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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A creditor never puts off 'til tomorrow what can be dunned today."

Most annual performance reviews aren't this truthful, but the following are said to be actual supervisor quotes taken from employee performance evaluations:

—Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.

—I would not allow this employee to breed.

—This employee is really not much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't-be.

—Works well under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.

—When she opens her mouth, it is only to change feet.

—He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle.

—This young lady has delusions of adequacy.

—He sets low personal standards and consistently fails to achieve them.

—This person is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

—This employee should go far, and the sooner the better.

—Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.

—A gross ignoramus – 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.

—He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier.

—I would like to go hunting with him sometime.

—He's been working with glue too much.

—He would argue with a signpost.

—Brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room.

—When IQ reaches 50, he should sell.

—If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one.

—A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on.

—Is a prime candidate for natural DE-selection.

—Donated his brain to science before he was done using it.

—Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.

—He's got two brains. One is lost and the other is out looking for it.

—If he were any more stupid, he would have to be watered twice a week.

—If you gave him a penny for his thoughts, you would get change.

—If you can stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean.

—It's hard to believe he beat out 1 million other sperm.

—One neuron short of a synapse.

—Some drink from the fountain of knowledge, but he only gargled.

And some of these people show up in Austin every two years.

Miller, Sterling, Waller show champs

Malorye Miller, a senior at Snyder High School and Snyder FFA member, exhibited the grand champion steer at the 2002 Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Friday.

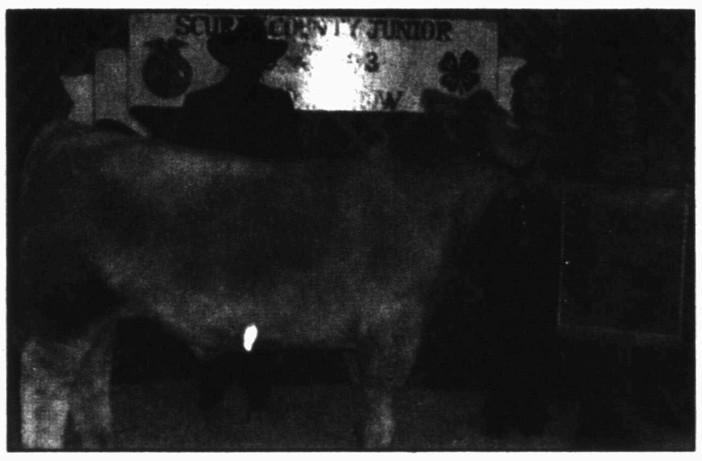
Miller's 1,130-pound mediumweight cross breed was judged the top steer and Brian Chase Peterson's heavyweight British, tipping the scales at 1,290 pounds, was overall reserve champion.

In the heifer division, the grand champion was shown by Caylea Rhodes, a member of the Scurry County 4H.

Jordan Derryberry, also a 4H member, won the junior showmanship trophy and Miller captured senior showmanship honors.

In cross steer judging, Miller showed the grand champion and reserve champion breed.

American steer grand champion was shown by Jordan Stansell, a 4H member and Jada Bilano exhibited the reserve champion.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Malorye Miller of Snyder showed the champion steer. Pictured with Miller is sister Morgan, right, and judge James Rathman (Contributed Photo)



CHAMPION LAMB — Celeigh Sterling of Ira exhibited the grand champion lamb. She is pictured with her entry and judge Jerry Bearden. (Contributed Photo)



CHAMPION GOAT — Kaci Waller of Ira showed the grand champion goat. She is pictured with her goat and with judge Jerry Bearden. (Contributed Photo)

Showing British steers, Peterson's entry was breed champion and Derryberry's steer was reserve champion.

Celeigh Sterling of Ira FFA exhibited the overall grand champion entry in the lamb show, a 144-pound heavyweight cross. Corbin Smith, a Scurry County 4H representative, paraded the reserve grand champion.

Bailey Nickerson of Ira FFA captured the junior showmanship award in the lamb division while Lacie Thompson, also of Ira FFA, took the senior showmanship honors.

Top finewool breeds were shown by Thompson, grand champion; Candace Sanchez, reserve champion. Breed champion and reserve champion cross lambs were shown by Smith.

In mediumwool lambs, Sterling's entry again was tops and Smith's entry was the breed's reserve champion.

Kylie Moreland of Snyder FFA captured breed champion honors for Southdown and Bailey Minor took reserve breed champion.

Judging of goats, which concluded just after 3 a.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum, saw the overall grand champion award captured by Kaci Waller of Ira FFA.

Reserve champion goat was exhibited by Wesley Kellner of Ira FFA.

Chad Nickerson of Ira FFA won the senior showmanship honor. The junior showmanship award was taken by Bailey Nickerson, also of Ira FFA.

Top lightweight choices were shown by Jordan Lollar of Ira FFA, champion; and Wes Kelner of Ira FFA, reserve champion.

Bailey Nickerson's light-mediumweight was good enough for breed champion, while Rance Dunn of Ira FFA showed the reserve champion.

Chad Nickerson captured champion and reserve champion honors in the mediumweight division.

Loel Lollar of Ira FFA showed the breed champion light-heavyweight and Chad Nickerson had the reserve champion in the class.

Waller's heavyweight goat was class champion and Kellner's captured reserve champion.

The show was to continue Saturday with a buyer's dinner at 5 p.m. and awards at 6.

The sale was scheduled for 7 p.m.

Dyess AFB commander tells of the importance of RBTI

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Mike Schoultz, commander of the 28th Bomber Squadron at Dyess Air Base, brought a clear message to Snyder Rotarians Thursday.

"We could not do what we are doing around the world without the RBTI facility in Snyder, Texas," he said.

"That is a key program for us and it makes our training much more effective."

The Remote Bomber Training Initiative facility opened near Winston Field last July, but Schoultz said he doesn't know "how we ever did without this facility."

Schoultz explained the benefits of the B-1 Bomber and called it the workhorse of the military.

He said that B-1s dropped more ordinance in the Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom than any other U.S. planes and they did so with far fewer sorties or missions than the others.

"We have the capability of carrying enough weapons to go in and hit multiple targets without having to reload or refuel in between," he said.



Mike Schoultz visits with Roy Baze (center) and Ernie Sears.

Having the RBTI located so near Dyess where all B-1 pilots are trained is another advantage, according to Schoultz.

He said B-1 pilots take off from Dyess and can be training over Scurry County in 15 minutes, while it used to take more than an hour to reach training sites in Colorado.

"I couldn't believe how long it took me to drive to Snyder for this lunch," he said. "I'm used to getting here a lot faster."

Schoultz said the Air Force is downsizing its B-1 fleet, and upgrading the remaining planes.

The money saved on maintenance of a larger number of planes will be utilized to keep the smaller B-1 fleet ahead of the curve, he said.

President Ronald Reagan commissioned the supersonic planes, powered by four jet engines, with the sole purpose of transporting nuclear bombs to the USSR during the cold war.

When that era ended, the planes were reconfigured to become more conventional war machines.

They first saw action bombing an Iraqi facility in 1998, Schoultz said, and they have been used extensively since.

"I don't think the B-1 is going anywhere," he said.

Furniture needed by chamber

Only a handful of tickets are available for Jan. 25's Snyder Chamber of Commerce awards banquet, but they might be barter for items needed for the banquet set.

"We are in desperate need of a Victorian couch and chair," said Donna Fowler, executive director of the chamber. "We also need a Victorian end table and doilies for our tables."

The items are needed for the "Meet Mark Twain" show that, along with the awards presentations, will be the highlight of the banquet.

"Call us and we'll come get the furniture," said Fowler.

Donald King Cowan will portray Mark Twain as he has been doing since 1975 in theatres across the country.

Blood drive this week

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members are on the lookout for donors.

The auxiliary is sponsoring drives on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The drive on Tuesday is at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center and will be held from 12:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday's drive is in the donor coach in the parking lot of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Blood can be donated from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Potential blood donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old.

All donors will receive a mini-physical and a free T-shirt.

"The need for blood is constant," said Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis, say three times per year, blood needs could be met and shortages cold become a thing of the past."

"Make a commitment today to give blood at least three times a year," said Teal.

At 10 a.m....

County sets Monday meet

Scurry County commissioners' court will have no new or old business to conduct when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court will receive the extension activity report, and minutes from the county welfare board and the BCD.

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

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

ASK US

Q—Are B-1 bombers the only planes using the Lancer MOA located above Scurry County?

A—No. B-52s also train over the county and B-2 bombers will at some point.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Gina Lee...

...has lived in Snyder 13 years and works in the billing office at Cogdell Home Health. Her husband, Perry, is a truck driver for Scurry County Gin. Keeping them busy are their son, Samuel, 11, and a daughter, Susan, 9, who are active in their church and 4-H. With the time left, Gina enjoys reading.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To be persuasive we must be believable, to be believable; we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful.

—Edward R. Morrow

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Benefit enchilada dinner

There will be a benefit enchilada dinner for Carol Carrasco Garza from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary Cafeteria to help defray medical expenses. For advance tickets for a $5 donation, call Mickey Carrasco at 573-3343.

AARP meeting

AARP will meet at noon Monday at the senior center. Janie Romine, librarian at Scurry County Library, will be the speaker.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Technology association boosters

Parents of Technology Student Association members will have a booster meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the shop classroom at SHS to plan the end-of-year banquet.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Walk the Walk, Talk the Talk," followed by "What Does God Look Like?"

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Lions Club meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICK-TASP include Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Emmaus community meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Women's Bible study

A 10-week Bible study at First Baptist Church will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The class is on "Beloved Disciple, the Study of the Life and Ministry of John" by Beth Moore. All women are invited. For more information, call Linda Franklin at 573-0397.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Wednesday night Bible study

Beloved Disciple, a small group study by Beth Moore led by James Patterson, will be starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at First United Methodist Church. If interested, call Andra at 573-5416.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services will hold its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 27-31, and 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 30.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

SHS booster club fundraiser

The SHS drama booster club is collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for recycling. Drop off at the sheriff's office. For more information, call Jan Scott at 573-8027.

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

The deadline for orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Feb. 3. Balances will have to be paid in full at that time and orders are taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Jan. 31. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

Choir trip planned

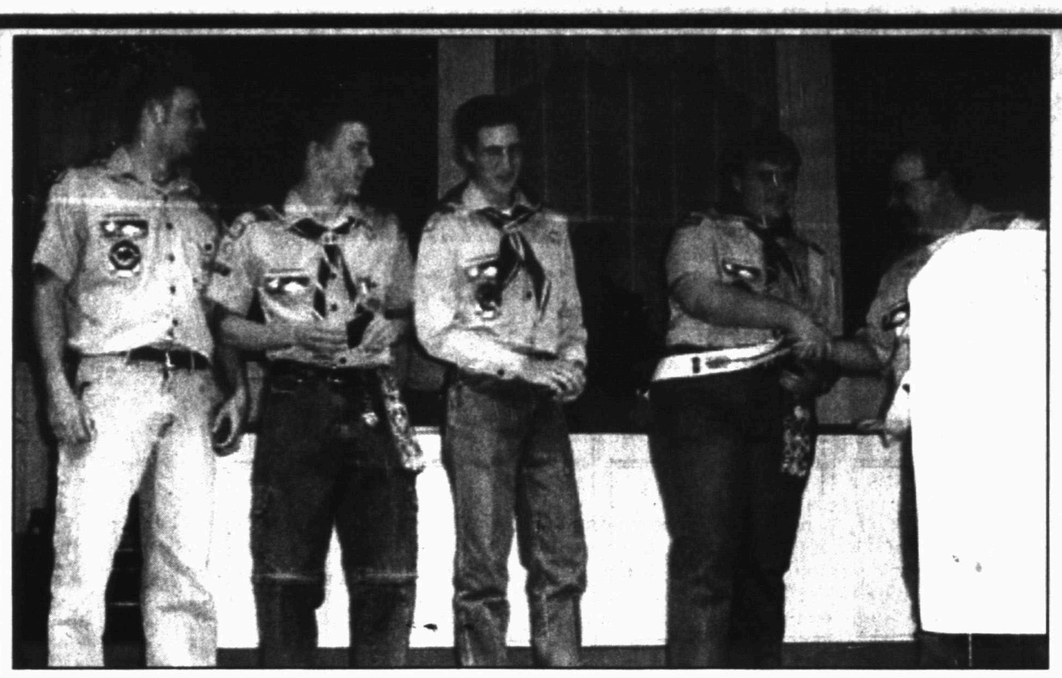
SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.



CONGRATULATIONS — Three Eagle Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 27 were present last Friday for Matthew Stokes' Eagle Court of Honor. Glenn Burns, far right, congratulated the scouts who achieved Eagle rank while he served as scoutmaster. Scouts from left include, Justin Stokes, Matthew Stokes, Brodie Pierce and Burns' son, G.J. (For story and more pictures see page 1B) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



EIGHTH GRADE — Ira eighth graders who entred UIL contests included (seated) Aryn Calley, number sense, maps, graphs, & charts, calculator; Corbin Clements, maps, graphs, & charts Dustin Farmer, listening, science; Tyrelle Gilbert, oral reading, spelling, mathematics, number sense; Jessica Odom, 5th place dictionary, 6th place ready writing, oral reading, spelling, mathematics, calculator, maps, graphs, & charts; (standing) Adrian Padron, impromptu speaking, number sense, science; Kelbi Pitner, alt. science; Cesilie Torres, 1st place listening, impromptu speaking, spelling, science, dictionary, alt. oral reading, alt. number sense, ready writing; Erica Torres, impromptu speaking, oral reading, listening, alt. mathematics, alt. calculator, ready writing; Kate Wall, mathematics, calculator, alt. spelling, alt. maps, graphs, & charts. More pictures on Pages 4A & 5A. (Contributed Photo)

TFU's 101st convention set to begin on Friday in Lubbock

WACO — Next Friday and Saturday hundreds of Texas farm and ranch families will gather in Lubbock for Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) 101st Centennial Convention. The Convention theme this year is "A new century of commitment to family farm agriculture."

"Emergency agriculture disaster assistance, new trade agreements, farm bill implementation and competitive livestock markets, are some of the major issues that will be discussed at this convention," said Wes Sims, President of T.F.U. "The Congress and the Administration needs to take action quickly on these issues."

The convention is dedicated to Joe Rankin, a past president and vice-president of T.F.U. and a lifelong agriculture leader from the Lubbock area. Also, there will be a presentation presented to the family at the Friday evening reception.

The band "Texas Sand" will play for entertainment at the Friday evening reception. The convention will culminate Saturday evening with a banquet featuring National Farmers Union President "Dave Frederickson."

www.texasfarmersunion.org

Alderete on Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Stephanie Alderete, a senior early childhood education mayor at Texas Tech University, has been named to the fall 2002 Dean's List.

The 1999 Snyder High School graduate, is the daughter of George and Alice Alderete of Snyder.

Jaci Smith on UT Honor List

AUSTIN — Jaci Smith, a freshman in the college of communications at the University of Texas, has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester.

The honor list includes students who have completed 12 or more hours of work with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade less than C.

Smith, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, is majoring in communication, science and disorders in the area of speech pathology.

She is the daughter of Clay and Tina Hill and Andy and Ann Smith. Grandparents are Beverly Glasscock, Johnny and Janice Merrill and Jack and Carmen Smith.

FBI arrests man on weapons violations

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Federal agents say the one-time leader of an anti-government group, arrested for alleged firearms violations, may have been plotting to assassinate Gov. Gary Locke.

The FBI was tipped about an alleged plot nearly two years ago, according to court papers.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Hartingh on Friday refused to release further details or say whether officials believed there was a credible threat.

James D. Brailey Jr., 43, was charged with federal weapons violations Thursday, a day after authorities converged on a home near Olympia and arrested him after learning he had acquired a weapon, according to the complaint filed against him. Because he has a past domestic violence conviction, he is prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm.

Brailey has not been charged in the alleged plot to kill the governor.

The investigation began in March 2001 when an informant told authorities Brailey planned to kill Locke, according to court papers.

The informant said Brailey was a member of the Jural Society, a loosely organized group whose members do not believe in or support state or federal government.



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LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY — RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers

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

27-22-11-18
Bonus number 9
Estimated jackpot: $250,000
Pick 3
(Day) 8-3-6
(Night) 1-2-2
Cash Five
10-19-22-32-34

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Whatever happened to...

Keith Pitner, a 1954 graduate of Snyder High School, recently became executive director of the Texas Historical Foundation – a 50-year-old statewide organization that promotes Texas history education, archeology, research and preservation.

He is the son of K.O. and Quida Pitner. K.O. is a retired city secretary for the city of Snyder.



Keith Pitner
1954



Keith Pitner
2003

In high school, Keith was the junior class president, a member of the football team and ran in the first Canyon Reef Relays to be held in Tiger Stadium.

Keith earned a track scholarship to the University of Texas where he lettered in both track and cross country. The cross country team holds the distinction of finishing the highest (3rd) in UT history in the NCAA National Cross Country Championships. It was a surprise finish for the UT team since the event was held at Michigan State University in a blinding snow storm.

He is married to the former Chiva Boss, a 1957 graduate of SHS. A daughter, Paige, is married and lives in Austin. A son, Trevlyn, is married and is chief of police in Pampa. Keith and Chiva have a granddaughter, Kelbi, in Snyder and another granddaughter is expected in March.

Keith's first job after college was as an apprentice banker at West Texas State Bank under Martin Brooks and the late H.W. Cargile.

After living several years in New York and Tennessee, the Pitners are now glad to be back in Texas. Prior to joining the Texas Historical Foundation, he was a corporate trainer for Motorola. He also was director of business at industry training at Jackson Community College in Tennessee and Orange County Community College in New York.

"No matter where we have lived, we have never forgotten our Snyder ties. We thank the good Lord for the influence our Snyder friends, families and teachers have made and continue to make upon our lives."

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

Today's chuckle

Lawyer questions if real cop made arrest

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — The lawyer for a man accused of drunken driving is trying to get the charges dismissed by arguing that no one knows whether the man who pulled his client over was really a police officer.



Troy Branstetter, 33, of East Stroudsburg was pulled over for driving recklessly on April 7, 2002, in Bushkill Township, according to court papers filed Thursday. The filing in Northampton County Court said the man who pulled Branstetter over radioed to Bushkill Township police officer Randy Knauss, "Hey, I'm a police officer but I have to get to Bath."

Knauss found Branstetter in a parked car, but the man who pulled Branstetter over was gone, the filing said.

Defense lawyer Thomas P. Sundmaker said in court papers that Knauss had not seen Branstetter driving, so he had no justification for asking Branstetter to perform field sobriety tests, which he failed.

Sundmaker is to argue the matter with prosecutors at a Jan. 24 hearing before Judge James C. Hogan.

Lou Rawls arrested on battery charge

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Entertainer Lou Rawls posted bail and was released from jail after he was arrested and booked on one count of battery on a household member, police said.

Police from Albuquerque's international airport were called to a hotel near the airport around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, said Marshall Katz, aviation police chief.

Rawls' companion, Nina Inman, told officers she and Rawls had been talking about their relationship when the conversation escalated into a shoving match, police said.

Officers arrested Rawls and booked him into the Bernalillo County Detention Center on one count of battery on a household member.

"He was a gentleman during the arrest, very professional," said Katz.

The 67-year-old singer was in Albuquerque to perform two concerts at Isleta Pueblo's casino south of the city. Representatives in the casino's marketing department said the concerts Thursday night and Friday night were to go on as scheduled.

Rawls, who lives in Los Angeles, has won three Grammy Awards. His hits include "Dead End Street" and "A Natural Man."

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

2 SISD school nurses recognized this month

Angel Duncan and Chris Bane are registered nurses who seek to provide the fullest possible educational opportunity for each Snyder Independent School District student by minimizing absences due to illness and creating a climate of health and well-being for students and staff in the schools. They are recognized this month as it is School Nurse Appreciation month across the state.

Snyder ISD school nurses have previously received the state award from the Texas Council of Health for the "All-Wellness Student Program." This award was for the program of dental care and prevention sponsored at the elementary school level. This program is made possible through the community efforts of local dentists who provide screening for elementary students as a public service.

Snyder school nurses maintain cumulative health records on every student in the district including a record of student immunizations. They administer first aid as needed. They weigh and measure each student in grades K through 6 twice a year and record the data on their permanent record.

They also conduct annual screening for vision and hearing deficiencies for Pre-K through 7, all 9th grade students and new students from another state. They also conduct vision and hearing screening for students referred to the early childhood program as early as age 3, and all students referred for special education assessment.

They assist local dentists in the annual dental survey of all elementary students. They conduct scoliosis screening for all 5th through 8th grade students.

Snyder school nurses also conduct blood pressure screening for Snyder ISD professional staff three times annually and for 4th graders during Heart Month.

School nurses assist with pre-registration of elementary students prior to the beginning of each school year.

Each year programs are initiated by school nurses to increase the wellness of students and professional staff through educational opportunities at each campus.

Duncan and Bane maintain contact with local and state health agencies in regard to special health services required by children and/or the families.

They make home visits and family contacts as referred by campus principals and district administrators.

The school nurses screen students' vision and make referrals to Snyder's Lions Club to purchase glasses for those students who qualify for assistance.

Hospital official apologizes for woman's double mastectomy

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A hospital apologized for a laboratory mistake that resulted in the amputation of a healthy woman's breasts after she was mistakenly told she had an aggressive form of cancer.

Dr. Daniel Foley, medical director of United Hospital, told KARE-TV in the Twin Cities that the St. Paul hospital had made changes so "this kind of mixup would never happen again."

Linda McDougal, 46, said she was diagnosed with cancer in May 2002 after her doctor had a biopsy performed when a suspicious spot appeared on her mammogram.

McDougal said she was told the cancer was so aggressive that a double mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation were her only chances for survival. In June, she had the surgery.

Two days later, she was recovering when her doctor visited. "She had bad news," McDougal said. "She didn't know how to tell us other than to just tell us, and immediately I thought I was dying, and she told me I didn't have cancer."

WTC drama students will present play

The Nerd, a comedy by Larry Shue, will begin next week at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

Thursday through Friday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. A 2 p.m. show is set for next Sunday.

The Nerd will be directed by Chris Shoemake of Snyder, a sophomore at Western Texas College.

Goofiness takes center stage with *The Nerd*. Architect Willum Gilbert has it all until Rick Steadman, the ultimate social misfit, comes to visit and puts everything in peril. *The Nerd* escalates into madcap farce as Willum tries to outnerd his sanity-destroying houseguest.

Cast members include Jacob Brumley as Willum Gilbert; Holly Gwyn as Tansy McGinnis; Michael Gonzales as Axel Hammond; Corey Knipe as Warnock Waldgrave; Mandy Mitchell as Clelia Waldgrave; Monica Rose as Thora Waldgrave; and Ryan Ballard as Rick Steadman.

Reservations may be made by calling 573-8511, ext. 234.

Senior Center News

New senior citizens to our area are welcome at the center anytime. There is no specific time of the year to join. Our activities are open to newcomers at all times. Many of our activities are coordinated by volunteers who are available to help new participants.

There is no fee for participating in activities. Seniors that join us for lunch are asked to donate $2.50 for their noon meal. We are located at 2603 Avenue M and may be reached by phoning 573-4035. Our operating hours are 8:30-5 Monday-Friday.

