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Altura begins injection project in Cogdell Unit

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Even though oil prices are currently hovering around $13 per barrel, several major projects in Scurry and adjoining counties indicate that "those in the know", believe the industry's future in the county is still very strong.

Pennzoil, Exxon, Mobil and others are involved in major CO2 injection projects. Patterson Energy officials are optimistic that oil prices will rebound.

And the new kids in the block — Altura Energy, Ltd.; are also optimistic about oil prices.

Altura, which was formed in 1997 as a limited partnership between Amoco and Shell, is currently in the early stages of a CO2 injection project in the Cogdell Canyon Reef area.

The unit, which is located in Scurry and Kent counties, normally produces about 1,400 barrels of oil daily.

With the implementation of the C02 project, it is hoped that figure will increase to 10,000 barrels per day.

Mike Kelly said the long-term goal is to, of course, increase the life of the oil field.

"This is an old field," said Kelly, who formerly worked for Shell. "But our early estimates indicate that CO2 could extend the life of the field for another 20 years."

The field was discovered in the late 1940s and water flooding was started in the mid-1950s, said Kelly.

Its peak production was from 37,000 to 40,000 barrels per day.

Altura obtained the field in late January of this year in an exchange agreement with the Apache Corporation.

The joint venture company produced the most oil of any company in Texas last year, according to records of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Altura produced an average of 165,796 barrels of oil per day, or about 12 percent of the state's total for 1997.

Exxon was the second leading producer with 75,429 barrels of oil.

The Cogdell field is located some 15 miles north of Snyder off Highway 208 and Altura's office is now home to a dozen employees.

Kelly is the team leader for the project.

John Rogotzke is the downhole specialist for Altura, and he spent 21 years with Amoco.

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So, while they are new to Scurry County, team members are all experienced members of the oil patch.

"Everyone is here because they want to be here," Kelly said in an Altura publication interview. "Everyone came ready to jump in, get a hold on things and get a handle on the field."

"This is exciting," said Rogotzke. "This is a hand-picked team and it is the first pure Altura venture."

Kelly said Altura had not released any cost figures on the project.

"But I know it is substantial," said Kelly.

He said the team is in the very initial stages of the CO2 project right now, and has been involved in getting a model of the reservoir together.

A three-dimensional rendering of the reservoir indicates the uniqueness of the field, said Rogotzke.

The rendering indicates the field consists of three domes, or pinnacle reef structures, as opposed to the flatter, sheet-like San Andres and Clear Fork formations.

"There's nothing routine about this," added Rogotzke. "The three formations are what makes the project fun, because the peaks in the formation do not coincide with the topographical features."

"We're going to make this place "fly," added Rogotzke, who apparently knows something about flying as his personal business card lists "pilot, mechanic and general airport bum".

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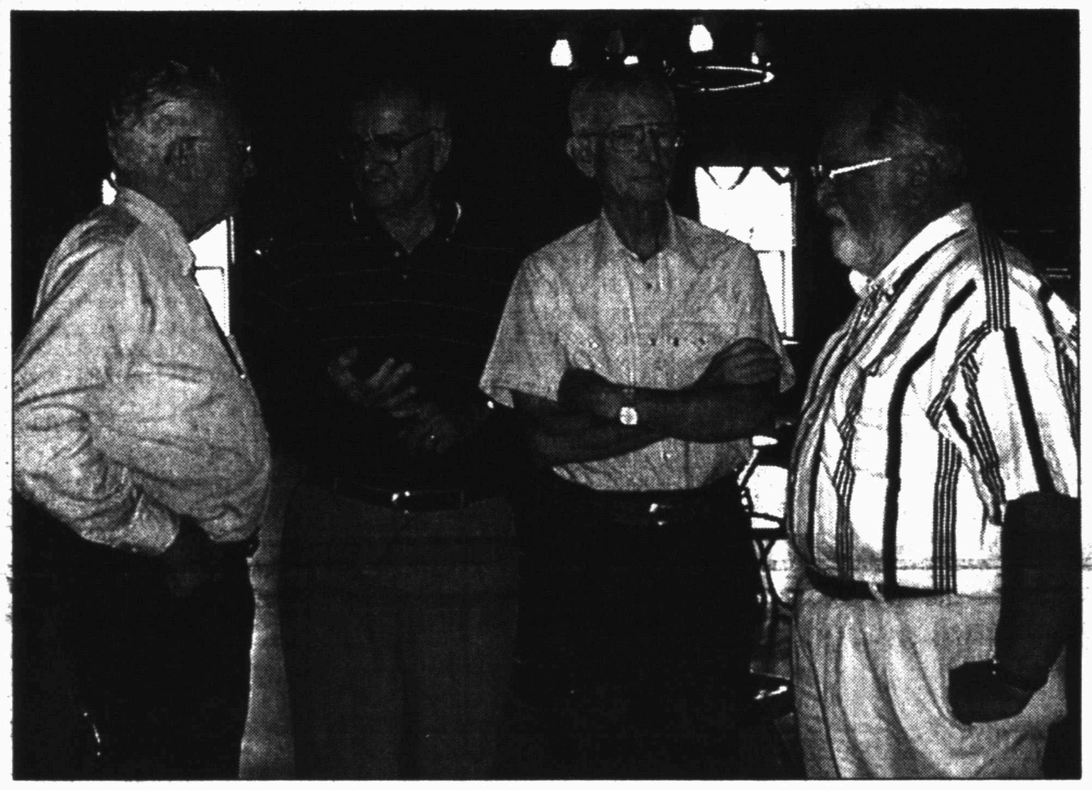

OILPATCH TALK — On hand Friday to discuss the 50th anniversary of the discovery well at the SACROC unit were many early-day oil men, including from left, Dudley Cramer of Oakland, Calif., Frank Robin of Rockport, Kenneth Wilson of Snyder, and Ed Mlcak of Gordonville. The reunion continues through Saturday evening at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commissioners court to get first look at county's audit

County officials will get their first look at the 1997 outside audit when the commissioners court meets at 10 a.m. Monday. .

County Auditor Eddie McHaney said representatives from Condley & Company will present the county audit, as well as Cogdell Hospital's.

"I've seen the rough draft of the county audit," said McHaney. "And I don't anticipate anything out of the ordinary."

McHaney said he has not seen any preliminary figures on the hospital audit.

Continued dry weather is forcing the court to consider a ban on discharging aerial fireworks within the county.

"I've had lots of calls urging us to ban fireworks all together," said County Judge Ricky Fritz. "But it appears we can only lawfully ban aerial fireworks such as bottle rockets, Roman candles and the like."

Fireworks go on sale in the state on June 24, and continue through Saturday, July 4.

The court will also consider a request for additional work space at the work center for mentally handicapped citizens, and consider a resolution in support of inmate reimbursement legislation.

Fritz said 11 states now require inmates to pay a per diem fee for the time they are incarcerated, and the push is for Texas to adopt that policy also.

The court will also consider line-item transfers and budget amendments.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The easiest way to make a mountain out of molehill is to just add a little dirt."

The call to "Save the Rain Forest" is serious.

All along, we thought it was just some do-gooder out for a cause.

But now it's for real. The supply of chocolate is at risk. Already, we know of people who are hoarding chocolate like gold or silver.

Al Gore can forget about the spotted owl...the world's supply of chocolate is in jeopardy.

Running out of chocolate makes it a personal cause. Experts are predicting that the world's supply of chocolate will drastically wane within the next 10 years. They blame the threat because of the habitat of the tree which produces cocoa is in jeopardy.

American candy companies are beginning to appeal to growers in the tropics to figure ways to increase the amount of trees, thus increasing the harvest of the flavor-filled beans.

At stake is a $50 billion industry that is growing every day. Consumption of chocolate is growing by three precent a year, while production is increasing only half that amount.

The average American eats about 12 pounds of chocolate a year. We thought it might be a cash crop for Scurry County, but the Cocoa tree grows only within 20 degrees of the equator. They also mature at a height of from 15 to 20 feet and they produce best in the shade of the taller trees in the rain forest.

So far, the current cocoa crop is falling behind the previous harvest of slightly more than one million metric tons because of a lack of rain on the Ivory Coast. Cocoa trees produce a bean that also is especially vulnerable to pests and plant diseases. The monilia fungus or black pod disease could wipe out an entire crop.

We might consider sending in a contribution to save the rain forest. But if they really want to get us athered up, tell us that the potato crop (as in chips) is on the endangered list.

We were reminded of the story about two shoppers who were discussing rising prices in the supermarket.

One was philosophical: "There's at least one good thing about inflation."

"What's that?" her companion wanted to know.

"Well, these days, It's darn near impossible for the kids to get sick on a 50-cent candy bar."

Queen hopefuls raising funds for annual church celebration

Queen candidates for the 1998 Diez y Sies de Septiembre Fiesta have begun their fundraising activities at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Vying for the title of queen are 17-year-old Crystal Rascon along with Romana Escobedo and Lindsey Benitez, both 12.

Rascon, the daughter of David and Dondie Rascon, will be a senior at Snyder High School.

Escobedo is the daughter of Ruben and Guadalupe Escobedo. She will be a 7th grader at Snyder Junior High.

Benitez, who will also be a 7th grader, is the daughter of Orlando and Joann Benitez. She is sponsored by Ray Gutierrez.

According to Liz Castillo, committee chairman, the candidates will hold various fundraisers — including raffles, food sales and dances.

The candidate raising the most money will be named queen, with second and third place being named princess and duchess, respectively.

"The candidates will take turns every Sunday selling food at the church. They might sell candy apples, popcorn balls, tamales or something like that," Castillo said. "It's basically whatever they want

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300 expected Monday for WTC kids college

More than 300 youth are expected when Kid's College classes get underway at 1 p.m. Monday on the campus of Western Texas College.

Kids can still register for a variety of classes in the college's Learning Resource Center, office 102.

Kid's College is a summer enrichment program for students who have completed the first through sixth grades this past spring semester.

New for this year is a Pre-K program for ages 3 to pre-kindergarten age.

All classes will be held on the WTC campus and three one-hour classes are offered each afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. Students may enroll in one, or all three time periods.

Among the subjects offered this summer are classes in art, performing arts, communications such as reading and sign language, crafts, computer skills, math/science, cooking and sports to include archery, football, baseball, basketball, cheerleading and golf.

Snyder lottery sales show sharp decline

Voters in the Snyder Independent School District will go to the polls in August to cast their ballots on a $20.4 million bond issue to make improvments to the district's facilities.

If Scurry County citizens had put their $1 in a pot designated for school improvements — instead of buying lotto tickets and scratch-offs — then the bond issue would only be for a little over $2 million.

Since the Texas Lottery was implemented, Scurry County outlets for the lottery have recorded $18,100,203 in sales through the end of May. That is an average expenditure of $1,005.57 for every man, woman and child in the county.

However, lottery sales across the state are running about 18 percent lower than last year, and in Scurry County, the decline is even greater.

The Wednesday and Saturday night Lotto game is seeing sales that are 34 percent lower this year than in 1997.

Total sales through May of this year are $330,271, as compared to $504,051 for the same time period last year.

Instant games, or scratch-offs, are lagging behind 25 percent.

Sales for this time period in 1997 were $1,106,375. That compares to the total this year of $828,149.

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Assault trial set Monday

A 21-year-old Rotan man goes on trial in 132nd District Court Monday, one of three people charged in a drive-by shooting last December.

Fedencio Ramon is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, firing a handgun at John Chistopher Hernandez on Dec. 18 in the 600 Block of 25th Street.

Hernandez was not injured.

Ramon was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in January and has been free on a $10,000 bond. Also indicted were Solatina Maria Flores, 19, and Marcus Lee Rocha, 17.

The defendant's court-appointed attorney is Jeff Davis of Hamlin. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's evidence, and District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

A panel of 150 prospective jurors have been called for duty at 9 a.m. Monday.

ASK US

Q—The other day I bought some fishing equipment and had to pay sales tax on lures and such, but not the worms and minnows. How come?

A—The state does not charge sales tax on perishable fishing bait.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 99 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Saturday, 73; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, 30% chance of storms. Low around 70. S wind 10-20 mph, gusty. Sunday, partly cloudy. High around 95. SW wind 10-20 mph.



Raymond Valadez
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Of 163 days in 1998, the sun has shone 161 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

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Japanese Latin Americans say...

Internees' settlement bittersweet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All Carmen Mochizuki wanted was equal redress for the pain, humiliation and anguish she suffered while imprisoned in U.S. internment camps during World War II.

Similar to thousands of Japanese-Americans, Mochizuki lost most of her belongings when she was forced from her home by the U.S. government and put in an internment camp. But under a 1988 federal law, she was ineligible for a $20,000 redress payment because she was from South America.

Now, after a two-year legal battle, the U.S. government has agreed to pay hundreds of Japanese internees from Latin America $5,000 each — far less than the $20,000 given to Japanese-Americans.

The settlement, stemming from a 1996 class-action federal lawsuit filed in Los Angeles, received preliminary approval Thursday night from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington. A hearing to finalize it was scheduled for Nov. 17.

More than 2,200 Latin Americans, most with Japanese ancestry and a majority from Peru, were forcibly brought to the United States during the war. The government has never provided an official explanation for the removals and internments.

Lawyers for Japanese Latin Americans admitted that the settlement had its shortcomings, but said it was made in the best interest of the estimated 1,300 people eligible. Many internees are aging and redress funds are dwindling.

While disappointed that redress will only be $5,000, Mochizuki was glad that the president of the United States also will send an apology.

"It has been very difficult to relive the horrible memory that we have been trying to forget, but I feel that for this cause reliving this pain was worth it," Mochizuki, 65, said Friday. "I feel a sense of closure and peace from the process."

Mochizuki was 11 when she and her family were kidnapped from their home in Callao, Peru, and taken to a camp in Texas. They were stripped of their Peruvian citizenship and never told why they were being held.

Like many internees of her nationality, she and most of her family were traded after the war to Japan for U.S. prisoners.

She lived for years in poverty in Okinawa, often hungry, surviving by trading clothes and shoes for food.

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CAVE RECOGNIZED — During May commencement at Abilene Christian University, Matt Cave, right, was honored for being in the top 10 percent of all of the college's graduates. Bill Fowler presented the award. (Contributed Photo)

Five graduate from ACU

ABILENE — Five Abilene University students from Snyder graduated during May commencement.

Matthew Sims Cave graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James Cave and graduated from Snyder High School in 1994.

Cave was honored by the College of Business Administration for being in the top 10 percernt of the college's graduates with a GPA of 3.74 or higher.

Wendy Monette Hunter received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1990.

Christy Ann James received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She graduated from SHS in 1989.

Kathy Jean Scott received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She graduated from SHS in 1984,

Carolyn A. Torres received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She graduated from SHS in 1984.

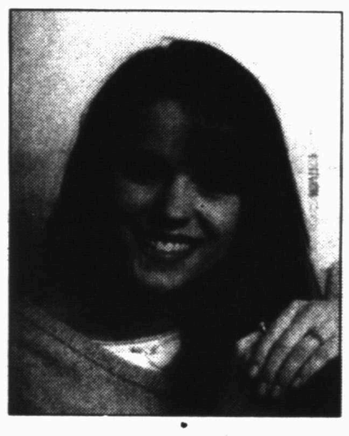
Andrea Sterling cum laude grad

Andrea Lea Sterling, a 1998 cum laude graduate of Eldorado High School, recently received a $10,000 4-H scholarship.

She was involved in various activities including 4-H, band and cheerleading.

She plans to attend Texas Tech this fall.

Andrea is the daughter of Rick and Becky Sterling of Eldorado and the granddaughter of Emogene Sterling of Ira. Andrea's dad graduated from Ira High School.



Andrea Sterling

Breeding farm will be sold

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The King Ranch has agreed to sell its 670-acre thoroughbred breeding and racing farm near Lexington, Ky., a ranch official said.

"We have entered into a contract to sell and will close sometime this fall," Larry Worden, vice president, general counsel and secretary for King Ranch Inc. in Houston told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times on Friday.

Worden wouldn't reveal the buyer or the price for King Ranch Kentucky, which includes several barns, a track, a house and an office.

He said the thoroughbreds on the ranch were sold in 1988, and the horse farm has been used as a boarding and training facility.

The King Ranch entered the thoroughbred industry in 1934, when Bob Kleberg, a grandson of ranch founder Richard King, became interested in breeding and racing the horses, said ranch archivist Lisa Neely.

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Alison McCarter

Local woman is ACU grad

Abilene Christian University awarded bachelor's degrees to 387 students during the May 9 undergraduate commencement.

Among those participating was Alison McCarter, who was the 1992 salutatorian at Hermleigh High School.

She received her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies with a specialization in reading.

While at ACU, McCarter was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Lamba Theta and Alpha Chi — all honor societies. Her cumulative GPA was 3.938.

She and her husband, Shane McCarter, have one son, Hunter Alan. Her parents are Neil and Cheryl Beeks of Hermleigh and her grandparents are Ray and Maxine Barringer of Lamesa.

Testimony of children barred...

Judge orders new trial in Fells Acres case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — As the judge spoke, Cheryl Amirault LeFave raised one trembling hand to her mouth, grasped her attorney's hand with the other and wept.

She will get a new trial to answer charges that she participated in one of the nation's most notorious child-molestation cases. In fact, the Fells Acres case — like others across the country — may have fallen apart.

Citing new research on children's courtroom behavior, Superior Court Judge Isaac Borenstein said that prosecutors' suggestive and leading interview techniques make it impossible to tell if the accusers, now teen-agers, were telling the truth. He said they would not be allowed to testify again.

"Their testimony has been forever rendered unreliable," he said.

Prosecutors immediately appealed Friday's ruling.

"Without the children, there is no case, and that is what is outrageous about this ruling," prosecutor Lynn Rooney said.

Ms. LeFave, 39, her late mother Violet Amirault, and her brother Gerald "Tooky" Amirault were convicted of molesting about 40 children, ages 3 to 6, at the Fells Acres day care center in Malden. None of the youngsters has publicly recanted.

Borenstein also dismissed all the charges against Mrs. Amirault, who died at age 74 last fall. Gerald Amirault, who was tried and convicted separately in 1986, remains in prison.

Borenstein said the Fells Acres case has two tragedies: "The inability to ever know accurately and reliably whether these children were ever abused and secondly sacrificing the rights" of the accused.

The convictions came during a wave of mass child-molestation cases in the 1980s. Several other convictions from that period have been overturned.

"The courts and the experts are beginning to realize there is a problem here, one of suggestibility (of small children)," said Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard Law School legal expert.

Among other mass child-abuse cases of the 1980s to fall apart in the courts under similar circumstances are the McMartin preschool case in California, the Little Rascals case in North Carolina and the Margaret Kelly Michaels case in New Jersey.

In 1996, the New Jersey Supreme Court concluded in the Michaels case that investigators had conducted "coercive and highly suggestive" interviews. An appeals court ordered a hearing to determine if the children's testimony was tainted. But prosecutors dropped the case.

In 1994 and 1995, 28 people in Wenatchee, Wash., were accused of raping and molesting children. Fourteen people pleaded guilty and five were convicted. One of the children who accused the adults recently told authorities she lied about the abuse.

Victor Vieth, an attorney with the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse, said the Massachusetts ruling could affect similar mass child-abuse cases.

In his ruling, Borenstein read aloud testimony in which a child denied at least 10 times that Ms. LeFave had ever photographed her nude. Only after several interviews by police, her parents and social workers did the girl say that Ms. LeFave had abused her.

"There are so many examples in the evidence of this case of the improper procedures that it would take days to go through them," the judge said. "This case should leave no one confident except for one thing — justice was not done."

Scholarship goes to McAden

Greg McAden, a senior at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, will receive the Permian Basin Area Foundation/Marie Hall Scholarship in the amount of $5,000 for 1998-99.

Greg has received two previous scholarships from the Permian Basin Foundation for a total of $11,000. He has also been awarded scholarships from the Texas Tech Dad and Moms Association and the Health Sciences Center Alumni Association for 1998-99.

McAden is attending the School of Allied Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Odessa campus. He is majoring in occupational therapy and will graduate in May 1999.

Greg has a 4.0 grade point average and has been on the President's Honor Roll every semester since entering college. He is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Scholastic National Honor Society, the Golden key National Honor Society, the Pi Eta Sigma Scholastic National Honor Society and the Alpha Epsilon Honor Society of the Pi Theta Epsilon Chapter.

The Texas Tech Dads and Moms Association also selected Greg for the Student Academic Citizenship Award, which is given to one student each year in the School of Allied Health for excellence in academics, citizenship and community service.

Greg is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School and is the son of Rev. Larry and Janelle McAden of Snyder.

Nephew of locals to attend 'Presidential Classroom'

Christopher Bailey will travel to Washington, D.C as a participant in the Presidential Classroom's Science, Technology and Public Policy Program next Saturday through June 27.

He is the nephew of Glenn and Freda Shepard of Snyder. His parents are Rod and Donna Bailey, former residents who now live in Highland Village.

Christopher has just completed his junior year at Flower Mound Marcus High School. The program gives scholars a first-hand look at the political responses to change brought about by scientific advances.

Students examine a variety of topics such as environmental quality, space exploration, disease control and telecommunication.



Christopher Bailey

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad, Christopher will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, military and lobbying organizations.

Students are also scheduled for a private tour of the White House and appointments with their senators' and representatives' offices. On-site tours and seminars are planned as well.

To participate, students must be juniors or seniors in high school, hold a B average or higher or rank in the top 25 percent of their class and show commitment to community or school involvement through participation in co-curricular activities.

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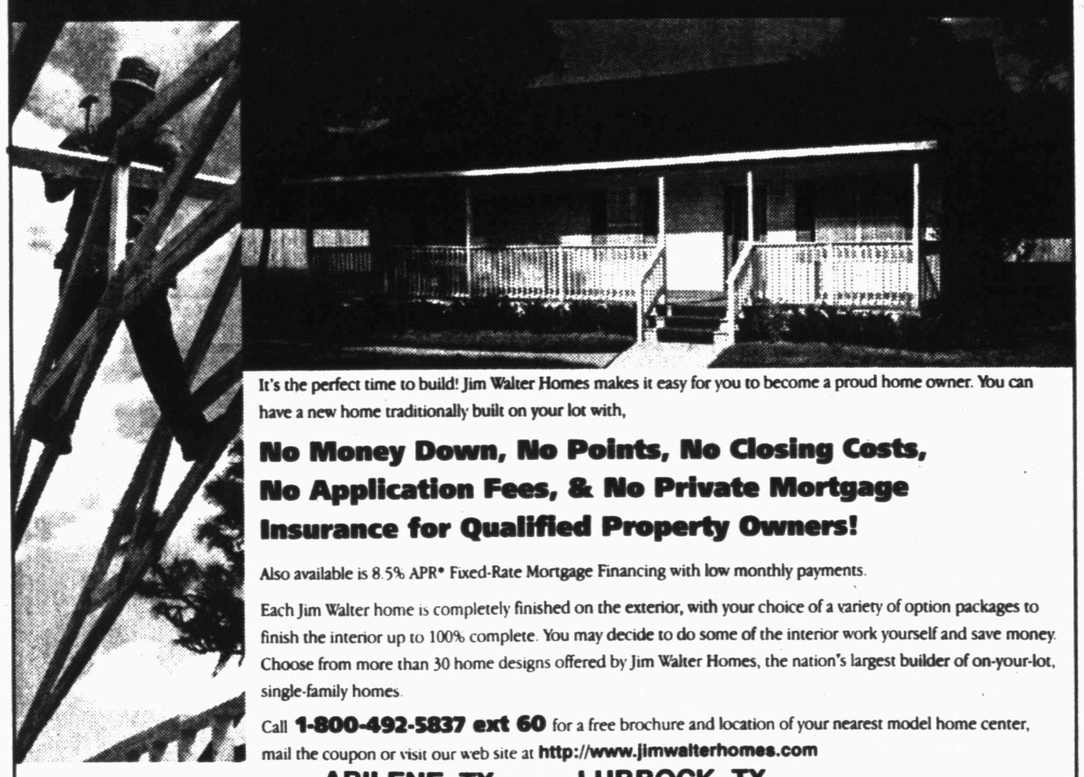

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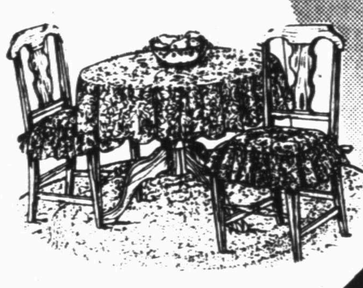

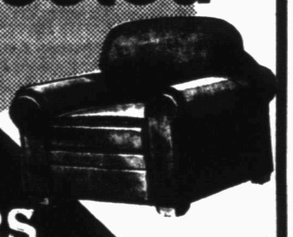

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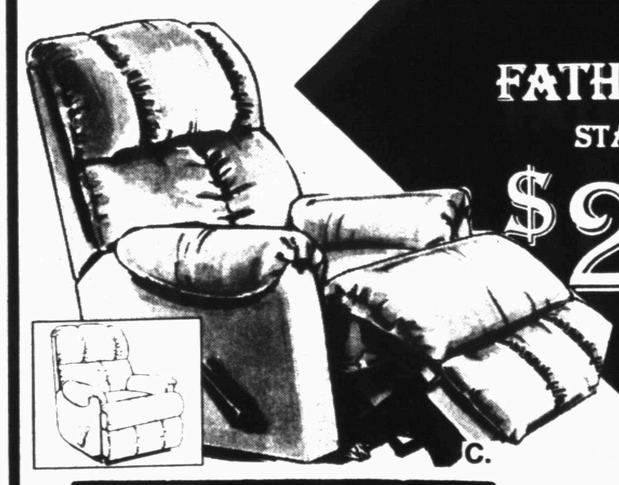



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Bombs found at airport before Clinton's arrival

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Hours before President Clinton arrived here for a whirlwind Oregon visit, two explosive devices were found in a culvert at the Eugene airport where Air Force One is scheduled to land Saturday.

