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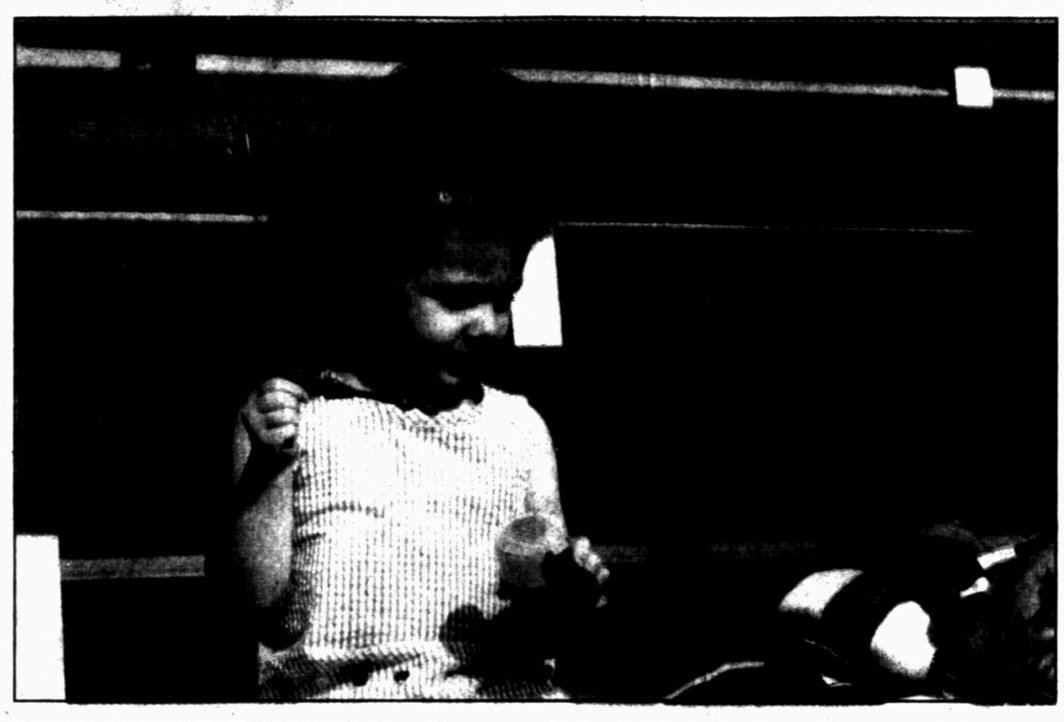


BUBBLES FOR THE BULLDOGS — Two-year-old Lesli Whetsel, niece of Ira second baseman Nathan Smith, takes time out from watching the Bulldogs' playoff game Friday to have some fun of her own. Lesli is the daughter of T.J. and Carla Whetsel of Abilene, and the granddaughter of Carl and Debbie Smith of Ira. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hope is here for good crop

Cotton planting underway

Cotton planting soon will begin in earnest in Scurry County, and producers and others associated with the industry are upbeat about this year's crop prospects.

"As far as moisture goes, we are better off than we have been for quite some time," said Joe Hefner, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency. "We should be in good shape."

Greg Gruben, Scurry County extension agent, agreed.

"The crops look promising," he said. "This is the best shape we have been in for the past three years or more."

Scurry County has received 7.59 inches of rainfall this year. Last year's rainfall at this time was 6.91 inches.

The county had 8.26 inches through May of 2000, with over five inches of that total coming in March. In 1999 the county had 6.36 inches through May.

Hefner said the outlook also was positive last year at this time.

"Then towards the end of May, it stopped raining and it didn't rain again until October," he said.

Gruben said the county had no rainfall the last two years in June or July.

Hefner said that while the potential is good for this year, it is still early.

"We aren't out of the woods yet," he said. "Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate and send June and July rains. We don't want it all at once, but hopefully it will build up."

Gruben said soil moisture is the most important element to a good crop.

"We are in good shape," he said. "It (the weather) has been about as good as you can ask for."

Gruben said cooler temperatures in the evening are not conducive to planting yet. Cotton does not thrive in cooler temperatures, which can cause different fungi or diseases that damage the plants.

"We've got some guys planting now," he said. "But the next week or two will see most of the planting take place."

The increased moisture also has increased seed sales, said Pat Falls of Von Roeder Seed.

"We are selling more of our seed this year than last year," he said. "Planting has just started so it's not in full swing yet, but we are selling seed every day."

Falls said area farmers are excited about this year's crops.

"They all say it looks better than last year," he said.

Gruben said while the crop prospects look good, there are other factors that contribute to a successful season.

"The price of cotton is dismal," he said. "With the new farm bill, the target price is 72 cents (per pound) and we aren't near that."

Gruben said the new farm bill, signed into law by President Bush on Monday, appears to be better for producers.

"There is more safety with subsidies behind some crops," he said. "It is an improvement (over the last farm bill), but how much of an improvement we will have to wait and see."

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people don't mind the rat race as long as they get more cheese."

It's the last week of school, and graduation ceremonies will be conducted across the nation.

Some grads will be looking for permanent work, while others will be seeking summer jobs.

We have long bemoaned the trend toward casual dress on several occasions. Often, job applicants look like anything but.

A recent survey of 457 employers who recruit new college graduates reveals that an overwhelming 92 percent feel "a candidate's overall appearance influences their opinion."

In other words, how you look is a major factor in whether or not you land the job you want.

The study was done by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

It found that appearance extends beyond typical worries, such as whether to dress casually for an interview with a company that allows casual dress.

The best advice is to first get the job in suit and tie and then dress down, if necessary, to meet the company policies.

Here's some other survey findings:

—82 percent said they are negatively influenced when a candidate wears non-traditional attire.

—73 percent are turned off by unusual hair color.

—72 percent can't tolerate body piercing.

—69 percent object to obvious tattoos.

—64 percent don't like unusual hairstyles.

We liked the story about the boss who took his two young employees out for lunch on secretary's day. It points out the reality of real-life work.

They were walking to the restaurant when they found an ancient-appearing oil lamp. They rubbed it and a genie popped out in a puff of smoke.

"I grant only three wishes, so I can give each of you just one."

"Me first," said the youngest secretary. "I want to be in the Bahamas driving a speedboat without a care in the world."

Poof, she was gone.

"Me next, me next," said the second woman. "I want to be in Hawaii relaxing on the beach with my personal masseur."

Poof, she was gone.

Now it was the crusty ole boss' turn. Without a second thought he said, "I want those two back in the office right after lunch."

Help is only a heartbeat away...

Special EMS week set

Monday marks the beginning of National Emergency Medical Services Week across the nation and observing it locally will be the Snyder EMS.

Part of their activities this week will be providing a number of bicycle helmets to students in the Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira schools, and day care centers, as well. Drawings on each campus will determine who receives the helmets.

Snyder EMS has five licensed paramedics on its staff, along with nine with paramedic rank, and two with the intermediate rank and 10 with the basic rank.

Licensed paramedics are Cindy Josey, Tammy Shirley, Charles Kittles, Kevin Tate and James Walker.

Paramedics include Loran Rule, Jason Gruben, Penny Roberson, Sterling Willliams, Billy Evans, Patsy Guynes, Roy Bennett and Mary Stinson.

Intermediate paramedics are Albert Canon and Katrina Reynolds.

Those with the basic EMT rank are Cy Posey, Shane Jones, Phil Robinson, Clayton Riley, Gaylon Rodriguez, Phillip Kincheloe, Genifer Johnson, Lori Kincheloe, Krista Abell and Monica Roberson.

Owners of Snyder EMS are Perry and Karen Westmoreland. Perry Westmoreland is the director and he is also a paramedic.

The theme of this year's week is "Help is Only a Heartbeat Away."

County sets meeting

Scurry County commissioners' court will consider just two items of business when it convenes in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday, including the possible acceptance of a deed for land.

The court will consider accepting a deed for a road known as Meadowbrook Lane located west of town off 37th Street.

Also, county extension agent Beth Dannheim will address the court to request approval of out-of-state travel.

No other business items are included on Monday's agenda, but the court will be presented minutes from two county boards and also hear an activity report from the extension office.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Fire hydrants to be tested

The Snyder Fire Department will perform fire hydrant maintenance and flow testing primarily in the southeast quadrant of the city on Tuesday.

The testing will be centered in an area from College Avenue to the industrial park, and between 37th Street and Highway 180, plus the Eastridge Addition.

Other fire hydrants will be flow-tested Tuesday or Wednesday along 17th St. and Ave. R.

This is an area where water lines and fire hydrants have recently been replaced, said Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland.

"Flow testing and maintenance is a necessary part of fire preparedness, and the department routinely services approximately 25 percent of the city's hydrants per year."

Westmoreland said the testing would involve some 103 hydrants that would later be painted and color-coded to flow rates.

"Such testing can often cause built-up sediment to break lose, causing the water to appear muddy," said Westmoreland, noting that this is especially true in areas of the city that still has cast iron water pipes.

"The areas with the newer PVC water lines may not experience any discoloration at all," said Westmoreland.

The department will work with the city's water department to try and limit the discolored water by flushing water mains after the testing is complete.

Testing of cast iron pipes will be Tuesday, while PVC pipes will be tested Wednesday.

"Due to the location of some water mains, some discoloration of the water may occur outside of the area being tested," said Westmoreland.

"We urge you to examine the quality of water both days before washing clothes in order to prevent damage to clothes and linens," emphasized Westmoreland. "It's not possible to flush the lines completely."

It is expected that all water lines would be clear after 24 hours of being tested.

TESTING, TESTING — Firefighter Walter Banks uses a gauge to check the gallons per minute flow of a fire hydrant in a recent test. The department will be testing various hydrants this week. (Contributed Photo)

SHS baccalaureate services are Sunday

Snyder High School's class of 2002 will have its baccalaureate service at 3 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

Nan Swanson

Rev. Nan Swanson, retiring minister of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker.

The processional will be played by Pam Gibson, instructor at the high school, and the invocation will be given by graduating senior Kate Wright.

Audra Lancaster, class president, will give the welcoming address, while classmate Jeremy Miller will deliver the scripture reading.

Musical selections will be by an ensemble of present and former SHS choir members, and by Jaci Smith.

Senior Nick Landes will deliver the benediction and ushers will be members of the Class of 2003 – Kellie Dodson, Cozy Jones, Jacinda Judah and Lilli Valdez.

Ira ISD will begin search for new leader

Ira's school board will meet Monday to formally accept the resignation of Supt. Jim Rumage.

Rumage's contract with the Ozona school system was ratified this week, and he will officially begin his duties in the Crockett County school July 1.

Dirk Dunn, president of the Ira school board, said trustees have not actively sought a replacement for Rumage and won't until they accept his resignation Monday.

"If the right person comes along, we could hire one rather quickly," said Dunn. "Otherwise, we may get an interim superintendent in here to help us with the upcoming year's budget."

Dunn added the board has not set a timeline on hiring a replacement for Rumage. "We'll look until we find the right one for the job."

ASK US

Q—Where are the Ira seniors going on their senior trip?

A—Tampa and Key Largo, Fla.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 72 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Saturday, 52; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 50-55; SE winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, breezy, high lower 80s; SE winds 15-25 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 55-60.

Kevin Bowers
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.

Of 137 days in 2002, the sun has shone 130 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Too many people overvalue what they're not and undervalue what they are.
—Malcolm Forbes

MAY 18 2002

Snyder High School...

Krisi Early receives top award in choir

The fifth annual SHS choir awards banquet was held April 29 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to recognize students for achievements throughout the school year.

Students received medals for Regional UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition Division I ratings. Students who competed in all-region and all area competitions received patches.

Krisi Early

The Randy Bearden Award, the top choir award, was presented to senior Krisi Early, daughter of Tommy and Debbie Early.

Outstanding and most improved awards were also presented.

A cappella choir awards included Marcie Rodriguez and Carlos Martinez, outstanding; Hayli Henderson, outstanding new choir member; Felicia Ibarra, most improved.

Strictly Treble Choir awards went to Debra Ballinger and Michelle Miller, outstanding; Stefani Beck, outstanding new member; and Ce Ce Lara, most improved.

Concert Choir awards were presented to Nadia Chairez and Michael Hernandez, outstanding; Alex Neal and Ana Arce, most improved.

For Tiger Jazz, outstanding awards were presented to Juan Rodriguez and Malorye Miller.

MasterSingers awards went to Patrick Alderete and Haley Holmes, outstanding; and Michael Nelson and Jessica Rylant, most improved.

Lieberman may subpoena White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Friday he'll try to subpoena the White House for information on staff contacts with Enron officials unless the administration promises to provide the material by the end of the month.

It would be the first subpoena to the Bush White House, though the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, already has sued Vice President Dick Cheney to force release of the names of Enron and other industry figures who met last year with his energy task force.

White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales said Friday that the administration was cooperating and would continue to cooperate with the inquiry of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which is headed by Lieberman, D-Conn.

"I'm still optimistic that we can avoid" a subpoena, Gonzales told reporters.

Still, he said, the White House cannot commit to providing everything the panel is seeking because it doesn't fully understand the scope and details of its request.

About 2,000 people work in President Bush's executive office, and most of them do not hold positions that would involve contact with Enron executives, Gonzales said.

"If Ken Lay's going to call the White House, he's going to call someone pretty senior," he said, referring to the former Enron chairman, who was one of Bush's biggest campaign contributors.

In response to Lieberman's request, Gonzales on April 29 asked 204 White House staffers to fill out a questionnaire.

A White House official said Friday evening that the staff had offered to give the questionnaire to a wider group of people if that would settle the matter. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lieberman has been in a push-and-pull with the White House since requesting the information in late March as part of the panel's Enron investigation.

In a letter to Gonzales, Lieberman wrote, "More than seven weeks have passed ... and the committee has received virtually no information from you."

He said the only material the White House had provided was copies of letters responding to other congressional inquiries and a transcript of a Bush press conference.

In contrast, Lieberman said, the federal agencies which the committee had asked for information — including the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Labor Department — had provided "detailed responses" within three to four weeks.

Lieberman said he would ask his committee on Wednesday to vote on authorizing a subpoena unless Gonzales assures the panel he will take steps to broaden the search for information and to provide the material by the end of May.

Gonzales said he was surprised and disappointed by Lieberman's subpoena threat.

Chris Ramirez

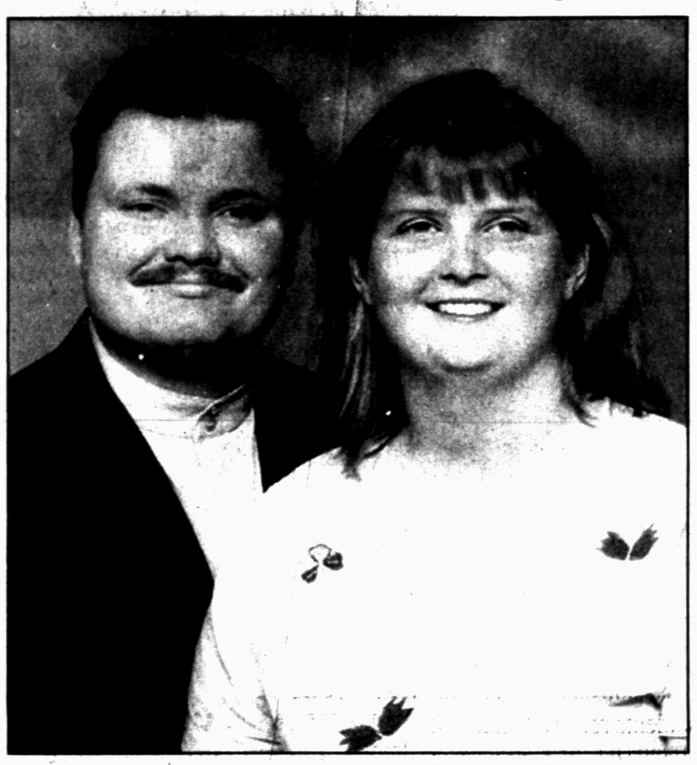
Chris Ramirez completes boot camp training

Chris Ramirez, formerly of Snyder, has graduated from boot camp. Graduation was held on Feb. 22, in Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is now training to become a machinist mate at the submarine school located in Connecticut.

Ramirez is the son of Gilbert and Gloria Ramirez, formerly of Snyder, now residing in Bakersfield, Calif. He is the brother of Stephanie, Amanda and Justin Ramirez.

Grandparents are Rose and Joe Sanchez Sr. of Ira, and the late Gregorio and Eulalia Ramirez.



NEW PASTOR — The Church of God has a new pastor, Rev. Vernon Groce. Groce is a native of Snyder and a graduate of Ira High School. Last year he moved to Port Author and married. He and his wife Tabitha returned to Snyder so he could assume the pastorate of the Church of God on 21st and Ave. O. (Contributed Photo)

TEXAS LOTTERY

Texas Two Step

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

12-25-27-34

Bonus number 2

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

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

2-9-15-24-39

Pick 3

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

2-6-3

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SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR – Amanda Calley (left) accepts the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation Sophomore of the Year scholarship from Larry McAden. (Contributed Photo)

Amanda Calley gets scholarship

Amanda Calley of Ira High School was awarded the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation Sophomore of the Year scholarship at the Mid-Winter conference held in Irving.

Calley is the daughter of Darryl and Teena Calley. She is actively involved in many school organizations, including varsity basketball, National Honor Society and student council.

The Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club submitted Calley's name to represent the division at the district level.

The scholarship is provided each year. It gives high school sophomores a chance to experience the scholarship application process and to provide initial money to future college students.

Library News

By Sharon Sumerald
BOOK FEATURE

A Dog Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs, and Me, by Jon Katz.

This is the story of how Devon, a two-year-old border collie, came to terms with his new family. Jon Katz and his two yellow labrador retrievers, Julius and Stanley, brought the high-strung collie into their home. Jon discovered a lot about himself — learned about trust and understanding, and continuity and change — from his dogs. The story is insightful, but also has hilarious, and deeply moving episodes, too.

NEW NON-FICTION:

Kinky Friedman's Guide to Texas Etiquette..., by Kinky Friedman.

Susie and Herman: A Story of Love and Caregiving, by L. B. Smith.

Garden Stone: Creative Ideas, Practical Projects, and Inspiration..., by Barbara Pleasant.

Fantastic Gel Candles: 35 Fun and Creative Projects, by Marcianne Miller.

Photos That Changed the World: The 20th Century, by Peter Stepan.

Enchanting Woodland Birdhouses, by Lucinda Macy.

NEW FICTION:

Ice Curtain, by Robin White.

Someone to Watch Over Me: A Grace and Favor Mystery, by Jill Churchill.

Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse, by Louise Erdrich.

Body of Lies, by Iris Johansen.

Star Light, Star Bright, by Katherine Stone.

Stiff in the Freezer: A Tony Kozol Mystery, by J. R. Ripley.

City of Bones: A Novel, by Michael Connelly.

The Scurry County Library will be closed from May 25 through May 27 for Memorial Day. It will be open on May 28. Have a safe, happy holiday!

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Saturday

Gibson earns scholarship

Michael Gibson received the Amarillo Music Teacher's Association scholarship for outstanding musical achievement at West Texas A&M April 30 at the annual honors recital.

Gibson graduated from Snyder High School in 2000. He is sophomore music major at the university.

Twenty-four music and dance students received endowed scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic year totaling more than $12,000.

The West Texas A&M music department awards over $100,000 worth of endowed and competitive scholarships each academic year.

Gibson is the son of John and Denise Gibson.

2 men die when airplane crashes

GOVAN, S.C. (AP) — Two men died when their single-engine plane crashed nose-first near a cornfield shortly after takeoff Friday afternoon.

The victims were identified as pilot Gidion Heatwole, 19, of Olar, and Jerold Groff, 25, of Bamberg.

Officials said the plane belonged to one of Heatwole's relatives and had taken off from a small private airport.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators were expected at the site early Saturday.

Brice receives top architecture degree

Alfred R. Brice received his master of architecture from Texas Tech University last week. He was the valedictorian of his class. The title of his thesis is *For The Tragedy of September 11th: In Memoriam.*

Alfred Brice

Brice received a bachelor of science degree in zoology with a minor in chemistry in December of 1994.

He served a six-month internship with Richard Meier & Partners Architects in New York in 2001. Beginning June 10, Brice will work with the firm for a year before returning to Texas.

Brice also served a three-month internship with Gensler Architecture, Design and Planning of Houston in 2000. Projects included Enron Tower 1.

He has received numerous scholarships including a full tuition scholarship from the American Institute of Architecture/American Architectural Foundation. He has been included on the University President's list from 1997-2001.

In 2000, Brice also received a National Collegiate Architecture and Design Award for several projects including Virtual Space — in Real 4.4 Time.

He received the Tau Sigma Delta Scholarship in 1998-1999, awarded for the best presentation and model design in the College of Architecture.

In 1999, he received Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges recognition. Also that year, Brice was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. He was named to the National Dean's List for Academics in 1998.

In 1999, Brice received the Pinnacle Award presented to a student over 25 years of age for academics and community involvement.

Brice also worked as a freelance photojournalist in Austin from 1994-1996, winning several best photography awards. Other positions he held include photo editor at Le Tejano Magazine and associate photo editor at the Daily Texan

Brice is the son of Dr. Nelson and Nancy Brice of Snyder. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1989. Angela is his wife.

Box receives SPC certificate

LEVELLAND — Carey Box from Fluvanna received a Certificate of Proficiency in Health Information Transcription Specialist May 10 during South Plains College's 44th annual commencement exercises.

Martin to keep job

NEW YORK (AP) — Sure, Jesse L. Martin would like to be a movie star, but he feels no career pressure to leave his job on NBC's highly rated "Law & Order."

Many of the show's 12 seasons have ended with the departure of a high-profile star, such as Benjamin Bratt, Angie Harmon and Chris Noth, but there's been no such announcement this year.

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Bowen gets scholarship

Thomas Craig Bowen of Snyder High School is a recipient of a $1,000 scholarship from the Lone Star Land Bank ACA.

Bowen will graduate Friday and will attend Angelo State University next fall.

Bowen is the son of Gary and Barbara Bowen and the grandson of Helen Bowen Winter and Nelson Dressler.

Besides an application, students applying for the scholarship had to write a paper on "The Challenges of the Future Farmer."

Bowen was one of nine winners in the 33-county area served by the Lone Star Land Bank.

Bradley Bynum

Bradley Bynum named co-captain of Wrangler team

DENVER — The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), the oldest and largest youth rodeo organization in North America, has named Bradley Bynum, a senior at Snyder High School, as a co-captain of the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team.

Bynum was selected to the team by a vote of his fellow Wrangler All-Star team members.

The NHSRA and Wrangler created the Wrangler High School All-Star Team in 1998 to recognize over 1,200 high school student athletes across the United States and Canada for their leadership qualities, academic performance and athletic achievement.

The Wrangler High School All-Star Team is fashioned after the Wrangler Champion Pro Rodeo Team, which includes rodeo superstars Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Charmayne James, Dan Mortensen, Speed Williams and hall-of-famer Jim Shoulders.

Similar to their professional counterparts, members of the Wrangler High School All-Star Team wear official Wrangler competition apparel consisting of Wrangler Twenty Z shirts embroidered with the team logo, Twenty X competition jeans and, new this year, a 10X Wrangler felt hat. Of this group, a select few have been chosen as co-captains to serve in a team leadership capacity.

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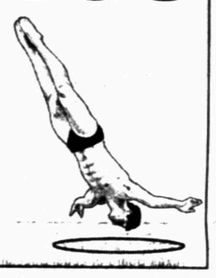

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Senior Center News

Area newcomers and new retirees are invited to join the Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M. There is no admission charge and the suggested donation for the noon meal is $2.50. Guests under 60 may also eat at a cost of $4 per plate. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the home delivered meals program. Call the center if you can help.

The Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild meets every other Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Women interested in writing poetry are invited to join. Call 573-0055 for more information.

Seniors in need of transportation are asked to call 573-4035 one day in advance of appointments. Transportation is also available to bring seniors to the center. The van leaves the center at 8:30 a.m. and returns recipients to their home after lunch.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. AARP will meet in the conference room at noon.

Tuesday

Senior citizens may participate in swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room.

Wednesday

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. and clogging at 2 p.m. At 1 p.m., Pinochle lessons begin.

