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Home of Lee Crow



VISITING THE MUSEUM — Stanfield Elementary students took a field trip to the Scurry Cunty Museum this week and found the waterfall an interesting sight. (SDN Staff Photo)

For city council, Ira board...

Voters not wearing out many pencils

A contested race for mayor and two at-large spots on the Snyder city council has not generated much interest among early voters in the community.

Nor has it at Ira where two of the seats are contested on the Ira ISD school board for the May 5 election.

When early voting ended Friday afternoon at city hall, 88 ballots had been cast.

Present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah are on the ballot for mayor. Mayor Dayton Robertson chose not to seek another term citing demands of his job with YZ Systems.

Ashley is a salesman in the food service industry while Noah is a retired educator.

Running for two at-large positions on the council are Carl L. Moon Jr., Terry Martin and John Reed. Martin is an incumbent councilman.

Moon works in construction and is a former employee of the city, while Martin is retired from Chevron and is a director at West Texas State Bank. Reed is the president of Southern Electric.

The Ira trustee election has contested races for Place 2 and Place 7. Thirty-six people have been to the polls since early voting started April 18.

Dirk Dunn, Gilbert Sanchez and Doug White are seeking the Place 7 Ira trustee post while Fran Farmer, Jeff Kellner and Kirby Sterling are running for the Place 2 post.

Dunn and Sterling farm, while Sanchez is a self-employed floor covering contractor and White works for ExxonMobil.

Farmer is branch manager of First American Bank and owns Farmer's Design Group, and Kellner works for Anadarko.

Ira incumbents Shane Smith in Place 5 and Keith Clements in Place 6 are both unopposed.

Smith works for Ira Pump and Supply, while Clements farms.

Early voting continues through May 1.

Ira ISD and the Snyder city council are the only entities holding elections as Snyder and Hermleigh school districts cancelled theirs because of uncontested races.

Incumbent trustees for Snyder ISD, Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples will both serve another term, as will Sherene Digby and David Higgins at Hermleigh.

Western Texas College did not have a trustee race scheduled this year.

At Ira, early voting is taking place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the business office. The office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Early voters in the city council election can cast ballots at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hospital mammography unit receives final certifications

Both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Texas State Department of Health have now certified Cogdell Memorial Hospital's mammography department.

Prior to the certification, the department had been providing services under a provisionary accreditation.

"Only about 30 percent of the departments get certified on their first application," said Brian Moffett, radiology department manager. "We passed with flying colors."

Moffett said it requires a combination of equipment and the expertise of the technologist and radiologist to produce the exam results necessary for accreditation.

"This is one more instance of the commitment CMH is putting forth to bring quality personnel and equipment to take care of the health needs of local and area citizens," said Moffett.

Besides the new mammography department and equipment, Cogdell Memorial Hospital has recently completed renovation of its entire radiology department.



ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES — Lori Walker RT , left, and Laurie Sellers RT, display the certificates of accreditation from the FDA and the Texas Department of Health. (Contributed Photo)

Wagon Wheel Ranch sold

The Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch has new owners.

David Giese and Sharon Gasho are the new owners of the facility and their purchase from Billy Ray and Pam Browning includes over 700 acres.

The transaction was completed Thursday afternoon after the two retired pilots "fell in love with the facility."

Giese is from Orange County, Calif., and he retired from Express Airlines, while Gasho recently sold her interest in Western International Aviation in Tucson.

Gasho said the two had decided to travel full time in an RV when they retired until they discovered the Wagon Wheel.

"A couple in Ruidoso told us to be sure and stop here," said Gasho. "Now we won't be leaving."

Operations of the ranch and the Rusty Spur Café will continue without interruption, they both said, and expansion plans underway will continue.

Tommy Allsup and Larry Scott, both recent additions to the operation of the ranch, will also continue their work.

"We value their input," said Gasho.

"We've fallen in love with the community, this operation and our employees," said Gasho.

WTC to recognize outstanding students in Wednesday event

Academic achievement will be recognized Wednesday, May 2 on the Western Texas College campus as the annual spring Awards Day ceremony is held.

The event, sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association, will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. A highlight of the event is the announcement of the outstanding Academic Male and Female Student for 2001.

Requirements for this recognition include sophomore status, completing the freshman year at WTC, being a full time student a minimum of three semesters at WTC, maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA and being involved in campus and/or community activities and organizations. Students are nominated by their instructors, and the winners are voted on by the WTC Faculty Association. In addition, departmental awards will be presented to outstanding students in individual divisions for the academic school year. All awards recipients and their parents have been notified so that they may attend the program.

In order for students to attend, class schedules on campus will be changed Wednesday according.

The regular class time and the abbreviated schedule is as follows.

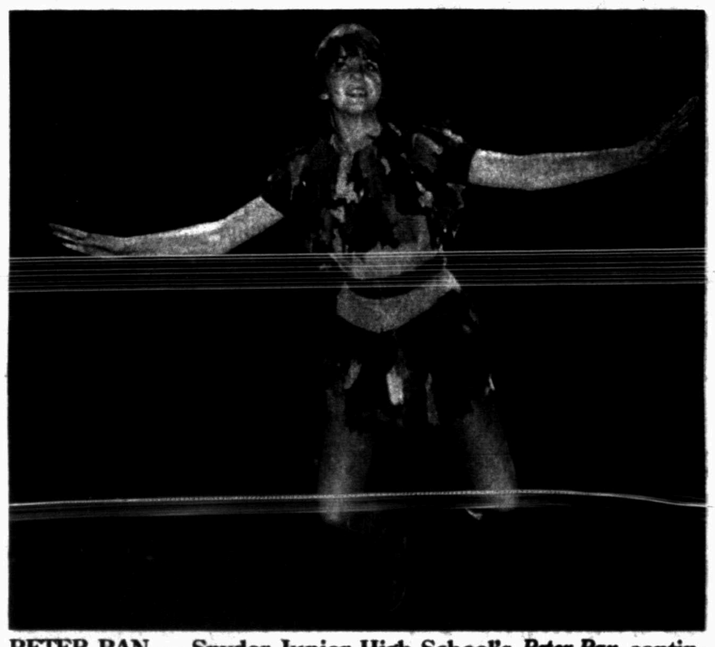
Morning classes that usually meet from 8:00 to 8:50 will meet from 8 to 8:25 while 9 to 9:50 classes will meet from 8:30 to 8:55. Classes that meet 10 to 10:50 will meet 9 to 9:25 while 11 to 11:50 classes will meet frrm 9:30 to 9:55.

Students in classes that usually meet from noon to 12:50 p.m. will attend class from 10 to 10:25.

Fall pre-registration underway at WTC

Students currently enrolled at Western Texas College may pre-register for the fall 2001 semester through Friday.

Fall class schedules are available in the registrar's office and counseling office. Payment for all classes must be paid by Aug. 15 in order to ensure pre-enrollment.



PETER PAN — Snyder Junior High School's *Peter Pan* continues performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday in the school auditorium. Blake Robertson has the title role. Tickets are $5 each. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are two sides to every issue, but rarely an end."

If that organization that promote term limits really wants to improve the legislative process, then they are attempting to limit the wrong thing.

We get tons of mail from those guys who see something sinister about a rep serving multiple terms. We've always countered that the good ones should keep serving and the lousy ones replaced — but by the voters.

What we are in favor of is limiting the number of bills that each house member or senator can introduce in a 140-day session.

Texas already limits legislative sessions to every other year, and that limitation has worked well for the Lone Star State. There is conventional wisdom that if the legislature isn't in session, then not much bad can happen.

So far, there have been more than 6,000 bills introduced in the 77th Legislature. Our personal hero of the session is State Rep. Paul Moreno of El Paso who is the only member who has failed to toss a bill in the legislative hopper.

He claims to be the champion of the little guy and spends his time "trying to stop bad ole bills."

Seems like a limit of 10 bills by each of the 150 house members would make good sense. And since there are only 30 in the Senate, we might allow them as many as 15 each. We understand some states have successfully done this.

Politics is always a good source of a humorous story.

Jimmy Carter, giving a speech at the inauguration of the new president of Southwestern University, recalled speaking some years ago at another Methodist university — this one in Kyoto, Japan.

It was an experience that helps him remain humble, despite being a former president of the United States.

Carter said he's not regular on the speaking circuit, but he does know a warm-up joke or two.

He told the Japanese group, not his "best one," but his "short one." The remark got an unexpected response. The hearty laughter almost brought down the house.

After the speech, President Carter asked his interpreter how the joke had been translated to work so well. The interpreter first evaded the questions, but Carter persisted.

Finally, the interpreter relented. "I told them 'President Carter has just told a very funny story. Everyone laugh.'"

ASK US

Q—What's the name of the bugs that have been "bugging" me lately? They look like giant mosquitoes.

A—Crane flies. They are also known as tipulid flies.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Saturday, 50; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, low lower 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy, high mid 80s. Sunday night, also partly cloudy, low mid 50s.



Avery Ware
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:22 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:01 a.m.
Of 117 days in 2001, the sun has shone 105 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One way to prevent conversation from being boring is to say the wrong thing.
—Frank Sheed

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Two deputies shot

HALLSVILLE (AP) — An East Texas man shot two deputies, killing one, before turning the gun on himself late Friday morning.

Charles Anderson shot and killed Lt. Clay Medrano of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department at a mobile home in a rural area east of Hallsville, police said.

Medrano, 51, had been with the department more than 15 years, said Harrison County Deputy T.K. Wadlington.

Medrano was shot in the forehead as he approached a mobile home where he was attempting to serve a misdemeanor arrest warrant to Anderson, said Harrison County Constable Robert Hagen.

Anderson then shot Deputy Chris Dotson in the torso, Hagen said.

After the shootings, Anderson left the mobile home and walked about a quarter of a mile to his father's nearby home where the two men had a conversation, Hagen said.

When Anderson left his father's home, he walked into a wooded area, leaned against a tree and shot himself, Hagen said.

Dotson was hospitalized at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, where he was listed in good condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"Everybody's really torn up over this," said Jan Medrano, a woman who identified herself as Medrano's sister-in-law. "We really don't have much information."

Officers gathered at the scene of the shooting to pray Friday afternoon.

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Hedge mazes served as amusement parks in 17th century England.

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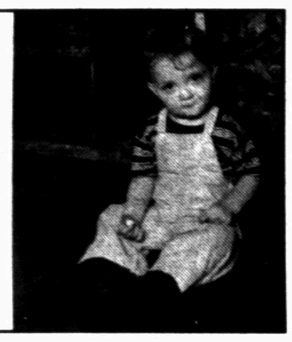


Plans underway for Scurry County Rodeo, June 14-16

Preparations are underway to revitalize the Scurry County Rodeo slated June 14-16 at the rodeo arena. The annual event is sponsored by the Scurry County Rodeo Association.

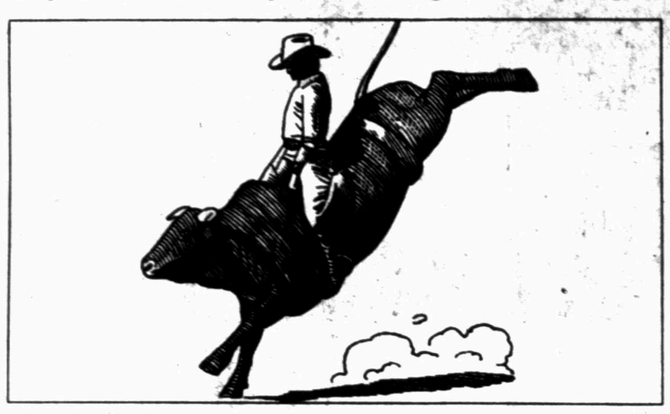
According to Randy Head, who is in charge of publicity, the rodeo is being held a month early in hopes that cooler weather may encourage more participation. An effort is also being made to make this rodeo more family oriented, she added.

The traditional parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. on June 14. There will also be a queen contest, with candidates to be announced at a later date.

Besides three nights of rodeo action, three dances are also planned, as well as a chili cook off, and an unusual event called bull poker will make its debut in Snyder.

Four men will play poker in the arena while a bull is turned loose. The last man seated will win the money, Mrs. Head said. Clown Rick Chatman will return for the rodeo and will be included in the bull poker event also.

Terry Walls of Stephenville will produce the rodeo, slated from 8-10 p.m. all three nights.



Money will be added to this year's events, including $750 to all rough stock events and $500 to all timed events.

Two dances will be held at the rodeo grounds and one at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Highway 208 will provide the music. The June 14 and 15 dances will begin at 9 p.m. on the rodeo grounds. The dance on June 16 will begin at the same at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

On June 1, the annual introduction of ropers will be held at the stockholders meeting set at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. A dance, featuring Jody Nix, will follow at 9 p.m.

Clayton Riley is the president of the Scurry County Rodeo Association; Darrell Drain is the vice president; and Cliff Price is the secretary and treasurer.

Board members include Roscoe Massingale, Cody Newton, Eric Robertson, Van Hale, Lance Wilson, Danny Williams, Cameron Price, Mike Murphy.

Steering committee members include L.J. Mueller, Ralph Miller, Tommy Riley, Joe Rollins, John Ward, Doyle Newton. Drew Bullard, Sid Johnson, Eddie Eicke.

The Scurry County Rodeo was organized in 1936.



Valery Haines

Haines recognized by 'U.S. Academy'

Snyder High School student Valery Haines has been named a United States National Award winner in history and government.

Haines is the daughter of Paul and Judy Haines of Snyder. Her grandparents are Bob and Marilyn Wegner of Arlington; Charles and Mary Alice Whittenburg of Hurst; Floy Adkisson of Kerrville; and Lamar and Mary Haines of Bryan.

Hardin graduates from MCT school

PFC Wil C. Hardin graduated from the Marine School of Infantry on April 6 at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He will next undergo training to become a landing support specialist at Camp LeJune, N.J., beginning June 16.

Hardin is the son of Richard and Rhonda Hardin of Snyder. Grandparents are W.C. and Jimmie Dee Whitlock of Lockney and W.P. Holmes of Floydada.

Rice becomes U.S. airman

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman Chad D. Rice has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He is the son of Doyle and Peggy Rice of Snyder.

Rice is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School.

Andrews honored

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Julie Andrews was honored with the Ella award, named after Ella Fitzgerald, which highlights the careers of singers whose musical careers are paralleled by contributions to humanitarian causes.

Andrews, star of the films "Mary Poppins," "The Sound of Music" and "Victor/Victoria," received the award Wednesday night from the Society of Singers.

The nonprofit organization benefits the health and welfare of professional singers who need help.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
25-52-65-40

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-4-20-8-34

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-6-8

Turned down millions

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite the millions of dollars NBC offered Julianna Margulies to stay on "ER," she said she left the series after six seasons last May for several reasons — one of which was the writing.

"By last year, there were 13 series regulars. It just became a show about revolving doors. Too many ins and outs. They didn't know what to do with all of us," Margulies says in the June issue of "Rosie" magazine.

"Also, bombs don't go off in emergency rooms. It's where you go to get help when you've been in an explosion. But every two minutes it was exploding."

The 33-year-old actress turned down $27 million to play head nurse Carol Hathaway for two more years. Since then, she's appeared in the movie "What's Cooking?" and given her voice to the movie "Dinosaur."

Margulies recently appeared in the play "Ten Unknowns" at New York's Lincoln Center and just finished a miniseries "The Mists of Avalon," set to air on TNT in July.

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PTK RECEIVES AWARD — WTC President, Dr. Harry Krenek presented the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa with the 2000 Journey Award for Excellence in Membership Recruitment. The award is given by Phi Theta Kappa International Headquarters to chapters who increase membership by 10 percent from the previous academic year. Pictured from left are Jeff Ellis, adviser Patty Kuhl, David Garcia, Krenek, adviser Sandra Hall and Christopher Metsgar. (Staff Photo by Joyce May)



NEW OFFICERS — New Phi Theta Kappa honor society officers for the 2001-02 academic year at Western Texas College have been named. They are back from left, Corey Knipe, communications officer; Christopher Metsgar, vice president of service; Amber Atkinson, vice president of scholarship; and Michelle Guelker, vice president of leadership. Front from left are Felsah Biggers, vice president of fellowship; Vicky Rowland, secretary/treasurer and David Garcia, president. (Contributed Photo)

Plumber surrenders near school

HOUSTON (AP) — A plumber that neighbors regarded as "very personable, very friendly" fired more than 50 shots during a four-hour standoff with police across the street from Spring Woods High School before surrendering peacefully.

Glenn Eaton, 44, who police said kept more than 20 weapons, gave himself up at 3:30 p.m. Friday to tactical officers who surrounded his townhouse.

No injuries were reported.

"I guess he realized he'd be better off out here," said Capt. Mike Walker with the Houston Police Department's HPD's tactical section.

"As far as I could tell, he was not shooting particularly close to the officers. He was shooting in the general direction."

Eaton, who was alone, gave up after police negotiators arrived and established communication.communications.

"What they said convinced him to come out," Walker said.

Police said they hadn't determined what sparked the incident.

"Neighbors called because he was shooting the guns and they were hearing yelling," Walker said.

Case president quits in Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP) — David H. Auston quit Friday after 22 months as president of Case Western Reserve University and blamed "fundamental differences" with university trustees.

The differences weren't specified in a university statement and Auston could not be reached for comment. A message was left at his home Friday night.

"We thank him and wish him well in whatever his future endeavors will be," board chairman John F. Lewis said in a statement issued by the university.

The Plain Dealer reported in its Saturday edition that sources reported the resignation stemmed from mounting friction between the board and Auston. "He believes the board of Case is too much in the face of the president," one source who wasn't named told the newspaper.

Kenneth F. Ledford, associate professor of history and law and chair of the faculty senate, said the faculty was informed by e-mail but the reason for the resignation wasn't explained.

Another faculty senate member, David Singer, a professor of math, said Auston missed Thursday's senate meeting, but his absence wasn't explained. As for the resignation, "It was a total shock," he said.

The resignation was effective immediately. James W. Wagner, provost and university vice president, was appointed to fill in as president in Auston's absence.

Two from Snyder become Marines

FHTNC — Marine Corps Pfc. Guy E. Teccazas and Pvt. Eddie F. Montoya, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Montoya and Teccazas and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Montoya is the son of Lupe Montoya of Snyder. Teccazas is the son of Erminia and Leon Teccazas of Snyder. Both are graduates of Snyder High School.

Navy deploys Hernandez

FHTNC — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe E. Hernandez, son of Lillie and Joe A. Hernandez of Snyder, recently visited Phuket, Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong. Hernandez was on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to guided missile destroyer USS Higgins, home ported in San Diego.

While in Phuket, Higgins' Sailors helped refurbish three classrooms and a fence at a local school. Crewmembers also broke down concrete and cleaned a storeroom at a Singapore Boys Town Chapter.

Sailors from Hernandez' ship also cleaned carpets and sidewalks and trimmed rose bushes at the Ronald McDonald House of Kowloon.

USS Higgins is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea.

Hernandez is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School of Snyder and joined the Navy of June 1998.

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TECHNOLOGY AWARDS — Snyder High School technology education students won several awards at the regional Techonoly Students Association meet, and several advanced to state. Back row, from left, Nathan Hines, Joe Bishop, Josh Key, Jeremy Miller, Kenny Alcala, Glen Burns; second row, Jeff Proctor, Saul Pena, Matthew Garza, Tyler Hunter, Matthew Stokes; front row, John Nobles, Jose Perez, Diane Morin. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS Technology Students Association wins at region

Snyder High School's Technology Students Association (TSA) Chapter traveled to Odessa last Saturday for the annual regional contest, sweeping the problem-solving events.

Dianne Morin and Glen Burns were first in the communication division. Ricardo Madera and Jose Perez earned first place in the power, energy and transportation.

Josh Key and Saul Pena were first in manufacturing team. All of the above students qualified for state.

SHS students also did well in the graphic solutions competition. Glen Burns received a first division rating in engineering graphics; Diane Morin, third; and John Nobles, fourth.

Saul Pena received first place in manufacturing technology.

Kenny Alcala was sixth in technology systems.

Chase Rushing placed first and Ricardo Madera, second in energy, power and transportation.

Jeremy Miller earned fifth in manufacturing systems. All of these students qualified for state.

Snyder High's TSA chapter also did well in the written exam. Jeremy Miller received first place in manufacturing systems; Jeff Proctor, second; and Joe Perez, sixth.

Tyler Hunter received first place in architectural construction.

Josh Key was first in manufacturing technology; Nathan Hines, second; John Nobles, third. All of these students qualified for state.

Snyder TSA also earned awards in the project division. These projects were built by students in class this school year and were entered in regional competition last Saturday.

The following students and their projects have advanced to state:

Drafting: Diane Morin, first in pipe sketch; Matthew Stokes, second in engine sketch; Glen Burns, third in dam evaluation sketch; Matthew Stokes, first in electrical working drawing.