The schedules for the computer classes at the senior center and the swimnastics at Western Texas College will be publicized as soon as possible. Seniors are encouraged to use the computers anytime there are no classes. All ten computers have games and eight are Internet accessible.

Senior citizens are reminded that we have a treadmill and an exercise bike for those who need to walk daily. Seniors may also walk in the Travis gym just south of the center.

MONDAY

Senior citizens may participate in party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. The exercise program is a 20-30 minute mild program of flexing and stretching. The AARP will meet at noon for the meal and their program.

Their guest speaker will be Janie Romine, director of the Scurry County Library.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Beginning at 11 a.m. seniors may exercise, join the ladies poetry group, or enjoy the Aubrey Wilson band.

The Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild invites women interested in writing poetry to join them. They meet in the bridge room 11 a.m-2 p.m. Seniors are encouraged to visit and/or join the Golden K Kiwanis. They meet every Tuesday at noon in the conference room. The advanced bridge class will meet in the quilting area at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Senior ladies are encouraged to join the pool players at 9 a.m. Pool isn't strenuous, but does provide some exercise. Our ladies play nine ball and it is fun. Don't miss daily exercise at 11. Beginning at 1 p.m., seniors may participate in pinochle in the bridge room or line dancing and clogging in the dining room.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Join us for exercise at 11.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and party bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Exercise begins at 11 a.m. Beginner bridge lessons begin at 1 p.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
German Sausage
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Pickles/Peppers/Onion
Sugar Cookie

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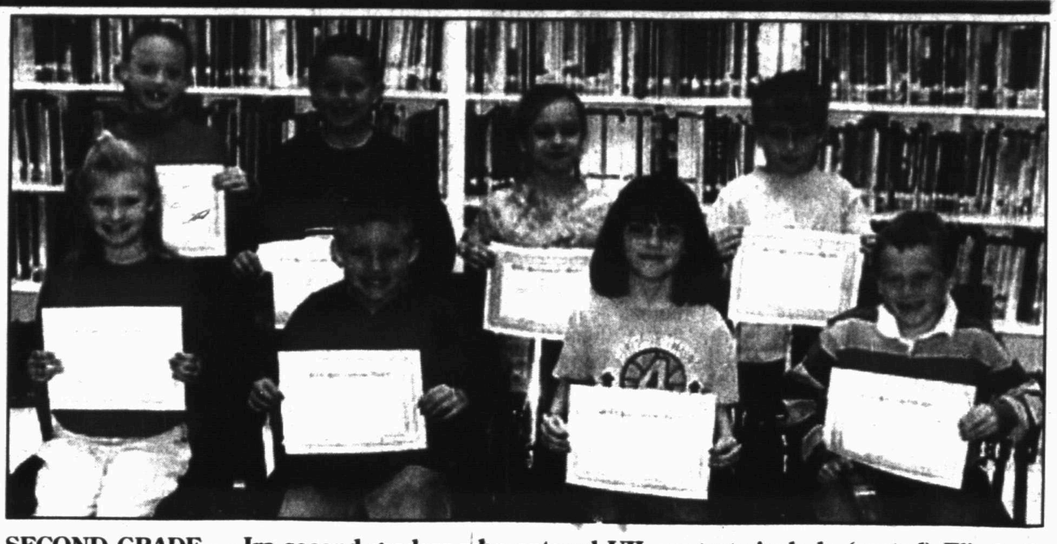
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ORAL READING — Ira kindergarten students who participated in UIL competition include (bottom row) Austin Cullifer (alt.); Briannna Bradshaw, Zachary Goodwin, 1st place; and Savannah Umphress, 6th place. 1st graders (top row) include Caleb Martin, 6th place; Leslie Martini, Grant Flowers (alt.); and Tyler Goodwin. (Contributed Photo)



SECOND GRADE — Ira second graders who entered UIL contests include (seated) Elizabeth Brunson, creative writing, storytelling; Kolton Cox, oral reading, creative writing; Tanya Elam, (alt.) storytelling; Taylor Hollingsworth, 6th place oral reading; (standing) Sarah Kellner (alt.) oral reading; Kaleb Presley, 5th place oral reading, storytelling; Avery Wirsching, (alt.) creative writing; David Wooldridge, creative writing, storytelling. (Contributed Photo)



THIRD GRADE — Ira third graders who entered UIL competition include (top row) Taylor Autry, ready writing, spelling; Hayden Hollingsworth, oral reading; Jacob Elam, story telling; (middle row) Travis Hartman, ready writing, oral reading; Michael Bennett, storytelling; Tanner Martin, ready writing, oral reading; (bottom row) Cristian Ornelas, spelling, (alt.) oral reading; Brandee Pinkerton (alt.) spelling; Connor Smith, 2nd place spelling. More pictures on Page 5A. (Contributed Photo)

Prosecutors submit videos simulating shoe bomb explosion to get life term

BOSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors released two videos Friday showing the destruction that could have been caused aboard a trans-Atlantic flight if Richard Reid had succeeded in igniting explosives in his shoe.

Reid, 29, a British citizen, pleaded guilty in October to attempting to blow up American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami on Dec. 22, 2001. Prosecutors plan to show the video simulations when Reid is sentenced Jan. 30 in federal court in Boston.

On Friday, prosecutors submitted a memorandum asking a judge to sentence Reid to life in prison, offering the videos as evidence of what could have happened if Reid's plan had not been thwarted.

Investigators said during pretrial hearings that if Reid had succeeded, the bomb would have blown a hole in the fuselage and knocked the plane out of the sky, likely killing all 197 people aboard.

Reid was overpowered by passengers and crew members as he attempted to light a fuse protruding from one of his shoes. The flight was diverted to Boston.

The videos were made at the U.S. Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.

In one video, a wide-body jet is exploded, causing pieces of fuselage to blow wildly in all directions, shearing the plane in half. In the second video, an ankle-high hiking shoe like the one Reid wore is seen hanging on a piece of rope between two poles in a field, then detonated. Pieces of the shoe flare out in bits and pieces amid a large plume of smoke, while a large chunk of it bounces along the ground and out of view.

When Reid entered his guilty plea, he said he was a follower of Osama bin Laden and declared his hatred for the United States.

"I'm a member of al-Qaida, I pledge to Osama bin Laden and I'm an enemy of your country, and I don't care," he said.

Prosecutors have insisted the government made no concessions to Reid in exchange for his guilty plea.

In their sentencing memorandum, prosecutors urge the judge to sentence Reid to life in prison, calling him "a committed terrorist who will remain so until his dying days."

"A sentence of life imprisonment is the only sentence that will fairly punish Reid for the crimes to which he has admitted and for which he stands convicted," U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said in his memo.

Reid's public defender, Owen Walker, declined to comment on the videos or sentencing memo. He said the defense may submit its own sentencing recommendation next week.

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Financial Focus

Fixed Annuity May Help Fill Retirement Planning Gaps

Can you ever save too much for retirement? Probably not. You should plan on spending two to three decades as a retiree, so you'll obviously need a large and accessible supply of retirement income. And you'll need this money to come from many sources — one of which could be a fixed annuity.

Fixed annuities are not for all of the people all of the time. But, under the right circumstances, they could prove valuable to you.

Before we look at when a fixed annuity may be appropriate, let's see what it is. Basically, a fixed annuity is a contract with an insurance company. The insurer guarantees that it will pay you a minimum rate on your annuity for the duration of the contract - five, 10, 15 years or however long you choose. (The guarantee is backed by the claims-paying ability of the insurer.) Some companies may offer a "bonus" rate the first year, after which the rate drops off. But here's the key benefit: You pay no taxes on your earnings until you withdraw the money. Thus, a fixed annuity offers the same type of tax deferral as a 401(k) or a "traditional" IRA.

When it's time to take money out of your annuity, you can collect a lump sum or accept a series of payments, either for a fixed number of years or for life. Keep in mind, however, that a fixed annuity is designed for retirement. Consequently, most annuities have surrender charges, which means you will be penalized if you withdraw all or part of your money before the surrender period ends. Some fixed annuities let you withdraw a certain amount — such as 10 percent each year — without penalty. Whenever you withdraw money, you'll pay taxes on the accumulated earnings; if you're younger than 59 ½, you may also have to pay a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.

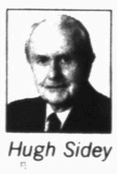
That, in a nutshell, is a fixed annuity. Is it right for you? It depends on your individual situation. In general, you may want to "max out" on your traditional or Roth IRA and your 401(k) before you invest in a fixed annuity. Why? For one thing, your IRA and 401(k) provide you with a wide range of investment options; you can choose the ones that best suit your risk tolerance and need for growth. Furthermore, IRAs and 401(k)s offer some features that you can't get in an annuity. For example, you can take out a loan from your 401(k) and pay yourself back on a repayment schedule that's convenient for you.

Once you have put all you can into your IRA and 401(k), and you still want to put more tax-deferred money away for retirement, then you might want to look more closely at a fixed annuity. Besides tax deferral, you'll get a couple of key advantages. First, you can put a lot of money into a fixed annuity; there are no contribution limits, unless the annuity is held within a qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or an IRA. And second, you'll know how much you're going to earn over the course of your contract. Finally, if you think your tax bracket will drop during your retirement years, you'll reap the full benefits of the annuity's tax deferral.

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Births

Terrie Sims of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter, Merissa Kay Sims, at 6:26 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Merissa weighed five pounds, three ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Donnie and Sara Sims of Big Spring and Eddie and Teresa McClain of Snyder.

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Joel and Amanda Cordero of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Joel Eugene Cordero Jr. Joel was born, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces, at 9:14 a.m. on Jan. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Eugene and Delia Cordero of Amarillo, Alicia Hermosillo of Hermleigh and Bug Baker of Amarillo are grandparents.

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Patsy Delacruz announces the birth of her daughter, Hilaria Guadalupe Gomez Hernandez, weighing seven pounds, 8½ ounces. Hilaria was born at 9:16 p.m. on Jan. 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital and is the granddaughter of Hilaria G. Ramos of Hermleigh.

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Nate Harmon McQueen was born at 3:27 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Nate weighed five pounds and four ounces. Parents are Leah and Marc McQueen of Midland.

Grandparents are Larry and Carolyn McCullough of Greenville and Roy and Bettie McQueen of Snyder. Maternal great-grandmother is Nancy Barnes of Greenville and paternal great-grandmothers are Thelma Harmon and Bertha McQueen, both of Snyder.

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FOURTH GRADE — Ira fourth graders who took part in UIL competition include (seated) Amber Baker, 2nd place spelling team, 3rd place number sense; Kyrstin Baker, 2nd place spelling team, alt., number sense; Kylor Fine, oral reading, 6th place music memory team, creative writing; Laramie Gilbert, alt. oral reading, 2nd place spelling team, 6th place art memory, team; Rebecca Jones, number sense, creative writing;(standing): Isaac Martin, 3rd place oral reading, 4th place creative writing, 6th place art memory team; Baily Nickerson, creative writing; Kellner Odom, 6th place oral reading, alt. spelling; Lupe Ornelas, number sense; J. P. Wilson, 6th place music memory team. (Contributed Photo)



FIFTH GRADE — Ira fifth graders in UIL competition included (seated) Colby Barrera, dictionary, spelling, listening skills; B. J. Botts, 6th place art memory team; Brodie Calley, number sense, maps, graphs, & charts; Olivia Juarez, creative writing, alt. spelling, dictionary; Rey Juarez, 6th place art memory team, listening skills, alt. creative writing; (standing) Brandon Lunsford, 6th place oral reading, dictionary, 6th place music memory team; John Martini, number sense, 6th place art memory team, creative writing, oral reading, maps, graphs, & charts; Evian Olvera, 6th place music memory team, spelling, creative writing; R.T. Shafer, number sense, 6th place art memory team, spelling, maps, graphs, & charts, alt. listening skills; Jessica Steelman, 6th place music memory team, alt. dictionary; Daniel Wooldridge, oral reading, listening skills, alt. number sense, alt. maps, graphs, & charts. (Contributed Photo)



SIXTH GRADE — Ira Sixth graders in UIL competition include (seated) Austin Calley, 6th place mathematics, maps, graphs, & charts, calculator, oral reading, alt. spelling, ready writing, dictionary; Jamie Dobbs, listening, alt. calculator, alt. spelling, alt. mathematics; Rance Dunn, calculator; Leeja Mauldin, maps, graphs, & charts, oral reading, alt. number sense, ready writing; Shandy McMullen, 6th place dictionary, maps, graphs, & charts, calculator, spelling, listening, ready writing; (standing) Tanner Price, mathematics, number sense; Brandon Ramirez, number sense; Seth Sanchez, dictionary, spelling, oral reading, alt. maps, graphs, & charts; Heather Steelman, listening; Ashley Trotter, spelling, mathematics, number sense, alt. ready writing. (Contributed Photo)

Wedding episode last for NBC's 'Providence'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fate of "Providence" no longer hangs in the balance — the NBC series is officially canceled.

The two-hour wedding episode that aired last month was the series' swan song, NBC Entertainment President Jeff Zucker said Friday.

"I want to thank the entire cast of that show, and in particular (star) Melina Kanakaredes, for four great years," Zucker said.

The executive had wavered about "Providence," a family drama in which Kanakaredes played a physician. He decided in October to cancel the series, which had slipped among younger viewers, but said a month later he was reconsidering the move.

"I'm not afraid to admit I may have made a mistake, and we'll see," Zucker said then.

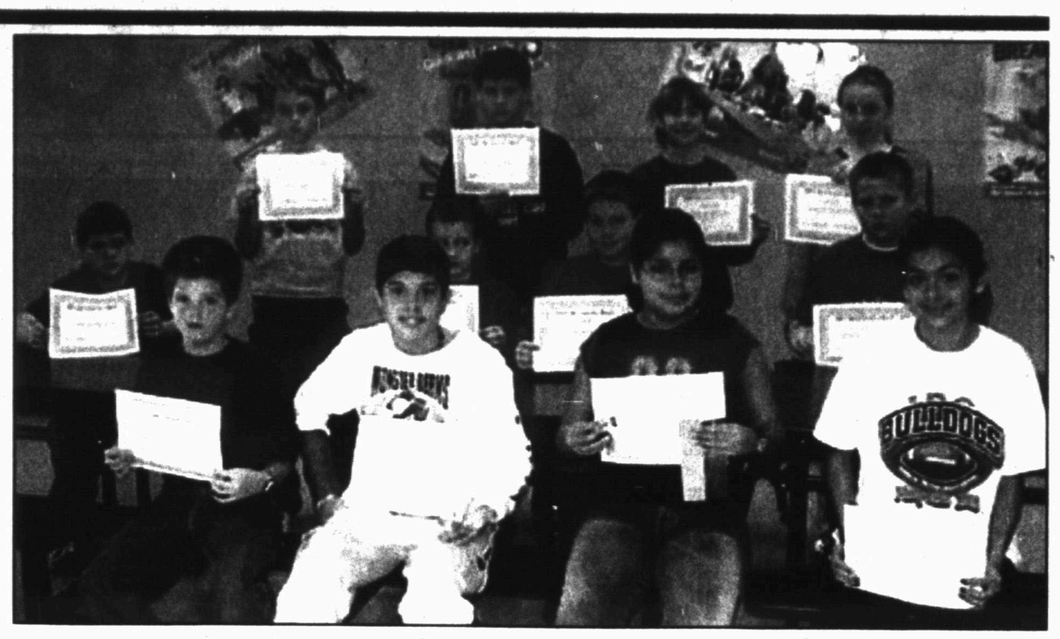
But keeping the series wasn't the right move, he said Friday. The time slot it held could be used to launch a fresh drama with growth potential.

"Given that we're not going to have many places to put on new dramas, it made sense to end 'Providence' now," Zucker said. "But I tell you that we looked at it very closely."

Queen Elizabeth recovering from surgery

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II has canceled a public engagement at the end of January as she continues to recover from a knee operation, Buckingham Palace said.

The 76-year-old monarch had been due to attend a service at Chelmsford Cathedral, northeast of London, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of flooding in the region, followed by lunch with local officials.



SEVENTH GRADE — Ira seventh graders who competed in UIL competition include (front seated) Mark Barnes, impromptu speaking, spelling, science, alt. oral reading; Justin Jones, 3rd place impromptu speaking, oral reading, spelling, alt. maps, graphs, & charts Laura Juarez, 4th place ready writing, 5th place spelling, 3rd place dictionary, mathematics, calculator, Maps, Graphs, & Charts, number sense; Rebecca Juarez, impromptu speaking, listening, number sense, dictionary, mathematics; (middle seated) Tony Martini, oral reading; Colby McMullen, 3rd place listening Kendyll Pilcher, science, alt.; listening Chris Richards, calculator' Jimmie Schooler, Science, calculator Gil Shafer, mathematics, alt. spelling, alt. number sense; Jordan Smith, number sense, maps, graphs, & charts, alt. calculator; Kaci Waller, 2nd place ready writingence, alt.; listening Chris Richards, calculator' Jimmie Schooler, Science, calculator Gil Shafer, mathematics, alt. spelling, alt. number sense; Jordan Smith, number sense, maps, graphs, & charts, alt. calculator; Kaci Waller, 2nd place ready writing

Anti-Islamic words endanger missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A group of Southern Baptist missionaries working in Muslim countries has asked the U.S. leaders of their denomination to tone down their harsh criticism of Islam for safety reasons.

The missionaries said denigrating Islam puts them at risk as they work to spread Christianity under dangerous conditions overseas.

On Dec. 30, a suspected Islamic militant killed three workers at a Southern Baptist hospital in Yemen — the latest in a series of attacks over the last year on American religious workers abroad.

"We are not sure if you are aware of the ramifications that comments that malign Islam and Muhammad have — not only on the message of the gospel but also upon the lives of our families as we are living in the midst of already tense times," the missionaries said in the Jan. 10 letter.

The statement was signed by "a group of Southern Baptists serving in the Muslim world," who did not give their names. The two dozen missionaries were from 10 countries in the Mideast, North Africa, East Africa and South Asia.

Several Southern Baptist leaders have condemned Islam since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The Rev. Jerry Vines, a former Southern Baptist president, has called the Prophet Muhammad a "demon-possessed pedophile." The Rev. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, called Islam "a very evil and wicked religion."

The Rev. Jerry Falwell has said the religion promotes violence. His remark sparked rioting in India that led to confrontations between Muslims and Hindus which left five people dead. Falwell later apologized.

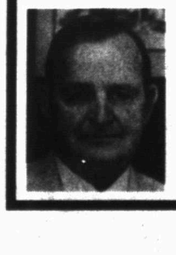
The missionaries work under the auspices of the Southern Baptist's International Mission Board in Richmond, which has about 5,500 missionaries around the world.

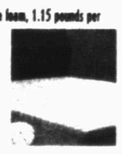
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SPORTS



MAKE WAY — Snyder guard Marcus Villarreal glides around Lamesa post player Michael Matlock in the third quarter of Friday's game. The Tigers took care of Lamesa, 56-41, to get right back into the district 3-3A mix. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers top Tors, 56-41

Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

After two games of falling behind early and rallying late, the Snyder Tigers came out Friday against Lamesa determined to stay close.

Instead, they roared out to 20-4 first quarter lead on their way to a 56-41 whipping of Lamesa.

Colby Driggers hit three field goals, and Marcus Villarreal nailed a three-pointer, as the Tigers (10-14, 1-2) opened up the game with a 13-0 run.

"We executed our offense in the first quarter as well as we have all year," said head coach Bud Birks. "We are back in the (district) race."

While the Tigers were red-hot to start the game, Lamesa (10-14, 0-3) was cold from the start.

The Golden Tors did not get on the scoreboard until six minutes into the game, and made just two shots in the opening stanza.

"We played good, solid defense," Birks said. "We forced them to take tough shots."

Snyder had one of its most productive days from the charity stripe, converting at a 61 percent clip, while Lamesa hit for 53 percent.

Snyder led by a wide margin from the start, never allowing Lamesa to get any closer than 10 points, and Birks used his reserves generously throughout.

"The guys off the bench keep up the defensive intensity," he said. "Or sometimes they will pick it up."

The Tigers got 15 points from Josh Mendoza and 14 from Lee Scott.

Scott and Mendoza were both four-of-six from the free throw line in the final quarter to keep any Lamesa comeback bid at bay as the contest became harried at the end.

"They (Lamesa) battled back," Birks said. "We were trying to protect the lead and things got helter-skelter. It's human nature to want to not make mistakes. But in the end, we stayed cool and we did a lot of good things."

Villarreal got the starting nod, and scored nine points. Driggers used his blazing first quarter barrage to post eight points on the night.

The win gives the Tigers a boost of confidence heading into Tuesday's showdown with Denver City. After that game, the Tigers will get a chance to avenge their district opening loss to the Mustangs when they travel to Sweetwater Friday.

"When we play well, we can play with everybody," Birks said.

Lamesa	**4**	**7**	**13**	**17—41**
Snyder	**20**	**13**	**5**	**18—56**

Lamesa —Hill 1 1-2 3, Hunter 1 2-2 5, Kilgore 2 1-1 5, Morales 1 0-0 2, Wesson 3 1-3 8, Sambrano 1 1-2 3, Miers 6 3-7 15. **Totals 15 9-17 41.**
Snyder — McGaha 1 0-0 2, Jones 2 2-4 6, Driggers 4 0-0 8, Villarreal 4 0-0 9, Scott 4 4-6 14, Mendoza 5 5-8 15, Early 1 0-0 2. **Totals 21 11-18 56.**
Three-point goals: Lamesa 2 (Hunter, Wesson), Snyder 3 (Villarreal, Scott 2).

Cards struggle early;Lady Cards start slow in defeat

The Hermleigh Cardinals got points from every starter Friday, but fell shy against Highland, 65-33.

Terrel Culp and Joseph Yruegas each banked in eight points, while Dustin and Justin Williamson contributed seven apiece.

Jonathan McClure rounded out the scoring with three points.

Hermleigh was forced to play catch up after falling behind 19-6 in the first quarter, but managed to score 13 in the second period.

"Once we can sustain our play things will start happening," head coach Don Jones said. "We are still in the learning process."

The Cardinals will travel to Loraine Tuesday for an 8 p.m. showdown with the Bulldogs.

Highland bombarded the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals in the first half Friday, turning a 30-11 halftime edge into a 47-14 win.

Alana Culp and Misty McClure each notched six points for Hermleigh, and Brittainy Jones added two points for the Lady Cardinals.

The team will travel to Loraine Tuesday.

Lamesa takes advantage of Snyder shooting woes

Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Close didn't count for the Lady Tigers Friday.

Snyder's shooting started out frosty and stayed that way in a 40-36 defeat to Lamesa (13-11, 4-1) that set the team to the bottom of the district standings.

"We didn't shoot well," assistant Stephanie McKnight said. "We didn't hit inside shots, outside shots, or free throws."

Snyder (16-9, 1-4) was just 10 of 44 from the field, and missed several lay ups and open shots that could have altered the flow of the game.

Things got off to a slow beginning, as both teams struggled to find the bucket in a 6-4 first quarter. Zipporah Peoples, who finished with nine points, scored both first period baskets for the Lady Tigers.

