899-1957), actor; Potter Stewart (1915-1985), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Ernie Kovacs (1919-1962), comedian; Jeanne Moreau (1928-), actress, is 72; Chita Rivera (1933-), dancer-actress, is 67; Richard Dean Anderson (1953-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1944, the most lopsided score in NHL history occurred when the Detroit Red Wings defeated the New York Rangers 15-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Almost all our misfortunes in life come from the wrong notions we have about the things that happen to us. To know men thoroughly, to judge events sanely is, therefore, a great step towards happiness." — Stendhal

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 20) and last quarter (Jan. 28).

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Tiles could hold up Endeavour's launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A missing thermal tile on the right wing of the space shuttle Discovery could hold up the upcoming launch of another shuttle.

The tile was missing when Discovery returned last month from a successful repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. Engineers believe the tile was installed improperly and came off just before landing. The tiles protect the ship from the searing heat of re-entry.

NASA wants to make sure Endeavour's tiles were applied correctly and has ordered a paperwork review, spokesman Joel Wells said Tuesday. Already, two of the unusually shaped tiles have had to be replaced.

Shuttle managers have set a launch date of no earlier than Jan. 31 for Endeavour's Earth-mapping mission. The flight could be delayed further if additional tile work is required.

The 11-day mission originally was scheduled for September, but was delayed so NASA could repair flawed wiring aboard Endeavour. Damaged wiring was found in all four shuttles following Columbia's launch in July, and all flights were put on hold.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000

Feathering your nest to a greater degree is possible for you in the coming year. It will be of an enduring nature if you make certain some of it is neatly tucked away for a rainy day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you feel you're deserving of some type of reciprocation for what you've done for another, chances are you might get it today. However, it may not be as grandiose you expected. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although a partner might prove helpful in your affairs to some degree today, don't expect more from this person than she or he is capable of delivering and you won't be disappointed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Much can be accomplished today, provided you don't allow yourself to get bogged down in irrelevant side issues from which you have little to gain. Stay the course.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A shared interest with a friend of long standing has great potential for success today, but you mustn't permit someone who butts into the endeavor to cause a disruption.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The behavior of a family member could be a trifle disappointing to you today. However, try not to make too much of the infraction, we all have feet of clay.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Early in the day, you might start out gung ho in living up to your commitments. Later on, however, you may find yourself sidetracked and fail to get done what's needed if you're not careful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When it comes to making money, you've been pretty good lately. Sadly today, however, you could allow an extravagant whim to eat up your hard earned savings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your will is strong today, but your whims might be stronger, especially when it comes to satisfying a personal, frivolous gratification. Try to hang on to the former.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When it comes to being self-reliant, you're pretty good. However, when it comes to letting others do things for you, you can sometimes be even better. This will not prove wise today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A matter you thought you had resolved satisfactorily could still produce some undesirable side effects and need more of your attention today. Take it in stride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't allow anyone to butt into your business today, especially if you're involved in a project that calls for attention to detail. Keep to your game plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though pals might want to be helpful, their counsel could prove nonconstructive. Put more stock in your own experiences than in the advice given to you by others today.

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Monday, Jan. 24, 2000

It's important that you establish your goals and ambitions early in the year and keep to your game plan. Success comes to those who know where they want to go and do something about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't allow a domineering person to have a greater influence over the direction you take today than you do yourself. This person may not be looking out for your good. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) Someone who has caused you difficulties in the past might have to be dealt with again today. If you allow past infractions to govern your emotions, you could handle things poorly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although most will find you to be a very pleasant person to be around today, they might not find you to be a generous one. Do what you can to be attractive in both areas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be extremely careful about keeping privileged information to yourself at this time, especially that which is pertinent to your career. It could lead to your undoing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Happiness stems from attitude and if you think of your responsibilities as heavy burdens, you'll make things much harder on yourself than they need be. Maintain an upbeat outlook today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When it comes to business and friendship, there is a fine line between the two that sometimes doesn't gel. You might be better off dealing with outsiders in commercially related issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The only thing that might result from seeking advice from a lot of different people are conflicting opinions. Strive to think for yourself and make your own decisions today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Complaining about what you're asked to do at work today will only make matters worse for you. If you make a big deal out of things, you'll appear inadequate in your position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could do more harm to yourself if you lead others to believe you know something about which, in fact, you know little. You may be expected to do something that's way over your head.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extremely careful today that you do not play favorites where your pals are involved. You could lose the friendship of those who feel they were not among the chosen ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It'll do nothing for your popularity today if you dwell on the shortcomings of companions who aren't present. It could cause others to wonder what you say when they're not around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) We rarely get in trouble for our needs, but often can for our wants. Distinguish between the two today and chances are you'll keep your resources intact.