Presentation drawing: Glen Burns, first in bridge, Melinda Langham, second in house model.

Woodworking: Joe Bishop was first with a night stand; Jeremy Miller, second, cedar chest; Jeff Proctor, first, curio shelf; Josh Key, second, foyer chest; Nathan Hines, third, gun cabinet; John Nobles, second, cedar chest; Tyler Hunter, first, laundry hamper.

Welding: Saul Pena, first, air tank bumper; third, headache rack; and third, truck toolbox. Others in the category include Jeremy Miller, second, goat squeeze chute; Jose Perez, first, finished casting.

Kits, Kenny Alcala, first, model cars.

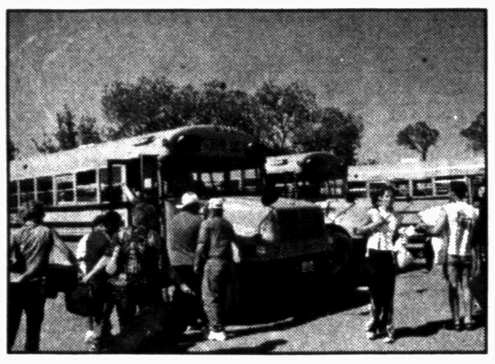
Power and transportation: Jose Perez, first, rebuilt engine; Chase Rushing, second, rebuilt engine.

All of the projects will compete in the state contest in Waco on May 3-5.

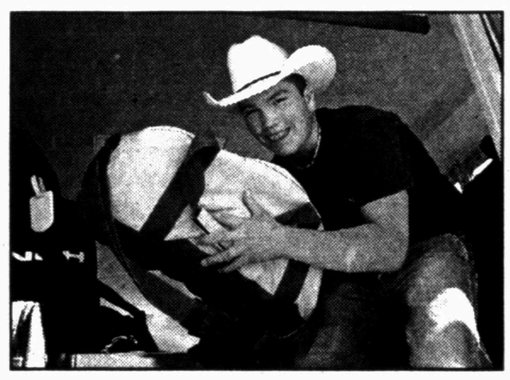
Duzan said, "Congratulations to all of these students who have worked very hard this year and have shown expertise in their various fields."

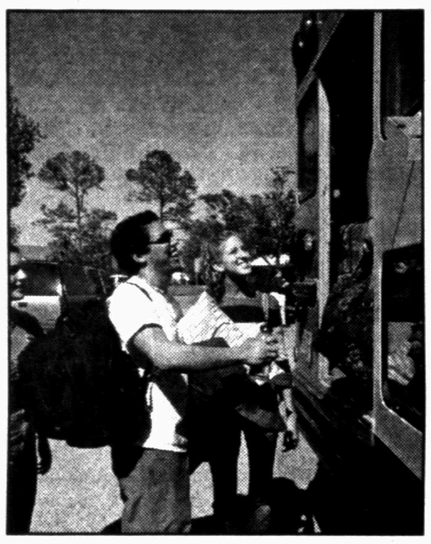
Around 200 students from 16 schools in the Odessa/Midland area competed in the regional competition.

SHS choir leaves for New York









BOUND FOR NEW YORK CITY — Snyder High School choir students are enjoying the sights and sounds of New York City. They are pictured getting ready to leave late Wednesday afternoon. They are due back Monday afternoon. Pictured above are choir director Ronda Haire and her daughter, Molly; and Brandon Gonzales who helped load baggage. Also loading luggage in the bottom photo at left are Matt Coronado and Jessica Dea. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge: Record labels wrong on key part of Napster ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge said the record industry has misinterpreted a key appellate ruling in the case against Napster Inc., and must do more to help the file-swapping service prevent millions of music fans from trading copyright songs.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel's memorandum effectively means that for now, Napster's interpretation holds — that the record labels must identify at least one infringing file on the ever-changing network before Napster is obligated to remove copies of the song.

Napster says it has been doing the best it can to remove any infringing songs brought to its attention, but this has proved exceptionally difficult, since Napster users constantly make them reappear under different names. This week, Napster began using even stronger screening technology in an attempt to comply with court orders that copyright material be removed.

Patel has described Napster as an out-of-control "monster" that should be shut down if the company can't make its filters work. But her memorandum Friday notes that it remains the record labels' burden as well as Napster's to identify specific infringing song files.

Patel invited the Recording Industry Association of America to "seek clarification in the court of appeals" if it disagrees with her legal analysis.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Patel's July order that Napster remove all copyrighted works from its file-swapping site, but with several key caveats. The appellate court said the record industry trade group must "provide notice to Napster of copyrighted works and files containing such works available on the Napster system before Napster has the duty to disable access to the offending content."

Patel ruled Friday that the record labels' interpretation, that they need only tell Napster to remove a song by a specific artist — that they don't have to identify any infringing files — "requires reading more into the paragraph than the Ninth Circuit has made apparent."

Napster's interpretation: as well as the artist and title, it needs at least one file name showing that the song is actually being traded. Otherwise, Napster must search for hundreds of thousands of variations of artist and title combinations that may not be on the network in the first place.

"It is the only way that we can maximize the effectiveness of the filtering of noticed works that are actually on the system," Napster attorney Robert Silver said.

A recording industry spokeswoman sought to downplay Patel's analysis. "Napster still needs to comply with the order," said Amy Weiss.

As of Thursday, Napster said it was blocking 1.75 million possible combinations of artist-and-title names and variants. Napster has made it impossible to search for many titles in the first place, effectively blocking 85 percent of the songs users try to trade. On Thursday alone, the filters screened out 1.6 billion files, the company said.

Patel invited both sides to submit more guidance on how Napster might prevent newly released songs from appearing on the site, and noted that her own "neutral technology advisor," A.J. Nichols, is studying the technological issues in the case.

"The court will reserve making any findings regarding the relevant technology until it has reviewed Dr. Nichols' report," she said.

Bronson joins protest of sonar

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Pierce Brosnan joined environmentalists to protest the Navy's new low-frequency sonar, saying the equipment adversely affects whales and marine animals.

"It's like a bad case of deja vu," Brosnan said Thursday. "I thought we had already saved the whales."

Brosnan spoke during a news conference staged by the Natural Resources Defense Council announcing an effort by environmental groups to oppose use of the sonar.

Environmentalists said the sound waves can disrupt the breeding, migration and feeding of whales and dolphins.

Cusack is homegirl

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Cusack is a homegirl at heart.

Her midseason ABC sitcom, "What About Joan," is being filmed in Chicago, where she grew up and lives with her husband, Richard Burke, and sons Dylan, 3, and Miles, 1.

"The hardest part of my job has always been that I travel for work," the 38-year-old actress tells Rosie magazine in its June issue, on newsstands May 1.

"It's great to have the fun and creativity of work and then come home and be a productive member of your family."

On "What About Joan," Cusack plays Joan Gallagher, a high school teacher who relies on the kindness of friends.

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Financial Focus

Looking Beyond Mutual Fund's Past Performance

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If you don't base your mutual fund investment decisions on previous performance, how should you evaluate prospective funds? You'll want to consider a variety of factors, including the following:

• Fees and expenses — Mutual funds charge investors fees and expenses. If you purchase a fund that has high costs, it must perform better than a low-cost fund to generate the same returns. Before you buy a mutual fund, review its prospectus to evaluate its level of fees and expenses. Then, see how these costs relate to those of comparable funds. You may find you can get a "better deal" on a substantially similar fund.

• Age and size of the fund — Newly created or smaller funds sometimes have excellent short-term performance records — which can be misleading. Because these funds may invest in just a small number of stocks, a few successful holdings can weight the overall performance. But as the fund adds more stocks, the effect of the winning holdings will be diluted — and performance may decline. To learn about a fund's age or size, read the prospectus.

• Volatility of the fund — All stock-based mutual funds will fluctuate in price. But some stock funds are far more volatile than others are — and, generally speaking, the more volatile a fund is, the greater the investment risk. If you plan on selling some shares of a fund within a year or two, you may want to stay away from the volatile funds, because they might be down at the time you want to sell. By reviewing a mutual fund's prospectus and annual report, you can see how volatile it has been over time. For instance, a fund may report that it's earned 10 percent per year, on average, over the course of 10 years. But when you look at its history, you may find that much of these gains came from two or three strong years, sprinkled among several bad ones. You could be better off looking for a fund whose average return has been fairly constant.

So the next time you're considering investing in a mutual fund, don't stop at the past performance information — it won't tell you what you need to know. Instead, look at the key factor that may affect your fund's future. In the investment world, tomorrow is much more important than yesterday.

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Cheney: Californians in for 'tough summer'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney says Californians who have suffered power blackouts can expect "a tough summer" because energy shortages cannot be remedied quickly.

And he says President Bush's tough talk on China is a reaction to increasing aggressiveness by Beijing.

"We've seen a number of trends that indicate ... they're not as committed or haven't been as committed to the notion of a peaceful process as they have been in the past," Cheney said Friday in an interview on CNN's "Larry King Live."

He cited a Chinese buildup of missiles aimed at Taiwan and a "much more aggressive" treatment of U.S. surveillance aircraft off their coast, something the Clinton administration warned China against in December.

"Subsequent to that, we had the accident where they actually flew into one of our planes, killed their pilot and nearly killed 24 of ours," Cheney said.

Bush decided earlier this week to sell Taiwan submarines, destroyers and aircraft and issued a blunt reminder that Washington could use military force to defend the island from Chinese attack.

"What the president has done is to reiterate that very strong determination on our part that there should not be a resort to force by the mainland in order to try to pull Taiwan closer," Cheney said.

On the energy policy that he and a Cabinet-level task force hope to announce by the end of next month, Cheney held out no hope of relief for California, where an electricity crisis has meant rolling blackouts.

It's a long-term problem, he said. "There's almost nothing you can do to produce a lot more kilowatts short-term for California. They're going to have to go through a tough summer."

He suggested that nuclear power plants will be a big part of his recommendations to the president. "It's the one way to generate electricity that does not produce greenhouse gas emissions," Cheney said.

The vice president, who left the chairmanship of a Texas oil services company to become Bush's running mate, also defended the oil industry against charges of gasoline price gouging.

"The fact is, if we look at the higher price we're paying for energy, it has a lot to do with the fact that our supplies are limited," Cheney said. And, he added, environmental regulations also push prices skyward. "We want clean air and clean water, so we've got certain requirements that we impose to achieve that and we have to pay for it."

On other topics, Cheney said:

—"The jury's still out in terms of whether or not we'll actually get into a recession."

—Bush, who has met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and will welcome Israeli President Moshe Katsav to the White House next month, has not set up a meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat because "up to this point, that hasn't been something that we felt would definitely move the (peace) process forward."

—He would not judge former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey for his new disclosure that a 1969 U.S. Navy SEAL mission that he led in Vietnam killed at least 13 unarmed civilians. "It behooves those of us who ... did not have to go through what Bob Kerrey went through to be very, very cautious about trying to judge," said Cheney, who avoided military service with deferments as a student and expectant father.

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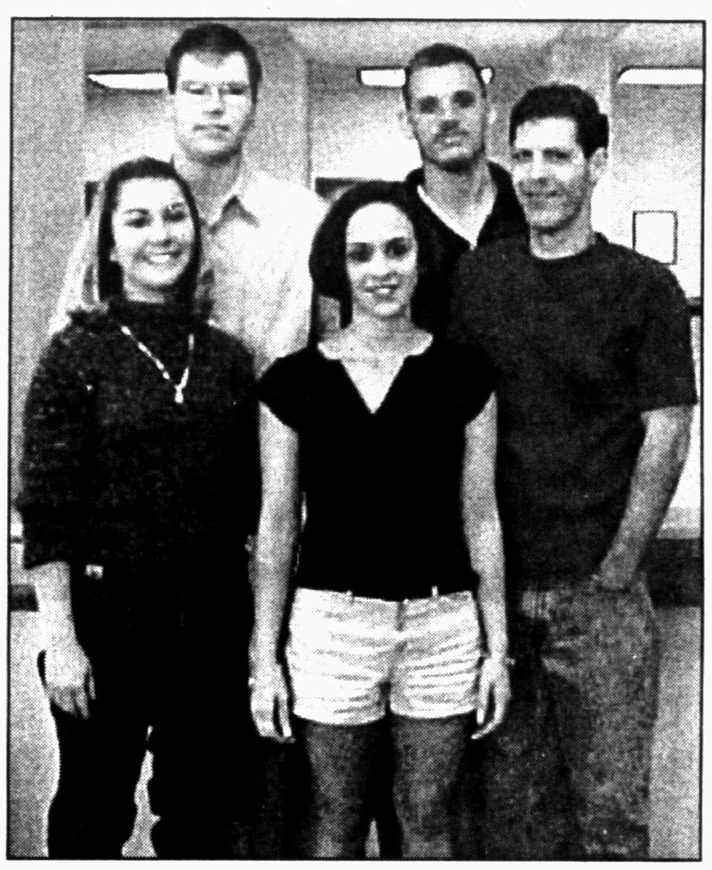

SGA OFFICERS — New Student Government Association officers for the 2001-02 academic year at Western Texas College have been selected. They are front, from left Jennifer Birmingham, secretary/treasurer and Debbie Foster, historian. Back row, from left are Christopher Metsgar, president; Tony Martin, vice president; and David Garcia, parliamentarian. (Contributed Photo)



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Dear Snyder,

I've finally gotten all my ducks in a row and am ready to make the movie Grand Champion. It's about a little boy and his show calf and their journey through Texas, *Free Willie* on Land is how I best describe it. The little boy (Buddy) and his dogie show calf (Hokey) place in their local show and advance to the big show and win Grand Champion. He decides to sell Hokey at the auction and after a record price all is well until he hears that Hokey is to be B-B-Qued; so Buddy and his best friend Edgar kidnap him before he is loaded and the chase begins. They are trying to make it back across Texas to their farm in Snyder as people help them elude everyone who's chasing them. For example, some cowboys blend them in a herd, hobos help them on a train and all the world cheers for them as they watch on CNN. It's a double hanky rah-rah-rah, as I call it. There is not a bad word in it and I hope our grandkid's-grandkids enjoy it. If anyone wants to be an extra in it or volunteer for anything, let us know. We need clean travel trailers, help with errands, all sorts of things around town, or if you don't want to help just promise me you'll buy a ticket when it comes out. Who knows, maybe we'll even have a premiere in Snyder. This movie is my love letter to West Texas and growing up here, and I plan to make a movie that makes us all proud.

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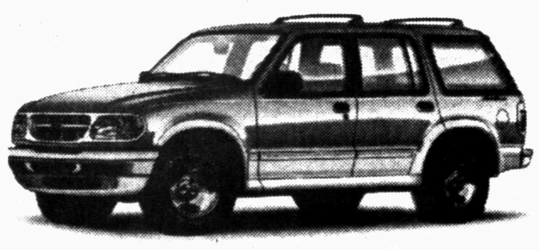

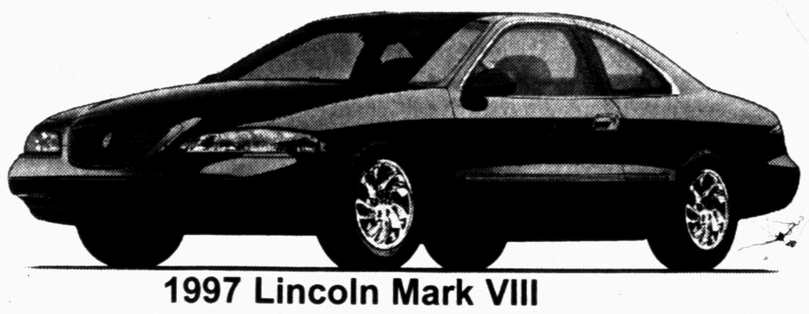

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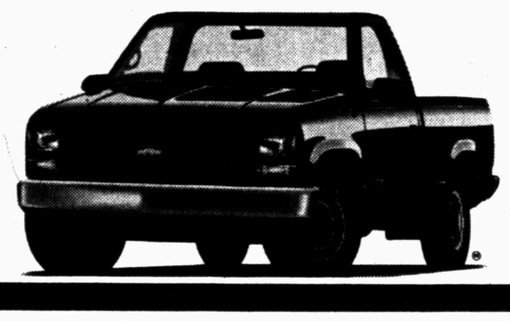

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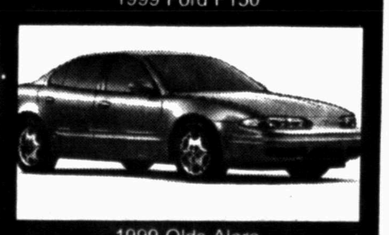

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SPORTS

Snyder stumbles on meet's opening day

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Snyder High School's first day at the regional track meet is one the Tigers had rather forget.

Two of Snyder's best opportunities to advance to state fell by the wayside Friday at the Region I-4A track and field meet at Angelo State University's Multipurpose Complex.

Senior discus thrower Mark Medley and senior pole vaulter Jared Thornhill, both of whom qualified for state as juniors, took third in their respective events. Both competitors were ranked second entering the competition, and seemed on track to notch their second consecutive state berths.

"Things like that happen in sports," said SHS track coach Chad Rogers. "You hate to see it happen to two seniors, but sometimes it's just not your day. They both had outstanding years, you just hate to see it end now."

Medley held second place in the discus from the outset. His first throw of 155 feet, 5 inches put him behind only Othinn Thorsteinsson of Burleson. Medley increased the distance on his second toss of 157-4, and upped that mark with a heave of 159-8 to start the finals.

It would be Lake View's Ben Lyons who finally knocked out Medley. The Lake View senior, who had scratched on his first two attempts in the finals, registered a throw of 160-10 on his final attempt.

With Lyons competing directly in front him, Medley posted his best toss of the day on his final attempt, but the 159-11 effort came up 11 inches short of a state berth.

Thorsteinsson won the competition with a distance of 183-10.

"Mark has worked extremely hard all year, and he competed well today," Rogers stated. "Lyons just had that one good throw when he needed it most."

Thornhill seemed to be a lock for Austin. Grapevine's Cody Koontz, the only vaulter ranked ahead of Th nhill, pulled out of the meet just prior to competition with an injury.

Thornhill passed until the bar reached 14-0, then cleared the mark on his first attempt. By the time the bar moved to 14-6 only two other vaulters were left in the field.

Thornhill then passed at 14-6, with Burleson's Josh Mobley and Cody Trebing both clearing the height.

With the bar at 15-0, all three vaulters missed on all three attempts, but Thornhill's pass at 14-6 left him in third place. Mobley and Trebing, who had vaulted at 14-6, tied for first and gained both state berths.

"That's what Jared has done all year long," said Rogers. "He comes in and makes height, and then passes to 15-feet. Today, he just couldn't get it. Like I said before, those things happen sometimes in track. You never know what's going to happen at any given meet."

The two bright spots for Snyder came in the 4x100 relay and the 110 hurdles, where the Tigers qualified for Saturday's finals.

The Tigers' relay squad posted a time of 42.91 seconds to take fourth in their heat, but were initially left off the list of finals qualifiers.

Snyder was incorrectly shown in last place in their heat and 14th overall. Rogers quickly protested the results, and a review of the race upheld Snyder's fourth-place finish. The Tigers had the seventh fastest time in the preliminaries.

"For some reason, they showed us 14th overall and there's no way that could've happened, because we beat four teams in our own heat," Rogers remarked. "But the meet officials did a good job of looking at the film, and making the correct call.

"Our kids deserve to be in the finals. That's the goal they set for themselves, and they accomplished it. Now we'll set a new goal for the finals."

Edwin James, Matthew Grimmett, Josh Arizmendi and Corey Clay handled the relay duties in the prelims. Thornhill will likely take Clay's spot on the anchor leg for the finals, now that the pole vault is over.