Thursday

Swimnastics class on the WTC campus is from 10-11 a.m. Mild exercise begins at the center at 11 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. The Memorial Sing-a-long begins at 11 a.m.

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Chevys dominate recent car show

Results have been announced for the 2002 Snyder Wheels & Sonic Drive-In Car Show and Cruise.

Tracy Dennis of Lubbock won Best of Show with a 1957 Chevy Corvette, while Dan Kuss of Lubbock took the People's Choice prize for his 1967 Chevy Chevelle.

Jim Davis was the Club Choice with a 1969 Chevy Camaro.

Results from all categories were:

Club Choice

Jim Davis, Lubbock, 1969 Chevy Camaro

People's Choice

Dan Kuss, Lubbock, 1967 Chevy Chevelle

Best of Show

Tracy Dennis, Lubbock, 1957 Chevy Corvette

Street Machine (1970-older):

1st place: Jim Davis, Lubbock, 1969 Camaro

2nd : James Roach, San Angelo, 1966 Shelby Cobra

3rd: Randy Archer, Ft. Stockton, 1969 Dodge Super Bee

Street Machine (1971-newer):

1st: Al Bennett, Snyder, 1973 Chevy Nova

2nd: Jerry Boyd, Andrews, 1977 Chevy Camaro

3rd: Tammy Page, Big Spring, 1972 Chevy Corvette

Classic 1955-57:

1st: Jackie Bishop, Wilson, 1957 Chevy Bel Air

2nd: Jack Jenkins, Breckenridge, 1955 Chevy 2-door hard top

3rd: Mary Blonstefeld, Lubbock, 1955 Chevy Bel Air

Convertible

1st: Scott Powell, Abilene, 1983 Buick Riviera

2nd: Bobby Coats, Woodrow, 1957 Ford

3rd: Donna Dupree, Snyder, 1966 Ford Mustang

Original 1949-54

1st: Gary and Georgann Williams, Lubbock, 1956 Pontiac 2nd:Jimmy Austin, Odessa, 1953 Pontiac

3rd: Johnny Leifa, Brownfield, 1953 Chevy five window

Classic 1958-64

1st: Tag Price, Littlefield, 1963 Chevy Corvette

2nd: Joseph Bias, Lubbock, 1962 Ford T-Bird

3rd: Dan Kuss, Lubbock, 1963 Chevy Impala

Pickups early Ford 1949-64

1st: Les Catoe, Odessa, 1955 F100

2nd: Gary Alexander, Abilene, 1956 F100

3rd: Larry Don Watlington, Colorado City, 1954 F100

1970 Chevy El Camino

2nd: Jimmy Sheppard, Midland, 1967 Ford Fairlane

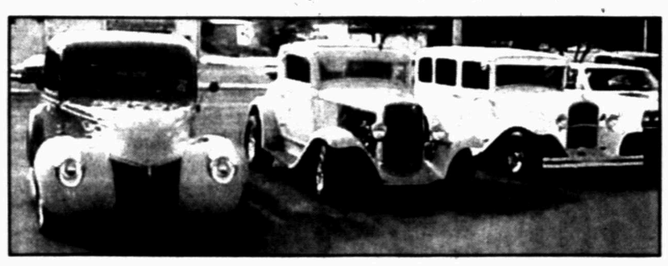
3rd: Terry Barnes, Lubbock, 1969 Chevy Camaro

Open

1st:Tracy Dennis, Lubbock, 1957 Chevy Corvette

2nd: Tracy Dennis, Lubbock, 2001 Corvette

3rd: Dave Vargo, Abilene, 1999 Chevy Monte Carlo



FAST MACHINES—Three of the entries in the Street Rod category await the judge's decision. (SDN Staff Photo)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE—Dan Kuss of Lubbock took home the People's Choice prize with his 1967 Chevy Chevelle. (SDN Staff Photo)

CLASSIC PICKUP — An early model Ford reflects the sunshine at the Snyder Wheels and Sonic Drive-In Car Show. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pickups early Chevy 1949-64

1st: Darwin and Maria Meed, Midland, 1957

2nd: Phillis Leatherwood, Snyder, 1956

Pickup 1965-newer

1st: Paul Whisenhumt, Abilene, 1987 Chevy

2nd: David Leonard, Big Spring, 1990 Chevy 454 SS

3rd: Jeff Goodger, Snyder, 1970 Chevy

Pickup original 1964-older

1st:Kenny Gordon, Snyder, 1964 Studebaker

2nd: EG Goodlet, Dunn, 1953 Chevy

Street Rod 1923-39

1st: David Booe, Munday, 1923 Ford T Bucket

2nd: Raymond Hogg, Big Spring, 1934 Ford Sedan

3rd: Hollis Chandler, Denton, Plymouth Sedan

Street Rod 1940-48

1st: Dickie Partlow, Big Spring, 1940 Ford Tudor Deluxe

2nd:Dayle Hendon, Lubbock, 1947 Ford 2-door

Street Rod Truck

1st: Bob Vuicich, Seagraves, 1947 Ford One Ton

Original 1965-newer

1st: Bubba Dennis, Snyder,

Unfinished

1st: Mike Vineich, Seagraves, 1954 Chevy Sedan

Motorcycle

1st:Bubba Dennis, Snyder, 1975 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy

2nd: Gary Antognini, Snyder, 1971 Harley-Davidson

3rd:Richard Dupree, Snyder, 1969 BMW with sidecar

Cruise

1st:David Booe, Munday, 1923 Ford T-Bucket

2nd:Hollis Chandler, Denton, 1933 Plymouth Sedan

3rd: Al Bennett, Snyder, 1973 Chevy Nova

4th:Robert Hawkins, Abilene, 1951 Mercury

Burn Out – Stock Class

1st: Travis Massingill, 1998 Trans Am

2nd: Robert Martinez, 1980 Chevy Pickup

3rd: Benjamin Martinez, 1967 Chevy Pickup

Burn Out - Modified

1st David Zarate, 1969 Camaro

2nd: Randy Herrera, 1972 Chevy Pickup

3rd: Nicholas Free, 1982 GMC Pickup

Pro Stock

1st: J.R. Zamora, 1982 Chevy Pickup

Financial Focus

Don't Pick Investments Based on Latest "News"

Some investors have one eye on the news of the day to see how it may affect their stocks, bonds and other holdings. And many events *do* influence the performance of investments - in the short term. But if you're going to invest successfully over time, then it's important to look beyond today's headlines.

Part of the problem with making investment decisions based on news events is that the market reacts to such a wide variety of occurrences - earnings shortfalls, increases in inflation, political instability, etc. You can't predict such events, and you can't always tell how they will affect your investments.

This element of unpredictability is compounded by the fact that the market doesn't just react to news - it often *overreacts*. Bad news moves it down, while good news moves it up, but the level of movement is sometimes driven more by emotion than by logic. You've probably heard that "greed and fear drive the market" - and unfortunately, there may be a great deal of truth to this theory.

Instead of making investment decisions in reaction to daily headlines, you're much better off choosing investments based on more meaningful factors. If you're considering a stock, look at the fundamentals of the company. Is its management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it have a solid business philosophy?

You also need to ask yourself if a stock will be a good fit for your diversified portfolio. Suppose, for example, that you have found a growth stock that you like. You've done your research, you understand the company, you're impressed by its management and you're convinced its fundamentals are strong and its outlook is bright. Sounds like a great stock to buy, right? Maybe - and maybe not. If your portfolio is already strongly weighted toward growth stocks, then the addition of one more - even one that looks quite promising - could throw off your overall balance and even subject you to more investment risk than you're comfortable with. In short, keep the idea of "balance" in mind before you buy.

If you can concentrate on a stock's fundamentals and its effect on your overall portfolio, and if you can maintain your long-term focus, then you're far less likely to be swayed into making investment moves that spring from whatever events are currently making news. Still, you won't want to ignore all the news.

If you see a pattern of stories that indicate a particular industry or company is heading into a long-term downward spiral, then you may want to review your holdings. Just make sure you're not responding to what may be a one-time or short-term event. There's an old saying that "today's newspaper is tomorrow's trash." If you can keep those words in mind, you'll probably be a happier - and more productive - investor.

Traficant wants two lawyers

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., who represented himself during his recent bribery trial, asked a federal judge Friday to allow two attorneys to help him appeal his conviction.

Traficant was found guilty in April of bribery, racketeering and other charges after he was accused of taking bribes and gifts from businessmen in exchange for his influence. Sentencing is scheduled next month.

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Bryan Clifton

Bryan Clifton wins award in mathematics

United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Bryan Clifton, a Snyder Junior High School student, has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics.

His picture will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.

Clifton is the son of Rod and Charlotte Clifton of Snyder. His grandparents are William and Irene Masters of Snyder and Mac and Monett Clifton of Rio Linda, Calif.

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IJHS honor students

Ira Junior High School's honor students for the 2001-2002 school year are Terryn Autry, left, and Whitney Parks. Autry's grade point average is 96.6563. She is the daughter of Lance and Sherry Autry. Parks is the daughter of Whit and Tracey Parks. Her GPA is 94.3438. Ira eight graders will graduate next Saturday, along with the seniors. (Contributed Photos)

Date Book

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Today is the 138th day of 2002 and the 60th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in their decision for Plessy v. Ferguson that racial segregation is legal as long as "separate but equal" facilities are provided for whites and blacks.

On this day in 1969, the Apollo 10 space vehicle was launched. The spacecraft orbited the moon 31 times before returning to Earth.

On this day in 1980, the Mount Saint Helens volcano in Washington state erupted. The disaster caused an outbreak of fires, mudslides, and floods - and 57 casualties.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970), philosopher/mathematician; Walter Gropius (1883 - 1969), architect; Frank Capra (1897 - 1991), director; Meredith Willson (1902 - 1984), composer; Perry Como (1912 - 2001), singer; Margot Fonteyn (1919 - 1991), ballerina; Pope John Paul II (1920 -), religious leader, is 82; Pernell Roberts (1928 -), actor, is 74; Brooks Robinson (1937 -), baseball star, is 65; Reggie Jackson (1946 -), baseball star, is 56; Chow Yun-Fat (1955 -), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Los Angeles Laker guard Magic Johnson won his first NBA MVP trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom." - Bertrand Russell, "An Outline of Intellectual Rubbish," (1950).

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (May 12) and the first quarter (May 19).

Sunday, May 19, 2002

Today is the 139th day of 2002 and the 61st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1536, Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII of England, was beheaded at the Tower of London after she was convicted of adultery.

On this day in 1935, T. E. Lawrence, the British soldier and adventurer known as Lawrence of Arabia, died in England due to a motorcycle accident.

On this day in 1967, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States ratified a treaty banning nuclear weapons in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ho Chi Minh (1890 - 1969), Vietnamese leader; Malcolm X (1925 - 1965), civil rights leader; Lorraine Hansberry (1930 - 1965), playwright; Andre "The Giant" Roussimoff (1946 - 1993), professional wrestler; Joey Ramone (1951 - 2001), musician; James Lehrer (1934 -), broadcast journalist, is 68; David Hartman (1935 -), actor-TV host, is 67; Nora Ephron (1941 -), writer, is 61; Pete Townshend (1945 -), musician, is 57; Bill Laimbeer (1957 -), basketball star, is 45; Kevin Garnett (1976 -), basketball star, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the Philadelphia Flyers, behind the brilliant goaltending of Bernie Parent, became the first expansion team to win the Stanley Cup. Ten years later, the Edmonton Oilers, behind the dazzling play of Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier, broke the New York Islanders' four-year stranglehold on the Stanley Cup in only their fifth year in the league.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are not fighting for integration, nor are we fighting for separation. We are fighting for recognition as human beings. We are fighting for ... human rights." - Malcolm X, Interview (June 1963)

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (May 19).

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Victims' descendants recall disaster

LAKE CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Their voices resonate in farewell letters that left a legacy from one of the nation's worst mining disasters.

"Oh God, for one more breath," doomed coal miner Jacob Vowell wrote to his wife.

"Ellen, I want you to live right and come to heaven," Vowell scribbled on a notepad used to log how much coal he dug each day. "Raise the children the best you can. Oh! how I wish to be with you. Goodbye to all of you. Goodbye."

Vowell was one of 184 people to die in the blast 100 years ago Sunday, though historians put the death toll closer to 214. Newspaper accounts said only three adult men were left in the Appalachian community, along with 150 widows and nearly 1,000 fatherless children.

To mark the centennial anniversary, more than 100 descendants from as far away as California, Pennsylvania and Florida are gathering this weekend in this town just north of Knoxville to remember the miners.

Tours of the 20 cemeteries where the miners are buried, a visit to the mine and a memorial service in Briceville Community Church — following the same program as a century ago — were planned.

The names of the dead are being recounted. Their letters are being read. "When the Mines Grew Still in Fraterville" is being sung along with "Rock of Ages."

"You see all these headstones," Barry Thacker, president of the Coal Creek Watershed Association, said as he walked among the graves of 65 miners at Leach Cemetery. "They say, 'Gone but not forgotten.' 'Gone but not forgotten.' 'Gone but not forgotten.' But they were forgotten."

Thacker's group formed two years ago to improve water quality through mine reclamation activities. Along the way, it rekindled interest in the disaster and organized reunions for descendants.

Louise Nelson, 82, of Knoxville said she didn't know the details of her grandfather's life or death until contacted by the association. Her grandfather, David Dezern, was one of five Dezern brothers and two brothers-in-law who died in the explosion.

She can now pass that history on to her children and grandchildren.

"I want them to always remember their ancestors," she said. "How hard they worked and all the things that they went through so we might have a better life now."

At the first reunion last year, Nelson said she found relatives, friends and comfort.

"When we go up there we are together as a family," she said. "We are always laughing and talking and having a good time. We always take some little flowers.

"But when we get back in the car we are all so silent. It's just a sadness and an emptiness."

At the time of the explosion, Lake City was known as Coal Creek. The name was changed in 1939 to reflect the Tennessee Valley Authority's new Norris Lake. The Fraterville mine, opened in 1870, was shuttered in 1927.

Today, the mine's sheer rock-face entrance is covered by forest. Only a moss-covered stone foundation remains from which an engine once pulled coal wagons from the hole in the mountain.

The disaster happened at 7:30 a.m. on a Monday, shortly after the miners began their 10-hour day of digging with picks and shovels for 50 cents a ton. The open-flame oil lamp on a miner's cap is thought to have sparked the blast.

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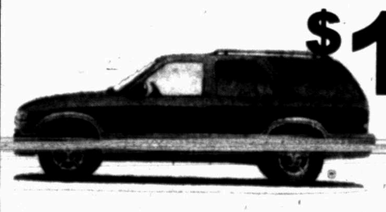
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SPORTS

Ira closes out Menard in extra frames

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Ira Bulldogs were clearly the best team on the field, but still needed some late-inning magic to wrap up their bi-district series.

Ira plated two runs in the top of the eighth inning Friday night to close out Menard, 7-5, and advance to the second round of the Class A state baseball playoffs.

The extra-inning affair came on the heels of a Bulldog 6-0 shutout in the series opener. Ira moves on to face Windthorst in Thursday's area round.

"It feels good to be through to the next round. This became a little more exciting than I would've liked," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Menard played well, and I'm just glad to get out of here with the win."

After cruising through Game 1, the Bulldogs were rattled early in the nightcap.

Junior Eric Dickerhoff, coming off a sparkling performance on Tuesday, surrendered two runs in the second inning on an error, a walk, a wild pitch and a double to give the Yellowjackets their first lead of the day at 2-0.

Ira got one back in the top of the fourth when Jake Barnes led off with a double and came home on an error, but Menard quickly answered.

Bulldog catcher Josh Gutierrez went down with an injury to start the bottom of the inning, and the delay seemed to unnerve his battery mate.

Dickerhoff handed out two more walks and gave up a single to Logan Cordes as the Yellowjackets stretched the lead to 4-1.

Menard added another run in the fifth, and the Bulldogs notched one in the sixth before mounting their rally.

"I was pretty upset with how we were handling things for a few innings," Edwards said. "The kids weren't keeping their composure. But in the seventh, they decided to come out and do what they needed to do to finish the job."

Gutierrez re-entered the game in the top of the seventh and promptly laced a double to center field. A single from Barnes plated Gutierrez, and Jase Olvera drew a walk.

A Jerry Jamison single drove in Barnes and closed the gap to 5-4 with runners on the corners.

After Jamison stole second, the Bulldogs pulled off the biggest surprise of the night when Todd Wall laid down a bunt to squeeze in Olvera from third with the tying run.

"When Menard made the pitching change right before Todd's at bat, we talked about what we would do," Edwards explained. "We were going to try the double steal. But when they let Jerry have second base, we decided to put on the squeeze. The kids executed it perfectly."

With the tally knotted at 5-5, Olvera came on in relief of Dickerhoff to start the bottom of the seventh. After walking the first batter he faced, Olvera settled down to record four strikeouts and allow only one hit over the final two innings.

Ira pushed across the game-winning runs in the top of the eighth without the benefit of a hit.

Dickerhoff walked and Nathan Smith reached base on an error. Both players advanced on a fielder's choice and came home on a pair of wild pitches.

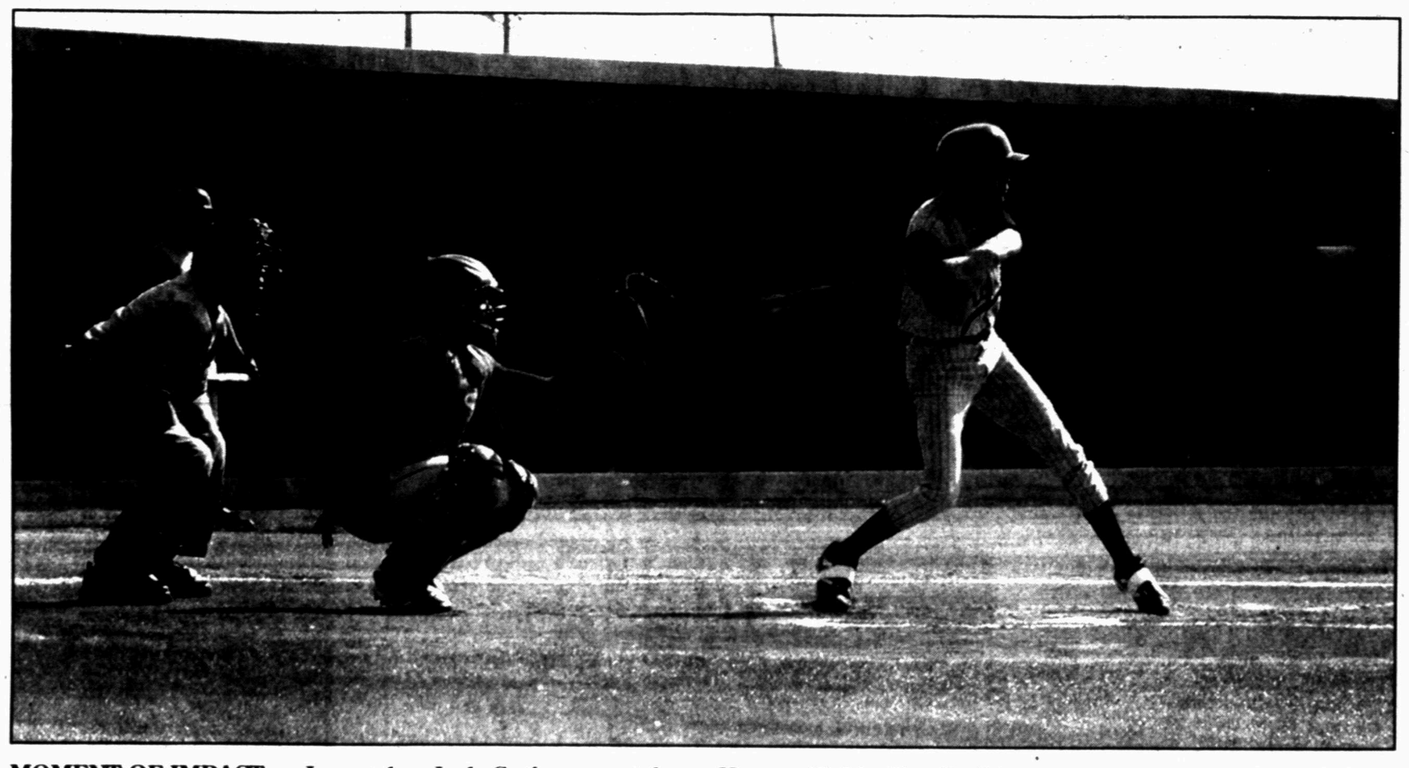
For Olvera, it was his second victory of the day. The senior went the distance in Game 1, scattering four hits over seven innings, while striking out eight.

The Bulldogs struck early in the opener, scoring three runs in the first thanks to a pair of Menard errors and a Gutierrez double.

Ira capped the scoring in the fifth when it manufactured three runs singles by Dickerhoff, Olvera, Gutierrez and Smith.

The Bulldogs improved to 19-6, while the Yellowjackets ended their season with a record of 7-13-1.

Ira faces Windthorst (21-2) in a three-game area series at Albany. Game 1 is set for 5:30 Thursday, with Game 2 scheduled for 5 o'clock Friday. Game 3 would follow 30 minutes later, if necessary.



MOMENT OF IMPACT — Ira catcher Josh Gutierrez watches a Menard batter take a cut at a pitch from hurler Jase Olvera during Class A bi-district action Friday at Hardin-Simmons' Hunter Field. The Bulldogs won the series, 6-0, 7-5, to advance to second round against Windthorst. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Mat.Williamson p	3	0	1	0
Rosas 2b	3	0	0	0
R.Gonzales ss	3	0	0	0
Mar.Williamson lf	3	0	1	0
L.Cordes 1b	3	0	1	0
Murr rf	2	0	0	0
C.Gonzales cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**0**	**4**	**0**

Ira	ab	r	h	bi
Dickerhoff ss	2	2	1	0
Olvera p	3	1	1	1
Gutierrez c	3	2	2	1
Barnes 1b	3	1	0	0
Smith 2b	3	0	1	1
Jamison 3b	3	0	0	0
J.Wall cf	3	0	0	0
Graves dh	3	0	0	0
T.Wall rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**26**	**6**	**5**	**3**

GAME 1

Menard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0	4	4
Ira	3	0	0	0	3	0	x—	6	5	3

LOB - Menard 4, Ira 3. 2B - Ira, Gutierrez.

Menard	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Williamson	4 1/3	4	6	4	1	6
L.Cordes	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	2

Ira	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Olvera	7	4	0	0	0	8

Ira	ab	r	h	bi
Dickerhoff p	4	1	2	0
Smith 2b	4	1	0	0
Gutierrez c	4	1	1	0
Graves rf	1	0	0	0
Barnes 1b	5	2	3	1
Olvera ss	3	1	0	0
Jamison 3b	4	1	1	1
T.Wall rf	2	0	0	1
Wilson dh	3	0	0	0
J.Wall cf	4	0	1	0
Totals	**34**	**7**	**8**	**3**

Menard	ab	r	h	bi
B.Cordes c	4	0	0	0
McSherry 3b	4	0	0	0
Mat.Williamson 2b	3	1	2	1
Rosas 1b	4	1	0	0
R.Gonzales ss	3	0	0	0
Mar.Williamson lf	1	2	0	0
McAllister ph	1	0	0	0
L.Cordes p	3	0	2	4
Murr rf	2	0	0	0
C.Gonzales cf	2	1	0	0
Totals	**27**	**5**	**4**	**5**

GAME 2

Ira	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2—	7	8	1
Menard	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0—	5	4	5

LOB - Ira 11, Menard 3. 2B - Ira, Gutierrez, Barnes, J.Wall; Menard, Mat.Williamson, L.Cordes.