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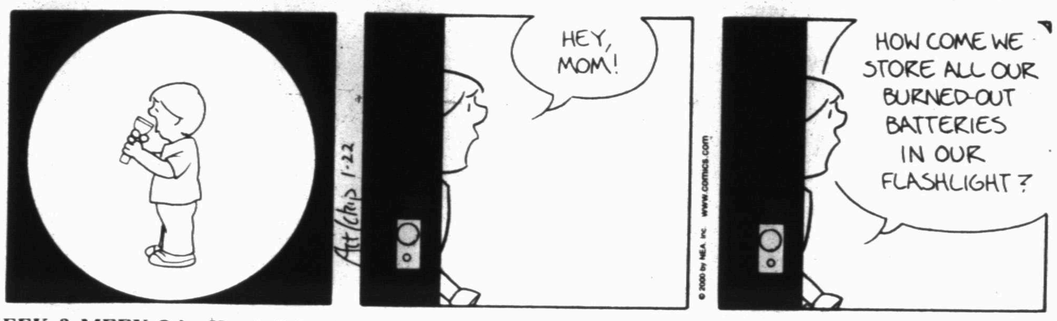

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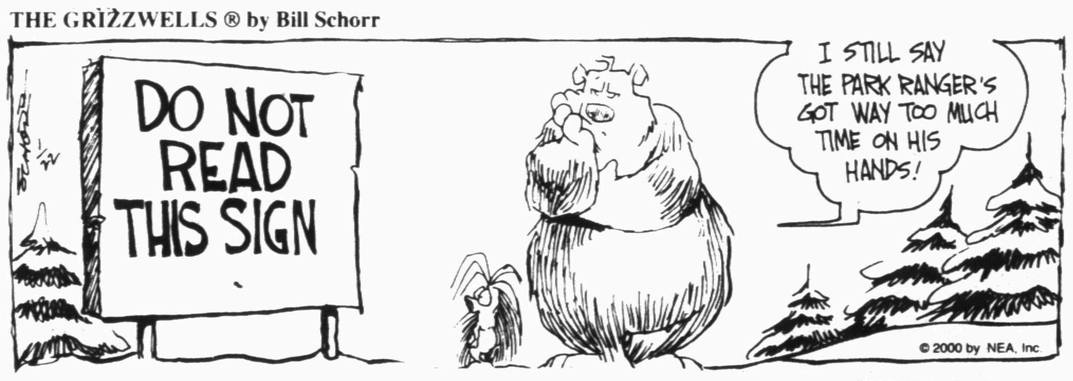

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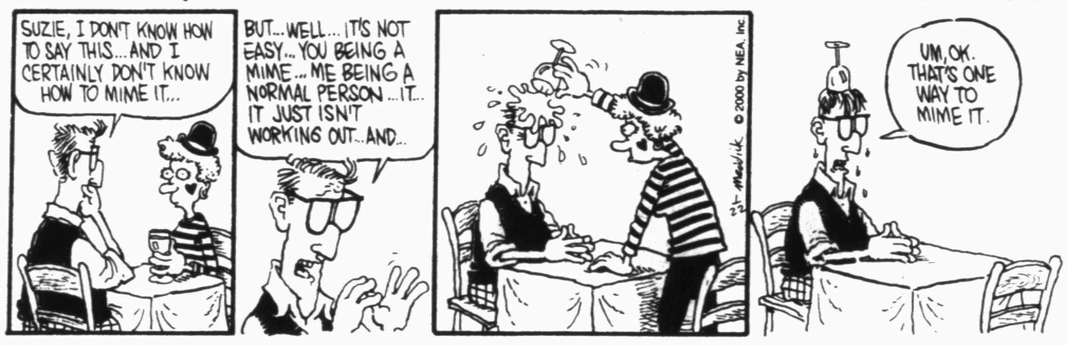