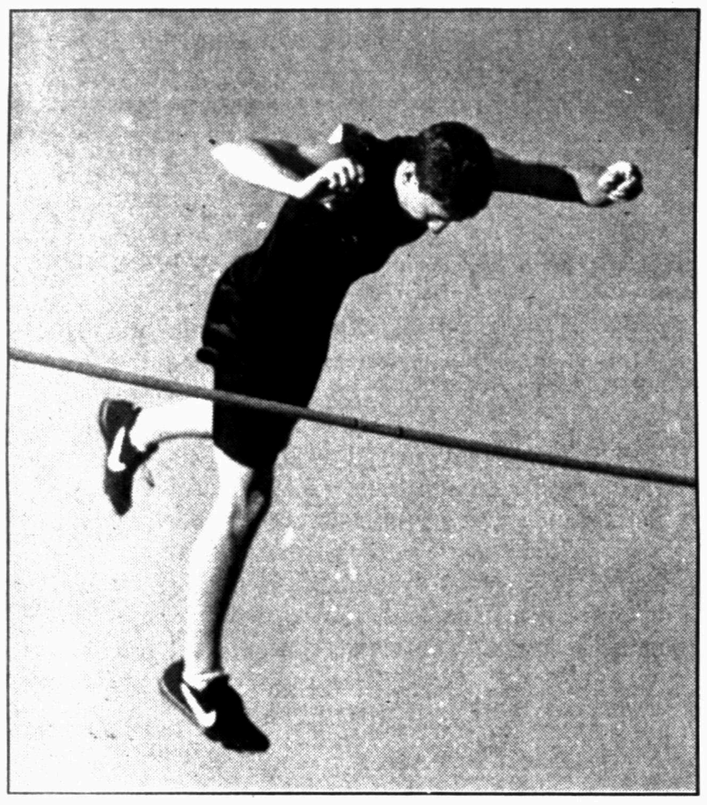
In the 110 hurdles, SHS junior Wade Pinson drew lane 8 for the prelims, with the fastest qualifier in the field directly beside him in lane 7.

Pinson raced to a time of 14.64 to edge Azle's Dustin Wagner by .01 seconds. Andrews' Josh Hadley, running in the second heat, posted the fast time in the preliminaries at 14.51.

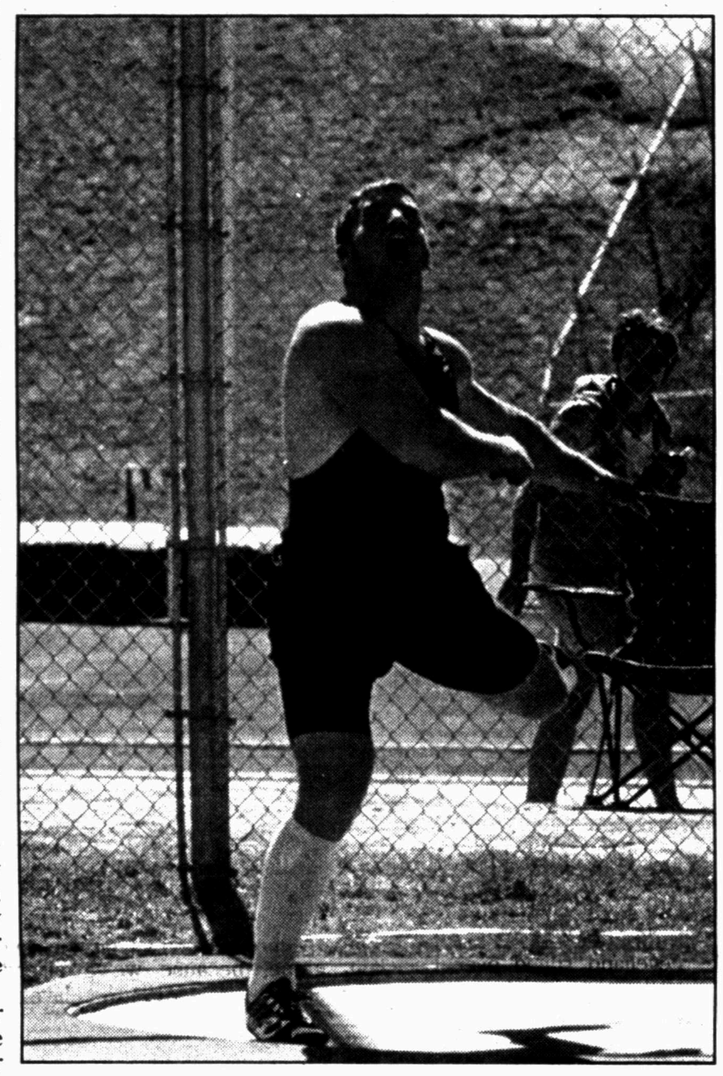
"Wade ran well," Rogers stade. "He didn't have the best lane assignment, and he had the fastest guy coming into the meet right beside him. But Wade ran his race, and things worked out. That's what he'll have to do again in the finals."

In other events, Grimmett finished sixth in his heat of the 100 to miss the finals, and Rudy Martinez was 13th in the 3,200.

In addition to the sprint relay and Pinson in the hurdles, Snyder has two other events on Saturday, with Medley due up in the shot put and Martinez entered in the mile.



UP AND OVER — Snyder pole vaulter Jared Thornhill sails over the bar at 14-0 Friday at the regional track meet. Thornhill finished third in the event. (SDN Staff Photo)



POWER THROW — Snyder senior Mark Medley heaves the discus Friday during the regional track meet in San Angelo. Medley finished third in the event, and was to have competed Saturday in the shot put. (SDN Staff Photo)

REGION I-4A TRACK & FIELD MEET
at Angelo State University
BOYS

Team standings after 4 events: 1. Burleson, 28; 2. (tie) Snyder and Dumas, 12; 4. (tie) Estacado and NRH Birdville, 10; 6. WF Hirschi, 9; 7. Lake View, 8; 8. (tie) Brownwood and Fabens, 6; 10. FW Eastern Hills, 5; 11. (tie) Hereford, Stephenville and EP Riverside, 4; 14. (tie) Canyon and EP Parkland, 2; 16. (tie) FW Western Hills and EP Ysleta, 1.

Field Events

Discus: 1. Othinn Thorsteinsson, Burleson, 183-10; 2. Ben Lyons, Lake View, 160-10; 3. Mark Medley, Snyder, 159-11; 4. Andrew Roemish, Stephenville, 159-9; 5. Brandon Vinson, Dumas, 156-1; 6. Derrick Spafford, WF Hirschi, 149-11.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Cody Trebing, Burleson and Josh Mobley, Burleson, 14-6; 3. Jared Thornhill, Snyder, 14-0; 4. Jason Edwards, Hereford, 13-6; 5. Barry Henry, Dumas, 13-6; 6. Jack Hogue, FW Western Hills, 13-0.

Long jump: 1. Donald Kinney, Estacado, 23-7; 2. Michael Peterson, WF Hirschi, 23-1 1/2; 3. Nick Rhodes, Brownwood, 22-7 1/2; 4. Derrick Gleason, FW Eastern Hills, 22-5 1/2; 5. Melvin Lucas, EP Parkland, 22-1 1/4; 6. Quinchun Carey, FW Eastern Hills, 21-10 3/4.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Derek Yorek, NRH Birdville, 9:30.36; 2. Joey Sanchez, Dumas, 9:41.98; 3. Ricardo Ontiveros, Fabens, 9:44.79; 4. Aldo Sanchez, EP Riverside, 9:48.86; 5. Burton Shepard, Canyon, 9:50.07; 6. Enrique Escobedo, EP Ysleta, 9:50.77.

Qualifiers for Running Finals

4x100 relay: 1. FW Wyatt, 41.16; 2. Estacado, 41.83; 3. Brownwood, 42.33; 4. FW Dunbar, 42.48; 5. North Crowley, 42.52; 6. Borger, 42.55; 7. Snyder, 42.91; 8. WF Hirschi, 43.08.

110 hurdles: 1. Josh Hadley, Andrews, 14.51; 2. Clinton Solomon, FW Eastern Hills, 14.54; 3. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 14.64; 4. Dustin Wagner, Azle, 14.65; 5. Jay Vanderford, Azle, 14.73; 6. Brian Stevens, FW Arlington Heights, 15.00; 7. Kerry Jackson, North Crowley, 15.04; 8. Joey Daniells, Dumas, 15.22.

100: 1. Nicholas Johnson, FW Wyatt, 10.30; 2. Marcus Payne, FW Southwest, 10.51; 3. Antione Sheppard, Estacado, 10.67; 4. Derek Logan, WF High, 10.69; 5. Chauncey Lanier, WF Hirschi, 10.74; 6. Dwayne Shepard, Clint, 10.86; 7. Robert Howard, North Crowley, 11.02; 8. Brandon Cook, FW Brewer, 11.06.

400: 1. Chris Scott, Estacado, 48.38; 2. Michael Lozano, Canyon Randall, 48.57; 3. D.J. Davis, FW Dunbar, 48.64; 4. Bobby Tatum, North Crowley, 49.25; 5. David Hase, Amarillo Caprock, 49.36; 6. Josh Davis, Mineral Wells, 49.40; 7. Quinton Boldon, Estacado, 49.87; 8. Aaron Ball, Granbury, 50.12.

300 hurdles: 1. Jay Vanderford, Azle, 38.64; 2. Joey Daniells, Dumas, 39.14; 3. Dustin Wagner, Azle, 39.47; 4. Wayne Saddler, FW Arlington Heights, 39.57; 5. Kendrick Smith, Estacado, 39.79; 6. Jeff Jones, Southlake Carroll, 40.02; 7. Bryan Scott, Estacado, 40.06; 8. Brian Tidwell, Burleson, 40.06.

200: 1. Marcus Payne, FW Southwest, 21.73; 2. Derek Logan, WF High, 21.76; 3. Antione Sheppard, Estacado, 21.90; 4. Derrick Gleason, FW Eastern Hills, 22.09; 5. Dwayne Shepard, Clint, 22.16; 6. Michael Lozano, Canyon Randall, 22.37; 7. Brandon Cook, FW Brewer, 22.38; 8. Demetrick Hallman, Lake View, 22.63.

4x400 relay: 1. FW Dunbar, 3:15.62; 2. Estacado, 3:17.71; 3. FW Eastern Hills, 3:21.12; 4. WF Rider, 3:22.03; 5. Cleburne, 3:22.10; 6. North Crowley, 3:23.08; 7. Borger, 3:23.10; 8. Southlake Carroll, 3:23.54.

GIRLS

Team standings after 3 events: 1. Brownwood, 14; 2. (tie) Hereford, Borger and FW Eastern Hills, 10; 5. (tie) NRH Birdville and Stephenville, 8; 7. (tie) Azle and Amarillo Palo Duro, 6; 9. (tie) FW Southwest, Plainview and EP Ysleta, 4; 12. (tie) Estacado, Levelland and Dumas, 2; 15. Crowley, Southlake Carroll and WF Hirschi, 1.

Field Events

Long jump: 1. Marilyn Sauls, Borger, 18-9 3/4; 2. Jessica Nickerson, Brownwood, 18-8 3/4; 3. Erica Mims, Amarillo Palo Duro, 18-7; 4. Raquel Harris, FW Southwest, 18-1 1/4; 5. Shatoya Hill, Estacado, 17-10; 6. Kim Booker, WF Hirschi, 17-9 3/4; 7. Kameshia Melton, Grapevine, 17-9 1/2; 8. Zulaykah Ali, FW Eastern Hills, 17-8 1/4.

Discus: 1. Shayla Watson, FW Eastern Hills, 135-8; 2. Colleen Lonergan, Stephenville, 129-1; 3. Heather Evans, Azle, 128-1; 4. Tojjinay Thompson, Plainview, 123-4; 5. Jayme Williams, Dumas, 121-7; 6. Renee Fruean, Crowley, 114-3; 7. Michelle Tullius, Clint, 109-6; 8. Stephanie Herrera, Pecos, 107-2.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Brionne Yosten, Hereford, 11:36.15; 2. Danielle Almeida, NRH Birdville, 11:37.68; 3. Teneal Manley, Brownwood, 11:42.38; 4. Jacquee Acosta, EP Ysleta, 11:58.50; 5. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 12:09.74; 6. Lauren Swenson, Southlake Carroll, 12:17.46; 7. Rebeca Fatheree, Pampa, 12:26.86; 8. Brenda Acevedo, San Elizario, 12:28.88.

Qualifiers for Running Finals

4x100 relay: 1. FW Dunbar, 46.41; 2. FW Wyatt, 46.82; 3. Crowley, 47.48; 4. Brownwood, 48.39; 5. Levelland, 48.93; 6. WF Hirschi, 49.19; 7. Canyon, 49.22; 8. Estacado, 49.33.

100 hurdles: 1. Tonillle Todd, Hereford, 14.76; 2. Jhacque Minor, North Crowley, 14.85; 3. Raquel Harris, FW Southwest, 14.87; 4. Mary Minor, North Crowley, 14.94; 5. Jennifer Baker, Canyon, 15.31; 6. Ellen Meyer, Grapevine, 15.42; 7. Dora Taylor, Estacado, 15.50; 8. Jennifer Telg, WF High, 16.32.

100: 1. Chauntae Bayne, FW Boswell, 11.71; 2. Ladedra Guy, FW Wyatt, 11.95; 3. Marquisha Sefas, FW Trimble Tech, 12.06; 4. Deontria Finley, Brownwood, 12.19; 5. Jamie Washington, Crowley, 12.20; 6. Mikeshia Hurd, WF Rider, 12.40; 7. Amber Rose, Levelland, 12.62; 8. Kameshia Melton, Grapevine, 12.63.

4x200 relay: 1. FW Eastern Hills, 1:40.62; 2. Crowley, 1:40.79; 3. FW Dunbar, 1:42.37; 4. WF Hirschi, 1:43.23; 5. Levelland, 1:44.48; 6. Brownwood, 1:45.45; 7. Big Spring, 1:45.77; 8. EP Parkland, 1:46.80.

400: 1. Ashley Stevens, FW Eastern Hills, 56.84; 2. Latoya Fry, FW Wyatt, 57.52; 3. Jenny Thomasson, Burleson, 57.93; 4. Tashia Wooldridge, Southlake Carroll, 58.46; 5. Jackie Wren, Frenship, 59.10; 6. Stephanie Renteria, Canyon Randall, 59.51; 7. Emi Fitzgerald, Grapevine, 59.68; 5. Staci Smith, Azle, 1:00.50.

300 hurdles: 1. Raquel Harris, FW Southwest, 44.46; 2. Megan Hawkins, FW Arlington Heights, 45.23; 3. Tonillle Todd, Hereford, 45.56; 4. Jennifer Baker, Canyon, 46.18; 5. Lindsay O'Conner, Southlake Carroll, 46.39; 6. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 46.55; 7. Mandy McGee, Stephenville, 46.89; 8. Jennifer Telg, WF High, 47.14.

200: 1. Chauntae Bayne, FW Boswell, 24.24; 2. Ladedra Guy, FW Wyatt, 24.41; 3. Marquisha Sefas, FW Trimble Tech, 24.82; 4. Ashley Jacques, Brownwood, 25.48; 5. Erin Simpson, Canyon, 25.88; 6. Ashley Nickerson, Amarillo Palo Duro, 26.12; 7. Jessica Richardson, WF Hirschi, 26.26; 8. Brittany Harris, Crowley, 26.36.

4x400 relay: 1. FW Eastern Hills, 3:52.96; 2. FW Dunbar, 3:58.10; 3. Crowley, 4:01.18; 4. Hereford, 4:01.63; 5. Canyon, 4:02.64; 6. Stephenville, 4:05.45; 7. WF Rider, 4:08.51; 8. Justin Northwest, 4:08.73.

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SPORTS

Tigers stay in hunt with 6-4 victory

ANDREWS — For the Snyder Tigers to keep their playoff hopes alive, they needed a near flawless game against the second best team in the district.

So that's just what the Tigers came up with Friday in Andrews.

Snyder played seven error-free innings and rallied from an early deficit to knock off Andrews, 6-4, in the District 4-4A finale Friday at Mustang Field.

The victory lifts the Tigers' mark to 7-7 in league play and 14-11 overall, while the Mustangs slip to 10-4, 18-7.

Andrews has second place locked up, while Snyder must await the outcome of Saturday's final league contests. For the Tigers to have a shot at the postseason, Lake View must bow to Frenship, and Big Spring must fall to Plainview.

Losses by the Chiefs and Steers would put Snyder in a three-way tie for third place. A district-playoff tournament would be held Monday and Tuesday to decide the final postseason qualifier.

Against the Mustangs, the Tigers trailed 3-1 through five innings, before breaking out for four runs in the top of the sixth.

Andrews answered with one run in the bottom of the frame to trim the deficit to 5-4. Snyder capped the scoring with a run in the seventh.

Lefty Tito Alaniz picked up the win. Junior Shay Franks, who relieved Alaniz in the sixth, got the save.

The Mustangs went through four pitchers, despite not surrendering an extra-base hit to the Tigers.

In Friday's other district action, Levelland rolled over Estacado, 12-2.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW — Snyder's Chaelyn Robinson bats against Canyon Randall during the Lady Tigers 19-1 bi-district victory Friday in Lubbock. Snyder advances to face El Paso Ysleta in the area round. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs thump Loraine

With a playoff berth already in the bag, the Ira Bulldogs remained on track for their first-ever district baseball title.

Ira belted two home runs and played error-free in the field Friday to romp past Loraine, 18-5, in Class A baseball action.

The victory kept the Bulldogs atop the district standings at 5-0, and pushed their overall record to 10-5. Ira closes out the regular season Tuesday at Rotan in a game that will decide the district champion.

"We don't feel that there is any real pressure on us for Tuesday's game, because we've already locked up a spot in the playoffs," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "The only pressure we have is wanting to win the district championship. It would be the first ever for Ira in baseball."

The Bulldogs had no problem with Loraine. Ira belted 13 hits that included home runs from Terry Jamison and Jeremy Bowden.

Jamison's homer was a three-run blast in the fourth inning, while Bowden's was an inside-the-park grand slam in the third. Both players also had singles.

Senior Seth Sterling paced the Bulldogs at the plate with a 3-for-4 effort that included two doubles.

"We hit the ball hard," Edwards said. "Seth has been crushing the ball lately. He is consistently putting the ball in play, and driving in runs. When he goes to the plate, you know it's almost an automatic hit."

Jase Olvera worked all five innings on the mound, with Ira ending the game in the fifth on the 10-run rule. Olvera surrendered five hits and three walks to go along with six strikeouts. All five Loraine runs were earned.

The Bulldogs held a slim 3-2 lead through two innings, before breaking the game open with seven runs in the third and eight more in the fourth.

Josh Gutierrez had a triple and a double, while Olvera had a pair of singles. Eric Dickerhoff and Jake Barnes also had base hits for Ira.

The Bulldogs are in action again at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Rotan.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	8	.636	—
Montreal	11	12	.478	3½
Atlanta	11	13	.458	4
Florida	9	13	.409	5
New York	8	14	.364	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	8	.636	—
Cincinnati	13	9	.591	1
Houston	11	10	.524	2½
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	3
St. Louis	11	11	.500	3
Pittsburgh	9	12	.429	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	10	.565	—
Colorado	12	10	.545	½
Arizona	12	11	.522	1
San Francisco	11	11	.500	1½
San Diego	8	15	.348	5

Thursday's Games

Montreal 4, St. Louis 3, 15 innings
Milwaukee 12, N.Y. Mets 8
Chicago Cubs 7, Colorado 2
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 5
San Diego 11, Philadelphia 0
Arizona 13, Atlanta 6
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3

Friday's Games

Florida 9, Houston 8, 10 innings
Montreal 6, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 9, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 12, Colorado 9
Atlanta 9, Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 7, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games

Montreal (Peters 2-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at St. Louis (Hermanson 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 2-2) at Houston (Miller 3-1), 2:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 1-1) at Colorado (Villone 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 2-0) at San Francisco (Estes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 3-1) at Arizona (Johnson 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-1) at San Diego (Eaton 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 1-1) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Florida at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	7	.696	—
Toronto	15	7	.682	½
New York	12	11	.522	4
Baltimore	10	13	.435	6
Tampa Bay	7	16	.304	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	5	.762	—
Cleveland	12	9	.571	4
Chicago	7	14	.333	9
Detroit	7	14	.333	9
Kansas City	7	15	.318	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	19	4	.826	—
Texas	11	12	.478	8
Anaheim	9	14	.391	10
Oakland	8	15	.348	11

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 8, Baltimore 2
Boston 2, Minnesota 0
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5
Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oakland 16, Chicago White Sox 6

Friday's Games

Toronto 12, Anaheim 4
Texas 11, Cleveland 9
Boston 9, Kansas City 2
Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 3, Oakland 2
Minnesota 6, Baltimore 3
Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 3

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Ortiz 2-2) at Toronto (Michalak 3-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 2-1) at Boston (Ohka 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Judd 0-0) at Detroit (Perisho 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-3) at Cleveland (Burba 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (McElroy 0-1) at Minnesota (Redman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
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First Round
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Friday, April 27

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Saturday, April 28

Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:40 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 30

San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 or 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 1

Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 or 8 p.m., if necessary
Utah at Dallas, 8, 8:30 or 9 p.m., if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9:30 or 10:30 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 2

New York at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 9 p.m.
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Lady Tigers roll over Randall in first round

LUBBOCK — After four consecutive first-round playoff exits, the Snyder Lady Tigers made up for lost time Friday night.

Snyder blasted 18 hits and got sterling pitching from Ashley Martinez to trample Canyon Randall, 19-1, in a Class 4A bi-district softball playoff at Lubbock's Westerner Field.