Ira	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dickerhoff	6	3	5	4	4	9
Olvera	2	1	0	0	1	4

Menard	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
L.Cordes	6 1/3	7	5	3	4	4
B.Cordes	1 2/3	1	2	0	1	1

High School Baseball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (21-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (24-10)
Game 1: Lubbock Monterey 5, Midland Lee 3
Arlington Martin (23-8) vs. Carrollton Smith (22-3)
Game 1: Carrollton Smith 2, Arlington Martin 0
Game 2: Carrollton Smith 6, Arlington Martin 2
Amarillo (19-11) vs. Midland (23-7)
Game 1: Amarillo 4, Midland 3
Hurst Bell (24-8) vs. Duncanville (21-9)
Game 1: Duncanville 2, Hurst Bell 1

CLASS 4A
Region I Quarterfinals
Andrews (22-4) vs. Frenship (23-8)
Game 1: Andrews 7, Frenship 0
Crowley (26-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (24-7)
Game 1: Southlake Carroll 2, Crowley 1
Canyon Randall (23-5) vs. Pampa (17-17)
Game 1: Canyon Randall 9, Pampa 0
FW Western Hills (22-7) vs. WF Rider (23-8)
Game 1: WF Rider 2, FW Western Hills 1
Game 2: FW Western Hills 1, WF Rider 0

CLASS 3A
Region I Quarterfinals
Monahans (21-4) vs. Kermit (17-13)
Game 1: Kermit 9, Monahan 3
Game 2: Monahans 19, Kermit 8
Game 3: Monahans 5, Kermit 0
Kennedale (23-2) vs. Alvarado (12-14)
Game 1: Kennedale 7, Alvarado 5
Shallowater (23-5) vs. Perryton (17-5)
Game 1: Perryton 7, Shallowater 2
Lake Worth (23-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (23-5)
Game 1: Abilene Wylie 10, Lake Worth 9

CLASS 2A
Region I Quarterfinals
Mason (14-8) vs. Wall (20-3)
Game 1: Mason 8, Wall 2
Abernathy (15-5) vs. Olney (11-9)
Olney 8, Abernathy 0
Sonora (16-5) vs. Tahoka (16-10)
Game 1: Sonora 7, Tahoka 6
Game 2: Tahoka 12, Sonora 7
Holliday (18-4) vs. Lockney (21-0)
Game 1: Holliday 7, Lockney 0
Game 2: Holliday 9, Lockney 2

CLASS A
Region I Bi-District
Fort Davis (5-14) vs. Crosbyton (10-8)
Crosbyton 11, Fort Davis 8
Claude (14-1) vs. Shamrock
Claude 14, Shamrock 3
Windthorst (19-2) vs. Knox City (7-8)
Game 1: Windthorst 5, Knox City 4
Game 2: Windthorst 8, Knox City 5
Ira (17-6) vs. Menard
Game 1: Ira 6, Menard 0
Game 2: Ira 7, Menard 5
Marfa vs. Nazareth (12-2)
Nazareth 16, Marfa 0
Boys Ranch (8-5) vs. Follett (14-3)
Game 1: Follett 8, Boys Ranch 4
Petrolia vs. Aspermont (21-4)
Game 1: Petrolia 3, Aspermont 0
Game 2: Petrolia 6, Aspermont 3
Rotan (12-10) vs. Miles (15-5)
Miles 11, Rotan 1

NHL Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
Thursday, May 16
Toronto 2, Carolina 1, Toronto leads series 1-0
Saturday, May 18
Colorado at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
Toronto at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 20
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22
Detroit at Colorado, TBD
Thursday, May 23
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 25
Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary
Monday, May 27
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 28
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary

Resurgent Price earns share of lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Nick Price admits to getting a little antsy wondering if he will win again. If the rest of the weekend goes well at the Colonial, he'll be able to get over that feeling.

Price, whose last win was the 1998 Fed-Ex St. Jude Classic, shot a 5-under-par 65 Friday to share the second-round lead with Esteban Toledo at 6-under 134 before play was suspended because of darkness.

"My career has always been feast or famine when it comes to winning," Price said. "The first eight years, I won once. Then I found the recipe for about four or five years and filled my boot, and now I've gone back to the way I was."

There was a 31/2-hour rain delay Friday morning, and 19 players didn't get to complete the second round. Tom Lehman, at 3-under with two holes to play, is the closest of the unfinished players to the lead.

Steve Flesch and Bob Tway, who like Price teed off in the first section of players after the rain delay, were a shot back at 5-under 135. Flesch had a 67, and Tway shot a 68.

The 45-year-old Price needed just 26 putts, one more than Esteban, who overcame eight bunker shots for his second straight 67.

Esteban dropped two shots on the front nine, even with pars on five of the six holes where he hit into bunkers. He then had the day's best back nine, a 4-under 31 that ended with a 7-foot birdie putt on the 427-yard 18th.

"I was hitting good shots, but the winds were blowing different directions and the ball was blowing all over the place," said Esteban, who missed the cut in four previous Colonial appearances. "I stayed patient."

Esteban has never won on the PGA Tour. His best finish was second at the 2000 B.C. Open, where he also shared the second-round lead.

Price has led at the midway point 13 times, and won eight times. That included seven straight between 1991-98, when he had 15 wins overall.

"I feel like my all-around game now is probably as good as it's ever been," Price said. "My putting is so much better. It's more consistent. When I putt well, I really have a chance to win. And I feel like I'm putting at that standard now."

Glen Day, Kenny Perry, Brian Gay and Bob Burns were at 136. First-round leader Bob Estes, who had an opening 5-under 65, finished his 72 just before play was suspended and was three strokes back with Hal Sutton.

Defending champion Sergio Garcia, after an opening 76, was 10 over with just two holes to play when play resumes Saturday morning.

The projected cut is 3-over, with 74 players under the line.

J.J. Henry and Tim Herron, both in the last group that started Friday and with five holes to play, were at 3-over. Brad Faxon and John Cook were both 4-over through 17 holes.

David Duval, the last player other than Tiger Woods ranked No. 1 in the world, had a triple bogey and two double bogeys while shooting 43 on the back nine. He finished with a 78 for a 5-over 145.

Duval started his round among nine players tied for second place at 3 under, and was still there before his triple bogey at the 609-yard 11th. He avoided reporters after his round.

Price had only one bogey, when he hit his tee shot at the 188-yard 16th into the right bunker and then two-putted from 7 feet. He got that stroke back when he made a 15-foot putt on the 18th.

Two Michigan players shot

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Two Michigan football players were shot early Saturday after a fight at an off-campus party.

Sophomore defensive back Markus Curry was hit in the back, and junior linebacker Carl Diggs was shot in the leg, Ann Arbor Police Department Sgt. Michael Logghe said. The shooter escaped.

Logghe did not know the players' conditions. An official with University of Michigan hospitals said Diggs was released and couldn't give a condition for Curry.

Police responded to reports of a fight at the party late Friday. The fight was over when officers arrived, but they broke up the party of about 100 people.

After officers left, Curry and Diggs were standing in the street when one of the suspects from the fight fired a gun wildly, Logghe said.

Curry was a starter last season until he was suspended after being charged with domestic violence. Curry was sentenced in February to one year of probation.

Diggs played in all 12 games last season, recording 42 tackles and one interception.

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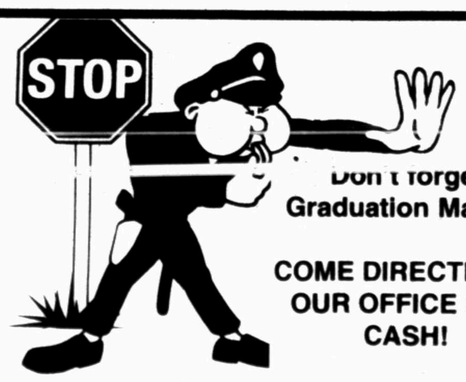

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SPORTS

Astros' bullpen anchors victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Barely a week ago, the Houston Astros were losing and the bullpen was the worst in the National League.

Friday night, Houston won its sixth straight and the bullpen came through in a 7-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Houston relievers combined for 3 2-3 innings and allowed no earned runs. Ricky Stone (2-1) earned the win with 2 1-3 hitless innings. Newly acquired Pedro Borbon struck out the only batter he faced and Octavio Dotel filled in for weary closer Billy Wagner, who had picked up two saves in two straight games, and got his first save of the season.

"We've got some young guys in that bullpen," starter Shane Reynolds said. "They have just been getting their feet wet at the start of their careers. But they've stepped up lately and are throwing very well."

The bullpen, which had a combined ERA over 5.00 and was the worst in the NL a week ago, has a 1.23 ERA over 14 2-3 innings in the six-game streak. The only two runs allowed in that stretch came off Nelson Cruz in one game as the Astros relievers have been untouchable in five of their last six games.

"We knew they were better than what they were showing," catcher Brad Ausmus said of the bullpen. "It's a lot the way we knew the team was. We were struggling, but we knew we had a good team. I don't think anybody ever got real concerned about it. We knew we'd come out of it."

Stone agreed.

"Eventually we thought we were going to come together," he said. "We weren't worried about what people were saying about the bullpen. We know people will talk, but we also knew we could do the job and that's what we're doing now."

Manager Jimy Williams also had praise for his relievers.

"I like our bullpen," he said. "Some of these guys have had a little time off now. Stone had a few days rest and Pedro hadn't pitched in a while since coming over here. That probably has helped them."

Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer to break the game open in the sixth and said he's feeling more comfortable at the plate. He has struggled with the mechanics of his swing early in the season.

"Obviously, I haven't gotten off to the start I wanted to," he said. "But I'm happy I was able to contribute tonight. Our bullpen did a great job. Stoney was awesome and O.D. shut them down."

The Pirates fell to 2-9 in their last 11 road games and are 7-16 overall since a 12-5 start. Starter Dave Williams lasted only 3 2-3 innings and gave up two runs on four hits and five walks. He also made two errors.

"Williams had an exceptional fastball and his breaking ball wasn't bad," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "But his command wasn't there. Ninety-eight pitches put us in a position where we had to take him out. He went deep in the count with a lot of hitters and when you do that you're not going to be around long."

Williams accepted the blame for his poor showing.

"I felt like I let my team down," he said. "Being a starting pitcher, you're expected to go at least five innings. If you don't, you put your team in a hole and things are going to happen like they did tonight.

"I'm frustrated to see our relievers have to go out there so early. This was just a case of not having command and not throwing strikes. They (the Astros) were patient. I just didn't do my part to win the game."

Longhorns wrap up regular season title

AUSTIN (AP) — Undefeated Justin Simmons threw his fourth complete game and J.D. Reininger hit a three-run homer for Texas, which won its first Big 12 regular season title with a 5-1 win over Texas A&M on Friday night.

Texas (41-13, 17-8 Big 12) took a 2-1 lead in the fifth when Omar Quintanilla scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Eric Sultemeier. The final margin came on Reininger's home run in the eighth.

Simmons, who has won all of his 14 starts, allowed four hits and struck out five. The Aggies' run was unearned.

A&M starter Kyle Parcus (4-4) took the loss, despite surrendering only seven hits over eight innings.

Rusty Meyer was 1-for-3 with an RBI for Texas A&M (34-20, 13-12).

Reininger had four RBIs for Texas.

The conference title is the Longhorns' 71st, the first since 1996 when they captured the final Southwest Conference crown.

A season-high 6,709 fans watched the game at Disch-Falk Field.

Tech knocks off Baylor, 8-7

LUBBOCK (AP) — Gera Alvarez's sacrifice fly scored Bryon Smith in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting Texas Tech to a 8-7 win over Baylor on Friday night.

Texas Tech (38-16, 14-11 Big 12) moved past Baylor into third place with the win, while the Bears (34-20, 13-11) dropped to fourth with two games remaining in conference play. The Red Raiders and Bears will play each other again Saturday afternoon

Sports Briefs

API golf tournament

The Snyder chapter of the American Petroleum Institute hosts its annual scholarship golf tournament June 1 at the country club.

Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $340 per team, and play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709, or Giles Kemp at 725-1852.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and perspective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Flag football tournament

The Snyder Knights flag football tournament is scheduled for June 8. Entry deadline is May 22 and cost is $220 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 573-0800.

St. Louis wants new stadium

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Cardinals will look for a new home outside downtown St. Louis following the Missouri House's failure to debate a ballpark financing proposal.

The stadium plan would have authorized the state to spend $644 million over three decades, with most of the money benefitting the Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, who want to renovate their stadiums.

Famed black pitcher dies

PHOENIX (AP) — Joe Black, the Brooklyn Dodgers right-hander who became the first black pitcher to win a World Series game, died of prostate cancer. He was 78.

Black spent a season in the minors before the Dodgers promoted him to the major leagues in 1952, five years after teammate Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier. He was chosen Rookie of the Year and won the first of three starts he made in the 1952 World Series against the New York Yankees.

Price grabs lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Nick Price shot a 5-under-par 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Steve Flesch and Bob Tway in the rain-delayed second round of the Colonial.

The 45-year-old Price, who needed just 26 putts Friday, had a 6-under 134 total. Flesch shot a 67 and Tway had a 68 in the round that was delayed 31/2 hours because of rain.

First-round leader Bob Estes, who had an opening 65, didn't tee off until late in the afternoon and dropped two strokes on his front nine. Defending champion Sergio Garcia dropped three strokes through his first eight holes after shooting a 76.

David Duval had a triple bogey and two double bogeys while shooting 43 on the back nine. He finished with a 78 for a 5-over 145 total, two strokes above the projected cut.

Detroit 6, Texas 3...

Tigers top Rangers to end losing streak

DETROIT (AP) — Jeff Weaver has seen a lot of strange things this season.

His Detroit Tigers helping him win a game with power and defense hadn't been one of them before Friday night.

Weaver (3-5) pitched eight strong innings, and was helped by four homers and two outstanding defensive plays in a 6-3 victory over the Texas Rangers. That ended Detroit's second-longest losing streak of the season at seven games.

"The guys played well defensively and put up some early runs," said Weaver, who allowed three runs on 10 hits. "That was nice, because it let me fend them off."

Robert Fick had two homers as the Tigers hit four for the first time since a 19-6 win in Texas on August 8, 2001.

"This felt good," Fick said. "It is especially nice, because they beat us in Texas last week. We had some life for a change."

Dmitri Young and Wendell Magee both homered off Texas starter Dave Burba (3-1), who also gave up Fick's first of the night.

"Tonight was just bad pitch selection," Burba said. "I made a bad pitch to Young — I had a 3-2 count and I tried to make a perfect pitch instead of trying to make him chase something. I got it over the plate and he hit it.

"Then I made another bad pitch to Fick. Magee, well, you just have to tip your hat on that one."

Fick finished his day with a two-run homer off John Rocker in the eighth. It was the second multi-homer game of his career and gave him five on the season.

"I got a couple fastballs, and I was able to stay on them for a change," Fick said.

The first key defensive play came in the Texas second. With two outs and the bases loaded, Mike Young lined a single to left.

Gabe Kapler scored, but Bobby Higginson threw out Bill Haselman at the plate to end the inning. Had Haselman stopped at third, Weaver would have been facing Alex Rodriguez with the bases still loaded.

"Mike Young had a really nice at-bat to keep the inning going, but Bobby Higginson is a very good outfielder," said Texas manager Jerry Narron. "I've always thought he was one of the best throwing outfielders in the American League."

Six innings later, with Detroit up 4-3, Texas had the tying run on second with one out. Herbert Perry hit a dribbler down the third-base line, but Chris Truby made a barehanded pickup and threw Perry out at first. Weaver then struck out Kapler.

Truby was making his Tigers debut, having been acquired from Montreal on Thursday to help shore up Detroit's porous infield defense.

"That was just an awesome play," Weaver said. "I was staring at that ball, and I was sure it was just going to end up dead in the grass. Even when Chris got to the ball, I thought he would hold it, but he threw him out by plenty."

Juan Gonzalez of the Rangers was activated before the game and was 1-for-4 with two strikeouts. Gonzalez had been on the disabled list since April 10 because of torn muscle fibers in his right hand.

"It felt good — very comfortable," Gonzalez said. "My timing will come back — I just need to keep swinging my bat."

Sports Briefs

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	19	.548	—
Florida	22	20	.524	1
Atlanta	22	21	.512	1½
Montreal	20	22	.476	3
Philadelphia	17	25	.405	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	25	16	.610	—
St. Louis	21	20	.512	4
Houston	20	21	.488	5
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	5½
Chicago	13	26	.333	11
Milwaukee	13	29	.310	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	27	15	.643	—
San Francisco	26	15	.634	½
Los Angeles	24	18	.571	3
San Diego	21	21	.500	6
Colorado	19	23	.452	8

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 7, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 4, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 13, San Diego 4
Arizona 12, Philadelphia 9
Los Angeles 8, Montreal 5
San Francisco 9, Florida 3

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Rijo 3-1) at St. Louis (Morris 6-2), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-4) at Colorado (Stark 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-2) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 0-1) at Houston (Redding 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 1-4) at San Diego (Tomko 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-3) at Arizona (Schilling 8-1), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-5) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-3) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-5), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 4-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 1-1) at Colorado (Neagle 3-2), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 1-2) at San Francisco (Jensen 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Chen 2-2) at Los Angeles (Ashby 2-4), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 2-2) at Arizona (Anderson 0-3), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 6-2) at San Diego (Tollberg 1-4), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 5-2) at Houston (Mlicki 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	27	11	.711	—
New York	27	15	.643	2
Baltimore	19	21	.475	9
Toronto	14	25	.359	13½
Tampa Bay	12	28	.300	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	18	.581	—
Chicago	23	19	.548	1½
Cleveland	19	21	.475	4½
Kansas City	14	25	.359	9
Detroit	12	27	.308	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	29	12	.707	—
Anaheim	23	16	.590	5
Oakland	19	22	.463	10
Texas	19	22	.463	10

Friday's Games

Seattle 6, Boston 3
Toronto 7, Oakland 1
Detroit 6, Texas 3
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3
N.Y. Yankees 13, Minnesota 12, 14 innings
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2
Anaheim 8, Chicago White Sox 4

Saturday's Games

Oakland (Fyhrie 1-2) at Toronto (Miller 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 3-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 5-0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Fiore 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-3), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Kansas City (May 0-0) at Cleveland (Drese 3-3), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Park 1-1) at Detroit (Sparks 2-4), 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Oakland (Hudson 3-5) at Toronto (Loaiza 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 4-3) at Boston (Burkett 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 6-2), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 4-4) at Cleveland (Baez 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 0-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
Texas (Davis 3-4) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 7-2), 2:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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Saturday, May 18
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
Boston at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 20
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Boston at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 24
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 25
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 26
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 29
Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 31
New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 2
Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

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(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 5
Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 7
Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 9
Western Conference winner at Eastern Conference winner, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12
Western Conference winner at Eastern Conference winner, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 14
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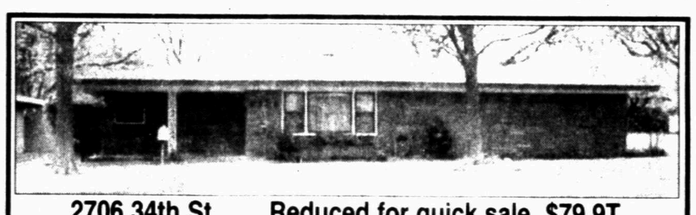

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TEE SHIRTS — Sandi Wells' talent pool class at Stanfield Elementary recently made these tee shirts for a science/art project — using rubbing alcohol as a solvent to dissolve permanent ink. Students pictured are back row from left, Amber Steelman, Jentri Driggers, Damian Donaldson, Samuel Ashley, Kristal Gomez and Mrs. Wells; front row, Audrey Miller, Monica Glover, Megan Smith, Beto Jaimes, Jordan Peoples and Jessica Villa. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Alternative therapy for hypertension?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For more than two years, I've been on prescription medicine for hypertension with fair results: I averaged about 150/90. Recently, I read about cayenne pepper as alternative therapy. I tried it. Within two weeks, my BP was 140/80. What is your opinion about this therapy?

DEAR READER: I have no experience with cayenne pepper for hypertension, but I am impressed with your success. A blood pressure of 150/90 is, indeed, too high. The fact that you seem to have brought it down to the normal range by using cayenne is noteworthy.

As a general rule, herbal remedies are not particularly effective in lowering blood pressure; prescription drugs are superior. I advise you to bring your observations to your doctor's attention. He should carefully monitor the situation.

Having said this, I want to emphasize that many hypertensives can achieve enormous benefit (without expensive drugs) simply by modifying their life style. For example, exercise, meditation, stress counseling, salt restriction, weight loss, reduction in alcohol consumption and calcium supplements are valuable non-drug therapies for lowering blood pressure. If the cayenne works for you (and is approved by your physician), I see no reason why you shouldn't continue to take it. But also pay attention the "natural" remedies that I mentioned.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss tinea versicolor.

DEAR READER: Tinea versicolor is a skin infection caused by a ubiquitous fungus called pityrosporum. The resulting multiple, scattered, whitish brown lesions, cause no symptoms or health problems. Treatment with selenium sulfide shampoo or oral prescription antifungus drugs, such as Lamasil, is usually effective. However, for unknown reasons, the disorder tends to recur, despite therapy.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: As a nurse working with elderly patients, I've been pleased to see how often you address the issue of stasis ulcers (leg sores), using both traditional treatment as well as new and innovative therapy. Let me tell you my own secret: oxygen. This simple remedy really works.

Secure a plastic bag in place (top and bottom) over the ulcer. Then, through a small hole, infuse oxygen for about 15 minutes a day. Within a short period, no more ulcer!

I've tried this technique many times over the years, always with success. Doctors are not familiar with it but this doesn't surprise me; they never listen to nurses anyway, even though we are with patients for many more hours than they are.

DEAR READER: OK, I'm listening. More important, I'm publishing this as a tip to patients and practitioners alike. The method makes sense, because stasis ulcers are the result of too little oxygen reaching the skin, which eventually breaks down and ulcerates. Therefore, treatment with local, high-concentration oxygen — a cheap and easy alternative to other therapies — is appropriate. Thank you for writing, nurse.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know that you are interested in herbal remedies and have promised periodic updates on their benefits and side effects. How about information regarding gingko, St. John's Wort and ginseng?

DEAR READER: As you wish.

Herbal remedies are the fastest growing diet supplement in the United States, reaching almost $4 billion in 1998, the last reported year of analysis. The three products you listed are the top sellers. As I will mention later, there is a significant and dangerous interaction between herbals and traditional medications, of which every consumer must be aware.

Gingko is the oldest living tree species and dates back about 230 million years, even surviving atomic blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. No wonder it enjoys a rich heritage of medicinal usage.

Gingko extract is marketed primarily for vascular insufficiency. Studies have shown that it increases the utilization of oxygen and glucose by the brain and encourages improved circulation. Also, it may stabilize or improve cognitive brain function in patients with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. Finally, it may be effective in treating depression and impotence.

The usual dose of gingko biloba is 120 to 160 milligrams a day; up to 240 mg have been used. More than six weeks may pass before the drug produces results. Side effects include low blood sugar, headache, and palpitations. Because gingko affects the blood's "stickiness," it must be used very cautiously in patients who simultaneously take aspirin, Coumadin or heparin; moreover, the remedy should be stopped at least a week before elective surgery.

Finally, gingko may have inhibitory effects on the liver's cytochrome P450 enzyme system leading to the possibility of toxicity from other, prescription drugs that are metabolized by the same pathway.

St. John's Wort was used in the past to ward off evil spirits. Now it is achieving international recognition in beating depression, a very modern evil spirit.

The remedy contains at least 10 pharmacologically active constituents, some of which are identical to the ingredients in prescription antidepressants. In short, St. John's Wort inhibits serotonin uptake in the brain, making it at least as effective as standard prescription medicines for treating depression.

The usual daily dosage is 900 milligrams; the remedy may take up to 12 weeks before it produces effects.

Like gingko biloba, St. John's Wort affects the cytochrome P450 liver-enzyme system, resulting in serious drug interactions with many pharmaceuticals, including anti-depressants, protease inhibitors (in AIDS patients), cyclosporine (for organ-transplant patients), digoxin - even birth control pills.

In fact, the potential danger of combining St. John's Wort with prescription anti-depressants is so significant that authorities insist that such dosing be avoided or undertaken by an experienced practitioner.

Ginseng has been part of traditional Chinese culture for more than 2,000 years. Interestingly, almost the entire crop of American ginseng is now exported to China.

The herbal has several effects, including the ability to increase energy, help cope with stress, enhance intellectual performance, improve the immune system and reduce blood sugar levels. It can also delay clotting and, therefore, should be discontinued at least a week before any surgical procedure. Side effects include nervousness, insomnia, headache, and hypertension - so it should not be used in patients with chronic anxiety or bi-polar mood disorder. Ginseng is not substantially metabolized by the cytochrome P450 system, so drug interactions are rare.