Both squads picked up the pace with 13 points in the second period, as Erin Burleson drained a long three-point attempt, and converted two of three free throw attempts after being fouled on a shot from behind the arc.

Sequoya Powell's rebound and put-back in the third quarter tied the game at 24 heading into the fourth.

The Lady Golden Tors proved to be more accurate in the final stanza, popping eight of 13 free throw attempts and draining four field goals.

The Lady Tigers were eight of 10 from the line in the fourth, but only Burleson and Hailey Putnam converted from the field in the last three minutes of the game.

The Lady Tigers find themselves looking up at the rest of district after five games, and face a crucial set of contests next week.

The Lady Tigers will host Denver City Tuesday and will travel to Sweetwater Friday, with both games scheduled for a 6:30 p.m. start.

"We have to win to stay in the playoff picture," McKnight said.

Lamesa	**6**	**13**	**5**	**16—40**
Snyder	**4**	**13**	**7**	**12—36**

Lamesa — Harris 3 2-2 10, Meador 3 7-9 13, Hunter 1 0-0 3, Castro 2 1-4 5, Barrington 1 0-0 3, Barron 1 0-0 2, Reeves 1 0-0 2, Barrington 1 0-0 2. **Totals 13 10-15 40.**
Snyder — Burleson 2 2-3 7, Putnam 2 0-0 4, Peoples 3 3-8 9, Medrano 1 3-5 5, Powell 1 9-12 11. **Totals 9 17-28 36.**
Three-point goals: Lamesa 4 (Harris 2, Hunter, Barrington), Snyder 1 (Burleson).

Coyotes top inconsistent Bulldogs in district game

GAIL — The Ira Bulldogs dropped a hotly-contested game at Borden County Friday, 47-42, in a game that will put pressure on Ira (12-9, 2-3) in the playoff hunt.

"We still control our own destiny," said head coach Randy Jones. "We need to win our last five games, but if we beat Grady we should be fine."

Ira used 19 fourth quarter points to pull within two points with 18 seconds left, but Borden County made all its free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"We played hard and played well in the fourth quarter," Jones said. "We just have to do it for four quarters."

Jones said the team was hesitant to shoot in the third quarter, adding that he feels the players may be thinking too much.

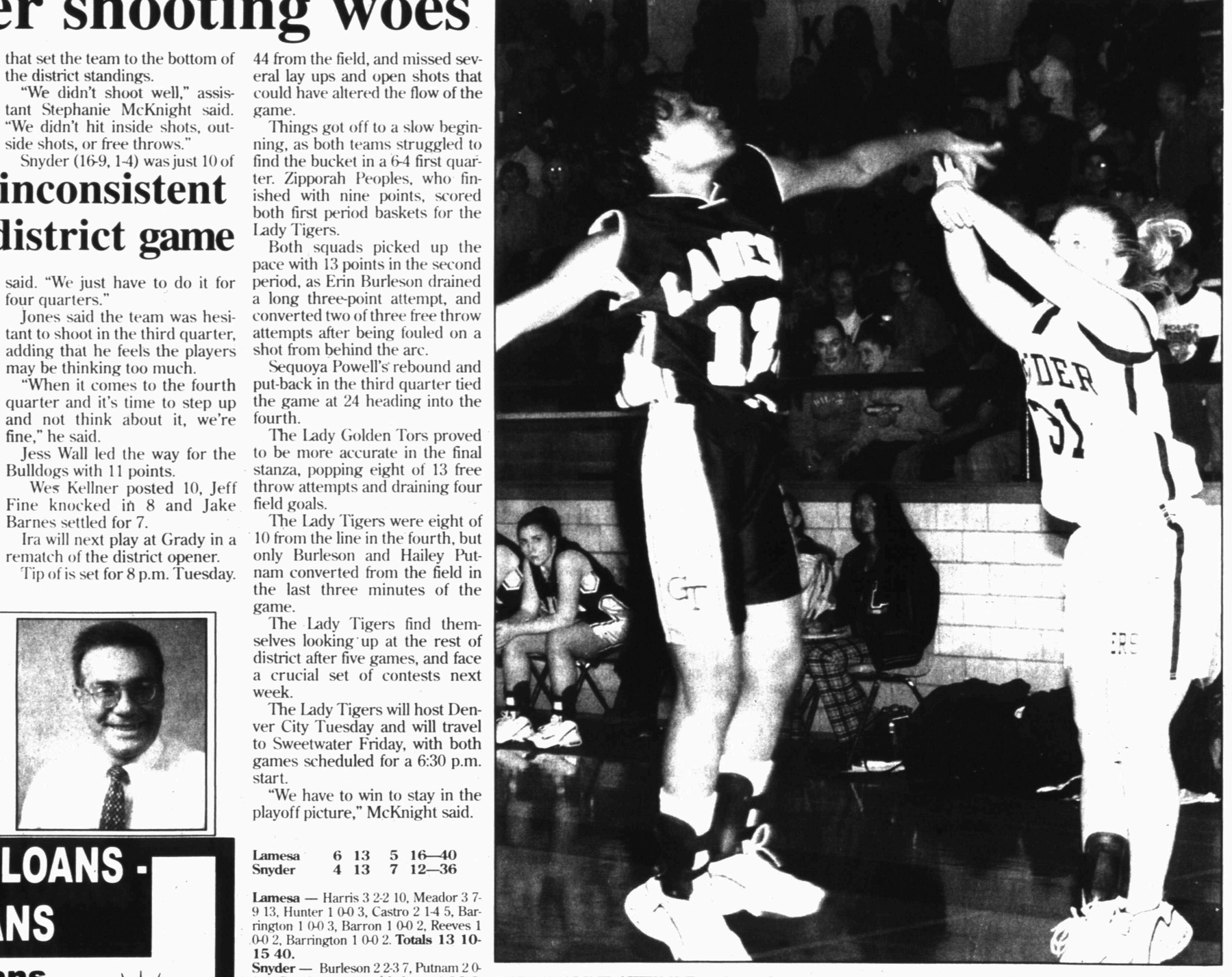
"When it comes to the fourth quarter and it's time to step up and not think about it, we're fine," he said.

Jess Wall led the way for the Bulldogs with 11 points.

Wes Kellner posted 10, Jeff Fine knocked in 8 and Jake Barnes settled for 7.

Ira will next play at Grady in a rematch of the district opener.

Tip of is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday.



THREE POINT ATTEMPT — Dara Chambers puts up a long range bomb during the second quarter of Friday's district tilt against Lamesa. The Lady Tigers were foiled by poor shooting in the 40-36 loss. The defeat means the team must win both games next week to get back into the District 3-3A race. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS



UNDER PRESSURE — Michelle Nettles works her way up the court against Borden County's press coverage Friday. Nettles nailed two free throws to send the game into overtime. Ira won, 47-45, and is tied for first place with the Lady Coyotes. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Ira girls in first place in 7-A

GAIL — The Ira Lady Bulldogs went to eleventh-ranked Borden County Friday looking to keep pace in district play.

They left in first place.

Amanda Calley drained a three-pointer with six seconds left in overtime to give the Lady Bulldogs a 47-45 come-from-behind victory and a tie with the Lady Coyotes for first place.

"It was a big, big win for us. Borden County is a complete team," said head coach Brent Parr. "It's almost impossible to go there and get a win."

Ira (20-5, 4-1) made a concerted effort to slow down the tempo of the game and force the Lady Coyotes (16-8, 4-1) to run a half court offense.

Parr said the squad did a good job against Borden County's formidable press defense.

"We did a good job of bringing the down without turning it over," he said.

The Lady Bulldogs lost leading scorer Celeigh Sterling with three minutes left in the half to a hyperextended knee, and trailed by seven points heading into the locker room.

Sterling had her knee wrapped and returned to play the entire second half and overtime.

"She really gutted it out," Parr said. "That says a lot about her."

Sterling and Lindsey Wilson paced the Lady Bulldogs with 17 points each, but it was other players that made the crucial buckets in critical moments.

Before Calley had her chance at last-second heroics, Michelle Nettles tied the game at the end of regulation with a pair of clutch free throws.

Parr said the team rebounded well down the stretch, as Borden County missed several key free throw attempts.

The Lady Coyotes led by three at one point in overtime, but Parr said his team demonstrated its resiliency.

"The girls never gave up and kept plugging away," he said. "The kids stepped up and made plays."

The win puts Ira in the driver's seat of District 7-A, but Parr said the team must continue to play well if it is to have a chance to claim the district crown.

"Every team in this district is a good team," he said. Every game is going to be tough."

Ira travels to Grady Tuesday, with a 6:30 p.m. tip off slated.

Mavs dropped second straight

PHOENIX (AP) — Led by Stephon Marbury's spectacular performance, the Phoenix Suns rallied to beat the Dallas Mavericks 111-106 on Friday night, their 11th home victory in a row.

Marbury had 41 points and 11 assists, and committed no turnovers in 46 minutes as Phoenix joined Dallas and New Jersey as the only teams to win at least 18 games at home.

Phoenix, one of the NBA's biggest surprises, has beaten division leaders New Jersey, Indiana and Sacramento while compiling an 18-3 home mark.

Marbury has averaged more than 30 points in his last six games, and this was his best yet.

"That was awesome," Suns coach Frank Johnson said. "Certainly just an amazing performance. When it just looked as though we had no energy, no life, he put life into every last one of us."

The Suns hit 10-of-19 3-pointers — 4-of-6 by Marbury — to win their 11th straight at home. It's their longest winning streak since March 2000.

Dallas, coming off a 123-94 loss at Sacramento on Wednesday night, has lost two in a row for the first time this season.

'Meet the Tigers' to feature 1983 state champions

Former major league player and Texas Rangers pitching coach Larry Hardy will speak at the baseball booster club's "Meet the Tigers" evening next Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The event is scheduled to get underway around 4 p.m., with a hamburger supper being served at 5 o'clock.

There is no entry fee to attend, and the supper is $5.

Head baseball coach Charles Bollinger said there will be plenty of activities for everyone, including cow chip bingo with a $6,000 cash prize. Bingo cost is $10 per square.

"We invite the community to come out," he said. "We will have a radar gun so people can see how hard they throw."

Also featured at the event will be the 20th-anniversary reunion of the 1983 state champion Tigers, and the presence of Texas baseball Hall of Fame coach Albert Lewis.

Assistant coach Reagan Key said the booster club is responsible for putting everything together.

"They have been awesome," he said. "Larry Price has done a lot, and all the proceeds will benefit the program."

Part of those proceeds will go to squaring away the practice field at the high school.

"Meet the Tigers" also marks the beginning of spring, with baseball practice starting two days later on Jan. 27.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the film room. Final preparations are being made for the Jan. 25 "Meet the Tigers" night at Scurry County Coliseum.

Football banquet

All high school football players and their parents are invited to the football banquet. The banquet was scheduled to be held Saturday at the First Baptist Family Life Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the high school or at the door.

Maddux asks for $16 million

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux asked for $16 million, short of Derek Jeter's record request two years ago but still a $2.9 million raise over his salary last season.

The Braves countered with an offer of $13.5 million, which would basically keep Maddux's salary on par with the $13.1 million he made in 2002. The $2.5 million gap is the largest between any team and player.

Cards avoid arbitration with Drew

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals outfielder J.D. Drew agreed to a one-year, $3.7 million deal, ensuring the team will not have to go to salary arbitration with any of its players this year.

Webber faces conspiracy charges

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Webber faces additional charges on accusations he lied to a grand jury about his dealings with a Michigan basketball booster.

The new indictment charges the Sacramento Kings star, his father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson with nine counts, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and perjury.

They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-booster Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave $616,000 to Webber and three other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family $280,000.

Canadiens fire coach

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens fired coach Michel Therrien after hockey's most storied franchise won just two of its last 12 games.

He was replaced by Claude Julien, coach of the Canadiens' AHL affiliate. Therrien succeeded Alain Vigneault as coach in November 2000.

Ming's dunk gives Rockets OT victory over Shaq, LA

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming made it clear early that he belonged on the same court with Shaquille O'Neal.

And the 7-foot-6 Chinese rookie was there at the end to score the biggest basket of the game.

In one of the most hyped matchups of the season, Yao blocked O'Neal's first three shots, altered Kobe Bryant's attempt at the end of regulation and dunked with 10.2 seconds left as Houston beat the Los Angeles Lakers 108-104 in overtime Friday night.

Yao's big start didn't last very long. He faded in the mid-portion of the game but he came back in the closing minutes to help the Rockets pull out the overtime victory. O'Neal outscored his young rival and also gained Yao's respect.

"He's like a truck," Yao said, happy to have his first game against O'Neal over. "I felt like I was under water for a long time and now I could finally breathe."

O'Neal, finished with the better statistical line — 31 points, 13 rebounds and four assists to Yao's 10 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks.

"At the beginning, I told myself I'd do my best because he is one of the most important parts of the Lakers," Yao said. "I don't know how to describe it because I've never encountered someone that strong."

The Yao-Shaq battle was almost overshadowed by the exciting game and by Steve Francis, who scored a career-high 44 points and turned a broken play into the biggest play of the game when he passed to Yao for a dunk with 10.2 left in overtime for a 104-100 lead.

"He's a classy guy," O'Neal said of Yao. "I was looking forward to playing him. He's a great player. It's another challenge for me."

Cuttino Mobley added 29 for Houston and for the Lakers, Kobe Bryant shot just 5-for-21 and finished with 22 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

A sellout crowd of 16,285 delighted at the start when Yao made three of his first four shots, missed his next seven — all of them turnarounds and fadeaways, and made his last one — the dunk that gave Houston a 104-100 lead.

Francis hit one of his six 3-point baskets with 13 seconds left in regulation play for a 92-92 tie.

O'Neal scored the Lakers' first six points of overtime, all of them with impressive power moves against Yao. The final one was a dunk with 1:27 left that cut Houston's lead to 99-98.

O'Neal then committed a flagrant foul against Francis, and coach Phil Jackson got a technical for arguing. The three free throws made it 102-98. Yao was called for a foul trying to block Robert Horry's dunk attempt with 33.6 seconds remaining, and the two free throws made it a two-point game.

For all of his scoring, Francis' pass to Yao was also a big contribution to the victory.

"It was a broken play, like a quarterback scrambling," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Everyone was running at Steve and it was like he was about to be sacked. Then he broke through to Yao. Touchdown."

Yao and O'Neal exchanged handshakes and a brief hug as they walked off the court.

Prior to the opening tip, O'Neal walked up to Yao and said something into his ear, drawing a smile and a nod from Yao. The Rockets usually have Eddie Griffin jump

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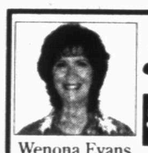
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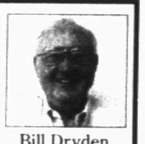
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Scurry Community Services has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The award is in the amount of $6,655 and will be used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The funds have previously been distributed through Scurry Community Services programs at Snyder Day Care Center.

The selection of Scurry Community Services was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA). The Board consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of Churches of Christ, and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of volunteers from the community will determine how the funds awarded to Scurry Community Services are to be distributed among participating service agencies. The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are invited to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact the Local Board chair, Shirley Fritz at 573-6679 for an application. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2003.

SECTION 00020

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Patricia Claxton, Director of Fiscal Services – Western Texas College will be received for construction of Sitework and Grading Improvements. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and reviewed by the Director of Fiscal Services for award at a later date.

Closing date: February 10th, 2:00 p.m.
Business Office
Western Texas College
6200 College Ave.
Snyder, TX 79549

The project "Sitework and Grading Improvements" includes furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence and labor for the following:

Rough grading for the construction of a baseball and softball field near the intersection of Dorm Drive and College Avenue on the Western Texas College Campus. Rough grading and fine grading shall include:

- Approximately 600 cubic yards of cut and 6,500 cubic yards of fill at the baseball field.
- Approximately 200 cubic yards of cut and 2,500 cubic yards of fill at the softball field.
- Approximately 25,000 square yards of fine grading at the baseball field.
- Approximately 10,000 square yards of fine grading at the softball field.
- **The Owner will be responsible for providing all fill and topsoil material.**

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the Western Texas College, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than $25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the Director of Fiscal Services, Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the Business Office, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549, for a price of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, (of each set of documents), in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Phone inquiries may be addressed to Patricia Claxton, (915) 573-8511 or by fax (915) 573-9321.

Western Texas College reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by Western Texas College for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigation of the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Attention is called to the provisions of Article No. 5159A Construction of Public Works in State and Municipal or Political Subdivisions; Prevailing Wage Rate to be Maintained, concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing rates of wages as established by the Owner. Said scale of prevailing minimum rates of wages is set forth in the specifications.

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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How SAMe works against depression

Dear Dr. Blonz: I was wondering how you felt about SAMe, a new natural drug for depression. Do you think that it really works? What exactly does it do to help with depression? — **M.Q., Lincoln, Neb.**

Dear M.Q.: SAMe (pronounced "sammy") is not really a drug. Rather, it is a compound that is made in the body and is present in just about every living cell.

To better understand how SAMe might be of use as an antidepressant, it helps to know that the cells in the body are constantly being built and replaced. There is a chemical "construction crew" that helps take apart old cells and make new ones. In addition to dealing with structural elements, that construction crew also plays a role in manufacturing the chemical compounds that control the normal functioning of the body. SAMe, along with some essential nutrients, is a member of that crew.

Folic acid is a key ingredient in the body's construction shuttle service, which moves the single carbon "bricks" from one compound to another. Vitamin B12 is there as well, along with methionine, an essential amino acid. Before methionine can participate, however, it needs to be changed into S-adenosyl methionine, also known as SAMe.

The regeneration of nerve cells and the synthesis of brain chemicals called neurotransmitters also require SAMe. Given that, it is not surprising that having an adequate level of SAMe has been associated with good mental health. The body normally makes all the SAMe it needs. In some cases, however, the process seems to get bogged down.

Low SAMe levels in the cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) have been found in psychiatric and neurological disorders, and low levels in the blood are associated with mood disorders. However — and this is important — it is unclear whether the low SAMe levels are a cause or a result of these problems.

Nevertheless, studies seem to affirm that taking SAMe can be of assistance. One small study at the University of California at Irvine found a direct correlation between the level of SAMe in the blood and the degree of clinical improvement in depressed patients. Another study at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center reported that SAMe was an effective antidepressant. A sophisticated review of existing research evidence, referred to as a meta analysis, was conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. They found that the effects from SAMe were comparable to those achieved with other, conventional antidepressant drugs. (A summary of the results can be found online at www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcsums/samesum.htm.)

Other good news is that SAMe is relatively nontoxic. Children, pregnant or nursing mothers, and patients taking prescription medications, however, should consult their physician before taking SAMe. As a general rule, if you suffer from depression, it makes sense to discuss the situation with your physician. There are many factors that can give rise to depression, many of which are correctable. The last thing you want to do is to mask the symptoms of a problem that needs your attention.

Finally, if you are considering taking SAMe, be sure that you have the recommended intake of folic acid, vitamin B-12 and vitamin B-6. These compounds are all a part of the single-carbon construction crew, and they need to be around when SAMe is on the scene.

Dear Dr. Blonz: Is there an interaction between calcium channel blockers and calcium supplements? If so, how do you manage osteoporosis if you're on calcium channel blockers? — **U.P., Kankakee, Ill.**

Dear U.P.: Although calcium is involved in both situations, there are important differences. Calcium channel blockers are often prescribed for hypertension (high blood pressure) because they prevent the contraction of certain smooth muscles that surround the blood vessels. For the muscle around the vessel to contract, a small amount of calcium has to pass through a channel in the membrane (outer skin) of the muscle. Calcium channel blockers are so-named because they slow the movement of calcium through these channels and thereby keep the blood vessels relaxed. There is little connection between the calcium in your diet and the ability of a calcium channel blocker to do its job.

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

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CASE NUMBER: 179920

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ALLEN MICHAEL SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Allen Michael Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Allen Michael Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is June 11, 1996. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

Done this 10th day of January, 2003.

Alan L. King, Judge of Probate

John S. Somerset
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CASE NUMBER: 179921

Publication on Adoption
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

JONATHAN KEITH SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Jonathan Keith Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Jonathan Keith Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is November 21, 1997. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

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CASE NUMBER: 179922

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ASHLEY JO SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Ashley Jo Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Ashley Jo Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is May 30, 1999. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

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Few details emerge in case of vanished bacteria

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University officials are trying to figure out why a renowned researcher would lie to authorities about plague bacteria that was believed to be missing, an incident that sparked a bioterrorism scare.

"That remains a mystery to most of us, what his motive might have been," Glen Provost, vice president of health safety at Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, said Friday. "I just can't figure it out."

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, 61, who remained jailed without bond Friday, was arrested late Wednesday after admitting he had accidentally destroyed the 30 vials, according to court documents.

Earlier, Butler told supervisors and authorities that he had noticed the vials missing from his lab.

A woman who answered the phone at Butler's residence said the family declined to comment.

Federal agents searched Butler's home late Friday. They removed computers and computer disks belonging to Butler, his wife and two children, said Floyd Holder, Butler's attorney.

According to the search warrant, they also were looking for financial records, records concerning Butler's travel inside and outside the United States since 2001 and documents "or other evidence of importation, transportation, shipment and/or possession of biological and chemical" agents.

"I think we would probably call it a fishing expedition," Holder said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker declined to comment.

According to a Texas Tech Police report made Tuesday, Butler initially believed the plague samples had been stolen.

Butler told police that on Jan. 1 he had 30 test tubes in a rack on a table in his laboratory. On the morning of Jan. 11, "(Butler) discovered that person(s) had taken the test tubes from the rack," and that Butler had no suspects, the report states.

The lab is locked at all times but Butler is not the only one with access, the report states.

Earlier in the day Holder said he doesn't know if there is a motive. Butler will plead innocent to a charge of making a false statement to a federal agent, Holder said. The charge carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine if he is convicted.

"Basically, everybody assumes that this is all a hoax," Holder said. "I don't think so."

In a statement to FBI agents after signing a written waiver of his Miranda rights, Butler wrote: "I made a misjudgment by not telling (the supervisor) that the plague bacteria had been accidentally destroyed earlier rather than erroneously first found missing."

He said he didn't realize his story would result in "such an extensive investigation," according to court documents.

Butler, who was chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at Tech's medical school, has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in the field.

Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which must be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and the government.

The university has placed Butler on paid leave, changed the locks on his laboratory, blocked him from computer access and barred him from campus.

Provost said he wonders why Butler would risk his career and reputation by his actions.

"A lot of people are obviously wondering that as well," he said.

A detention and a preliminary hearing for Butler was scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the courtroom of federal Magistrate Nancy Koenig.

The report of missing vials triggered a terrorism-alert plan and showed how jittery Americans are over the threat of a biological attack, as dozens of federal agents converged on Lubbock and reports of the missing bacteria became instant national news.

The public did not learn of the report of missing vials until early Wednesday but hospitals and medical personnel were notified Tuesday as part of the city's post-Sept. 11 emergency plan.