Tipped by an anonymous caller, Eugene police found and detonated two bombs in a culvert near the airport, where the president is to arrive for his visit to nearby Springfield to console victims of last month's school shooting.

Police refused to describe the devices.

The culvert is on the airport grounds about a quarter-mile from the terminal. There are several buildings in the area, including an air and space museum an airport gas station.

Eugene is 110 miles south of Portland.

The caller who phoned shortly before 3 p.m. also told police there were bombs at Eugene's Greyhound bus terminal, but after it was evacuated and searched for seven hours no bombs were found. In Springfield, a bomb threat emptied City Hall but a search there also turned up nothing.

"I'm assuming it has nothing to do with the president, but you just never know," said Eugene police Capt. Roy Brown.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These Stanfield second graders received perfect attendance certificates for 1997-1998. Back row, from left, Jacob Scifres, Arthur Martinez, Nicole Means, Brittini Carnes, Santiago Jaimes, Joseph Hefner, Audrey Jones, Alayna Alexander, Jacob McFatridge, Blane Knipe; front row, Preston Munson, Ernesto Arellano, Tatum Norwood, Kaycee Loveall, Jessica DeLeon, Laura Gutierrez, Christin Willson, Vanessa Rayna, Marci Pinkerton. Munson has never been absent since he first started kindergarten. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Climber fulfilled dream before tragedy

PARADISE, Wash. (AP) — Climbing Mount Rainier was one of Patrick Nestler's dreams, one he achieved hours before an avalanche swept him over a cliff as he made his way down the snowpacked mountain.

"He was very happy on top of the summit," fellow climber Mike Gibson told local television. "The day I die, I would like to have a day like that."

Eight people — Nestler, four injured men and three injured women — were taken off the mountain Thursday night in a delicate helicopter rescue nearly seven hours after the avalanche struck at 11,400 feet.

All the injured were released from hospitals Friday morning.

Nestler, 29, of Norwalk, Conn., died after he was hit by the slide, fell about 100 feet and spent several hours dangling from a rope at Disappointment Cleaver, a sharp-edged rock formation on Rainier's upper reaches.

His death was attributed to hypothermia, the Pierce County medical examiner's office said. The climber also had blunt-trauma injuries.

"This was his first major mountain," said his mother, Carolyn Nestler of Hopewell Junction, N.Y. "He hiked many others, but never anything like Mount Rainier."

The avalanche slammed into two climbing teams, both part of a 27-member group in a five-day, $745 mountaineering course provided by Rainier Mountaineering Inc.

One group held its ground using ice axes to arrest the fall. The other was swept over Disappointment Cleaver, with five climbers attached by a rope and some of them dangling over the icy cliff.

"I saw people go right by me," said Mark Hunter, 39, of Westport, Conn., a member of the same climbing group who came off the mountain Friday. "The avalanche was just a few feet from hitting us all."

"I heard people screaming 'help,' screaming that they were cold, screaming that they were going to die," said Jeff Fisher, 38, of Bloomington, Minn., who was standing with Hunter when the slide swept by.

Guide Ruth Mahre, 25, hung onto the upper end of the rope from which Nestler dangled and was able to secure it to the mountain until rescue crews arrived.

"If anybody moved, it was all over for all of us," Mahre said, shrugging off praise for her efforts. "I wasn't the heroine. I was just lucky."

Rainier Mountaineering Inc. suspended new climbs for the day Friday to regroup and assess conditions, co-owner Lou Whittaker said.

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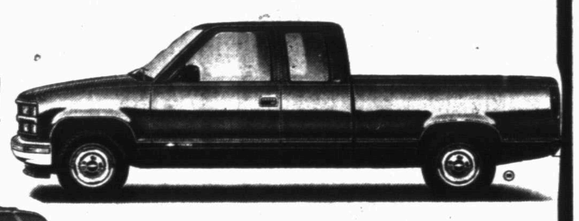

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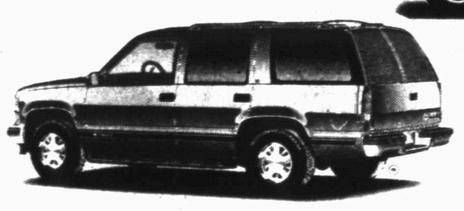

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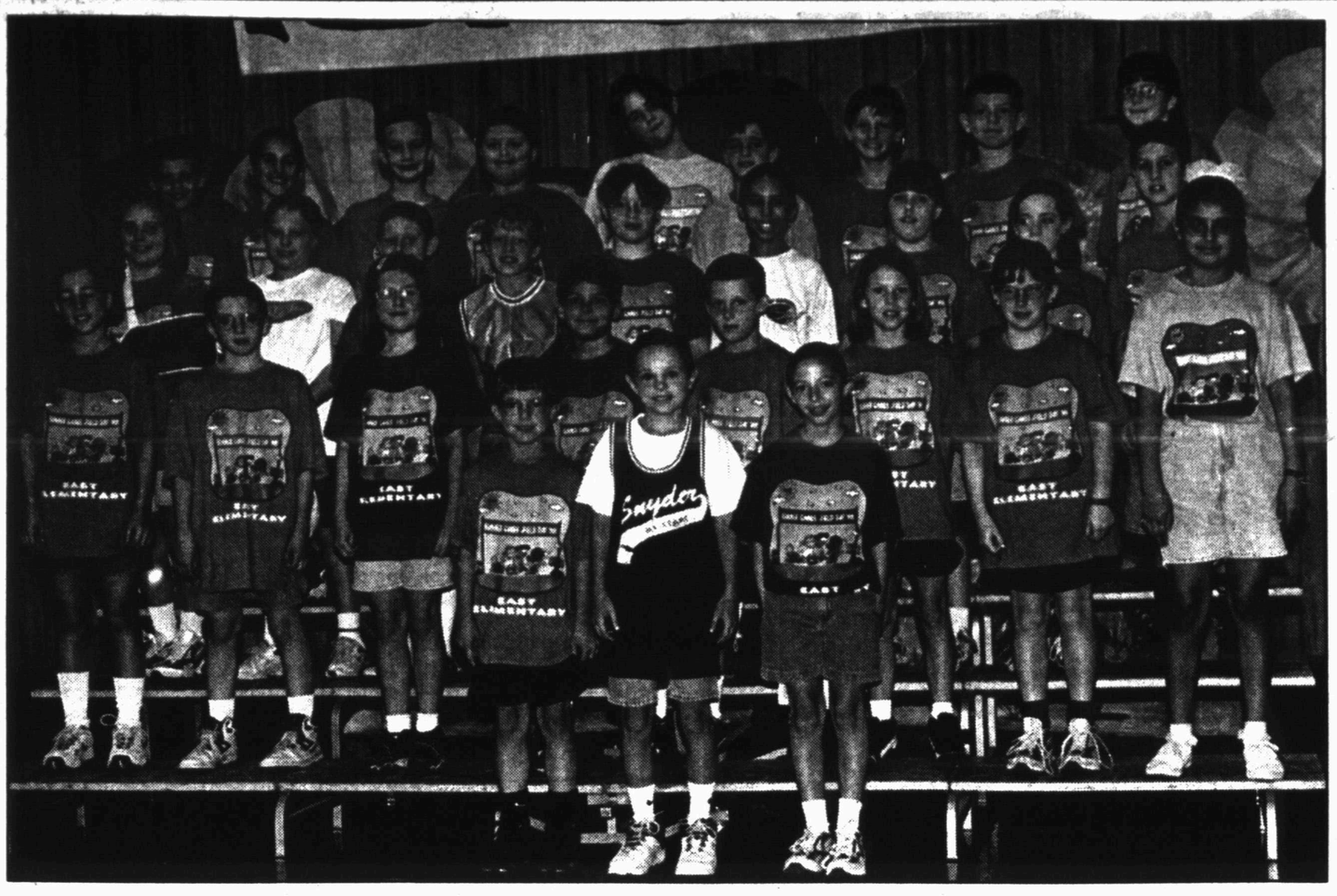

EAST A HONOR ROLL — These East fourth grade students were named to the A Honor Roll for 1997-1998. Top row, from left, Bryan Clifton, Katie Curry, Will Floyd, Seth Cooper, Kim Bell, Garrett Pinson, Cade Simpson, Dustyn Williams, Shaela Thompson; third row, Glyn Wright, Morgan Bilderback, Tyler Hogan, Whitney Kinney, Claire Pollard, Breanna Talavera, Ashly Pavlovsky, Whitney Parks, Barrett Bowlin; third row, Emily Jones, Andrew Welborn, Ashley Hyer, Jeremy Ruiz, Cale Lancaster, Dondi Brock. Kayla Hartzog, Yuliano Arellano; bottom row, Austin Lyle, Jeremy Reed, Megan McCormick. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ramseys' clothes may provide new evidence

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Tests of clothing worn by JonBenet Ramsey's parents has reportedly turned up new evidence for police investigating the little girl's slaying.

An examination of clothes worn by John and Patsy Ramsey on the eve of the 6-year-old girl's killing is giving investigators new hope of solving the case, Fox Television reported Friday, citing anonymous investigation sources. The report did not offer any specifics.

Leslie Aaholm, a spokeswoman for Boulder authorities, said investigators do not comment on evidence.

The former Little Miss Colorado was found beaten and strangled in the family's home on Dec. 26, 1996. Both parents have maintained their innocence.

Police asked the Ramseys to turn over the clothes they were wearing Dec. 25, 1996. The family complied in January of this year.

The autopsy performed on the child found clothing fibers in the pelvic area, investigation sources told Fox.

Fox also reported laboratory tests confirmed that a Sharpie pen found in the Ramsey home was used to write the ransom note Mrs. Ramsey said she found the day the child's body was discovered.

Earlier tests confirmed the note was written on a notepad the family had used.

Boulder Police Cmdr. Mark Beckner, the lead investigator, told reporters this month that there had been an important development in the case. He refused to discuss it further, except to say it was "exciting."

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Teen convicted in deadly school shootings

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — From across the courtroom, Nita Lilly glared at the 17-year-old boy who killed her granddaughter and another classmate in the first of several deadly school shootings across the country.

"I don't hate you, but I'm terribly disappointed," she said, looking at Luke Woodham. "You initiated a chain of events across these United States that's wreaked havoc on our children."

She called Woodham, her granddaughter's former boyfriend, a "genetic waste."

Jurors deliberated for five hours Friday night before convicting Woodham of killing Lilly's granddaughter, 16-year-old Chrisina Menefee, and 17-year-old Lydia Dew on Oct. 1 at Pearl High School. Seven others were wounded.

Circuit Judge Samac Richardson, describing the crimes as cowardly, handed Woodham the maximum sentences allowed — two life terms in prison for the slayings and 20 years for each of seven aggravated assault charges.

Woodham was sentenced to life in prison last week for fatally stabbing his mother, Mary Woodham, 50, before his school rampage.

The terms will be served consecutively.

"It feels great knowing he's going behind bars and won't ever see the light of day again," said Alan Westbrook, who was shot in the back during the rampage and testified in the trial.

A statement was read in court on behalf of Lee Ann Brown, Dew's sister and Woodham's prom date: "We walked with an angel and her name was Lydia Dew, and you killed her."

Woodham, whose attorneys had argued that he was insane, called his crime "sick and evil. If they could have given the death penalty in this case, I deserve it."

"I am sorry for the people I killed and the people I hurt," he told the courtroom after his sentence was announced. "The reason you don't see any more tears is I have been forgiven by God."

Defense lawyers said they will appeal all convictions.

The slayings stunned Pearl, a working-class town of 20,000 just east of the state capital of Jackson. Several other teens are charged with conspiracy in the school shootings, some of them linked to a shadowy cultlike group called "The Kroth."

Since October, there have been school-related attacks across the nation, from West Paducah, Ky., to Springfield, Ore.

Woodham testified that the murders were the result of heartbreak over losing Menefee and a fascination with occult rituals.

"I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry," Woodham sobbed as he tried to explain why he opened fire with a hunting rifle, aiming at an area popular with students.

Woodham told jurors that, after the breakup, he fell under the influence of Grant Boyette, 19, a friend he described as both a mentor and a tormentor who introduced him to the occult.

"He told me I had to kill my mom," Woodham said. "He told me I had to get the gun and the car and go to school and get my revenge on Christy and cause a reign of terror."

Woodham said he did not want to kill, but Boyette had told him he would be "spineless and gutless" if he failed to act. Boyette is one of those facing conspiracy charges.

Woodham testified against the advice of his defense team. One of his attorneys, Leslie Rousell, said he still believed there was reasonable doubt as to Woodham's sanity.

"I knew it (the defense) would be tough," he said. "I'm disappointed."

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Utah delays Bulls' celebration

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls wanted to end it at home, celebrate their sixth title with their own fans, party till the wee hours and then go on vacation.

Instead, the Bulls are going back to Salt Lake City. The NBA Finals aren't over and the Utah Jazz aren't finished.

"We're still kicking, we're going back home, something we worked hard for all season long. We want to go home and play with confidence there and see what happens," John Stockton said after Friday night's stirring 83-81 victory sliced Chicago's series lead to 3-2.

"We've just got to let it go, forget about it — kind of like losing by 42 points," Michael Jordan said after the disappointing loss. The Jazz lost Game 3 96-54, but were able to regroup.

Game 6 is Sunday night at the Delta Center. The Jazz must still win two games to keep the Bulls from popping the champagne corks. But now, at least, they have a chance.

And Friday night they had an offense from Karl Malone, who scored 39 points, and from veteran Antoine Carr, who had 12 points — eight in the final quarter.

Carr, a 13-year veteran finally gave the Jazz a fourth offensive option to Malone, Jeff Hornacek and Stockton. It's something they've lacked most of the series.

"Antoine's presence was huge for us," Malone said. "To win this thing or another game we need everybody to set up for us like that."

Malone, criticized for his late-game play in the series, finally showed the kind of all-around game that has made him the game's best power forward. He hit 17 of 27 shots, many of them outside jumpers that had been missing from his repertoire.

"I tried not to think about all that was said," said Malone, who relaxed Thursday by taking a ride with a state trooper in his patrol car. "Everybody had us written off. We needed to win a game — and we did.

"If we continue as a team, we have a chance. We won the game as a team, not as Karl Malone."

The Bulls, with the exception of Toni Kukoc, struggled on their home floor, where they had hoped to finish off their second three-peat in eight years.

Scottie Pippen shot just 2-of-16 with six points. Jordan, whose last second-3-pointer to win was short, finished with 28 points, but missed 17 of 26 shots.

"It's one loss and you can't let it eat at you where it becomes two losses," Jordan said. "I think this (a clincher) is the toughest game to win. They had nothing to lose. They deserved exactly what they got."

Kukoc, who hit his first seven shots, scored 30 points. His fourth 3-pointer with five seconds left brought the Bulls to 82-81.

After Hornacek missed one of two foul shots with 1.1 seconds left, the Bulls had one last shot.

Stockton deflected the first pass out of bounds, and the referees reset the clock from 0.3 to 0.8. Jordan then threw up a 3-pointer that hung high in the air, but came up a foot short of the rim.

"No one knew what was going to happen, everyone anticipating a big shot, and that's the beauty of the game — the unexpected finish of a game," Jordan said.

"I wanted the ball, but no one knew what would happen. Isn't that ironic, because that's the way things have happened throughout my career. Everyone wanted it to go, except the people in Utah."

Now the Bulls, who won Game 2 at the Delta Center in the closing minute, must find a way to grab another on Utah's cozy and noisy home court.

"We had the opportunity to close it out, and we didn't do it," said Pippen, citing his own poor shooting performance, which still included 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

"We have to go there and win a game on their court. Everything else sort of speaks for itself."

NBA Finals

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Game 1: Utah 88, Chicago 85, OT
Game 2: Chicago 93, Utah 88
Game 3: Chicago 96, Utah 54
Game 4: Chicago 86, Utah 82
Game 5: Utah 83, Chicago 81
Game 6: Chicago at Utah, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Chicago at Utah, June 17, 9 p.m.

Lady Tiger cage coach could be on the move

After only two seasons at the helm of the Lady Tiger basketball program, Rick Archer could be moving on.

Victoria ISD confirmed Friday that Archer interviewed for the vacant girls' athletic coordinator/head basketball coach's position at Stroman High School, one of two Class 5A schools in VISD.

Victoria AD Enis Perez was out of town and unavailable for comment, but a source in Perez' office confirmed the Snyder coach as a finalist for the job.

According to the source, Perez has already reached a decision and is scheduled to meet with Victoria superintendent Jack Clemons Monday morning, at which time Perez will submit his choice for consideration by the school board.

Victoria School Board members will vote on the candidate during a meeting scheduled for Thursday evening.

Archer has compiled a 30-27 overall record and a 7-14 district mark in two seasons at Snyder.

Rockets like young roster

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon is applauding management for trying to make the team younger and wants to be a part of the youth movement.

"I don't think I will see any problems with the Rockets organization," Olajuwon told Houston television station KRIV on Friday. "We have been loyal to each other and if anything is going to change, I would rather work it out where we are still happy, where I can still come back to this organization and feel that I am home."

"I love Houston. I've been here all my career. I would like to end my career with the Houston Rockets. That's the ideal situation."

Olajuwon, who joined the Rockets in 1984 from the University of Houston, is 35 and coming off a year when he missed 33 games after knee surgery.

He is in the middle of a five-year $55 million contract signed in 1996.

Olajuwon said he'll be glad to see new blood.

"You cannot blame the Rockets for that kind of opportunity," he said.

Local golfers nab runner-up tourney finishes

ABILENE — After cruising through the first three rounds of the Women's West Texas Golf Association Championship, Snyder's remaining four golfers hit a bit of a stumbling block Friday in the finals.

Daysha Weaver, Penny Perry, Stacy Reed and Cynthia Jackson all took runner-up finishes in their respective flights.

Weaver fell 3 and 2 to LaNell Guelker in the tourney's championship match.

Weaver bogeyed the first four holes Friday and couldn't recover. Guelker remained steady, posting 13 pars, a birdie and only two bogeys.

Perry took second place in the first flight, after dropping her match with Sterling Howard, while Reed was topped by Barbara Hardin in first flight consolation action.

In the second flight, former Snyder resident Barbara Moffett knocked off Jackson for the top spot.

Klein, Scots nab crowns

AUSTIN (AP) — Pitching wins championships, and Klein had plenty of it.

Mark Davis, who has lingered in the shadow of star pitcher Chris George for much of the season, threw a two-hitter as Klein won the Class 5A state title Friday with a 2-0 victory over Sugar Land Elkins.

In Class 4A, Chris Young gave up five hits in a complete game as Highland Park claimed the state baseball championship with a 5-2 victory over Corpus Christi Calallen.

The 6-foot-10 Young, also a star member of the Scots' 4A state runner-up basketball team this year, showed excellent control while mixing fast balls with curves and improving to 8-3 this season.

In Class 3A, Keith Whatley and Matt Endsley each scored two runs and Joey Barnes pitched six strong innings as Atlanta won the state title with a 7-4 victory over Dripping Springs in its first state tourney appearance.

In Class 2A, John Joiner finished the year unbeaten by giving up just two hits in a complete game as Gunter won its second state title in five years with a 7-0 victory over Rosebud-Lott.

Gunter won the 1A title in 1994 and was 1A runner-up in 1991.

In Class 1A, Troy Kaatz gave up two hits over four innings and Anthony Abrameit provided solid relief as Thrall defeated Collinsville 10-3 to claim the state championship.

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SDN Sports Briefs

Bears release Spellman

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears released troubled defensive end Alonzo Spellman after a disappointing season and erratic off-field behavior that put him in a psychiatric ward.

Hitting and pitching clinics

The three-day Snyder hitting clinic will begin Monday at Snyder High School, with the three-day pitching clinic beginning Thursday.

Instruction will be done by appointment only, starting at 8:30 each morning. Cost is $20 for hitting and $25 for pitching.

To schedule an appointment, call SHS head baseball coach Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

Junior golf tourney

A North Texas PGA Junior Tour event will be held Wednesday at Snyder Country Club. Tee time is 9 a.m.

For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

WGA events

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly Tuesday play day beginning at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill. There will also be a mixed foursomes event Friday at 5:30.

The Ladies' Pumpjack Tournament is slated for June 23. To register, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held July 13-16 at the SHS gymnasium.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 9.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Volleyball tourney

Entries are being accepted for the annual July 4th Volleyball Tournament. Deadline for registration is July 2.

Format is 8-person coed, with T-shirts and team trophies awarded to first, second and third place teams.

For more information, call Luis at 573-4767 after 5 p.m. or Angel at 573-0348.

Fast pitch clinic

A softball pitching clinic will be held every Wednesday at Cates Field at 5:30.

Ages 8 & up are eligible to register. For more information, call Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

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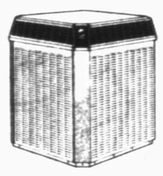
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SPORTS

Rangers still can't break Angels' hex

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have their own killer angels.

It's the Anaheim Angels, who beat Texas eight times in 12 games last year and started Friday night where they left off in the 1997 season.

The Angels beat Texas with hitting, defense and excellent pitching.

Jim Edmonds, Garret Anderson, and Tim Salmon homered to provide the firepower. Omar Olivares provided the pitching in the 5-1 win as the two teams played the first of seven games in the next 10 against each other.

It moved Anaheim to within a game and a half of Texas in the AL West, the closest they've been to the Rangers since April 14.

"It's a great way to start our season series," said coach Joe Maddon, the interim manager while Terry Collins serves his eight-game suspension. "Olivares did a wonderful job."

Olivares (4-2) gave up one run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings, striking out five and walking five. Greg Cadaret pitched 2 1-3 innings for his first save since Aug. 2, 1994, when he was with Detroit.

"To win Game 1 of this four-game series is a big factor," Olivares said. "If we win tomorrow night, we're right back in it."

Texas starter John Burkett's wildness got him in trouble in the sixth inning when the Angels scored three runs to make it 4-1.

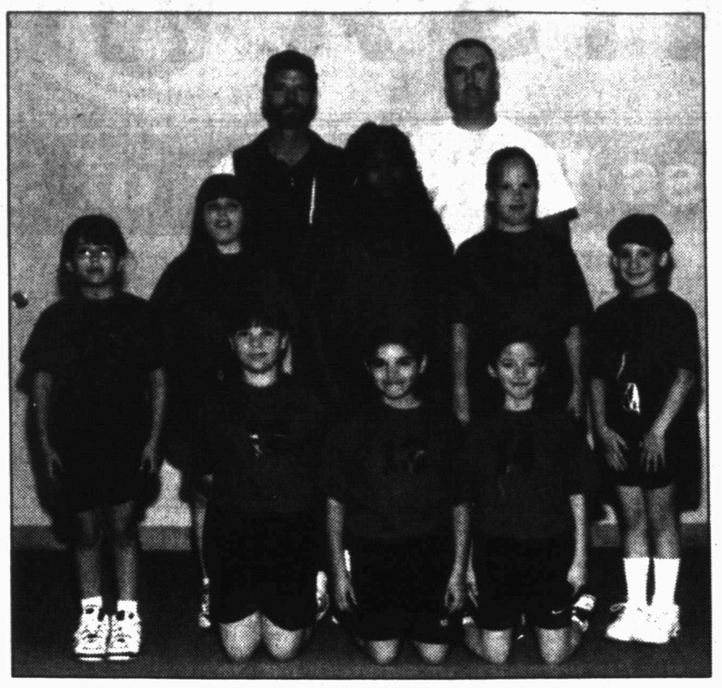
Larkin, Reds drub Houston

CINCINNATI (AP) — Barry Larkin spent two hours in the front office talking about his trade request, then singled in a four-run first inning and added a solo homer and a sacrifice fly as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 8-1 Friday night.