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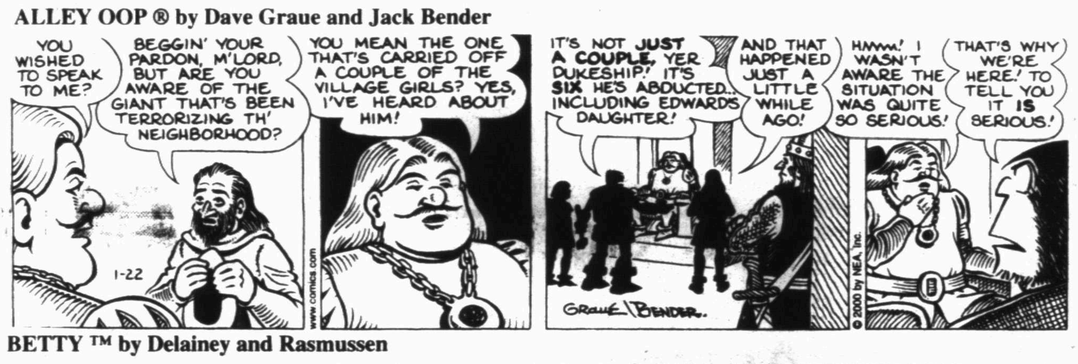

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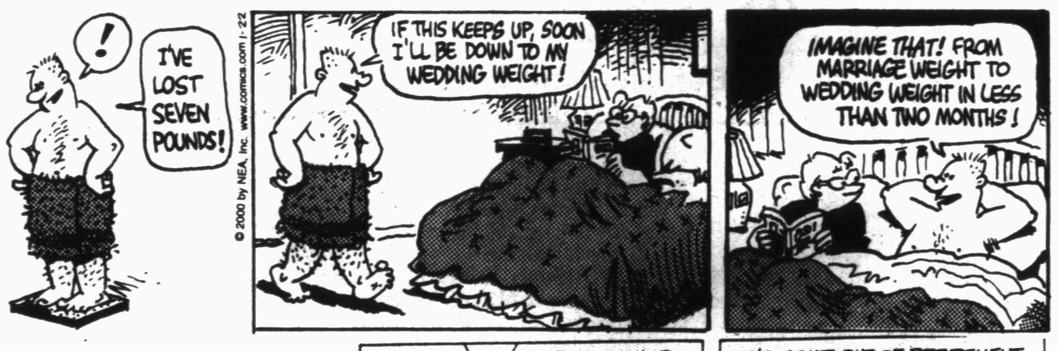

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10 Quote a better price than
12 Rowboat part
14 In good working order
15 Curly-haired dog
16 JFK plane
17 Rock-concert item
19 Having foot parts
20 On the loose (2 wds.)
23 Adult insect
26 Female sandpiper
27 "One Day — — Time"
30 Brightly colored bird
32 Trapped
34 Jammed
35 Maroon
36 Paid notices
37 Roman 502
39 Enumerates
40 Made turkey noises
42 Graceful bird
45 Part of L.A.
46 Actress Charlotte —
49 Blanketlike shawl
51 Reddish brown
54 Feels
55 Bartered
56 Actress Madeline —
57 Mental images

DOWN

1 Debtors' chits
2 Smooch
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7 Emulated Danielle Steel
8 Hairstyle
9 Marathon unit
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33 Like the Gobi
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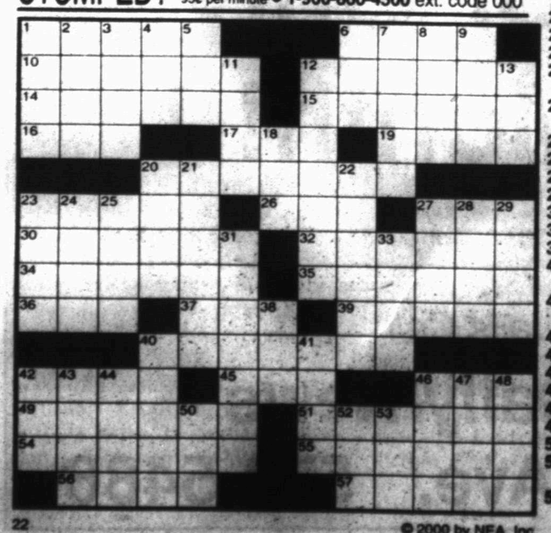