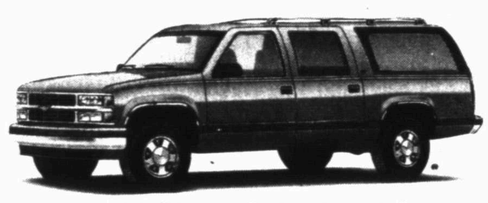
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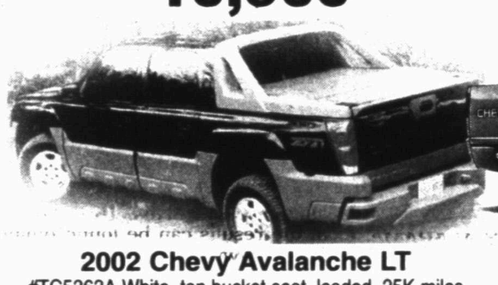
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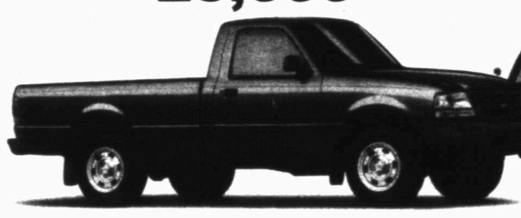
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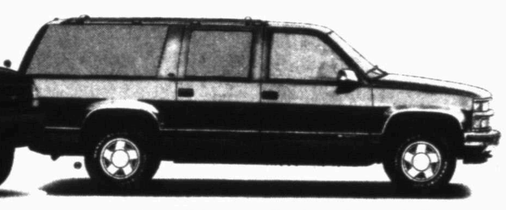
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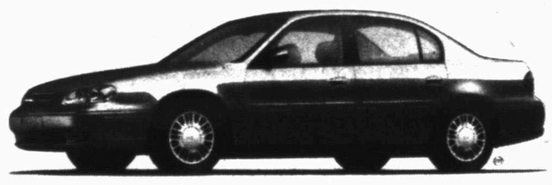
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U.S. pilot was under orders to hold fire

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — The U.S. pilot who mistakenly dropped a 500-pound bomb on Canadian troops in Afghanistan was under orders to hold fire when the deadly attack was launched, a fellow airman said.

However, Maj. John Milton also testified Friday "hold fire" orders do not apply when pilots believe they are under attack.

The testimony came on the fourth day of a military hearing to determine whether two members of his Illinois National Guard squadron should be court-martialed. Majs. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach are charged with involuntary manslaughter and could face up to 64 years in a military prison if convicted.

The hearing was to resume Saturday. It is expected to conclude Jan. 24.

The Air Force has charged the U.S. pilots were reckless in releasing the 500-pound bomb before making sure the area in southern Afghanistan was clear of allies.

Defense lawyers say a massive communications glitch caused the incident: Schmidt and Umbach weren't told the Canadians would be holding a live-ammunition exercise, so the pilots attacked when they spotted threatening ground fire.

On Friday, an audio tape and videotape of the accident, taken from Schmidt's F-16 — a key piece of evidence during the hearing — was played again.

On it, a flight controller is heard saying "hold fire" after Schmidt requests permission to fire his 20 millimeter cannons. Schmidt had spotted ground fire and thought Umbach was under attack.

Milton said the order meant Schmidt must refrain from attacking.

Four seconds later, Schmidt said he was "rolling in" to drop the guided bomb. Thirty-nine seconds later, the bomb was dropped, killing Canadian infantrymen Sgt. Marc Leger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pvt. Richard Green and Pvt. Nathan Smith.

The blast also wounded eight other Canadians who had been performing anti-tank exercises with live ammunition.

Family says missing woman's husband lied to them, urges him to cooperate

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Family support for the husband of a missing pregnant woman waned after police told his in-laws he had been involved with another woman shortly before his wife's disappearance, a spokeswoman said.

The family of Laci Peterson, 27, said Friday they believe her husband, Scott Peterson, has lied to them and asked him to cooperate with police.

"The family is asking him to tell everything he knows and to fully cooperate with the Modesto Police Department," family spokeswoman Kim Petersen said. "Their family is the most important thing to them and if Scott has nothing to hide, they ask him to prove that."

Petersen said police have shown the family recent photographs of Scott Peterson with a girlfriend. The husband had previously denied such a relationship, the family said.

Laci Peterson has been missing since Christmas Eve and was expecting to deliver a baby boy Feb. 10. Her family had planned a baby shower for Saturday. Instead of celebrating, family and friends gathered to post flyers.

Her husband told investigators he went fishing at the Berkeley Marina on Christmas Eve morning. Modesto police repeatedly searched the waters of the marina but found no sign of the missing woman.

"Today we continue to investigate leads and search areas surrounding Stanislaus County. Those locations will not be revealed at this time," Modesto police Friday said in a statement.

Police have not labeled Scott Peterson as a suspect.

"The family knows that the police are doing their job," Petersen said. "They don't want to do anything that can hurt their chances of finding Laci."

Petersen, executive director of the Carole Sund-Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation, which is sponsoring a reward for Laci Peterson's safe return, said the Modesto volunteer center closed Thursday.

Volunteers also canceled plans to open a one-day center in Los Angeles on Sunday.

"Although Laci has not been located yet, our search effort will not stop," said Brad Saltzman, general manager of the Red Lion Hotel in Modesto, who had been organizing the volunteer centers. "We will continue to search for Laci and her baby boy."

S. Korean president-elect says U.S. mulled attack on 'North'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — High-level U.S. officials last month discussed the possibility of attacking North Korea because of its nuclear activities but later decided to seek a peaceful solution, South Korea's president-elect said Saturday.

The remarks by Roh Moo-hyun, who was elected Dec. 19, shed light on an alleged debate within the U.S. government over how to deal with the communist North after it declared it would reactivate old nuclear facilities capable of making bombs.

"At the time of the elections, some U.S. officials, who held considerable responsibility in the administration, talked about the possibility of attacking North Korea," Roh told a panel of university professors on Korean television.

Roh's comments came a day after Washington emphasized it has no plans to invade North Korea and was willing to put that guarantee in writing — a step forward but still short of the formal nonaggression treaty Pyongyang wants.

Speaking to Japanese reporters, a senior U.S. official said Friday there was "no possibility" at present for a nonaggression pact: Congress would never agree to one, given that North Korea reneged on a 1994 agreement to give up its nuclear weapons program.

But Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage stressed that Washington did not want to attack North Korea and had no desire to meddle in its domestic politics.

"The president has no hostile intentions and no plans to invade. That's an indication that North Korea can have the regime that they want to have," he said.

Olympic, Shell agree to increase oversight after deadly explosion

SEATTLE (AP) — Olympic Pipe Line and Shell Pipeline have signed a federal consent decree requiring them to sharply increase inspections as part of a settlement stemming from a 1999 blast that killed three people.

The agreement, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, is based on a criminal plea deal and settlement reached late last year by the companies, federal prosecutors, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state.

EPA Region 10 Administrator L. John Iani said people and the environment will be better protected by the companies' "significant pipeline spill-prevention upgrades."

Shell is a partner in the Olympic pipeline that ruptured June 10, 1999, spilling more than 225,000 gallons of gasoline into creeks running through a Bellingham park. Liam Wood, 18, died after being overcome by fumes. Stephen Tsiorvas and Wade King died after being burned when the fuel ignited in a giant fireball.

Shell's part of the plea increases inspections of 2,139 miles of four pipelines in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Illinois and Ohio. Olympic would boost inspections on its 400-mile system between the Bellingham area and Portland, Ore.

Deputies arrest man on felony warrant for credit card abuse

Arrest

Deputies arrested Joshua Arnold, 19, of 5863 W. Hwy 180 at 12:13 p.m. Friday on a felony warrant for credit card abuse.

Officers took a 40-year-old man into custody in the 900 block of College Ave. early Saturday for misdemeanor DWI and two outstanding warrants.

A 56-year-old man was taken into custody at 1:30 a.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Ave. U for assault.

Family violence

A girl called police at 1:30 a.m. Saturday and reported her mom and dad fighting. Officers responded to the residence and advised a report for assault, family violence would be submitted.

Shoplifters

An employee at United requested officers there at 4:13 p.m. Friday after observing two juvenile females shoplifting. The girls paid for the items and were issued warnings not to return to the store.

Criminal mischief

A man reported damage to several mail boxes in the 200 block of 31st Street Friday afternoon, but requested no report.

Criminal trespass

A woman requested that officers check on her daughter in reference to problems with her husband. She also requested a criminal trespass warning for him to stay away from the residence.

Local banks to close for MLK

Monday's federal holiday in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King will see local banks being closed.

There will be no home delivery of mail, but mail will be placed in the postal boxes.

City and county government will be conducted as normal. All schools will also be open.

Obituaries

James Walser

1920-2003

NOCONA — James "Leonard" Walser, brother of Bonnie Weaver of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 16, at Nocona General Hospital.

Service for Mr. Walser, 82, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church in Nocona. Lamoin Champ and Scott Moore were to officiate. Interment was to follow in the Nocona Cemetery under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home.

Born March 7, 1920 in Montague, he married Lela Fern Skinner and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a bulk materials supervisor for Halliburton for 32 years. Mr. Walser was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Two sons, Ernest Duane Walser and Richard Benton Walser; his parents, James L. and Artie Walser; and a brother, J.W. Walser, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Fern Walser of Nocona; a daughter, Belinda Hendrix of Nocona; a son, James Curtis Walser of Denison; four other sisters, Isle Skinner, Dovie Skinner, Peggy McBride, all of Nocona, and Dixie Atkins of Fort Worth; three brothers, Red Walser, Joe Benton Walser and Levi Walser, all of Nocona; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Roberta Woods

1927-2003

BRECKENRIDGE — Roberta Woods, the sister of Elizabeth Jenkins of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 16, in Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Woods, 75, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Breckenridge Cemetery.

Born March 26, 1927 in Breckenridge, she had worked as a cook at Stephens Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors also include a daughter, Elizabeth Woods of Breckenridge; a brother, Freddy Norton of Seagraves; a stepbrother, Lawrence Shephard of Fort Worth; an adopted brother, Archie Lee McCarty of Breckenridge; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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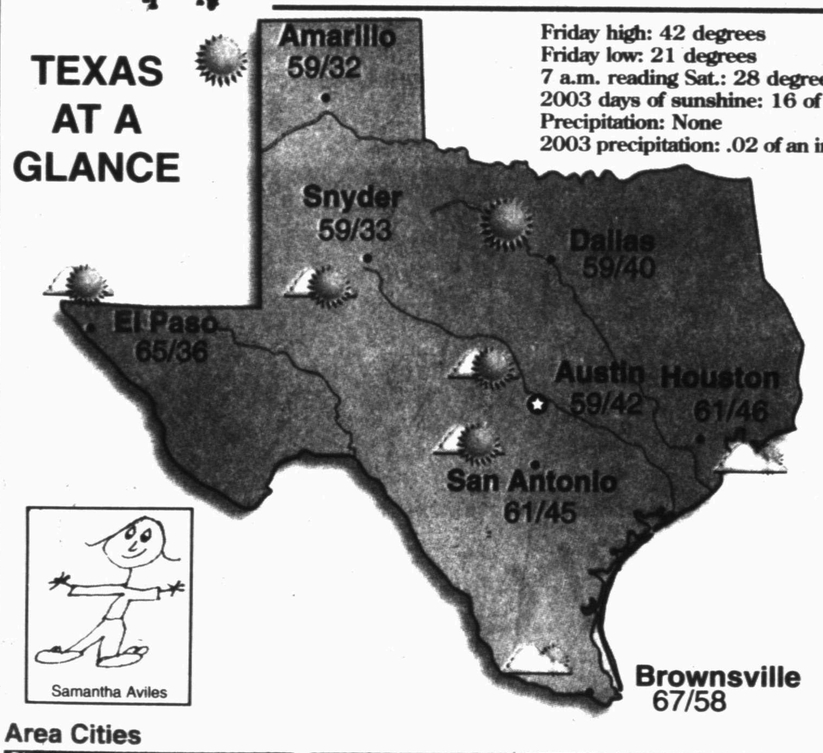
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Friday high: 42 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 16 of 17
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Samantha Aviles

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	38	sunny	El Paso	65	36	mst sunny	Midland	61	39	sunny
Amarillo	59	32	sunny	Fort Stockton	65	41	sunny	Raymondville	65	53	pt sunny
Austin	59	42	mst sunny	Gainesville	56	32	sunny	Rosenberg	60	46	mst sunny
Beaumont	60	44	mst sunny	Greenville	56	34	sunny	San Antonio	61	45	mst sunny
Brownsville	67	58	pt sunny	Houston	61	46	pt sunny	San Marcos	61	44	sunny
Brownwood	61	38	sunny	Kingsville	64	51	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	57	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	62	51	pt sunny	Livingston	59	40	mst sunny	Sweetwater	61	35	sunny
Corsicana	59	40	sunny	Longview	59	38	mst sunny	Tyler	61	43	mst sunny
Dallas	59	40	sunny	Lubbock	61	33	sunny	Weatherford	58	33	sunny
Del Rio	64	47	sunny	Lufkin	61	43	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	58	36	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	40	29	mst sunny	Houston	61	46	pt sunny	Phoenix	74	48	pt sunny
Boston	30	21	sn shower	Los Angeles	72	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	48	pt sunny
Chicago	24	14	sn shower	Miami	67	45	mst sunny	Seattle	50	39	pt sunny
Dallas	59	40	sunny	Minneapolis	20	-2	snow	St. Louis	36	24	windy
Denver	59	29	mst sunny	New York	29	22	sn shower	Washington, DC	34	25	flurries

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 9

UV Index

Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20	Tue 1/21
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Matthew Stokes joins ranks of Eagle Scouts

Hard work, dedication and perseverance paid off in a big way when Matthew Stokes was recognized last Friday at his Eagle Court of Honor at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Eagle Scout is the highest recognition Boy Scouts can achieve.

Stokes, the son of David and Darlene Stokes of Snyder, is the fourth Troop 27 member in recent years to achieve this honor.

The other Eagle Scouts present included Justin Stokes (Matthew's brother), G.J. Burns, and Brodie Pierce.

Matthew Stokes joined the Tiger Cubs when he was in the first grade. The following year, he earned his Bobcat Rank and Wolf Badge. His bear badge followed in the third grade and he earned the Webelos Badge in the fourth grade.

The following year, Stokes became a Webeslos II and earned the Arrow of Light.

He then moved up to Boy Scout Troop 27, attaining the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and then First Class Scout Rank.

Stokes earned the rank of Star Scout by spring of his freshman year. In summer 2002, he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, a scouting brotherhood organization.

Midway through the fall semester of his sophomore year, Stokes achieved Life Scout honors and in January 2002, he had completed the required merit badges.

As his junior year at Snyder High School waned, Stokes chose his Eagle Scout project — a "Books of the Bible" rolling cart to be shared by children in Colonial Hill's Sunday School classes.

Stokes chose this project because he likes the "hands on approach," and he hopes it will help children learn the names of the Books of the Bible and into which category they fall.

Stokes noted that the books of the Old Testament are engraved on one side of the book case and the New Testament books are on the other side.

He said he completed the project with help from fellow scouts in Troop 27.

Stokes said becoming an Eagle Scout makes him proud not only for himself but also for his dad.

"I like doing what only a few scouts have achieved," Stokes added. He said he set the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout years ago.

Stokes enjoys the interaction with people that Scouting provides. He also enjoys the hands on activities such as camping out and the obstacle course.

He noted that Troop 27 usually spends a week every summer at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch near Fort Davis.

A senior at Snyder High School, Stokes participates in drama and band where he plays the euphonium and he is a member of the Technology Students Association, the woodworking and metals classes at SHS.

He is currently working on a barbecue grill, which he hopes to finish in time for the spring contest.

Stokes also enjoys video games, is an avid hunter and he likes to fish.

After he graduates in May, Stokes plans to earn an associate's degree at Western Texas College. Then he wants to attend a motorcycle mechanics school. He is also considering joining the U.S. Marine.

As the Eagle Court of Honor began, Troop 27 posted the colors. Brock Tyrrell, assistant senior patrol leader, explained the significant of flag color.

Red represents the lifeblood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for our county. White is for purity, cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed. Blue is for faith and loyalty.

Barrett Munson, senior patrol leader, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brodie Pierce, junior assistant scoutmaster, gave the welcome. Joe Hefner, scoutmaster, explained the significance of the Eagle Badge.

"The appeal of the majestic eagle has been felt by every great people from prehistoric times to present day. To the Egyptians, the eagle was the messenger of the gods and the sun, a symbol of eternal life.

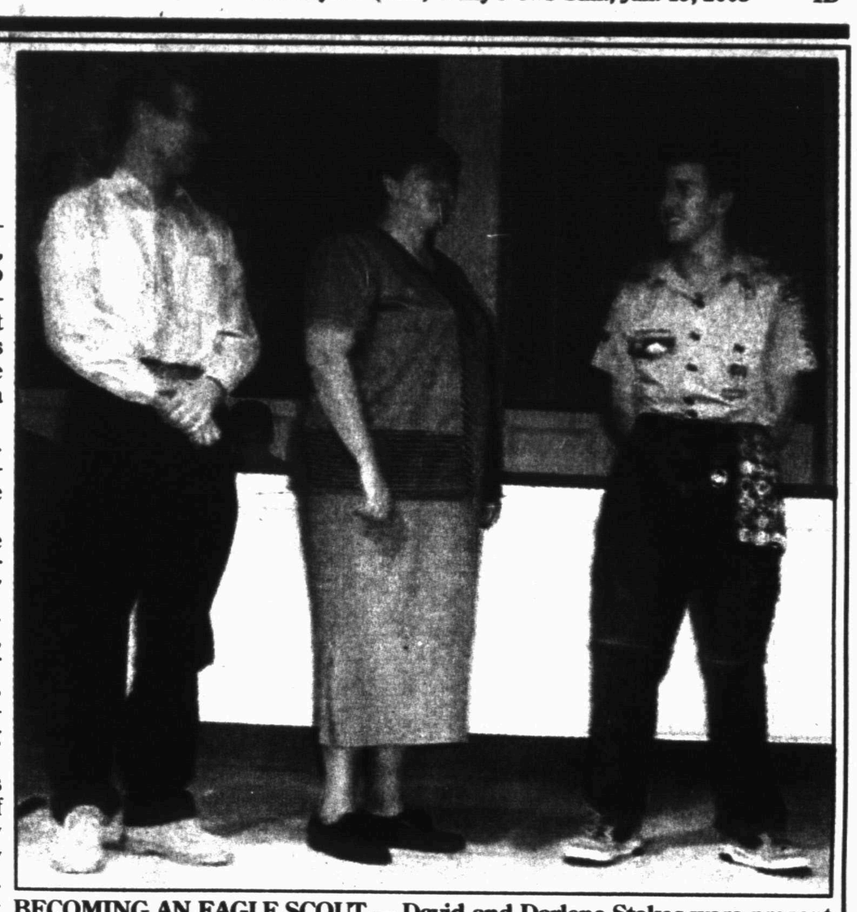
"To the Romans, he was the carrier of Jupiter's thunderbolts and a sign of power. To American Indians he stood as the incentive to valor and the pledge of victory.

"But for us today, the Eagle is the living symbol of all courageous and freedom-aspiring Americans. When the Eagle Badge was designed in 1912, it was decided that a small silver eagle would be suspended from a tricolor ribbon of red, white and blue.

"Each part of the badge represents an aspect of the Scout Law by which the Eagle Scout is to live. The White is to remind the Eagle to live with honor; the blue stands for loyalty; and the color red represents courage."

Brodie Pierce, junior assistant scoutmaster, convened the court. Glenn Burns, former scoutmaster, told Stokes' trail to the Eagle Badge.

Warren Wallace lead Stokes in the Eagle charge and pledge. Burns presented the Eagle to Stokes. He also gave him a coin. Burns presented Stokes with the troop gift and U.S. flag. G.J. Burns gave the benediction and Troop 27 members retired the colors.

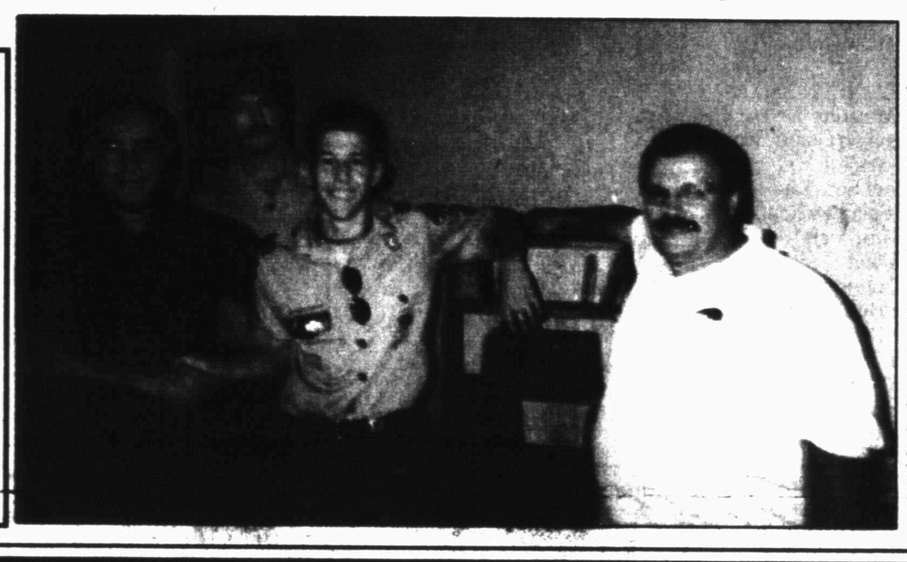


BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT — David and Darlene Stokes were present last Friday night when their son, Matthew, received Eagle Scout honors. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS



PRESENT PROJECT — Matthew Stokes recently presented his Eagle Scout Project to Colonial Hill Baptist Church's pastor Dr. Tommy Cullwell. The "Books of the Bible" rolling cart is to be shared by children in Sunday School classes. From left in front are Culwell, Stokes and Glenn Burns and Joe Hefner in back. (Contributed Photo)

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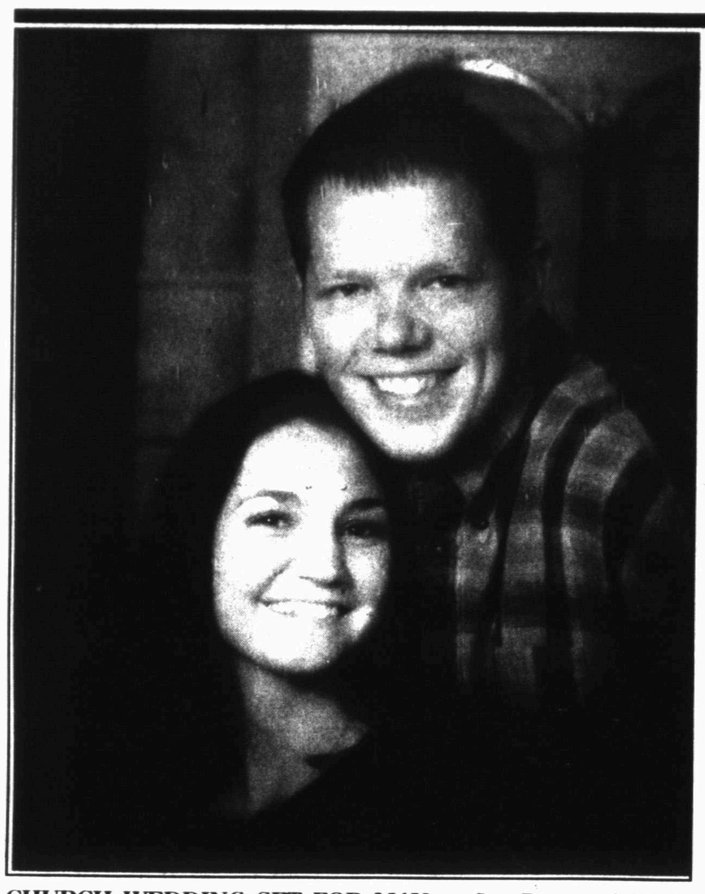
TWO STORES IN ONE

Paint — Plumbing

Paint Supplies — Hardware

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CHURCH WEDDING SET FOR MAY — Joe Dan and Linda Jones of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vanessa Danielle Jones, to Chad Allan Arnwine, son of Peggy Rasberry and Allan and Genia Arnwine, all of Roby. A 2 p.m. wedding ceremony is set for May 24 in the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine Librarian

Did you know that the Scurry County Library subscribes to more than 60 magazines?Many people do not realize the many subjects covered by the magazines in the library.