The major safety concern with the product — indeed, with all herbal remedies — is consistency. Because these compounds are not subject to Food and Drug Administration supervision, the concentration of ingredients can vary widely from batch to batch, as much as 36-fold with Ginseng capsules and liquid. This means that consumers may be markedly underdosed with some pills but dangerously overdosed by others.

If I were to define the reluctance most physicians have in recommending herbal products, it would be precisely this: There is not quality control whatsoever. Foreign companies that compound and export these products can — literally — put anything they choose on the labels - or, worse, add ingredients, such as cortisone, without informing the purchaser.

Most doctors, whose patients take herbal supplements, would welcome American companies into this market and would rejoice if there were a strict consistency in the products' ingredients.

To be continued.

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First Perry ads start running on TV

AUSTIN (AP) — After two days of being bashed on the airwaves by Democratic opponent Tony Sanchez, Gov. Rick Perry launched his first two campaign television ads Friday, including one that criticizes Sanchez for going negative.

Both ads were in statewide rotation, said Perry campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan. He acknowledged a Sanchez barrage of ads this week forced Perry to go on TV earlier than expected.

Sanchez ads have attacked the Republican Perry on the state budget, education and electric rates.

"I can't remember any general election where the candidates went on the air in May," Sullivan said. "We want to reinforce our message while Sanchez is attacking on television."

In a 15-second Perry ad released Friday, Perry accuses Sanchez of launching false attacks against his record and resorting to scare tactics.

It shows mostly Sanchez, with a small shot of Perry winking in the corner of the screen at the end. The Sanchez campaign had used a shot of Perry's trademark wink to suggest the governor was being sneaky about his policies.

"No vision. No leadership. No clue. Shame on you, Mr. Sanchez," the Perry ad announcer says.

The verbal shot appears to be a direct retort to a Sanchez ad released earlier this week that closed with the line: "Rick Perry. We didn't elect him. We don't have to keep him."

Prosecution rests in 1963 bombing case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Prosecutors in the trial of a former Klansman charged with a deadly civil rights-era church bombing closed their case after jurors heard haunting testimony from a survivor of the blast.

Sarah Collins Rudolph, now 51, was temporarily blinded in the explosion that sent debris and glass crashing down on her and four other black girls in the basement lounge at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963. The blast killed Rudolph's sister, Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, all 14, and Denise McNair, 11.

Bobby Frank Cherry, 71, who now lives in Mabank, Texas, is charged with murder in the deaths of the girls and faces life in prison if convicted. Cherry's attorneys were to begin presenting testimony on Saturday.

Rudolph said she was standing at a sink washing her hands and watching her sister tie the sash on Denise's dress when she heard a loud noise and was blinded by glass flying into her eyes.

"I began to call Addie. I said 'Addie, Addie, Addie,'" Rudolph said.

"Did your sister ever answer?" prosecutor Doug Jones asked.

"No sir, she didn't."

Rudolph, who later regained sight in one of her eyes, has now testified in all three trials of suspects in the church bombing, stretching over the past 25 years. Former Klansman Robert Chambliss was convicted in a 1977 trial and later died in prison. Another former Klansman, Thomas Blanton, was convicted of murder last year and is serving life in prison. A fourth suspect died without being charged.

A granddaughter of Cherry testified Friday that he once boasted about the attack on the church — the worst act of violence in the civil rights era. It occurred the weekend after Birmingham's public schools were racially integrated for the first time.

Teresa Stacy of Keller, Texas, said Cherry once bragged about the bombing while sitting on the porch of his home in east Texas.

"He seemed rather jovial, braggish," testified Stacy, who said she was between 9 and 11 years old at the time.

Defense lawyer Mickey Johnson tried to question the credibility of Stacy.

Some airport doors allowing employees to bypass security

WASHINGTON (AP) — While passengers and pilots pass through tightened airport security checkpoints, baggage handlers and other workers still bypass screeners and metal detectors by using identification cards that open locked doors.

The government is considering how to fix this flaw in the security net that regulators have been strengthening since Sept. 11. Critics say they are moving too slowly.

"There's a hole in the system that's bigger than a barn door and should send shudders up the spine of the traveling public and those responsible for the security of our nation's air transportation system," said commercial airline pilot Robert Held, who has flown for 14 years.

John Magaw, who heads the new Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, said his agency is looking at ways to restrict access to secured areas to "improve security and ensure the integrity of our nation's airports." Secured areas are those places beyond airport passenger checkpoints where employees can walk up to airplanes.

Among proposals under study are improved background checks, tamperproof identification cards and rules that send all airport employees through screening checkpoints, TSA spokesman Jonathan Thompson said.

Pilot programs to test various security procedures are planned for 20 airports, the agency said. Under the new airline security law, TSA must inform Congress this month of its progress, with reports expected Monday.

Mary Schiavo, a former Transportation Department inspector general, said TSA has been so concerned with stopping terror hijackings that it hasn't moved quickly to prevent bombs from getting onto planes through the cargo hold or on a food cart.

"We haven't had an attack launched through that access," said Schiavo, now a lawyer representing victims of airplane accidents. "I don't think they're very worried about it."

Aviation experts fear terrorists could use employee entrances to bypass security checkpoints and plant bombs or weapons aboard parked airplanes.

"It is a weakness in the system that's exploitable by a terrorist group or someone who wants to make use of it," said former Federal Aviation Administration security director Billie Vincent.

White House goes on offensive over warnings dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House dug in for a protracted political battle as new details emerged about a pre-Sept. 11 warning to U.S. intelligence that terrorists might try to fly airliners into government buildings.

While Democrats demanded answers, the Bush administration sought to put criticism of how the president handled advance information out of bounds.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday: "I think that any time anybody suggests or implies to the American people that this president had specific information that could have prevented the attacks on our country on September 11, that crosses the lines."

Reports surfaced that two years before the Sept. 11 attacks, during the Clinton administration, an analysis prepared for U.S. intelligence warned, "Suicide bomber(s) belonging to al-Qaida's Martyrdom Battalion could crash-land an aircraft packed with high explosives (C-4 and semtex) into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the CIA or the White House."

Until the report became public, the Bush administration has asserted that no one in government had envisioned a suicide hijacking before it happened.

Democrats suggested the expansion of inquiries into what the White House and federal law enforcement knew.

Obituaries

Jimmy Don Lloyd

1947-2002

Jimmy Don "Goober" Lloyd, lifetime resident of Snyder, died Friday, May 17, in Medical Cities Hospital in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Lloyd, 54, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. F.R. "Bear" Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lloyd

Born Oct. 18, 1947 in Snyder, Mr. Lloyd was an auto mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Leta Lloyd, and one brother, Carl Ray Lloyd.

Survivors include a son, Donnie Lloyd of Lubbock; a daughter, Christy Lloyd of the Metroplex area; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Jimmie Cornett, Dot and Layne Beaty and Eltine and Truitt Vines, all of Snyder; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Jerry Bob and Lavel Lloyd of Wendall, Idaho, Billy Joe and Gayle Lloyd of Dalhart, Keith and Carol Lloyd of [illegible] Robert Lee; two aunts, Lorena Gibson of Snyder and Ivie Wood of San Angelo; and a special friend, Neva Howell of Snyder.

Family visitation is set for 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Friends are contributing to the Living Gift, in care of Transplant Center, Medical Cities Hospital, 14th Floor-Bldg. A, 7777 Forest Lane, in Dallas, 75230.

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Snyder police arrest several for PI, marijuana possession charges

• ***Arrests***

Snyder police made several arrests late Friday and early [illegible] and marijuana possession.

Just before 6 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 17-year-old male for no driver's license, no liability insurance, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

At 7:20 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 20-year-old male for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and a 17-year-old male for no Texas driver's license and no liability insurance.

Around 11 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 33-year-old man at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for public intoxication.

Just before midnight Friday police arrested a 43-year-old male from the 1600 block of Ave. K for public intoxication.

A 22-year-old man was arrested from the 2500 block of Hidetown at 12:42 a.m. Saturday on an outstanding Ector County warrant for theft.

At 1:41 a.m. Saturday, a 27-[illegible] the 700 block of 23rd for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

• ***Thefts***

Christopher Carrasco requested to speak to a deputy at 8015 Blockline Rd. just before 8 a.m. Friday regarding the theft of his stereo from his residence. Deputies advised an offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Pearlene Stewart requested officers at 11 a.m. Friday at Stewart Insurance concerning the theft of sound equipment from her office. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sherry Crawford requested police from Snyder drug in reference to a wallet and money being stolen from Snyder Drug. Officers advised an offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Births

Lukas Kane Martinez was born to Roland and Jocelyn Martinez of Snyder at 2:20 p.m., May 9 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Lukas weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and has a brother, Ethan, and a sister, Ashley.

Maternal grandparents are Harvey and Suzan Pinkerton of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Vidal Vizcaino of Southland and the late Elva Vizcaino. Great grandparents are Troy Greenlee of Snyder and the late Norma Greenlee, L.W. and Dovie Pinkerton of Snyder and Darlene Amador of Lubbock.

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ONGOINGS

Noah's Ark Church

Randy and Delia Asebedo from Lord's Church in Gomez will be ministering at the Noah's Ark Church at 119 36th St. for the morning and evening service Sunday.

Jury call rescheduled

The jury panel called to report Monday in 132nd District Court has been rescheduled to report at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28.

AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. The speaker will be Judy Day of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration will be at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the kindergarten room. Bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security card. For more information, call 863-2452.

Band spaghetti dinner, concert

A spaghetti dinner, followed by a free spring concert will be held starting at 5 p.m. Monday. Tickets, $5 for adults and $3 for children under junior high age, are available from any band student or at the door.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Sovereignty of God," followed by "A Prayer, Plea & Plan for Unity."

Ira project graduation

Planning for Ira ISD's project graduation will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the First Church of God Church annex. All eighth grade through senior parents are invited.

Presswood retirement

A retirement reception for Lee Presswood, principal, will be from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Wolf retirement reception

A retirement reception for Rita Wolf, kindergarten teacher at Stanfield, will be from 4-5:30 Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Family Literacy Program

Fifty-seven adult participated in Snyder ISD's Family Literacy Program during the 2001-2002 school year. Students will be honored at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Region 14 Education Service Center satellite office. Honored will be students who participated and completed the Laubach and Challenger Reading Programs, GED, and various technology programs. Students attended class on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year. Classes will resume in August.

Technology booster club

SHS Technology Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the shop classroom to elect officers. Parents of 8th graders are welcome.

SHS baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room at the high school.

Lions hamburger supper

In place of the regular noon meeting Tuesday, Snyder Lions and their families will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn for a hamburger supper.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is pre-reregistering for the next fall. The school, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children from two to five years old before Sept. 1. Registration fee is $30 and the monthly tuition is $45. Parents are encouraged to pre-register in order to assure a space. The school observes the same schedule as Snyder ISD. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday in the GED testing center, Building 7B on the WTC campus. The testing will be at 8 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call Molly Kates, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for SHS teachers Kay Kennedy and Patsy Williams will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SHS library.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Judy Barkowsky, Judy Grimmett and Betty Thompson will be from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

Colonial Hill VBS

Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Amazon Outfitters for Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 3-7. Call 573-8596 for registration and transportation.

Judge rules Tiguas can resume some gambling

EL PASO (AP) — A judge has cleared the way for the Tigua Indians to offer certain types of gambling — but nothing close to the multimillion-dollar casino operation that existed at Speaking Rock casino before the federal government shut it down in February.

U.S. District Judge Garnett Thomas Eisele on Tuesday modified parts of a Sept. 27 ruling in which he ordered the tribe to end all gambling operations at the casino on tribal land in east El Paso.

Eisele said the tribe can offer eight-liners — so called because there are eight ways to win, as in bingo, three lines vertically, three lines horizontally and two lines diagonally.

Eisele also ruled that the Tiguas can conduct state lottery games at their properties, and the tribe can offer charitable bingo if it gets a license from the Texas Lottery Commission. The tribe is not subject to the commission's regulatory authority, Eisele said, but still must adhere to state law.

In March, a month after the casino was shut down, the Tiguas asked Eisele to modify his order to allow them to engage in games of chance that are legal for other Texas residents.

Eisele complied, declaring that the Tiguas can offer the eight-liners as long as they conform to state law, which limits the prizes to merchandise, not cash, worth not more than 10 times what it costs to play, or $5, whichever is less.

"Tribal attorneys are currently reviewing the modification order with the members of the Tribal Council and further comment will be reserved until that review is completed," tribal spokesman Marc Schwartz said Friday.

The court denied the tribe's request to participate in "carnival contests" because such activities are only legal for religious, fraternal, school, law enforcement, youth, agricultural or civic groups. The court also denied the tribe's application to conduct "player pool" and card games.

The Tiguas' gaming enterprise is governed by the federal 1987 Restoration Act that brought legal recognition to the Native American tribe.

The state's effort to close the casino, which was initiated by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn in 1999, was supported by Eisele in his September ruling.

The Tiguas appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which granted a stay that allowed the casino to continue to operate during the appeals process. In January, a three-judge panel of the appeals court affirmed Eisele's ruling and revoked the stay.

"We believe that the judges order was consistent with our argument all along that casino gambling is illegal in Texas," said Jane Shepperd, a spokesman for Cornyn.

SNYDER ISD CEREMONY — State Representative David Counts, left, recently administered the oath of office to Snyder ISD board members. Shown from left are Glenn Clarady, Mark McCormick and Doug Neff. Clarady and McCormick were named to the board without an election and both are incumbents, while Neff began his first term. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grief counselors help teens deal with fatal car accident

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Grief counselors met with the residents of an Ingram youth home that lost three of its residents in a fatal car accident.

The three teen-agers were riding in a stolen car on a Kerrville street Wednesday when it slid into an oncoming sport utility vehicle in the eastbound lane of Junction Highway, the Department of Public Safety said.

Killed were June Barney, 16, and Jeff White, 15, both of San Antonio; and Carissa Dobens, 16, of Kerrville. All three died on impact in the crash, Kerrville EMS Coordinator Kyle Young said.

The car was reported stolen from the parking lot at Ingram Tom Moore High School, which the teens attended.

The teens were residents of Hill Country Youth Ranch, a group home for abused and emotionally troubled children.

"It's absolute devastation," Angela Tijerina, the home's director, said in Friday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "So many of these kids know loss first-hand, and this brings a lot of those feelings back to the surface."

The driver of the sport utility vehicle, Cynthia Zachry, 50, was taken to a local hospital, where she was treated and released.

Preliminary reports indicated that alcohol was not involved, police said.

Teen is convicted

DeSOTO (AP) — A North Texas teen-ager who had been charged with murder in juvenile court in the death of his friend was convicted Friday of a lesser charge.

The 13-year-old DeSoto boy, who is not being named because of his age, will be sentenced later after a jury found him guilty of criminally negligent homicide. He could be confined for up to two years.

He faced a possible 40-year sentence on the murder charge.

Jonathan Hogan, 13, was shot in the head and in the chest March 5 while at the other boy's residence after they skipped school at DeSoto East Junior High. The pair was alone in the house at the time of the shooting.

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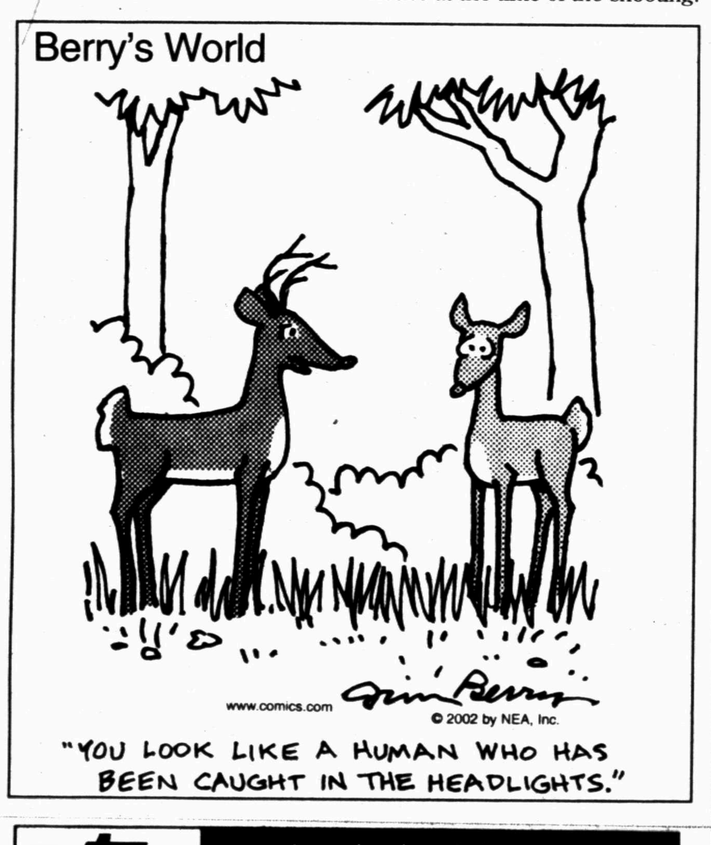

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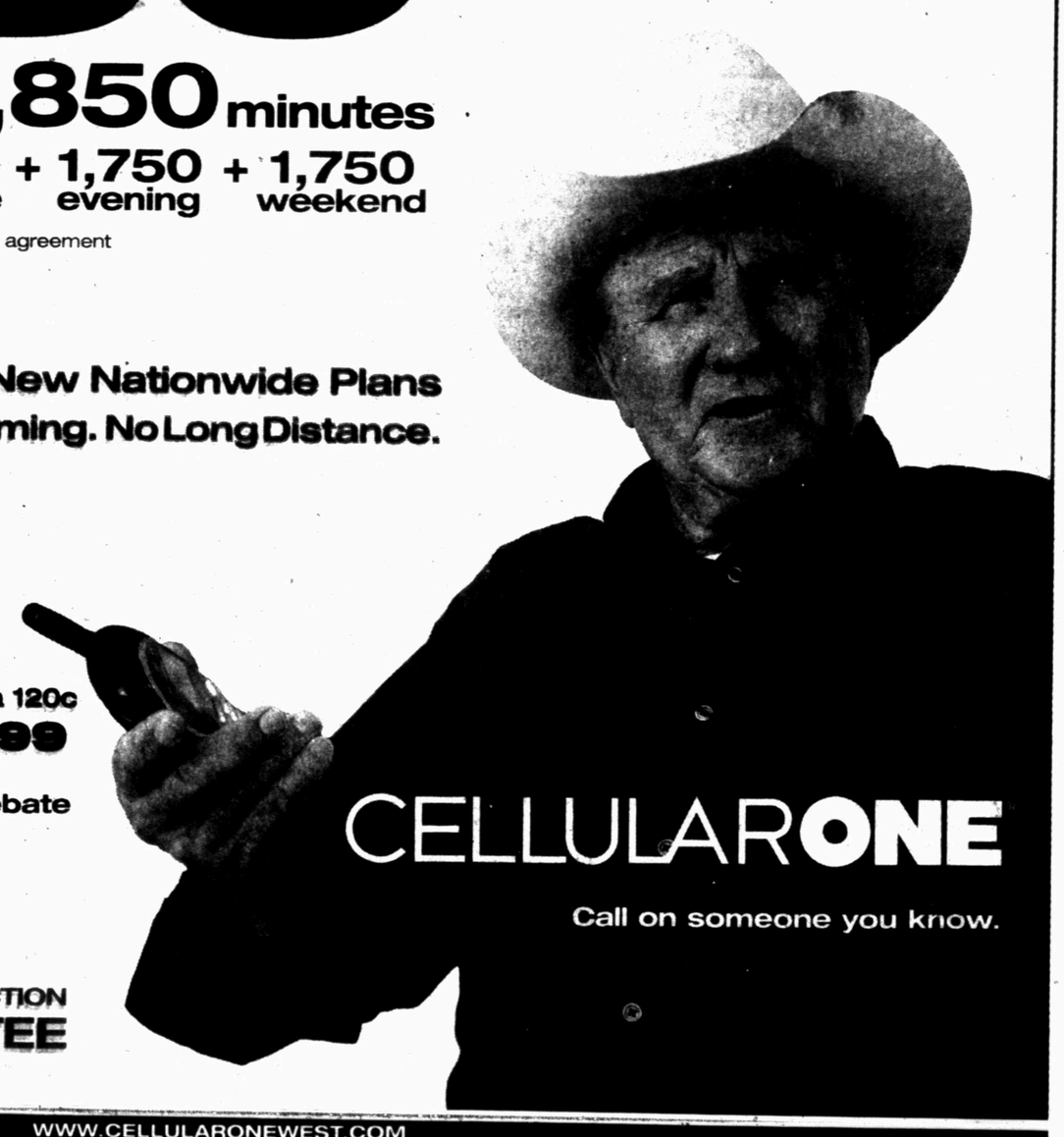

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Five Snyder teachers are retiring this month

Snyder ISD is losing five veteran teachers through retirement, three elementary and two at the high school.

Judy Barkowsky, Central third grade teacher, has taught 21 years in Snyder — 11 years at North Elementary and then 10 years at Central after North closed.

Another Central teacher, Betty Thompson, also is retiring. She has taught 16 years in Snyder.

Kay Kennedy, assistant band director at the high school, is also retiring. She became the assistant director in 1989.

Also retiring at the high school is Patsy Williams, who teaches keyboarding.

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JUDY BARKOWSKY

Early in her teaching career, Barkowsky learned how troublesome miscommunications could be. It was her first year on the job — 1966 — and she was teaching a first grade class at Welock Elementary in Lubbock.

One of her tasks was to collect three cents a day from each student for milk. Every day she asked students who had three cents to give it to her. One day an exasperated mother wanted to know why Barkowsky never took her son's milk money. Barkowsky soon realized that the child, who brought a nickel to school each day, did not think that he had the correct amount to pay for the milk, so he never gave her any money.

Barkowsky remembers that first year well. She was given two reams of ditto paper to use for worksheets for the entire school year.

That first year was tough in other ways also. She had a large class, between 29-33 students. She noted that she "went home crying everyday because I was afraid that by the end of the year the students would not be able to read."

Barkowsky grew up in Wolfforth and graduated from Frenship High School. She received her teaching degree at Texas Tech University.

Barkowsky chose education in part because she had friends who were going to become teachers. She also wanted a job that she could do all her life.

Before moving to Snyder, Barkowsky taught second grade in Smyer. She also taught second grade in Muncey, Ind., when her husband, Dr. Edward Barkowsky, who teaches English at Western Texas College, was in graduate school.

While they were in Muncey, Dr. Robert Clinton, than superintendent of Snyder ISD, offered Dr. Barkowsky a job. They moved here in 1971.

Barkowsky was first assigned to North Elementary where she taught the first grade, and after a couple of years, switched to the third grade.

She has fond memories of North, noting that its closing several years ago was very difficult. "It was like leaving a family."

She was then assigned to Central where she has taught the third grade

Barkowsky recalled one of her memories of her years at North. She said it had been raining a lot and the grass was very tall. The window of her classroom looked out onto the playground. One day as they were reading a story about a meadowlark and a snake, she said they could hear the meadowlarks chirping outside.

When asked why she chose this year to retire, Barkowsky responded, "It's time. I'm tired."

Even so, she knows she will miss being around her fellow teachers. "We have a strong bond at Central."

She'll miss the students also. She said she always liked listening to children's ideas about why something happened. She enjoyed their creativeness and seeing the look of delight on their faces when it would dawn on them how something worked.

As for hobbies, Barkowsky joked that Ed has said, "I'll be sitting around making lists of things for him to do."

Like the late Erma Bombeck, she noted that her only hobby will be "to get rid of dirt."

She said she has unfinished business from their move last August, namely to unpack all of the remaining boxes and get things organized. She also intends to spend more time with grandchildren and she wants to take time to "read just what I want to read."

During her years in education, Barkowsky has seen many changes. In time, the purple ditto machines were replaced with super fast Xerox copiers. She summed up other changes with three words, "technology, technology, technology."

"I'm still amazed at how my third graders were always so familiar with the Internet. They taught me things."

After graduating from Tech, Barkowsky pursued graduate work at Ball State University, Texas Women's University and Texas Tech.