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Carlyle's CAT HALL OF FAME

Prince, a 17-year-old cat who lives with Isabelle Fernandez of Les Adrets, France, loves to play with cats he sees on television, batting at the screen in the belief they're just behind the glass. He also bats at photos of cats in books and magazines.

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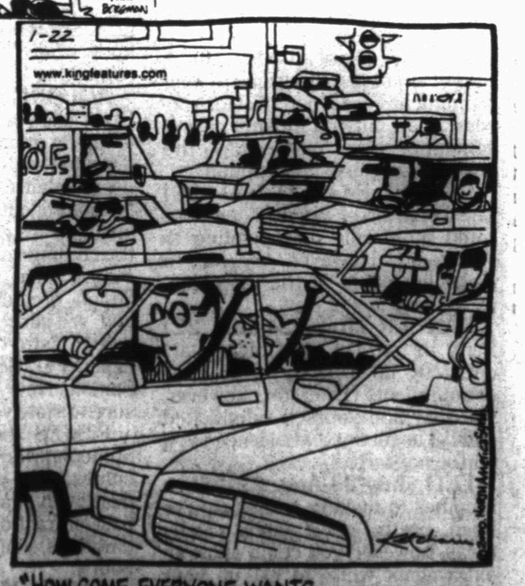

"HOW COME EVERYONE WANTS TO BE WHERE THEY AREN'T?"

Biden joins Helms' criticism of United Nations

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A day after conservative Sen. Jesse Helms upbraided the United Nations, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Friday joined in the criticism and said fundamental structural changes are inevitable.

"I know it, you know it, we all know it," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other top U.N. officials.

Biden's message was far less harsh than the sharply worded one delivered Thursday by Helms, R-N.C., the Foreign Relations Committee chairman, in a speech to the Security Council.

Biden said that while he does not share Helms' conservative politics, he too believes the United Nations must overhaul his practices.

Congress has imposed a set of conditions on repayment of nearly $1 billion in delinquent U.S. dues to the world body, conditions that were written by Helms and Biden. They include a lower U.S. share in running the United Nations.

Talking to reporters, Biden scoffed at Helms' assertion that U.S. sovereignty is threatened by the world body. "He's absolutely dead wrong. ... I think it's crazy. I think it has no relevance to reality and I don't think the American people think that."

"Fundamental changes have to take place," Biden told the U.N. officials. "The good news is you're in charge."

Also lending his voice to calls for U.N. overhauls, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told Annan that the United Nations is not high in popularity among Americans.

"No one in history ever got elected by supporting the United Nations," he said. Warner said the United Nations needed to improve its ability to "come in behind military operations" and restore civilian order, as in Kosovo.

The comments came as Annan met with the full Foreign Relations panel, in town to hold a hearing later in the day on U.N. reform.

Biden's tough words came as Security Council members recoiled from criticism by Helms that the United Nations needs to get its financial house in order. The U.N. members countered that the United States is not living up to its own responsibilities.

"Under the U.N. charter, a member state cannot attach conditions to its willingness to pay," said Peter van Walsum, the representative from the Netherlands.

"All the other members of the United Nations expected the United States to keep its word," agreed Sergey Lavrov, the Russian envoy.

Helms' demands "are unlikely to lead to useful results," said Robert Fowler, Canada's representative.

Each of the 14 other representatives to the Security Council offered rebuttal to Helms' accusations.

Helms, who has spent his career blasting the United Nations, carried his criticism into the Security Council chamber Thursday, telling members Americans feel "a lack of gratitude" and "a deep frustration with this institution."

The conservative lawmaker also accused the Security Council of being "paralyzed" in dealing with Kosovo and said its peacekeeping mission to Bosnia was a disaster.