Certainly, the library subscribes to the well-known news magazines such as U.S. News & World Reports, Time and Newsweek, but did you know about all the other magazines?

Are you interested in health? Then look through Prevention or Health. Perhaps you are interested in repairing or building things. In that case, pick up a Popular Mechanics or The Family Handyman.

The major ladies' magazines are also available at the Scurry County Library, along with the major children's magazines.

Some people may be interested in cooking or decorating, and they will find many ideas in Southern Living or Taste of Home. For the people who enjoy crafts, there is the magazine, Crafts 'n Things.

A variety of subjects is presented in Ebony, Christianity Today, and Reader's Digest. If the print is too small for you in Reader's Digest, then read our large print edition. Broaden your horizons and plan a vacation by consulting Sunset, Texas Highways or Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Interesting articles abound in the periodical section. Articles that are our picks for this month are "Create a Butterfly Haven" in Organic Gardening, "Ten Best Deep-sky Objects You Can See" in Astronomy, and "Mission Oak Bookshelves" in The Family Handyman.

No matter your interest, come by the library and look through our magazines. You will find there is a wealth of helpful hints and great articles in the reading section of the Scurry County Library.

The taste for emotion may become a dangerous taste.

—Sydney Smith

According to Mark Twain "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

Bridal Registry

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School Menus

Snyder

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

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Tuesday
Donut Holes
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
Fruit Muffin Square

(OTHER SCHOOLS)
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Breakfast Soft Taco or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Chocolate Chip Muffin or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa or Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Break Stick
Or Beef Soft Taco
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mexicorn
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Frito Corn Chips
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Sugar Cookie
Wednesday
Beef & Bean Burrito or Chili Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Roaring 50s Cheeseburger
Or All-American Chilidog
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Ice Cream
Friday
Chicken Nuggets w/Dip
Or Vegetable Soup w/Grilled Cheese
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Fruit Cobbler

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Toast
Oatmeal
Tuesday
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Toast
Thursday
Biscuit/Gravy
Friday
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup
Tuesday
Mexican Casserole
Spanish Rice
Cherry Peppers
Crackers
Chocolate Cake
Wednesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Carrot Sticks
Biscuits
Blueberry Crisp
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Vegetable Soup
Pickled Beets
Mixed Fruit
Friday
Stromboli
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peaches

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All meals are served with choice of milk. Breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Tuesday
Waffles
Bacon
Wednesday
Pop Tarts
Thursday
Sausage on a Stick
Friday
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
Monday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Salad
Corn
Cake
Tuesday
Pop-Corn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Cookies
Wednesday
Pizza
Mixed Vegetables
Jell-O w/Fruit
Thursday
Beef Fajitas
Spanish Rice
Salad
Apple Crisp
Friday
Hamburgers
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Oreo Cookies

Tom Cruise wins $10 million judgment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise won a $10 million defamation judgment against a porn actor who allegedly told the French magazine Actustar that he had a gay affair with the actor, Cruise's attorney said.

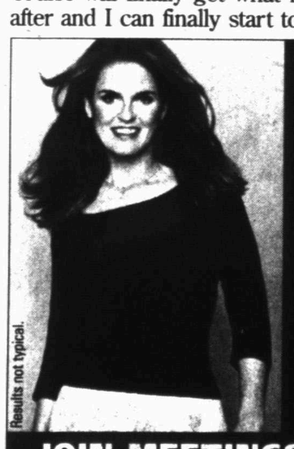
Chad Slater, whose stage name was Kyle Bradford, had said previously he never met Cruise and defaulted on the $100 million lawsuit in August 2001.

"I hope by defaulting, Mr. Cruise will finally get what he is after and I can finally start to put my life back in order," Slater said in a statement at the time.

The default motion did not indicate Slater admitted wrongdoing, but was an acknowledgment he did not have the money to fight the lawsuit and would not contest it.

Slater, who has made a series of porn films and gay-themed wrestling videos, could not be located for comment Wednesday.

The $10 million judgment was decided in late December, according to Cruise attorney Ricardo Cestero.



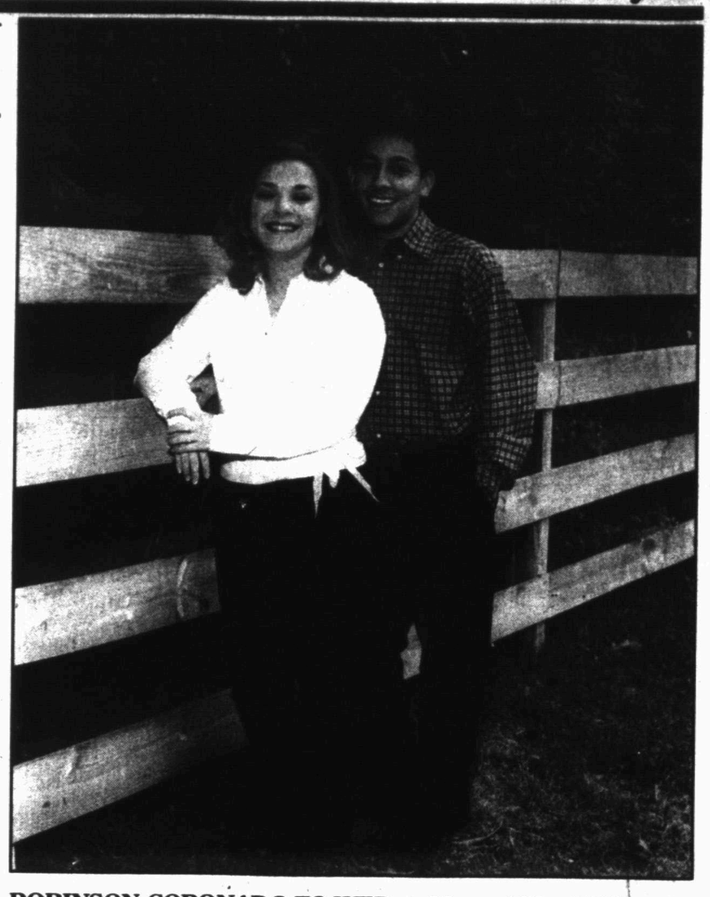
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ROBINSON-CORONADO TO WED — Mr. and Mrs. William H. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Coronado of Snyder announce the engagement of their children, Andrea Robinson and Josue Coronado. Andrea is a senior at Abilene Christian University majoring in early childhood education. Josue received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and finance last May from Abilene Christian University. He is currently in the master of accountancy program at ACU. A private family wedding is planned for May. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ 10 7 4 2	
	♥ —	
	♦ A J 4 3 2	
	♣ K 10 4 3	
West		**East**
♠ J 9 8		♠ 6 5 3
♥ K 9 8 7 5 3		♥ Q J 6
♦ K		♦ Q 10 9 7 5
♣ Q 8 5		♣ J 6
	South	
	♠ A K Q	
	♥ A 10 4 2	
	♦ 8 6	
	♣ A 9 7 2	

North 01-18-03

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003

The seniors had their time in the sun

By Phillip Alder

There were two senior (55 and over) events at the world championships in Montreal. The teams was won by a Canada-U.S. quintet: Diana Holt, Boris Baran, Joe Godefrin, George Mittelman and Ed Schulte. The pairs winners came from Bulgaria: Christo Drumev and Ivan Tanev.

This deal resulted in a gain for the teams winners. At this table, Holt was South and Schulte North.

Schulte's three-heart response was Cue-Bid Stayman, promising exactly four spades and game-forcing values. If East had passed, probably Holt would have bid — and made — three no-trump. However, when East doubled, Holt decided to pass. Then, when Schulte showed five diamonds as well, Holt went for game in the 4-3 spade fit.

Declarer saw seven top tricks: three spades, one heart, one diamond and two clubs. So, two heart ruffs in the dummy and a third club trick would get her home.

Holt, keeping control by retaining her heart ace, ruffed the opening heart lead in the dummy. She played a club to her ace, ruffed another heart, and drew three rounds of trumps, happy to see the favorable split. Now a club to the 10 and East's jack left declarer with those 10 tricks.

At the other table, South failed in three no-trump. Strangely, he won the first trick with his heart ace.

In another match, North bid and — luckily and skillfully — made six clubs. East led the heart queen. The play went: heart ruff, spade to the queen, heart ruff, spade to the king, heart ruff, club king, spade to the ace, club ace, diamond to the ace, spade 10 discarding the second diamond.

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Jan. 10
A Group
1. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Warren Haney, Anne Spitler.
3. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit tied with Pat Floyd, Bobbie Taylor.
4. Tizzy Hall, Mary Lois Wilson.

B Group
1. Pat Floyd, Bobbie Taylor.
2. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.
3. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

Tuesday, Jan. 14
1. Pat Floyd, Carol Miller.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Presswood.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Peggy Hardin, Dorothy Rosson.

Anything you're good at contributes to happiness.

—Bertrand Russell

Writer Mark Twain died in 1910.

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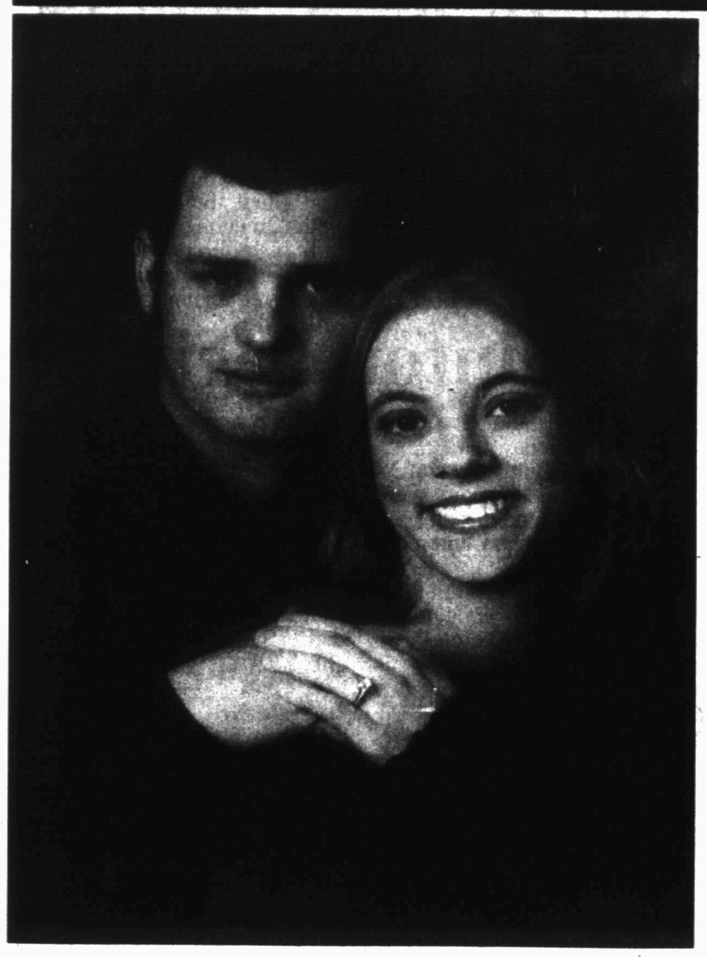
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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Laurie Kerley of Lubbock and Jerry Burton are planning a 5 p.m., June 28 wedding at Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder. Laurie is the daughter of Mike and Andrea Kerley of Abilene and Cecile and Mark Cheatham of Austin. Jerry's parents are Bobby and Rosemary Burton of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Increase your home's curb appeal

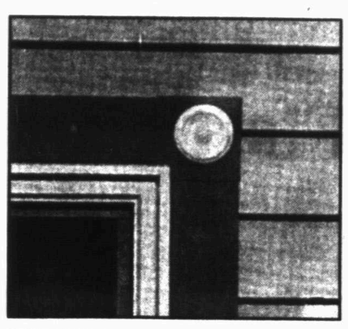
The road to a beautiful home may start with improving its "curb appeal." Curb appeal describes the statement a home makes to people who see it from the outside—those people include neighbors and potential buyers.

Decorators say the best way to improve your home's curb appeal is to cross the street. Stand across the road from your home and imagine your house with different accessories such as new siding or a backyard deck. Then think of colors and textures. It may also help to try these tips:

Design

• Get help—Ask your friends and family what they think. It can be difficult for homeowners to look at their houses objectively and come up with decorating ideas on their own-especially if they've lived in the house for a long time.

• Get the picture—Take a black-and-white photo of your home from the street. Use colored pencils to draw in new features such as decks or new shutters.



DETAILS MAKE A DIFFERENCE — Adding small details, such as trim accents, can make a big difference in the appearance of your home.

• Get creative—Adding a deck to your home can drastically change its appearance and increase its value. Homeowners can find Boardwalk Composite Decking and Railing product made from PVC wood-an environmentally friendly product that keeps its color and texture longer than regular wood. The decking and railing is made by CertainTeed.

Color

• Get tips—Remember, lighter colors make houses look larger, while darker colors make them appear smaller. Monochromatic colors will simplify the exterior of your home and contrasting shades add interest.

• Get information—New types of siding offer home decorators a wide variety of colors and styles to choose from. For example, Certain Teed's maintenance-free Monogram siding comes in 20 solid colors, eight wood-tone blends and 30 coordinating trim colors. For the look of real cedar shakes, the company also offers a line called Cedar Impressions. It includes shingles with the look of real wood in a variety of colors. Homeowners having difficulty selecting color and trim combinations can visit CertainTeed's color selection guide, called Color View, at certainteed.com. The guide lets users virtually view and change color and trim combinations on a home before making a final color decision.

• Get style—Know what style home you have and choose your colors accordingly. For example, earth tones are often used with prairie-style houses, while Queen Anne-styled homes are usually bright and bold.

For more information, visit www.certainteed.com.

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The Maryland Tolerant Act provided for freedom of worship for all Christians. It was passed y the Maryland Assembly in 1649.

Driving with dementia is major issue

New information may make it easier for sufferers of dementia and their care givers to deal with the condition.

It is estimated that more than four million Americans suffer from some form of dementia, the most common of which is Alzheimer's.

The condition often involves extreme bouts of confusion and forgetfulness that can make it difficult to perform everyday tasks such as balancing a check book or cooking a meal. Consequently, for many, a diagnosis of dementia can represent the loss of independence.

Psychiatrists say one major issue surrounding dementia is driving. Losing the ability to drive and the independence associated with it can cause depression and feelings of helplessness in sufferers of the condition. Therefore, deciding when a person with dementia can no longer drive can be a difficult choice for a family or caretaker to make.

A recent study conducted by MIT and The Hartford, underwriters for AARP Auto and Homeowners Insurance Program, found that for many families of dementia sufferers, the answer is to watch and learn. The study-cited in an online guide called At The Crossroads: Alzheimer's, Dementia and Driving, made available by The Hartford Financial Services Group-reported that paying close attention to the long term driving habits of a person with dementia can help assure that their keys will not be taken away too early, or too late.

According to the study, early warning signs of dementia induced driving problems include:

- incorrect signaling,
- trouble navigating turns,
- confusion at exits,
- hitting curbs,
- moving in the wrong lane,
- getting lost in familiar places.

According to Alzheimer's, Dementia and Driving, a person diagnosed with mild dementia doesn't necessarily have to immediately curtail their lifestyle. The disease will, over time, destroy driving skills

The booklet warns however, that persons with dementia who do continue to drive should be monitored carefully.

The decision to continue or stop driving needs to be based on a number of observations and continuing discussions with persons with dementia.

For more information, visit www.thehartford.com and download a copy or write Dementia and Driving Booklet, The Hartford, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489.

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.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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 building; bring pictures for library; Elizabeth McCloskey, hostess, program, Myrtle Joiner; 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.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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.

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Crossroads of Twilight: The Wheel of Time, Book 10" by Robert Jordan (Tor Books)
2. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)
3. "Prey" by Michael Crichton (HarperCollins)
4. "Four Blind Mice" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
5. "By the Light of the Moon" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
6. "The Arraignment" by Steve Martini (Putnam)
7. "Sons of Fortune" by Jeffrey Archer (St. Martin's Press)
8. "Hornet Flight" by Ken Follett (Dutton)
9. "Light in Shadow" by Jayne Ann Krentz (Putnam)
10. "I Don't Know How She Does It" by Allison Pearson (Knopf)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Suzanne Somers' Fast and Easy" by Suzanne Somers (Crown)
2. "Get With the Program!: Guide to Good Eating" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Get with the Program!" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)
4. "The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment" by Eckhart Tolle (New World Library)
5. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips (HarperCollins)
6. "The Savage Nation" by Michael Savage (WND Books)
7. "Bush at War" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Right Man" by David Frum (Random House)
9. "Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper-Case Closed" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
10. "Leadership" by Rudolph W. Giuliani (Talk Miramax)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Summons" by John Grisham (Dell Island)
2. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
3. "Truly Madly Manhattan" by Nora Roberts (Harlequin)
4. "The Penwyth Curse" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
5. "Everything's Eventual: 14 Dark Tales" by Stephen King (Pocket)
6. "The Return of the King (The Lord of the Rings, Part 3)" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Del Rey)
7. "Midnight Bayou" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
8. "The Playboy" by Carly Phillips (Warner Books)
9. "Basket Case" by Carl Hiaasen (Warner Books)
10. "The Cat Who Went Up the Creek" by Lilian Jackson Braun (Jove)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham (Picador)
2. "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett (Perennial)
3. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (Quill)

Animal rights group cancels ad campaign

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — An animal rights group canceled an ad campaign targeting the Environmental Protection Agency because the administrator's pet dog has died.

The Scottish terrier, Coors, was to be pictured on billboards by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to protest the agency's use of animals to test the toxicity of certain chemicals.

PETA canceled the campaign after EPA Administrator Christie Whitman notified the Norfolk, Va.-based group that Coors had been euthanized because she was suffering from cancer and was not responding to treatment.

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Lieberman anticipates few campaign obstacles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joe Lieberman's strict observance of the Jewish Sabbath may cause minor inconveniences during his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, but the Connecticut senator and his staff expect it will pose few significant obstacles to waging an aggressive campaign.

The bigger challenge for Lieberman in the Democratic contest for president could be addressing such issues as the Middle East, where he wants to develop a position on the region that both Jews and non-Jews see as fair and independent.

He also must persuade Democratic primary voters to support him, even though his centrist views may be better suited to a general election campaign, and win over voters even though his low-key, humorous style may be better suited to small groups at a coffee shop than big audiences in a crowded convention hall.

"I don't think his being Jewish is the most important thing about his candidacy or the most critical to his success," said political analyst Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution. "The bigger question is whether Joe's temperament and moderation and instinct for working with the other side of the aisle (Republicans) fits the mood of Democratic activists."

Lieberman's logistical obstacle with his Sabbath schedule became quickly apparent as local Democrats began scheduling a series of "cattle calls" that occur mostly on the weekends to parade candidates in front of party activists.

Lieberman's staffers describe him as "an observant Jew," while others describe his beliefs as "modern Orthodox." Lieberman strictly observes the Jewish Sabbath by refusing to campaign from sundown Friday through sundown Saturday.

"It has always come above politics over the long term and I obviously hope people will respect that," Lieberman said Monday of his faith. "I will have to work harder on the other six days."

There are times Lieberman can attend a Saturday evening campaign event by traveling to the location on Friday and observing the Sabbath in the same place as the political event. He also can communicate at events through a surrogate or with use of a videotaped message.

Lieberman will miss an event in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this Saturday night at which Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean are expected to speak. But aides say missing the Iowa event has more to with Lieberman's Sunday schedule.

Democratic activists in states with early presidential contests like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina all said they will work with Lieberman to make it possible to participate in their events.

"Hopefully, Democrats will be a very tolerant group of all sorts of religions and more than willing to make accommodations for all candidates," said Kathy Sullivan, chairwoman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.

In South Carolina, Democratic chairman Dick Harpootlian said party officials are looking for ways to accommodate Lieberman when the party holds its annual meeting in early May, with a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner on a Friday night and a candidates' forum on Saturday.

First class to study Bill Clinton begins

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Slick Willie doesn't fit.

Bill Clinton was more like Velcro, a president who couldn't escape controversy, said Margaret Scranton, a University of Arkansas at Little Rock political science professor teaching the state's first college course devoted to Clinton.

The class began Thursday evening at the university's administrative offices.

"When we thought of Reagan, we often thought of Teflon," Scranton told the class of 25 students.

"But I have often used the term Velcro to describe what happens to Bill Clinton," she said. "All of us know that Clinton is a controversial president. ... People have strong feelings. We often saw this with president Nixon."

Scranton said Clinton may have been a "slick" communicator, but he couldn't dodge controversy.

A slide presentation ended with a photo of Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, the intern whose affair with the president led to his impeachment.

"I selected this photo to make clear we're not going to ignore the controversies and investigations," Scranton said. "We have to confront the various controversies."

Thursday night's speakers included Hal Bass, a political science professor at Ouachita Baptist University, and David Alsobrook, director of the Clinton Presidential Materials Project, where the largest collection of U.S. presidential materials ever amassed is being stored and processed.

The items will eventually be moved into the Clinton Presidential Library slated to open at Little Rock in 2004.

Bianca Gatchell, 23, a senior and a staunch Republican, said she signed up for the class "to get past the tabloids and form more intelligent opinions."

She said although the controversies and investigations were intriguing — and trashy — "there's other things Clinton did that I disagree with."

The course, "The Clinton Presidency," offered in cooperation with the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, will serve as the prototype for the planned Clinton School of Public Service at the former president's library.

Individual classes will touch on the achievements and travails of Clinton's political life — and the scandals and controversies that dogged his private life.

In addition to being the first of its kind offered in Arkansas, the course is also a first for the C-SPAN public affairs cable network, which will broadcast every class.

Network executives said the company has never covered an entire course from beginning to end.

On the Net:

William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation: http://www.clinton-presidentialcenter.com/

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Scurry Co. anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection 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.