The victory pushes Snyder's mark to 19-12 and earns the Lady Tigers a second-round match-up with El Paso Ysleta. The area playoff contest is tentatively scheduled for Friday in Odessa, with final details to be set Monday.

Snyder, which hadn't won a playoff game in four years before Friday night, was happy to break its postseason slump.

"The girls were pretty confident going in that this was going to be the year Snyder got back on track in the playoffs," said first-year Lady Tiger coach Shelly Hayes. "And they played the type of softball that you have to play to be successful in the postseason."

Martinez surrendered only one hit, and her defensive mates committed only one error behind her. The freshman hurler issued one walk and registered six strikeouts.

After Snyder had grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, Randall's lead-off hitter in the bottom of the frame drilled a double and came around to score on consecutive fielder's choice plays for the Lady Raiders only hit and only run of the night.

The Lady Tigers broke the game open with eight runs in the third, before adding five more in the fourth. Snyder capped the scoring with three runs in the fifth to end the game on the 10-run rule.

Of the Lady Tigers' 18 hits, six of them were doubles.

Kira Diaz went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, while Whitney Webb was 4-for-5 and also doubled.

"After we didn't score any runs in the second inning, I told the girls that they needed to sit back and wait on the ball," said Hayes. "Once they started doing that, they started driving the ball.

"Now we need to keep this momentum going throughout the playoffs. We know on any given day, anybody can step up and beat anybody. So we have to be the best prepared we can be, and stay focused on what we have to do to keep winning."

Westerners in the lead at Tarleton

STEPHENVILLE — Western Texas continued its title-worthy performance at the Tarleton rodeo Friday night.

Eight more Western Texas team members grabbed spots in the top-10 of the early round Friday, giving WTC 11 competitors in Saturday's final round.

In the men's competition, the Westerners lead in three events. Joseph Gernantz holds down the top spot in calf roping, while Sean Willingham sits atop the bull riding. Price Thompson's 75 leads the bareback riding, while B.J. Scott is fifth.

J.W. Todd owns fourth place in the steer wrestling. Rawley McFarland holds down fourth in the saddle bronc event, with Todd sitting eighth.

On the women's side, Jamie Standifer's time of 16.75 seconds was second fastest in the long round of the barrel racing. Jennifer Freeland was third in the event.

Margaret Jamison secured fourth place in the goat tying, and Freeland was 10th in the breakaway roping.

The short round was scheduled for Saturday.

The Tarleton rodeo is the final event, before Western Texas competes in the conference finals May 3-5 in Hobbs, N.M.

Sports Briefs

SHS sports banquet

The Snyder High School sports banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's Place. Parents and sub-varsity players must purchase tickets before 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are $5. All parents should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is May 19. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Umpires needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming season. A clinic for all new and returning umpires will be from 1-4 p.m. May 6. For more information, call Dave Hanes at 573-3127.

Booster club meeting

Snyder girls' basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

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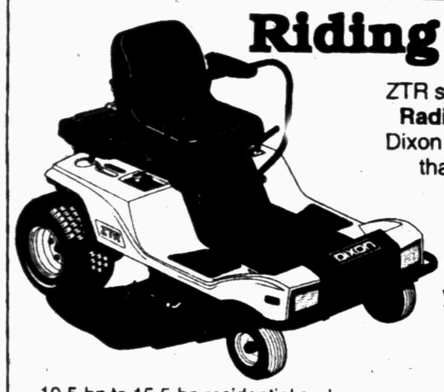
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Hermleigh math students win at mathematics and science fair

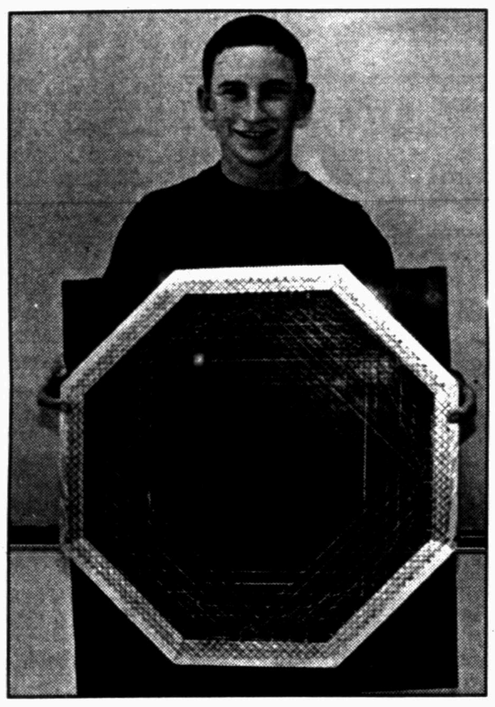


Eighth graders are from left, Courtney Etheridge, Shae Rinehart, Cassis Harbin, Justin Kelley.

Hermleigh High School and Hermleigh Junior High took 15 projects to the Big Country Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Science April 9-10 in Abilene, and as usual, did not come home empty handed.

Sophomore Terrell Culp garnered a first place trophy for his unusual string art entry.

Culp's project was composed of eight 10x2-inch pieces of wood in an octagon shape. Math teacher Judith Finley said what is so unusual about the project is that the boards are neither glued nor nailed together. Borrowing the idea of Gothic buttressing, Culp screwed grommets and put in the nails in several places on the insides of the boards, then ran a piece of floral wire and some string through the grommets and around the nails.



Terrel Culp is a sophomore. He won first place with his unusual string art entry.

The boards are held together solely by the tension of the wire and the thread. Then he put in a series of nails around the top of the octagon and tied string to those to form his string art design. The design is six sets of parallel lines which overlap to form a central hexagon, and triangles, trapezoids, parallelograms, rectangles and squares in various places in the design. Finley said the project is an attractive artistic display, as well as a minor engineering feat.

Also in the high school division, Cheyenne Walker won an honorable mention for her "black hole" optical illusion poster.

"This was quite an accomplishment," Finley said. "As there were 69 entries in the poster category, with only six awards given out.

In the middle school division, a quartet of 8th graders won second place with their catapult. Finley said Shea Rinehart, Justin Kelley, Courtney Ethridge and Cassie Harbin "did a fine job with their tension-style catapult. They had an excellent scale drawing and explanation (including a bit of history about catapults) to go along with their hand-made catapult.

Seventh graders Danni Webb and Alana Culp won an honorable mention for their string art entry. Finley said it was an interesting design of blue and white on a red background. Again, their excellent written discussion of the math involved was a strong factor, Finley said.

Other students who took projects include Chris Bilberry, Kendra Nachlinger and Kally Berkley, all juniors; and Samantha Berry, Georgianna Smith, David Duck and Tabitha Jones, 7th graders.

Students from 15 area schools entered a record 715 projects in 10 high school and nine middle school categories. Lymeda Singleton, director of the math fair, said the competition was so stiff this year that the judges had to base their final decisions on the written explanations accompanying the projects.

Each project was judged by three judges, working independently, and at least one was a math teach and one an expert in the field represented. Scoring for the projects was based as follows:

Each category in each division (high school and middle school) received a trophy for first place, second and third place ribbons and three honorable mentions.



Seventh graders are from left, back row, Danni Webb, Alana Culp, David Duck; front row, Georgianna Smith, Tabitha Jones, Samantha Berry.



Juniors are from left, Kally Berkley, Kendra Nachlinger, Chris Bilberry and Cheyenne Walker.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Bush offers 100 days report on radio

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush dismissed Sunday's 100-day milestone of his tenure a "media marker," but he offered a progress report in which he took credit for a more civil tone in Washington and success in domestic and foreign policy.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Bush hit on topics that have dominated his first few months in office: bipartisanship, tax cuts and the environment.

But he didn't mention the 11-day diplomatic standoff with China over the U.S. surveillance plane and made only brief reference to his blunt statement this week that U.S. military force is "certainly an option" if China invades Taiwan.

"Our relationship with China is maturing," Bush said. "There will be areas where we can agree, like trade; and areas where we won't agree — Taiwan, human rights, religious liberty. And where we disagree, I will speak frankly."

Bush will mark his 100 days in the White House with a lunch Monday for all 535 members of Congress. Some Democrats have said scheduling conflicts will prevent them from attending. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., will be in New York, and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., will be in St. Louis with three other members of the House.

The 100-day point is merely a "media marker" that goes back to the Franklin Roosevelt administration, Bush said. And he said "what we are marking is not 100 days of my presidency; it is 100 days of Congress and the president working together for the American people."

Bush said progress is being made toward changing the tone in Washington.

"There's less name-calling and finger-pointing. We're sharing credit," he said. "We are learning we can make our points without making enemies. Bitterness and divisiveness in Washington poison the mood of the whole country."

Not all Democrats agree. Some have used the 100-day mark to launch a counterattack against the Republican White House. Gephardt says there's not one issue where the White House has attempted to compromise and that Bush has a "my way or the highway" attitude.

The Democrats set up a Web site on the first 100 days and ran an ad this week in Washington that criticizes the administration for attempts to roll back regulations, such as rescinding new arsenic standards for drinking water.

The Democrats continued the criticism Saturday in their radio address, with Sen. Patty Murray of Washington contending that Bush is taking the country backwards.

"Given many of the choices President Bush has made over the past hundred days, Americans are wondering who he is fighting for," Murray said.

"We hear about his decision to put arsenic in our water, and we wonder whether this president favors special interests over the public interest. We still don't know the final answer to that question, but we do know that some of his priorities just don't make sense to families like mine."

Bush said he is committed to a clean environment, but will make his decisions based on sound scientific evidence, not environmental fads.

CARDS OF THANKS

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We would like to express our appreciation to all of our family and friends for all the beautiful floral offerings, wonderful food and many expressions of care and concern at this time of loss.

A special thanks to Dr. Burleson, Dr. Cooper and nursing staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for her care.

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"THANKS" seems so inadequate at a time when grief and sorrow has overwhelmed us during the loss of our loved one. We express our heartfelt gratitude for all the many acts of kindness and love shown to our family. Our deepest appreciation for the phone calls, flowers, food, prayers and cards we received.

A "special thank you" to Betsy Armstrong and the Hospice Care. Also, to Stella Bailey for her loving care. The support and care given by Dr. Burleson and Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff will always be remembered. The professionalism and compassion of Bell-Cypert-Seale's staff was a great comfort to us. Rev. Rex Reynolds and the Hermleigh First Baptist Church were so kind and provided a wonderful meal. Dad was so blessed to have been a member of such a loving and caring church family.

To all who contributed in any way, you made our loss easier to bear. We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends and family.

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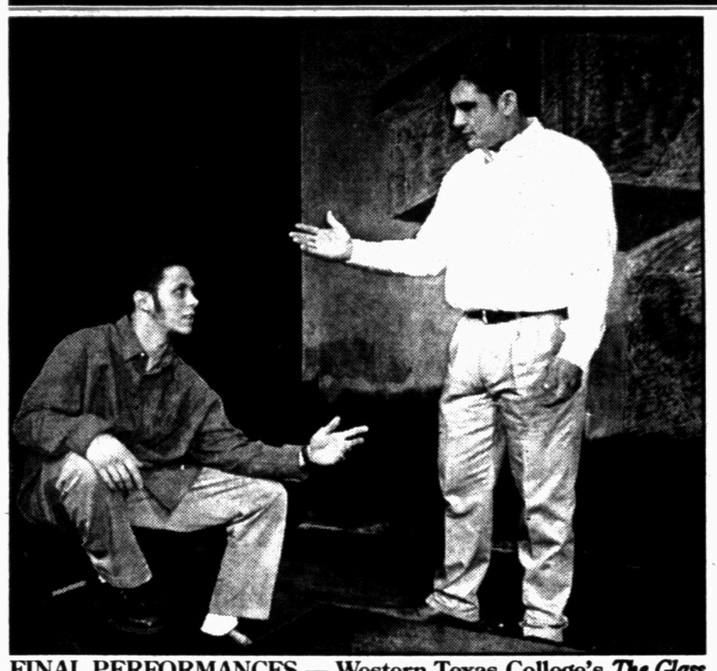

FINAL PERFORMANCES — Western Texas College's *The Glass Menagerie* will end its three-day run with an 8 p.m. performance Saturday and another performance at 2 p.m. Sunday. Michael Gibson, left, and Thomas Lowery play Tom Wingfield and Jim O'Connor, respectively. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for seniors and students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Search for cause of bus accident begins

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Students from a Massachusetts school arrived home as investigators tried to find the cause of a tour bus crash that killed four of their classmates en route to a concert and band competition in Canada.

The bus carrying 42 students from Oak Hill Middle School in Newton, Mass., skidded off a highway exit in New Brunswick, flipped several times and came to rest on its side, police said. Most of the children were sleeping at the time.

"They woke up, and they noticed something out of the ordinary," said Hank Van Putten, Oak Hill assistant principal, who flew to Canada with parents of the children Friday. "One student said there was a bump, another said that they woke up and felt they were tipping over."

Dozens of passengers were hurt. Most were treated at a hospital for bumps and bruises and released.

"I know that the parents are very glad to see their children, and the children were very glad to see their parents," Van Putten said. "For some of them, they were back to normal almost immediately, playing with wheelchairs up and down the hallways. For others, it might take a bit longer."

Two of three planes bringing the children and relatives back to Massachusetts landed at Hanscom Airport near Bedford, Mass., at about 8:30 p.m. Friday. The rest of the children, as well as the bodies of the four victims, arrived early Saturday morning.

The school was open for grief counseling Saturday.

NASA making progress with computers

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA engineers slowly made progress with computer problems aboard the international space station on Saturday while a Russian Soyuz rocket carrying the world's first paying space tourist streaked toward the 240-mile-high outpost.

NASA hoped to have the computers working in time for space shuttle Endeavour to undock from the station Sunday to avoid an orbital traffic jam when the Soyuz arrives on Monday.

If the problems persist, Russian space officials have agreed to keep the Soyuz in a holding pattern, possibly until Tuesday.

"They won't dock with the shuttle there. There's no doubt about this," said NASA representative Michael Baker, who watched the Soyuz lift off Saturday from Baikonur, Kazakstan.

The problematic command-and-control computers are critical to operating the station's new billion-dollar robot arm. The arm is stalled with its launching crate clenched it its hand; NASA wants that crate to be put back aboard Endeavour for the ride home.

Early Saturday, the main computer was working, even though it experienced a glitch, and flight controllers succeeded in activating one of the two backup computers.

"It is definitely a step in the right direction," Mission Control radioed. "We're not finished with all our steps. But things are looking good."

Plans have been delayed for the new arm to hand off its 3,000-pound packing crate to a smaller arm attached to the shuttle. Mission Control hoped to complete the handoff Saturday if at least two computers were working.

Other tests of the new arm were scrapped with time running out.

"We're still trying to find the smoking gun in what caused our initial set of problems, and until we get that smoking gun identified, we're going to take things slow and easy and not do any operations that aren't 100 percent mandatory for a safe operation of the station," said Wayne Hale, a Mission Control representative.

U.S. astronaut Susan Helms, aboard the station for a 41/2-month stay with Russian commander Yuri Usachev and U.S. astronaut Jim Voss, said the problem computers do not affect other station computers or operations.

Russian rocket lifts off with space tourist Tito on board

BAIKONUR, Kazakstan (AP) — A Russian rocket lifted off flawlessly Saturday from the Baikonur cosmodrome, carrying the first space tourist, American Dennis Tito, and two cosmonauts into orbit on their way to the International Space Station.

The Soyuz rocket blasted off from the barren steppes of Central Asia under sunny, blue skies, and disappeared into the heavens, trailing a red flame and leaving a faint line of white smoke. The spaceship carrying Tito, a 60-year-old California businessman, was scheduled to dock with the ISS on Monday.

A television monitor inside the spaceship showed Tito, in a white spacesuit decorated with an American flag on the shoulder and a plexiglass helmet, grinning broadly.

A ground controller asked in Russian-accented English, "How do you feel, Dennis?"

"Khorosho," he replied in Russian — "Great."

At the cosmodrome, Tito's girlfriend Dawn Abraham videotaped the liftoff, then cried as the rocket disappeared from view.

"It's for real. I just can't believe it," she said. "I just want to know if he's OK. That's all that matters."

Tito's 26-year-old son Mike also watched the launch, awestruck.

"Wow, what an adrenalin [illegible] what my father must have felt. It felt incredible from here."

Until the eve of the launch, U.S. and Russian space officials had argued behind the scenes about the overlap of the Soyuz rocket launch and the continued docking of U.S. space shuttle Endeavour at the space station.

"We are glad to have lived to see this exciting moment," Russian Aerospace Agency chief Yuri Koptev told the crew just before they entered the spaceship.

Obituaries

J.B. Duncan

1915-2001

Jarvis Bartlett "J.B." Duncan, 85, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, April 27, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



J.B. Duncan

Service for Mr. Duncan, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Hopkins of Midland officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born July 26, 1915 in Rockdale, he married Lula B. Harper on Sept. 12, 1937 in Cameron. She died in 1979.

In his early career, he worked for Santa Fe Railroad. In 1948, he moved his family to Snyder and worked for Everybody's Grocery Store many years. He was a former member of First Baptist Church and recently moved his membership to the Midland First Baptist Church where he lived with his daughter.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Emma Lee and John Slawson of Midland, Judy and Rodney Summers and Jane and Dick Browning, all of Snyder; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Roy Tomlinson

1923-2001

LAMESA – Roy Tomlinson, the father of Velma Irons of Snyder, died Thursday, April 26.

Funeral service for Mr. Tomlinson, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born April 8, 1923 in Pauls Valley, Okla., he married Faye Brown on May 10, 1943 in Tulsa. He was a paratrooper in the 17th Airborne Division during World War II.

A resident of Lamesa since 1952, Mr. Tomlinson had worked as a route driver for Rainbow Bread for 38 years. A member of Second Baptist Church, he coached and umpired Little League and Babe Ruth for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Tomlinson of Lamesa; two sons, Kenneth Tomlinson of Fullerton, Calif., and Wayne Tomlinson of Eldorado; another daughter, Jeanette Hollman of Odessa; a sister, Nora Lee Snow of Perryton; a brother, J.L. Tomlinson of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

More purses are reported stolen

• **Purse theft**

Amber Tatum reported to officers that her purse had been stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in the 2900 block of Avenue F.

This is the third report of purses being stolen from vehicles in the past few days.

• **Prowler**

Officers were called to the 3100 block of Avenue T at 10:49 p.m. Friday in reference to a possible prowler.

• **Family violence arrests**

A report for Class A family violence was submitted at 2:14 p.m. Friday and a 32-year-old male was taken into custody on an assault charge.

At 9:22 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 39-year-old female for assault, family violence.

• **Other jail bookings**

Juan Bernal Jr., 30, of Bryan was booked into jail at 4:10 p.m. Friday after being transferred from Williamson County on warrants for revoking a felony DWI probation. Also transferred from Williamson County was a 36-year-old male who was jailed on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for driving while license suspended.

At 1:26 Saturday morning, a 32-year-old male was arrested at the Plaza for public intoxication.

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Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a called meeting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday to honor the widows of Masons. Two 50-year Masonic Service Awards also will be given. All Master Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served by the Eastern Star.

Youth garage sale

First Christian Church youth will have a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church parsonage, 2700 36th St. Used appliances, furniture, books and clothing will be offered. Proceeds help send youth to summer camp.

Spaghetti luncheon

First Baptist Church student ministry will host a spaghetti luncheon Sunday. Take-outs begin at 11:30 a.m. and serving begins at noon. Cost is a donation.

FFA turkey shoot

Snyder FFA Booster Club will hold a turkey shoot from 10 a.m. until dark Sunday at the Canyon Gun Club. For information, call Skip Craig at 573-7750.

Missionary to speak

Willard Teague, missionary to Africa, will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 1809 College. The public is welcome.

7th grade showcase

Snyder Junior High will host a showcase for incoming 7th graders from 6-7 p.m. Monday. Parents and students are asked to meet in the auditorium for a brief meeting and then a building tour. Various departments will have displays and information available.

All-sports banquet meeting

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the SHS student center to discuss the all-sports banquet on May 3. All club representatives need to be present.

SHS football booster club

Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center. Parents of high school and junior high players are urged to attend. The upcoming fundraiser and the all-sports banquet will be discussed. The public is invited.

Self defense training

Gateway Family Services will offer self defense training from 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at WTC's gym. Topics to be covered include date and acquaintance rape, sexual harassment, date rape drugs and stalking. Class size is limited and registration is required by calling 573-4351. There is no cost.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $6.50 each and are available at the Ira school office.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "A Prophet Like Moses," followed by "20 Years and Counting."