The Reds hit five singles in a four-run first off Jose Lima (7-3) to set up only their second victory in 10 games. Larkin had the second of the singles and scored a run.

Larkin also led off the third inning with his fifth homer and his first since May 29. He completed his night with a sacrifice fly in a three-run eighth off Bob Scanlan, who set up the inning with a throwing error.

Lima, who threw a five-hitter against Kansas City last Saturday for his first career complete game and shutout, barely got out of the first inning against one of the league's worst-hitting teams. Cincinnati had not scored more than two runs in a game since June 3.



MAGIC — The Magic claimed the runner-up spot in the Little Dribblers Minor Division tournament. Members of the Magic are, front row, left to right, Bianca Gonzales, Rachael Herrera and Megan McCormick. On the middle row are Jada Bilano, Ashley Pavlousky, Sequoya Powell, Kelbi Pitner and Brianna Burk. On the back row are coaches Mark McCormick and Trevlyn Pitner.

Athletes discover benefits of camps

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

While many students look forward to lounging around by the swimming pool all summer, there are others that are still training and conditioning for the upcoming year.

It seems for high school athletes, there's no such thing as the lazy days of summer.

Athletics no longer revolve around the school-year calendar. These days, athletes have the opportunity to continue their training through the summer months, with camps, clinics and recreational leagues.

All of which are a big help to the athlete, according to coaches.

"Summer camps are a big advantage to kids these days," said Snyder assistant basketball coach Ben Reed. "The skills that they practice and the extra conditioning really make a difference when the next season rolls around."

Lady Tiger volleyball coach Patty Grimmett agrees with Reed's sentiment.

"Everybody does things a little bit differently," Grimmett explained. "And sometimes you'll have a kid that just doesn't understand something and is always making the same mistake.

"Then that kid will go to a camp and the coaches there will explain it differently or use different terminology and all of the sudden it's like the light bulb comes on for that kid. They can understand what they're supposed to do."

But camps and clinics aren't the only activities athletes can participate in. There are also summer leagues, where teammates can play together and learn more about each other's game.

"We have quite a few girls who play on a traveling team during the summer," Snyder softball coach Carmen Bohannon said. "When everybody comes back for school the next year, you can really tell which kids played and which ones didn't. It's just a huge benefit for the kids to keep swinging the bat and throwing the ball."

Despite all of the obvious benefits which summer camps and leagues can offer, it would still seem that athletes might want to take June, July and August off.

But that's not the case, according to Tyler Warren, the only returning starter on the Tigers' playoff basketball team.

"It's really a lot of fun," Warren remarked. "You get to play against a bunch of other people and the atmosphere is a lot more relaxed than it is during practice.

"I think just the extra conditioning and added experience of playing more games is worth going to camp."

The experience of the Pioneer Basketball Camp helped Warren last year, according to Reed.

"Tyler improved so much after going to the camp last year," Reed said. "He improved on his skills, plus he built his confidence and that can go a long way toward helping a kid improve."

Skills and conditioning aren't the only things sharpened at camps and clinics. Being the only starter back next year, Warren will face the added pressure of carrying a leadership role for the Tigers, and the camp can help in that aspect, also.

"I do feel a little pressure to be a leader for next season," Warren admitted. "At the camp, each night you talk about what you learned and how you can apply it to your team and communicate it to your teammates.

"I think the added pressure will help me achieve more."

And if the added pressure won't, it certainly seems all the work in the off-season will. Not just for Warren, but for all of Snyder's athletes who continue their work ethic through the lazy days of summer.

Irvin working to become old self

By CLARENCE E. HILL Jr.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — One year after citing "a loss of passion for the game" and contemplating retirement, Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin is looking and sounding like "The Playmaker" again.

No member of the defensive backfield is spared from trash talking. The locker room is infused with his hearty laugh and boastful jabs with teammates.

And fellow Cowboys receivers are straining to keep up with his legendary workout regimen, which has included extra pass patterns after practice to become familiar with coach Chan Gailey's new offense.

Irvin, who is admittedly having an enjoyable and productive off-season for the first time in two years, said he is motivated for himself and his teammates.

He believes he "cheated" the Cowboys because of his limited off-season work in recent years and plans to make amends in 1998.

"I didn't want to end up cheating the guys because I didn't know if I could give it everything I got," Irvin said. "And to be totally honest with you, I ended up cheating the guys anyway because I wasn't here all off-season to train like I needed to train. I wasn't here to show the young guys this is what it takes.

"I am here to try as much as I can to make it right."

Irvin declines to discuss the multitude of strife in 1996 and 1997 — including him pleading no contest to felony drug possession charges, being suspended for the first five games of 1996 for violating the league's substance abuse policy and then enduring the ordeal of being falsely accused of sexual assault in 1997 leading to last season's retirement talk — that kept him from the Cowboys' past two off-season programs.

Irvin only chooses to talk about football these days.

And strange as it may seem, the story with Irvin heading into the start of Cowboys training camp July 15 in Wichita Falls has been all about football and how productive he could be in Gailey's new offense after substandard performances the past two seasons.

He believes the off-season work will result in him regaining his All-Pro form.

"I feel great about my off-season," Irvin said. "A lot of people don't know what that means. I need the practice to be at my best and I really haven't had an off-season in two years. Two years ago I was in the middle of that mess. And last year, I quite honestly didn't think I was going to play football."

That Irvin wants to play is certainly embodied by his unyielding intensity and unmatched work ethic that teammates say has energized the locker room.

Considering the tumultuous past seasons, nobody symbolizes change more than Irvin's off-season. And the Cowboys couldn't be happier.

Anderson fires low round

LUBBOCK — The Men's West Texas Golf Association might be checking Larry Anderson's birth certificate to verify his age.

Competing in the Senior Division of the MWTGA Championship at Hillcrest Country Club, Anderson fired a 70, tying him for the low round on Friday and giving him the division lead.

Ernie Armstrong, also in the Senior Division, carded a 76 in the opening round for the fourteenth spot on the leaderboard.

In the President's Flight, David Sharrock followed up his opening score of 83 on Thursday with a 78 Friday to move into twelfth place. Sharrock was six strokes off the pace, heading into Saturday's play.

The final two rounds were scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	46	14	.767	-
Boston	38	26	.594	10
Baltimore	32	34	.485	17
Toronto	32	34	.485	17
TampaBay	27	38	.415	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	38	26	.594	-
Minnesota	30	34	.469	8
Chicago	26	38	.406	12
KansasCity	24	40	.375	14
Detroit	23	39	.371	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	39	26	.600	-
Anaheim	37	27	.578	1½
Seattle	29	38	.433	11
Oakland	28	37	.431	11

Friday's Games

Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 9, Toronto 5
Kansas City 7, Detroit 3
Anaheim 5, Texas 1
Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 7
Seattle 5, Oakland 0

Saturday's Games

Cleveland (Wright 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 8-1), 1:15 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 5-5) at Oakland (Stein 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Drabek 5-6) at Toronto (Carpenter 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Johnson 2-3) at Boston (Avery 3-1), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 4-6) at Kansas City (Rapp 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 6-6) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-0) at Texas (Sele 9-3), 8:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-6) at Boston (Lowe 0-5), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 6-1), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Greisinger 0-1) at Kansas City (Rusch 3-8), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Navarro 5-7) at Minnesota (Hawkins 3-6), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 3-5) at Oakland (Haynes 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (P.Smith 0-0) at Toronto (Clemens 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 7-2) at Texas (Helling 8-3), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	45	22	.672	-
NewYork	36	26	.581	6½
Philadelphia	30	33	.476	13
Montreal	26	39	.400	18
Florida	20	46	.303	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	40	25	.615	-
Chicago	38	27	.585	2
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	7
Pittsburgh	33	33	.500	7½
St.Louis	31	34	.477	9
Cincinnati	29	38	.433	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	42	25	.627	-
SanFrancisco	41	26	.612	1
LosAngeles	34	32	.515	7½
Colorado	27	40	.403	15
Arizona	21	46	.313	21

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 8, Houston 1
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Montreal 7, Atlanta 5
Los Angeles 2, Colorado 1
St. Louis 9, Arizona 4
San Diego 10, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 5-5) at Philadelphia (Portugal 2-1), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 5-4) at Arizona (Anderson 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 4-6) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 7-3) at Florida (Meadows 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Juden 5-5) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 7-3) at Cincinnati (Klingenbeck 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 1-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 8-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 5-2) at San Diego (Hamilton 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal (Perez 6-4) at Atlanta (Millwood 8-2), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 5-3) at Cincinnati (Winchester 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 4-6) at Philadelphia (Loewer 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Peters 1-4), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 3-3) at Arizona (Blair 2-8), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 4-8) at Los Angeles (R.Martinez 7-3), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Darwin 6-3) at San Diego (Ashby 8-4), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Nomo 2-7) at Florida (Hernandez 4-4), 4:35 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 16
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Thursday, June 18
Washington at Detroit, 8 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Saturday, June 20
Detroit at Washington, 8 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)

Tuesday, June 23
Washington at Detroit, 8 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	-
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	-
Detroit	0	0	.000	½
NewYork	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
LosAngeles	1	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	-
Houston	0	0	.000	½
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1
Utah	0	1	.000	1

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

New York at Houston, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 4 p.m.

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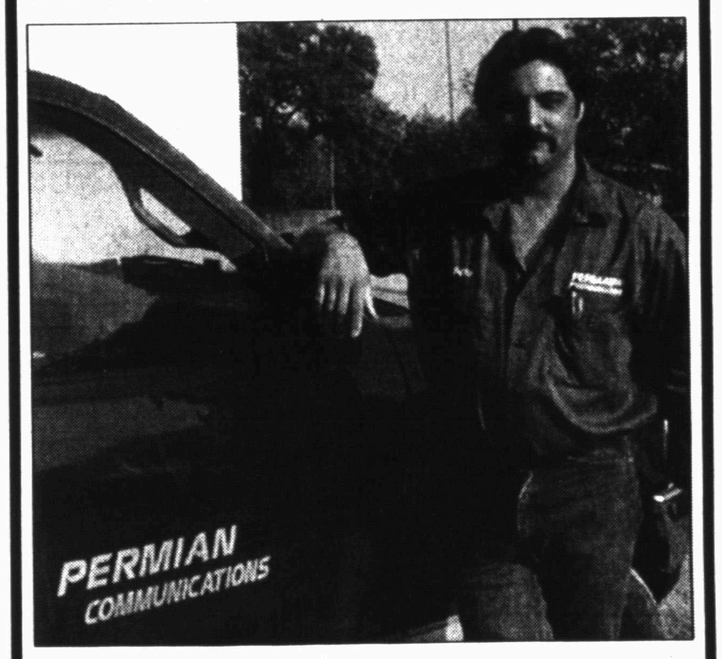

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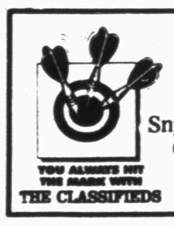

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Master Journeyman and beginning machinists wanted. Training provided. Send application/resume to Shop Foreman, YZ Industries, Box 890, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

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West Texas Centers for MHMR is seeking applicants for the following:

Rehabilitative Services Provider provides rehabilitative services to mental health consumers to improve skills in the areas of symptom management, community living, vocational, independent living and social skills. Participates in an on-call rotation to provide after-hours crisis screenings & must meet qualifications to be certified as QMHP (Bachelors Degree from an accredited college with major in psychology social work or related human services field). Salary $794 to $905 bi-weekly. **Position #44 available in Nolan County & #46 Mitchell/Scurry County.**

Service Coordinator performs case work to assist mental health consumers in accessing medical, social, vocational, educational and other services. Serves as primary case manager for caseload with responsibility for service plan development, coordination, monitoring, advocacy and crisis resolution services. Participates in an on-call rotation to provide after-hours crisis screenings & must meet qualifications to be certified as a QMHP (Bachelors Degree from an accredited college with major in psychology social work or related human services field) Salary $794 to $905 bi-weekly. **Position #10 available in Mitchell/Scurry County.**

Intake Specialist performs intake screenings with persons requesting clinic services, tracks registered clients through the admission process, provides support and crisis resolution services and prepares records for the clinic assessment unit. Participates in an on-call rotation to provide after-hours crisis screenings & must meet qualifications to be certified as a QMHP (Bachelors Degree from an accredited college with major in psychology social work or related human services field). Salary $847 bi-weekly.. **Position #358 available in Nolan County.**

Community Support Specialist provides rehabilitative services to mental health consumers to improve skills in the areas of symptom management, community living skills. Must meet qualifications to be certified as QMHPP (High School graduation or GED, plus six months experience assisting in therapeutic activities). Salary $548 bi-weekly. **Position available in Mitchell/Scurry County (#355).**

Transportation Assistant provides transportation for mental health consumers to clinic and community appointments. Salary $460 bi-weekly. **Position #36 available in Nolan County.**

Travel & use of personal vehicle is required; must have valid Texas drivers license & driving record acceptable for insurability through WTCMHMR insurance carrier. **E.O.E.** ***Apply: 409 Runnels, Big Spring, TX or call (800)687 0136 Ext. 227 for application.***

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MANAGEMENT & TRAINING CORPORATION (MTC) is seeking applicants for the position of Superintendent at the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center in Post, Texas.
Bachelor's degree in behavioral science or related field and juvenile probation certification is required. Six years related experience, four of which must be in a managerial capacity is preferred. Interested applicants should contact J. Terry Bartlett, at (806)495-2175. Qualified applicants may submit a resume via FAX to (806)495-3157; via E-Mail to tbartlet@gte.net: or via mail to P.O. Box 9000, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for receiving resumes is June 26, 1998. EOE M/F/V/D.

EARN $530 weekly, stapling booklets. Full-Time/Part-Time. No experience necessary. Call 1-800-530-7524.

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New shoes, back brace, compression boot, plaster statues, art supplies. Trailer Lots. Commercial Lots. Very reasonable. 573-5627.

TRAMPOLINE FOR SALE, $150. CALL 573-0633 AFTER 5:30 P.M.

UPRIGHT PIANO. PLAYS GOOD. NEEDS TUNING. 573-0031.

290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

FREE! Black Male 2 Year Old Cat. Neutered. Gentle. Children have allergies, must give away. 573-2101.

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TO GIVE AWAY: House kittens, litter box trained. 7 weeks old. Also, 9 month old Blue Heeler/ Pointer Mix, good with kids! 573-6444.

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315 WANT TO BUY

I WANT TO BUY! 1950 Hermleigh "Cardinal Call" school annual. 573-4259.

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330 HOUSES FOR RENT

2 Bedroom home, new paint, new carpet. 2301 Ave. I. $150/month $50/deposit. 573-9834 or 573-7152.

AVAILABLE JULY 7th! Beautiful large Cedar A-Frame, North of Country Club. 3-2-2, 1 acre country living. $700/month $350/deposit. 1 year lease + references. 573-9001 By Appointment.

AVAILABLE JULY 6th! 3734 Ave. V, 2-1-1, Nice yard, cellar. $300/month, $200/deposit, 1 year lease + references. 573-9001 By Appointment.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom 1 bath w/ garage & utility room. Unfurnished. Hwy. 180 West of City. $250/month + deposit. 573-7306.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, storm cellar, $425/month $200/deposit. 573-3402 between 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

FOR RENT: 4 bedroom, 2 bath Home. Newly remodeled. 573-2219 or 573-5331 after 6.

FOR RENT: Unfurnished 3 bedroom, 1 bath, home. $275/month $150/deposit. 111 Peach Street. 573-3191.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. 2303 Ave. M. See June 16th between 6 & 8 p.m.

LEASE 3-1-1 CH/AC, new carpet, fenced 2402 41st. Available July $425. 573-0712.

RENT TO OWN: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/RA, 2100 41st. Call 573-9068.

FOR RENT: Nice 2-1 w/ appliances, window unit. $300/month. 2704 Ave. Q. 915-243-5400.

335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT. $250/MONTH. 573-1711.

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

1995 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME. MUST SELL!! Owner will help finance up to $3000 for down payment & moving cost. 573-5748.

$1400 BACK IN YOUR POCKET and $263/mo buys a large 16' X 80' Home with Island Kitchen, Glamour Bath, Patio Door, Vaulted Throughout, Central Air, Skirting, Delivery and Set Up. 10% down, 8.75% APR, 360 mos. USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177 with approved credit.

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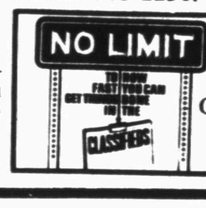
345 MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR SALE

SEVERAL MOBILE HOME LOTS for sale. Plumbed & Ready. Bargain Priced! $100 Down $75 month. 573-2251.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

ANTIQUE AUCTION
Sale Time 10 a.m. C-City Auction Saturday, June 20, 1998
1160 West Point (Old Hwy. 80) Colorado City, Texas
PARTIAL LISTING ONLY!!

Carved Oak Murphy Bed, 4 Poster Rope Bed, Old Pie Safe, Childs Wardrobe, 6 Leg Dining Table w/6 Chairs, 2 Glass Front Oak Cabinets, Super Nice Chrome Table w/4 Chairs, Parlour Chair, Walnut Dressers, Oak Rockers, 10¢ Tom's Candy Machine, Ladies Writing Desk, Oak & Walnut Buffets, Brass & Iron Daybed, 19 Pcs. of Apple Fransician, Approx. 20 Pcs of Halls Autumn Leaf China, Large Collection of Cup & Saucers, Precious Moments, All God's Children & Sarah's Attic Figurines, Cambridge, Duncan Miller, Venetion, Pink Lenox Glass, Approx. 20 Barbie & Effanbee Dolls, Old Magazines (1930's), Old Post Cards, Linens, Jewelry, Johnson Coin Change Maker, Cookie Jars, Prints, Paintings, Tapesteries & Ect. Plus 100's More Items. FOOD & SEATING AVAILABLE, INSPECTION TIME 8:30 A.M. SALEDAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FREE SALE BILL CALL 1-915-728-8292.
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FOR SALE: 3 Bedroom, 1 bath with large driveway garage with storage. 3107 Ave T. 573-5899 or 573-5307.

2903 Denison, 3-2-2 Brick. Good condition. Big back yard, near schools. Call 573-6652 after 5 pm.

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath Brick Home w/CH/A & 1 car carport. Recently remodeled & new carpet. 303 36th Place. Call Walt or Michele at 573-3402 or 573-3020.

FOR SALE: 4 bedroom 2 bath, 16 acres, barn, pens, good well, fencing. 1 mile West of town. $90T. 573-1513.

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Gary Brewer 3-2-1 1A $75T
3007 El Paso 3-2-2 Pool Office Shop $110T.
3003 Austin 3-2-2 Nice $65T
5502 Cedar Crk 3-2½-2 $120T
3601 Hill Ave 3-3-2 $75T
2800 46th 4-3-2 lovely $199.5T
3100 Ave U 3-2-2 $79.9T
2409 28th 2-1 Only $16T
4103 Eastridge 3-2-2 $39.5T
2801 34th 3-2-2 $67.5T
3725 Ave U 3-1-1cp $29.5T
2107 41st 3-1 Own/Fin. $27.5T
3108 39th Brick 3-1-cp $35T
3110 41st 2-1-den Assume
3101 Ave A 4-2-2cp Reduced
3007 41st 3-1-2cp $22T
Comm. Bldg. Westside of Sq
2303 42nd 2-2-1 $38,750
3614 Ave B 3-2-1 Red. $45T
Country 18A 4-2-2cp $79T
2210 33rd St. 3-3-2-location!
Wenona Evans 573-8165
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CLOSE TO PARK! *Recently refurbished kitchen with painted cabinets, tile floor & range, 3-2-2. $80's*
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STANFIELD SCHOOL AREA *with lots of room 3-2-2, storage/workshop attached to house.*
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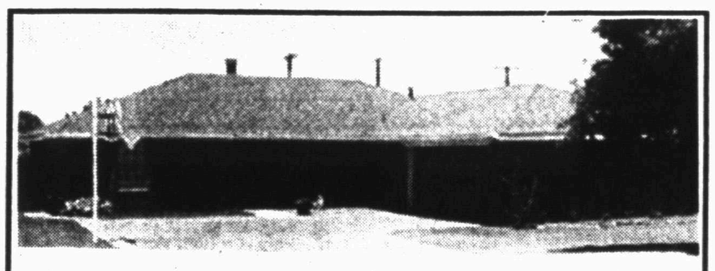

LOW 70'S! *3-2-2 corner lot! Trees & landscaping, above ground swimming pool*
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COUNTRY, BUT CLOSE IN 3-2 1/2-1 w/Study on 5 Acres. $90's
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3741 Ave V 4-2 Extras $58.5T
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New! 3-2-2 Patio Stor. Bldgs $55T
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GOOD FARM 301 Acres w/ 3-1 House & barn Hermleigh
Residential Lots Col. Hill
A-FRAME 3-2-1 Shop 11A's.
Appealing .78A 3-2-CP $48T
Rndtop 2 Plots 16.4/12.1 Ac
5+ Ac Spacious Liv. 3-3½-2, Sec. Sys., Den, Fpl. & Pens
6.555 Acres Hwy. 84 & Ave. E
Lovely Ced Crk 3-2½-2-Study
2309 32nd 3-1¾-1 $44,750
Nice Carpet 3-1 2207 41st St
Towle Park 4-2 4519 Fredonia
Reduced! 3503 44th $59.5T
Shirley Drum 573-1550
Ford Spikes 573-6602

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3405 Snyder Shopping Center, Suite B
(915) 573-5056

2601 28th 3-2-2 w/above ground pool $71.5T.
3614 Ave B..... $45T.
Secluded 3-2-2 new carpet.
310 29th.....$30's.
3601 Hill Large Brick $70's.
Refurbished 4-2-cp $80's.
Close In w/5 acres 3-2-1 $95T
3-2-2 4113 Jacksboro $89.5T
Darling 3-1-2 Pool $30's
2806 34th 3-2-1 office $90's
Dolores Jones 573-5308
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Joan Tate 573-8773

Elizabeth Potts, Realtors
1707 30th Suite C
573-8505
Temi Matthies, Owner/Broker

3111 38th Pl. 2-2-Den $27.5T
3704 Muriel 2-1-1cp Nice $30T
Reduced 2-2 $29.5T CALL
3-3-2 W/Land Lg/Home $114T
3-1¾-2 2711 32nd $93.5T
2207 41st 3-1 W/Fpl $39.9T
3117 Ave. T 3-1¾-2cp $39T
No Work Needed! 307 31st.
2901 Ave. Z 3-2-1-Den $43T
COUNTRY 2-1-1 Brick $27.5T
2310 Sunset 2-1-1 CH/A $20's
Crossroads Cafe in Ira CALL
Roundtop 4-3-2 Spacious Home
3601 Hill 4-3 BIG $75T
3614 Ave. B 3-2-1 Nice $45T
3007 El Paso 3-1¾-2 Pool $110T
2508 31st 3-1¾-2 $58.5T
3-2 2-Story Hermleigh $44T
4-1½-2cp Country $79.9T
Annette Waller 573-9467
Sarah Jamison 573-4028
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of OLLIE T. RICHARDSON, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,440:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of OLLIE T. RICHARDSON, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 9th day of June, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to JOHN DAVID RICHARDSON, 2000 E. FM 1606, Hermleigh, TX. 79526 within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 9th day of June, 1998.

(s) JOHN DAVID RICHARDSON
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
OLLIE T. RICHARDSON,
deceased

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: C.M. MITCHELL, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendant and the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendant are dead.