RID YOURSELF OF GARBAGE FROM THE PAST

Spring is generally reserved as the time for cleaning out the nooks and crannies of our lives and throwing out the old, unneeded, unwanted items. Spring cleaning is a way to rid our homes of the dirt and dust that collected during the cold months. Our homes, however, are not the only things that need a thorough cleaning. Our minds do also, and we do not have to wait until March to begin.

Shedding the old burdens of the long winters of our lives can be therapeutic whether the thermometer indicates springtime or five below. Many people drag failures, disappointments, broken hearts and their "what-might-have-beens" around for way too long. This garbage from the past prevents us from enjoying today.

Perhaps someone has broken your heart. Take the time to cry, to mourn the loss of your hopes and expectations, and then release it and move forward with your life. The sooner you take the power back, the better off you will be. Yes, it hurts, but constantly obsessing about every moment you shared with this person will not change what has happened. Accepting the reality of today and knowing you will get past this point in your life quickens the healing process. Wallowing in the past slows the process down.

Maybe it is more than a broken marriage or relationship. Perhaps you have been a victim of rape or violence. Your pain is real; your scars are deep. But, you are alive. You may have wanted to die. You may have tried to die, but if you are reading this or someone is reading it to you, you have hope because you are not dead. Take your power back. The person who victimized you does not have power over you unless you give it to them. If you are still in a dangerous situation, get out. Scurry County is full of resources and good people ranging from law enforcement officials to churches to organizations like Gateway Family Services that can help you. Make the call.

So much of what traps us is in our minds. We play mind games letting anniversary dates, songs, and material possessions have control of our emotions. Remember, it is only a date on the calendar, only words put to music, only a photograph. The thing has no more power over you than you let it have.

It is easy to talk about ridding ourselves of emotional baggage, but since we cannot always physically tie the garbage up and take it to the trash bin, it is not always clear when we have gotten rid of it. Sometimes, bagging up those material possessions like old letters, photographs or keepsakes that have painful memories and throwing them in the garbage or sparking them up has tremendous power. The therapeutic value of being able to do something physically with the source of pain is priceless.

What you have done in the past or what has been done to you cannot be changed. Accept what has been done, face the consequences and move forward. Learn from those mistakes. You do not have to drag the past around with you.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Public Records

Marriage License

Brandon Emilio Galvan of Lubbock and Amanda Sue Flores of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Michelle Mea Newsom, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Misty Dawn Wilson and Ronald Dean Wilson Jr., divorce granted.

In the marriage of William Blake Stephens and Jeannie Marie Stephens, divorce granted.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Jesse Carrisalez, individually and dba J.C. Roofing, release of judgment lien.

Malvin L. and Bobbie J. Donelson vs. Nelson Hogg and The First National Bank of O'Donnell, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Guadalupe and Maria Lopes Florez to Abel Lee Escobedo, custodian for Aaron Abel Escobedo, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 3 of the Adams Addition.

Alice Daniels to Keevin D. and Azeneth Senties, Lot 6 in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Rena N. Cooley, Marshall Pylant, Boyd Pylant, Darlene Amox and Debra Fenner to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 10 in Block 8 of the Highlands Addition.

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Abel Lee and Patricia Escobedo to LaDerrick Richardson, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 13 of the Adams Addition.

Catherine M. Grace to Margaret Sue Schroeder Trust, an undivided interest in Section 449, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Beatrice Elaine Gerrish to Russell Wyatt Scott, Lot 14 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

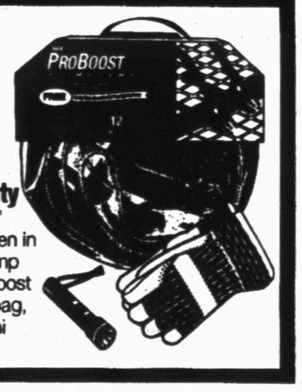
Kerry Tidwell to Fred F. and Maria L. Castillo, Lot 2 in Block 28 of the Blankenship Addition.

Evelyn Fay Dorman, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of James A. Clark Sr., et al, to E.L. Farmer and Co., Lot 2 in Block 17 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

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Preparations are underway for Scurry's 2003 Relay For Life

Scurry County residents are once again choosing teams for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event will be held April 25, and teams are already beginning their fundraising efforts. The official Relay for Life kickoff rally was held Tuesday night.

Mayor Francene Noah spoke to the group of potential team captains and applauded the work that the local American Cancer Society does. "Cancer will be extinct one day and I salute you for the work you do," she said.

Also speaking at the rally were local cancer survivors Barbara Gowin and Melissa Rosson. Gowin said that she is aware of the economic situation in Snyder as well as in the entire country. "We're asked to give money," she said, "and it's the research, training and caring that will be the answer to cancer."

Rosson's story of cancer is like many others, she remembers in the 1950s that her grandmother had breast cancer and was offered a new medication that "might cure you if it didn't kill you." She remembers the side effects of this medication as being the reason her grandmother chose to forego that treatment.

Moving into the future 45 years, Rosson herself was diagnosed with cancer. "By 1995, there were so many better ways of treating the cancer, and even lessening and dealing with the side effects of the medications," she said. "Having the Relay for Life in Snyder has been a blessing to all of us who have had cancer," she added.

This "celebration of life" brings the community together in a unified effort to fight cancer. Money raised at the local relay will be largely used for research. Local cancer patient Carole Haynes is on a new treatment for the disease that was discovered through a research grant funded by the American Cancer Society.

"When people want to know if the money we raise is used locally, I look at them and say, I'm local, and I am living proof that the money we raise for research is well spent," said Haynes.

The local ACS unit provides several services in Scurry County, including the road to recovery program. Through this program, cancer patients are driven to the treatment sessions in surrounding cities free of charge. Anyone in need of this service may call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 to schedule the trips. Also locally, breast cancer patients benefit from the reach-to-recovery program where a certified volunteer who is a breast cancer survivor visits a breast cancer patient.

The volunteer demonstrates exercises that the patient may do and also provides a link to any information the patient may need regarding cancer and the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a twist. It is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the ACS. Participants camp out at Tiger Stadium and when they are not taking their turn running or walking, they take part in fun activities and enjoy a variety of local entertainment.

Teams from companies, churches, organizations, schools and hospitals collect donations and may win individual or team prizes for their efforts. Teams are forming now, and they will be having the traditional raffles, bake sales, garage sales and car washes to raise money.

Ann Everett, team captain coordinator, is encouraging teams, to think outside the box with their fundraising and come up with some new ideas.

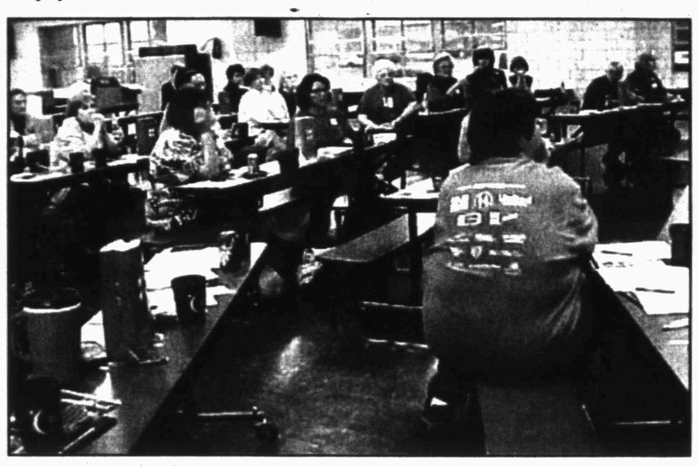
People who wish to start a team for the event may call Everett at 573-3270 or her co-chair, Gabby Pace at 573-6516 or 573-9362. A team-captain packet is readily available for anyone interested, and the local unit has event put together a "meeting in a box" to guide new team captains through forming a team and communicating with the team members. Teams are being encouraged to register as soon as possible and begin working together in this fight against cancer.

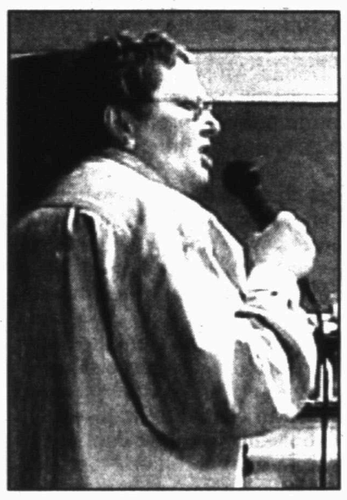
The theme for the relay this year is *Americana 2003*, and event chairperson, Terrisu Mann is excited about the possibilities with this theme. "Teams can dress in red white and blue, fly their American flags, and do so many other creative things with this theme," she said.

"This event brings the progress against cancer to the forefront, said Mann. "Many participants are our family, friends and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves. The involvement is proof of the progress that has been made, not only in cancer cure rates, but also in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

The American Cancer Society has a 24-hour phone line where questions about cancer may be answered. The number is 1-800-ACS-2345. The organization also provides information and inspirational stories on its Website: www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organiza6tion dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education advocacy and service. Information on the local unit can be obtained by calling Mann, who is the president of the local board of directors at 573-1031.





KICK OFF MEETING — Scurry County Cancer Society's Relay for Life preparations began Tuesday with a meeting at Stanfield Elementary. Carole Haynes was one of the speakers. (Contributed Photos)

Judge dismisses felony charges against 'bumfights' filmmakers

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — A judge dropped felony charges against four men accused of videotaping fistfights and humiliating acts involving homeless people and selling the tapes they called "Bumfights."

Superior Court Judge Larrie Brainard ruled Wednesday that there was insufficient evidence for felony battery and soliciting charges. He ordered the four defendants to stand trial on one charge of conspiracy to stage an illegal fight and three of them to be tried on a charge of conspiracy to commit battery.

The defendants — Ryan McPherson, 19; Zachary Bubeck, 25; Daniel J. Tanner, 21; and Michael Slyman, 21 — have pleaded innocent. If convicted, they could face up to one year in jail on each charge.

They will be back in court Feb. 5.

Despite his ruling, Brainard said there was "something abhorrent and morally repugnant in finding joy and profit" through demeaning other human beings.

The video titled "Bumfights: A Cause for Concern" was promoted by radio shock jock Howard Stern and denounced on the floor of the House of Representatives. About 300,000 copies of it sold at $20 each, authorities said.

The judge's ruling followed a five-day preliminary hearing involving testimony from men on the tapes who said they were paid for their performances, some saying they were given $5 and $10 bills. Two said they did not remember if they were intoxicated.

"The message is being sent that this type of activity is illegal," prosecutor Curtis Ross said. "It still is a crime. The message is being sent out that what they engaged in, it's still criminal activity."

Autopsy performed on singer

MIAMI (AP) — Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees died because his bowel and small intestine had become so twisted they restricted his blood flow, according to autopsy results released Thursday.

Gibb, 53, died Sunday, three days after suffering cardiac arrest prior to undergoing emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage.

Dr. Bruce Hyma, the Miami-Dade County medical examiner, said Gibb died because a condition called ischemic enteropathy restricted the flow of blood to his bowel.

The autopsy, which was performed Tuesday, did not give the immediate cause of the twisting, but it said the singer was born with a malformed intestine that experts said can lead to life-threatening kinks.

"It's very uncommon, what happened to him," said Dr. Jeffrey Raskin, interim chief of gastroenterology at the University of Miami medical school.

"People (with his condition) can live to middle age with no symptoms. They can have minor problems off and on. Or, they can present on the first time with a catastrophic event, as it seems in this case," said Raskin, who was not involved in Gibb's treatment.

Raskin said a twisted bowel can cause an array of internal problems.

"It can lead to a cardiovascular collapse and possibly could have contributed to the cardiac arrest," he said.

Gibb's brothers, Robin and Barry Gibb, have questioned the decision by doctors at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach to operate after their brother's cardiac arrest. A hospital spokeswoman declined comment Thursday.

Carol Peters, a spokeswoman for Bee Gees manager Allen Kovac, was flying back to California on Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

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Bush administration criticizes affirmative action preferences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Policies that give minorities a leg up on white college applicants are unconstitutional discrimination and should be struck down by the Supreme Court, the Bush administration argued as it formally weighed into a politically charged affirmative action case.

In twin filings to the high court late Thursday, President Bush's top Supreme Court lawyer said policies at the University of Michigan and its law school fail the constitutional test of equal protection for all under the law, and ignore race-neutral alternatives that could boost minority presence on campuses.

The admissions policies also cannot be reconciled with previous Supreme Court rulings that severely limit the use of race as a factor in government decisions, Solicitor General Theodore Olson wrote, saying the university's current policy "operates as a disguised racial quota."

"If the university genuinely seeks candidates with diverse experiences and viewpoints, it can focus on numerous race-neutral factors, including a history of overcoming disadvantage, geographic origin, socio-economic status" or other factors, Olson wrote.

The friend-of-the-court filing breaks little legal ground. It restates the constitutional case against quotas, but skirts the larger question of whether race may ever be considered as a factor in government decisions.

Thursday's filings do not go as far as some of Bush's most conservative supporters had hoped. The president is in the position of trying to please both his conservative political base and the Hispanic and black voters the Republican Party hopes to attract.

In announcing Wednesday that his administration would file briefs in the Michigan case on Thursday, Bush said he strongly supported diversity, including racial diversity in higher education. But, he added, "the method used by the University of Michigan to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed."

Applicants for Michigan's undergraduate classes are scored by points, with minorities or some poor applicants receiving a boost of 20 points on a scale of 150. At the law school, admissions officers use a looser formula that tries to make sure that each class has a "critical mass" of about 10 percent or 12 percent minority enrollment.

"On its face, the 20-point race-based bonus automatically added to the selection index scores of all preferred minority applicants, without regard to their background, academic performance or life experiences, is plainly unconstitutional," the administration said.

Olson pointed to admissions systems in Texas, Florida and California as alternatives. Those states do not use affirmative action yet have assembled racially diverse student bodies, he said.

The Texas plan, which Bush championed as Texas governor, offers public university admission to the top 10 percent of graduates from each high school. That assured a stream of minority applicants, because many Texas high schools are largely black or Hispanic.

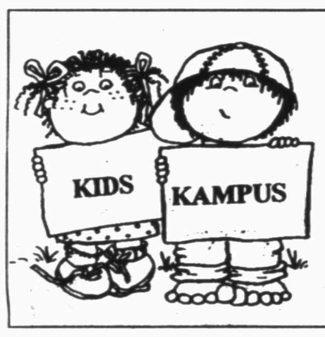
Affirmative action backers say such plans do not work across the board, because not every state or community has majority-black or Hispanic high schools.

In Thursday's filing, the administration did not stake a categorical position against any use of race in university admissions, and did not ask the court to overturn an affirmative action ruling that for 25 years has allowed some role for an applicant's race.

The case marks the court's first statement on racial preference programs in public university admissions since the 1978 Bakke case, when the court outlawed racial quotas in university admissions, but left room for race to be a "plus factor." Michigan and many other public universities have used the ruling to design programs that can help minorities who might be rejected if only test scores and grades are considered.

The administration is not a party to the Michigan fight and did not have to take any position. Affirmative action, however, is the most watched issue before the high court this year and it would have been unusual for the White House to remain on the sidelines.

Thursday was the deadline for filing court papers in the Michigan case, coming close behind the awkward, racially charged exit of Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., as the Senate's Republican leader. Bush condemned remarks Lott made last month that seemed to long for the days of segregation.



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Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003

Today is the 18th day of 2003 and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1803, President Thomas Jefferson sent a confidential letter to Congress requesting funds and the authorization to launch a secret scientific and military expedition to be led by Capt. Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark.

On this day in 1966, Robert Clifton Weaver was sworn in as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, becoming the first black cabinet member in U.S. history.

On this day in 1975, "The Jeffersons" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Webster (1782-1852), statesman and orator; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), writer; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comic actor; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Curt Flood (1938-1997), baseball player.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburg Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in Super Bowl X.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Did you ever stop to think, and forget to start again?" — A.A. Milne

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Jan. 18).

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003

Today is the 19th day of 2003 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1915, Britain suffered its first casualties during World War I from an air attack when two German zeppelins dropped bombs on the eastern coast of England.

On this day in 1955, Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first president to hold news conferences filmed by television and newsreels.

On this day in 1988, "48 Hours" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), Scottish inventor.Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate military leader; Edgar Allen Poe (1809-1849), poet and story writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), singer, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Sandy Koufax, Yogi Berra and Early Wynn were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words." — Edgar Allen Poe

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 18) and last quarter (Jan. 25).

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Lawyers question therapists who treated alleged victims

BOSTON (AP) — A few months after the Archdiocese of Boston offered to pay for counseling for people abused by clergy, church lawyers began subpoenaing the therapists who treated them.

The subpoenas, issued this week, require the therapists to answer questions under oath about the counseling sessions, a move that has outraged alleged victims and their lawyers.

Attorney Roderick MacLeish Jr., who represents more than 200 alleged victims, called the questioning legal but immoral.

"As a moral institution, the church has touted how much it wants to take care of the victims," he said. "Well, don't be touting your pastoral mission of how you're helping victims and they destroy the key element of treatment, which is confidentiality."

Donna Morrissey, a spokeswoman for the archdiocese, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Friday.

She told The Boston Globe that she did not know whether Bishop Richard G. Lennon, who took over after Cardinal Bernard Law resigned last month, knew about the subpoenas.

One subpoena went to Jeannine Breton, a therapist who has treated Anthony Driscoll, a man who claims he was sexually abused by the Rev. Paul Shanley.

MacLeish, who represents Driscoll in a civil suit against the archdiocese, said church lawyers had previously agreed not to subpoena therapists who were treating victims.

Timothy P. O'Neill, an attorney for Brooklyn, N.Y., Bishop Thomas Daily, a former aide to Cardinal Bernard Law, said he was never told of any such agreement. O'Neill questioned Breton on Tuesday.

Communications between therapists and their clients are confidential, but that privilege is sometimes waived in cases where psychological harm is alleged, said Wendy Murphy, an attorney who represents victims of sexual violence.

"If you can show that the psychological state of being for either the plaintiff or the defendant is a fair issue in the case, than the records are fair game, to some extent," Murphy said.

MacLeish said church lawyers have indicated that they will subpoena other therapists.

The archdiocese publicly extended the offer for therapy in October.

Lennon has called on MacLeish and other victims' attorneys to suspend action on their lawsuits so both sides can work toward negotiated settlements in the more than 400 civil lawsuits pending against the archdiocese. While the plaintiffs' attorneys have refused to stall their lawsuits, they have agreed to participate in settlement talks.

On Friday, the archdiocese was expected to argue in Suffolk Superior Court that the lawsuits should be dismissed because of the church's protections under the First Amendment.

PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops or livestock ----not on its value on the real estate market. It can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline.?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2003 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss the deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally do not need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering it taxable value. If your home is valued at $50,000 and you receive a $15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth $35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a $15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year....and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Scurry County also offers a homestead exemption.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled, or if you are 65 years old or older, you are entitled to an additional $10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you are also entitled to a "tax ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The ceiling does not apply to county, college or city property taxes, but these entities offer other exemptions.

The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners may also transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2002, you will not need to reapply for 2003 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home, or if you moved to a new home, you will need to file for an exemption for 2003. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. If you became disabled during 2002, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where do I apply for my homestead exemption?

You may apply between January 1st and April 30th of the tax year. You may file for a late homestead exemption up to one year after (a) the date you paid the taxes on the home or (b) the date the taxes became delinquent, whichever date is earlier. Applications may be filed at the local appraisal district:

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Happy parenthood leads to a miserable marriage

DEAR ABBY: After three years of marriage, my husband, "Jeff," and I decided to have a child. I became pregnant immediately.

What I thought would make us both happy and bring us closer actually did the opposite. I had a miserable pregnancy and felt abandoned. Jeff grew emotionally distant and stopped communicating almost completely except for our constant battles.

Our son is now 16 months old and the apple of my eye. Jeff has a new job with a good future. We bought a house and live in a great neighborhood, but he is still distant and picks fights constantly. He agrees counseling might help, but refuses to go. I have tried to improve our relationship, including private counseling, but it's not working.

Jeff is a great father but a lousy husband. We both changed with my pregnancy — he went from a helpful, happy husband to a miserable, frustrated man. Divorce is expensive — financially and emotionally — and a battle will most likely ensue over our son. Where can I go from here? **— UNHAPPY IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR UNHAPPY: With no input from your husband about what is wrong, it's difficult to say. However, one line in your letter, "What I thought would make us both happy actually did the opposite," makes me wonder if your husband felt trapped by the pregnancy — and his subsequent behavior is the result of feeling pushed into fatherhood he didn't feel ready for.

Where you go from here depends upon how much longer you're prepared to tolerate your living situation. One thing is certain, nothing will change until you BOTH have laid your cards on the table. If your husband refuses to go to counseling, perhaps your next step should be to consult a lawyer about what your options are. There are worse things than divorce. A contentious marriage like yours is one of them.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an 11th-grade girl. Our student handbook states that "public display of affection is discouraged at school and could result in disciplinary action." If this is true, shouldn't a student also get in trouble for sexual harassment?

A guy in one of my classes has been touching, grabbing and pinching me. I told some of my girlfriends, and two of them said he does the same thing to them. We hadn't wanted to tell each other, but now we're glad we did.

We went to the assistant principal's office with our complaint. He gave the boy one day of detention. After that, things got worse. The creep is still picking on us, and our school isn't doing anything to make him stop.

What do we do now, Abby? Were we wrong to tell? If not, how come nobody is doing anything to protect us? School is supposed to be a safe place, right? Please help us. **— THREE GIRLS FROM ZANESVILLE, OHIO**

DEAR GIRLS: Document each instance — date, time and place — in order to establish a record. Tell your parents what's going on. It's time for your parents to discuss this matter with the school principal. If that does not stop the harassment, take it up with the board of education. They need to know what's going on before it's necessary to take legal action.

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Readers, here is a gem. It was submitted by Tom Berilla of Silver Spring, Md.:

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, Claire, told my 3-year-old granddaughter, Hanna, "We plan to remodel the kitchen and dining room, and move the walls from 'here to there.'" Trying to include her little girl in the project, she asked, "And what would Hanna like?" Hanna's reply: "Take away the time-out corner!"

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DEAR ABBY: Last year I opened my own business. It's a small clothing store for men and women. My problem is I am unable to get through to my family that they cannot visit me there all the time. I love them dearly, but my shop is a place of business — not a second home for them.

My husband is unemployed. He is constantly at the store. He'll sit on a chair near the entrance, holding his cane. Sometimes he falls asleep and starts slipping off his chair. He's the first thing customers see when they walk in. It is very unprofessional.

My daughter drops in daily with her two young children. She brings their lunch, which she sets up on the counter next to the cash register. In no time the kids are running around the store making a mess and throwing merchandise off the shelves onto the floor. My daughter yells at them and then an argument ensures. Time after time, it ends up with me snapping at them to go home, my daughter becoming upset and the kids bursting into tears. Customers sometimes turn around and walk out when they see the commotion. I have lost sales because of this, and I can't afford for it to continue.