Grief seminar

A free six-week seminar, "Life After Loss," begins Monday. Sponsored by Community Care Hospice, sessions will be held from 6:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Monday through June 4 in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Class of '56 reunion

The SHS class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. The classes of 1954-1958 are also invited. To submit names and addresses, call Gay Birdsall Kimmel at 573-5021 or Anniece Hardy Trujillo at 573-8987 or 573-7455. Reply by Tuesday.

Registration extended

Summer childcare registration for Discovery School for school age children through seven years old has been extended through Wednesday. Summer activities begin May 21. Some spaces are open for ages six weeks to four years. For more information call 573-4770.

West family reading night

West Elementary will have only two more family reading nights this school year. The sessions will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday and also May 10. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The yearly report for the Pyron Cemetery will be given at 10 a.m. next Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. A covered dish lunch will be served.

Abiding Life Conference

Michael Wells of Abiding Life Ministries International, will be featured next Sunday through Tuesday, May 8, in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Author of "Sidetracked in the Wilderness," sessions are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. weekdays.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Senior steak supper

Parents of SHS seniors should send $20 for the steak supper and all-night party for the Class of 2001 to P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

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Love,
Mom + Dad

Good Luck at State Contest
Jo Schooler

To the entire cast and crew of our One Act Play,
I stand in awe of your talent and compassion. Congratulations on your accomplishments so far and as you go to state.
Break a leg!
Bob Moore
Minister of Education
Colonial Hill Baptist Church

Congratulations OAP 2001. Mr. Washam would be so proud. Thank you Brad and Welcome Home.

Austin is Beautiful in May!
Hope, Ernest + Mandy
+ Heath

Shahala,
We are so proud of you
Love Tammie + Dixie

Congratulations OAP!
Break a leg in Austin
The Haney family

Congratulations!
Nix's Auto + Tire Supply

Good Luck from The Shack

WOW!!
Thanks for a great year. Have a big time at Austin. We're proud of all of you.
Bob + Tina Sanders

Drama Team:
Congratulations on your recent win for district.
Best of luck to all of you at the state competition
May God bless you and keep you safe
on your up...

Trinity Uniten... Church

You are going to do great again!
Break a leg!
Mandy Fuller

Best of Luck!
Mrs. Hollon

Break a leg,
Miranda Bunn

Best of Luck!
We are so proud of you!
You are all winners
Break a leg!
Shyllis

Best of Luck to you all. You are so great. We are so proud of you!
Pam Kennedy
Pam Fincher

Break a leg,
Paul & Judy Haire

Good Luck!
Love,
Bro. Tommy, "Q" & girls

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Pam Kennedy
Pam Fincher

Break a leg,
Paul & Judy Haire

SHS Drama Team
We are in AWE of your acting abilites!
Best of luck on your State bound journey!
Ken and Jan Scott

TAME "THOSE GOLD MEDALS!
Mrs Eudy

Hope Hinton

We enjoyed the show Austin is indeed beautiful in May!
so much. We're so impressed with your talents. Go get 'em at state! We're rooting for you all.
Connie, Darlene, Glen, Briana, Daniel, Buck

ENJOY!

GOOD LUCK!
Robert, Maria + Amy Patterson

We are proud of the U.I.L. winners
Great job!
The Joe Colorado family

Good Luck!
LaRue Summers

Congratulations on a successful year! Best wishes in Austin!
The John Elkins Family

Way to go!
Snyder National Bank

Congratulations!
We are so proud of all of you
and are excited about your accomplishments.
You are a great group of kids and
we are proud to have you represent
our town. Wish we were in Austin!
We love you all!
Billy, Cindy, Bo, Jo, Ross,
Ryan and Brooke Dodson

Congratulations!
Break a leg at State!
Rick + Janice

Best of luck at State. We're behind you all the way.
Dorothy Lloyd

Good Luck!
Nicole Thomas

Good Luck!
Mary Hollon

Good Luck!! At State!!
Mary Hollon

We're so proud of you. Break a leg at State!
Aunt, Kathy, & Brent Lyle

To the cast and crew of the Thing of the Week.
Congratulations on your one-act production and your great accomplishments.
Break a leg at State.
We're very proud of you.
Love, Glenn
Minister of Music
Colonial Hill Baptist Church

Haley,
We're always in your corner.
All our love,
Mom & Dad

Austin in May, way to go .....
Jon, Kay and David Hensley

It's a GREAT SHOW and JUST GETTING BETTER! Have a wonderful time Performing at STATE!
Dennis Pierson
Ray Kennedy
and the SHS BAND

Will be sorry! Break a leg!
Mr. Tayloe

Break a leg,
Paul & Judy Haire

Good luck to your 1st performance!
Jackson & Cindy Brewster

You're done great - you'll do great!!
Good luck in Austin
Jan Hinkins
"De De"

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The John Elkins Family

Way to go!
Snyder National Bank

Break a leg!
Mandy Fuller

Best of luck!
Kathy Bowen

Congratulations!
You've had such a great year. Thank you for all your hard work.
Love,
Teresa

Congratulations!
We are so proud of all of you
and are excited about your accomplishments.
You are a great group of kids and
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Dorothy Lloyd

Roy and Yolanda Cantu

Break a leg!

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Austin in May, way to go .....
Jon, Kay and David Hensley

Brandon,
You are our bright + shining star as well as our inspiration.
Break a Leg!
Love, Mrs. Wall + your Northeast Fan Club

Kristian
Was
Allen
Nevada
Dylan
Gabby
Ashlie
Alison
Middle
Jacob
Joey

We're behind you!
Paul & Christy Thompson

Break a leg,
Paul & Judy Haire

We're proud of you for keeping Worsham's Spirit alive. Lots of luck at state.
Gary, Kathryn, Ryan, & Nick Landes

Best Wishes to Each of you at State!!
Wade Lyon, Future Alumnus
Sally Walker
Gay Idom

Way to go One Act!
John & Vicki Best

Break a leg in Austin!
Brad Van Kirk

Congratulations on a successful year!
Love,
Grandmother & Grandpa

R.J. -
What a job. We are really proud grandparents.
Good luck in Austin
Love,
Grandmother & Grandpa

Hector is a Beautiful Man
Good Luck
Coach Gammon

We are so proud of you! What a wonderful trainer & Mrs. Washam's mommy. We love you.
Dan + Denise Henderson

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Jacob
Trotter
Rachel
Austin
Jon
Cooper
Shayla

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John & Vicki Best

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Keep up the good work. We love you.
DAP 2001 + Brad!
Dan + Denise Henderson

Break a leg -
First Baptist Church
Student Ministry

We wish for you the best @ STATE!

Congratulations!

Best of luck at State. We're behind you all the way.
Dorothy Lloyd

Congratulations!
You had such a great year. You have done so well. You have done such an outstanding job. I want you for everything you've done for our kids.
Congratulations!!
Teresa
Love

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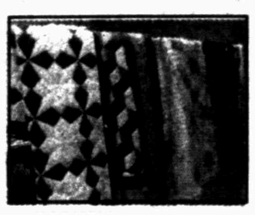
Quilters include Cary Patrick, front, and Viola Stone.









These quilts are just a few that will be sold at auction.

Senior Center sets Mayday celebration

Old favorites as well as new activities await those who visit the Scurry County Coliseum next Saturday afternoon for the Senior Citizens Center's annual Mayday fundraiser.

Activities will get underway at 2 p.m. There is no admission charge, but tickets for the annual barbecue, served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. are $6 each. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

The quilt auction will follow at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction, featuring over 100 items, will be on display.

Two new features have been added to this year's Mayday. The Snyder Garden Club will have its flower show in the coliseum. This is the club's annual event, but this marks the first time that it will be held in conjunction with Mayday.

Also new, will be a display of antique farm equipment, coordinated by Bobby and Luann Grice.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their antique farm equipment, which can be set up on the coliseum grounds. There will be a parade of tractors and equipment and tractor games will be played, Luann said, but there won't be any judging. It's just for fun.

People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, and stay for as long as they want to.

Crafts booths will be stocked with a variety of home-baked goods, including cakes, bread, cookies, brownies and candy.

The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket as they have done for the past several years. They have also donated $1,000 toward the cost of the meat.

Grady and Molly Morris will auction the quilts. The selection includes six embroidery designs, two applique, two crazy quilts, one made of satin with lace angels, another is tacked, and there are many pieced patterns in a variety of colors.

The quilt auction will also include several afghans, baby quilts, and four dolls. The main quilters are Thadine Harless, Viola Stone, Cary Patrick and Edna Laster. However an "army of volunteers" also helps by sewing the borders etc., said Pamela Fenton, activities director.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon will include:

2-2:45 p.m. — Deep Creek Cloggers;

3-4 p.m. — Kitchen Band;

4:10-4:40 p.m. — Sparkle City Line Dancers;

5-6 p.m. — Western Band.



Thadine Harless, front, and Edna Laster also quilt.

Senior Menu

Monday

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dill pickle spears, fruit cocktail, sugar cookies

Tuesday

Baked ham, cream style corn, baked potato, tossed salad, peach cobbler

Wednesday

Chicken teriyaki over rice, stir fried vegetables, melon slices, chocolate cake

Thursday

Steak fingers w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, pickled beets, fruited gelatin chiffon

Friday

Fried fish, baked beans, macaroni and tomatoes, pea salad, butterscotch pudding

Senior News

Seniors are encouraged to make plans to help with early preparation for next Saturday's annual Mayday celebration at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The barbecue is set from 4:30-6 p.m., and seniors may pick up barbecue tickets to sell at the center office. Early ticket sales are appreciated, but tickets will also be available at the barbecue.

Volunteers will also be needed Monday through next Saturday to contact businesses for the Silent Auction items. Contact Pamela Fenton if you can help. Crafts may be delivered to the center or brought to the coliseum on May 4. Even though the activities begin at 2 p.m. next Saturday, volunteers may deliver baked goods to the coliseum beginning at noon. Homemade cakes, bread, cookies, brownies and candy always sell out.

Monday

Activities at the center include bridge at 9:30 a.m., a nine ball tournament at 10 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The senior swimnastics at WTC is discontinued until the summer session.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the Western Band will entertain at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will provide music at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class will meet at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir practice for this week is canceled.

Friday

Volunteers are able to help with the transport of Mayday items to the coliseum and booth preparations are asked to meet at the center at 9 a.m. The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 11 a.m, and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Snyder Garden Club will hold flower show May 5

Snyder Garden Club invites the public to enter artistic designs and horticulture in this year's flower show to be held May 5 in conjunction with the Senior Citizens annual May Day.

"Snyder, Our Town" is the theme for the show to be held from 2-8 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. The standard flower show conforms to the general rules from the schedule. The Snyder Garden Club is a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc., Texas Garden Clubs Inc., and District VIII, Texas Garden Clubs Inc.

Sandra Browning is SGC president and Bebe Boren is flower show chairman. Information about entering arrangements or plants may be answered by calling 573-7277 or 806-629-4475.

Those entering plants should be sure all plants are groomed and containers are clean and both are free of insects.

This show is to be judged by the rules in the Flower Show Handbook and updates released by the National Council of Garden Clubs.

Container grown plants must be delivered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 4. Entries will be accepted Saturday 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. They may not be removed before 8 p.m. May 5. All entries must be in the building by 10:30 on May 5, classified, entered and ready for placement by 10:45.



SGC PLANTS TREES — Bonnie Frye, BeBe Boren, Pam Maresch and Sandra Browning, president, represent the Snyder Garden Club that sponsored the planting of nine trees in Towle Park, east of the pond. The county park department prepared the holes for the trees planted in observance of Arbor Day. A flower show is planned for May 5 at the coliseum during the Senior Center's May Day. The public is invited to enter the design and/or the horticulture divisions. At the last meeting of the club year, May 3 in Boren's home at Ave. U and 30th Street, officers for the next two years will be installed. SGC members are planning to landscape the park entrance and are discussing a butterfly garden display in the area. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Saturday, April 28, 2001

76 is good, but 100 is better

By Phillip Alder

A finesse is nice
But it will never replace
A sure-fire endplay
— Charles Auerbach,
Belvedere, Calif.

Yesterday, I pointed out that a double finesse has an a priori 76 percent chance of success. (There are four distributions of the missing honors: East has both, West has both, East has one and West the other, East has the other and West has one. You win two tricks in three cases, losing only when both honors are offside. Yet it isn't 75 percent, because a 1-1 split of the honors happens 52 percent of the time, and a 2-0 split only 48 percent.) However, as Mr. Auerbach points out, if you can arrange an endplay, you will get those chances up from 76 to 100. And who wouldn't prefer to do that?

South's two-spade jump in advance of his partner's takeout double shows some 9-11 points.

West cashes two heart tricks, then exits with a diamond.

Declarer mustn't lose two club tricks. He could take two club finesses, but it wouldn't be a surprise if both lost, given West's opening bid.

Regardless, South should go for an elimination and endplay. He draws trumps and cashes dummy's other two diamond winners. With the red suits eliminated, the trumps drawn, and at least one trump left in both dummy and hand, declarer plays a club to his 10.

West wins with the jack but is endplayed. He must either return a club away from the king or concede a ruff-and-discard.

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North 04-28-01
♠ A K J 9
♥ 10 6
♦ A K Q
♣ 8 5 3 2

West
♠ 7 4
♥ A K Q 5 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ K J 6

East
♠ 8 3
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 10 8 5 2
♣ 9 7 4

South
♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ J 9
♦ 7 6 3
♣ A Q 10

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Piano students set to play in national auditions

Piano pupils from the classes Barbara Tune and Lynn Baldwin have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians. This is sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a member.

This group of young piano hobbyists will play in the National Piano Playing Auditions on May 3 in the parlor of First Baptist Church in Snyder. They will strive for pledges, local, district, state, national or even international honors which the Mother organization will confer according to the number of standard baroque, classic, romantic and modern pieces. These are chosen from the masters of pianoforte literature each student can creditably perform in the presence of an imported examiner of note.

From coast to coast over 120,000 enthusiastic piano pupils of the nation will participate in this annual national piano-playing event being held in 870 music centers of the country and every entrant worth his salt will be given a certificate, given a gold or bronze embossed pin, a year's membership in the national fraternity of Student Musicians and Piano Hobbyists of the World.

Pupils will also come from Colorado City, Big Spring, Jayton and Roscoe.

Judge will be Joan Hines, former Hobbs school system as an elementary music education instructor. Mrs. Hines is also an independent piano and music theory teacher of many students who have won first, second and third place in many Piano Sonata and Concerto Contest and Music Theory Contest throughout New Mexico and Texas. She has groomed many girls for local and state pageants that have won or placed in the finals at pageants. Mrs. Hines also maintains Hines Life and Health Insurance office. She was married to the late Worley A. Hines who was also a musician. She has three sons and one grandson.



Joan Hines

Mrs. Hines attended Lamar Tech, New Mexico Highlands, Southwest Texas State University and College of the Southwest Universities, and New Mexico Junior College. She has had vocal studies at Lamar Tech University in Beaumont and New Mexico Junior College in addition to many music workshops and master lessons.

Holding many offices in music associations she is state vice president of Professional Music Teacher of New Mexico Inc. which is affiliated with Music Teachers National Association.

She has been an adjudicator for New Mexico Music Teachers Association, Texas Music Teachers Association, National Guild of Piano Teachers, University Interscholastic League and city and state pageants.

Sorrells hold cousins reunion

Descendants of W.E. and Amanda Sorrells, early settlers in the Ira Community, met Saturday April 14, at the Ira Community Center for a cousins reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Sorrells had five sons, Fred, Floyd, Jim, Earnest and Marvin and five daughters, May, Exa, Rosa, Ava and Natha, all of whom are deceased.

One daughter-in-law, Opal, widow of Marvin, survives and she and her husband Bill Cooper were in attendance. Marvin and Opal's children attending were Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira and Sue and L.D. Ely of San Angelo.

Fred and Lydia Sorrells children attending were: Ted Sorrells of Maryneal, Claude Sorrells of Sweetwater; Jessie and Myradell Sorrells of Abilene; Vollie and Margrey Sorrells of Snyder. Grandchildren attending were: Berry Ezell of Austin; Gerald Sorrels of San Angelo; Claudia Rogers of Menard; Howard and Barbara Engle of Adrian; Judy Lynn Sorrells of Abilene and great grandchildren were Nina Montgomery of Vera; Stacy Savor and her children of San Angelo.

Also in attendance were Lucille and J.M. Sterling of Vincent. Lucille is the daughter of Jim and Agnes Sorrells. Grandchildren attending were: Jimmy Sterling of Vincent, June and Sid Wall of Ira, Tanya Shafer of Colorado City; great grandchildren are Jake and Mark Barnes of Ira; Todd, Jess and Katie Wall of Ira; Gil, R.T., Quint, Kurt and Clair Shafer of Colorado City and Lacie Sterling of Vincent.

Sons of Ernest and Sina Sorrells attending were: Jimmy Sorrells of Hermleigh; Jerry Sorrells of Dunn; grandchildren attending were Todd and Shelia Sorrells of Snyder, Gayland Sorrells of Dunn and friend, Casey Frizzell of Hermleigh. Great-grandchildren Chris Sorrells of Snyder.

Children of Exa and Ed Grant attending were Dorris and J.L. Byars of Snyder, Elza Grant of Ira, Dale and Pug Grant of Grandview and Don and Margo Grant of Snyder.

Children of Ava and Joe Lopour attending were Weldon and Eutha Fae Watson of Roswell, N.M., Gloria and T.L. Griffin of Vincent; great granddaughter Susan and Kerry Hunter of Roswell, N.M.

The reunion will be held again next year at the Ira Community Center on the second Saturday in April, 2002.

Births

Clint and Kristi Head Siddons of Fort Worth announce the birth of their daughter, Carly Samantha Siddons, at 5:58 a.m. on April 10 in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Carly weighed five pounds, nine ounces.

Steve and Merri Siddons of Fort Worth are paternal grandparents and great-grandmother is Mrs. William [illegible] of Fort Worth. Maternal grandparents are Morris and Karen Head of Snyder and great-grandparents are Audry and Bonnie Head of Snyder.

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Abstract artist Jackson Pollock died in 1956 in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

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; for more information call 573-9458, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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Michelle Lewallen and Steve Wiseman
LaTrisha Lee and Carl Spain
Sarah Lilly and Chris Post
Melissa Hicks and Brodie Harris
Jamee Goolsby and Michael Moreno
Amber Rich and Cody Stewart
Christina Gonzales and Tracy Chavez
Jennifer Jones and John Smith
Alicia Kubena and Shane Guldbransen
Frances Bavousett and Lucus Burris
Alisha Allen Bowden and Jeremy Bowden
Kristi Sorrells and Brad Clyburn
Rebecca Clark and Matthew Cave
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Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Burton
(Contributed Photo)

Buchanan, Burton pledge vows in home ceremony

Cristi Gayle Buchanan became the bride of James Edwin Burton at 4 p.m. on April 14 in the home of Danny and Marita Burton, the groom's parents.

Parents of the bride are Tommy Buchanan of Houston and Elaine Buchanan, of Snyder. The groom's parents are Danny and Marita Burton of Snyder.

John Morgan officiated the double-ring ceremony in the back yard decorated with lattice work and an archway decorated with blue and white wisteria and ivy.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a high waistline and inset hand-beaded lace made by her grandmother, Frances Wiseman. Her veil, made by her Aunt Joy Smith, was of white net with roses and beads with their names and wedding date in white satin on the back. Her bouquet was blue and white assorted flowers filled with baby's breath and greenery, made by the groom's grandmother, Jamesie Colson of Lubbock. She also made the bridal bouquets.

Maid of honor was Samantha Smith, cousin of the bride from Hermleigh. She wore a blue satin with white inset hand-beaded lace made by the bride's grandmother, Frances Wiseman. Bridesmaid Georgina Smith, cousin of the bride from Hermleigh, also wore a blue satin dress with a white inset of beaded lace.

Sheala Smith, cousin of the bride from Aspermont, was flower girl. Ring bearer was JP Smith, cousin of the bride from Hermleigh.