And he said any attempt by the United Nations "to impose its presumed authority on the American people without their consent" could lead to an eventual U.S. withdrawal from the world body.

It was the same kind of salvos Helms has been hurling for years. The only difference was that he was launching them at U.N. headquarters, the first member of Congress to address the Security Council.

Helms Friday was to preside over a field hearing of his committee, looking into what the United Nations has done to comply with structural changes sought by Congress — including a reduction in the U.S. share of peacekeeping operations from the present 31 percent to 25 percent.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke was to be the leadoff witness.

Holbrooke told reporters after Helms' speech that he felt the appearance would help build better relations between the United Nations and Congress, despite the blunt words.

"It will help us push the reform package, which is our highest priority," he said.

U.N. officials suggested that would take a lot of persuasion on Holbrooke's part, since the conditions demanded by Helms, including the reduction in U.S. payments, have found little support so far among the 188-member General Assembly.

DOT rejects request to postpone ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department on Thursday rejected requests by American Airlines and the city of Fort Worth to delay a ruling that allows start-up Legend Airlines to operate out of Dallas Love Field.

Legend, which intends to begin offering service in late February, has found itself battling its foes in the courts, on Capitol Hill and with federal regulators for the right to fly out of Love Field.

In an earlier ruling, the Transportation Department held that the start-up could offer service at Love Field, rejecting opposition by American Airlines, Fort Worth and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. American and Fort Worth asked DOT to postpone that ruling — a request DOT denied Thursday.

"American and Fort Worth have failed to satisfy the standards required to obtain a stay of an agency decision," DOT said. "In particular, American and Fort Worth have made no showing that the enforcement of our orders would injure them. In addition, granting a stay would deny the public the benefit of increased service at Love Field and frustrate Congress' decision to authorize unrestricted service at Love Field if operated by smaller aircraft."

Legend's chief executive, T. Allan McArtor, welcomed DOT's action.

"The Department of Transportation has reminded the industry, and especially Fort Worth and American Airlines, once again that this is a federal-law controlled airport and there's nothing they can do about it," McArtor said in an interview.

The request for a stay, McArtor said, was "just a matter of trying to harass and interfere with Legend's business plan and run us out of business, run us out of money."

Pat Svacina, spokesman for the city of Fort Worth, said Thursday's ruling is what city officials expected out of the DOT.

"It's no surprise," Svacina said. "This has been the DOT's position since they got involved in this. The real decision is going to be in the courts, which will rule in the city of Fort Worth's favor."

American Airlines did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

At issue is a decades-old federal measure that limits flights to and from Love Field. Legend became the first airline to test a provision that lets carriers fly anywhere from Love Field in planes with 56 or fewer seats.

In December 1998, DOT ruled in favor of expanding flights at Love Field, which Congress approved in 1997. It also sided with Legend in finding that any plane with 56 seats or fewer could fly anywhere from Love Field.

Fort Worth and American sued the Transportation Department, and that case is pending in federal court.

Legend's operations plan still could be in jeopardy from a state appeals court.

Fort Worth and American Airlines filed a motion with the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth to block Legend's plans. A three-judge panel responded on Dec. 30 that it may prevent Legend from flying until lawsuits over the dispute are settled by federal courts.

Legend is heading to federal court Friday seeking protection from enforcement of any state court rulings.

In Thursday's ruling, DOT also denied a Fort Worth request to review an earlier order allowing Ozark Air Lines to initiate twice-daily service from Love Field to Columbia, Mo.

Police make arrest in hit and run case

WACO (AP) — Police in Waco have arrested a 25-year-old man in connection with the hit-and-run death of a Baylor University student.

Patrick Frank Fischel of Waco was charged Thursday with failure to stop and render aid, a felony, after allegedly striking and killing 19-year-old Malisa Denise Caffey the night before.

Police said Fischel was driving the 1995 Ford F-150 pickup that hit Caffey, a freshman from Wichita, Kan., as she crossed a street Wednesday night. Investigators said Fischel continued driving after Caffey was struck.

Caffey then was run over again by a second driver who did not see her body in the road.