How can I make it clear to my family that they can't make themselves at home at my store? I feel like a broken record. **— EXASPERATED SHOP OWNER IN PHOENIX**

DEAR SHOP OWNER: Since your husband and daughter do not seem to get the message that they cannot just "drop in," you must be more assertive and draw the line for them. Get some books on retail merchandising and customer relations and SHOW them that what they are doing is hurting your business. If they persist, stop them at the door and say, "It's nice to see you, but you cannot stay. Love you all — and I'll see you later."

Please be firm — your economic situation depends on it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a married Jewish woman just shy of 30. For the past year I've been searching for a better job. Without fail at almost every interview, I'm asked some outrageously illegal questions:

"Are you married? How long have you been married? Do you have children? Are you planning on getting pregnant? Exactly when are you planning to start a family? Will you want to stay home when your children are young? What's your biggest health concern? How religious are you? Are you willing to work Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?" (the most religious days on the Jewish calendar).

Abby, what's the best way to avoid answering these questions? The next time it happens, can I press charges? Thanks for your help. **— ETERNAL JOB CANDIDATE**

DEAR JOB CANDIDATE: Simply smile and say: "I want you to know that I am sincerely interested in this job, but the questions you are asking are illegal. I'm telling you this because I'm sure you're interviewing other applicants, and I wouldn't want you to get in trouble with the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)."

If the questioning persists, the EEOC should be notified because the questions are discriminatory.

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QUOTE FOR THE DAY: Abraham Lincoln said: "If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." (Submitted by Andrew W. Hanley)

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IRS encourages electronic filing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service wants to make taxes less taxing.

A new program gives people access to free tax preparation software through the April 15 filing deadline — a gambit aimed at getting 80 percent of returns filed electronically by 2007.

Free Filing is a government partnership with 17 private tax software companies that now lets 60 percent of taxpayers, or 78 million, file returns online for free.

The IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns last year and 46 million electronic returns. Officials estimates 54 million will file electronically this year.

"E-file is quicker. E-file is more accurate," said Robert Wenzel, acting IRS commissioner. "E-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return and it's the fastest route to a refund."

The IRS says electronic filing reduces errors, speeds processing time, is cheaper and provides better security for private information.

"We have less paper coming in these days, so we've needed fewer people processing those returns," spokesman Terry Lemons said. "It's allowed us to free up resources for other resources, particularly customer service."

Eligibility requirements are generally based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file the Earned Income Tax Credit. Taxpayers can complete an online questionnaire to determine if they qualify.

Refunds generally are received within 10 days if forms were filed electronically and requested direct deposit.

People wanting to file electronically can do so if they owe taxes and pay later. Taxes can be paid electronically by authorizing withdrawals from a checking or savings account or credit card, or taxpayers can mail a check to the IRS by April 15.

The agreement stipulates that the IRS will not offer its own free electronic tax services — a relief for those in the tax filing industry.

Eligible taxpayers can link directly to a participating company's free service Web site and prepare returns using the proprietary software. Completed returns will be sent electronically from the company to the IRS through secure phone lines. Taxpayers then will receive a confirmation that the file was received or rejected.

Electronic tax filing started at the IRS in 1986 — well before the Internet was the universally popular communications tool it is today.

Tax professionals were the guinea pigs in the first test simply because, "who else had computers" in 1986, said Terry Lutes, director of the IRS' Electronic Tax Administration.

That year, just 25,000 returns were electronically filed out of almost 102 million. The program went nationwide a few years later, but still, only tax specialists had access.

"Virtually every country in the world had the ability for taxpayers to go online and file taxes. We didn't," said Mark Forman, associate director of e-government and information technology in the White House budget office.

Electronic filing went nationwide in 1997. High volume caused some problems in transmitting returns and there were initial delays in direct bank deposits of refunds.

The IRS was criticized in 2000 for having ineffective controls to ensure the security of transmitted data. A government audit found that people could gain access to IRS systems and intrusions could not be detected. It has since fixed those problems.

Filing returns could also be confusing: Electronic returns required a separate paper signature form to be mailed. Later, personal identification numbers were introduced and identities validated by including adjusted gross income and total tax figures.

Truly paperless filing was not available until 2001. The glitches persisted: that year, as many as 15 percent of e-filed returns were initially rejected for such things as math errors or mismatched Social Security numbers.

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Warning system to be installed on Queen Isabella Causeway

PHARR (AP) — Bids will be taken in March or April on a motorists' early warning system that would be activated should a barge again strike the Queen Isabella Causeway, state highway officials say.

Also, the Texas Department of Transportation will spend $5 million to provide significant protection to a vulnerable spot on the causeway.

A fleet of barges hit the state's longest bridge on Sept. 15, 2001, knocking a 240-foot gap at its highest point. Eight people died after their vehicles plunged off the broken span.

The revelations came Wednesday at a workshop to discuss the proposal for a second causeway linking South Padre Island to the mainland.

Mario R. Jorge, district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, and deputy district engineer Behrooz Badiozzamani told public officials from Harlingen to South Padre Island that action toward the improvements to the existing structure are under way.

A fiber-optic system would be activated should a barge strike the causeway and in the event a span were affected. The system would shut gates at both ends of the causeway to cut off access to the bridge.

To aid traffic already on the causeway, lighting and signage would be activated every 500 feet, warning motorists of danger ahead and urging them to stop.

SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes		General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES			
5700	Local and intermediate sources	$ 9,488,719	$ 423,398	$ 9,912,117
5800	State program revenues	9,163,548	360,959	9,524,507
5900	Federal program revenues	69,958	2,264,579	2,334,537
5020	Total Revenues	18,722,225	3,048,936	21,771,161
	EXPENDITURES			
	Current:			
0011	Instruction	9,454,803	1,715,316	11,170,119
0012	Instructional resources and media services	531,300	68,284	599,584
0013	Curriculum and staff development	63,457	12,099	75,556
0021	Instructional leadership	152,495		152,495
0023	School leadership	945,085	31,983	977,068
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	660,077	63,357	723,434
0033	Health services	104,982		104,982
0034	Student transportation	674,396	13,634	688,030
0035	Food Service		996,062	996,062
0036	Extracurricular activities	719,152	115,586	834,738
0041	General administration	1,047,333	12,067	1,059,400
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	3,218,410		3,218,410
0052	Security and monitoring services	30,926		30,926
0061	Community services	78,790	57,966	136,756
0071	Principal and interest on long-term debt	683,786		683,786
0081	Capital outlay	10,673		10,673
0093	Payments related to shared services arrangements	197,000		197,000
6030	Total Expenditures	18,572,665	3,086,354	21,659,019
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	149,560	(37,418)	112,142
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
7020	Other Resources	515,000	30,000	545,000
8030	Other Uses	(30,000)		(30,000)
	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	485,000	30,000	515,000
	Special item - insurance recovery	1,028,110		1,028,110
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	1,662,670	(7,418)	1,655,252
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,897,783	88,138	1,985,921
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 3,560,453	$ 80,720	$ 3,641,173



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Guest Comments by the Texas Education Agency

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to he community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study, and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together at a team toward a common goal — helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal.

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it be crafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend in leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours in the school and at extracurricular events. Their love of learning and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can achieve.

In recognition of this dedicated service, January is designated "School Board Recognition Month." This is time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. IN January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	1
Hermleigh ISD	1
DCOS	0
Scurry County	0
Ira ISD	0
City of Snyder	0
WTC	0
Cogdell Hospital	0



Letter to the Editor

New format not good

Dear Editor:

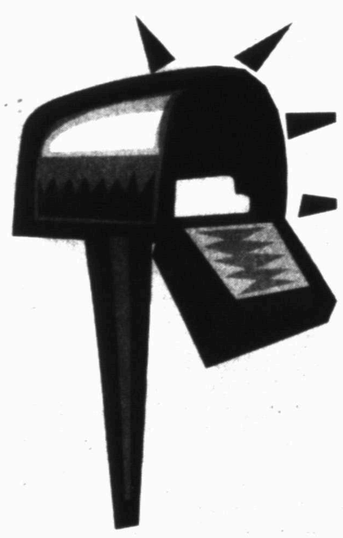
As for as my complaint about Cox Communication, who came up with the new format on Channel 2?

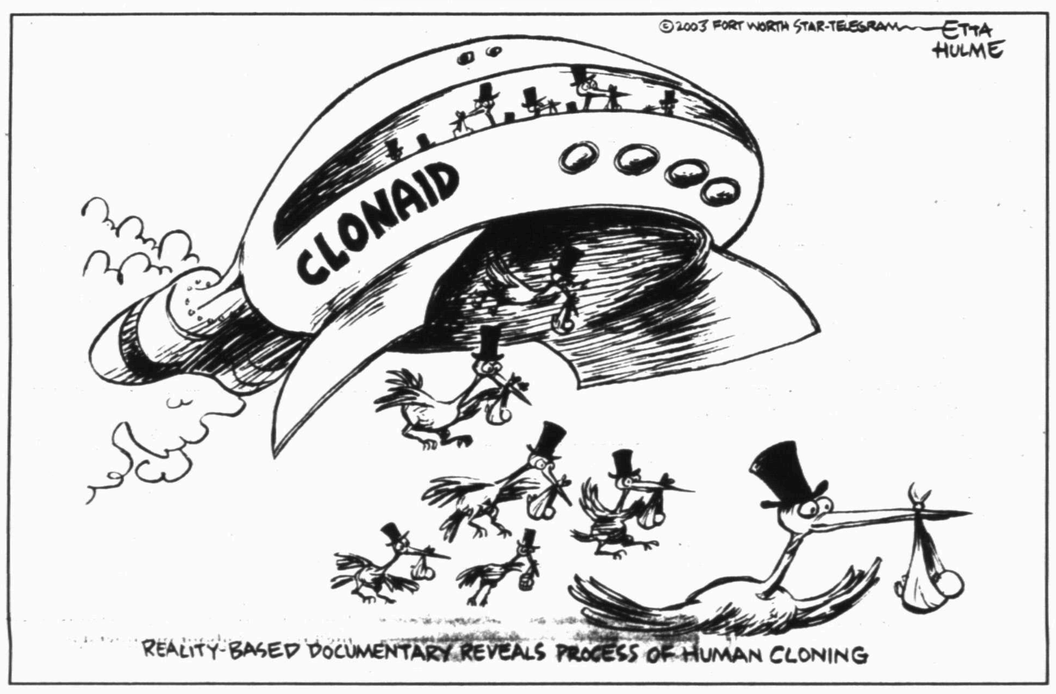
It is not readable most of the time. We like to watch the weather on Channel 2, now we have to wait for it to come up. Nine out of ten people I have talked to do not like it at all. Why was it changed? We are the ones paying for it.

Why can't we have what we want instead of what Cox wants?

Why not take a survey about what people think of it, like I said before — we are the ones paying for it. I could say more about the new Channel 2, but I won't because it wouldn't be good.

Thank you,
Roland B. Duke







The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

The trendsetters

The big topic of conversation at the Liar's Table in the Big Pig Family Diner was the news that an Applebee's was opening a half hour away in Trout Creek. The Big Pig is the only restaurant to speak of in a 20-mile radius around our farm. They're open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. As long as you're in the door by 7, they'll feed you. They'll sweep the floor around you and fill up the ketchup dispensers while you eat, but out here in the winter that's as good as a cruise ship floor show. And you'll get just as sick. I'm starting to think some people show up at 6:55 p.m. on purpose, just to watch them start turning the chairs on to the tabletops.

In the morning the old timers sit at the Liar's Table (named for obvious reasons) to tease one another and spread the gossip. No order is ever written down, no check will ever come; when you've drunk about as much coffee as you can stand, you tell Ruth Ann what you had and she rings you up. Someone will take your place at the table the moment you get up.

The Big Pig serves big food to big people. The breakfast special is a five-egg omelet with a side of sausage. The sausage is the size of a hamburger. You get two. I'm 5 foot 11 and weigh 200 pounds. When I go to the Pig I feel anorexic. Often I am the smallest person there, and that includes women and children. That feeling won't last long if I keep eating this stuff. Anything that's not deep fat fried is barbecued. Sometimes it's deep fat fried and barbecued. Those are the vegetables.

"My sister was in an Applebee's once," said Carmine. "She said they have salads the size of this plate."

"And that comes with your dinner?" said Vardon.

"No, you gruesome, old fool, that IS your dinner."

"A salad. That's all they make, salads?"

"No, you can get other things, I'm just saying my sister says they have these big salads. They are so big that they are a meal. They put chicken on them and whatnot."

Sammy, the 13-year-old busboy, was listening to this while filling the saltshakers. Sammy has long, thin blue hair on the left side of his head and the right side is shaved clean. He always wears a black T-shirt that has the name of his favorite band written across it in letters that look as if they're carved in crumbling marble. It says "Drops of Spit." I'm hoping he owns several of the exact same T-shirts, but then, that's very optimistic on my part.

Chef Bob makes Sammy wear a hairnet, but since he has to push up all the blue hair from one side to the shaved side to make it all fit, he looks as if he has a big blob of cotton candy on his head. It is not the "don't mess with me" look he had in mind.

"I've had a salad before," he volunteered. "I wouldn't eat another one. Tasted like grass. Cows eat grass. When I want grass, I'll eat a cow."

Carlton didn't think Ruth Ann should be worried about the Applebee's taking too much business away from the Big Pig. He adjusted his John Deere baseball cap and said, "Oh, it'll get your trendy crowd, but they're a fickle bunch, they'll be back here in no time."

I looked around the half-empty restaurant at the handful of aging farmers wearing Agway baseball caps and washed out Dickey work shirts eating five-egg omelets. Take a black-and-white picture of this and it'd look like something out of the dust bowl. If they're relying on our trendy crowd, poor Applebee's.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas revenue shortfall

Despite the theatrical buildup, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's Monday announcement on the expected revenue shortfall for the next biennium wasn't much of a surprise. She's been telegraphing disappointment since before the holiday shopping season kicked off the day after Thanksgiving.

When those early sales tax receipts started seeping in — and never got above a trickle — it was clear that the holidays weren't going to lead to a jolly 78th legislative session for lawmakers. The sales tax rebound that everyone was wishing for wasn't found under the Christmas tree.

Cue the finger-pointing. Gov. Rick Perry has joined Strayhorn in accusing the Legislature of being populated by "spendthrifts" during the last session. Beyond being an exercise in futility, laying blame ignores a reality of politics: In flush years, special-interest groups line up on the Capitol steps, demanding that lawmakers find a way to fund their projects — and lawmakers do their darnedest to please them.

One of the special interests addressed in the last session was the demand by public school teachers for state help with health insurance costs. They got it, to the tune of $1.24 billion.

That's a recurring cost unless the Legislature decides to do away with it. Don't expect that to happen.

Of the nearly $10 billion revenue shortfall that Strayhorn projected, a chunk of it represents a deficiency in funds for the current fiscal year, the one ending Aug. 31.

"The balance on hand at the close of the 2002-03 biennium is expected to be negative $1.8 billion, absent any legislative action to remedy the imbalance, as the anticipated economic growth has not materialized," Strayhorn told legislative leadership Monday. For the jargon-impaired, that translates into: The Legislature starts today's session in a financial hole.

Perry doesn't need to use another breath talking about the past. Texans want to hear his plan for dealing with the present and the future. And governor, we'd like to hear something more substantial than "no new taxes."

San Antonio Express-News

Violent crimes in South Texas

Once again, cold-blooded killers have shocked the Rio Grande Valley. Sadly, violent crime is becoming common in this usually quiet part of South Texas.

During home invasions in Edinburg last weekend, six people were gunned down, apparently in a drug-motivated attack.

The latest multiple slaying is as shocking as the one in nearby Donna in September. Six barmaids were ambushed outside the mobile home where they lived.

In another case in November, two men beat another man to death outside an Edinburg bar while dozens of people watched.

None of those cases has been solved.

What should particularly concern authorities is that the at least one of the latest Edinburg killers reportedly posed as a police officer.

Edinburg police said that attacks by people wearing police apparel are on the increase.

Law enforcement agencies must address this issue or their officers may not be taken seriously when they respond to disturbance calls or attempt to make arrests.

In Mexico, criminals commonly pose as police officers, and sometimes even real police rob or attack innocent people. As a result, there's little or no cooperation between many communities and law enforcement agencies.

South Texas doesn't need that. Police officers must have the trust of the communities they serve.

To avoid the Mexican experience, Rio Grande Valley law enforcement agencies must educate their communities about what to expect when police arrive unexpectedly. Otherwise, a routine inquiry could turn violent.

El Paso Times

Partisanship won't help economy

President Bush presented his economic-stimulus plan on Tuesday, the Democrats countered with theirs, and now it's up to all parties concerned to work out differences and come up with a mutually acceptable package.

Compromise must be the key. Neither proposal is perfect by itself. And those negotiations must be accomplished as quickly and in as nonpartisan a manner as possible. Deliberate speed is needed because the economy is stalled, and the sooner it gets jump-started, the better for everyone.

In support of that is Bush's idea to accelerate tax-rate cuts planned for 2004 and 2006. While not the solution in itself, it should serve to stimulate the economy rather quickly and set the scene for later stimuli.

One exception to that might be the dividend-tax elimination, which wouldn't appear until taxpayers file their 2003 returns. But there's a bit of psychology at work here, with Bush hoping it might enliven Wall Street even before it takes effect.

As expected, Democrats generally don't like the Bush proposal and have some suggestions of their own, suggestions that should be considered and implemented if they'll prove useful.

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, is understandably pushing the Democratic package.

"The president's economic stimulus plan is fiscally irresponsible, and will not immediately stimulate the economy," Reyes said. "House Democrats offer an economic stimulus plan that I support. Unlike the Bush plan, the Democratic plan will jump-start our economy without losing sight of fiscal responsibility. It is fair, fast-acting, and will cost taxpayers $430 billion less than the Bush plan.

The Dallas Morning News

Medicare overhaul needed

Medicare reform sounds dull. Dry. Eye-glazing. But President Bush says he will take on the challenge this year. Americans should rejoice.

A new Medicare will benefit today's seniors. It will matter to baby boomers racing toward retirement. And it will rescue Gen Xers and Yers from crushing taxes. Those pluses are anything but dull.

First, today's seniors. Medicare reform as envisioned by President Bush, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House advocates like Connecticut's Nancy Johnson will benefit elderly Americans by giving them more choices. Instead of the same-old, same-old, where seniors go to Doc Wilson and use Medicare to pay his bill, true reform would let patients select annually from various health plans.

One plan could offer great eye care. Another could help with diabetes. The choices could range widely, just as they do for the federal employees who select each year from competing health plans.

Second, the choice/competition approach would fit with baby boomers. Boomers who are used to consumer choice will like a menu of health options when they retire. In fact, it's hard seeing them fit into a universal model.

WTC News

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Sunday, January 19, 2003

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Happenings on Campus

January 21
Last Day to Register

January 23-26
"The Nerd"
Fine Arts Theatre

January 31
Westerners vs Vernon JC

Let's See What Develops



By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

It's a Win-Win Situation!

You can win and WTC can win if you financially support the new WTC athletic programs.

Based on the Home Run Club's Tier System printed on this page, you can make a financial gift and take previous donations to the "Kickoff Campaign" or the "Keep The Ball Rolling Campaign' to count towards 2004 Season Tickets for baseball, softball and WTC Golf membership with the use of a cart.

If your gift totals $2500 or more, your name will be permanently engraved and displayed at the new Sports Complex.

Interested? Study the Tiers, cut it out of the newspaper and enclose with a check designated "Home Run Club", and mail it to the WTC Foundation Board in care of Western Texas College, 6200 S. College Avenue, Snyder, 79549.

As always, your support of WTC is greatly appreciated!

Westerner Baseball

DATE		OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
January				
Friday	31 -	Vernon JC	Vernon	2:00 (1-9)
February				
Saturday	1	Vernon JC	Vernon	12:00 (DH)
Tuesday	4	Lubbock Christian	LCU-Lubbock	2:00 (1-9)
Friday	7	Weatherford JC	Weatherford	2:00 (1-9)
Saturday	8	Weatherford JC	Weatherford	1:00 (DH)
Tuesday	11	McMurry	Snyder	2:00 (DH)
Friday	14	New Mexico JC	Hobbs, NM	12:00 (DH)
Saturday	15	New Mexico JC	Hobbs, NM	12:00 (DH)
Wednesday	19	VBA-Canada	Snyder	2:00 DH)
Friday	21	*El Paco CC	El Paco	12:00 (DH)
Saturday	22	*El Paco CC	El Paco	12:00 (DH)
Friday	28	*Howard	Snyder	12:00 (DH)

Lady Duster Softball

February			
3rd	Cisco Junior College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
8th	Western Oklahoma State College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
11th	Ranger Junior College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
14th	Temple College Tournament	Temple, TX.	TBA
15th	Temple College Tournament	Temple. TX.	TBA
18th	Odessa College	Snyder, TX.	3 & 5
21st	Cowtown Classic	Fort Worth, TX	TBA
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25th	Odessa College	Snyder, TX.	3 & 5
28th	Howard College	Big Spring, TX.	1 & 3

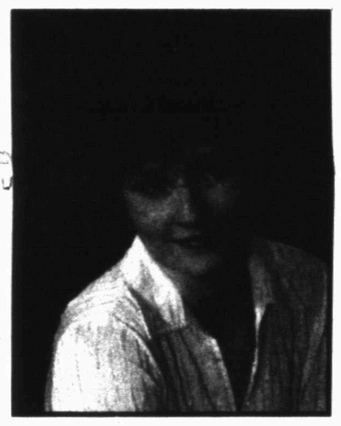
WTC Rodeo

March 20-22 Odessa College, Odessa, TX
March 27-29 Western Texas College, Scurry County Coliseum

WTC Business Partners

(So far!)

1. ***The Auto Clinic,*** *405 6th Street (behind Skinny's on 25th/Hwy 180.*
2. ***Barbee Medical Supply,*** *3801 College Avenue.*
3. ***Fast Oil Change,*** *417 27th Street.*
4. ***Friendly Flower Shop,*** *3203 College Avenue.*
5. ***Jemma Richburg,*** *The Head Quarters Hair Design, 2790 Gary Brewer Road.*
6. ***Pizza Inn,*** *3907 College Avenue.*
7. ***Techno Salon,*** *1906 37th (37th and College).*
8. ***Texas Rapid Returns,*** *located at Texas Finance, Inc., 1400 25th Street.*



Jemma Richburg, Stylist at Head Quarters Hair Design, 2790 Gary Brewer Road, is a WTC Business Partner that offers a discount on her services to the 1000-plus employees and students at Western Texas College. If you are interested in marketing your services or product at WTC, call Dennis Noblett at the Office of Development at 573-8511, ext. 248.

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WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
6200 COLLEGE AVENUE
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DONOR	$50-$99	Donor's Page	
PATRON	$100-$249	Patron's Page	Season tickets for Baseball or Softball-1 year
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PLATINUM	$2500-$4999	**Name on "Founder's Billboard"	Three-year Golf membership and use of golf cart for 1 year
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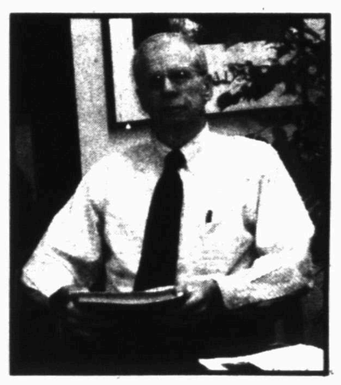
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*Designated seating benefit will be awarded during the first season of play at the new Baseball & Softball complex to be built on the WTC campus (tentatively set for Spring, 2004).
**"Founders" billboards will be erected at both fields with donors' names permanently engraved for donations of $2500 or more.