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 27th day of May, 1998, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, at the Courthouse in Snyder, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of May, 1998, the File Number of said suit being No. 20122. The names of the parties in said suit are:

HOWARD SMITH, as Plaintiff, and C.M. MITCHELL, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is a Trespass to Try Title suit by which Plaintiff seeks judgment awarding title to the following-described tract of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, to-wit:

All of the North One-half (N/2) of Lot Number Three (3), in Block Number Twenty (20), of T.N. NUNN'S FIRST ADDITION to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as the same appears on the map or plat of said Addition which is of record in Cabinet "A," Slide 55, Plat Records, Scurry County, Texas.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this the 27th day of May, 1998.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 27th day of May, 1998.

(s) Eloise Pruitt
DISTRICT CLERK, 132nd JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT OF SCURRY
COUNTY, TEXAS

Official Notice

The Region F Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) will be conducting two public meetings in July to receive comments and input for the Regional Planning process defined by Senate Bill 1. Regional F is a region located in West Texas which includes Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties.

The first meeting will be held in Odessa at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 1998. The location will be Murphy Auditorium located on the third floor of the Odessa Public Library. 321 West 15th Street, Odessa, Texas.

The second meeting will be held in San Angelo at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 1998. Its location will be the San Angelo City Council Chambers located on the fourth floor of City Hall, 72 West College Avenue, San Angelo, Texas.

Additionally, written comments are encouraged during the 30-day comment period. Comments should be mailed to the address below between June 27, 1998 and July 27, 1998.

Public input through written comments and meetings participation will assist the Region F RWPG and the Texas Water Development Board in developing a Scope of Work for the Planning Study scheduled to begin this fall. Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Mr. John Grant, Chairman
Region F Regional Water Planning Group
C/o Colorado River Municipal Water District
P.O. Box 869
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EAST CITIZENSHIP — East students who received citizenship awards for the entire 1997-1998 school year are top row, from left, Laura Zamora, Jay Weaver, Miracle Ramirez, Noe Ruiz, Keenon Garcia, Sirena Medrano, Juan Martinez, Chase Ashworth; third row, Christi Williams, Jeremy Reed, Nita Swan, Blake Seale, Garrett Pinson, Glyn Wright, Bryan Clifton, Kim Bell; second row, Nicholas Lentz, Clay Hirt, Megan McCormick, Jeremy Ruiz, Ofelia Zamora, Amber Luecke, Tyler Baze, Tehmina Zarrin; bottom row, Tanner Carnes, Raven Luna, Jayme Tomlinson, Johnathan Tarter, Zoe Briseno, Dana Van Winkle. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Lots of money, travel...

Lawmakers' disclosure forms listed

WASHINGTON (AP) — From London to Rome, from Greece to Uzbekistan, members of Congress moved restlessly around the globe last year, with interest groups footing the bill. Back home, they found time to invest in the stock market, participate in private businesses and work on their own real estate holdings.

Along with making trips and laws — and in many cases, money — they also did good works.

At 95, Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., sits on a regional advisory council for the Boy Scouts. Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont is a trustee for two nonprofit hunger groups, Bread for the World and World Hunger Year.

These, and thousands of other insights into how lawmakers lead their public and private lives emerge from financial disclosure statements released on Friday.

It's a limited exercise in self-revelation. Under the law that Congress imposed on itself, lawmakers are required only to list assets and liabilities within ranges, say $1 to $1,000, or over $50 million.

Most of them earned the same salary: $133,600 for the rank-and-file in 1997 and a little more for the leaders. They are not required to disclose the value of their homes.

As a group, the lawmakers range from the very wealthy — men like Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin who listed stock in the professional basketball Milwaukee Bucks as worth more than $50 million — to others of far more limited means.

Count Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas in that category. One of the most powerful men in Congress, Armey reported an account at the Congressional Federal Credit Union, valued at $15,000 or less, as his only asset. He reported a pension of $2,100 from his former job as economics professor. He listed a line of credit at a Texas bank as a liability — between $15,001 to $50,000.

So, too, the top Democrat in the House, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri. He sold assets during 1997 — a year in which one daughter got married, a second was in college and a son was finishing business school. Gephardt and his wife, Jane, also listed as liabilities two student loans and a loan on a life insurance policy.

The two most powerful men in Congress are better off, financially.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich reported investment funds worth between $98,000 and $310,000. He also made $156.60 in residuals for his appearance in a rerun of the "Murphy Brown" television comedy. He donated it to charity.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., listed assets of between $191,000 and $569,000, including rental property and undeveloped land in Hattiesburg and Carroll County, Miss. He also holds individual retirement accounts in the form of mutual funds, and is a member of an investment club.

If there's a bipartisan trend, it's in the propensity to travel on someone else's nickel.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and means Committee, traveled to Uzbekistan, courtesy of the Asia Pacific Exchange Foundation. Emdee Productions sent Kennedy and his wife to Ireland, the senator's ancestral home, for the taping of a documentary.,

Gingrich took a widely publicized trip to London, paid for by Arco.

The Aspen Institute, a nonprofit organization, sent Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., to Dresden in Germany. The Congressional Economic Leadership Institute sent Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., to Frankfurt and Paris. The American Israel Education Foundation sent Reps. Bobby Etheridge, D-N.C. and Mark Neumann, R-Wis., and others, to Israel.

Rep. Thomas E. Petri flew to Tokyo, courtesy of the Japan Society; Rep. Henry Hyde visited Rome, on the tab of the Aelle Parliamentary Observatory.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., made two trips to Greece paid for by others.

Back home, members of Congress reported varied business interests.

Rep. Bob Stump, R-Ariz., list assets in a cotton farm valued at between $500,000 and $1 million. Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., and his wife invest in horses.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., holds shares in Brent & Sam's Cookies, located in Little Rock, valued at between $100,001 to $250,000. And Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., listed investments that include limited partnerships that produce oil and real estate in Texas.

Lloyd Stice becomes new pastor of TUMC

Lloyd Stice of Fritch is the newly-appointed pastor of Snyder's Trinity United Methodist Church.

Bishop Alfred L. Norris made the appointment during the annual Northwest Texas District Conference held in Midland.

Stice has been the pastor of First Methodist Church in Fritch since his graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., in 1994.

Stice was born and reared in Samnorwood, near Shamrock, and graduated from high school there in 1965.

Following graduation, he attended one semester at West Texas State University in Canyon, before joining the army.

After getting out of the army in 1969, Stice worked for Devoe Paint Company for 21½ years.

In 1988, he went back to WTSU, completing his undergraduate work in December of 1990.

He entered Asbury Theological Seminary in 1991.

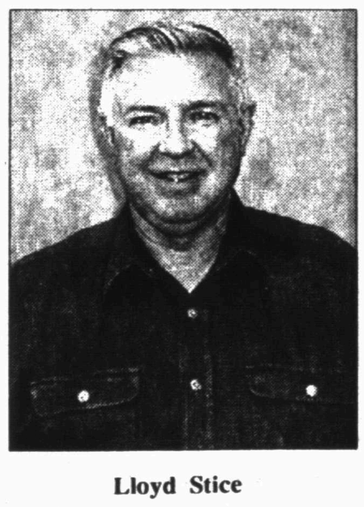
Stice replaces the Rev. Bob Green, who is no longer in full-time ministry.

Stice said God kept working with him until he entered the ministry.

"When it came to the point in my life when God kept working with me, and kept calling me, there was nothing else I could do but go into ministry."

Stice and his wife, Shirley, have been married 32 years. They have two sons. Will, 28, lives in Borger. Justin 18, graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School in May and plans to attend Amarillo College this fall.

Stice and his wife both enjoy reading and being with people, he said. He also enjoys walking.



Lloyd Stice

So far, he said Snyder has been great.

"We've really enjoyed it. We've met some nice people. It seems like a nice little town.

"At least Snyder has got some rain." he added.

He also said he is ready for the challenge.

"We look forward to the opportunities and challenges that coming to any new church offers you."

"The things that happen in ministry are making new friends, being involved in peoples' lives and helping them realize there is a God who is willing to help them through even the small things," he said. "We don't have to be self-sufficient."

Ira ISD school board to meet

Ira ISD school trustees will meet Monday morning at 7:30 and will consider a replacement for resource teacher Kathy Gee and consider filling a vacancy for an elementary teacher.

Gee has resigned from the district, said Supt. Rick Howard.

Howard said the board will also look at the salary schedule for auxiliary personnel, along with bus drivers and employees on a 12-month contract.

The board will also continue work on the 1998-99 budget, and review the monthly financial report.

Births

Tommy and Jolene Hollady of Midland announce the birth of their son, Harris Wayne, born June 10 in Odessa. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Larry and Bobbie Anderson of Snyder; Larry Holladay and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harris of Monahans. Great-grandparents are James and Orlena Lay of Snyder.

Four arrests occur here

Four people were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday, with three of them on outstanding warrants.

Following a report of a hit and run accident at 9:21 p.m. in the 500 block of 19th, officers arrested two subjects at 9:53 p.m. in the 500 block of 16th street.

A 35-year-old female was taken into custody for public intoxication and a 30-year-old female was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

A 20-year-old male was arrested by officers in the 1800 block of 30th street at 1:46 Saturday morning on outstanding warrants from the Justice of the Peace's court for no driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

At 2:35 a.m., officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 400 block of 37th street on an outstanding capias pro fine for public intoxication.

In other activity Friday, Molly Warren came to the police department at 2:11 p.m. to report a subject had stolen her lawnmower. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was filed at 7:57 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief done to Albert Delora's vehicle in the 2500 block of 37th.

At 9:21 p.m., Mary Ann Benitez requested officers to her residence in the 2500 block of 27th in reference to criminal mischief done to her residence. A offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

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East Awards

East Elementary School presented the following awards at the end of the 1997-1998 school year.

Improved Students

Paige Tovar and Daniel Samia were the most improved students in first grade.

Special Person Awards

Special person awards were presented to the following persons who helped teachers throughout the school year. They included Deborah Carnes, Vernell Thompson, Rene Medrano, Kara Ashley, Kathy Scott, Patty Bilano, Irene Masters, Twynette Cooper, Leisa Ezzell, Evelyn Liccardi, Shilla Kinney, Carol Strayhorn, Laurie Chandler, Vanessa Taylor, Teresa Seale, Janie McCormick, Gaylan Mason, Cathy Reed, Tracey Parks, Debbie Bowlin, Cindy Pierson, Patricia Hyer, Alicia Ibarra, Lisa Reigh, Lupe Ruiz and Joylynn Shepard McGrew.

Music

Outstanding music awards were presented to:

Kindergarten: Quintin Bass, Sarah Parmer, Tanner Carnes and Becky Atwell.

First grade: Clint McFatridge, Brittany Scott, Zoe Briseno and Nicholas Lentz.

Fourth grade: Amber Luecke and Barrett Bowlin.

Physical Education

Several physical education awards were also presented. Awards for sportsmanship included:

Kindergarten: Tanner Carnes, Sarah Parmer, John Ryan Buchanan and Angelica Lopez.

First grade: Clint McFatridge, Jayme Tomlinson, Nicholas Lentz and Zoe Briseno.

Fourth grade: Alex Zamarripa, Sirena Medrano, Jay Weaver, Ashley Barrera, Blake Seale, Teddi Crenwelge, Eric Martinez, Miracle Ramirez, Hector Campos, Kelsea Wood, Juan Martinez, Tehmina Zarrin, Salvador Guidos, Wendy Reed, Domingo Luera, Laura Boyd, Chase Ashworth, Racheal Herrera, Tyler Baze, Ginelda Lopez, Cade Simpson and Glyn Wright.

Most improved PE students were

Kindergarten: Jacob Johnson, Valeri Guzman, John Ryan Buchanan, Eleanor Ashley.

First grade: Christopher Witte, Stacey Singletary, Will Stewart, Nicole Mireles.

Fourth grade: Cody Alaniz, Paige Gunset, Calvin Nobles, Leslie Wright, Edward Ponce, Kimberly Henkell, Noe Ruiz, Krysta Burleson, Cesar Guidos, Megan McCormick, Joe Garza, Kimberly Rodriquez, Tyler Price, Veronica Castillo, Domingo Luera, Anya Terrazas, Jeremy Alvarado, Nikki Howell, Sergio Sarabia, Sequoya Powell, Austin Brunson, Shaela Thompson.

A-B Honor Roll

Students who were named to the A-B Honor Roll for 1997-1998 include: Austin Brunson, Tyler Ezzell, Mark Keller, Jessica Robbins, Tye Stone, Tyler Zalman, Ashley Barrera, Stanley Forbes, Danni Garcia, Allen Henson, Calvin Nobles, Ashton Wall, Jay Weaver, Gena Dooley, Kim Rodriquez, Kiki Wofford, Tehmina Zarrin, Jessica Calvert, Jana Lewis, Erica Little, Curtis Mason, Marcus Torres, Kelsea Wood, Veronica Castillo.

Also Elizabeth Dominguez, Chance Grantham, Tatum Gruben, Wendy Reed, Christi Williams, William Banks, Tara Kubena, Eric Martinez, K.D. Morrell, Miracle Ramirez, Noe Ruiz, Chase Ashworth, Amber Luecke, Racheal Herrera, Merissa Pierson, Ozzy Benitez, Jason Cave, Sirena Medrano, Amanda Orosco, Aeryal Peoples, Valerie Lopez, Samantha Pena, Blake Seale, Temi Thompson, Jessica Taylor, Kenetra James, Kim Henkell, Teddi Crenwelge, Ashley Bailey, Laura Boyd, Trevor Groat, Domingo Luera, Wanda Martinez, Kirisa Murphrey, Matthew Reigh, Anya Terrazas, Calibur Vigneau, Ofelia Zamora.

Excellent Attendance

The following students missed no more than three days during the school year.

Kindergarten: Raven Luna, Kelly Martinez, Tanner Bragg, Jessica Floyd, Tosha McGlouthin.

First grade: Daniel Essery, Jonathan Wallace, Clint McFatridge, Jayme Tomlinson, Jonathan Burns, Tanner Price, Will Stewart, Jessie Thomas, Richard Grice, Maxine Jaramillo.

Fourth grade: Will Floyd, Emily Jones, Mark Keller, Ashly Pavlovsky, Kirstin Courtney, Kayla Hartzog, Tehmina Zarrin, Leslie Wright, John Liccardi, Calvin Nobles, Claire Pollard, Jay Weaver, Joshua Gutierrez, Blake Seale, Nita Swan, Jessica Taylor, Dakota Whitely, Camry Hill, Cesar Guidos, Jana Lewis, Curtis Mason, Chad Nickerson, Kelsea Wood, Megan McCormick.

Also, Justin Riddle, Jonathan Browning, Jeremy Reed, Wendy Reed, Arnulfo Rios, Kelli Rushing, Christi Williams, Whitney Parks, Barrett Bowlin, Krysta Burleson, Cody Johnston, Tara Kubena, Danny Ortegon, Jonathan Vasquez, K.D. Morrell, Andy Campos, Chase Ashworth, Logan Lloyd, Lindsey Morin, Stephanie Grant, Christopher Holloway.

And Amber Luecke, Amanda Orosco, Paige Gunset, Ozzy Benitez, Bridget Block, Katherine Johnson, Jason Cave, Ashly Hyer, Ryan Thompson, Aeryal Peoples, Sergio Sarabia, Sequoya Powell, Samantha Pena, Amanda Murray, Ginelda Lopez, Abel Estrada, Kim Bell, Manny Aparicio, Marcus Williams, Anya Terrazas, Ashley Bailey, Laura Boyd, Wanda Martinez, Matthew Reigh.

Fed weather research chief resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elbert W. "Joe" Friday, chief of weather research for the federal government, is leaving to join the National Academy of Science.

Friday leaves the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration June 30 to become director of the board of atmospheric science at the academy.

He has been assistant administrator for oceanic and atmospheric research for the past year and before that served as director of the National Weather Service.

Dollar value of JFK film said in dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The haunting image of John F. Kennedy's assassination, captured in a 26-second home movie by a Dallas dressmaker, has been impressed on the national consciousness for nearly 35 years. Now, Abraham Zapruder's family is sparring with the Justice Department over the price tag for the historic footage.

The family is seeking $18.5 million for the film Zapruder shot as the president's motorcade moved through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The government proposes to pay far less.

"It takes an awful lot of courage for someone in the government to determine what the value of this film is, but that's what's necessary for the government to take advantage of what we are trying to do," said Henry Zapruder, a Washington attorney whose father died in 1970.

The original Zapruder film, considered a key piece of evidence in the investigation of Kennedy's assassination and made famous to a later generation in Oliver Stone's movie "JFK," has been stored in a National Archives film vault since the 1970s. The Zapruder family maintained the rights throughout the years.

But last year, a government board declared that the film was the possession of the people of the United States, and said the government had to determine how much to compensate the family for its rights.

The Justice Department has offered the family $750,000 while indicating that the upper range might reach as high as $3 million, The Washington Post reported today.

The family deposited the original film in a National Archives vault in the 1970s, wanting to ensure its safety and preservation. The film, which has deteriorated over the years, is stored at 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

The family allowed noncommercial users, such as teachers and students, to use the film for free and charged a fee for those who wanted the film for commercial purposes.

In 1992, Congress created the Assassination Records Review Board to amass all relevant evidence in the Kennedy case. That board declared in April 1997 that the film belonged to the federal government.

The Zapruders, who say they would prefer the film belong to the nation, began entering into discussions with the Justice Department last year over proper compensation. The family offered to sell the film for $18.5 million, and the Post said the Zapruders received appraisals for the film as high as $70 million.

Datebook

June 15, 1998

Today is the 166th day of 1998 and the 88th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1752, Benjamin Franklin demonstrated the electrical nature of lightning by flying a kite in a thunderstorm.

On this day in 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rubber.

On this day in 1965, Bob Dylan recorded "Like a Rolling Stone."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: David Rose (1910-1990), bandleader/composer; Erroll Garner (1921-1977), jazz pianist; Waylon Jennings (1937-), singer, is 61; Helen Hunt (1963-), actress, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, San Francisco's Juan Marichal pitched a no-hitter as the Giants defeated Houston, 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whoever acquires knowledge and does not practice it resembles him who ploughs his land and leaves it unsown." — Sa'di

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, an 8-year-old boy playing Nintendo was burned as lighting struck near his house and came in via the handset he was holding.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 10) and last quarter (June 17).

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June 16, 1998

Today is the 167th day of 1998 and the 89th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1858, Abraham Lincoln told an audience in Springfield, Ill., that the slavery issue must be resolved because "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this day in 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

On this day in 1963, cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel in space, orbiting the Earth 48 times.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stan Laurel (1890-1965), actor; John Howard Griffin (1920-1980), author; Roberto Duran (1951-), boxer, is 47; Laurie Metcalf (1955-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1916, Boston's Tom Hughes pitched a no-hitter for the Braves as they beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 2-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." — Harry S. Truman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1944, a group of tornadoes killed 153 people in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (June 17).

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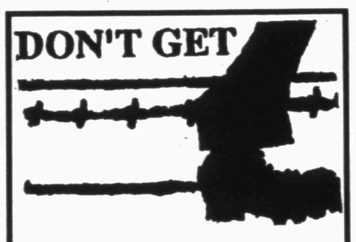

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1998 Escort SE



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As low as 5% Ford Credit APR Financing. Finance rate varies depending on creditworthiness of customer as determined by Ford Credit. Some customers will NOT qualify. 24 mos. RCO, 51% residual, mileage restrictions, based on cash price of $12,310. Final balloon pmt. of $6,579.00. $499 down +TT&L. Rebates to dealer. Mfg. & Owner Loyalty.

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94 Ford Escort



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92 Olds 88 Royale



$7,995 Sale

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98 Ford Contour

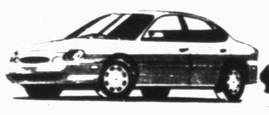


$12,995 Sale or $245.68 mo.

4 Door, Automatic, Low Miles

10.75% APR Financing. WAC 72 mos. TT&L down. See dealer for details.

97 Taurus GL



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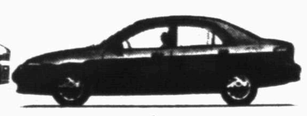

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White House defends contact Bruce Lindsey had with witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential aide Bruce Lindsey's contacts with grand jury witnesses in the Monica Lewinsky investigation is in line with how White House lawyers have historically acted, the administration contends in Lindsey's defense.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors want Lindsey to answer questions before a grand jury about his contacts. Lindsey has refused, citing the confidentiality between an attorney and a client — in this case, President Clinton.

"It is entirely proper for attorneys to speak with witnesses or their counsel both before and after their testimony in any investigative proceeding," James Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said Friday. He said Lindsey followed a practice used in both Democratic and Republican administrations.

The attorney-client privilege argument is now before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson has ordered Lindsey to answer the questions, but the White House has appealed. The administration's initial written brief is due Monday.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Johnson said in a confidential portion of her ruling: "The court questions the propriety of the president utilizing a government attorney as his personal agent in a personal attorney-client relationship."

The newspaper said Lindsey contacted the lawyer for retired chief White House steward Michael McGrath, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and Clinton's former personal scheduler, D. Stephen Goodin.

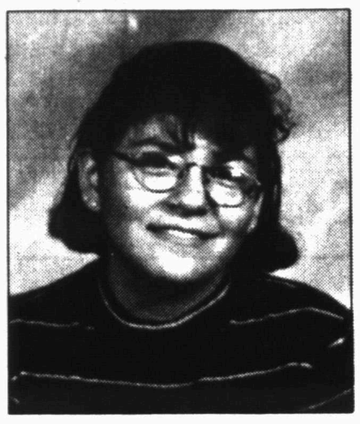
A legal source familiar with the contacts, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said, however that McGrath's lawyer initiated the contact with Lindsey.

McGrath and Goodin could have seen Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky together, and Jordan has acknowledged launching a private-sector job search for the former intern in addition to finding her an attorney.

Kennedy said. "That is a practice which is universally recognized to be a necessary part of any lawyer's effective representation of a client, and it has been followed by counsel through Republican and Democratic presidents."

Kennedy added that the White House has informed Starr, the Justice Department and congressional committees that the counsel's office speaks with witnesses and their lawyers. In some cases, the White House also represents the witnesses, although most have hired private lawyers in the Lewinsky case.

Starr is investigating whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky committed perjury.



Romana Escobedo



Lindsey Benitez

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to do."

The Diez Y Sies fiesta is a celebration of Mexican independence from 300 years of Spanish rule.

Every year on Sept. 16 in Dolores, Mexico, the birthplace of the country's independence, the people gather at midnight to begin celebrations with the famous Grito de Dolores, Viva Mexico!

In Snyder, the independence day celebration takes place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church grounds as well as the downtown square.

History, culture and tradition explain why the Diez y Sies de Septiembre is such a special day for the Mexican people and for Americans of Mexican descent.



Crystal Rascon

For the Mexican nationals in the United States, it is a national holiday away from home, and to the Mexican American, the 16th of September is a time to reflect on Mexican history, pass on the Mexican culture and tradition, and enjoy in the celebration of freedom.

Lottery sales drop in 1998

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Cash 5 games have also seen a 32 percent decrease — from $144,873 in sales last year to $97,958 this year.

The least popular game over the years, Pick 3, has seen an increase in sales this year.

That game has generated sales this year of $56,854, as compared to $41,604 in 1997 — an increase of 36.65 percent.

Overall, sales in Scurry County have shown a decrease of just over 26 percent for this year.

Since the inception of the lottery in 1992, scratch-offs are the most popular lottery game for Scurry Countians as $11,223,126 worth have been sold.

Lotto ticket sales for the Wednesday and Saturday night drawings have amounted to $5,521,259.

The popularity of the games fall off quickly after the scratch-off and the twice-weekly lotto drawings.

Sales of the Cash 5 game total $818,606, while the Pick 3 sales have totalled $526,472.50.

The first two drawings of the Friday night drawing for Texas Millions has generated $10,740 in sales.

The latter game was created by lottery officials to revise slumping sales across the state.

Obituaries

Naomi Roemisch

1912-1998

Naomi Roemisch, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, June 13, in Abilene Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Roemisch, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Sue Rowlett of Abilene will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born March 11, 1912 in Pyron, she married Frank Roemisch on Oct. 11, 1931 in Roscoe. He died in 1973.