Man found chained to daughter's toilet

ADAMS, N.Y. (AP) — A woman who has been charged with chaining her 73-year-old father to a toilet told investigators she did it for his own good.

Carolyn White, 45, was charged with first-degree unlawful imprisonment after troopers found her father, Jack Wolfe, bound to the toilet in their Adams home, about 140 miles northwest of Albany.

"If that place had caught fire, he would have been unable to get out," state police Senior Investigator Richard Ladue said Thursday.

White was arraigned Wednesday and ordered held on $10,000 bail. The charge carries a penalty of up to four years in prison.

Acting on a tip when White was out, state police on Wednesday found Wolfe alone in a small upstairs bedroom, sitting on a portable toilet and handcuffed to an adjacent bed rail and to the toilet. Wolfe also had a chain around his waist that was padlocked to the toilet, troopers said.

"She had turned off the lights and he was in the dark," said Investigator Mary Clark. "I had to call out his name in order to find him."

White's father has physical and mental disabilities, troopers said. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation and placed under the care of county social services. He was listed in stable condition Thursday.

White told investigators that about 10 years ago her father started scratching himself until he bled. She began restraining him so he wouldn't hurt himself, damage his room or awaken her, troopers said.

"Then she decided if she had to leave the house that would be the best way to handle the situation," Clark said. "Her reasoning was she didn't want him to hurt himself or destroy the house."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

CT scan of sinuses will shed light

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a deviated septum in my nose corrected, but I still suffer from sinus infection. My symptoms are headaches, pressure in my eyes and disturbed vision. The doctors are puzzled. Where do I go from here?

DEAR READERS: Your doctors have yet to discover the cause of your symptoms. Although headaches and eye pressure are ordinarily the cardinal symptoms of sinusitis, a CT scan of your sinuses will clearly indicate whether or not you have continuing infection. The septal operation that you had realigns the plate of cartilage separating the nostrils so that it won't block the openings through which the sinuses drain.

Despite the surgery, you may still be suffering from sinusitis that results from blockage by other tissue, such as nasal polyps.

On the other hand, your symptoms may not reflect sinus infection at all. Allergies, neuralgia and dental infections are three other conditions that may mimic sinusitis. A capable ear-nose-and-throat specialist should be able to sort out the situation. Obviously, further treatment — including surgery — depends on the underlying cause of your symptoms.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was in my 20s, I was told that I have rheumatoid arthritis. Now, at 44, the pain and swelling of my joints are much worse. Another blood test was negative for rheumatoid arthritis. Could I have another disease?

DEAR READER: Possibly, but not necessarily.

Rheumatoid arthritis, a common form of joint inflammation due to the body's reaction to its own normal tissues, can usually be diagnosed with a blood test. Such patients are termed "seropositive."

In contrast, some people with rheumatoid arthritis have negative tests for the rheumatoid factor. They are called "seronegative," even though they have the disease.

In your case, one of two things may have happened. First, during the 20-odd years of your illness, your initial blood test may have converted from seropositive to seronegative, even though you continue to have rheumatoid arthritis. This could be interesting but of little practical significance, because both types of rheumatoid disease are treated the same way.

Second, you may not have rheumatoid arthritis at all. When your ailment was initially diagnosed, testing was not nearly as sophisticated as it is today. For example, Lyme disease — a tick-borne cause of chronic joint pain (and other problems) — had yet to be discovered. Because laboratory testing has evolved over the past two decades, you may have had a form of arthritis that was misdiagnosed.

In any event, you certainly need further blood tests now. I believe that you have to investigate other possibilities, such as Lyme disease, lupus, Reiter's syndrome, psoriasis, gout and additional arthritis-producing diseases that may resemble rheumatoid arthritis. Your physician should be able to clarify this problem, or refer you to a rheumatologist for a second opinion. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 3017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Three hospitals and 11 doctors have been unable to discover the cause of my 84-year-old father's bilirubin level of 24. He has had his gallbladder removed and had a normal liver biopsy. Why does his bilirubin continue to rise?

DEAR READER: Bilirubin is the dark yellow pigment that the liver excretes in the bile. It comes from the breakdown of worn-out blood cells. In the blood, it should not exceed 1.0 milligrams per deciliter, as a general rule. As the bilirubin level in the body rises, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes) develops.