Barkowsky has two daughters and three grandchildren. Lesa and Greg Starkins live in Long Island with their children, Connor, 3, and Brenna, who will turn one on June 1. Holly and Bart Bynum live in Ransom Canyon with their son, Owen, eight months old.

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BETTY THOMPSON

Betty Thompson's love of children drew her to become a teacher. She started out as an early childhood education aid at Humble Smith, working four years under Carolyn Hamby, the lead teacher.

With daughters, Denise and Melanie, then in elementary school, working as an aide allowed her to be home with them.

Thompson also spent 12 years teaching five-year-olds in Colonial Hill Baptist Church's Sunday School. Her fellow teacher was M.J. Merritt who also operated a private kindergarten for several years.

Thompson enjoyed working with young children so much that she decided to become a full-fledged teacher.

Thompson returned to college, earning her education degree from Texas Tech University in 18 months. She had previously earned a degree from Mercy Junior College in St. Louis, Mo. Thompson was so determined to finish college that one semester she signed up for 24 hours.

At the age of 38, Thompson graduated from Texas Tech. She did her student teaching at North Elementary under the supervision of Judy Barkowsky and Gaylene Dobbs. She said she could not have graduated without the support of her husband and daughters.

Thompson's first teaching assignment was a kindergarten class at Stanfield. At the time there were so many kindergarten students that two large classes were reorganized into three smaller ones. Since the school year had already begun, some parents were upset. In time, Thompson won them over

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Snyder High School

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Huff, Hobby marry in Abilene

ABILENE — Charissa Lynn Huff and Jared Adair Hobby, both of Searcy, Ark., were married March 15 in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle in Abilene.

Dale Huff, father of the bride, and Kenneth Hobby, father of the groom, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Dale and Diane Huff of Snyder and the groom's parents are Kenneth and Ann Hobby of Searcy.

Becky Pratt of Searcy was maid of honor and Gerren Hobby, brother of the groom, was best man.

Their wedding trip was to Colorado and their new home is in Searcy. Charissa is a math teacher at Riverview High School and Jared is employed by Simmons Bank, both in Searcy.

Bridal Registry

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Town gets attention

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The Arctic town of Narvik got the media attention it was looking for when it threatened to secede from Norway and join neighboring Sweden to protest Oslo's policies.

Narvik, about 225 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle, has long complained that the central government has cut half its public service jobs in recent years.

Proposals from Oslo, about 682 miles to the south, to close the local airport and customs office proved too much for the town of 18,500 people.

"Narvik has no advantages from belonging to Norway," local Mayor Olav Sigurd Alstad was quoted as telling newspapers. "The question is whether we should join Sweden."

His deputy, Per Henrik Moerk, said the idea came up at a city management meeting this week and will be discussed at a late May city council meeting, although he conceded the measure stemmed more from a need for publicity than a real desire to separate from Norway.

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JUNE WEDDING PLANS — Lisa Duncan of Snyder and Doran Womack of Lubbock announce their 6 p.m., June 1 wedding plans. The ceremony will be held in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

School Menu

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
Tuesday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Wednesday
Biscuits
Sausage & Gravy
Juice
Thursday
Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit
Friday
Assorted Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Popcorn Chicken w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread Sticks
Oreo's
Tuesday
Patti Melts
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Fruit Salad
Wednesday
Corn Dogs
Potato Wedges
Beans
Shape-ups
Thursday
Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit
Friday
Assorted Cereal
Toast

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Manager's Choice
Friday
Out for Summer

LUNCH
Monday
Turkey Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomato
Pickles
Potato Chips
Fruit
Tuesday
Cheeseburgers
Burger Salad
Doritos
Fruit
Wednesday
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomato
Pork & Beans
Fritos
Fruit
Thursday
Manager's Choice

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and the breakfast menu offers juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Tuesday
Donut Holes
Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday
Cheese Wedge
Friday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams

(Other Schools)
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Donut or Managers Choice
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Cheese Enchiladas or
Crispy Beef Tacos
Refried Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Country Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Black-eyed Peas
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Apple Cobbler
Wednesday
Bean & Cheese Burrito or
Managers Choice
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Corn Bread
Thursday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Managers Choice
Corn Chips
Pickle Spears
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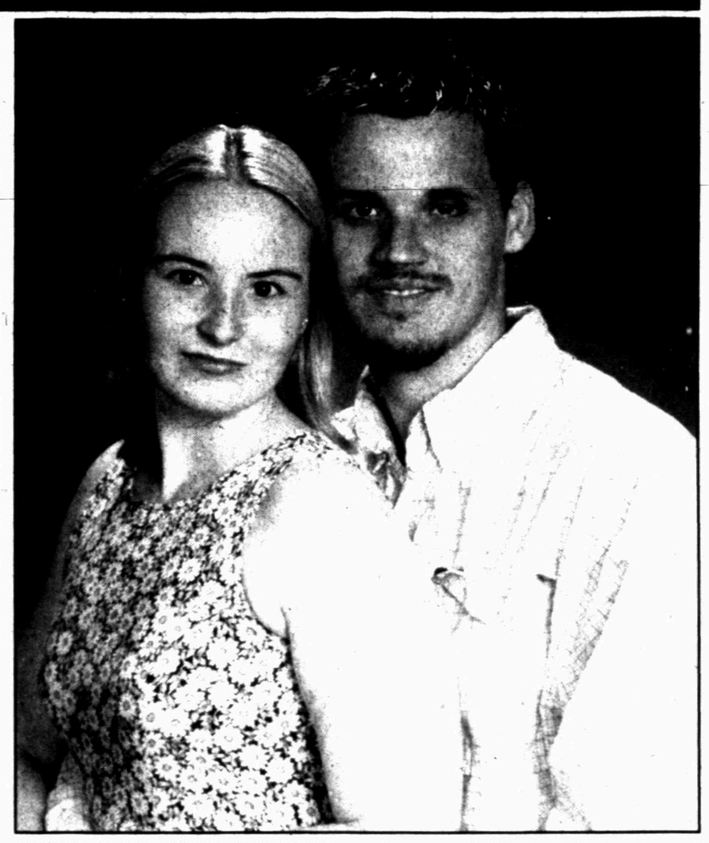


COUPLE TO WED IN JULY — Don and Linda McCauley of Snyder announce the engagement of their grandson, Tony Martin, to Bethany Taylor, daughter of Patrick and Brenda Taylor of Colorado City. Tony and Bethany both reside in Lubbock. The wedding will be at 4 p.m., July 6 in the Colorado City Civic Center with a reception following. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Thieves interrupted on lunch break

TYLER (AP) — A burglary attempt by two men dressed as sheriff's deputies was foiled when the homeowner — a law officer — interrupted the would-be thieves on his lunch break.

Gregg County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Freeman returned to his Gladewater home around noon Tuesday to find two men dressed in fatigues parked outside his house.

One man ran out of Freeman's garage and ripped open his camouflage shirt to display a black T-shirt with "Sheriff's Department" printed on the chest.

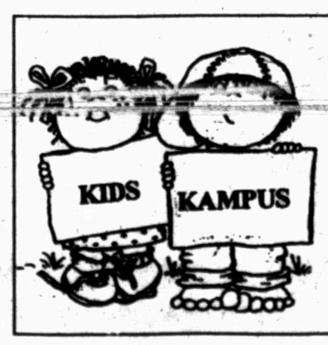
"He said, 'I'm with the sheriff's department,' and I said, 'You wouldn't mind me calling to check you out?'" Freeman told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Freeman said the thief grew nervous and insisted he and his partner, who remained in the car, never entered his house. Then they bolted.

"He said, 'we gotta go, we'll see ya,'" Freeman said.

The two would-be thieves had to plow their car through a barbed-wire fence to escape since Freeman had blocked his driveway with his vehicle when he arrived.

Four men were later captured and charged with burglary of a habitation and evading arrest. One of the men was also charged with impersonating a police officer.



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60th ANNIVERSARY — B.L. and Wanda Fancher Smith will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner party in Arlington. Hosting will be their children, Larry Smith, Phyllis Smith and Pam and Marty Pate. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Married May 24, 1942 in Hamlin at a parsonage, they have resided in Snyder for 52 years. B.L. retired from Sun Oil after 35 years and Wanda is a homemaker and an active member of First Baptist Church since 1970. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Car was parked in wrong driveway

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — A Mercedes-Benz appeared in the driveway of a Long Island woman — but it turned out not to be the surprise gift she hoped it was.

Instead, the car had been mistakenly parked there by mechanics who had repaired it for its owner and left the keys and paperwork in her mailbox, according to Nassau County police.

Ruth Sheppard, 61, said she unsuccessfully tried to find an owner for the 1985 Mercedes-Benz, and claims she even called police, who she said told her it had not been reported stolen.

"Mother's Day was coming up, and it was an old car, so I thought my daughter had surprised me," she told The New York Post for Thursday editions.

A worker from the garage asked for the keys, but a woman at the house refused.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North
♠ 5 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ K 7 5 4 2
♣ 8 5 2

West
♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 9 8 3 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ 7 3

East
♠ 6 4
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ J 10 9 6 4

South
♠ A K Q J 10
♥ A K 6 5
♦ A
♣ A K Q

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Six and seven: same play, different score

By Phillip Alder

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote in Propylaen Introduction, a periodical founded by Goethe that took its title from the gateway to the Acropolis of Athens, "The same man will ... often see and judge the same things differently on different occasions ...." ...."

It is true at the bridge table. An expert will sometimes make a different bid or adopt an alternative line of play depending on the standard of his opponents.

This deal is different from that, though. How would you plan the play in either six spades or seven spades? West leads the diamond queen.

After South opens with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs North responds with a negative two diamonds and, South bids his longest suit, North's rebid — two no-trump or three clubs, according to partnership choice — is a second negative, showing 0-3 points. So, on the third round, with a maximum(!), three trumps and a ruffing value in hearts, North should jump to four spades. South bids what he hopes he can make.

Unusually, the best line of play in six spades is the same as that in seven spades. After winning with the diamond ace, draw exactly two rounds of trumps, cash your top hearts, and ruff a heart in the dummy. When that passes off safely, discard your last heart on the diamond king, ruff a diamond in hand, draw the last trump, and claim.

Note that if you draw only one round of trumps, East overruffs the dummy on third round of hearts, which kills seven spades, but not six.

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Bridge Scores

Bridge was played at the Snyder Country Club and was directed by Monte West.

Friday, May 10

A Group

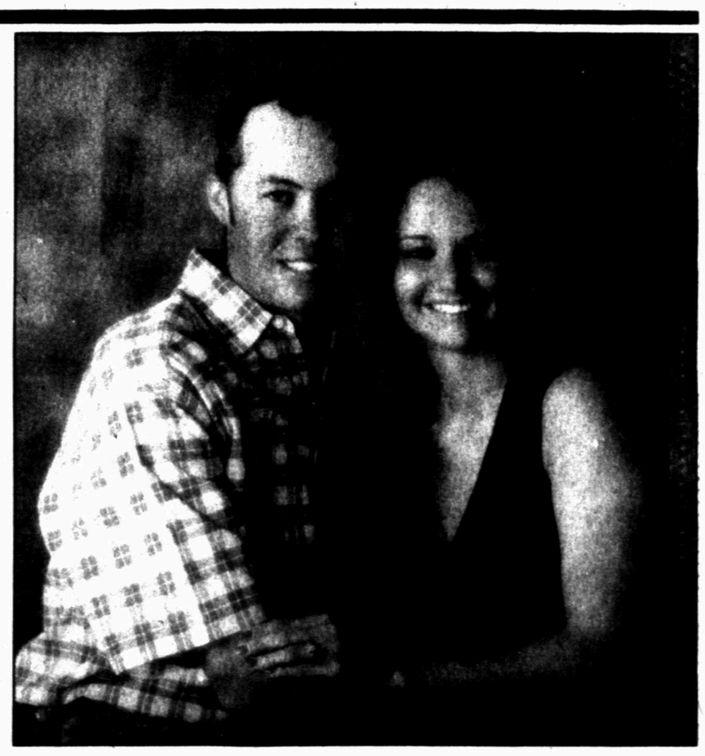
1. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. LaVerne Hood, Margaret Dillaha.
4. Anita Talbott, Jane Hinton.

B Group

1. LaVerne Hood, Margaret Dillaha.
2. Carol Miller, Betty Courtney.
3. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.
4. Bobbie Taylor, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, May 14

1. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.



AUSTIN CEREMONY SET — Janice Mitchell of Snyder announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Leslie Aid Mitchell, to Kraig Alan Billingsley. He is the son of Rickey and Brenda Billingsley. A 6 p.m. ceremony is planned for June 22 at Lake Travis in Austin. (Mr. Geez Photograph)

More than 1,300 children of veterans have been, or are being cared for in the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. A portion of the cost is raised through the annual distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

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FAREWELL GATHERING — Polly Autry, longtime Snyder resident and elementary teacher, was honored at a luncheon recently at Rudy's. Polly was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and active in the hospital auxiliary, garden club, Alta Study Club, and other civic organizations. She has moved to Midland where she will be near her daughter and son-in-law, Joe and Sandra Chapman. Her other daughter, Mitzi Bishop and her husband, Danny, live in Coppell. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Teachers at SISD reflect on years in the classroom

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and made many lasting friendships in the process.

That first year Thompson said she "felt like I was treading water." But she "learned by doing" and had a good year because parents and teachers supported her.

After two years she was assigned to teach a third grade class at East. Then she transferred to Central nine years ago.

Although Thompson said she believes she is still a good teacher, she doesn't think she is as effective as a she used to be. And after 16 years, the "joy and fun" isn't there anymore. She said she is ready for a change.

Thompson noted that she is a firm believer in "if you don't enjoy your work, move on."

She will now have more time to do some of the things she enjoys such as gardening, reading, walking and church work.

She is considering becoming a hospice volunteer and as a nine-year survivor of breast cancer, she said she will help drive cancer patients to Lubbock for treatment.

Thompson's husband, Derwin, is cashier and senior vice president at West Texas State Bank. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Denise and Leddy Lewis live on the Covered S Ranch, which he manages. Denise is a substitute teacher. Their son, Zant, is nine months old.

Melanie and Michael Alarcon live in Snyder and have two sons, Kaleb, 23 months; and Kaden, five months. Melanie teaches resource at East.

RITA WOLF

Even if she hadn't earned her teaching degree, Rita Wolf thinks she would have ended up working with children anyway.

She loves the "little ones so much" that she couldn't image doing anything else. She compared her intense desire to become a teacher to a preacher's "call."

"I felt that that was where my heart needed to go," she added.

Wolf was inspired early on by one of her teachers in Aspermont, who was "a very loving and compassionate lady."

In spite of that, Wolf didn't really want to go to college when she graduated from Aspermont High School. Her parents, especially her dad, and her grandfather really pushed her to get an education and she is very glad they did.

Wolf enrolled in West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M, because her friends were attending there also. She did her student teaching in Amarillo, grades kindergarten and second.

Wolf began her teaching career with a kindergarten class in Sweetwater. She said she was apprehensive her first year, but had help from a teacher who was her mentor.

When her husband, James, was transferred to Snyder by Mobil she went to work for Snyder ISD. She was assigned to the kindergarten at Stanfield, which she did for 21 years. This is her 28th year to teach.

> One of the rewards [of teaching] has been seeing the reactions of the kids when they grasp what you are trying to teach them. Or when they are working on a hard piece and they finally get it right. The kids' talent just shines through.
> — Kay Kennedy

Even though she has family here, Wolf noted that it took about three years before Snyder "felt like home" but now she wouldn't live anywhere else. Stanfield was her first school family.

Wolf, who never had children, said she considers all of her students her kids. She believes in nurturing and tells them she is their mom at school as well.

However, as much as she likes teaching, Wolf noted that this year has been stressful and since she has the opportunity to retire, she decided to do so.

Her husband retired a year ago. They may make some short trips but she said they really aren't interested in doing a lot of traveling. However, they would like to see the fall leaves in the New England states.

Wolf intends to work in her garden and tend to their animals which include chickens, miniature donkeys, cows, turkeys and ducks.

KAY KENNEDY

Kay Kennedy has devoted her adult life to teaching band and although she put in her retirement this month she hopes to continue working as a retired teacher. She noted that the Teacher Retirement System allows retired teachers who just lay out for the summer to continue to teach under TRS guidelines.

Kennedy has been with the SISD band program as assistant director since 1989, working under former director Walter Reneau and present director Donnie Reston.

She heard about the local position in an around about way while having dinner at The Shack with her parents. She was somewhat familiar with Reneau, then SISD's band director, because he had judged her drum majors and twirlers at Rotan High School the previous two years.

After accepting the job in Snyder, one of her fondest memories occurred in 1991 when the SHS band earned a trip to the state marching contest.

She had known since the fifth grade that she wanted to teach band. Kennedy grew up in Rotan and earned her teaching degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. While in college, she decided to change her major to history, a subject she had always enjoyed. At the time, there were very few women high school band directors in the state and Kennedy had begun to doubt that a woman could successfully juggle being a wife, mother and band director at the same time. So her junior year she took 24 history courses, a subject she had always enjoyed.

After she graduated in 1972, Kennedy completed her student teaching in band at Irving. She continued to teach band and history at several schools until Snyder where she has only taught band.

Kennedy's first task as a freshly-minted teacher was to start a band program at a junior high school in Argyle near Denton. She "went after it" with all of the enthusiasm of a new teacher, first purchasing a red bass drum for $45. Then she bought a used silver metal sousaphone that was in "terrible condition," but she spray painted it gold.

That first year some 30 or so students in grades 5-9 enrolled in band. By the time she left, the band enrollment had doubled.

She was "perfectly happy" at Argyle and probably would have remained there except for her band director at North Texas State University who kept calling her about other openings.

She finally agreed to interview in Sanger but she told the NTSU band director that there was no way she would take that job.

However, much to her surprise, she accepted the job at the then 2A school and remained there three years, where she had the challenge to rebuild the program. She started with about 22 students and then the enrollment almost doubled by the next year.

The band also earned Division I ratings in concert and sight reading, their first wins in several years. But she said they did not have enough students to enter the marching contest.

"The judges thought we were great, but said we needed more students involved," Kennedy said.

She might have remained there also except that the school board did not rehire the principal, a stern disciplinarian. She did not agree with the decision and resigned in protest.

It wasn't long before she had three job offers, band director at Clifton, assistant director at Pilot Point and band director at Rotan. She chose to return home and was the Rotan director from 1981-1989.

Throughout her teaching career, Kennedy's philosophy has been to teach students life values through music. One of the rewards has been seeing the "reactions of the kids when they grasp what you are trying to teach them. Or when they are working on a hard piece and they finally get it right. The kids talent just shines through."

Although band takes up a lot of time and requires dedication, Kennedy said music is something students can use throughout their lives, just like tennis and golf.

Kennedy has a treasure of memories, one dating to her first year at Argyle and an enterprising group of students who chose a special way to honor their teacher.

Since the third grade, Kennedy had always had a donkey named Susie. Susie was very special because Kennedy had sold greeting cards to earn the money to buy her. Susie always stayed on the family farm near the Double Mountains. But Susie had never had a baby donkey.

While living in Argyle, Kennedy noticed that there were a lot of baby donkeys around. One day in class she just mentioned that she wanted to buy a baby donkey for Susie. She asked the students to let her know if they knew of any for sale.

For the spring concert, the choir and band performed a joint program. At the conclusion, students presented Kennedy with a red and while polka dot floppy hat. Then they said they had something else for her. A student walked from the back and as they got closer Kennedy could see that she was leading a baby chocolate-colored donkey. Students had pooled their money to buy the five-month old donkey in Cleburne and had kept it there for two weeks until the night of the program.

Kennedy appropriately named him Bandi and took him home to Susie. Susie passed away several years ago, but Bandi will turn 30 in January. He's still on the family farm and still helps protect the cattle.

PATSY WILLIAMS

Patsy Williams' teaching career has spanned elementary and high school levels. She has taught at several schools in Snyder including two tours of duty at the high school. She also taught at the junior high and North and East elementary schools.

Williams earned her degree in business education from Abilene Christian College (now a university).

Her first teaching assignment was a one-semester program in Fluvanna. Then she taught English at Snyder Junior High School for 18 months before transferring to the high school where she taught typewriting.

While she tended to family business, Williams didn't teach for about 10 years. She had been substitute teaching for a few years and when a position at North became available she accepted the fourth grade assignment.

When North closed, she transferred to East, later returning to the high school where she taught keyboarding.

Williams has lived through many changes in education, not the least of which was starting out on manual typewriters, switching to electric ones and finally computers and keyboarding.

During her education career, teachers had to pass a test in order to keep teaching and students' tests have varied from the TAB and TEAMS to TAAS and TAKS, which begins next year.

She also recalled the quarter system at the high school and whole language method of teaching English.

She has enjoyed teaching, especially having the children of her former students in class. She recalled playing school as a child. Her positive experiences with teachers and administrators also encouraged her to become a teacher. Even though teaching has been fun, she notes that it is time for her to retire. She will continue to teach the GED classes at Western Texas College two nights each week.

Williams may do some traveling, especially to visit family.

A son and daughter-in-law, Mack and Kori Williams, live in Arizona and have two children, Mackenzie and Shannon.

A daughter, Ann Arnold, lives in Gatesville. Ann's children include Erica Arnold of Lubbock and Michelle Thompson and Josh Arnold, both of Snyder. She also has three great-grandchildren.

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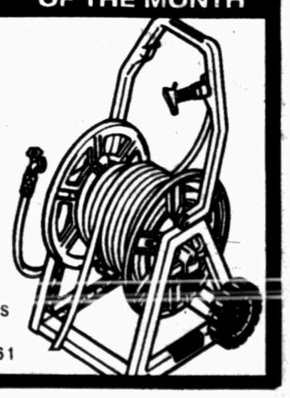

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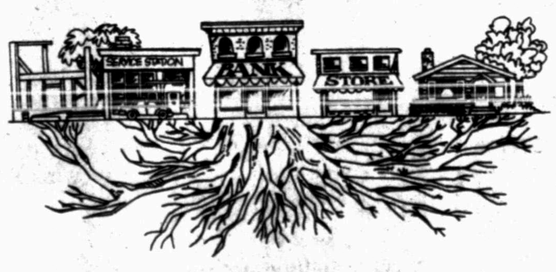

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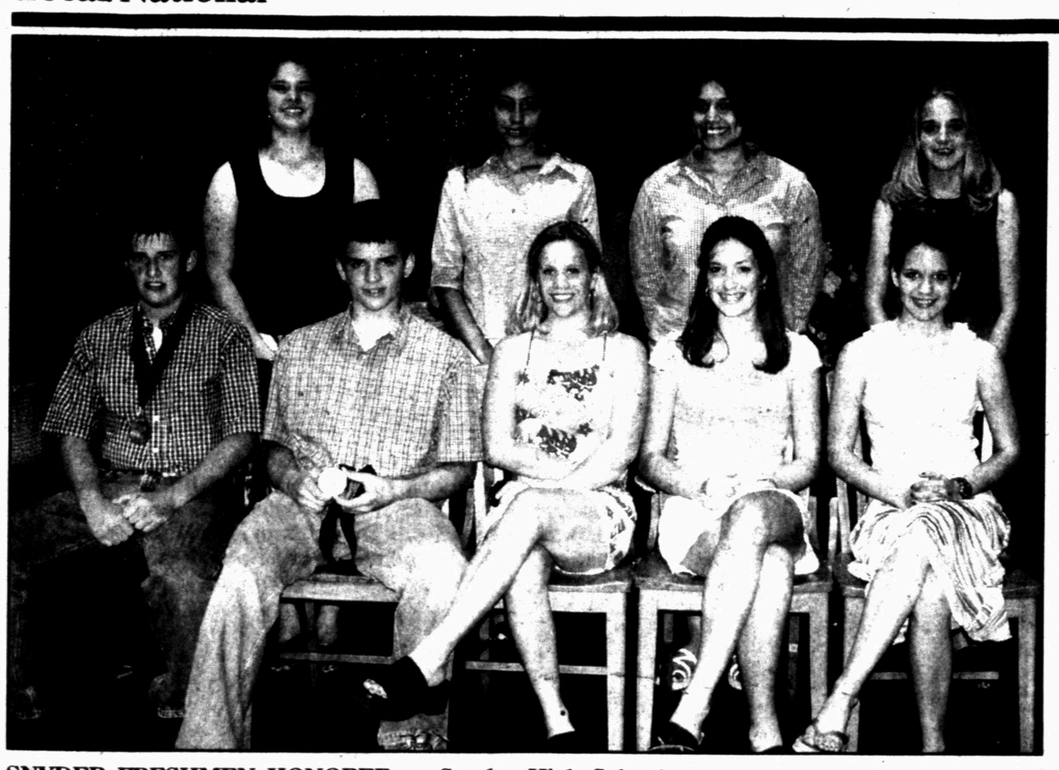

SNYDER FRESHMEN HONORED — Snyder High School presented its freshman class AB honor roll for the 2002 school year. The students are (front, from left): Cole Robertson, Austin Hatfield, Laura Clanton, Jacy Beccue, Ashley Edwards, (back, from left) Marisa Munoz, Esme Estrada, Kayla Guerrero and Meggan Minor.

SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2002 AB HONOR ROLL – Snyder High School announced the AB honor roll from the Senior class (front, from left): Bailey Stoker, Stormy Clark, Andra Lancaster, Haley Elkins, Keeli Shoemake, Erika Ynguanzo, Natali Drozd, Dawn Lopez and Cindy Sanchez. (middle, from left) Loryn Brown, Wade Pinson, Riki Dorsett, Joanna Burk, Vanessa Freeman, Carcie Posey, Crystal Garcia, Chasity Perales, Haley Holmes, Jeffery Proctor, Anna Williams, Chris McLeod. (back, from left) Bradley Bynum, Trent Boyd, Jeff Neal, Colter Bedell, Brodie Pierce and Marvin Butler. (not pictured) Alex Best, Craig Bowen, Kasey Crill, Tyson Kubena, Jon Medrano and Justin Pechacek. (Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

SOPHOMORE AB HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School presented its sophomore AB honor roll at a ceremony Monday night. Students honored for academic achievement include (front, from left): Lucy Amarillas, Molly Mason, Ashley Jenkins, Brandi Russell, Megan Fletcher, Alexis Dupree. (back, from left) Adrienne Garcia, Paige Smith, Lee Scott, Arthur Hernandez, Barrett Munson and Austin McCormack. (Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Steve Bing files privacy lawsuit against MGM's Kirk Kerkorian

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Hollywood producer Steve Bing, who's fighting a paternity claim by model-actress Elizabeth Hurley, filed a $1 billion-plus invasion of privacy and trespassing lawsuit against MGM studio mogul Kirk Kerkorian.

The Superior Court lawsuit filed Thursday claims the 84-year-old Kerkorian was behind an effort to dig through Bing's trash for dental floss in an effort to prove that Bing fathered the 4-year-old daughter of Kerkorian's ex-wife.

Lisa Bonder Kerkorian, 37, has gone to court to get $320,000 a month to support daughter Kira. Kerkorian wants the amount no higher than the $50,000 a month he's paying now.

Although they had a 10-year relationship, Kerkorian was married to the former tennis pro for only a month in 1999. Lisa Kerkorian's attorneys originally claimed Kerkorian was Kira's father, but the billionaire's lawyers said in court that he is sterile.

Lisa Kerkorian recently admitted faking a DNA paternity test by using saliva she obtained from Kerkorian's adult daughter. But she said in a deposition that Kerkorian urged her to pretend he was Kira's father in order for him to appear virile.

Bing, who had dated Lisa Kerkorian, claims in his lawsuit that Kerkorian stole his dental floss in an effort to avoid child support payments.

"One of the richest men in the world ... schemed to steal someone's DNA from the garbage and to have that DNA tested without consent in a disgusting effort to publicly smear and disparage his ex-wife," Bing said in his lawsuit.

Bing claims Kerkorian sent private investigator Stephen H. Scholl, who's also a defendant, to steal from his trash.

There was no immediate reaction from Kerkorian attorney Terry Christensen, who was out of the country Friday and hadn't seen the lawsuit, his secretary said.

After a conversation with Kerkorian last month, Bing said he "readily agreed to submit his DNA for genetic testing," as long as the results were kept confidential.

Bing said in his lawsuit that he "always agreed that if it turned out that he was in fact the child's biological father he would act appropriately, just in a private fashion."

Last month, he took legal action in London to determine whether he's the father of Hurley's infant son, Damian Charles. Details of the legal filing weren't made available, but the court could order DNA tests if he and Hurley can't reach an agreement.

Bing is a former writer for the sitcom "Married ... With Children" and producer of films including the 2000 remake of "Get Carter."

BellSouth Corp. cutting up to 5,000 jobs

ATLANTA (AP) — Regional telephone phone company BellSouth Corp. said Friday it is eliminating 4,000 to 5,000 jobs as it struggles with a weak economy, tougher competition and regulatory pressures.

The job cuts represent more than 5 percent of its work force and will affect both management and non-management employees.

"We face a fiercely competitive marketplace, and we must continue to reduce our cost structure in order to compete," chief executive Duane Ackerman said in a statement. "We also must continue to deliver our products and services at competitive prices to meet the increasing demands of our customers."

The company said it would take an after-tax charge of $250 million to $300 million as a result of the reduction.

Ira Independent School District Summer School Program

Dear Parents:

This summer, Ira Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2002-2003 school year.

Classes will be held for 4 weeks at Ira's campus and will begin on Monday, July 15th and will end on Thursday, August 9th, 2002. Transportation can be provided for students living within our school district boundaries if it is needed. If less than 10 eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it may not be offered.

Student Schedule: Monday - Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm

If there is any interest in enrolling your child in this program please contact Principal, Mike Duke, or Counselor, Bobbie Baker, at (915)573-2628 during any school day. Please enroll your students before May 24th in the Principal's office.

Estimados Padres,

Este verano. El Distrito de la Escuela Independiente de Ira ofrecera un verano programa por Estudiantes de Limitados de Hablar ingles que entraranjardm de ninos o primer curso por el 2002-2003 ano escolar.

Las clases estaran por 4 semanas al campus de Ira y empezaran el lunes, julio 15th y acabaran el jueves, agosto 9th, 2002. Se puede proveer transportacion por estudiantes que viven dentro de nuestras limites distritos si se requiere. Si menos que 10 ninos elegibles desean participar en el verano programa, es posible que no se ofrece.

Horario del estudiante: lunes-viernes
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Si hay cualquier interes en enrollar su nino en este programa, favor de contactar Principal, Mike Duke , o Consejero, Bobbie Baker, a (915) 573-2628 durante cualquier dia escolar. Favor de enrollar sus estudiantes antes de Mayo 24th en la oficina de la Principal.

PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

As a property owner, you are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss you property value. This may be done by contacting the appraisal district at 915-573-8549. You should have information to substantiate why you feel that your property value or any other information is incorrect. The appraiser will review your property and may recommend that the property value be adjusted. If you are satisfied with the adjustment, it will not be necessary to appear before the appraisal review board.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination.

The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at: SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 2612 COLLEGE AVENUE, SNYDER, TX 79549

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at:
SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
2612 COLLEGE AVENUE
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915-573-8549

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P O Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*THE DEADLINE IS POSTPONED TO THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY IF IT FALLS ON A WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY.

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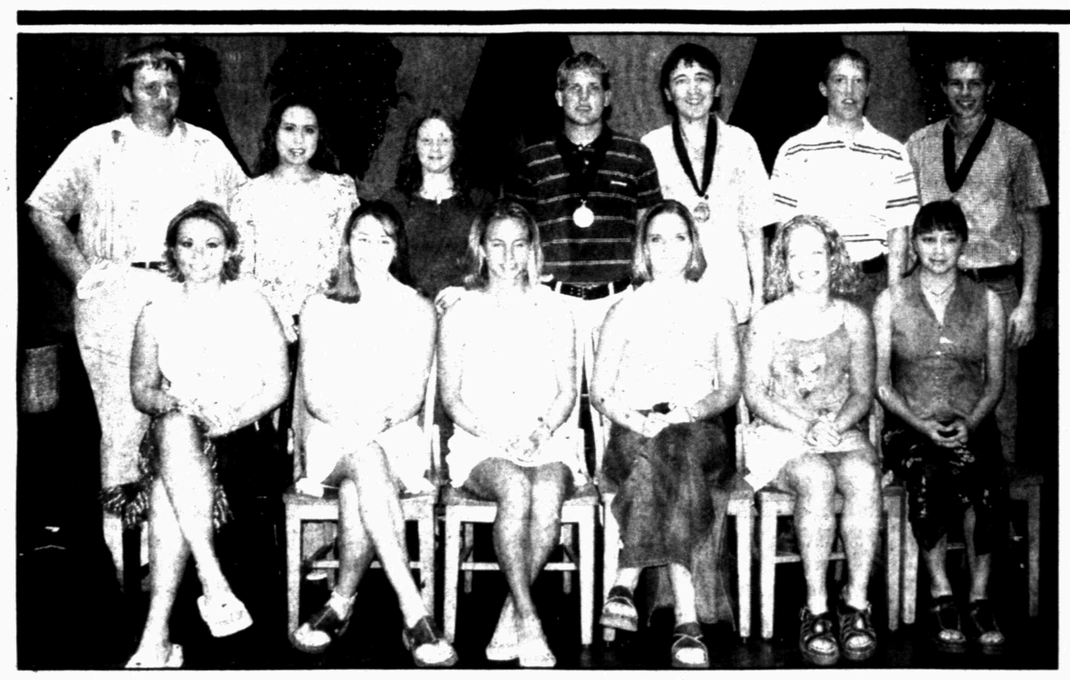

JUNIOR AB HONOR ROLL — The AB honor roll for the junior class of 2002 was announced Monday night at Snyder High School. Students honored were (back, from left): Glenn Burns, Ana Arce, Christina Kellner, Clay Williams, Soslan Jusoyev, Curt Phillips, Will Davis. (front, from left) Monica Mayfield, Jackie Beccue, Hailey Putnam, Shelley Fisk, Dara Chambers and Patricia Vargas. (not pictured) Kara Brumley, Rachel Cave, Josh Green, Kentara McDonald, Taz Moorehead, Cindy Nachlinger and Afton Sutter. (Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Federal Reserve seeks shift in its operation as last lender

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve on Friday unveiled a significant shift in its operations as the nation's lender of last resort. It proposed making it more expensive for banks to borrow directly from the Fed.

Currently, banks that go to the Fed's discount window are able to get loans that are about a half percentage point below the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, the interest that commercial banks charge each other for loans.

Under the proposal, the Fed would take away that break and instead charge banks using the discount window 1 full percentage point higher rate than the funds rate. If the change is adopted after a public comment period, it would be the most significant change in the Fed's discount window operations in nearly two decades.

The banking industry was caught by surprise by the Fed proposal but some officials said it might increase flexibility in Fed operations, especially during times of high demand for bank reserves such as occurred after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They said it not immediately clear what impact it would have on consumer interest rates.

They noted that the volume of Fed lending from the discount window is small, but for banks facing difficulty raising reserves, the Fed's loan window can be crucial.

"This is a major departure from current policy. We will as an industry have to evaluate it very carefully," said Keith Leggett, senior economist at the American Bankers Association.

Some bank economists wondered about the timing of the Fed proposal.

"This is awkward timing given that the economic recovery is just getting under way," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank/ABN Amro in Chicago. "We have enough credit stresses out there already."

Currently, the funds rate target is 1.75 percent, the lowest level in 40 years, and the discount rate is 1.25 percent.

The Fed said it was proposing the change to cut down on administrative costs of screening banks that seek loans directly from the Fed. Because the discount rate is lower than what banks can receive if they borrow from each other on the open market, the Fed monitors to make sure banks are not abusing their access to the discount window as a way to get cheaper money.

By proposing this change to a higher rate for discount window borrowing, the Fed would remove the financial incentive for banks to try to obtain loans from the central bank.

Throughout the Fed's history, the discount window has served as the bank's primary way of serving as a lender of last resort, helping financial institutions obtain the reserves they needed to keep operating during periods when they were short on resources.

Usually, the discount window helps banks keep operating until they get fresh reserves through normal operations. Sometimes, however, the discount window borrowing is used by federal regulators to keep bankrupt institutions functioning until they can be shut down and their operations taken over by a healthy bank.

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BEST AR READERS — Jodi Dunn's first graders at Ira have been reading a lot this school year. Collectively, they have read a total of 2,017 books. Back row from left are Jimmy Markworth, Kolter Cox, Elizabeth Brunson, Holly Juarez, Kaleb Presley, Sarah Kellner, McKenzie Ellis; front row, David Wooldridge, Taylor Markworth, Clay Johnson, Tanya Elam, Avery Wirshing, Kelly Jones. Presley and Kellner have each earned 103 AR points. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

NEW OFFICERS — Ira National Honor Society officers for 2002-2003 are from left, Kali Clements, secretary; Michelle Nettles, treasurer; Candace Sanchez, vice president; and Celeigh Sterling, president. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Navy ship sinks in Florida Keys to create artificial reef

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — A retired Navy ship set to be scuttled with explosives to create an artificial reef sank unexpectedly ahead of schedule Friday, forcing workers to abandon ship and landing at an odd angle still sticking out of the water.

The 46-year-old Spiegel Grove started going down Friday morning as workers were making last-minute preparations for sending it to its underwater grave later in the day, officials said. A tugboat carried them to safety.

The crews had been pumping the ship with water for a few days to make it sit low in the water to make the sinking easier. The site is six miles off the Florida Keys in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

"It's a lot like trying to lower a glass into a tank of water," Ray Salopek, a retired Navy captain helping to sink the ship, said Thursday. "If the glass has a little water in it, it make is easier to drop it straight down."

By 10:30 a.m., the ship had sunk and "turned turtle," ending up upside down on the sea bottom, said George Garrett, director of marine resources for Monroe County.

The ship's eight-story superstructure was also on the bottom, causing the stern to angle up out of the water. It wasn't immediately known how authorities would solve the problem. The water is about 160 feet deep at the site.

Marine biologists have said the 510-foot ship is the largest ever intentionally sunk to create an artificial reef. Such reefs attract underwater wildlife and are popular with scuba divers, who already are a $33 million per year industry here.

"We have groups booked from Europe coming next weekend, and well into the Christmas season," said Spencer Slate, owner of the Atlantis Dive Center.

Getting the aging vessel moved to the Florida Keys had been a "red-tape nightmare," Slate said Thursday, while standing in what was once the ship's mess room. The Spiegel Grove — named for the Ohio home of President Rutherford B. Hayes — was decommissioned in 1989 and sat in a Navy shipyard in Virginia for almost eight years.

Slate and the local chamber of commerce first tried to buy the ship in 1994. Marine biologists said turning the ship into an artificial reef would aid the region's endangered, natural coral reefs.

The Environmental Protection Agency said the paint, wiring and other mechanics on the ship contained fire-retardant chemicals that were hazardous to the ocean.

So Slate accepted a $35,000 grant from Key Largo's tourism development council to strip the ship of toxins. The town also sold commemorative dive medallions and pins to raise money to fund the ship's transfer from Virginia.

Monroe County Commissioners contributed $500,000 to the $1 million effort to transport, clean and sink the ship, Key Largo Chamber of Commerce officials said.

"I think it's a hell of a deal for all parties concerned," said Michael Bagley, a superintendent of the retired vessels in James River Reserve Fleet in Virginia.

Gumble leaving show

NEW YORK (AP) — Exiting anchor Bryant Gumbel of CBS' "The Early Show" isn't sure how much his bitter divorce proceedings might have hurt him with the predominantly female morning audience.

"I'm sure for some women it was a very big deal," Gumbel said in an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters. "I'm sure for others it was just a passing thing. But there was no way I could change that. We live a public life and we live a private life. And if they collide, they collide."

Gumbel, whose last day on "The Early Show" is Friday, was involved in a bitter divorce from his ex-wife, June, that ended last summer.

He said he remains very close friends with Jane Pauley.

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

ZIPPERS

In a recent Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) alert received by our office, a new alcoholic beverage, classified under "mixed beverage" is now available. Packaged to look like those individual Jell-O snacks that we all buy for our kids as after school snacks, these particular "snacks" are 24-proof prepackaged "gelatin shots." They are called ZIPPERS and are the only brand of gelatin shots offered on the market and contain 12% alcohol. Zippers are currently sold in 20 states, including Texas and the danger to our youth are that they are packaged in a way that appeals to the underage drinking crowd.

Created in 1998 by then Marine Brian Pearson, who actually got the idea after his mother suggested getting gelatin shots for his sister's 21st birthday. He couldn't locate any and thought this was an excellent idea and using an off-base pay phone literally started his business. Along with friend Nick Costanzo, they began BPNC Corporation and set out to start their business.

However good this idea was, the dangers to our young people are high when it comes to these "mixed beverages." While they come packaged in containers that look like the Jell-O gelatin snacks, they are anything but a fun after school snack. If not coded properly as an alcohol product by stores that sell them, it is possible that underage drinkers may be able to purchase them without being noticed. Also enticing to the young drinker is the fact that these ZIPPERS come in enticing flavors that take away from the sometimes awful taste of hard liquor and beer. This is done with the flavored Jell-O.

Our warning to parents is to look out for these wonderfully disguised alcohol beverages and if you live in an area where alcohol is sold at your local stores, make sure you educate the store owners and make sure they are advertised as alcoholic beverages and that the stores are making sure that no underage drinkers are being allowed to purchase these in their stores.

FACTS:

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse reports that alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10 to 24: motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide.

Once teenagers start drinking, they are more likely to experiment with other substance and engage in other risky behaviors. In 1999, Colombia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse discovered that teens under 15 who have consumed alcohol are twice as likely to engage in risky behaviors such as, have sex than those who have not.

75% of eighth graders and 89% of 10th graders believe that alcohol is readily available to them for consumption.

40% of 9th graders reported having consumed alcohol before they were age 13.

Of particular interest to underage drinkers are the new "alcopops." New to the alcohol scene, these drinks are appealing because of their taste, creative labeling, catchy names, and their easy availability to teenagers. 90 percent of teens agreed that drinking "alcopops" made it more likely that teenagers would try other alcoholic beverages.

More than 40% of individuals who start drinking before the age of 13 will develop alcohol abuse or alcohol dependence at some point in their lives.

If the onset of drinking is delayed by five years, a child's risk of serious alcohol problems is decreased by 50%

A MADD focus group reports that a deterrent to drinking for students age 9-13 years old is the taste of alcohol. Those who have either sneaked sips, or who have been given sips by their parents, say that the taste is horrible.

Facts were taken from the CADCA Action Alert. To find out more information, log on to www.CADCA.org.

For further information on how you can be involved in creating a drug free community in Scurry County, contact the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) or the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition at 573-1141.

D.C. police to get horse mounted unit

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in 70 years, the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department has a full-fledged horse mounted unit. Now the horses need a barn.

"There are just some places you can get with a horse that you can't get with a police cruiser," said Police Chief Charles Ramsey.

"The mounted unit won't just be used for crowd control," Ramsey said, adding the horses will patrol neighborhoods and take part in some drug raids.

Six D.C. officers graduated Friday from a 10-week, 400-hour program taught by members of the U.S. Park Police mounted unit at its Rock Creek Park facility. The six join two sergeants who already belong to the unit.

The department hopes to add four more mounted patrol officers soon. Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer — who came up with the idea of a mounted unit — said he would like to see the unit grow to 24 officers within five years.

The police department has two geldings and donors are prepared to provide three more once a facility is ready. The department is seeking more horses, which should be around 10 years old. A variety of breeds will be accepted.

Negotiations are under way to temporarily house the horses in a metal shed on the grounds of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital. The department is hoping someone will donate land and a pole barn inside the district.

"This is a great symbol of unity and partnership," U.S. Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers said of the cooperation with the police department mounted unit.

Gainer says the horses serve as a great tool in communicating with the public.

"A horse can change the tenor of a situation very quickly," he said.

Public Records

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Shalawn Devon Cobb and Eddie Melvin Cobb, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Larry Anderson, independent executor of the estate of Rube Lee McKinley, Dawn O'Brian and Jessica Roubaud to Nancy R. Lochabay, the east 75 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 35 of the Blankenship Addition.

Nancy R. Lochabay to Mary D. Villarreal, the east 75 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 35 of the Blankenship Addition.

Patricia Taylor Wallace to Roger Clyde Fraim III, the south 40.6 feet of the east 90 feet of Lots 2 in Block 5 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Margaret Josephine Maule to George E. Maule, the east 230.8 acres in Section 20, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Ramon Herrera to Mildred Abell, Lots 16 and 17 in Block 37 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Robert K. Lovelady, independent executor of the estate of Ann Lovelady, to Gayle Frances Lovelady Coberly, David F. Lovelady and Robert K. Lovelady, an 0.258-acre tract tract in Tract 46, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Tresa Kay Cornett to Claude C. and Debra K. Brummett, the north one-quarter of Section 212, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gayle Frances Lovelady Coberly and Robert K. Lovelady to David F. Lovelady, an 0.258-acre tract in Tract 46, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Susan Sears Sentell Birkenfeld to Diane Sentell Russo, tract one being Lot 9 in Block 8 of the Highlands Addition; tract two being 84.5 x 70-foot tract in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Diane Sentell Russo to Susan Sears Sentell Birkenfeld, tract one being the east 62 feet of Lot 11 of the replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and all of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition; tract two being the south one-half of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition; tract three being Lot 5 in Block 11 of the Gross Blankenship Addition; tract four being the west 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 36 of the Blankenship Addition; tract five being the north 50 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition; tract six being the south 75 feet of Lot 1 in Block 10 of the Blankenship Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Toby and Rhonda Roemer, Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Lionel and Betty Castillo, Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Sylvia Molinar to May Ann Molinar, a tract out of Survey 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Russell Jones Jr. to Thomas W. Seyler Jr., Lot 4 and the south 4.5 feet of Lot 3 and the north 20 feet of Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Stephen Curtis and Cheryl Ann Clark to Brian Scott and Evette Peterson, a 325x268-foot tract out of 20 acres in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes to Guy O. and L'Jon Gryder, Lot 3 of the Scott and Browning replat of Block 75 of the Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Florida child welfare settles abuse lawsuit

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., (AP) — The state's child welfare agency has agreed to pay $5 million to settle a lawsuit over the alleged physical and sexual abuse of six siblings placed in foster care.

The Department of Children & Families workers "ignored clear signs of danger" in placing five brothers and their sister to be placed with Frank and Jackie Lynch, who had a history of child abuse, the 1999 lawsuit charged.

"By the department's own standards, rules and regulations, the Lynch foster home should never have been licensed and relicensed as a foster home," the children's attorney Howard Talenfeld said.

The settlement comes as the agency faces intense criticism for its handling of the case of 5-year-old Rilya Wilson, who was missing at least 15 months before state officials realized she was gone.

"We feel that the settlement was just," agency spokeswoman LaNedra Carroll said.

The siblings, now ages 9 to 15, were placed with the Lynches in 1990, adopted by the couple in 1995 and removed in 1997 "because of the pervasive abuse they suffered while at their home," according to court records.

Talenfeld charged the Lynches forced the children to drink cough medicine to make them sleep, and videotaped them being physically and sexually abused. He alleged the first state caseworker did not visit the home until 20 months after the children arrived.

According to court documents, Jackie Lynch's daughter from a prior marriage was removed from her care in 1987 for sexual and emotional abuse.

Talenfeld also alleged caseworkers were aware Frank Lynch "had abandoned his biological children," had been arrested for obstruction of justice and fell $16,000 behind in child support payments.

Performance postponed

LONDON (AP) — Tenor Luciano Pavarotti has postponed a performance in Britain to train for an appearance at the World Cup.

The Italian opera star is scheduled to perform in a Three Tenors concert at the tournament in Japan in late June and said he needed time to rehearse.

A Pavarotti spokeswoman said ticketholders for the June 9 Manchester show would be offered refunds or the chance to see the singer in Birmingham in October.

This year's World Cup will be the third to feature a concert by the Three Tenors — Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras.

TOP AR READERS — These three Ira School students have the highest Accelerated Reader points. From left are Kaci Waller, sixth grade, 408 points; Laura Juarez, sixth grader, 306 points; and R.T. Shafer, fourth grade, 102 points. Waller and Juarez have doubled their original goal and Shafer is the only fourth grader who reached his goal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Letters to the editor

Honest man

Dear Editor:

On May 11, Mr. Junior Gonzales found my son's wallet in the parking lot of IGA. This noble and honest IGA employee is the reason I am sending you this letter.