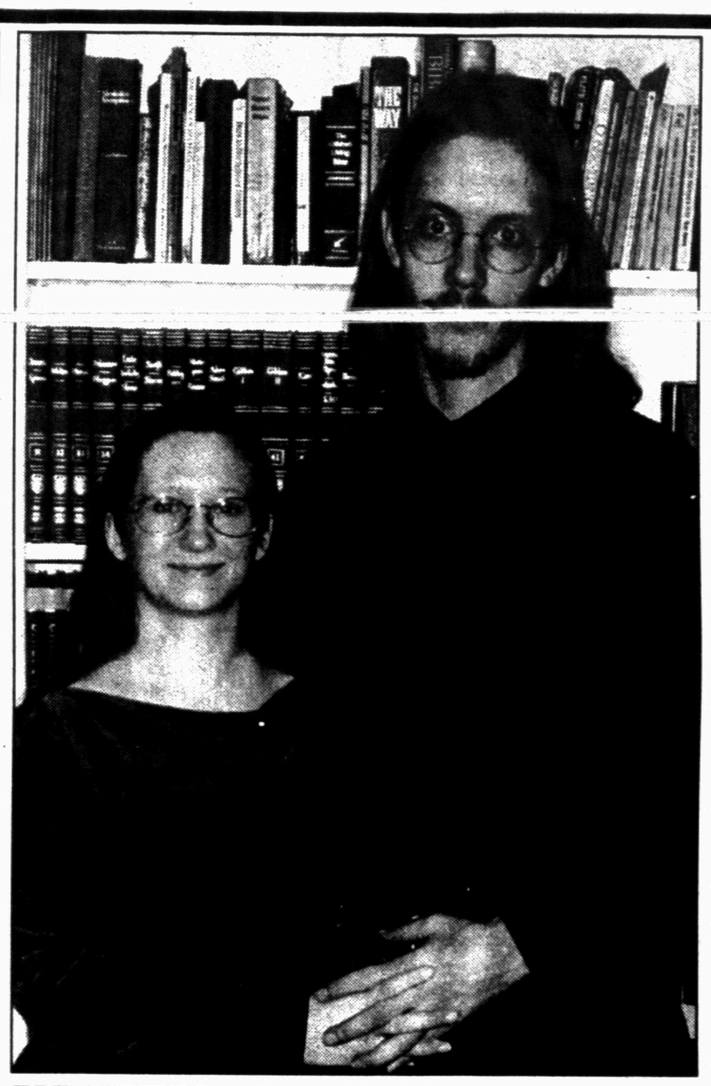
Jeremy Haynes was best man and Daniel Burton, brother of the groom, was groomsman. The groom and attendants wore black tuxedos, blue vests and white shirts.

Nikki James, cousin of the groom, registered guests at a table covered with a royal blue and white cloth.

The reception followed the ceremony. The three-tiered wedding cake was trimmed with royal blue roses sitting on a fountain with stairs on each side of the cake. Four doll cakes set on each staircase. The cakes were made by Frances Talone.

Their honeymoon trip was to Abilene and they have made their home in Snyder. The bride graduated Snyder High School in May, 2000. The groom is a 1999 SHS graduate and is employed with Production Pump.

To clean vinyl straps in outdoor furniture wash with mild detergent and warm water, using a soft sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly. To remove scuff marks, apply toothpaste or gentle abrasive and rub gently with a dry cloth.



JUNE NUPTIALS — Dan and Carla Bavousett announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Frances Isobel Bavousett, to Lucas Langston Burris, son of Leon and Alice Burris. The wedding is planned for 8 p.m., June 16 in All Faith's Chapel, Texas A&M University. (Contributed Photo)

A replica of Michelangelo's David has been dressed after complaints

LAKE ALFRED, Fla. (AP) — Michelangelo's David, the anatomically correct Italian Renaissance sculpture, has been dressed.

A 5-foot, 500-pound replica of David prompted a series of complaints to City Hall when it was displayed outside a central Florida shop.

"I didn't even know it was art," said Jeanne Johnson, the owner of a nearby barber shop who was among those who complained to city hall.

The backlash persuaded the owners of the Fountain and Falls store to wrap a cloth around the Biblical figure's waist.

David dressed has since attracted more attention than the nude artwork. Tourists have been posing by the statue. A few even sneak a peak underneath the informal loin cloth.

Shop manager Chuck Cole said he plans to replace the plain white cloth with a leopard-print bandanna: "I figure if I'm going to have to cover him up, I might as well do it in style."

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, April 20

North-South

A group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Peggy Hardin.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.

B group

1. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.
2. Nona Morrison, Christine Stuard.

East-West

A group

1. Nona Ward, Billisue Stuard.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Suzy Reed.

B group

1. Nonnie Ward, Billisue Stuard.
2. Pat Floyd, Billie Marie Long.

Tuesday, April 24

1. Maribeth Vestal.
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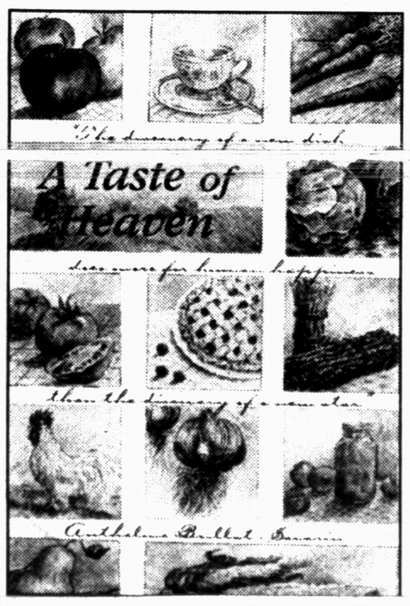
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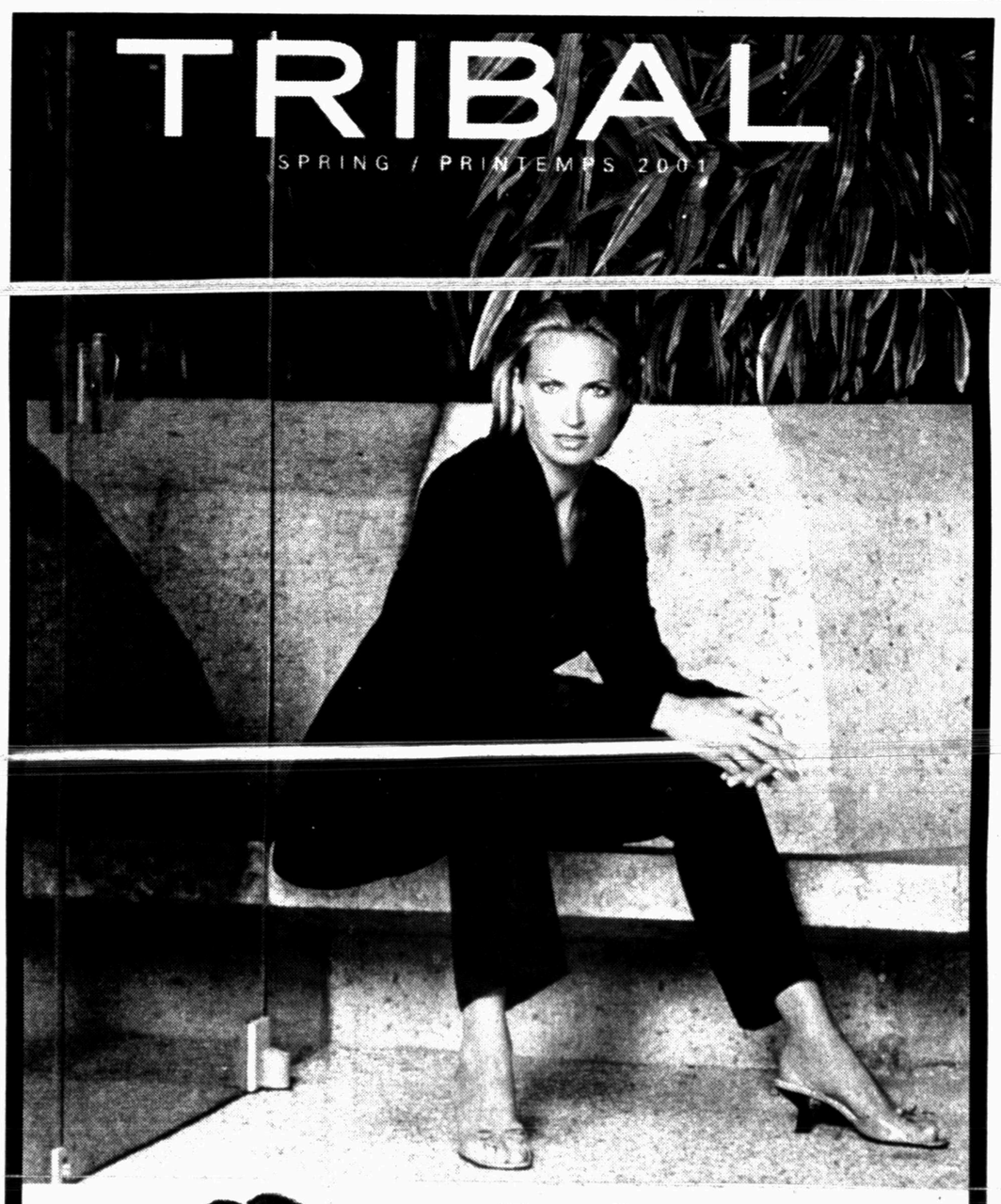
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Accidents test largest U.S. military commands

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Their spy plane is still in China. The fishing vessel accidentally sunk by one of their submarines lies 2,000 feet beneath the Pacific with bodies still inside.

They have had to boot out one of their finest officers and bury men who were supposed to be digging up the dead.

And two of their helicopters went down in their own back yard.

Shame and senseless deaths have haunted the work of the world's farthest-reaching military command over the past few months.

Even in the best of times, the U.S. Pacific Command headquarters, on a tree-lined hilltop overlooking Pearl Harbor, is no carefree outpost.

"When you have 300,000 people, both uniformed and civilian, that represent 20 percent of all U.S. active-duty military forces in a region that includes 43 countries and nearly 60 percent of the world's populations, it is a dynamic environment," said Army Lt. Col. Christy Samuels, spokeswoman for the command.

It is not friction between North and South Korea, India and Pakistan or China and Taiwan that has given the command its biggest challenges lately.

In February, the sinking of a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii by the USS Greeneville killed nine Japanese men and boys.

Three days later, six Army soldiers from an infantry unit based in Hawaii were killed when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed on Oahu.

Then on April 1, the 24 crew members of a U.S. spy plane began 11 days in captivity on the Chinese island of Hainan after their aircraft collided with a Chinese fighter jet.

And on April 7, a helicopter crash in Vietnam killed seven U.S. servicemen and nine Vietnamese who were searching for remains of Americans still missing in action from the Vietnam War. The mission had been overseen by a task force based at Camp H.M. Smith, site of Pacific Command headquarters. Those killed included two servicemen stationed in Hawaii.

The 640 military and civilian workers at Camp Smith, and others at the Pacific Command's Hawaii-based units, did an emotional about-face as they welcomed home the spy plane crew one day and the next day saw the return of the bodies of the seven servicemen killed in Vietnam.

The task of identifying the bodies fell to the Army Central Identification Laboratory, at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu.

Through it all, the command has accommodated hundreds of visiting journalists and dealt with the diplomatic fallout from some of the tragedies.

The events have been a shocking reminder of the risks associated with military service. Command officers insist there has been no grumbling.

"When we experience tragedy, we pull together and help each other and we work our way through it and we keep training," Samuels said.

As the largest of the United States' nine unified military operations, Pacific Command has an area of responsibility that stretches north to the Arctic, east to the West Coast, south to Antarctica, and west to Madagascar, covering more than half the Earth's surface.

It was established in 1947 as an outgrowth of the World War II command structure and later directed wars in Korea and Vietnam.

Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye said recent events should serve as a reminder to President Bush and others in Washington that U.S. security is tied closely to the Asia-Pacific region.

"This is where the action is. This is where the potential trouble spots are located," he said. "Out of the 10 largest armies in the world, eight are located in the area of responsibility of CINCPAC" — Commander in Chief, Pacific — "so this is the important command."

Even though the spy plane crew has returned home and the Pacific Fleet has concluded disciplinary proceedings against Greeneville skipper Cmdr. Scott Waddle that mean the end of his career, challenges still lie ahead.

Many in Japan, including relatives of those killed in the sinking of the Ehime Maru, are angry that Waddle will not be court-martialed and will be allowed to retire with full pension and no reduction in rank.

The Navy is drawing up a plan to bring the sunken ship to shallower waters to allow divers to remove the nine bodies believed to be inside.

And the damaged EP-3E spy plane remains on Hainan Island as U.S. officials press for its return.

On the Net:
Pacific Command:
http://www.pacom.mil
Pacific Fleet:
http://www.cpf.navy.mil

Scientists create array of tiny conductors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have taken a new step toward building tiny computers, creating an array of carbon tubes just a few molecules in diameter.

Two teams of researchers worked with single- and multi-walled nanotubes, which may be able to be used as wires in the development of miniature transistors.

Nanotubes are sheets of carbon atoms rolled into a tube. In different forms they can conduct electricity like a metal or can be semiconducting.

A team headed by Philip G. Collins at IBM's Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., developed a method to control the conductivity of multi-walled nanotubes that connect electrodes.

The group reports in Friday's issue of the journal Science that they were able to selectively destroy some of the layers by running extremely high currents through them in air.

This allowed them to tailor nanotubes to be either semiconducting or metallic, and to assemble whole arrays of field-effect nanotube transistors.

"The realization of a practical nanotube-based electronic device is brought substantially closer to reality," by this advance, Mildred S. Dresselhaus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology reports in a commentary accompanying the article.

In the second paper in the same journal, Min Ouyang and colleagues at Harvard University report on studies of single-wall nanotubes.

Variations in how the carbon atoms are rolled into the tube can give them different electronic properties. "Chiral" nanotubes are thought to be semiconducting, while "zigzag" and "armchair" nanotubes are thought to be metallic.

Using special microscopes, the researchers found that most "metallic" nanotubes have energy gaps that electrons cannot occupy, and thus are in fact semiconductors rather than true metals.

Student sent home because of Confederate flag on shirt

HOUSTON (AP) — A northwest Harris County high school student was sent home for the day for wearing a T-shirt with the Mississippi state flag, which has the Confederate battle flag on it.

Chris Gresham said he was sent home Thursday from Cypress Creek High School for wearing a T-shirt in support of the Mississippi state flag, which has come under fire in the past year because the Confederate battle flag is displayed in the banner's upper left corner.

Mississippi voted earlier this month to retain the flag rather than adopt a new one.

"They can wear British flags and Texas flags. I don't understand why I can't even wear a Mississippi state flag," Gresham told Houston television station KPRC. "They probably think it's a racist thing because we're not getting taught in school about it."

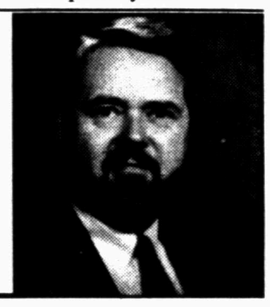
Kelli Durham, assistant superintendent for communication for the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, said she could not comment specifically about Gresham's case but said the district's goal is to maintain a safe environment.

"Cypress Creek High School administrators will continue to prohibit the wearing of the Confederate flag because school officials believe this symbol will cause a disruption to the school," Durham said.

Gresham said he planned to keep wearing the T-shirt to school.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Finally It's Spring: Words of Wisdom XXVII

I'm writing this column on a spring-like day. Though the first day of spring is officially a few days away, today is a tease of the beautiful days to come.

Yes, I know that as you read this column, spring is here. However, because of my heavy travel schedule during the next several weeks, I'm writing this column in March. Then I can travel without the distraction of column deadlines.

So as I write this, I'm getting a bad case of spring fever. In the warmth of the late afternoon sun, I am cooking shish-ka-bobs on the grill. As I enjoy the day, I am anticipating the end of winter and the promise of spring.

There is something comforting to me in the cycle of the seasons. While I dislike the cold of winter, I know it is necessary to ensure the coming of spring. As January turns into February, and February drags into March, my thoughts are already on the warm sun, flowers, buds and freshness of spring.

I'm looking forward to spring and welcome it as a time of renewal. I will reach gladly for the hope of new life and new opportunities this spring brings. Every new leaf and every new sprout is a promise of renewal.

Here are a few thoughts on the wondrous season of spring. I hope they spur a burst of life in your veins.

Thoughts on Spring

* No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it. — Hal Borland

* The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May. — Edwin Way Teale

* Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling [illegible] every May, but at length the season of summer does come. — Thomas Carlyle

* If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. — Anne Bradstreet

* An optimist is the human personification of spring. — Susan J. Bissonette

* We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true. — Woodrow Wilson

* To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring. — W. J. Vogel

* There is so much to be thankful for! The feeling of springtime promise in the air after the cold grayness of a winter season; the drops of rain take on new meaning. They are not the dull accompaniment to a somber, gray sky and relentless chill, but bear the promise of new life and renewed energy to the rootlets and buds. — Helen Keller

* If spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change! But now the silent succession suggests nothing but necessity. To most men only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be. — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Public Records

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Rene Longoria and Toni Lee Franklin, divorce granted.

Darrell and Melissa Doty, as next friend for Bryce Lance Doty, a minor, vs. Gary A. Nussey, M.D., order of dismissal without prejudice.

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Katherine Wemken and William Lee Wemken to Marilyn Elizabeth Briggs and Tommy Don Wemken, 2.070 acres in Block 13 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Hilario H. and Anastacia Fuentez to Andres Hermosillo, all of Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Helms Addition.

Michael D. and Jane L. Clifton to Rudy and Cenaida P. Hernandez, 3.0956 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ronald Pavlovsky, Tammy Pavlovsky Kennedy and Carla Pavlovsky Foster to Donald Pavlovsky, the west 239 acres in Section 83, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Jimmy Don Lloyd to Donnie Ray Lloyd, a 0.1771-acre tract in Lot 1, Block 17 of the Blanken[illegible] Addition.

Margarita C. and Roberto Luna to Betty Jean Gutierrez, the south 50 feet of Lot 6 and the north 26 feet of Lot 7 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Jean Sharp to William E. and Donna R. Smith, tract one being Lots 20-24 in Block 43 of the Original Town of Hermleigh; tract two being an adjoining one-half of Duval Street between Blocks 43 and 44 and adjoining one-half of German Street between Blocks 43 and 58 of the Original Town of Hermleigh; tract three being an adjoining one-half of the alley between Lots 1-5 and Lots 20-24 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Jean Sharp to William E. and Donna R. Smith, the east 5 feet of Lot 19 in Boock 43 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

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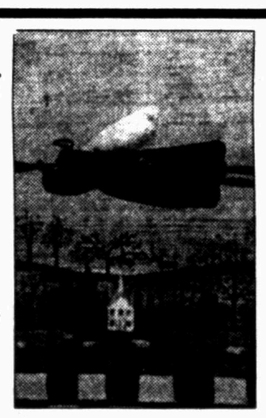

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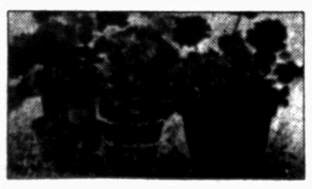

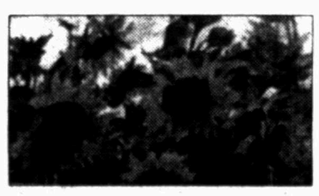

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Q & A

Club drugs

The Texas Spur, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

WHAT ARE CLUB DRUGS?

Young adults and teens have found a new way to cut loose on the weekends. This new thing is called a Rave, or all-night dance party. Groups of young people dancing all-night in a club setting, some there to dance and some there to get a buzz while they dance. However, like all events there are dangers present. The latest danger at these "raves," bars and nightclubs have been given the name "Club Drugs". This is because this collective group includes, GHB, Rohypnol, Ketamine, LSC, Methamphetamines, and Ecstasy are found mostly in the club circuit.

Club drugs are becoming increasingly popular among young people, who feel that these drugs are harmless. WRONG! Research shows that the effects of these drugs can cause serious health problems, and in some cases death. These effects include hallucinations, paranoia, and amnesia, just to name a few, and because these drugs are so new to the scene some first time users take them not knowing what the effects to them may be. These drugs are mostly taken in the club scene where alcohol is also available. They work on the same brain mechanism as alcohol so the dangers to the individual are much higher.

Club drugs are odorless, tasteless and colorless. This makes it easier for someone to "spike" the drink of some unsuspecting individual. In fact, research shows that an increasing number of sexual assaults are a result of someone having these drugs added to their drink.

Raves and all-night dances are becoming increasingly popular in the young adult and teen setting, and these young people are still not convinced that these drugs are harmful to them. Over the next few weeks, we will offer a brief overview of each of these Club Drugs. Education about these drugs is important, as they are becoming a large part of the young adult and teen setting. It is also important to remember that just because they are termed "club" drugs, does not mean this is the only setting in which they are used. They are becoming popular in all teen settings whether in a metropolitan area or small rural towns.

NEXT WEEK: ***Ecstasy: It's Anything But ....***

This information is taken from the TCADA website at www.tcada.state.tx.us/

Dirty footbaths blamed for outbreak

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At least 109 women who got pedicures at a California nail salon developed boils from bacteria in the shop's footbaths, health officials say.

The type of bacteria is common, but the outbreak last year in Watsonville is the first documented case at a nail salon in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

The boils were caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium fortuitum, which was found in the whirlpool footbaths used at Fancy Nails to relax customers and soften their skin, the CDC reported Thursday.