Mrs. Roemisch was a homemaker and a member of the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Roemisch of Snyder and Jackie Roemisch of Hermleigh; a daughter, Carolyn Shaw of Denison; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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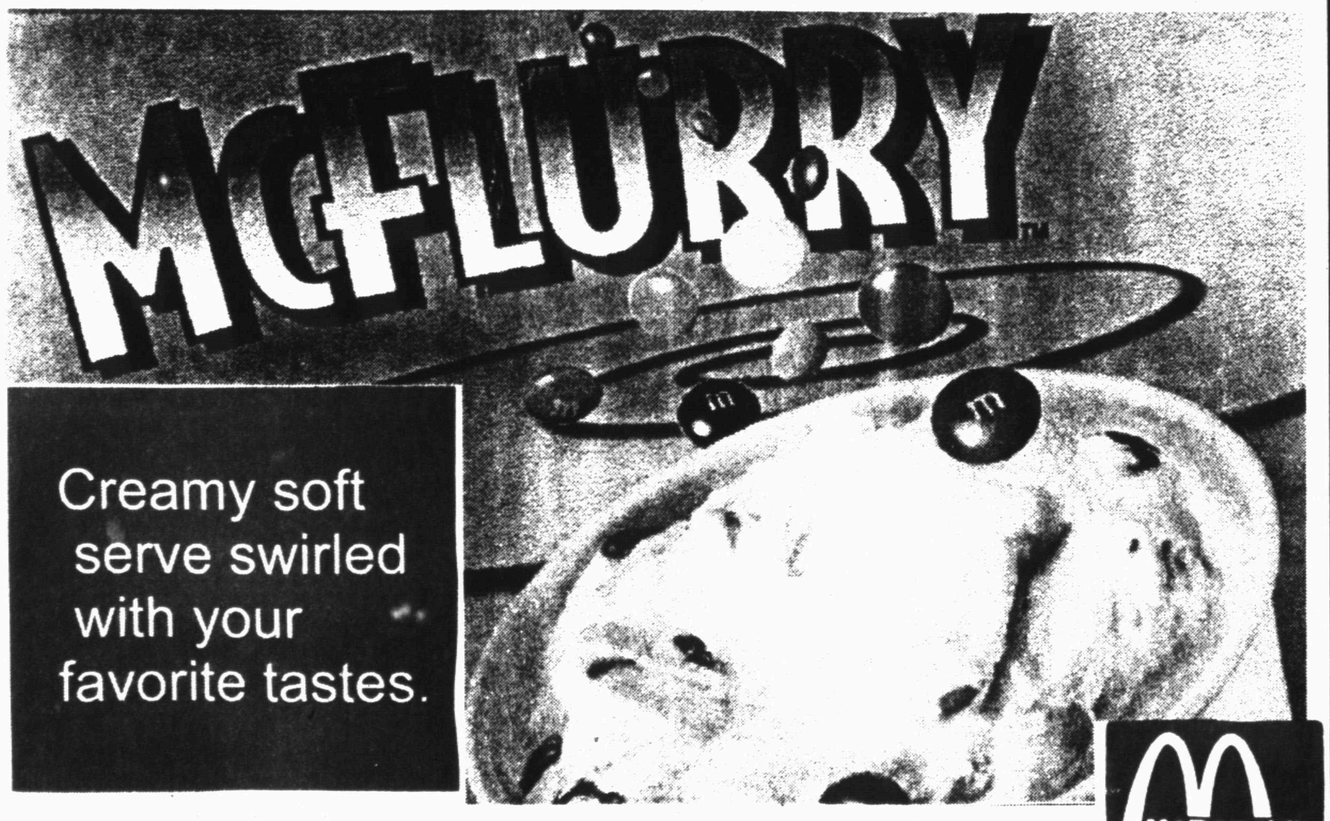

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira School Reunion

Ira School classes of 1946-1949 is holding their reunion Saturday afternoon in the Baptist Church fellowship hall in Ira. The event got underway at 2 p.m. with registration, refreshments and visitation.

SHS Class of '88 reunion

The SHS Class of 1988 is holding its 10-year reunion this weekend. Registration began at the SHS Student Center Saturday morning. A dinner and dance at Snyder Country Club was set from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $12 per person. There will be a BBQ lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the Towle Park Pavilion. Cost is $6 per adult. For more information, call Barbara Chapman Leatherwood at 573-5088.

Church of Nazarene film

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene will present the film, "I Just Saw Jesus," from 6-7 p.m. the next four Sundays. The church, located on the Colorado City Highway, invites the public to attend.

First Baptist VBS

A week-long Vacation Bible School for children who have completed kindergarten to the 6th grade will be held starting Monday at First Baptist Church. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

AARP seminar: Health care options

The local AARP chapter will host a seminar on health care options at the Senior Citizens Center at 5 p.m. Monday. This will be a covered dish dinner and the public is invited. Just bring a covered dish and any question on Medicare and health care options. The speaker will be Nancy Ronan of Independence, Mo.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "What Did He Mean By That?" followed by "Grief: Learning to Solo," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Lions Club schedule change

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but rather meet on Wednesday for the regular meeting. Lions International Director Jimmy Ross will present the program.

Windows 95 class

A Windows 95 Class meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 16 and 18 and June 23 and 25, will be held at WTC in the Workforce Computer Lab. Terri Racher will be the instruction and tuition is $49. Preregistration is required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Benefit bake sale

A bake sale is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Saturday at Wal-Mart to benefit Tiffany Sneed, a cancer patient.

VFW needs vets for float

Snyder's VFW wants to find men and women who served during World Wars I and II, Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm wars to ride on its July Fourth float. If you would like to participate call Bob Sealy, 573-3456; Valton Buchanan, 573-6542; Beal Turney, 573-1934; or Bob Moffett, 573-5684, before June 25.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church announces two new programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

There will be no evening classes conducted in June. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Texas Million

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

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Now 23, first North Texas quints remain close

ARLINGTON — As babies, they were each assigned their own colors that identified everything from their blankets to the frosting on their birthday cakes.

Almost 23 years later, the colors of their childhood have not been forgotten by the Davis quintuplets, the first born in Texas.

"Yellow is still my favorite color," said Chanda Davis, who works as a bank teller in East Texas. "We all also had a letter that they gave us. Mine was 'C.' "

The letters, which were marked on the bottom of the children's shoes, were just one of the ways that Debbie Knox kept up with her five busy babies.

"If they got a spot on their shoe or a buckle was missing, you can bet that it didn't belong to anybody," she said, explaining how young children often don't admit when they've done something wrong. "I had to mark the bottom of their shoes 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D,' 'E' based on their birth order."

Today the Davis quints — Christa, Casey, Chanda, Charla and Chelsa — have gone on to college, careers and lives of their own. Christa Felts, the eldest, and Chelsa Steele are married, and each has a child. Casey Davis is a college student studying psychology. The other two keep busy with their jobs. They all stay close despite living in different cities.

"They are my best friends," Christa Felts said.

The birth of the Zuniga quintuplets this week, the second set in North Texas, brought back many memories for the Davis family. Like the Zuniga quintuplets, who were born Monday, the Davis quints were delivered at Parkland Memorial Hospital and by the same physician. And like the Davis quints, the newest set of five babies were also first known as "A," "B," "C," "D," and "E."

One difference between the families is the sexes of the babies. The Davis quints are four girls and one boy. The Zuniga quints are four boys and one girl.

Since the Davis quints were born on July 18, 1975, Parkland officials say, 300,000 babies have been delivered there.

The Zuniga babies face a lifetime of fun and the unique challenges that being a quintuplet brings, the Davis family said.

Although they could hardly wait to move out on their own for the first time, all of the quints had a difficult time adjusting to life without their siblings close by, Ms. Knox said.

Charla Davis, who had always said she wished she were an only child, later told her mother that it was terrible being alone. Chanda Davis, who shared a room with her identical twin Chelsa, said she was lost without her. As children, they always played with each other and never had a moment alone, she said.

"The hardest thing was leaving and finding our own friends," she said.

But watching the quints move away was most difficult for their mother, who now lives in Irving and is learning to cope with a suddenly silent home.

"I had such a fun house with so many kids," said Ms. Knox, who is divorced from the quints' father. "Now I've adapted, but I think I prefer the way it used to be. It was a really, really special life."

It was a whirlwind world of strict bedtimes, sit-down dinners, soccer games and band practices. Along the way, there was the occasional commercial, talk-show interview or trip.

For Ms. Knox, who lived in Lewisville when the quints were born and returned to work full-time when they were about 3, keeping track of five busy children was always challenging and fun. The family moved to East Texas when the children were school-age to escape media attention.

From dawn until dusk, their lives were always hectic.

"I used to pick them up from day care, and all five would be talking at once telling me what they did," she said. "I would have a headache before I ever got out of the parking lot."

Bedtime was equally wild. Ms. Knox would close all the shades at 7 p.m. so they would go to sleep. When the children were little, they all played on the same soccer team so Ms. Knox had only one game to go to, but as they got older and they were involved in different activities, she faced new challenges.

"I wanted to go to everything they had," Ms. Knox said. "But I couldn't be in two places at the same time."

Christa Felts said she didn't get one-on-one attention with her parents simply because it wasn't possible. But they never lacked for anything, from clothes to a car, she said.

"The only thing I hated was having to share everything, even toothpaste," she said. "Now I'm not sharing with anybody — nothing."

Clothes played a surprisingly big part in the lives of the Davis quints, at least for the four girls.

Until the children started elementary school, Ms. Knox said, she dressed them all alike, something that always caused a commotion.

"People would make a big deal of it when we would go to the zoo," Ms. Knox said. "They'd line us up instead of the monkeys. It got old when we went to Pike's Peak and attracted more attention than Pike's Peak."

Chanda Davis said she recalls often sharing clothes and enjoying the advantages of having four other wardrobes to choose from.

But her mother recalls a different experience. A walk-in closet the size of some bedrooms was designed with four rods to give each girl her own section.

"Literally, it was a disaster," Ms. Knox said. "That was where they fought, because they had no privacy. There was no place they could stash their favorite top. If they put it in the closet, it was like putting it in a rack in the mall. Both mirrors in the closet were shattered within months."

As a boy, Casey Davis was the only quint with his own bedroom and bathroom. But he took his role a little too seriously, often trying to be the protective brother, Ms. Knox said. Eventually, he realized he had to back off, she said.

Looking back on the past 23 years, Ms. Knox said it went by too fast. She said she hopes the Zunigas enjoy some of the same extraordinary experiences that she had as a parent of quintuplets.

Among her most cherished memories is of her children's graduation from kindergarten, Ms. Knox said. Wearing caps and gowns, each child in the class walked down a runway and handed a rose to his or her mother.

"Then all five of mine walked side-by-side and handed me five roses," she said. "I thought I would die."

Buddy Ebsen has surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Buddy Ebsen had surgery to replace his aortic valve. His wife said he'll be taking time "to rest and recuperate."

Ebsen, 90, underwent the surgery at USC University Hospital and was expected to fully recover, spokeswoman Jennifer Fagnani said Thursday.

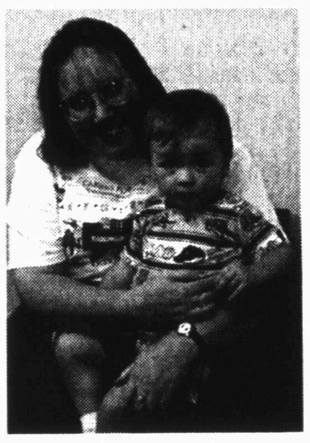
Children's Miracle Network...

Local woman helps raise money for kids

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Snyder's Rhonda Thomas knows how to raise money. And well she should since she's been doing it since 1994. Her efforts are part of the annual Children's Miracle Network campaign, which directly benefits Hendrick and Meek Children's Hospital in Abilene.

This year she raised a little more than $1,000, which upped Wal-Mart's total (where she works) to more than $5,000.



Rhonda and Charles Thomas

While the store personnel organized bake sales, raffles, a mini carnival and sold hot dogs and Cokes, Rhonda also sold over 1,000 Children's Miracle Balloons, each for a $1 donation. The name of the person donating was written on the front of the balloon, her name on the back and the balloons were put up around the store.

As part of the store's fund-raising activities, Charles Alvarez, manager, Sheriff Darren Jackson and Terry Snyder, local policeman, manned the roof detail, earning $800 in donations for the Children's Miracle Network.

The trio went up on the store's roof at 11 a.m. one Saturday and remained there for 4¼ hours. Their original goal was to raise $1,000 but due to the heat, they stopped at $800.

KSNY did a live remote, calling attention to the three men's effort to raise the money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Four years ago, when Rhonda agreed to head up the store's annual campaign, she said she had no idea what she was getting herself into.

She served as chairman for four years, but this year Veronica Westbrook headed up Wal-Mart's fund-raising effort.

During her tenure as chairman, she helped to create and plan fund-raising projects.

Rhonda said she often presented the checks on television during the telethon. She even toured the Abilene hospital. "I was amazed at all of the things they can do," Rhonda said.

She also saw a baby at the hospital that was as tiny as her hand. That really hit home since Rhonda's 18-month-old son, Charles, was born at the hospital.

Wal-Mart employees also raise money for the annual United Way campaign.

Rhonda has worked nearly 9½ years at the local store. She is currently a cashier but has worked in various departments as well as the office.

Rhonda grew up in Lampasas, moved to Snyder in 1982; then Pecos in 1986, returning to Snyder in 1989.

What a Great Guy!

Tell Dad he's a gentleman and a scholar with this "ornate" T-Shirt. (On the front is a punch line that explains how he got that way.) He'll thank you for the thought as he sips from his microwave-safe "Great Guy" mug.



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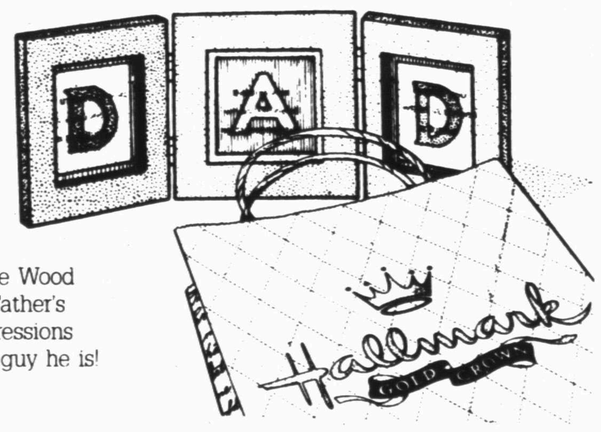

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MARRIAGE SET FOR SEPT. — Sid and Bobby Harper of Valle De Oro and Mike and Sharon Schweitzer of San Antonio announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Reagan Marie Schweitzer, to Josh Reynolds. Josh is the son of Rex and Vicki Reynolds of Channing. A garden wedding is planned for 6 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the home of the future bride's grandparents, Bill and Loy Forbes. (Contributed Photo)

Driving tips

NEW YORK (AP) — Drowsy? Don't drive. It could be lethal.

Each year almost 2,000 people die in crashes caused by drowsy driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. And in New York State, police estimate that sleep-deprived drivers account for 30 percent of all fatal crashes.

"Being aware that drowsy driving is an issue when one is sleep-deprived is the first step toward finding a solution," says Dr. Joyce Walsleben, director of the Sleep Disorders Center at New York University Medical Center.

You're at risk if you're cramming for exams, taking a long trip, taking medication, or have been drinking.

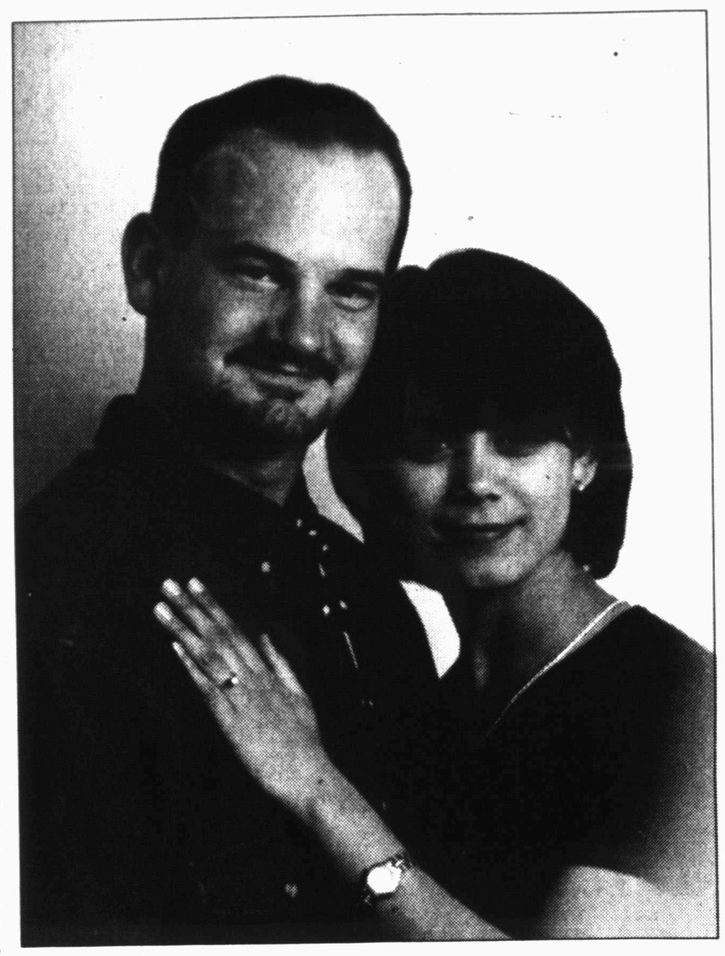
"One alcoholic beverage equals six to a sleep-deprived person," Walsleben says. "And any combination of these situations can increase your chances of falling asleep at the wheel significantly."

The doctor, who represents the National Sleep Foundation on New York State's task force on drowsy driving, offers some guidelines:

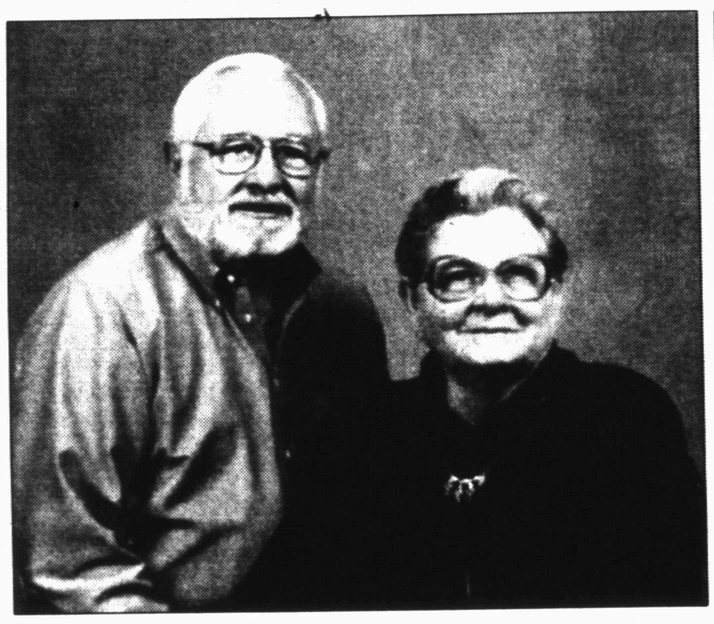
— On long trips, stop at a safe place every 100 miles, or every two hours. Take a 10-minute nap or walk around to wake up your body and mind.

— Choose a designated driver for social events where alcohol is served. In unplanned situations, get another passenger to take over driving when you begin to feel sleepy. "Keep in mind that designated drivers, even though they are not drinking, can get tired too, so they should be aware of the issue as well," Walsleben says.

— Drink something with caffeine — coffee or soda, for example — for short-term alertness if needed.



ANNOUNCING ENGAGEMENT — Herman and Gloria Gonzales of Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Gonzales, to Jonathan Dane Patrick. He is the son of Jim and Shari Patrick of Hobbs, N.M., and Lane and Dorthy Beaty of Snyder. Jon and Mary Ann are both residents of San Angelo and attend Angelo State University. Their wedding date is set for Aug. 15 at the Holy Angels Church in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor
(Contributed Photo)

Quick,easy snacks

Popcorn Snack Ideas

Toss 4 cups popped popcorn and 2 cups oyster crackers with 3 tablespoons melted margarine. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon dry buttermilk salad dressing mix, and toss to mix.

Toss 4 cups popped popcorn with 2 tablespoons melted margarine. Sprinkle with ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, and toss to coat. Stir in ¾ cup candy-coated milk chocolate pieces and ¾ cup peanuts or cashews.

Gardens for homes with little space

COLLEGE STATION — Though much of the French influence in gardening across the southern United States has been lost, the rear gardens common in New Orleans provide a look at how that culture used plantings around homes.

People with small spaces might consider designing a French Quarter-style courtyard with raised beds and containers full of brilliant blooms, suggests Dr. Bill Welch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and co-author of "The Southern Heirloom Garden."

The French gardening style still may be enjoyed across the South and may be marked by some of the following characteristics.

•Formality of plan.

•Parterres: flower gardens having beds and paths arranged in patterns.

•Allees: avenues or rows of trees.

•Unity of dwelling house with gardens.

•Division between pleasure and utilitarian areas.

•Aromatic, colorful plants and containers in the ornamental areas.

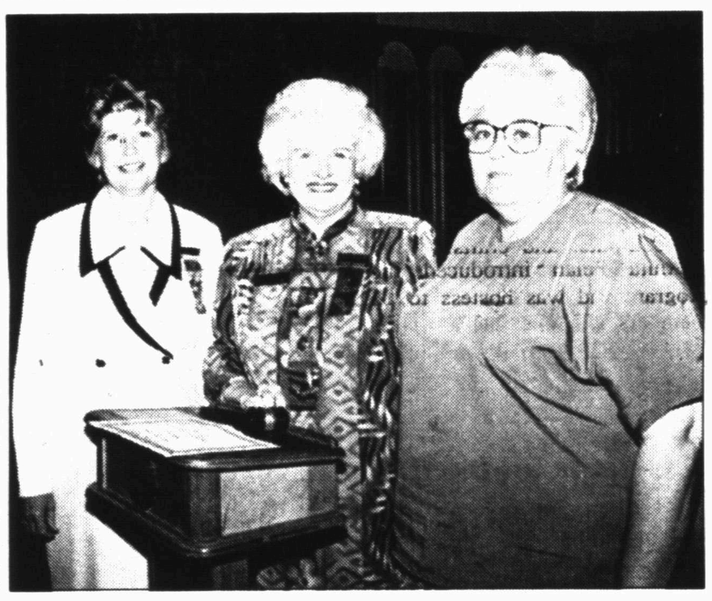
Former Snyder pair note 50th

Jack and Joanne Taylor of Jacksboro, married in Snyder, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a family vacation in Colorado.

Mr. Taylor was born Oct. 6, 1926, in the Methodist Hospital in Dallas. His wife, was born Joanne Miller on March 2, 1930 at Granny Thompson's in Snyder. The couple met in Snyder's Irwin Drug. They were married in Snyder First Methodist Church on June 21, 1948.

Attending the family celebration will be their children, Kathy Davis of Arlington; Eydie and Steve Carnes of Arlington; Tracy and Sherri Taylor of Dallas and Julia and Bruce Olson of Alpharetta, Ga.

Also planning to attend are seven grandchildren, and Jeanne Duke, Rickey and Teri Presley and Josi; Jean and Wally Jordan and Leanne Jordan.





DKG MEETS — Founder's Day was celebrated at the final meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma. Special guests included (top photo from left) Linda Ellis of Slaton, Alpha Sigma Chapter; and Charlene Davis of Slaton, area 12 coordinator. Standing right is the local incoming president, Helen Mock. In the bottom photo, April Baker, center was recruitment grant winner for AKF Scholarship, and her mother, Sandy Baker, was winner of the local achievement award. At left is outgoing president, Mary Williams. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



JUNE WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Terrell announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Lynn Terrell, to Jay Clark Markham, son of Cheryl and Jim Markham of Newport Beach, Calif., and Lena and Kelton Clark of Ira. The bride-elect, a Spur High School and Angelo State University graduate, is employed with Midland Independent School District. Markham graduated from Ira High School and Midland College. He is employed with Linco-Electromatic of Midland. A June 29 wedding is planned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. (Contributed Photo)

Hopes recognized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Hope and wife Dolores were awarded papal knighthoods.

"You just name it, and they've always been willing to step forward and share their gifts, their lives, with everyone," said Cardinal Roger Mahony, who bestowed the honors Wednesday.

Hope, 95, was invested Wednesday as knight commander with the star designation and his wife, Dolores, 89, as dame with star in the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

The entertainer smiled but did not speak during the ceremony at St. Charles Borromeo Church, near the couple's Toluca Lake home.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for 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 information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 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; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.