Before this all happened, my son Tim was excited about buying something special for his mother. He had started a new job and was proud to have his own money. Also he had recently received his first credit card and a new driver's license.

Later on after leaving IGA, Tim discovered that his wallet was missing. He became frantic and began looking and back tracking. We went back to IGA and found his wallet.

For some time now our country has been under an umbrella of paranoia. The news media still rings out the past memories of the terrorist attacks. From time to time we hear that we must go on and heal, so our national can regroup and recover.

The good deeds such as Junior Gonzales has displayed, need to be recognized. Some may think this a small, trivial thing but I'm assured that a lot of little things can make big things happen. It's already begun, especially in my son's mind.

Thank you Davidson's IGA and a special hearty thank you to Junior Gonzales for your display of honesty, not for just returning Tim's wallet, but teaching him something more valuable.

Honest, proud,
Tommy Huddleston

Clarification

Dear Editor:

Lest readers of the SDN get the impression that the "WTC Faculty Association is opposed to budget cuts" (SDN, May 14, 2002), a couple of clarifications are in order.

First, while I in no way speak for any component of the college, I do know that the association's presentation to the board of trustees last Monday evening addressed only the issue of faculty overload pay. This is compensation received for teaching essential courses above a "load hour" standard already to be high in comparison to all other state colleges and universities.

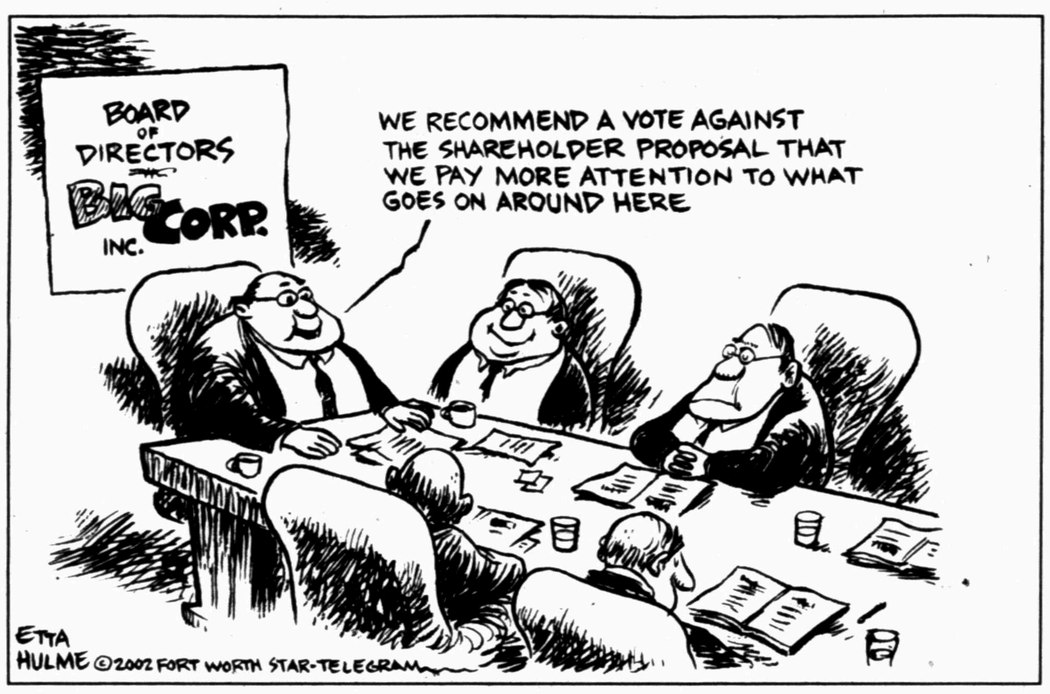
If the association opposes anything, it is a revision in the way overload is calculated by the college by moving to a load hour standard over which teachers have absolutely no control or influence. To readers familiar with overtime pay, this situation may be considered akin to raising a 40-hour minimum to 60 hours while requiring employees to create their own work in order to meet the new 60-hour minimum.

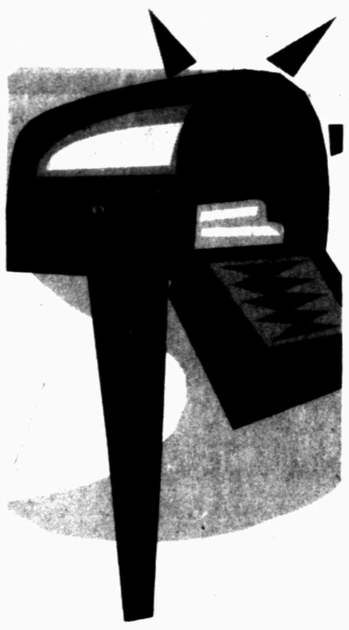
Second, to the extent that some readers might presume a degree of over-riding self-interest wrapped up in the association's presentation, nothing could be further from the truth.

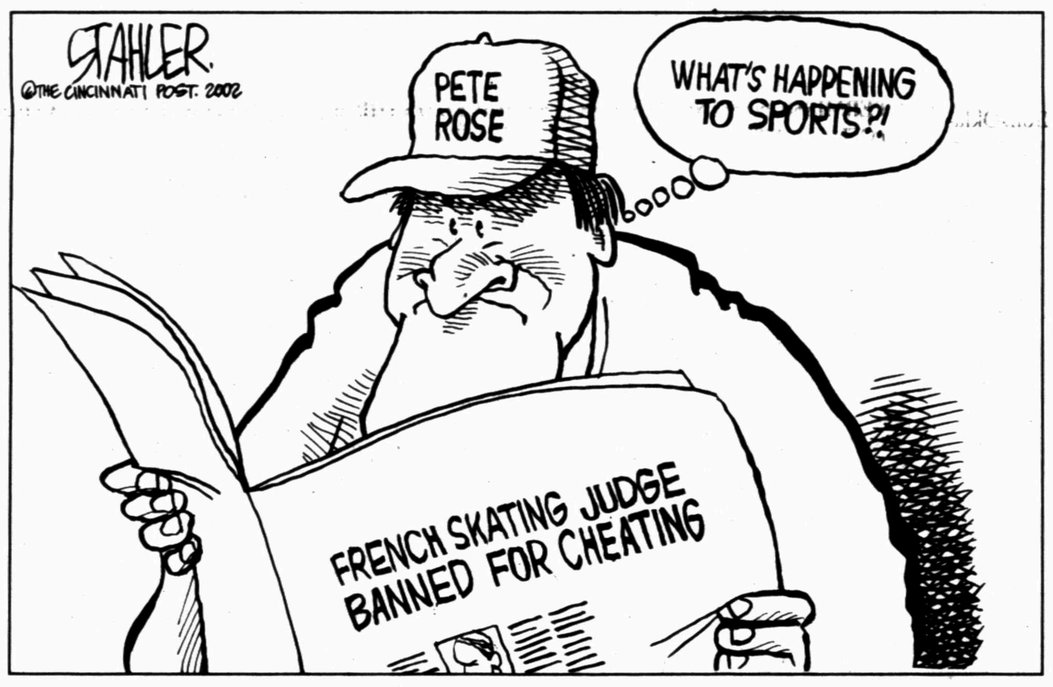
I taught at WTC for 13 years and consider that time to be one of the more delightful work experiences in my life. However it was psychological, not financial incentive that made my work fulfilling. Readers should know that most other WTC faculty are similarly situated — they work at WTC because they believe in the college and have been willing to accept financial liabilities imposed by a pay scale that is among the lowest, if not the lowest, of all other state community colleges.

As a final note, I have always had the uneasy feeling that the impact of the college and its faculty has never been fully understood or appreciated by the community. During my relatively short time at the college I saw many lives transformed by the presence of higher education in this area. Believe me, the college gives more to this community than this community — otherwise generous in its support of athletics, churches and alma maters — will ever know.

Jack H. Price
San Angelo







North of Forty by Red Green

The computer reality

They say to err is human, but to really foul things up takes a computer. And yet, we've let them take over our lives. Once microchips got a foothold in our homes, there was nothing to stop them taking control of our cars, our workplace, even our power tools.

Computers just kept making things smarter, safer and more efficient despite our best efforts. Then groups of them started linking up to form the World Wide Web, and it was all over. It's turned an entire generation into Cyber Zombies. When I was young, it was "Tune in, turn on, drop out."

Now it's "Boot up, log on, zone out." Over the last few decades, computers have slowly but surely taken over every aspect of human life, and there are those of us who have resisted them every step of the way from punch cards to PCs.

I salute the effort but I'm here to tell you the battle is over — we lost. Badly. The Palm Pilots have landed.

Lay down your arms and get Carpal Tunnel Syndrome like everyone else. The enemy's at the gates. The enemy may even be named Gates.

ENGINEERED FOOD

If you're like me, you've been hearing a lot about these genetically modified organisms lately. Where scientists are making these new kinds of foods by taking the genes from a zucchini, mixing them with the genes from a sheep's bladder and getting a woolly cucumber that's potty trained.

The other day I was at the grocery store looking for the ingredients to make a BLT, and on the shelf I see these things called "grape tomatoes" — tomatoes the size of, you guessed it, grapes.

Fine, I suppose if you want to make a salad that you have to eat with a pair of tweezers. Then I look over next to them, and there are these "organic" tomatoes, grown without using any chemicals. And it shows: They're greener and lumpier than a 40-year-old mattress. And right there in front of them is this guy wearing open-toed sandals and a T-shirt with "100 percent HEMP" written on it. He sees me looking at the Franken-tomatoes and says, "Those little things are totally unnatural. They'll totally mess with your system." So I tell him that happens every time I eat a bratwurst.

And he gets this look on his face like I just told him that granola was a four-letter word and says, "Oh, you eat meat." And I say, "Well, it's a whole lot better than the other way around."

Then he goes off in a huff, and I'm left wondering what just happened there. All I wanted was a BLT, but some hippie and I end up comparing the size of our [illegible] tomatoes.

Now I'm not saying that the dude in the smokable T-shirt was wrong or the scientists are right. All I'm saying is the next time you go to buy a beefsteak tomato, you'd better think twice.

MALE COMMUNICATION

Things men never say to other men:

— Do I look fat?

— I love what you've done with your hair.

— Excuse me.

— You have lipstick on your teeth.

— Where am I?

— Could you please help me fix this?

GOOD BY COMPARISON

I think it's a good idea to surround yourself with things that are the same age as you are. Not just friends and loved ones, but houses and cars and almost anything really. You may think you're in rough shape, but not compared to that baby carriage that was bought on the day you were born. Or the TV. Or the lawnmower. If you want to feel better about yourself, go to an old guy's yard sale, and pick up a few banged up rusty items that are the same age as you. You'll look so good beside them. But stay away from anything that's been restored. Things your age that look good will only give your wife dangerous ideas.

Quote of the Day: "What could possibly go wrong?" — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story." Watch for the feature film Red Green's "Duct Tape Forever" at a theater near you.

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NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

El Paso Times

Evils of "club drugs"

For teen-agers, "rave" parties represent one-stop shopping for almost every drug imaginable, both illegal and prescription.

They range from common drugs like Ritalin to exotic drugs like "Special K." The one thing they have in common is that teens are ingesting them in combinations that are frighteningly volatile, and that goes for both the legal and illegal drugs. At a time when teens are groping to find their place in the world, raves offer a vile, grotesque answer to some of their most desperate anxieties and insecurities.

DEA Special Agent Omar Aleman tried to educate teens in El Paso about the dangers of raves at a recent "club drugs" symposium. According to Aleman, ecstasy has become the "gateway drug" of the 21st century, much as marijuana was in the 20th century. The drug leads teens to other drugs.

And these drugs are often found at raves, the all-night dance parties where teens have tragically easy access to drugs and alcohol.

"In Florida, kids find out where the next rave party is by looking it up on the Internet," Aleman told the teens. "... the Internet is driving drug abuse in this country."

Aleman delivered a scary presentation, and it had a deep impact on some of the teens, including Heather Mosely, 17, who said the anti-drug message is one she will relay to her peers. "They really help people to become more aware of what's going on," Mosely said of the experts who spoke at Coronado Country Club.

Like Mosely, other teens throughout the area showed a sense of responsibility when it comes to drugs and alcohol. They gathered at the Chamizal National Memorial on Sunday, urging bartenders to "Card us; don't kill us." About 50 people from the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition turned out to discuss teen drinking on both sides of the border. "We're trying to learn how to say no," said Montana Middle School student Claudia Guerra.

With adults preying on vulnerable children, the world becomes a terrifying place. But youngsters such as Mosely and Guerra have the answer" to empower themselves with information. That is one of the most effective ways of stopping the predators.

Houston Chronicle

Manners

"The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any," Fred Astaire observed years ago. Unfortunately, his observation is more true today, according to a new survey that found most Americans believe the nation is getting less civil and more rude.

"Lack of manners for Americans is not whether you confuse the salad fork for the dinner fork," said Deborah Wadsworth, president of the nonprofit organization Public Agenda, which conducts public opinion research for the Pew Charitable Trusts. "It's about the daily assault of selfish, inconsiderate behavior that gets under their skin on the highways, in the office, on TV, in stores and in the myriad other settings where they encounter fellow Americans."

Some older Houstonians say they can remember a time in this city when it was rare to hear angry honking on the streets, a time when sales personnel were more respectful and courteous to customers.

Warm nostalgia or not, 73 percent of the 2,013 adults polled around the nation by Public Agenda believe Americans did treat one another with greater respect in the past. Almost four out of five say today's lack of respect and courtesy in society should be regarded as a serious national problem.

When all is said and done, the aim is for everyone to have consideration for others. We would like to be treated as we treat others.

Everyone has experienced the aggressive drivers; the annoying cell phone conversations in public places; mindless parents with out-of-control children; sales people uninterested in serving customers; thoughtless litter bugs who throw trash from car windows and refuse to pick up after themselves; and the common use of curse words and foul language that once would have made most sailors blush.

Radio, television and movies are full of trashy vulgarities and rude comments that provide the wrong lessons for the young. Many people hold good manners and respect for others to be old-fashioned and out of place in today's world.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Nuclear waste

By a vote of 306-117, the House has voted its support for shipping nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain in Nevada, but the opposition keeps voicing two main objections that zigzag all over the map in an apparent effort to avoid common sense.

Objection One: There is not yet proof that this site will be safe, and there is no reason to rush things.

Absolute proof? Nothing like that is even possible. But $7 billion has been spent over the past 24 years studying this area, and reputable panels of scientists have found it sound.

The alternative to moving the waste to Nevada is not that it will somehow disappear. The alternative is to continue leaving it at 131 locations that are reasonably safe but not nearly as safe as this site will be. The government had pledged to move the waste by 1998, and some of these other sites are beginning to run out of storage space. Under the best of circumstances, the Yucca site will not now be open until 2010. Postponing the date longer is much riskier than moving ahead with a process that has been extremely cautious and will not cease being cautious in the years ahead.

Objection Two: When the trucks and trains start rolling, they will have to make thousands of trips carrying thousands of tons of this radioactive material, and they will put millions of unsuspecting Americans in frightful danger as they pass by or through the cities in which they live.

Fact one is that there is nothing new about transporting radioactive materials in the United States. There have been thousands of such shipments since the 1960s, with no one ever being hurt by the materials and next to no prospect that anyone would be. Fact two is that millions more people live close to the materials now than will be close to the materials during shipment.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

(Schedule Correct as of 5-15-02
All Classes Subject to Change)

Contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313 for registration information

Weekend, May 18-19, 2002 — Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

WTC *Applaud the Arts* Program Brings Storyteller to Area Schools

Storyteller, Waynetta Ausmus, stands before her audience at Northeast Elementary and taps out a greeting with her "story stick" before beginning her tale of "How the Turtle got a Cracked Shell."

Ms. Ausmus entertained students from kindergarten, first grade, and fifth grade classes at Northeast on Tuesday morning, then traveled to Ira to tell her stories to first through fifth grade students at Ira. Her stories reflect a variety of sources, many grounded in Western and American Indian cultures, including her personal experiences.

The storyteller was sponsored by the *Applaud the Arts* program at Western Texas College. The purpose and mission of the program is to support, facilitate, and promote the Art and Drama programs at WTC.

Program goals include "creating awareness of the visual and performing arts; increasing attendance at fine arts exhibitions and performances; collaborating with area organizations in the promotion of the arts; and increasing scholarship funds, recruiting, and financial assistance for special projects."

Jerry Corkran, who serves as division chair for the communications and fine arts departments at the college spotted an article on Ms. Ausmus in the Dallas Morning News and contacted her to schedule a visit to Snyder. He notes that he was assisted by Fifth Grade Teacher Rebekah Thornton and Principle Lee Presswood as well as by Fran Farmer, who is a supported of the *Applaud the Arts* program.

A Texan for 30 years and an Oklahoman by birth, Waynetta hails from Bartlesville in Osage country, where her Native American grandmother taught her to love and respect all living things. Since childhood, the horse has been her favorite animal for its beauty and its spirit. Her home is a residence for a variety of 'critters'.

Waynetta earned her B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University and her M.Ed. from Texas A&M commerce. For over twenty years, she has been a positive influence on the lives of thousands of elementary school students as a teacher and a principle. She is a listed *Touring Artist* of the *Texas Commission on the Arts*.

For rates and booking information for Waynetta Ausmus, contact: Waynetta Ausmus, 1166 Quail Run, Sherman, TX 75092 or call 1-800-880-8198.

Contributions to the *WTC Applaud the Arts* program may be mailed to the Western Texas College Fine Arts Office, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder TX 79549.

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City/State/Zip: _____
Email Address: _____

Certification Field of Interest (please check)

☐ Early Childhood-Grade 4 (please check major)
- ☐ Child and Family Studies Major
- ☐ Generalist Major

☐ Secondary-Grade 8-12 (please check major content area)

☐ Art	☐ Physical Education
☐ Business	☐ Physical Sciences
☐ Computer Science	☐ Science (Composite)
☐ English Language Arts & Reading	☐ Social Studies (Composite)
☐ History	☐ Spanish
☐ Journalism	☐ Special Education
☐ Life Sciences (Biology)	☐ Speech

SNYDER CAMPUS - EVENING SCHEDULE (ACADEMIC) — **May 28-July 25**

ARTS	1301	0072	ART APPRECIATION	W	6:00-10:10	3	FA-105	SUM, B	
ARTS	1303	0073	ART HISTORY I	W	6:00-10:10	3	FA-105	SUM, B	
ARTS	2316	0074	PAINTING	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$10
BUSI	2301	0135	BUSINESS LAW	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-101	BOLTON, S	
COSC	1300	0183	INTRO/COMPUTING	TH	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-209	RACHER, T	$20
COSC	1301	0136	INTRO/HTML (INTERNET)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	CANADA, T	$20
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS COSC 1301 INTERNET CLASS. Contact tcanada@wtc.cc.tx.us.									
DEN	011	0300	BASIC SKILLS LAB	W	6:00-7:00	1	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
DEN	032	0301	BASIC ENGLISH II	W	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
DEN	033	0302	PRE-COMPOSITION	W	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
DMT	011	0137	MATH SKILLS LAB	M	5:00-6:00	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
DMT	034	0138	BEGIN & INTER ALG (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	BEARD, J	$12
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS DMT 034 INTERNET CLASS. Contact jbeard@wtc.cc.tx.us.									
DRAM	1310	0070	INTRO/THEATRE	TH	6:00-10:10	3	FAT	NEWTON, R	$8
DRE	011	0303	READ SKILLS LAB	W	6:00-7:00	1	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
DRE	032	0304	READ SKILLS II	W	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
DRE	033	0305	READ SKILLS III	W	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MCDANIEL, R	$12
ECON	2301	0225	PRINC/ECON (ITV)	TH	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, N	
ENGL	1301	0306	COMP I (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	7A-118	RATLIFF, W	$8
ENGL	1302	0307	COMP II	M	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	WINTER, M	$8
ENGL	2322	0308	ENGLISH LIT	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	RATLIFF, W	
GEOL	1301	0020	EARTH SCIENCE I	MW	6:00-10:10	3	2A-102	LILLY, T	
GEOLOGY STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING GEOL 1101 LAB.									
GEOL	1101	0021	EARTH SCI I LAB	TTH	6:00-10:10	3	2A-102	LILLY, T	$15
NOTE: GEOLOGY CLASS WILL MEET 6 WEEKS ONLY.									
GOVT	2305	0236	US/ST/LOC GOV (TV)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	SMITH, K	
GOVT	2305	0226	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	7A-118	SMITH, K	
GOVT	2306	0227	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-102	SMITH, K	
HIST	1301	0228	US HIST TO 1865 (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, N	
HIST	1302	0229	US HIST 1865- (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, N	
MATH	1314	0139	COLL ALGEBRA (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
MATH	1314	0154	COLL ALG (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1332	0140	MATH CONCEPTS I	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-104	RUSSELL, A	
MATH	1332	0155	MATH CONCEPTS I (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
PHED	1102	0400	DIET/WT CONTROL	W	6:00-10:10	1	2C-102	CHASTEEN, D	$10
PHED	1102	0404	LIFETIME SPORTS*	T	5:30-	1	PRO SHOP	HARRISON, M	$10
*GOLF, WT. TRAINING, JOGGING, SWIMMING									
PSYC	2315	0230	PSY/ADJ (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	OSBORN, C	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS PSYC 2315 INTERNET CLASS. Contact cosborn@wtc.cc.tx.us.									
SOCI	1301	0231	INTRO/SOCIOLOGY	T	6:00-10:10	3	2C-102	NEFF-HALL, G	

SNYDER CAMPUS - EVENING SCHEDULE (VOCATIONAL)

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY									
BUSI	1309	0616	BUS MACHINES (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	WESSON, T	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS BUSI 1309 INTERNET CLASS. Contact twesson@wtc.cc.tx.us.									
POFT	1301	0618	COMP APPLICATIONS	W	6:00-10:10	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$24
EARLY CHILDHOOD									
CDEC	1303	0589	FAMILY & COMM (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS CDEC 1303 INTERNET CLASS. Contact jwilburn@wtc.cc.tx.us.									
CDEC	1311	0590	INTRO/ECE (ITV)	W	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	WILBURN, J	
CDEC	2366	0592	PRACTICUM I	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	$15
CDEC	2367	0593	PRACTICUM II	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	$15
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THESE PRACTICUM COURSES.									
NETWORKING									
EBCT	1440	0620	TELE TRANS MEDIA	TH	6:00-10:10	4	7D-114A	HANES, D	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7D-114B	HANES, D	$24 $95
ITSC	1405	0623	NET OPERATING SYS	W	6:00-10:10	4	7D-114A	HANES, D	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7D-114B	HANES, D	$24
LOTT	1401	0624	INTRO/FIBER OPTICS	T	6:00-10:10	4	7D-114A	HANES, D	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7D-114B	HANES, D	$24 $195

SNYDER CAMPUS - 1ST 6 WEEKS (ACADEMIC) — **May 28-July 3**

BUSI	1301	0184	INTRO/BUSINESS	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
DEN	011	0309	BASIC SKILLS LAB	M-TH	9:00-4:00	1	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	$12
ONE WEEK TASP-INTENSIVE WORKSHOP. CLASS MEETS JUNE 10-13, 2002.									
DMT	011	0141	MATH SKILLS LAB	M-TH	9:00-4:00	1	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
ONE WEEK TASP-INTENSIVE WORKSHOP. CLASS MEETS JUNE 17-21, 2002.									
DMT	032	0142	BEGIN ALGEBRA	M-TH	2:15-3:50	3	2C-104	RUSSELL, A	$12
DRE	011	0310	READ SKILLS LAB	M-TH	9:00-4:00	1	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
ONE WEEK TASP-INTENSIVE WORKSHOP. CLASS MEETS JUNE 3-6, 2002.									
DRE	032	0311	READ SKILLS II	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	033	0312	READ SKILLS III	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
ECON	2302	0232	PRINC/ECONOMICS	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-101	SMITH, N	
GOVT	2305	0233	US/ST/LOC GOV	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	
GOVT	2306	0234	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	M-TH	1:15-2:55	3	7D-106	SMITH, K	
MATH	1314	0143	COLLEGE ALGEBRA (ITV)	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	LRC-102	RUSSELL, A	$8
MATH	1314	0178	COLL ALG (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1316	0144	TRIGONOMETRY	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2C-104	RUSSELL, A	
MATH	1324	0145	MATH/BUS/ECON I	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1332	0179	MATH CONCEPTS I (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1348	0146	ANALYTICAL GEOM	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1350	0147	FUND/MATH I (ITV)	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1442	0148	ELEM STATISTICS	M-TH	2:15-3:50	4	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
MATH	2413	0149	CALCULUS I	M-TH	9:45-11:25	4	2C-104	RUSSELL, A	
SPCH	1315	0071	FUND/SPEECH (ITV)	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7D-106	NEWTON, T	