Customers began developing the boils last April. They were given antibiotics, and in some cases, the infections took as long as six months to treat. Some of the women were permanently scarred.

Reno will speak at Baylor U.

WACO (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is scheduled to speak this fall at Baylor University, just a few miles from where Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died in a 1993 fire after a 51-day standoff with the federal government.

Reno will speak Sept. 13 at the Ferrell Center as part of the university's President's Forum. The school will release ticket information in August.

School spokesman Larry Brumley on Friday said Reno's representatives initiated the visit.

"Although it won't be the focus of her presentation, she is going to make some comments about what she learned from the Branch Davidian episode and will more than likely have some pretty candid observations," said Brumley.

Brumley said Reno will also discuss ethics in public service.

"Given the indelible mark that event left on Waco, there was a feeling that as a university that is rooted in this community, there would be some value in hearing her and having her address face-to-face people in this community who've been left with the after-effects of that tragedy," he said.

Early in Reno's tenure in 1993, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unsuccessfully tried to arrest Koresh at the compound 10 miles east of Waco.

A standoff between Branch Davidians and the FBI followed.

On April 19, 1993, Reno approved the use of tear gas on the compound in an attempt to end the standoff. A fire erupted, burning the rickety wooden complex to the ground.

Reno later said she would not have approved the plan had she known it would lead to the deaths.

Last year a jury and a federal judge in Waco absolved the government of any wrongdoing.

Date Books

Saturday, April 28, 2001

Today is the 118th day of 2001 and the 40th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, the first steam-powered whaling ship in the United States began its first voyage. The vessel, commanded by Ebenezer Morgan, was called the Pioneer.

On this day in 1947, Thor Heyerdahl and his crew sailed from Peru on a voyage to Polynesia. They traveled aboard Kon-Tiki, a vessel made of balsa wood.

On this day in 1965, the United States invaded the Dominican Republic.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Monroe (1758-1831), U.S. president; Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954), actor; Harper Lee (1926-), writer, is 75; James A. Baker III (1930-), U.S. secretary of state, is 71; Jack Nicholson (1937-), actor, is 64; Ann-Margret (1941-), actress, is 60; Jay Leno (1950-), talk-show host, is 51; Kim Gordon (1953-), musician, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, boxing champion Muhammad Ali had his title taken away because he refused to serve in the United States armed forces.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A complete remedy to a political disease is seldom found until something like a crisis occurs." — James Monroe

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 23) and first quarter (April 30).

Sunday, April 29, 2001

Today is the 119th day of 2001 and the 41st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, the USS Peacock captured HMS Epervier.

On this day in 1925, Dr. Florence Sabin became the first woman to be elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

On this day in 1997, American and Russian astronauts walked in space together for the first time. Dr. Jerry Linenger and Vasily Tsibliyev collected samples of cosmic dust and installed a radiation detector while floating outside the Mir space station.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951), publisher; Duke Ellington (1899-1974), composer-pianist; Hirohito (1901-1989), Japanese emperor; Rod McKuen (1933-), poet, is 68; Zubin Mehta (1936-), conductor, is 65; Jim Ryun (1947-), runner, is 54; Daniel Day-Lewis (1957-), actor, is 44; Michelle Pfeiffer (1957-), actress, is 44; Andre Agassi (1970-), tennis player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox struck out 20 batters in a game against the Seattle Mariners — a major-league record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame." — Charles Caleb Colton

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (April 30).

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Scientists find Union ID in Confederate submarine

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Scientists excavating the inside of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley have found an identification tag from a Union soldier.

The tag has the name of a soldier from Connecticut who died in 1863 in the battle of Fort Wagner on Charleston Harbor, Bob Neyland, the Hunley project manager, said Friday.

Neyland said scientists are unsure how the tag got on the Confederate sub. But he said it was not uncommon for soldiers to take souvenirs from battlefields.

One of the Hunley crewmen was in a unit that played a prominent role in the Fort Wagner battle, Neyland said.

Neyland said it is also possible the Union soldier, identified as Ezra Chamberlin, was a defector to the Confederacy or a spy trying to disrupt the Hunley's mission.

Officials said documents show a grave for an Ezra Chamberlin in Killingly, Conn. Neyland said the tag was found next to the skull of a Hunley crewman, indicating the crewman was wearing the ID around his neck.

Neyland said it would not be unusual for a sailor to have an identification tag from the opposite side, but it would be out of the ordinary to wear it that way.

The Hunley sank off Charleston in 1864, shortly after ramming an explosive charge at the end of a spar into the Union blockade ship Housatonic. The sub was raised last year and brought to a laboratory.

Woman fined

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — A woman who couldn't afford to have a veterinarian care for her sick colt was fined $212 for trying to keep the 5-day-old animal warm in her house.

Police say they were alerted after someone tipped off the Rock County Humane Society about the sick colt.

Officers found the horse lying on a sheet of plastic in the living room. The 38-year-old woman said the colt had an infection and was too weak to nurse from its mother so she was caring for it inside, bottle-feeding it and giving it antibiotics from her veterinarian.

The vet confirmed he had told the woman to keep the colt in a warm place, and that she couldn't pay the $500 he was charging to take care of the foal.

After getting a $212 citation, the woman loaded the colt in her truck and said she was taking it to the family's farm.

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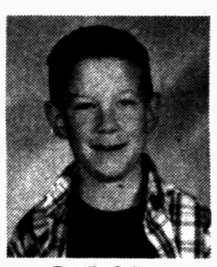

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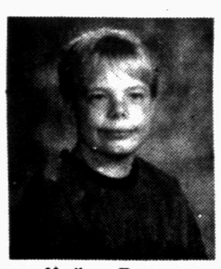

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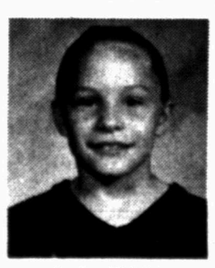

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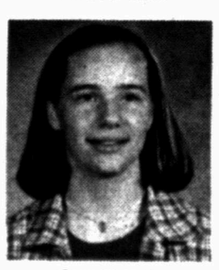

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Chasteen certified as an electrologist

Dee Chasteen of Snyder has been accepted as a member of the International Guild of Professional Electrologists Inc. (IGPE). The IGPE concerns itself with public information, education, consumer interest and the maintenance of high standards of practicing electrolysis. Chasteen has completed training and certification requirements to become a member.

According to Trudy Brown, president of IGPE, "Electrolysis is the only permanent method of eliminating unwanted hair from the face and body."

Mrs. Brown describes the procedure: "A very fine probe is inserted alongside the hair follicle and a small amount of electrical current is then applied through the probe. The dermal papilla, which gives rise to the hair is destroyed, loosening the hair in the process. The hair is easily removed with forceps. There is no pulling when the process is done skillfully and the skin is not harmed in any way."

Dr. Richard Wagner Jr., Medical Consultant of the IGPE asserts, "Shaving, tweezing, depilatories and waxing are temporarily effective solutions. Only electrolysis can remove hair permanently. A good professional electrologist is the best solution."

Unwanted hair can be safely removed from any part of the face and body with exception of - in warts, nostrils and the inner ear.

IGPE is a non-profit, non-regulatory organization dedicated to informing the public of permanent hair removal. For information outlining electrolysis standards and procedures, write to: International Guild of Professional Electrologists Inc., Professional Bldg. Suite B, 202 Blvd., High Point, N.C. 27262. Enclose a #10 SASE.

Reebok pulls TV ad following accident

INDEPENDENCE, Ky. (AP) — Reebok International Inc. pulled its television commercial showing a pro basketball star leaping over an oncoming car after a Kentucky teen was injured trying a similar stunt.

"We don't want to be seen as encouraging any kind of this behavior," said John Wardley, a spokesman at the shoe company's headquarters in Canton, Mass.

Reebok pulled the 30-second "defy convention" ad from Thursday's CBS broadcast of "Survivor: The Australian Outback" and replaced it with a commercial featuring tennis star Venus Williams. The ad that was yanked used computer effects to make it appear that Houston Rockets star Steve Francis leaped over an oncoming car.

A 16-year-old boy from Independence broke his leg and ankle Monday trying to jump over a car driven by a friend while another teen videotaped the action.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 29, 2001

Don't eliminate from your goals in the year ahead any objectives you previously thought were out of reach. What was impossible to do before might be quite workable in the months ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Chances are merely busying yourself with nonessential tasks will not suffice for you today. You need to delve into something that will give you true gratification of accomplishment. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The gains you make today might not be those of a materialistic bent but of those that warm the heart and make life truly worth living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you feel the need for getting out with the masses today, select chumming around with old pals and going to places familiar to you that you enjoy. It'll give you a feeling of stability.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Others will recognize that you're the one today who has the ability to sort out complications that overwhelm them. You might be more sought out for their help then usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although you might not go looking for it, you're likely to learn something today from a personal experience that will prove to be invaluable in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Strive to be bold today but without being foolhardy in achieving your objectives. If you should believe bravado is called for, use it only with great discretion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This might be an excellent day to acquire some wise counsel from someone you trust concerning a problem you're having difficulty in resolving. This person will steer you right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you're in need of extra capital, today might be the day to sit down and make a list of possible ways to channel additional earnings. With a little thought, you'll come up with something.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Mutual agreements discussed and reached between friends today should prove to be beneficial for all over the long haul. In fact, they could grow stronger in time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Get the family together to work on a project today that will be mutually beneficial to the entire clan. You're the one who can pull everyone into the endeavor and make it fun.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A social activity in which you could become involved today will turn out to be successful with you at the helm. It'll be because you'll supervise every significant detail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could get a chance today to turn around a negative situation and make it into something rewarding for yourself, as well as for someone with whom you have strong emotional links.

Monday, April 30, 2001

Some kind of circumstance that is screened from the view of others will give you an opportunity in the year ahead that is not offered to cohorts. Grab it and run with it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In order to express your affection today for someone you love, you might want to try giving him or her a small, tangible token. It doesn't have to be expensive — just meaningful. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This can be one of those days when a sullen mood could be turned around quickly because of the nice things people will be doing for you. It'll make you recognize the good things in life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll get along great today with people from all walks of life and in almost all of your dealings, except one. When it comes to handling money, it'll be another story.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Once you get a hold of yourself today and shake off the cobwebs, you'll be able to see roses in places where others merely see thorns. Capitalize on this talent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although your victories may not come today until your second or third tries, your possibilities for success are tremendous. Be patient, consistent and tenacious, and you'll win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful not to fall prey to stronger than usual desires today to gratify your personal interests, regardless of what it costs others. The victories you get will be hollow and empty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't worry about who takes the lead in a partnership arrangement today — only who is best qualified to guide the team. Power exists in a collective force, not a divided one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There's a lesson to be learned today when you discover something you've been anticipating as being a dreaded development turns into a pleasant experience. Negativism is never the answer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No matter how big that carrot is that is dangled in your face today, chancy commercial deals must be avoided. Stick to the tried and true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's important today that you're able to distinguish between criticism and constructive suggestions. Otherwise you could reject sage advice merely because you think it offensive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be nice to everyone today, but persons who are closest to your heart should be the ones who get the lion's share of your attention, not the other way around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It'll be amazing today that anything you go after for the purposes of helping your loved ones will be easy to acquire, but things that you attempt for selfish purposes won't.

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Anne Robinson's memoirs due out in fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Television's hottest game-show host has a book deal. The memoirs of Anne Robinson, the snippy star of NBC's "Weakest Link," will be published this fall for an advance almost certainly worth at least six figures.

"The book, like Anne herself, is filled with insight, honesty and humor," Louise Burke, president of the New American Library, said in a statement Thursday. The New American Library is an imprint of Penguin Putnam.

Titled "Memoirs of an Unfit Mother," Robinson's book will cover her years as a London journalist and consumer advocate and her struggles with alcoholism.

"Weakest Link" was first a hit in Britain.

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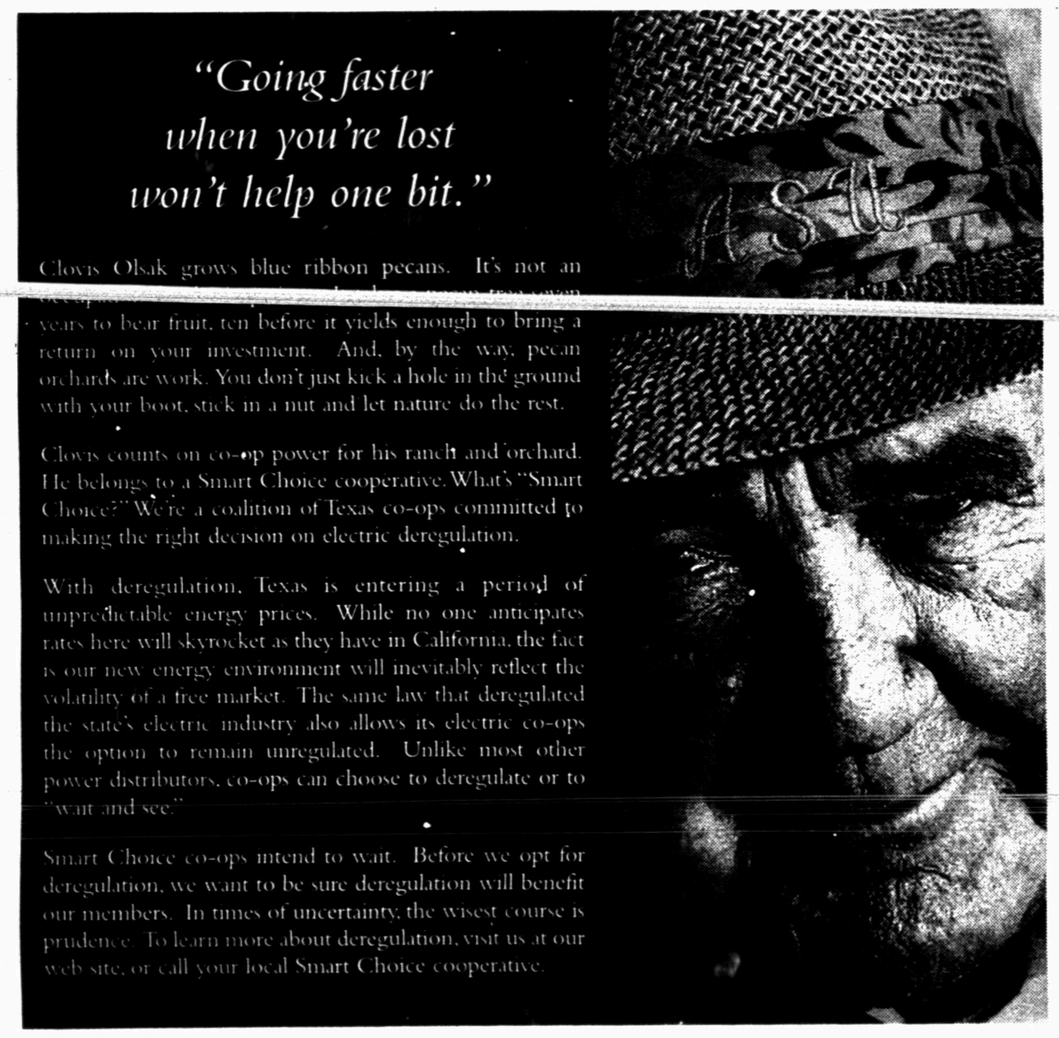

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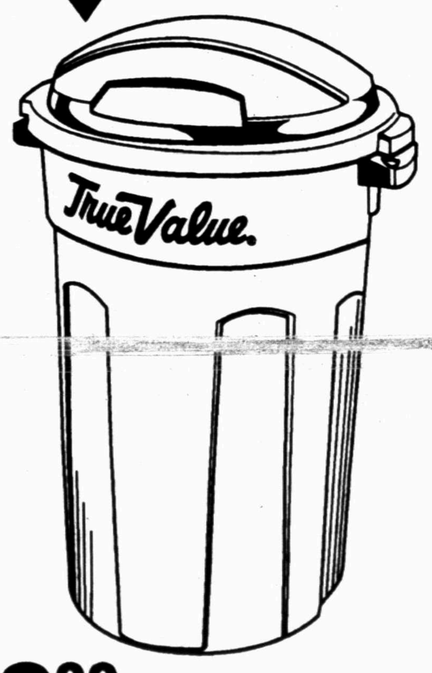

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



A primer on hemorrhoids

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that a high-fiber diet will help bleeding hemorrhoids?

DEAR READER: To a degree, yes. But before I elaborate on your question, allow me to give you a primer on this common condition.

Like many of the body's tissues, the rectal opening has many veins. Ordinarily, these anal blood vessels are quite unobtrusive; we are not aware of them. However, under certain circumstances, these veins swell, resulting in one or more blue lumps. These are referred to as hemorrhoids, or in layman's terms, piles.

Hemorrhoids are related to increased venous pressure, such as that caused by a growing fetus in a pregnant woman. In this situation, the enlarging uterus puts pressure on the pelvic veins, causing the anal veins to balloon. In addition, anal irritation — such as constipation, diarrhea or prolonged sitting on cold, hard surfaces — will cause hemorrhoids.

Usually, after a period of discomfort, the swollen veins shrink and return to normal. Sometimes, the blood within the hemorrhoids clots (thrombosis); this results in more discomfort. However, this situation will also return to normal over time.

Occasionally, dilated hemorrhoidal veins bleed. This results in blood streaking on toilet tissue, or, in unusually severe cases, brisk red bleeding from the anus. Acute hemorrhoidal bleeding can usually be arrested if the patient temporarily avoids eating roughage, uses medicated suppositories to facilitate evacuation and aid healing, and sits in about 5 inches of very warm water several times a day (to reduce inflammation and swelling). Surgical intervention is rarely necessary.

The purpose of a high-fiber diet is to prevent constipation in people who are susceptible to hemorrhoids. This diet is not appropriate for the management of acute hemorrhoids, especially in the presence of bleeding. Thus, patients with sluggish bowels that require much effort during elimination can be helped by eating more roughage. Patients with chronic diarrhea or other causes of anal irritation, on the other hand, are not helped by increases dietary fiber.

If you have occasional bleeding hemorrhoids, I suggest that you use suppositories and warm water baths. In contrast, if your hemorrhoid problem is severe, you should be examined by a surgeon, who may recommend that you consider having the veins removed, ligated, injected or frozen. These simple operations are available for those patients who require more than intermittent symptomatic relief.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it hard for doctors to take care of terminally ill patients?

DEAR READER: One of a doctor's most difficult responsibilities is to help people through the process of dying. For the most part, this role is not taught in medical school or residency programs, where new practitioners are instructed, through formal academic training, to diagnose illness, treat disease and cheat death whenever possible.

Once out in the real world, however, most young doctors quickly learn that dealing with death is as much a part of medical practice as is the stethoscope. Death takes away the good, the innocent, the respected; it takes away patients who have become friends, and friends who are patients. It is not always welcome. It comes in the night and in daylight, on holidays, in all seasons, sometimes unexpectedly, always with grim harshness.

Regardless of the circumstances, death also takes away a piece of us doctors when it happens to someone to whom we have committed time, interest, energy, effort — yes, even love. It constantly reminds us of how ineffectual — how really ineffectual — we are at preventing it. This realization and these feelings are, at best, hard for us to accept. We are forced to learn new skills and extraordinary talents to cope with our sense of loss and vulnerability.

Not all of us are capable of doing this. In the face of dull reality, it's easier to justify our omnipotence and deny that death is a part of our lives. It's far simpler to regard death as an enemy and, in the process, put emotional distance between us and our patients at the very time they most need us.

We look for [illegible]. The heart attack was too massive. We use magic: Although the cancer has spread, try chemotherapy anyway; it might work. We place blame: What can you expect from a pack-a-day smoker? Worst of all, we resist learning from terminal patients under our care. Out of a mistaken fantasy that we do harm by removing hope, we compulsively strive to keep people alive, when every humane instinct screams that this heroic enterprise is futile and dehumanizing.

This doesn't have to be. I recently learned an important lesson from a patient to whom I'd grown very close. A year ago, he was found to have inoperable lung cancer. Because he was pain-free and relatively independent, I encouraged him to have radiation therapy. The tumor shrunk and, except for weakness and weight loss, he seemed to rally. He wanted to know the prognosis. I told him. He put his affairs in order and attempted to lead as normal a life as he could. In this effort, he was moderately successful — until unmistakable signs of recurring cancer appeared. We struck a bargain at that point, under which I agreed to no life-saving procedures and promised to keep him as comfortable as possible.

Near the end, he required hospitalization for jaundice and dehydration. He lingered for two weeks. During this time, I gave him as much morphine as he wanted. At the end, he refused the narcotic because it made his thinking "too fuzzy." On the day of his death, he was lucid and serene. His family was with him. I held his hand and asked him how he felt. "Peaceful," he replied. "I no longer have to struggle. I can surrender."