Getting to Know You

Jerry Corkran: Hired August 19, 1971

What led you to WTC: In 1970, I was in my second year of graduate school at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. During that summer term, I met Dr. Imogene Freer, a professor of reading at Odessa College. She and I had the opportunity to teach a workshop for reading teachers in Artesia.



Dr. Freer really made an impression on me. She was intelligent, energetic, and very committed to education; she served as my mentor.

Some weeks later, Dr. Freer called to tell me there was a new junior college being established in Snyder which was taking applications.

My wife, Margaret, was teaching eighth and ninth grade English in Clovis at the time. Since I had been teaching reading skills to college freshmen, we decided this was an opportunity we should explore.

After submitting an application, we received a call to come for an interview in the spring of 1971. The interview was conducted in the building that is now American State Bank. I met with the new president, Dr. Robert Clinton, and Dr. Ben Brock, Vice President for Instruction.

During that day, we were taken out to the site where the college was being built. There wasn't much to see except some concrete slabs and pipes sticking out of the ground. Margaret and I privately wondered if any of the buildings would be ready for the fall term.

When I reflect on the day of my interview, I remember the far-reaching vision that Dr. Clinton and Dr. Brock had for the college. I also remember that I must have been more nervous than I thought because I locked my keys in the car when we arrived for the interview.

We rode out to the campus site, and while walking around the area, I found a piece of wire. When we got back to our car, I waited until Dr. Clinton left, and then I was able to use the wire to unlock the car without his knowing about my mistake.

Shortly after the interview, I received the great news that I would be one of 25 original faculty members at WTC. We moved to Snyder in August, and the next week Margaret was hired by Snyder ISD to teach English at the junior high for the next thirty years.

After I accepted the position, we were filled with excitement at being part of brand new college, and we – like most of the faculty and staff – watched, inspected, and took pictures of the development of the WTC campus.

Where do you go from here? After I retire, Margaret and I would like to travel throughout parts of the United States that we've not yet visited and revisit parts of Europe that we traveled to in 1972. We'd also like to visit Ireland, especially County Cork, the origin of my family name. One specific thing I'm planning to do is devote more time to my interest in photography.

Most memorable moment: Getting married and the birth of our two children, Jeff and Andrea. Hardest decision you've ever made: One of the hardest decisions I've ever made occurred after I finished my Bachelor's degree.

I decided to take a counseling and teaching position at New Mexico Boys School, a juvenile detention facility in Springer, New Mexico.

Favorite Books: I enjoy reading several kinds of books, including science fiction, mysteries, and especially those on World War II. Some of my favorite books are *D Day*, *War and Remembrance*, *A Man Called Intrepid*, *Centennial*, *Undaunted Courage*, *Travels with Charlie*, *Fahrenheit 451*.

Favorite Authors: Again, I have many authors whose works I enjoy, including Steven Ambrose, James Michener, Ursula LaGuin, Ray Bradbury, and Issac Asimov.

Favorite Movie(s): I enjoy watching movies, but *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *October Sky*, and *American Graffiti* are three of my favorites.

Favorite spare time activity: Reading, photography, walking, and watching soccer games.

Names of family members: Wife–Margaret Corkran; son–Jeff Corkran; daughter–Andrea Corkran; resident "Garfield"–Max; family sweet cat–Miss Priss; grandpuppy–Roo; grandkitten–Molly

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be? I'd like to visit with my grandfather on my dad's side of the family. Since he died when my dad was only seven years old, there are lots of things I don't know about him. For example, I'd like to find out why he moved from Maryland to new Mexico, how he met my grandmother, and where he learned to be a blacksmith.

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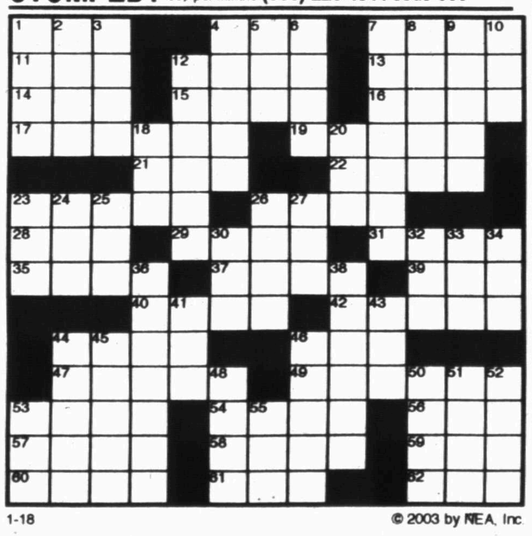
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51 Needing irrigation
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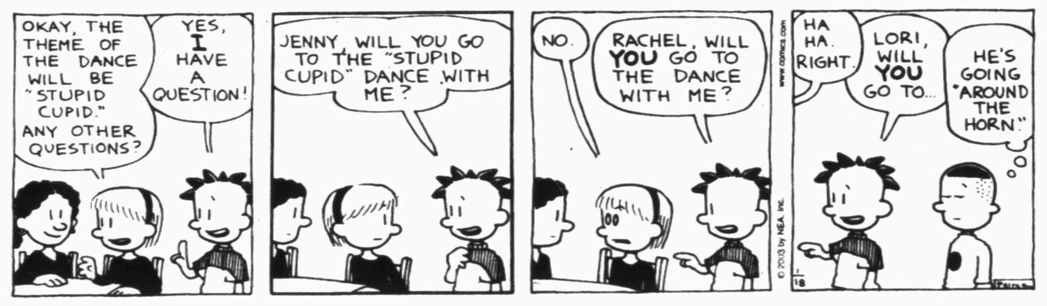
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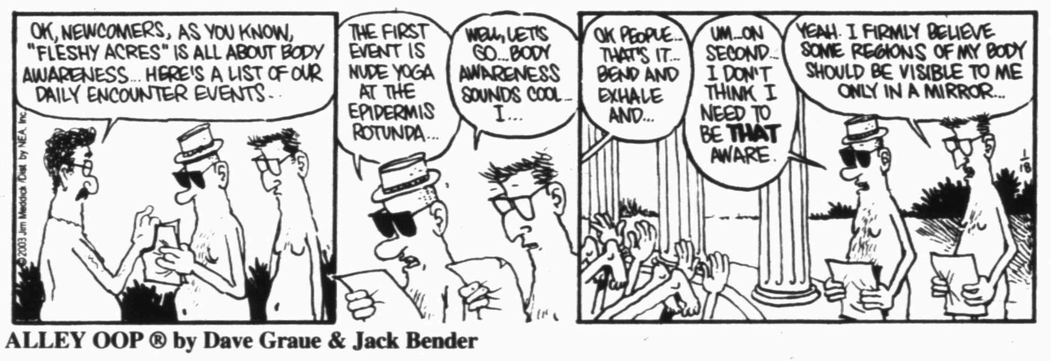
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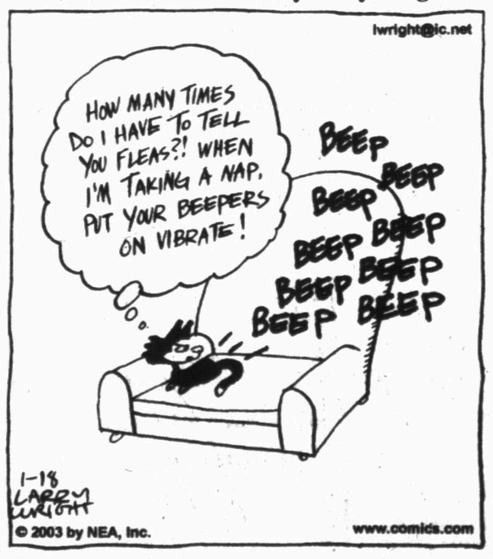


HERMAN ® by Jim Unger



"I need enough paint for two mountains, five trees and a small lake."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



"I WASN'T IN THE COOKIE JAR... JUST MY HAND."

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003

When it comes to the real values life has to offer, you could be exceptionally lucky in the year ahead. Meaningful opportunities may develop for you through relationships you cultivate and establish on all levels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you think you have something worthwhile you'd like to take on today, give it a go, even if it is in an untested realm. If need be, take on a buddy who might provide some know-how.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Happily, you could be very lucky today in your partnership arrangements. Any one-on-one relationship you encounter now could take on greater significance than usual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Conditions pertaining to your material well-being or your career could be quite beneficial for you today. It's one of those days when any effort you expend could produce more than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're at your best today and the impression you make with people you meet will have considerable significance. You'll be a smashing success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you start today you'll stay on top of until you get the exact results you desire. Consequently, this is an excellent day to address matters of importance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be a loner or a couch potato today. Get out and mingle where you can make your personality and presence felt. There's a chance you could develop an excellent association.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Make certain you are doing everything possible today to capitalize on a financial opportunity or to take advantage of adding to your resources, because you're under fortunate influences now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Challenging developments will be your cup of tea today. It's a good day to get out with friends and engage in a competitive sport or activity. You'll be bold and assertive when required.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's best not to try to mess with situations or things today that are smoothly humming along. It'll work to your advantage to let events run their natural course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't turn down any invitation today where you will be mingling with large groups of people. Somewhere in the milling throng, a valuable new contact can be established.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Think in bigger-than-usual terms today, because your ambitious aims have excellent chances of being fulfilled. Lady Luck will make up for any shortcomings you may experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Because your insights will be exceptionally accurate today, you'll make anything you take on look simple. You'll be a tough one to equal when it comes to managing difficult situations.

Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 20, 2003

Be open to all new opportunities that come your way in the year ahead, because constructive changes can be made where your work or career is concerned — with some exciting possibilities in the offing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Timing is important today, so be careful not to prematurely tip your hand or you could derail something good that you have going for you. The right moment will reveal itself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you have to deal with someone with whom you've crossed swords in the past, don't let this old grudge influence your thinking today. Turn over a new leaf.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sometimes there are better deals out there than those from the firms you normally do business with. Today may be one of those days where you should check around first before purchasing anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Instead of checking out everybody else's opinion on a perplexing decision you're wrestling with today, you'd be better off following your own judgment. Too much advice will be confusing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if you are greatly inconvenienced today by a job at work, don't take it out on your co-workers. It's not their fault and their jobs aren't easy either.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — By being too possessive or demanding of those you love today, chances are you'll arouse the kind of rebellious reactions you won't like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take extra precautions today to treat your loved ones or special friends equally. Even if you unintentionally show favoritism, you'll be courting hurt feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't take it as a personal affront today if someone isn't in complete accord with your wishes. Everyone's needs and desires are different; what's right for you may not be for him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a strong chance you could go overboard in your spending today if you're impulsive in the management of your financial affairs. If you get reckless, it might prove very costly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try to avoid situations today that could have restrictions attached to them. In order to operate at your best, you need to be free to complete your aims without any interference from others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stay on schedule today and avoid mental traffic jams like leaving things to the last minute. It isn't likely that you'll be able to work too well when placed under pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Friends and associates might find you an enjoyable companion today, but not necessarily a generous one. If you expect others to share with you, you must first share with them.

Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Woman accused of killing abusive son

ST. LOUIS (AP) — When members of the Shunk family heard the shotgun blast, they thought for sure that Joe Shunk Jr. had finally killed his mother.

But it was Joe Jr. who lay dead — and his 66-year-old mother, Dixie, who allegedly pulled the trigger.

Today, Dixie Shunk is behind bars, charged with murder — and her family and friends are outraged. Dixie Shunk, they say, is a victim of her abusive, 41-year-old son, and they say she still has broken and bruised ribs.

They say Joe Jr. abused his father, his children, and his wife.

But law enforcement officials say that they are not aware of any past calls about Joe Jr.'s abusive behavior and that Dixie Shunk has not requested medical treatment in jail.

Earlier this week, about 40 of Dixie Shunk's supporters marched outside the courthouse in Pilot Knob, a town 85 miles southwest of St. Louis. Among them: her husband; two of Joe Jr.'s children; and Joe Jr.'s estranged wife, carrying a sign that read "Mother, Wife, Grandma. Friend — Not a Criminal."

The shooting happened the evening of Jan. 9 at Dixie Shunk's home. Her son lived next door in a trailer, and had come over for a visit.

Joe Sr. says that he and his son got into an argument over Joe Jr.'s financial troubles and that Joe Jr. threatened to shoot his father. Dixie Shunk left the room, saying she couldn't take it anymore.

Joe Sr. says that a short time later, he heard what sounded like Joe Jr. getting off the living room couch and threatening Dixie Shunk. Then, gunshots.

Joe Sr. says his son had a history of mental illness, and he describes his wife as "a petticoats lady, a real God-saving Christian."

Ron Pedigo, Dixie Shunk's lawyer, has asked that she be examined by a psychiatrist.

"I just believe that a mother or father who has to destroy a child, even in self-defense, it's against our own natures with our offspring," he says.

$375,000 donated for Parkinson's research

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Mayo Clinic Jacksonville has received $375,000 from The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

The clinic is one of 11 institutes worldwide to get part of a $2.6 million grant to study Parkinson's disease, it was announced this week.

The foundation, founded in 2000, has become a major source of research money, funding more than $17 million in grants.

Fox, who starred in the "Back to the Future" films, revealed in 1998 that he has Parkinson's disease. He left the ABC series "Spin City" in 2000 to spend more time with his family and lobby for research related to the ailment.

The 41-year-old, who won an Emmy for "Spin City" and three others for the 1980s sitcom "Family Ties," recently wrote the best-selling memoir "Lucky Man."

Other grants were awarded to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, The University of Alabama, Baylor College of Medicine, Montreal Neurological Institute at McGill University, Finders University, Lund University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Washington, the University of Pennsylvania, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and The Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Age-related arterial calcifications

DEAR DR. GOTT: My last doctor told me that testing showed aorto-iliac vascular calcifications. I have moved out of state, and my new physician says not to worry, and that nothing can be done. Is this correct?

DEAR READER: Probably. All of us, as we age, develop calcium deposits within the walls of our arteries. It is a cruel trick of nature that calcium leaves our bones (where it's most needed) and travels to our arteries (where it isn't). This is the origin of the term "arteriosclerosis," which means "hardening of the arteries." (Incidentally, taking calcium supplements for osteoporosis is appropriate and will not effect arteries.)

By and large, these calcium deposits do no real harm. However, because they increase over time, they are eventually related to arterial blockage, leading to poor circulation.

Therefore, depending on your age, aorto-iliac calcifications are normal. This simply means that the major artery in your abdomen (and its branches to the thighs) is becoming calcified. If you do not suffer leg cramps, cold extremities or any other signs of arterial blockage, you can forget about the calcium build-up — at least for now. (However, because this condition is often worsened by diabetes, obesity and high cholesterol levels, you may wish to review your concerns with your family physician.)

On the other hand, if you do have symptoms — especially muscle cramps when exercising, which may indicate critical degrees of blockage - you will need aggressive testing and therapy. Treatment for symptomatic aorto-iliac obstruction includes angioplasty and arterial bypass surgery.

I suggest that you have your condition monitored by yearly ultrasound vascular studies. If the blockages progress, you will have to examine your options anew and, perhaps, obtain a consultation from a vascular surgeon.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 71 and a diabetic. No heart disease or other serious illnesses. My cholesterol level is 214. Why does my doctor want me to take Zocor? The medicine is expensive, and I'm afraid of the side effects.

DEAR READER: Although experts recommend that every healthy person have a serum cholesterol below 200 milligrams per deciliter, I believe that some flexibility is in order. Specifically, I do not agree that a 71-year-old diabetic needs to have a cholesterol lower than 214, because the risks of "statin" drugs, including Zocor, outweigh the benefits. Ask your doctor to explain his reasoning and, maybe, consider other options that would be cheaper and safer. For example, consuming oatmeal and psyllium fiber several times a week might well lower your cholesterol level by 10 or 20 points. In addition, a low-cholesterol diet, weight-loss (if you are stout) and increased exercise would have beneficial effects. Unless you have coronary artery disease or some other compelling reason to lower your cholesterol, I'd be content with your level of 214. But, again, discuss your concerns with your physician.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument. I say that herbal aphrodisiacs are useless, but my friend swears by them.

DEAR READER: Sexual dysfunction is an age-old complaint, primarily among men, that has provided the basis for an astounding and ancient tradition of medication called aphrodisiacs.

Of course, the ancients' view of pharmacology was as primitive and incorrect as their understanding of impotence and other sexual problems. Almost any substance was, at one time or another, touted as a love potion. For example, centuries ago, chicken eggs were believed to improve sexual interest (libido). Unicorn's horn, a non-existent remedy, once enjoyed wide popularity as an aphrodisiac, which makes me marvel at the skills of medieval con artists.

When first introduced into Europe, chocolate, potatoes and tomatoes were hailed as sex enhancers. This undeserved reputation didn't last, however, and the products became what they are today: prosaic edibles.

Suggestion has always played a crucial role in identifying an aphrodisiac. For instance, rhinoceros horn is shaped like a phallus, as are certain roots. Rhubarb and octopus are fleshy and firm. Garlic and pepper are "strong." Other substances, such as bull or goat testicles, have an obvious association with sexuality. Ginseng root, a staple of Chinese folklore, possesses anti-inflammatory characteristics resembling those of aspirin; therefore, it's supposed aphrodisiac quality may actually be the result of its pain-relieving effects.

Belief is another important factor in aphrodisia. Basically, if a person believes that a compound will benefit him, it will in a high percentage of cases. This is called the "placebo effect" and, in some studies of sex enhancers, it can approach 50 percent.

The Food and Drug Administration has concluded that no safe, over-the-counter aphrodisiac is worth the money to pay for it. Most are harmless, but at least one, cantharidin, also called cantharis can be lethal. Known under the sobriquet of "Spanish Fly," this powder is prepared by crushing and drying the "blister beetle," which is found in Near East and Mediterranean countries. Even tiny amounts of this powder, when ingested, may cause intense inflammation of the urinary tract, a situation that can lead to genital stimulation. In order to relieve the discomfort (by "scratching the itch"), some unfortunate victims engage in extended sex. This doesn't work. Toxicity, seen as kidney failure and shock, usually appears within 24 hours.

Take heart. Modern medicine has come up with at least four drugs that improve sexual interest and/or ability.

1.) Levodopa. Used in treating Parkinson's disease, this medication often improves sexual functioning in the elderly.

2.) Selegiline. Useful in slowing the development of Parkinson's disease, this medication enhances sexual ability without side effects or harm. Studies are being performed to test whether the drug may someday be used to counteract the waning sexual interest and ability so prevalent in the elderly.

3.) Testosterone. Helpful only for men who have documented hormone deficiency, the drug has not been widely accepted because of the possibility that it may increase the risk of prostate cancer.

4.) Viagra. This prescription medication has achieved worldwide recognition as the superior treatment for erectile dysfunction. The medicine stimulates certain muscles to trap blood in the penis, leading to more satisfactory erections. Although ordinarily safe, it should not be used by men who are taking nitroglycerine compounds for heart disorders.

In conclusion, reader, you are correct; your friend's generalization isn't. Fortunately, modern medicine is moving beyond the fly-by-night, street-corner world of traditional and ineffective aphrodisiacs. We are entering a new era of drugs that may actually cure one of mankind's oldest and most persistent complaints.

To give you related information, I am forwarding you a copy of my Health Report "Erectile Dysfunction." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is calcinosis circumscripta? I have it in my fingers.

DEAR READER: Calcinosis circumscripta is the localized deposition of calcium nodules in tissues, particularly beneath the skin and muscle. The disorder is rare but has been associated with two relatively common connective tissue disorders: scleroderma and dermatomyositis. In general, the calcinosis produces no symptoms; rather, the underlying disease itself is the cause of health problems.

For example, the two diseases I mentioned, which are diagnosed by blood tests and other techniques, will lead to shiny and taut skin over the fingers, weakness of the muscles and inflammation in many of the body's organs. Treatment is directed toward relieving symptoms; the calcinosis is of secondary concern. I suggest that you follow your doctor's advice with respect to further testing and treatment.

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Ghetto party plans embarrases officials at A&M

By The Associated Press

Quite a few parties are planned at Texas A&M University this weekend, but the one generating the most buzz won't happen.

University officials were embarrassed to learn some residents at a dormitory were planning to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with a "ghetto party." Officials learned about it as A&M plays host to the annual Southwestern Black Leadership Conference, which is being held on campus through Sunday.

"It's always unfortunate when things like this happen," said Ron Sasse, director of A&M's department of residence life. "We're worried when people come to our campus and think that's the way our campus is. Those students set us back when they do things like that."

Sasse said Friday he told students the party would be canceled.

Fliers at Walton Hall advertised the off-campus event, at which participants were to mimic stereotypes. The flier also encouraged partygoers to "think ghetto."

Sasse said he learned of the event from a note sent anonymously to his office. The note indicated that similar activities had been staged for several years.

"It's hard to understand how students could live in today's world," Sasse said, "and think a party playing on stereotypes of African-Americans would be acceptable. It never ceases to amaze me."

The university is investigating whether university or dorm rules were violated, with a focus on Walton Hall advisers and the dorm's student organization. However, dorm officials said that its staff had no role in planning the off-campus party.

News of the party comes just days after A&M President Robert Gates promised to improve the campus' diversity.

Overall, the university's faculty and student body is 85 percent white. Women comprise 18 percent of the university's tenured and tenure-tracked faculty.

About 3 percent of students at A&M this year are black, 8 percent are Hispanic and 3 percent are Asian. Statewide, blacks account for 12 percent of the population, Hispanics 32 percent and Asians 4 percent.

Mitchell Rice, director of A&M's Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, said the timing of the event could hurt A&M's efforts to diversify.

IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:			
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 1,629,117	$ 37,549	$ 1,666,666
5800	State Program Revenues	135,067	490,632	625,699
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	37,079	37,079
5020	Total Revenues	1,764,184	565,260	2,329,444
	EXPENDITURES:			
	Current:			
0011	Instruction	937,442	500,193	1,437,635
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	21,049	-	21,049
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,305	2,564	3,869
0023	School Leadership	86,000	-	86,000
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	22,399	520	22,919
0033	Health Services	1,012	-	1,012
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	29,571	-	29,571
0035	Food Services	-	85,186	85,186
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	90,110	-	90,110
0041	General Administration	213,846	-	213,846
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	205,753	-	205,753
0053	Data Processing Services	3,750	-	3,750
	Debt Service:			
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	205,000	-	205,000
0171	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	25,165	-	25,165
	Capital Outlay:			
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	153,566	-	153,566
	Intergovernmental:			
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	16,265	-	16,265
6030	Total Expenditures	2,012,233	588,463	2,600,696
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(248,049)	(23,203)	(271,252)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7914	Non-Current Loan Proceeds	209,000	-	209,000
7915	Transfers In	-	23,203	23,203
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(23,203)	-	(23,203)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	185,797	23,203	209,000
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(62,252)	-	(62,252)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	382,990	-	382,990
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	16,463	-	16,463
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 337,201	$ -	$ 337,201