SNYDER CAMPUS - 1ST 6 WEEKS (VOCATIONAL)

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY									
BUSI	1301	0184	INTRO/BUSINESS	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-102	SNIDER, S	
OFAD	1311	0617	KEYBOARD/TYP I	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$20
NETWORKING									
CPMT	1411	0622	INTRO/MAINTENANCE	W	1:30-4:30	4	7D-114A	HANES, D	
			LAB	TBA	TBA		7D-114B	HANES, D	$24
CPMT	1449	0621	INTRO/NETWORKING	T	1:00-4:00	4	7D-114A	HANES, D	
			LAB	TH	1:00-4:00		7D-114B	HANES, D	$24

SNYDER CAMPUS - 2ND 6 WEEKS (ACADEMIC) — **July 8-August 15**

DMT	033	0153	LINEAR ALGEBRA	M-TH	2:15-3:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
ENGL	1302	0313	COMPOSITION II	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7B-103	ROSE, M	$8
MATH	1314	0180	COLL ALG (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1316	0181	TRIGONOMETRY (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	$8
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1325	0150	MATH/BUS/ECON II	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1332	0182	MATH CONCEPTS I (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	RUSSELL, A	
Contact arussell@wtc.cc.tx.us									
MATH	1351	0151	FUND/MATH II (ITV)	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	2414	0152	CALCULUS II	M-TH	8:00-9:40	4	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
PSYC	2301	0235	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	

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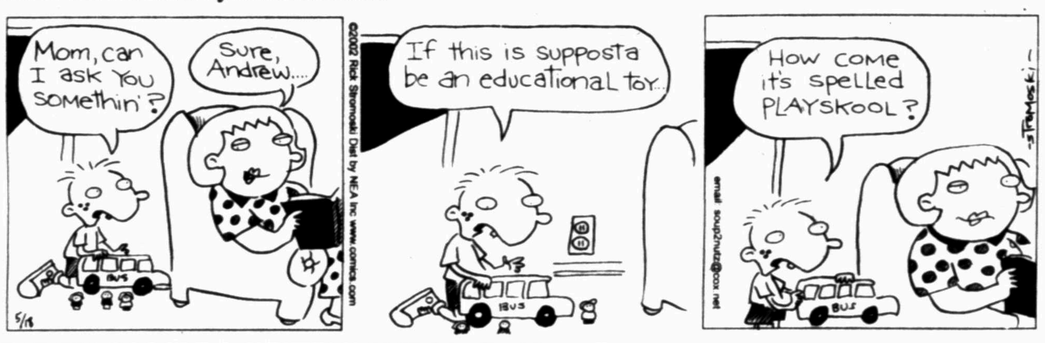

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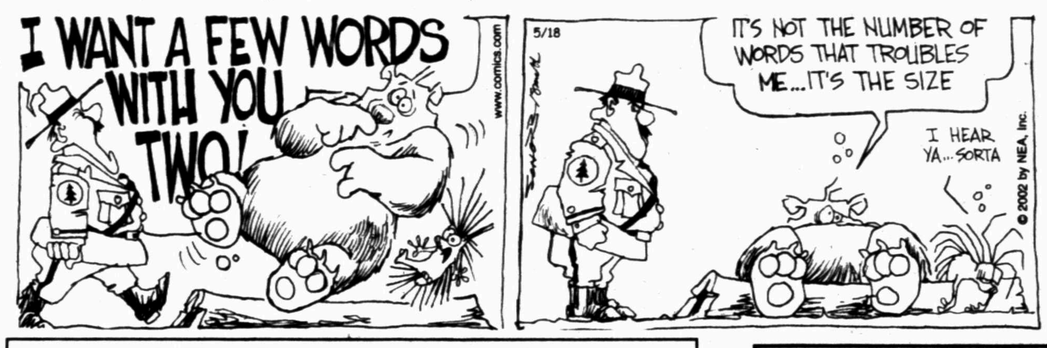

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"What shall we call it: ox-tail, vegetable or soup-of-the-day?"

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Cat's prey
4 Put a lid on
7 Unknown auth.
11 Malt brew
12 Child's toy
13 Pastime
14 Cheese piece
15 Painless
16 Amend
17 Spears
19 Tiny insect
20 Cambridge univ.
21 Doze off
22 Singer Bonnie
25 Coarse, as humor
28 Author Rand
29 Put to sea
31 Dawn goddess
33 Lilly or Wallach
34 Weeded
36 Mil. officer
37 Sans markup (2 wds.)
40 Impatient
42 Old Tokyo
43 Exec's degree
44 Exclamation of yore
46 Prior's superior
49 Broad sts.
50 Kite part
52 Dusting cloth
54 Have supper
55 Wagon part
56 Nabokov novel
57 Vehicle on runners
58 Thing in law
59 Science room

DOWN

1 Smash into
2 Mournful cry
3 Backpacker's gear
4 Shore
5 Hirt and Gore
6 Wield
7 Schedule
8 Goose egg
9 Not mention
10 Butterfly
11 catcher
12 Red-ink entries
18 Oz. or lb.
19 Lump
21 Longest river
22 — Dawn Chong
23 Jean Auel heroine
24 — — for the money
26 For fear that
27 Some boxers
30 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)
32 Farm enclosure
38 Quit
39 Unusual
41 Collar
43 Sends a package
44 Like Lex Luthor
45 Heredity factor
47 Not written
48 "Voila!"
49 Commercials
50 Pothole filler
51 Give the pink slip
53 Yak

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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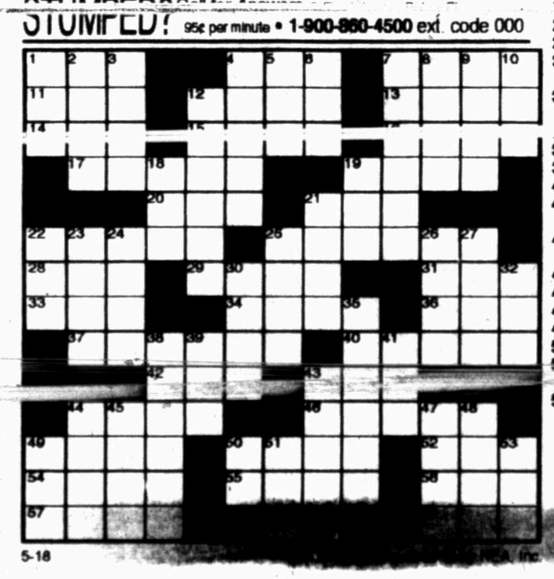

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom is caught in tug-of-war between daughter and finance

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced woman with two teen-age daughters at home. Recently I became engaged to a wonderful man. My fiance lives in another city and has a better-paying job than I do, so I plan to move after we marry.

The problem is my 14-year-old daughter, "Ryan." She refuses to even discuss the possibility of moving. I understand the transition may be hard for her, but she is a minor and I am the custodial parent.

Ryan has informed me that she has talked to her father about moving in with him so as not to leave her friends and school. Her father is an alcoholic and to this day refuses to get help. The reason we split up was that he was physically abusive to me.

Abby, I cannot in good conscience leave my daughter with him, so my only choice is to wait until Ryan finishes high school to be married. This is putting a huge strain on my relationship with my fiance, but I don't know what else to do.

Any advice, Abby? — **DESPERATE TO KEEP EVERYONE HAPPY**

DEAR DESPERATE: You are the adult — the custodial parent. The time to move is now, before your daughter becomes socially established in high school.

Ryan owes it to you to move with you and her sister and try it for a year. If, after that, she hasn't adjusted — then it will be time to discuss other living arrangements.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently moved to a small town in Texas, in order to marry a man, "Kenny," who has lived here all his life. This will be his second marriage and my first.

The problem? Everywhere I go — the beauty shop, the market, church, get-togethers with Kenny's friends, you name it — someone always brings up his ex-wife.

When Kenny and I announced our engagement, one of the girls at a church potluck complimented me on my ring. Then a guy piped up, "Well, Kenny ought to be good at picking rings out by now!" Abby, it ruined the entire moment. This happens all the time.

Will I forever live in the shadow of my fiance's first wife? What can I do to change it? Please don't reveal my name or city — everyone in town would know it was me. — **IRRITATED IN A SMALL TOWN**

DEAR IRRITATED: You don't have to live in the shadow of anyone unless you choose to. However, what you are experiencing is not unusual when you have a "recycled" fiance.

Accept the fact that, in an attempt at humor, people sometimes say thoughtless things. It may take time, but eventually the local folk will stop associating your husband-to-be with his former spouse.

In the meantime, keep your sense of humor and remember that Kenny is yours — and you have the ring to prove it.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband died one month after my daughter was married five years ago. After he died, I gave his expensive watch and gold ring to my son-in-law, "Cyrus." Unfortunately, my daughter and Cyrus are now splitting up. He has asked for a divorce and is moving to another state.

Abby, I would like my husband's jewelry back. However, I have always heard that once a gift is given you cannot ask for it to be returned. The jewelry has sentimental value, and I want it in our family. Under the circumstances, is it wrong to ask Cyrus to give it back to me? — **DOUBLY-SAD MOM**

DEAR DOUBLY-SAD: By all means ask your son-in-law to return the items because of their sentimental value. However, you are right, once a gift is given it belongs to the receiver. Sweeten the pot by offering to replace the jewelry.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old single man who has boomeranged between living on my own and with my parents during the past three years. Finally, I'm planning on moving to a permanent place of my own.

The problem is my mother appears to deeply resent my leaving. Ever since the moving issue came up, no matter what I do or say, I cannot do anything right by Mom. It's brought out the worst in her.

My new apartment is closer to my job, and it's only 30 miles away, so I will be able to visit my parents often. I understand that Mom has health problems and needs help, but I have five siblings in the area, and I could always be at my folks' quickly to help with any emergency.

Because I am not married nor do I have children, I sometimes think this makes my family feel as if it's my job to take care of our parents. I love them, but these past three years have created resentment and frustration on my part. I feel I would be a healthier person living on my own, but I don't know how to communicate this to Mom. Please help, Abby. This is tearing our relationship apart. — **FRUSTRATED SON IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FRUSTRATED SON: Sometimes relationships need to be torn apart before they can be successfully reconstructed. Consider this move a period of growth for you and your mother. You are a loving son who has the right to a life of your own. However, your mother may have greater fears about her health than you realize. Speak to your siblings and urge them to stay closer in touch. She needs reassurance that someone is nearby to help her if she needs assistance.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been living with "Jerry" for two years. When we moved in together, we both brought furniture and household items into our new home. I want us to buy a new sofa. Jerry insists on putting his old one into storage instead of getting rid of it. Should I be worried he isn't fully committed to our relationship? — **GOING NOWHERE IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR GOING NOWHERE: No. I suspect the old couch holds memories for Jerry that he's reluctant to part with. Time may resolve this problem when he realizes that the fees for storing the couch add up to more than the purchase price.

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DEAR ABBY: I have lived with "Fred" on and off for five years. We argue all the time. Last week, I moved out again. Fred gave me an engagement ring for Christmas two years ago, and that same week he asked an old girlfriend to go on vacation with him and his children. Episodes like this have happened more than once since we have been together.

Fred is very friendly with any female he meets, and it drives me crazy. I go back to him because he swears he wants only me, yet we still argue about women, kids, money — you name it. I know he will never change and wonder if I still love him.

Abby, do you think I should continue counseling, marry Fred, or leave him for good? — 55 AND CONFUSED IN TULSA

DEAR 55 AND CONFUSED: Continue counseling until you figure out why you keep returning to a ladies man with whom you have so many serious issues. Once you have that figured out, the answer to your question will be obvious.

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Senate endorses NATO expansion plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sent President Bush a bill Friday that endorses expanding NATO and authorizes security assistance for seven nations that hope to join the military alliance.

"This bill will help NATO extend the zone of stability eastward and southward on the continent so that some time in the next decade we'll be able to say, for the first time I think in modern history, that we have a Europe whole and free," Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said as debate concluded Friday.

The Senate voted 85-6 for the bill as Bush met at the White House with Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek of Slovenia, one of the seven nations seeking entry to NATO. The other six were members of the Warsaw Pact.

The legislation would authorize $55.5 million in military assistance for the seven countries but does not specifically call for admission of any of them NATO. The aid: Estonia, $6.5 million; Latvia, $7 million; Lithuania, $7.5 million; Slovakia, $8.5 million; Slovenia, $4.5 million; Bulgaria, $10 million; and Romania, $11.5 million.

The House approved the bill in November by a 372-46 vote.

Bush asked the Senate to complete work on the bill before he heads next week to a summit in Moscow with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the committee.

NATO is to decide at a Prague summit in November whether to admit new members. The bill expresses support for that expansion, in line with statements by Bush last June and by former President Clinton in October 1996. The legislatures of all 19 current NATO members would be asked to ratify inclusion of any new invitees.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee, said he voted against the measure because expanding NATO could hurt it and impose more costs on the United States.

"What we're doing is saying to the American taxpayer ... and the men and women of the armed forces of the United States, that attack against one is an attack against all," Warner said.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, May 19, 2002
Taking on too many projects in the year ahead could turn out to be more than you can handle, resulting in a fruitless exercise. Instead, concentrate on just a few.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're not careful, you might unconsciously do something at the expense of another in order to gratify your ambitions. Don't heedlessly move on with your plans. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When you take your time and think through consequences, your thought processes will be pragmatic. When you don't, it'll be the little things you take for granted that will foul you up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When it comes to your commercial dealings, be alert and on your toes. It's quite possible that you might do business with someone who isn't as ethical as you think.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It won't matter if your ideas are bright and ingenious if you are erratic while attempting to implement them. They will be doomed to failure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Remember that the devil is in the details, so if you are working on an endeavor, pay particular attention to the little things involved in the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It would be best not to volunteer to handle a situation that includes several other people, especially if money is involved. Should you make a mistake, you'll be held accountable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — To placate your mate or someone with whom you're closely involved, you might agree to something you know is wrong. Instead, hammer out an agreement both of you can live with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Consider focusing on tasks or plans that you won't mind having to leave. It's quite possible some disruption is likely to occur that will need your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Normally you're pretty stable in handling your resources; however, your extravagant whims may gain the upper hand. Be careful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The household could get disrupted by everybody pulling and tugging in different directions. It won't help a thing to lose your cool. Roll with events.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Watch what you say and to whom, or else you might thoughtlessly pass on some gossip that could hurt another's reputation. You would feel awful about the damage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be so enthusiastic about a new idea or project that you could fail to take into consideration what it is going to cost. That would be a big downfall.

Monday, May 20, 2002
Your thought processes are vital as to whether you are successful in the year ahead. If you approach things with a positive frame of mind, there isn't anything you won't be able to successfully accomplish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your problems won't come out of family situations, but through outside involvements. Be careful that you don't bring your frustrations home. 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Chances are that you'll wake up with a wonderful optimistic outlook. However, as you get out and start moving about in the world, it might be all too easy to put on gloom-colored glasses. Let the sunshine in again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unfortunately for you, that money in your pocket could be burning a hole. Be careful not to burden yourself with long-term financial obligations that could cause hardship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Companions are willing to be helpful, but only if you treat them with respect and don't take them for granted. If you hope to make progress on your pet project, make those you're involved with feel important.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept. 22) — This may not be the day to trade on the help or knowledge of colleagues. They might be more successful at shifting their burdens onto you than you shifting yours onto them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The last person you should discuss a promising endeavor with is a friend who lacks your imagination and tends to be negative. You need encouragement, not discouragement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's very possible that your ambitious objectives can be fulfilled. However, you could negate the functional by doing everything the hard way. Circumvent obstacles, don't create them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't ignore the suggestion of another just because you have little respect for the person who makes it. Remember that out of the mouths of babes sometimes comes wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A friend of yours who has done you many favors in the past might come to you for one. It would be a mistake not to honor the request. No matter how busy you are, make the time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should things not run as smoothly as usual with your mate, look in the mirror before pointing fingers. There's a strong chance that the image of the culprit might be found there.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's wonderful that you feel industrious, but be careful not to take on more assignments that you can manage. You could end up with a mess on your hands.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Perhaps the last thing you'll want to do is to attend a social function. However, if you don't, you could offend someone who is important to your immediate objectives.

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Leader of software piracy ring sentenced on Friday

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A co-leader of an Internet software piracy group that authorities say was responsible for billions of dollars in lost sales was sentenced to nearly four years in prison Friday.

John Sankus Jr., 28, of Philadelphia was a leader of DrinkOrDie, described by prosecutors as one of the largest, most sophisticated rings of software pirates.

His 46-month sentence is the largest ever for Internet piracy, U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said at a news conference.

"This sentence sends a strong message to those that think they're invisible because of the anonymity of the Internet. We will find you," McNulty said. "You will serve years in prison."

Sankus had pleaded guilty in February to conspiring to commit copyright infringement as part of a deal with prosecutors.

At his sentencing in U.S. District Court, Sankus apologized to the companies "and especially to my family for dragging them through this."

Authorities believe DrinkOrDie cost the industry up to $5 billion in lost sales each year.

Sankus' attorney, Harvey Sernovitz, said that Sankus, whose regular job was with computer maker Gateway Inc., made no money from his actions with DrinkOrDie. He said Sankus' group specialized in cracking high-end technical software.

"They had no use for that software, other than to show off their cracking skills," he said.

Sacagawea coin not popular after its introduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sacagawea helped Lewis and Clark find their way to the Pacific Ocean, but she's having trouble finding her own way into the nation's cash registers.

The image of the Shoshone Indian, Sacagawea, is featured on the struggling dollar coin that was launched with great fanfare and a multi-million dollar advertising blitz just more than two years ago. It was supposed to be jingling in pockets and used in everyday transactions across the country by now.

Instead, millions of the golden-colored dollar coins have piled up in dark bank vaults because there hasn't been much demand. The Mint has temporarily stopped making new Sacagaweas for circulation. But it is producing some for collectors.

Many people have never touched one.

"My contention is this is a failure," declared Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who said he has never received a Sacagawea dollar coin in change.

Dorgan, chairman of the Appropriation Committee's treasury and general government subcommittee, held a hearing Friday to see what might be done to turn the situation around. Dorgan — who noted that Sacagawea also was a North Dakotan — likes the coin and wants to see it thrive.

But banks say there hasn't been much demand for the coins by retailers and other businesses. Retailers and businesses say there hasn't been much demand from their customers.

Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, who appeared at Friday's hearing, believes there are a number of reasons the coin is struggling.

People who receive the coins as change keep them and don't spend them. Retailers say they don't have room in their cash registers for the coins. And, businesses that want Sacagaweas sometimes have trouble getting them, she said. Fore blamed that on the Federal Reserve — the supplier of cash to the nation's banks — saying it mixes Sacagaweas coins with their unpopular predecessor the Susan. B. Anthony coins when filling orders.

Louise Roseman, who oversees bank and payment operations at the Federal Reserve, said it's true that the Fed doesn't have the technology to separate Sacagaweas from Susan Bs. But she said that banks that specifically request the Sacagaweas have been able to get them.

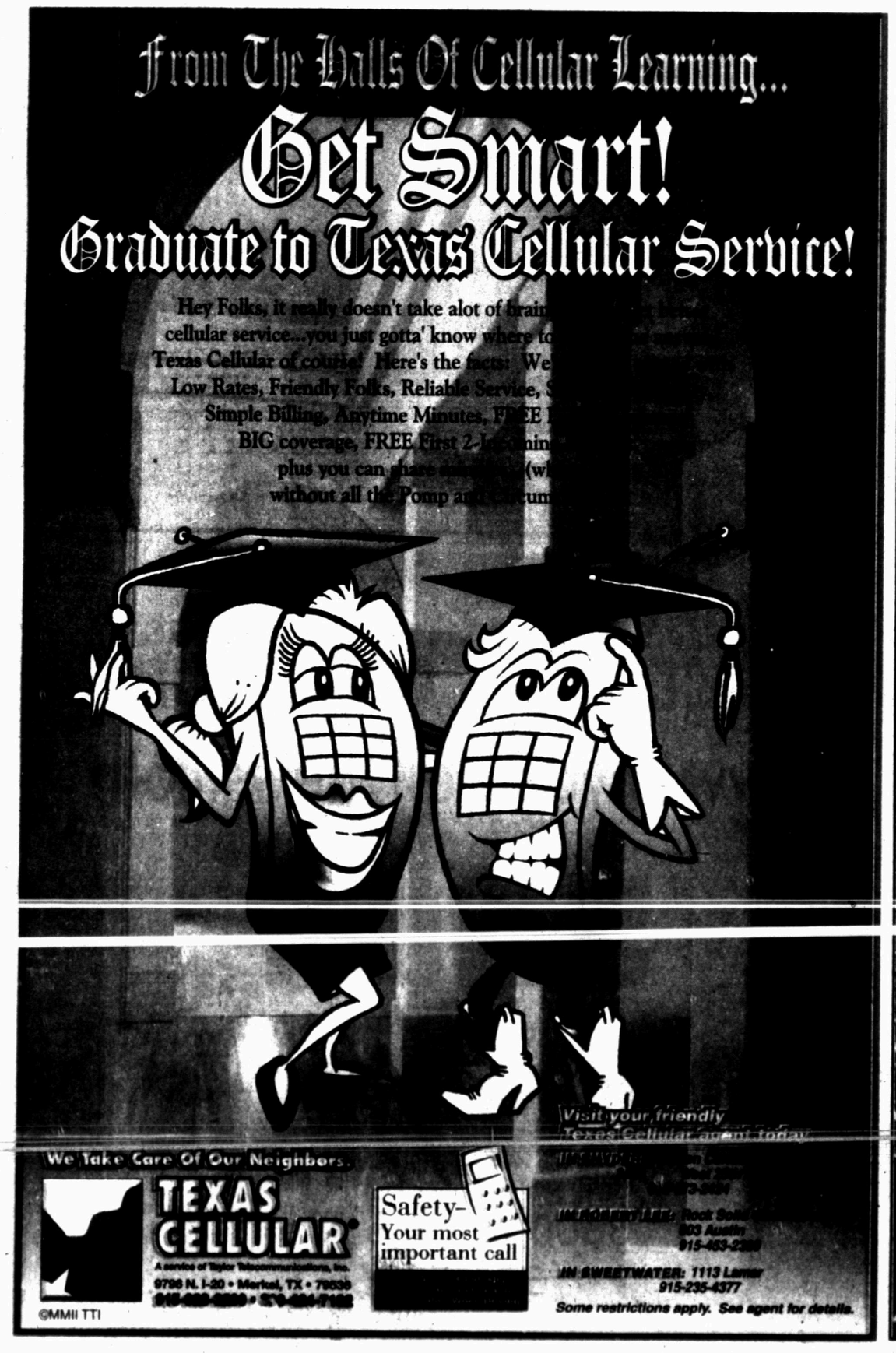
Some coins experts say the Sacagawea won't really catch on as long as the paper $1 bill is around. But neither Dorgan nor Fore were advocating getting rid of the greenback.

Fore said the Mint will conduct research this year to find ways to improve distributing the Sacagawea coins to businesses and try to get the federal government to use the coins more. She also said that the Mint is considering taking the Susan B — which is no longer made — out of circulation.

Under a recently signed deal, Sacagaweas will be dispensed at some NASCAR racetracks this year, which could result in 10 million or more of the coins getting into circulation, Fore said.

The Sacagawea coins do get used to buy snacks from vending machines, to tip people, and in cases where they are accepted, to feed parking meters, pay tolls and bus fares. And, people like to buy them for gifts.

Nonetheless, the Mint ended fiscal year 2001 with about 324 million Sacagawea dollar coins in storage, according to a report by the Treasury Department.



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