High bilirubin levels have four major causes: over-production, decreased ability of the liver to filter the compound, reduction in the liver's metabolism of bilirubin, or diminished excretion of the substance. Common causes include hepatitis (liver infection), cancer and gallstones (which block the excretion).

From your limited comments, I cannot answer your question. However, I can say that your father needs further testing that should, in my opinion, be performed under the guidance of a liver specialist. I am particularly interested in what the results of liver function tests are. Could your father have hepatitis? Cancer? A hidden gallstone that was missed at the time of surgery? Has he been taking any prescription drug that could affect liver function? Could he have an infection? These questions — and others — should be addressed. Your father's rising bilirubin level should not be ignored. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Gallbladder Disease." 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: My husband has the habit of drinking right out of the container and then placing it back in the refrigerator. Will this practice contaminate the liquid?

DEAR READER: It has been said that the mouth is the second most contaminated orifice in the body; our mouths contain millions of micro-organisms. Therefore, the habit of drinking from a container is a surefire way of transmitting bacteria and viruses. While this practice is unlikely to cause significant alteration in the liquid itself — and usually will not affect another family member — it certainly could lead to potential problems if, for example, your husband were in the process of shedding viruses that cause the common cold. In short, your husband's unhygienic habit should be discouraged.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I are 75 and would like to vary our intimacy after 53 years of marriage. Is oral sex safe?

DEAR READER: Oral sex is safe and can add great enjoyment to a stable and loving relationship. When practiced by people in uncommitted relationships, oral sex — just like unprotected intercourse — can lead to sexually transmitted disease. However, in your case, such activity may provide spice to your intimacy.

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Grace to pay asbestos-related medical bills

LIBBY (AP) — W.R. Grace & Co. announced Thursday it will pay for medical bills for Libby residents diagnosed with asbestos-related illnesses.

A former Libby vermiculite mine, which Grace purchased in 1963 and operated until 1990, generated asbestos and miners were exposed. It would donate $250,000 a year for as long as necessary to St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby to provide screening for asbestos-related illness to anyone in Libby who wants it.

The Columbia, Md.-based company said it would also make sure the hospital has the necessary equipment to conduct the screening and pay for medical coverage for those diagnosed with asbestos-related illness.

"Grace takes its responsibilities to the people of Libby and the situation there very seriously," said Paul Norris, chairman and chief executive officer of Grace. "People who have concerns about their exposure to asbestos now will have an independent place to go and be tested. If anyone is diagnosed with an asbestos-related illness, they will have insurance to cover the medical costs of treating it," he said in a statement.

Norris said the program announced Thursday does not diminish the need for national legislation to make "swift and fair compensation to the true victims of exposure to asbestos."

Critics of the proposed legislation say it would reduce settlements obtained by asbestos victims and would leave many victims unable to sue.

Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., who is a co-sponsor of the legislation, said it will help speed up settlements by requiring mediation before going to court, and get more money into the hands of victims by decreasing their attorney costs.

Oil prices closing in on $30 per barrel

By The Associated Press

Crude oil prices are climbing toward $30 a barrel, reaching levels last seen on the brink of the Persian Gulf War. Airlines are adding surcharges to ticket prices. Homeowners are worrying about heating bills.

Yet inflation remains under the control, and the U.S. economy has barely flinched.

The reason: Oil doesn't lubricate the new, technology-savvy economy the way it once did.

"Oil's overall impact on the economy is vastly reduced," said William Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Financial Services. "That's due to the increased energy efficiency of companies that use oil heavily and the increased importance of industries that are not heavily dependent on it."

Prices for crude have jumped nearly $5 a barrel in the past week. Heating oil, spurred not only by oil's surge but a Northeastern cold snap, has risen 50 percent in two weeks.

But many Americans are undaunted.

"It doesn't deter me," Chip Tuttle said at a Boston gas station Friday as he paid $43 to fill his sport-utility vehicle, despite the highest gas prices there since Christmas 1990. "The economy is good."

The era of cheap oil began ending last March when the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cut production by 4.3 million barrels a day. The oil producers were determined to end a world oil glut and push up prices that fell as low as $11.37 a barrel in February.