TWO-CLASS REUNION — Snyder High School classes of 1952 and 1953 met at the Wagon Wheel Dude Ranch with 130 attending. LaVerta Rollins traveled the farthest distance, from Moscow, Russia. From left are, first row, Buster Moss, Bill Voss, Dick Sealy, Doug Ayers, Joe Galyean, Joe McCright, Kenneth Griffith, Brent Murphy, Alfred Weathers, Miles Davis, Leonard Partain; second row, Jean Mulkey Floyd, Hattie Townsend Furgeson, Dorothy Shuffield Tate, Peggy Allen Harris, Wanda Kinney Brooks, Ruth Schooling Greer, Joan Bolding Neidecken, Medina Ann Baker, Jayme Bills Roemisch, Betty White Norris, Lora Garretson Trimble, Louise Evans Layne, LaVerta Rollins Burhams, Joan Cockrell Webb, Jenny Cargile Hicks, Lucie Barton Adgers, Shirley Ann Ramsey; third row, Pauline Yandell Underwood, Shirley Gillum Drum, Gay Cox Sherrill, Billie Alford Huddleston, Darlene Taylor Keeter, Gwendolyn Crow Gammill, Madolyn Crow Noble, Nancy Dorman Smith, Era Lou Ward Sawyer, Carol Cook Ray, Veneta Jackson Groves, Janey Robbins Bynum, Anita Houston Brown, Adene Wells Nixon, Camille Cloud Davis, Shirley Weber Bowers, Cleone Brunson Stephens, Marilyn Thomas Maples, Mary Williams Smyrl; fourth row, Joe Cargile, Dub Popnoe, Ned Underwood, R.W. Thornton, Ellis Huddleston, Billy Roy Jones, Harvey Rollins, Doug Merritt, Waylon Glass, Jimmy Wilson, Wayne Glass, Luther Edmonson, Armin Hegenheiser, Johnny Brannan, Dan Burns, Bobby Shipley, G.W. Birt and Billy Campbell. (Contributed Photo)

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By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ A 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ Q 4 2 ♣ A K Q 4 2	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

To end our week-long look at entries, here is a deal that trips up almost all of my students. No one looks closely enough at the exact spots in the critical club suit. George Bernard Shaw got it right when he wrote, "People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."

With those big hints, you will have no trouble working out the right play in three no-trump. West leads the spade king.

At first glance, there seem to be nine easy tricks: one spade, three hearts and five clubs. My students confidently win the first or second trick, cash the three top clubs, then pause. Suddenly they notice that they have to win the fourth club trick with dummy's nine. Their ninth trick, the club four, is stranded in a hand with no entry. Eventually, they concede one down.

What is worse, most of the dummies (the Norths) removed the club three without waiting to be told to do so. Those dummies — in more ways than one — should be given a sharp rap across the knuckles! But a dummy who pulls back the club nine without being told, although it is against the law, should be cosseted. A dummy who finds such a good play must be kept as a partner, not turned into an opponent.

As you've all noticed, South must unblock dummy's seven, eight and nine of clubs under his ace, king and queen. Then declarer can cash the four, squashing dummy's three, and finish with the two.



Jennifer Bigham

Recital and graduation held for Bigham

Jennifer Marie Bigham was presented in her senior music recital and high school graduation ceremony Saturday, May 16, at Faith Baptist Church. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bigham.

Jennifer attended Faith Christian School, a home school, for the past 10 years. She also attended Western Texas College during her senior year.

Studying piano under Mrs. Bill Tune and Mrs. Virgil Mott for the past 11 years, she entered several piano contests and guild auditions during this time earning excellent and superior ratings.

Jennifer is a member of Faith Baptist Church in Snyder where she has been actively involved in the children's ministry and is presently involved in the youth choir department.

In her piano concert at her graduation ceremony, she included several hymn arrangements followed by Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel. These were followed by two vocal presentations.

A reception followed the ceremony and recital in the fellowship hall where a display featured Jennifer's high school art work.

Folkloric dancers perform

Scurry County Charter Chapter of ABWA elected officers, attended general business and were entertained by Our Lady of Guadalupe Folkloric Dancers at a May 28 meeting in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

New officers include Barbara Scrivner, president; Leona Wiggins, vice president; Betty Boyd, secretary; and Grace Bryant, treasurer.

Dancers of the Folkloric group including Nick Salazar, Royael Ruis, Christie Garcia, Jackie Alvarez, Valerie Hernandez, Era Gonzales, Johnny Alaniz and Luis Alaniz were introduced by Anita Felan.

Committee reports were heard following the pledge of allegiance. Wiggins introduced Vera Pruitt who is retired and now enjoys her three grandchildren, her computer and crafts.

Anita Felan introduced the program and was hostess to 12 members and one guest, Elaine Buck. Genetha Payne gave the invocation and Barbara Scrivner gave the benediction.



DANCERS PERFORM — Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association members were entertained at their May meeting by the Our Lady of Guadalupe Folkloric Dancers — from left are Nicholas Salazar, ABWA member Anita Felan, Valarie Rios, Luis Alaniz, Jackie Alvarez, Johnny Alaniz, Christie Garcia, Era Gonzales and Royael Ruis. (Contributed Photo)

When kids act up, remind yourself that you were a kid once, too. As every parent learns, having kids takes a lot of patience and understanding.

—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
June 5

Jane Hinton directed six tables of duplicate bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Sue Reed, Billisue Stuard.
2. Marjorie Brown, Jane Hinton.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

SUNDAY
June 7

Three tables were directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. LaVerne Hood, Charles Blakey.

TUESDAY
June 9

Three tables were directed by Dot Casey.

TIE: Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal and Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

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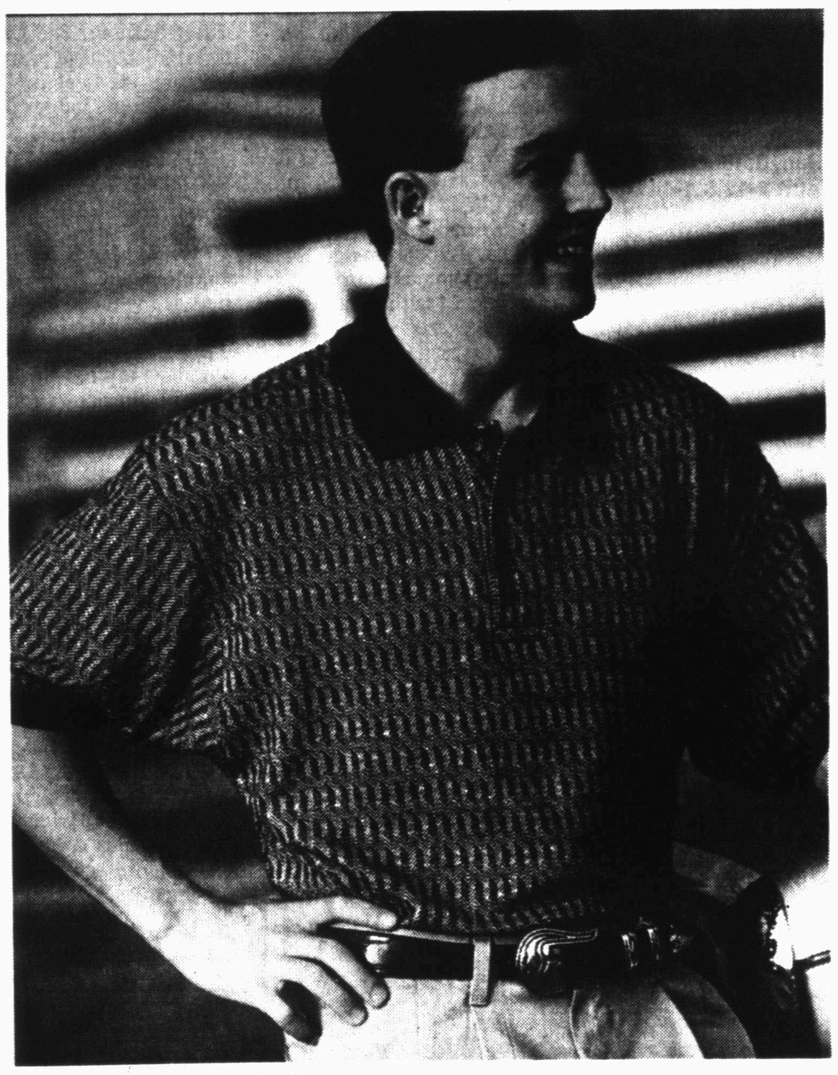

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Investigation casts suspicion on Routier

DALLAS (AP) — Hoping to exonerate death-row inmate Darlie Routier in the slaying of two of her young sons, relatives of the suburban homemaker asked a Texas millionaire to investigate. Now they're sorry they asked.

Brian Pardo's inquiry has cast suspicion on Mrs. Routier's husband, Darin.

"I agreed I'd look into it with one proviso: that if I look into the case, I'd seek truth and justice wherever it leads," said Pardo, a Waco insurance executive and former congressional candidate.

The case returned to the front pages in Dallas last weekend, when Pardo made public the results of a lie-detector test administered to Darin Routier (pronounced roo-TEER) in an attempt to rule him out as a suspect. It did just the opposite.

Routier, 30, was given the same test three times on May 22, Pardo said. Each time, he gave deceptive answers to four questions about his knowledge of the crime, according to a polygraph examiner hired by Pardo.

"Darin is a very significant suspect in this crime," Pardo said, adding: "He had means, opportunity and motive."

Prosecutors said that's not news to them.

"There always has been suspicion as to Darin Routier's knowledge or involvement, but so far we have not had enough to go forward for an indictment or anything like that," said Toby Shook, a Dallas County assistant district attorney who helped prosecute the case.

Routier held a news conference Sunday to denounce the polygraph test as rigged and to say he was severing his relationship with Pardo.

"If he is willing to go with these allegations and against the truth, then we have no reason to use him," Routier said.

Routier has supported his 28-year-old wife's claim of innocence. He has said he was asleep upstairs with the couple's youngest son when his wife was stabbed and their two older boys were slain in 1996 at the family's home in Rowlett, 20 miles east of Dallas.

Mrs. Routier has said that she had been sleeping on a downstairs couch a few feet from 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon and that she was attacked by a man dressed in dark clothing who then fled. In her 911 call, she cried: "Somebody came in, they broke in and just stabbed me and my children!"

In 1997, prosecutors successfully argued that Mrs. Routier killed Damon and Devon because she was angry over losing her money, her freedom and her figure, and that she slashed herself in an attempt to fool police. A jury convicted her of murder and sentenced her to lethal injection.

Pardo's theory is that Routier was involved in planning the attack but didn't kill the boys. He believes there were as many as three intruders — perhaps including Routier — whose only goal was to kill Mrs. Routier. The children, Pardo says, were slain because they witnessed the attack on their mother.

Pardo says the motive may have been a $250,000 life insurance policy on Mrs. Routier. Her husband was the beneficiary.

Mrs. Routier's mother, Darlie Kee, said her daughter still believes her husband was not involved.

"She knows 100 percent that Darin had nothing to do with this. She said that the only way she would ever believe that Darin was involved is if he confessed," Ms. Kee told The Dallas Morning News. "She said she knows Darin would never do anything to hurt their sons."

Nonetheless, Mrs. Routier wrote Pardo: "I must agree that $250,000 by itself could be enough of a motive for someone to kill. I've heard about stuff like that in here."

Mrs. Routier declined an interview request from The Associated Press. Her mother did not return repeated calls.

The polygraph results and Pardo's assertions add to a litany of elements in the case that have struck some people as strange. Among other things, Mrs. Routier organized a graveside birthday celebration for Devon just days after the slayings, with balloons and Silly String. And she later posed in a death-row photo shoot for Cosmopolitan magazine.

Mrs. Routier's relatives and in-laws approached Pardo in January, after "Dateline NBC" reported on an investigation of his that concluded a man was executed for a 1982 triple murder he may not have committed.

Legally, Pardo's investigation has no bearing on the appeal, said Stephen Cooper, the lawyer handling Mrs. Routier's appeal. Polygraph results are rarely admissible in court.

Senior Center News

Activities for next week include daily exercise at 11 a.m. and swimnastics at Western Texas College Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Monday's activities include bridge at 9:30 a.m. and the AARP potluck supper at 5 p.m. An AARP national manager of educational services will be speaking on healthcare.

On Tuesday, 42/88 will begin at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will play at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon.

Wednesday will offer bingo at 10 a.m. and line dancing at 1 p.m.

A new activity is now available on Thursdays. The Westerner Golfland will be open to seniors from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Discount cost for seniors will be $2 for 18 holes of putt-putt. The miniature golf course is located at 1804 43rd St. and owners are Joee and Joni Gainer.

Tri-Chem will also begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday followed by choir practice at 10 a.m. and the Senior Saints performing at 11 a.m.

Friday's bridge tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Father's Day program is set for 11:15 a.m.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, dill pickle spears, baked apple.

TUESDAY

Cheese meatloaf, corn O'Brien, boiled okra, tossed salad, bread pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, pickled beets, apple cutie pie.

THURSDAY

Boneless barbecue ribs, stewed tomatoes w/croutons, Italian green beans, cottage cheese & peaches, peanut butter cookies.

FRIDAY

Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed greens, carrot cabbage slaw strawberry whip.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt
Community Coordinator

The AARP Scurry County 2063 Chapter will sponsor a seminar on health insurance at its monthly meeting which begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M.

A covered dish dinner will be served. The community is invited to come, just bring a covered dish. The out-of-town Western Swing group will be our guest.

This will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have concerning your insurance or about Medicare.

Our speaker will be Gil Torres of Philadelphia, Pa., who is the manager of Health Care Options. So, please, get your questions ready so that she may be able to help you.

AARP chapter president, Marie Armstrong, invited AARP members, as well as the general public, to this meeting. AARP is the nation's largest organization of older Americans, with a membership of over 33 million. Anyone age 50 or older is eligible to join. For more information, call M.J. Merritt, 573-5301 or Marie Armstrong, 573-3302.

Remember this is a changing world and everyone needs to be informed of the changes in Medicare and Social Security. Stay up to date and know what you are doing before you act.

Researchers find cause for a type of combined deafness and blindness

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Sandra Kavanaugh can't see at night, in dark rooms or even when it's partly cloudy outside. Glasses help her see when it's light but she uses a cane in the dark.

Kavanaugh has Usher syndrome. She was born with night blindness, and by the age of three began suffering vision and hearing loss. Now 54 years old, she has tunnel vision, can't see very far and has lost half her hearing.

She lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, just across the Missouri River from where the latest discovery about her condition was made. Researchers in Omaha have found the gene responsible for Usher syndrome Type IIa, Kavanaugh's condition and the leading cause of combined deafness and blindness in the industrialized world.

Researchers say their findings could lead to treatment or a cure for the disorder, as well as a better understanding normal vision and hearing.

More than half of the almost 16,000 deaf and blind people in the United States are believed to have Usher syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes moderate to severe hearing loss and the juvenile onset of retinitis pigmentosa, one of the most common causes of blindness.

It was first identified as a genetic syndrome by a clinician, Charles Usher, in 1935.

The latest discovery, reported in Friday's edition of the journal Science, also could allow doctors to tell patients with Usher syndrome which type they have, said Dr. Gerald Chader, chief scientific officer of the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Patients could learn how fast their disorders will progress and what percentage of hearing and vision they can expect to lose, he said.

"They can plan their lives perhaps a lot better knowing the gene and the progression that they will have," Chader said.

Dr. William Kimberling of Boys Town National Research Hospital and Dr. Janos Sumegi of University of Nebraska Medical Center collaborated on the research that led to the recent discovery.

"It's a tremendous step forward that propels us right to the edge of where we can not just dream but think about therapy," Kimberling said.

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CD features rock versions of state songs

CHICAGO (AP) — For everyone who ever thought, "Gee, if only there were a double CD of all 50 state songs, and if only they were performed by punk rock bands like 9 Spine Stickelback, Dead Clown Pile and Pinhead Circus," Jack Ball has just the thing.

The founder of New York City-based Coolidge Records has put together "Coolidge 50," a compilation of punk versions of all 50 state anthems, arranged in order of the states' entry into the Union.

Ball, 27, spent two years lining up 50 bands to donate their talents. He wanted a band from each state, but in a few cases had to settle for having at least one member from the state.

"I let the bands try to be as free as possible as far as performing the songs," Ball said. "I didn't want to be restrictive."

He wasn't, according to Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper, who thought The Crash's rendition of "Our Delaware" was "too edgy" for his taste.

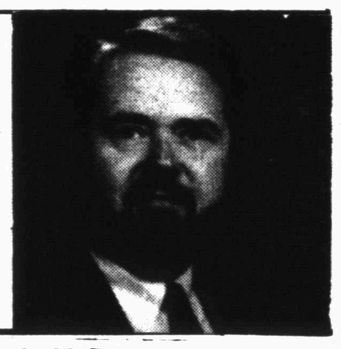
"I wouldn't, however, rule out its use during the inauguration of a new governor — if we ever get around to electing someone with green hair and multiple piercings in curious places," Carper wrote in a thank-you note.

Ball sent a copy of the album to every governor as well as President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Gore "didn't respond, so I'm thinking maybe Tipper got hold of it," Ball said.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



It's still a grand old flag

Recently, as I drove through one of the great cities of the Midwest, I saw a huge American Flag flying high in front of a business. It was evening and large spotlights flooded Old Glory with radiance.

My heart swelled with pride as I watched the breeze unfurl "my" flag. Oh, I know the flag doesn't belong to me personally. It is the property of all Americans. However, it doesn't diminish my pride one bit to share my flag with you.

As I continued driving, my thoughts flew back to my early school days. Every morning, from first grade through senior high school, my school day began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. I know it's not politically correct, but I believe we would have fewer problems in our schools if we still started all school days that way.

Each room in our school contained a flag. We were reminded of it often as we studied history, geography and math. Yes, I said math. You see we had to count these Stars and Bars and know what they stood for.

In recent years, there's been much ado about a few isolated incidents of flag burning. The United States Supreme Court even decided that these radicals have every right to spit on, tread on and burn Old Glory. I even saw one wear my flag as a diaper. Frankly, I wanted to change his diaper, but the judges decided it is freedom of speech to do what you will to our flag.

The Court issued a decision that the flag is just a symbol, and that each person gets from a symbol the meaning he puts into it. That be the case, let me tell you what that red, white and blue symbol means to me.

The symbol of freedom

My flag stands for freedom. Freedom to do what is right, just and honorable. Freedom to own, to create and freedom to benefit. Freedom to go as I will and do as I see fit, so long as what I do does not infringe upon the rights of others.

My flag symbolizes my freedom to pursue happiness. It does not guarantee my happiness. It does not symbolize a government who is going to finance my happiness. It simply grants me the privilege of choosing a course in life that will bring happiness.

My flag reminds me that the "Republic for which it stands" is a great one. Never in the history of civilization has there been a greater nation. America, with all her faults, is still the best this earth has to offer.

My flag serves as a constant reminder that many men and women have given their lives so that we who live might continue to enjoy our freedom. And while we enjoy the blessings and protection our flag offers, may we remember both the cost and responsibility that come with them.

My flag is a symbol of all those who have the personal courage to stand up for their convictions even when their stand is unpopular. I can assure you that Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Franklin were not popular in England. Yet these men and many others wanted what was the best for colonial America.

As we enjoy Flag Day this year may we be reminded of all our flag stands for. Years ago I read a toast to America. I don't recall it completely, but what I can remember I offer as a Flag Day Salute. "May we enjoy *addition* to our friends, *subtraction* from our wants and needs, *multiplication* of our riches and blessings and *division* among our enemies."

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Scattered phone, Internet disruptions traced

NEW YORK (AP) — Separate disruptions in telephone and Internet service Thursday, resulting in busy signals and other equipment mishaps caused bottlenecks for thousands of East Coast residents and businesses.

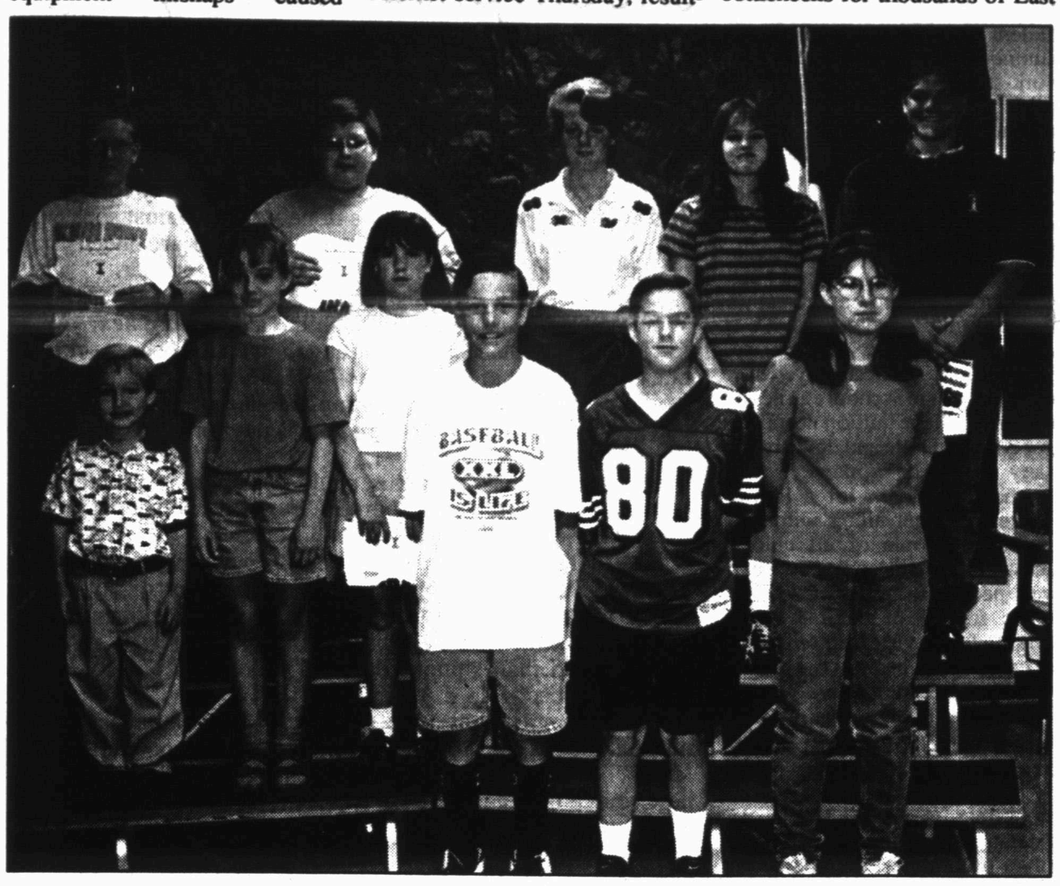
About 70,000 customers in Florida lost phone service around noontime when Bellsouth technicians mistakenly cut service at a switching center in a sprawling business district west of Miami. Many callers turned to cellular service only to find those lines overloaded.

In the Northeast, long-distance carrier MCI said one of its main cables in the New York City area was accidentally cut an hour before noon. MCI rerouted calls for its customers, but other phone and Internet service companies leasing the line experienced disruptions while scrambling for alternate routes.

"It's just like a traffic jam. We're experiencing a very busy network," said Beverly Levy, spokeswoman for Southern New England Telecommunications, which has about 1.5 million business and residential customers, mostly in Connecticut. Levy said the problems were resolved by late afternoon.

Some disruptions also were reported by Bell Atlantic Corp., the New York-based regional Bell company, and by WorldCom Inc., the nation's fourth-largest long-distance phone company and a major Internet service provider.

AT&T Corp. and Sprint Corp., two other large long-distance carriers, reported no problems with service.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These Ira students received perfect attendance recognition for 1997-1998. From left, top row, Brandon Crane, Cody Lomax, Jessie Green, Tara Allen, Shae Everton; middle row, Daniel Wooldridge, Aryn Calley, Jessica Odom; bottom row, Eric Dickerhoff, John Gainer, Candace Sanchez. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Q&A

How dangerous are? household products?

Hairspray, disinfectant and oven cleaner beware of your household products!

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 and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

With the death of 11 young people in Plano, due to heroin overdose, many parents have become alarmed at what can happen to their children because of drugs. However, most people are not aware that the most deadly of drugs is right under their nose, or under their child's nose.

Regular household products used to fuel engines, freshen air, painting projects and hold a hairstyle are the drug of choice of some children today becasuse they are readily available, inexpensive and easy to conceal. What these children and parents don't realize, is they have become deadly killers.

Over 1,000 substances are commonly used as inhalants. Some of the most common are correction fluid, spray paint, glue, rubber cement, spray polish, vegetable cooking spray, hair spray and room deodorizes. When inhaled or "huffed," these products provide a quick, cheap and accessible way to get high.