OPEC, an often undisciplined cartel, managed to hold down production this time. U.S. oil supplies are now at their lowest level in several years and the International Energy Agency warned Thursday that markets "are tight and getting tighter."

Since March, crude prices have more than doubled, reaching a nine-year high in November that was smashed again this week. Prices are just short of $30 a barrel.

Two decades ago, a similarly huge spike in oil prices caused gas lines and sent the U.S. economy into shock. But in 1999, while fuel oil and gasoline prices climbed sharply, the "core" rate of inflation — excluding the volatile energy and food sectors — rose at its smallest rate in 34 years, just 1.9 percent.

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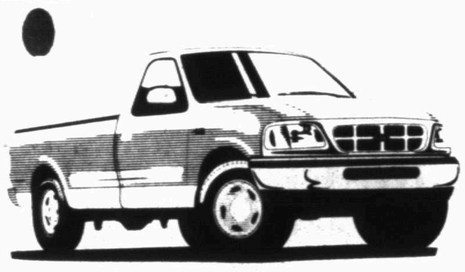

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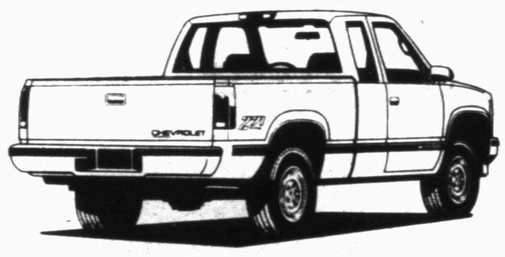

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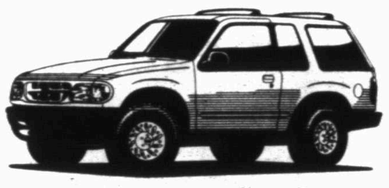

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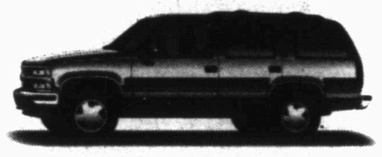

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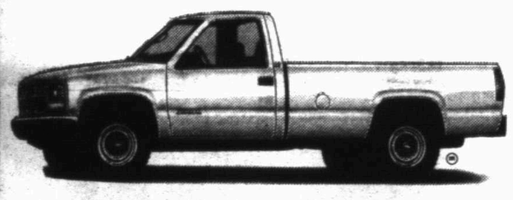

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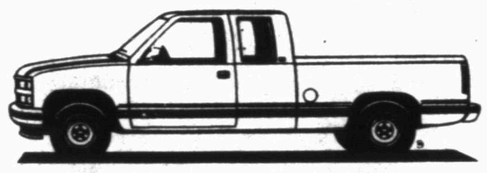

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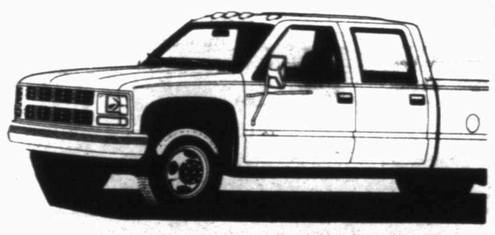

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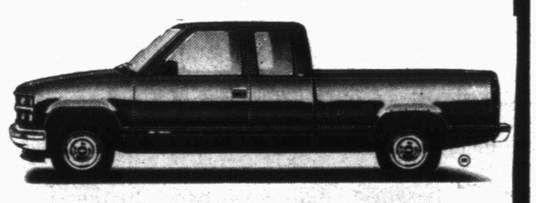

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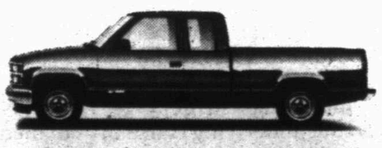

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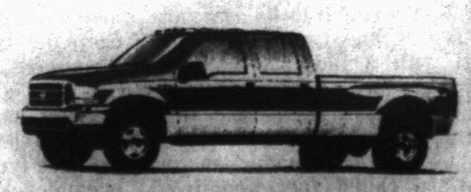

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