Parents pay close attention because the majority of inhalant users tend to be young preteens in the seventh and eight grade. This is a time when they enter puberty and emotions are running high. Although not all inhalant users become addicted, the ones who do, withdraw from friends and family and lose interest in schoolwork. Some inhalant users go as far as dropping out of school beginning in eighth grade.

"How are inhalants used?" is a question often asked by concerned parents. Users "huff" chemicals by breathing the chemicals various ways through their mouths. They may also spray or dip chemicals onto a rag, sock, or toilet paper to breathe the fumes, or breathe them directly from an easily concealed container, or pour the chemical in a plastic or paper bag to be held over the mouth and nose.

The short term and long term affects of using inhalants range anywhere from impaired judgment, respiratory depression, nosebleeds and irregular heartbeats to Sudden Sniffing Death (SSD) Syndrome. In an interview with CBN News, Dr. Neil Rosenberg, medical director, International Institute of Inhalant Abuse in Englewood, Colorado says, "Inhalants are more dangerous than marijuana, cocaine and any other substance used today. These are industrial chemicals, largely, and they are not meant to be consumed or put into the body. And kids are putting them into their bodies in very high concentrations."

There are several huffing signs and symptoms that parents should watch out for:

- Empty spray cans
- Slurred speech
- Poor memory
- A decrease in appetite
- Agitation or excitability
- Sores in the mouth or throat
- A chemical smell on the breath
- Rag or plastic bags in the child's area

The good news! Children can be taught to resist the pressures to try drugs like inhalants. Parents can help by talking to their children and becoming informed about inhalants.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79559. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 573-1141 or 800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Legislation eyes farm workers' condition

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Farmworker advocates are supporting legislation that would require farmers to provide field workers with access to toilet and hand-washing facilities.

Proponents of the bill, approved by the state Senate on Thursday, say migrant workers often lack proper facilities.

The Rev. Richard Witt of Rural and Migrant Ministries in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., said workers can be forced to squat in open fields and next to barns, lacking even toilet paper. Other workers lack running water to wash pesticide residue off their hands before they eat, he said.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Dora C. Little, 1998 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Humberto and Elena A. Hernandez, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Don Richardson, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

The Wiser Oil Co., two 1998 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Lane, dba Rapid Hot Shot Service, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bo Hendricks, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vesta Orr, 1998 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Alex Hernandez, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big County Autoland.

James E. Blakey, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Ralph and Norma Laywell, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing, 1999 Ford from Jordan Ford.

William Dale Ott, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

James R. Burleson, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Janice F. Harty, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Byrle Chapman, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bennie J. Blissard, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Todd Sorrells, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Troy Wallas, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Ben Smith, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jack Dale Chambers, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Don and Nita C. Taylor, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Janis G. and George Page, 1998 Dodge van from Snyder Chrysler.

Barbara J. Russell, 1998 Mercury Mountaineer from Wilson Motors.

Bryan Hibbitt, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Roy Edward Overton and Suzanne Sweeney, both of Snyder.

Glenn Andrew Lewis and Megan Beth Harris, both of Snyder.

Alvin Dawayne Lott of Snyder and Priscilla Alberta Brown of Oakland, Calif.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Toni Jo Hall and James Harley Hall, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Stephanie Gay Shifflett and Wesley Tyson Shifflett, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Enrique Hugo Rodriguez and Bacilia Rodriguez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Danny Lynn Chaney and Nita Gale Chaney, divorce granted.

Charlotte Roohms, dba Charlotte's Web, vs. Laura Powell, dba Sweet Williams, agreed order enforcing foreign judgment.

James David and Margaret Ann Beaver vs. Clifton G. and Nancy Smith, et al, order granting plaintiff's motion for non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Patricia Kay Shands, et al, order of dismissal.

Providian National Bank, fka First Deposit National Credit Card Bank, vs. Billy Watkins, default judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Junelle Lee to Larry Lee, Danny K. Lee and Claudia J. Lee Sanchez, tract one being 1.144-acre tract in Section 209, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 1.141-acre tract in Section 209, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Myra Lillian Miller to Randy T. and Tracy A. Lewis, the west 76 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3 of the Winston Company Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

O'Neal's Interiors Inc., dba Clark Lumber and Supply, to Martin and Sharon Latta, the west 60 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Snyder Savings and Loan Association to Herschel A. and LaDonna Cross, 24.213 acres in Sections 130 and 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jimmy Lee Hernandez to Maria Hernandez and Manuel Barrientez, tract one being in the City of Snyder on the north side of 15th Street and at the intersection of NBL of the northwest and southeast right-of-way of Santa Fe Railroad in Block 2 of the Hatcher Subdivision in Block 8 of the Cody Addition; tract two being Lots 14-16 in Block 1 of the Cornelius Subdivision in Block 7 of the Cody Addition; tract three being the west 35 feet of Lots 11-13 north of the RS&P right-of-way in Block 1 of the M.F. Cornelius Subdivision of Block 7 of the Cody Addition.

Geneva and Valton Buchanan to Larry P. Brock, an 0.45-acre tract in Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Robert M. Cole and Lanelle Cole Joplin to Victor and Gloria Rios, all of Lot 6 in Block 39 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Richard B. Saxe, independent executor of the estate of Irby L. Dyer, to Deborah Dyer Gutting and Deborah Denise Dyer, each an undivided one-half interest in tract one being the south one-half of the northwest one-quarter and the southeast one-quarter and southeast 40 acres of the southwest one-quarter of Section 541, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (except 123.38 acres) and the southeast one-quarter of Section 574, Block 97, H&TC survey.

D. Jean Chambers to D. Jean Chambers Revocable Trust, the south one-half of the north one-half of the east one-half of Section 236, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Doyle and Peggy Fowler to Richard E. and Ernestine Payne, all of Lot 5 in Block 6 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Elaine H. Wilson to Abel Jordan and Kendra Hope Carrillo,

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Kathleen Weaver, M.D.
Orthopedic Surgeon

What's So Great About Cogdell Hospital?

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Cogdell Memorial Hospital



Deanie Francis Mills

Welcome to the 'real world'

Well, my daughter is finally working for a living. Lawdy, I've waited for this day!

"Working for a living." That's what I call it when you're working for minimum wage or below, usually serving other people in some capacity or toiling in hard, dirty, physical labor for which many of us have little appreciation. (Jessica's working a summer job at a local fast-food restaurant.)

I held many such jobs in my checkered past, and I can tell you that nothing quite changes your life-perceptions like working for a living.

You'd be surprised how many of us have never had to work for a living. Either we grew up in privileged circumstances where mama and daddy doled out all our living expenses and runaround money, or we "worked" for the family business, like my old friend Dolores, whose dad ensconced her in his office every summer.

"He had a perfectly capable assistant," Dolores later told me, "And so there was nothing for me to do but sit around filing my nails all day long. You talk about boring."

I had to feel sorry for her. Really, I did. Just couldn't quite cough up the sympathy.

That same summer Dolores was filing her nails in an air-conditioned office for daddy's paycheck, I was hefting huge boxes around in a cavernous discount store warehouse where temperatures routinely reached 120 degrees in the Dallas humidity.

The store was still under construction, and they needed people to stick prices on thousands of boxes of merchandise in preparation for the store's grand opening. Management — who had all moved down from Minnesota to open the first store of its kind in Texas — had to set up offices in that warehouse. They couldn't open the huge doors then because any wind which came through blew all the paperwork around. Instead, they set up fans to blow on themselves in one privileged corner while the rest of us labored like Egyptian slaves, clamoring around pyramids of dusty boxes, with sweat pouring off us in little rivers. (Our only revenge was that those poor folks from up north were absolutely DYING in the Dallas summer heat. Heh-heh.)

Before that, I had worked after school and Saturdays at a little dime store. My first boss was a kind and gentle man, and I remember that he always let the young salesgirls take off an hour early on prom night so we could get ready. Later, I worked every summer, every Christmas holiday and every spring break I was in college at another big discount store as a cashier.

Working for a living put me through college. Along with student loans and scholarships and summer jobs. I worked every work-study job I could find, since I didn't have a car and had to stay on-campus. I took meal tickets in the dorm cafeteria. I worked as a resident assistant in the dorm. I worked registration the same week all my friends were partying their brains out.

When you work for a living, you gain a whole new appreciation for the giant underpinnings of our society — the service industry. Those same modest paychecks which bought me school clothes or paid my college tuition went for groceries and bills and daycare for many of my co-workers.

When you work for a living, you learn to get along with and appreciate people of all colors, races, creeds and accents. (Yeah even people from Minnesota).

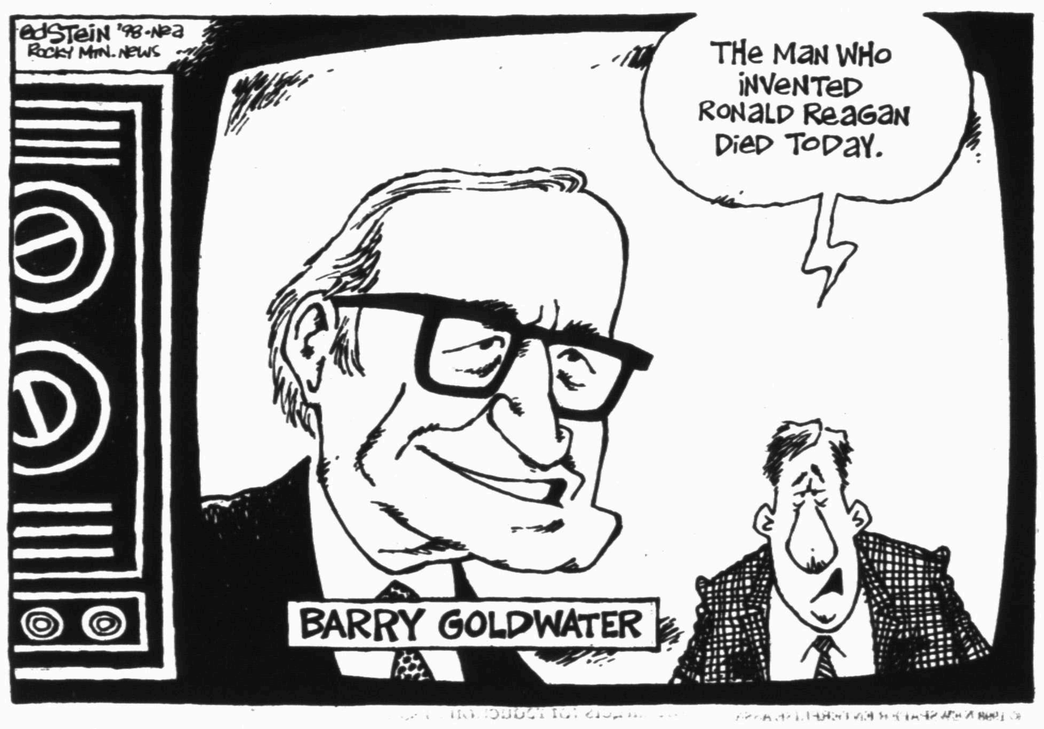
The friends of color I made working for a living inspired me to become active in the civil rights movement of the sixties.

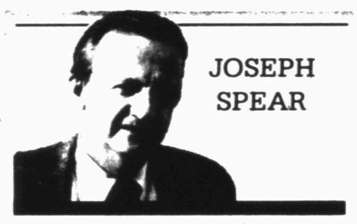
You learn how to manage bosses of all kinds when you work for a living. Some are great — like my first boss — and some are impossible to please. But you understand that they are making only a little more than you under far greater pressures. You bond together with your co-workers. You learn to laugh at most anything.

Another thing working for a living teaches you is how to survive on less than enough. I remember the huge dilemma I had once, trying to decide whether to buy Carol King's landmark album, "Tapestry," or the equally fabulous Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's "Deja Vu." Each record cost $3 and I could only afford one. So I bought one album one payday and the other the next. You learn to wait.

Working for a living blesses you with patience when you no longer have to work for a living but you are dependent upon people who do. You don't yell at the grocery sacker, or snap at the drive-through girl or make snide remarks at the dry cleaners because you understand how hard their jobs are and that chances are, they're doing the best they can. You leave generous tips when the waiter does a good job. You smile at the supermarket checker because you remember what it was like, standing on your feet all day in one little caged-in area, dealing with people who can, on occasion, be very rude.

Working for a living is the best way I know to fully comprehend what it means to be human. I'm sure glad my daughter has now joined the human race. She'll be glad too, one day.





JOSEPH SPEAR

Goldwater was his own man

Thirty-three years and six months ago, a young lieutenant at Fort Dix, N.J., took up a pen, checked the box on an absentee ballot next to the name Barry Goldwater and became a part of history.

I was one of only 27,176,799 Americans who thought the Republican candidate deserved to be president. He lost in a landslide, winning the electoral votes of only six states.

It was the first presidential election in which I was eligible to vote, and Barry Goldwater was the first national politician I ever voted for. I still regard it as the most satisfying ballot I ever cast, and I would do it again today.

Looking back, I'm not sure why I was so enthusiastic about Goldwater, who passed away on May 29 at age 89. I paid scant attention to politics at the time and cared not a whit about Democrat this or Republican that. During my senior year at college, I had read "Conscience of a Conservative," Goldwater's mostly ghostwritten book about the principles that guided him, and had discovered that I agreed with much of what he said.

I had also watched the GOP convention in San Francisco in the summer of '64 and distinctly remember his "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" speech, and the pro-Goldwater stemwinder that launched Ronald Reagan's political career.

But I had also heard the vicious disparagements that Lyndon Johnson and his fellow Democrats, and even some moderate Republicans, heaped on Goldwater during that election campaign He was a fascist, they said a racist, a warmonger, a nuclear-happy psycho. "In your heart, you know he's right," his ads said. "In your guts, you know he's nuts," the Democrats responded.

I think my affection for Goldwater was instinctive. He was a curmudgeon, and I like that. He was crusty, outspoken, pigheaded, irascible. He said what he thought and he didn't give a hoot whether anyone agreed. It simply did not occur to him that he should tailor his message, as they now say, to win votes. And at bottom he stood for freedom. Freedom of nation and freedom of the individual. He was, in short talking Joe's language.

So Joe voted for Barry, despite the torments of friends and verbal digs from the lovely young woman who would become my wife.

Goldwater came back to serve another 18 years as the senator from Arizona, and I eventually got into a trade requiring that I pay acute attention to politics. Through the years, he said and did things with which I disagreed, but not once did I lose my respect for him. Indeed, I gradually began to appreciate the fact that he was anything but a doctrinaire conservative. He was mainly a libertarian who believed that government should stay out of people's lives, which explains why he supported abortion and gay rights. Barry Goldwater was his own man.

In his four-decade career, Goldwater said many things that endeared him to me. Herewith a few of my favorites:

—"I've got no use at all for the religious right. Anybody who tries to make politics out of God ought to go to hell."

—The conservative movement is successful despite the "crackpots" on the religious right. "I know them all. I've said Jerry Falwell should be kicked in the ass, and I meant it. He has a big one. You can't miss it."

—Richard "Nixon was the most dishonest individual I have ever met in my life. He lied to his wife, his family, his friends, his colleagues in the Congress, lifetime members of his own political party, the American people and the world."

—"I believe Reagan did know of the diversion of Iranian funds to the Contras. He had to know. The White House explanation makes him out to be either a liar or incompetent."

—"I don't like what the Republicans are trying to do with (Clinton's) background. I wish they'd get off his back on this so-called Whitewater. ... (They're) not going to prove anything."

—"The best thing Clinton could do ... is to shut up ... He has no discipline."

I revered Barry Goldwater, and I pray he rests in peace.

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Editorial Comment

Should prisoners pay?

Ft. Worth Star-Telegram

Much as we like the idea of sending criminals to jail, we can't yet convince ourselves that it's smart to make them reimburse the county for the cost of their stay. We agree that there's a certain injustice in making taxpayers pay for room and board for people who have done wrong against society, but it's hard to see how a system of making prisoners pay could be administered in a just and fair manner.

Denton County officials, under the leadership of Sheriff Weldon Lucas, say they will push the Legislature next year for just such a plan. Although details haven't been worked out, the idea is that people who have finished their jail stay would be required to pay a certain amount after they get out and go back to work — say, an hour's pay for each day they were in jail.

Lucas says he knows this could cause some problems. "For the indigent, no reimbursement should be sought, and the inmates' families should be protected," he says.

Isn't that a big hole in the plan? Who decides which former prisoners will suffer consequences for failure to pay and which ones get a free ride? Just how do we protect the inmates' families if their breadwinner first serves a jail sentence and then siphons off later income to pay for the meals and bed?

There is big money involved here. Most of Lucas' $16 million budget goes to operate the Denton County Jail, and larger counties pay much more. How nice it would be to find a new source of revenue to relieve that burden on taxpayers.

But we can't see the magic in a plan to make former prisoners pay. We'd rather they concentrate on putting the jail experience behind them and becoming productive members of society.

First Amendment

Brazosport Facts

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees free speech. It's perfectly simple, yet boundless in magnitude.

And in an odd reversal, a California high school sophomore is teaching her school all about free speech.

Rather than standing up for her right, 16-year-old girl MaryKait Durkee is sitting for it.

You see, Durkee has concluded that the United States government is corrupt, the nation too violent, and she also doubts the existence of God. Thus, she doesn't want to stand during the Pledge of Allegiance anymore. In April, Durkee sat quietly in her desk during the patriotic exercise.

While we do not agree with her views, clearly it's her right to refuse to recite the pledge.

But Durkee's teacher ordered her to stand and recite the pledge, which she refused. The teacher then sent the girl to the principal's office and threatened the girl with detention.

Last week, the ACLU filed a lawsuit on Durkee's behalf.

Earlier this week, the school's superintendent decided to allow Durkee to remain seated quietly during the pledge through the last two weeks of this school year. The decision, he said, was made to prevent the controversy from overshadowing graduation.

But when school resumes in September, Durkee will have to stand or leave the classroom if she won't recite the pledge. Durkee plans to press ahead with the lawsuit.

The situation should never have reached this point.

As long as she is not disrupting the class, Durkee should have the right to sit quietly while her classmates recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

We should be thankful for the values of personal freedom that this country champions. Free speech belongs to all, whether or not we agree with what is said.

On the end of Mir

The Houston Chronicle

It is with relief that men greet the end of American involvement aboard the aging, accident-prone, Russian Mir space station 235 miles out in orbit.

The departure from Mir of astronaut Andrew Thomas aboard the space shuttle Discovery signals the close of another chapter of U.S. space exploration. But it also signals a step toward what may be a more productive chapter, the planned international space station.

Mir, which has long outlived its planned life, has been a drain — both in finances and resources — on the space station effort. And it is evident that Mir was kept going, at least in part, as a sop to Russian pride at maintaining a presence in space.

Despite assurances otherwise, the feeling that the safety parameters for Mir had been exceeded could not be fully dispelled. The seven U.S. astronauts who served aboard Mir at various times over the past three years with the Russian cosmonauts are to be commended, at the very least, for enduring the many small crises and inconveniences with which they had to deal. Problem after problem leapt up to challenge them in recent months.

The Mir is expected to be brought back to Earth and sunk in the ocean next year, but not before several astronauts from countries other than the United States do duty aboard the craft. Mir should be viewed as a mostly positive example of how international cooperation holds promise for future space endeavors.

"I'm very proud of the people's response to the hazards that occurred," said Frank Culbertson, NASA shuttle-Mir program manager. "We had very high expectations of phase one (of the cooperation program). We met and exceeded those in quality and in quantity of lessons learned probably by 10 times.

Shuttle commander Charlie Precourt adds: "We've learned far more than we ever could have expected, and it's been well worth the trials and tribulations."

Maybe all that is so. But, on the whole, it's good to see Mir in the rearview mirror.

Tobacco bill: Sudden movement; hurdles remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of partisan combat, Republican and Democratic Senate leaders decided to give compromise a chance, boosting the prospects for comprehensive tobacco legislation.

Numerous hurdles remain before the measure to crack down on teen smoking can clear the Senate, or the House where Speaker Newt Gingrich has recently stepped up his attack, or reach President Clinton's desk.

"There are so many more pitfalls out there. This thing could still go haywire quickly," Democratic leader Tom Daschle told reporters. "So it's way too early to say that we're out of the woods."

In the Senate, where the bill has been on the floor for nearly three weeks, Democrat Wendell Ford of Kentucky pledges to wage a one-man battle to protect farmers in his state if a provision to phase out the existing tobacco program isn't dropped.

GOP conservatives are ready with a seemingly endless stack of amendments in a further attempt to sink the bill.

The most pressing question has to do not with the finer points of tobacco policy, but with the intentions of Majority Leader Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican who has annoyed some of his GOP colleagues by helping to move the bill along.

With his support, the 60 votes to choke off debate would presumably materialize swiftly, and the bill would pass shortly thereafter. Without his help, there's every chance the measure will die a lingering death.

"I haven't decided" what to do, he told one reporter late last week as he walked onto the Senate floor.

GOP critics of the bill expect he will eventually take action to facilitate final passage. "I've always had that fear," remarked Texas Republican Phil Gramm. "I hope he doesn't," added the second-in-command in the GOP leadership, Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

The bill survived a brush with death this week.

Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, first elected to his seat in 1962, told reporters the past few days had produced "about as dramatic a shift and change in the United States Senate as I have seen."

Last weekend, Lott, angered that Daschle had decided to force a series of votes to end debate, told a television interviewer the measure was "dead in the water."

A few days later, it popped back up again, tax cuts were approved, a major GOP anti-drug provision was adopted, and the bill's prospects improved markedly.

In a Senate where policy fights often are transformed into parliamentary deadlock, it took a compromise over procedure to move the bill along.

After weeks of refusing to agree to vote on drugs or taxes, Lott and Daschle worked out a plan to permit votes on both.

Republicans quickly won both, as Democrats had known they would, thereby placing their own election-year stamp on what started out as a bill backed principally by Democrats and the White House.

Daschle said Lott had a change of heart after Democrats began forcing Republicans through a series of daily votes on whether to end debate, thereby placing the GOP in the position of appearing to do the bidding of Big Tobacco. Lott, characteristically, isn't saying what prompted the shift.

Some Democrats chose to focus on the fresh momentum that had been imparted to the legislation rather than the Republican successes.

"I think it's important for us to look at the overall context of the bill," said Daschle. He listed several items as priorities: FDA authority to regulate nicotine; penalties for cigarette companies that fail to meet targets for reduced sales; a provision to raise the price of cigarettes.

As drafted, the bill would raise the price of cigarettes by $1.10 a pack and collect hundreds of billions of dollars over the next 25 years to help the states pay for smoking-related health care costs. It also would finance disease research and an anti-smoking campaign.

Some Democrats seem to be assuming Senate passage, pointing the way to an eventual negotiation that includes the House, the White House and the tobacco companies. The companies reached a settlement a year ago with states that were suing them but have since walked away from the legislation.

In an environment where politicians are vying to show their disdain for tobacco companies, Sen. John Breaux, whose mother died of lung cancer, says, "I don't need anybody telling me I need to be tough." Still, the Louisiana Democrat added, "Any agreement that doesn't have the companies as part of it is constitutionally challenged."

He pointed to provisions dealing with advertising restrictions on the industry and proposed penalties for companies that don't the targets for reduction in sales.



Jeremy Bailey

Bailey graduates from university

Jeremy Bailey graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in a ceremony held in Behrens Chapel on May 9.

He received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education with specialization in special education.

Jeremy was on the Dean's List for the fall semester and completed his student teaching in the spring at Thomas Elementary and Clack Middle Schools in Abilene. He was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society in education.

He graduated from Brownwood High School in 1993. He attended Howard Payne University, Western Texas College and took his special education classes at Abilene Christian University in coordination with his HSU degree.

Jeremy was hired by Hamlin Independent School District from May 12 through May 28 as a special education instructor teacher for the emotionally disturbed.

Jeremy is the son of Robert and Reba Bailey of Snyder.

China's leadership deposed Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping in 1976 and appointed Hua Kuo-feng prime minister and first deputy chairman of the Communist Party.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Tips for healthy travel

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What, in general, are the immunizations required for foreign travel?

DEAR READER: According to the April 24, 1998, issue of the Medical Letter, the following vaccines should be considered:

— Cholera. The risk for tourists is low and the current vaccine has limited effectiveness. Therefore, cholera prophylaxis is not recommended.

— Hepatitis A. Given as a single dose, followed by a booster in six to 12 months, hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for persons traveling outside the developed countries (the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia and so forth).

— Japanese encephalitis. This vaccine, given in three doses over a period of four weeks, is appropriate for high-risk travelers (those staying more than a month in rice-growing areas).

— Measles. People born after 1956 who have not received two doses of measles vaccine (or who have not had measles) should receive a single dose of vaccine.

— Meningococcal disease. This one-shot vaccine is recommended for travelers to endemic areas, such as Africa, India and Nepal.

— Polio. All travelers to developing countries should be given a primary series of polio vaccine, if they have never been vaccinated.

— Rabies. Pre-exposure immunization is appropriate for tourists at high risk, especially children: those planning extended stays in endemic areas and people seeking outdoor adventure in rural areas of the developing world. The schedule consists of three injections given at zero, seven, and 21 to 28 days.

— Tetanus and diphtheria. All adults, whether traveling or not, need booster injections every 10 years.

— Typhoid. This vaccine is given as four oral doses or as injections and should be considered for people traveling to endemic areas, such as Latin America and Asia.

— Yellow fever. Available only in centers designated by state health departments, this vaccine is administered 10 days before traveling to endemic zones, such as South America and Africa.

— Malaria. Anti-malaria prophylaxis is appropriate for travelers to the many countries where this disease is prevalent. The type of pill and the frequency of dosing depends on the country. The most common medicines include Lariam, Aralen and doxycycline.

This brief summary is provided for general information only. Each foreign traveler should check with his or her physician, local health department or travel clinic to determine which immunizations are appropriate for the proposed itinerary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have hemorrhoids that are causing a swollen abdomen, wrinkles on my face and brown spots on my hands. I'm 62. What's the relation?

DEAR READER: None whatsoever.

Hemorrhoids may cause pain, itching and burning. They don't cause abdominal swelling or skin changes, which are age-related and need no therapy. (However, if your abdomen is truly distended, you should seek medical attention.) Welcome to getting old.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is a diabetic and attended a five-day seminar, at which nutritionists repeatedly stated that diabetics can eat sugar in moderation.

Therefore, I was surprised to read your recent article. You claimed that refined sugar should be avoided and that blood sugars could be brought into line by this tactic. You have performed a disservice to your diabetic readers.

DEAR READER: I hope not.

It's true that diabetes specialists have recently revised their opinions about refined sugar in the diet. However, I believe this is a dangerous and unnecessary change.

Refined sugar, which has no intrinsic nutritional value, is poison to diabetics who do not produce enough of the right kind of insulin. Therefore, it makes sense to me that diabetics should avoid it.

Here is a true anecdote from my own practice.

Three months ago, I examined a 65-year-old teacher who complained of constant thirst and urinary frequency, the classic signs of diabetes. Sure enough, his fasting blood sugar was 400 milligrams per deciliter, about four times above the normal limit. We discussed the issue. Should he use insulin or pills?

Being an intelligent adult, he was wary of medication. Therefore, we agreed to try a simple diet first.

He eliminated concentrated sweets from his daily routine, continued to exercise regularly and reduced his moderate consumption of alcohol. Within two weeks, his fasting blood sugar was 160 mg/dL; after a month, it was 70 mg/dL. Since then, his blood sugars have been under good control — without drugs.

So, yes, eliminating refined sugar can make an enormous difference. Don't you agree? I believe that this restriction is appropriate. Perhaps, with time, the gurus will change their tune. On the other hand, if they are correct, I'll change mine. But not at the moment.

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

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tract one being the north 90 feet of the northwest one-quarter of Section 143, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 192, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Evans Heaton, attorney-in-fact for Juvine Heaton, to Saturnino and Anita J. Martinez, the north 94 feet of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 1 of the Grayum and Clark Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition.

Diamond M Foundation Inc. to Scurry County, all of Lots 10, 11 and 12 and the south 90 feet of Lot 9 and the north 80 feet of Lots 4, 5 and 6 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Scurry County, Trustee, to W.C. and Patsy Graves, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of the Helms Heights Addition.

Jimmie Joe and Delores Key to John T. and Wanda B. Short, tract one being 77.9 acres out of the northeast part of Section 54, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 30 acres out of the south one-half of Section 53, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kinney Hart and Juanita Hart to Ricky Wayne and Wendy M. Hunter, 5.363-acre tract in the north one-quarter of Section 130, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ricky Wayne and Wendy M. Hunter to Kinney Hart, a 2.889-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 130, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Betty Lee Bowie, Terry Jo Butler and Debby Lynn Hanks to James and Jana L. Dickey, an 0.528-acre tract in the south one-half of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.329-acret tract in the south one-half of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lucy Scarborough Dennis and Arthur Lawson Dennis, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Harvey Ben Dennis, to Paul A. and Gina Jones, all of the south 30 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 5 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Susan Spires to David and Cindy Lee, Lots 10 and the east one foot of Lot 9 in Block 1, Section 1 of the Martin Addition.

Emma Cates and Sandra Jane Neeley to Donald E. Hanks, all of Lot 10 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

Artie Joe and Donna Valerie Minefree to Max Allen and Janice I. Blackwell, all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of of the Colonial Hill East Addition.

Seven of Canada's 12 provinces and territories have a population of less than 1 million.

Millard Fillmore (1850-53), a Whig, was the last U.S. president who was neither a Democrat nor a Republican.

Shields takes part in Navy exercise

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron R. Shields recently participated in the Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, homeported to Norfolk, Va.

More than 10,000 Sailors, Marines and Airmen participated in the U.S. Navy Second Fleet exercise off the coast of the southeastern United States.

The exercise involved the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Battle group and the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked.

Both groups are scheduled to deploy to the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf this summer.

Shields graduated from Jayton High School in 1994 and joined the Navy in 1996.

The state tree of West Virginia is the sugar maple.

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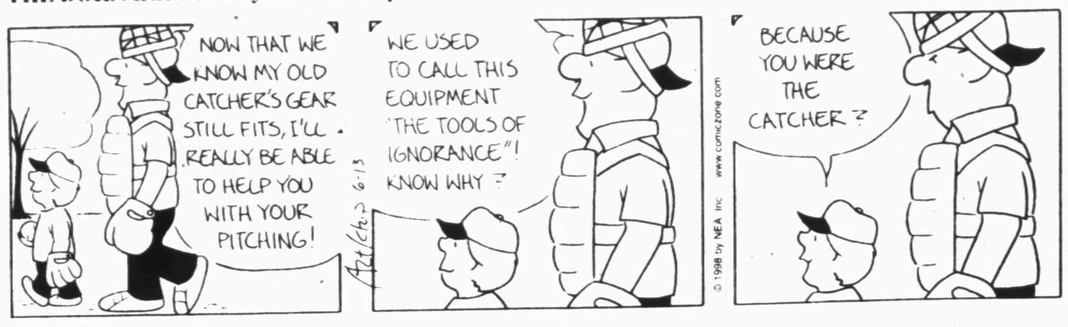

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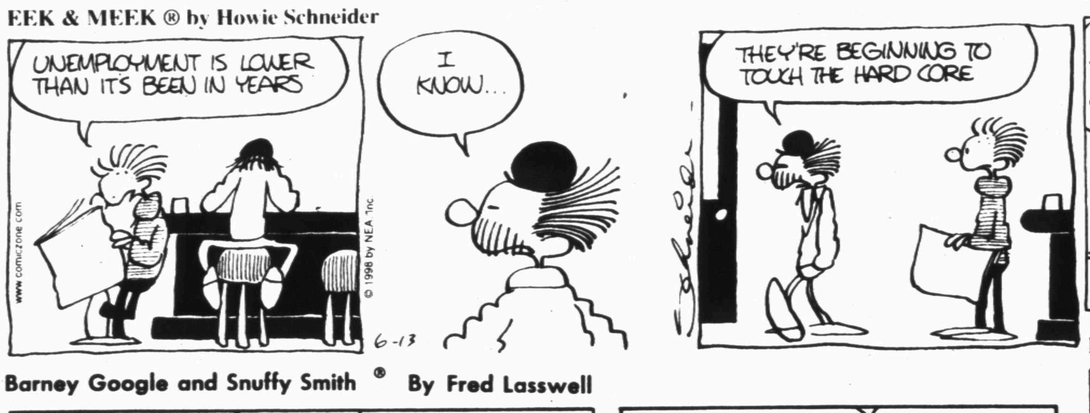

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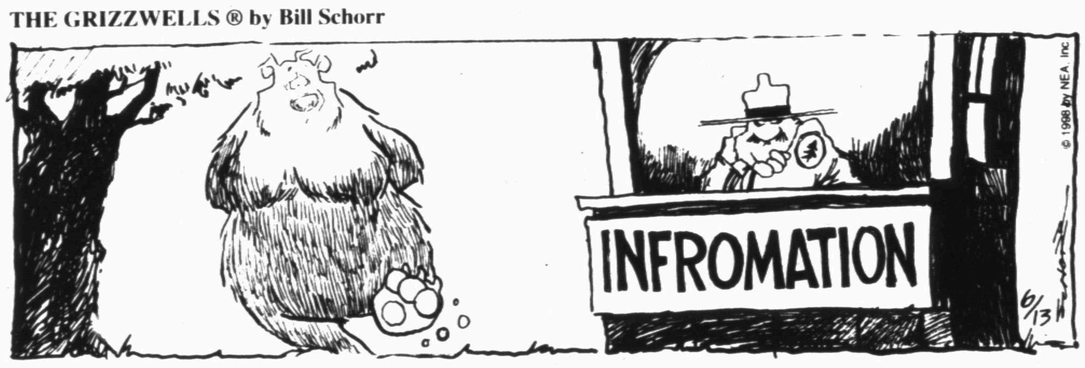

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7 Baby porker
13 Actress Dahl
14 War fleet
15 Having less money
16 Of medicine
17 Year (Sp.)
18 Erich — Stroheim
20 Here (Fr.)
21 Ornamental pattern
23 Thus far
24 Compressed layers of cotton
25 Clothes tinter
27 Sends in payment
29 Caustic substance
31 Floor covering
32 Settle debts
33 Nahoor sheep
34 Called
37 Demons
40 — moss
41 Atty.'s deg.
43 Connecticut school
45 Sick
46 Debtor's note
47 Escape (sl.)
48 Skin soother
51 Conceive
54 Army command (2 wds.)
55 A or B
56 Tiller of the soil
57 Like some jackets

DOWN

1 Fathers
2 Pressed
3 Dour
4 Ending for auction
5 First number
6 Bold
7 Picasso and Van Gogh
8 A Gershwin
9 UK time
10 Rancher's gear
11 Proclamations
12 Unspoken
19 Above (poet.)
22 Fish trap
24 Certain crime
26 Baseballer Nolan —
28 Film star Paul —
30 Mascara's kin (2 wds.)
34 Jai alai
35 Type of top
36 Unclaimed mail dept.
38 Part of the mouth
39 Scheduled
40 Rice dish
42 Constructed
44 Manicurist's board
49 I think, therefore — —
50 Gravel ridge
52 Garden moisture
53 Parisian season

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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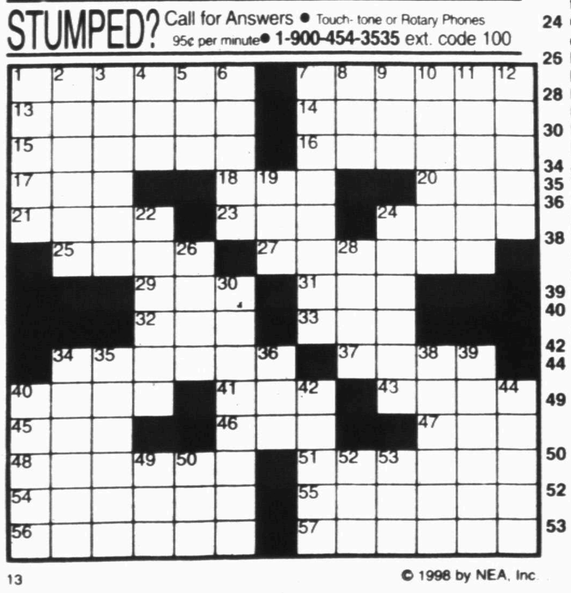

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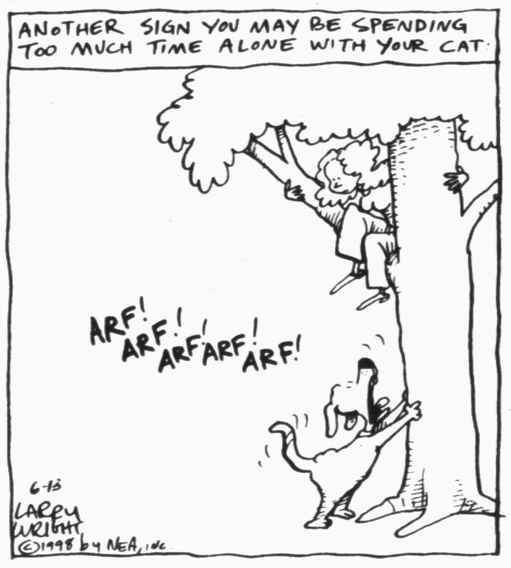



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Unknown soldier's body provides DNA for tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — After recovering a good DNA sample from the remains of the Vietnam veteran exhumed from the Tomb of the Unknowns, scientists are testing to see if it is a genetic match of a family who believes a relative was buried in the monument.

The mother of downed Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie said she is still convinced her son was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery 14 years ago.

"We're waiting and preparing for him to come home," Jean Blassie said Thursday after the Pentagon announced a good DNA sample had been recovered.

With the first scientific hurdle overcome, the Pentagon said the military is hoping to determine if the DNA sample matches the genetic material from Blassie's family or from relatives of eight other servicemen who, like Blassie, went down in airplanes or helicopters around the same time in 1972 in the war zone where the remains were found.

"I believe we did get a good sample, which puts us in a good position now to start matching," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said.

Bacon said the success retrieving DNA gives the Pentagon more confidence it can solve the mystery of who was buried in the Tomb, which also holds remains of unidentified soldiers from World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict.

"But it doesn't give us 100 percent confidence," Bacon cautioned, saying, "This is a complex process and it has many elements to it."

The Vietnam remains were exhumed last month from the Virginia grave site at the Blassie family's request. Bacon said scientists would begin testing potential matches from the families of the two most likely candidates — Blassie and Army helicopter pilot Capt. Rodney Strobridge.

The Pentagon said circumstantial evidence, including identification and gear from a plane like Blassie's A-37 fighter, were found with the remains, but initial blood- and body-type evidence — which his family now questions — indicated they were not his. That is why his identification was ruled out so many years ago, military officials said.

Blassie, 24, was about 6 feet tall with type A positive blood. In the early 1980s, the remains were estimated to be from a 26- to 33-year-old person with type O negative blood who was between 5 feet 5 1/2 inches and 5 feet 11 1/2 inches tall. Strobridge, 30, was 5 feet 9 inches with type O negative blood.

Both Blassie and Strobridge were shot down on May 11, 1972 around An Loc.

The other seven servicemen, whose names have not been released, are not considered good matches for the remains, but could be part of DNA testing, too.

Bacon said one family does not have any maternal-line survivors so it was not possible to retrieve a mitochondrial DNA sample which is needed for testing.

The Blassies plans to bury the remains near their St. Louis home if they are judged to be Michael Blassie's. Pat Blassie, his sister, said the Pentagon told her the identification process could take two months.

"We wouldn't have taken it to this extent if we didn't feel for sure that it was him," she said.

Strobridge's mother, Althea Strobridge of Perry, Iowa, however, has said she hopes the remains are not those of her son because she put him to rest long ago. If her son is identified, she said she plans to rebury him at Arlington.

Bacon said the Pentagon has not decided whether any other Vietnam remains would be placed in the tomb.

Officials pleased with aerial assault

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — A sudden flood of residents bringing their vehicles to the car wash was no coincidence. After a night of aerial spraying to kill the crop-destroying Mediterranean fruit fly, car owners busied themselves scrubbing sticky malathion bait from their automobiles.

A federal judge paved the way for fly fighters to take to the sky, dumping a pesticide spray over a 50-square mile, including the towns of Bradenton and Palmetto, this week.

The two DC-3 aircraft are part of a federal-state effort against the bug. The fruit fly is the most significant threat facing Florida's $7 billion fruit and vegetable industry, says Richard Gaskalla, coordinator of the state eradication program.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, June 14, 1998

New involvements will keep you on the go in the year ahead. They'll gratify your mental and physical requirements, and provide you with opportunities to acquire functional knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Lessons you've learned from experience will give you an edge over those you compete against today. You're not likely to make the same mistakes they will. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Joint endeavors look promising for you at this time, provided you supply expertise while your counterpart handles financial requirements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In association with the proper people, you can accomplish things today you could never do on your own. Select partners who fulfill your needs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Constructive things could happen for you today where your career is concerned. Persons in key positions will be favorably disposed to your proposals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The restless and adventurous aspects of your personality may dominate today. To have the most fun, select active companions instead of couch potatoes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll do well in situations where you're strongly motivated to succeed today. All your assertiveness will be effectively channeled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In situations where you're closely involved with others today, your behavior and thoughtfulness will be a firm hand on the wheel. You're not likely to run your vessel aground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because your business acumen will put you a few steps ahead of the crowd today, you'll not be in need of red ink for your ledgers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) To be successful today, it's what, not who, you know that counts. Fortunately, you'll be operating in areas where you're well-versed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you gently direct others from the background in order to move them in a favorable direction today, your tactics won't be considered devious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're a lot better off than you've been leading yourself to believe. Take time today to count your blessings and review all the good things you have going for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't let anything that could make or save you money slip past you today. You're still under favorable influences in situations that affect your material well-being.

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Your Birthday

Monday, June 15, 1998

Several people you were once close to will touch base again in the year ahead. They will involve you in new areas of interest, thus strengthening your bonds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're extremely perceptive today and have keen insight into how things operate. Be it business or pleasure, you'll have the answer. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might learn of something that could benefit you. Chances are, it'll be privileged information for a lucky few.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If it comes down to a battle of wits today, you could be the winner when challenged by peers. Your quick, precise thinking is an invisible asset.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Good news from a distance might come today. It could be indirectly related to your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Focus on socializing with people you share things in common with today. If everyone is on the same wavelength, the time you spend together will be beneficial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Teaming up with clever cohorts today could take a load off your shoulders. It isn't likely you'll have to look for these helpers — they'll find you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Aligning yourself with trusted allies today could produce beneficial innovations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are strong indications you might run into someone who could make this a memorable day. Go where the action is!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you've chosen today to do something social at your place, you selected a good one. Conditions favor you in the role of host or hostess.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a friend who is interested in your welfare and may act on your behalf today. S/he is someone who inspires you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone you're closely involved with could make a surprise gesture today that's of value to you. This pal will make the offer simply because s/he likes you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A person you didn't expect to see might wander into your affairs today, turning something already successful into a fun and lucrative involvement.

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State fire marshal urging caution

AUSTIN (AP) — The state fire marshal Friday urged Texans to use caution and obey the law if they're going to use fireworks during the upcoming July 4 holiday.

With the drought, the dangers of fire are running high, Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis said.

"Many parts of the state remain dry and susceptible to sparks from fireworks," Davis said. "People using fireworks should be aware of the environment around them so they don't start fires that could lead to injuries and the destruction of property."

As of Thursday, 80 counties had banned outdoor burning, which prohibits any open fires outside closed containers.

Fireworks go on sale June 24 through July 4 in the state. County commissioners who want to ban certain aerial fireworks must act by Monday.

The fire marshal said the safest and least expensive way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display. More than 250 are planned this year, he said.

Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren



Casting line for pen pal, woman catches new friend

DEAR ABBY: Although this is years late, I am writing to thank you. For years I saw the addresses you printed for Operation Dear Abby. I always thought it would be nice to write to someone, but I put it off. In September 1990, when our troops were sent to the Gulf, I decided to do it.

Within three weeks I had a response. My pen pal was a young Marine with a family. I was a working woman caring for my elderly father. Our letters continued for the entire time he was in the Gulf. You cannot imagine my surprise when, shortly after his return to the United States, I received a phone call. He and his family were coming to New York City for a vacation and wanted to meet me.

Ten days later they came to dinner, and our correspondence became a deep friendship. Our two families became one. Over the next few years we spent vacations and holidays together, and we shared each other's joys and sorrows. The phone bills boosted the stock in several phone companies.

My father passed away in late 1995, but I know that our friendship with them added joy to his last years. Losing Dad was very difficult for me, and without the support and caring of my pen pal and his family, it would have been even more so. In my wildest dreams I never expected one letter to have such life-altering results. My pen pal is my best friend.

I wanted you and your readers to know that sometimes the smallest acts can produce the greatest results, and I hope this letter makes you smile.

NEW JERSEY PEN PAL

DEAR PEN PAL: It has, and thank you for it. Your letter proves that doing a selfless good deed not only helps others, but sometimes rewards the giver tenfold.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Confused in Arizona," a man who has the courage to admit that he is a victim of domestic violence. This is more pervasive than people think.

My personal saga began several years ago, when I went from one violent marriage into another. In my case, I filed charges and restraining orders against both violent individuals. At each point in the process, I have been subjected to ridicule and scorn. After all, only women are abused in this society, aren't they?

At one point, when I was in court on a domestic violence complaint against my wife, the judge, the defense attorney and the prosecutor all actually laughed out loud in open court at the idea that a man would file a domestic violence complaint. My wife got off, as you might expect.

Yes, I did end both relationships, but the damage has been severe. Counseling for men is woefully unavailable. There is a cultural bias that only women are abused in this society. All of the literature available for domestic violence victims refers to "he," "him," etc. as the perpetrator of the crime. It's no wonder we're embarrassed to report it.

Hang in there, "Confused." Get out and find a safe place — but realize that you won't be believed, you will be laughed at, and there will be roadblocks at every crossroad in your recovery process. Thanks for allowing me to vent, Abby. We need outlets for our frustrations.

NO LONGER TERRIFIED IN TACOMA

DEAR NO LONGER TERRIFIED: It is deplorable that you were treated with such insensitivity by officers of the court. Regardless of who commits it, violence is never a laughing matter.

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DEAR ABBY: Our 36-year-old son, "Bill," has just informed us by letter that he is gay. At present, we live on opposite sides of the country, so we can't sit down and discuss this.

Bill never married, but he has dated women and even came close to marriage. He is so outgoing that strangers invite him for holiday dinners. He's a college graduate, but changes jobs frequently. Bill spent four years in the Air Force and is always working out for a healthy body. He is Catholic and respects his beliefs.

My husband thinks we got the wrong baby in the hospital where Bill was born.

How do we deal with this? Can you recommend some reading material that will help us cope? Should we go to counseling or should Bill? Are there support groups close to us? Are gay people able to abstain from having relationships without hurting their mental health or their family? Will Bill be accepted by Christ when he dies? I'm too ashamed to ask my own priest.

NEEDS ADVICE FAST IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE FAST: Homosexuality is not a mental illness, and Bill does not need counseling. However, your husband may need it in order to accept his son's sexual orientation.

I urge you to put aside your feelings of shame and talk to your priest. The church teaches that all people are called to live chastely according to their state in life. For the married that means faithful monogamy. For the unmarried, it means sexual abstinence.

I recommend a document called "Always Our Children," which is a pastoral statement by the Commission on Marriage and Family Life of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, specially addressed to parents of gay and lesbian children. Parents do not have to choose between faith and their children. My sources within the church also tell me that Christ already accepts your son — so put your fears to rest.

For more information and reading material, and to locate support groups in your area, write to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), 1101 14th St. N.W., Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe the letter from the mail carrier, and your response, about putting mothballs in the mailbox to deter insects. This is a very bad idea.

Though many people choose to use mothballs in their homes, they are not an innocuous product. The chemicals they are made from, either naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene, can irritate skin, throat and eyes, can lead to liver damage and have been linked with cancer.

Using mothballs in the mailbox would take this product public. Mailed items, which already pick up the smell of magazine scent strips, would absorb yet another toxic scent, especially difficult for those with allergies. And I'm sure there are plenty of mail carriers who would not appreciate getting a handful of mothballs along with their deliveries.

Please retract your endorsement of this ill-advised idea.

CAROL DAVID, BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR CAROL: When I wrote my answer, I was unaware of the fact that mothballs could trigger a violent allergic reaction in anyone. Therefore, I retract my answer.

If letter carriers are concerned about being bitten by insects that dwell in rural mailboxes, a safer method of protecting themselves would be to wear gloves.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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