If, as the writer/philosopher Joseph Campbell suggested, heaven is really within us, at death the energy of life ultimately joins with itself; peace comes when the struggle to maintain individuality ends.

This knowledge is not part of the standard medical school curriculum. Perhaps it should be, because I believe that when all is said and done, when the machines and the medicines are deemed insufficient, once patients have entered the final phase of life, doctors have a duty to help the terminally ill surrender with peace. We must take away fear and provide a real service to those who desperately need it. This emotional bond serves to strengthen both the [illegible]

Why is this relationship so important to me? For obvious reasons, of course. Also, I selfishly hope that my doctor will honor me, when the time comes, with the same respect and kindness I try to give my patients today.

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Teen deaths fuel debate about dealing with Ecstasy

CHICAGO (AP) — One dead after a party in suburban Chicago. Two more in Memphis, Tenn., and another two in Portland, Ore.

The fatal consequences of Ecstasy — an illegal drug that some say is this decade's version of LSD — are becoming increasingly apparent nationwide, further stirring the debate about how to deal with the large numbers of young people who are using it.

"It's the hottest drug going right now," says Michelle, a 19-year-old former Ecstasy user from New York City who is now in rehab and spoke on the condition that her last name not be used. "Anybody can get it anywhere, anytime."

While it is most often associated with the dance parties — or "raves" — federal officials say the drug also known as MDMA is so readily available that teens can buy it at school and on the street corner.

A survey of American teens released in February found that one in four questioned said they had a friend or classmate who had used Ecstasy, while 17 percent said they knew more than one user. It was the first time the nonprofit National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse conducted a survey on the drug.

In recent months, Dr. Vasilios Pitsios says he has treated patients as young as 14 who have arrived unconscious at the emergency room at Saint Vincent Hospital, in the heart of Manhattan's club scene. He says many have traveled to town from New Jersey and Long Island. And two have died on his watch.

Pitsios says he has a frank talk with those who survive. "But how much of that sticks?" he asks. "It's probably very little."

Some young people are taking matters into their own hands, preaching "harm reduction" methods that they hope can save lives. Rather than telling others to just say no, they believe it is more realistic to give users information about Ecstasy that, they say, can lessen the drug's damage.

"It's obvious that zero tolerance simply doesn't work," says Andrew Epstein, a senior at Amherst College in Massachusetts who helped organize an information session about Ecstasy on his campus this week

Among the tips he and others are spreading to young people nationwide: Stay hydrated to avoid severe, and sometimes deadly, overheating.

They also tell users to avoid "stacking," or taking more than one tablet in a night to enhance the drug's euphoric "I-love-everyone" effect.

Epstein says he first tried Ecstasy when he was a 17 but has cut back from nearly monthly use to two or three times a year.

Steve Svoboda, a 24-year-old Web site designer from Chicago, says he has done the same.

"If it's used sparingly and people know the risks, I believe the potential for harm is greatly reduced," says Svoboda, who heads Chicago's chapter of a California-based harm-reduction group called DanceSafe.

Among other things, the group offers to test Ecstasy tablets for other drugs that police and health officials say are increasingly being passed off as Ecstasy. In February, for example, police in Fairfax County, Va., confiscated hundreds of Ecstasy pills laced with the drug PCP.

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Letters to the editor

Relay for Life a success

Dear Editor:

As chair of this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee, I would like to thank the residents of Snyder, Hermleigh, Ira, Fluvanna and Borden County for their generosity and support.

Thirty-seven teams participated in this year's event, raising over $55,000 for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and patient service programs. The outstanding support received proves that the people of Scurry County are truly committed to the fight against cancer.

I want to applaud the 75 survivors that participated in the survivor recognition ceremony and in the opening lap. They are the reason we continue the fight because each year there can be more and more people living wonderful lives following a diagnosis of cancer.

A special thanks to the Relay for Life volunteers who worked to make this event a success. The Relay for Life committee did an outstanding job of putting the event together.

The committee members included Sheila McCormack, Mark Cypert, Ann Everett, Bonnie Hodge, Gaynel Cline, Melissa Rosson, Vicky Roland, Jo Schooler, Gabby Scott, Helen Mock, Janet Wesson, KimGambol, Janie Romine, Christy Smith, Nancy Jones, Wendy Burnett, Wanda Falls, Karen Kittles, Terrisu Mann, Anita Peavy, Cathy Boden, Kathy Curry, Billie Holladay, Barbara Gowin, Ginny Giffith, Carolyn Derouen, Cindy Nix, Wayne Monroney, Mike Carter and Billy Haynes.

We appreciate the generosity of this year's corporate sponsors. They are an important asset to the Relay. We also appreciate those who donated items for the auction and those who bid and bought the items.

Once again, I want to thank team captains and the 800 Relay for Life participants who worked hard for many weeks collecting money, then walked in the wind and stayed on the track all night long. Relay for Life would not be possible without you.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society, and remember, it's not too early to become involved in the Relay for Life for next year.

Thank you,
Carole Haynes
2001 Relay for Life
Chairperson
American Cancer Society

Recognition wanted

Dear Editor:

I understand that most of the sports coverage in this town is related or has to do with the high school, but I think that it is outrageous that a young man in this town can win a national boxing title and not be recognized for his accomplishments at all.

This man's name is Johnny Vasquez Jr., and he is a junior at Snyder High. He left April 4 to represent the USA and Snyder in Ireland in the USA versus Ireland Duel.

J.J. will also be traveling back to Ireland to compete in the World Championships for a shot at the world amateur boxing title in August.

For this young man to have accomplished so much at a young age and not to be congratulated is not only a let down for his hard work and the effort that he has put forth, but a disgrace that the community as a whole has not acknowledged him.

It isn't every day that there is someone in your town that holds a national title much less one for boxing. So many young people dream of being a champion someday regardless of the sport. If they have the talent to do so on the national level and then have the chance to do so on the world level, is outstanding, It only takes away from what this young person has worked so hard to achieve when they are not recognized.

I regret that it had to be brought to the public's attention in this way, but maybe next time that someone in this town does something outstanding they can be recognized for their accomplishments. I wish the best of luck to J.J. in his upcoming bouts in Ireland and later on in the year. May he represent the USA and Snyder well.

Disappointed friend
and fellow boxer
Joe A. Salinas

(EDITOR"S NOTE: A story about Johnny Vasquez Jr , his photo was in the April 20-21 edition of the Snyder Daily News. We also wish him well in his endeavors.)

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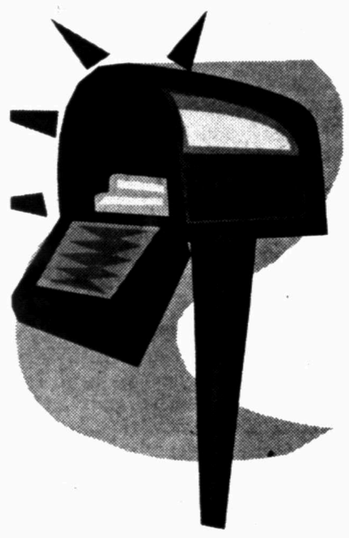

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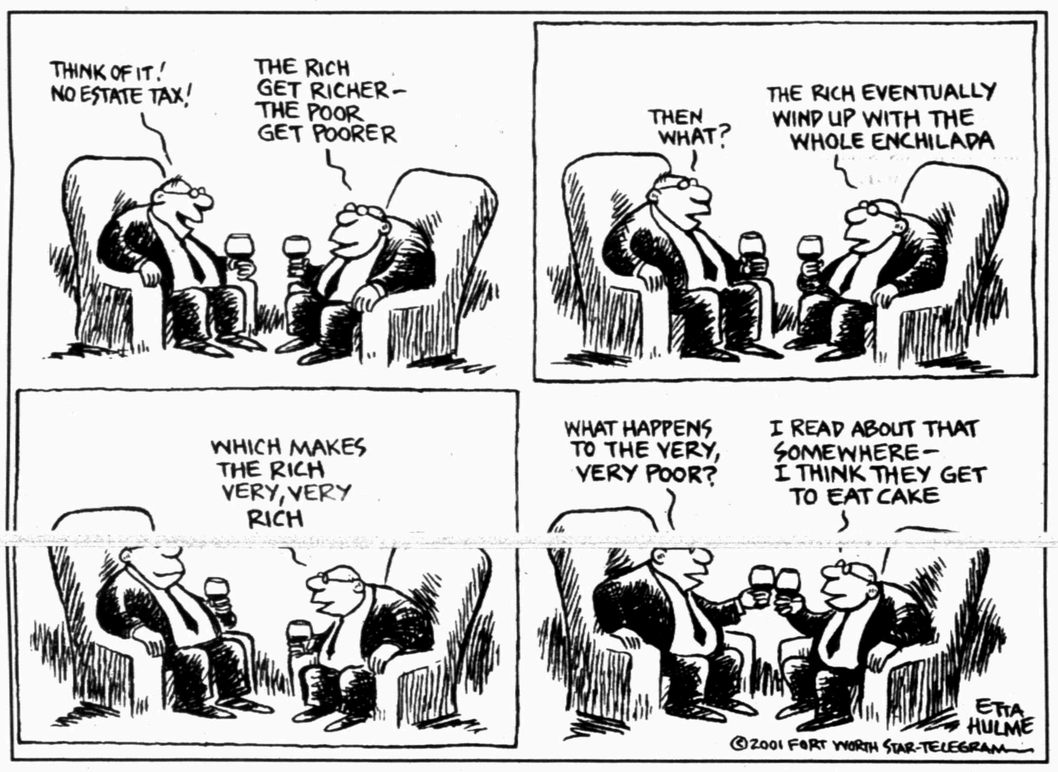



North of Forty By Red Green

Making work work

We seem to have cycles of unemployment that occur in our economy, and everybody has his own theory about that, so here's mine. I think that the amount of unemployment in any geographic area or market sector is directly related to the competence of the work force in that area or sector. The more competent the work force, the higher the unemployment. When you have highly skilled, motivated employees, they will do the work of three or four average people. The moment your company hires anybody who is any good at their job, layoffs are just around the corner.

I'm not saying competence is a bad thing, but you really want to hold it in check until we reach zero unemployment. The hard-working skilled employees may be the ones who make the business profitable, but it's the useless, lazy ones who create the job opportunities.

DEMANDING AN ARGUMENT

I was watching a golf tournament recently, and the commentator said one of the golfers was "arguably" the best putter on the European tour. Now that word "arguably" puzzles me. I know that it means other people will disagree, but how vehemently? I guess it depends on the statement.

If I said Sophia Loren is arguably the most beautiful woman of the 20th century, there might be some mild grumbling from someone. On the other hand, if I said I am arguably the most virile stud in North America, that could lead to a nuclear holocaust.

But in most cases, the word "arguably" removes all meaning from statements, making it impossible for anyone to take offense. This seems like an excellent tactic when talking to one's wife. "My behavior at the party last night was arguably very amusing." Or "Purchasing that amphibious car was arguably pretty smart." Or "I arguably look good in these spandex pants."

I say the word "arguably" removes the whole purpose of saying anything. Please stop using it immediately. You must admit, that's arguably an extremely valid point.

THE BALD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

After you've lived with male pattern baldness for a while, you need something to feel good about. So instead of denying that you're bald, it's emotionally healthier to identify degrees of baldness and realize that you're not nearly as bald as you could be. For all the men out there who have some idea of what I'm talking about, here are the stages of baldness.

— Stage One: Your hairbrush starts to look like a hamster.

— Stage Two: Your scalp gets sunburned.

— Stage Three: Your barber holds the mirror at an odd angle, trying to hide the truth.

— Stage Four: You start paying more attention during the Hair Club ads.

— Stage Five: You plant a new hairstyle that gives you more coverage.

— Stage Six: For your birthday, everybody buys you hats.

— Stage Seven: The brush starts to hurt, so you comb your hair with your hand.

— Stage Eight: You grow a beard in an attempt to sustain a head that's 50 percent hair.

— Stage Nine: You give up on your hair and concentrate on your personality.

— Stage Ten: You give up on your personality and hang out with other boring bald guys.

YOU'VE STILL GOT IT

They say that most men love competition, but I disagree. I don't think we like to compete. I think we like to win. The problem with competing and then losing is that, as this pattern repeats itself, you find yourself with no confidence and then you stop trying and pretty soon you have a government job and that's the end of you. So it's very important for your psyche to be able to beat somebody at something. I suggest you find a really fat guy and challenge him to a foot race, Just make sure he's not a Sumo.

Quote of the Day: "There's nothing more dangerous than an atheist playing God." — **Red Green**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Statehouse passes buck

As much as we appreciate consideration of our opinions when you cast votes in Austin, you appear to be fuzzy on the definition of 'representative democracy.' When you decide to put some of the, dare we say, more controversial issues up for statewide constitutional vote, it looks like you're trying to walk the hard balls.

Take the House and Senate bills that call for a constitutional amendment on whether Texas should halt executions for two years while the state's criminal justice system is reviewed. The idea of a moratorium is a good one, but it doesn't need to be put to the voters under the guise of needing more information.

That's why we sent you to Austin — to act as the duly elected representatives of the people. That means we trust you to make the tough calls. If you consistently vote in a manner contrary to the majority of the people you represent, trust us: We'll let you know the next time you're up for election.

When you start ducking that responsibility by deferring to constitutional amendments every time the lifting gets heavy, some people might begin to wonder if you're using this tactic as cover: Rather than risk taking a position that might prove unpopular in your district, you defer to the will of the people.

"Gee," you might think, "publicly supporting a moratorium on executions will anger my tough-on-crime district, even though I think we need a time-out in Texas to study the problems with the criminal justice system. Let me evade the issue by putting it to a direct vote of the people."

Don't get us wrong — we want to be heard. But that's why you host town hall meetings, staff district offices with people to field calls, and read your letters and so forth.

The Texas Constitution is burdensome enough when it comes to issues that must be presented to the voters for approval. Please don't make it worse by adding on items that by law don't have to be there.

Austin American-Statesman

Nursing home crisis

Nursing home care in Texas is the elephant in the room that no one in the Legislature is eager to talk about.

At least a quarter of the nursing homes in Texas have filed for bankruptcy in the past three years, and more are likely heading that way. This month, the state took over 14 nursing homes that had failed financially. Nursing home operations — whether large corporations, small businesses or nonprofits — all blame their problems on Texas' low reimbursement rate for Medicaid patients.

Medicaid is the primary government program that pays for nursing care for residents who don't have long-term care insurance or who can't pay out of pocket. The federal government pays 60 percent and Texas 40 percent of Medicaid costs, so the more money Texas commits to Medicaid, the more it gets from Washington. Or, in the case of nursing homes, the less Texas reimburses for Medicaid patients, the less it gets from Washington.

On average, nursing home care costs about $96 a day in Texas, and the average Medicaid reimbursement is about $82. With 70 percent of the 100,000 patients in the state's 1,200 nursing homes on Medicaid, that shortfall amounts to a financial disaster for Texas. And the problem will only worsen as the population ages.

To settle a lawsuit over the reimbursement rate, the state agreed in 1997 to fix the financial shortfall but has failed to comply. Recently, another suit was filed to force Texas to live up to its promise to raise reimbursement amounts to at least the break-even level for nursing homes.

Budget writers aren't talking openly about actual numbers, but it's estimated that it will take about $200 million more a year in state money for Medicaid reimbursements to match nursing home costs. That's a lot of money, but the Legislature must consider the alternatives. The continuing failure of the nursing home industry in Texas, and an expensive legal judgment, could cost the state far more to provide care for its poor and elderly residents.

San Antonio Express-News

Helms' visit to Mexico

For years, few Americans irritated Mexico more than Sen. Jesse Helms.

Mexicans viewed him as a reactionary Yankee imperialist.

The animosity was mutual. With the exception of Cuba, Russia and China, few nations aggravated Helms more than Mexico. The North Carolina Republican often labeled the Mexican government as corrupt.

But times have changed and for the better.

The powerful lawmaker made that clear last week. He and his colleagues in the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee traveled to Mexico City to meet with their Mexican counterparts and other movers and shakers, including President Vicente Fox.

Although no agreement was negotiated, the three-day visit was symbolic and historic. For the first time in the often-troubled relationship between the two nations, there finally is a consensus on both sides of the Rio Grande that Mexico has become a top priority in U.S. foreign policy.

Helms was a major obstacle in the U.S.-Mexico relationship. Former President Bill Clinton found that out four years ago when the feisty senator single-handedly killed Clinton's nomination of William Weld, a Republican governor from Massachusetts, to be the U.S. ambassador to Mexico.

So now that Helms and the Mexican government have buried the hatchet, Washington and Mexico City can focus on some mutual problems that require immediate cooperation, such as the drug war, illegal immigration from Mexico and pollution along the 2,000-mile border dividing the two nations.

Such problems won't be easy to address, but for President Bush, having Helms as an ally in Congress could help a lot.

The Dallas Morning News

Painkiller addiction

In about 44 million American households, at least one person lives in chronic physical pain. For about one-third of sufferers, severe pain impedes an active life and can cost over $100 billion in treatment and lost productivity.

pensable salves for chronic and debilitating pain. But there is a dark side of aggressive pain management: prescription drug abuse brought home by vivid tales of abuses of morphine derivatives such as OxyContin and Vicodin.

"A drug can be a medicine, or a medicine can be a drug," says Dr. Alan Leshner, who heads the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an arm of the National Institutes of Health.

While not yet a national epidemic, prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, and its victims are people who do not fit drug abuse stereotypes.

About 17 percent of people older than 60 are prescription drug abusers.

Women are more likely to misuse narcotics and anti-anxiety drugs prescribed to treat depression.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man wary of new relationship for fear of attachment to kids

DEAR ABBY: I was in a relationship with a woman for more than four years. It ended two years ago. The hardest part was not being able to see her 7-year-old son, "Teddy," anymore. During the time we were together, he thought of me as his father. He called me Daddy, and every day told me he loved me. (His real father has never been a part of his life.)

To be frank, I miss the little guy more than I miss his mother. When we parted, I told Teddy I loved him and always would. I think of him often. Unfortunately, I have had no contact with them since they moved to a different state.

Abby, I recently met another woman. She is very nice, and we get along well. She has three kids, ages 7 to 15. I have feelings for their mom, and I know she has feelings for me. However, I am unsure about going forward with this relationship. I can't endure loving someone's kids as my own, and maybe having history repeat itself should we break up. I still have not recovered from being separated from Teddy.

I am mature enough to know that you must take chances in life. I also know that if I don't move forward with this, I'll probably regret it. Any advice? — **JUST NOT SURE, SPARKS, NEV.**

DEAR JUST NOT SURE: If you feel strongly about this woman, make your move. You can't go through life looking over your shoulder.

Write to Teddy and ask how he is doing. Tell him you miss him and think of him often, and assure him that he was not the cause of the breakup with his mother. Sometimes children blame themselves for things that are not their fault.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and about to graduate from college. I recently broke off a three-year engagement with my high-school sweetheart. I know it's unbelievable, but I have already met another man who is everything I could ever want in a husband. He has a good job, is caring, sensitive and attractive. Things are going well between us, but I have some reservations: He's divorced and has two children, ages 9 and 5.

I have not yet met his children. They live with his ex-wife. I really like this man, and I love children. My friends and family think I will be holding myself back if I get further involved with a man who has a ready-made family.

Abby, do you think I am setting myself up to be hurt by falling for someone who has an ex-wife and two children? Should I just go with my feeling that this could be the right person for me? Is it wise to get into a relationship at my age with an older man and end up raising his children when I don't yet have my own? Please respond. — **YOUNG AND CONFUSED**

DEAR YOUNG: Take your time. You may still be on the rebound from ending that long engagement. This man could be for you, but it is too soon to tell.

Ask him to introduce you to his children and his ex-wife. See for yourself what your relationship with this man would be like with all of them in your life. You need more information before making any decisions that could last a lifetime. Once you've got it, follow your intuition.

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DEAR ABBY: Because of today's ever-improving technology in wireless phones, millions of Americans have cell phones lying around that are no longer being used.

Instead of tossing them in the garbage when new ones are purchased, these handsets can be given to the "Donate-A-Phone" program that helps domestic violence victims. Sponsored by the Wireless Foundation, the "Donate-A-Phone" campaign was launched in September 1999 to collect and refurbish a portion of the 24 million wireless phones no longer being used. The phones are reprogrammed with 911 and other emergency numbers so domestic violence victims can access local emergency services and hot-line numbers at the touch of a button.

From May 1 to July 31, 2001, RadioShack is once again partnering with the Wireless Foundation to collect cell phones for the program. Abby, please let your readers know they can help victims of domestic violence by donating their old wireless phones. — **JILL A. LAIN, RADIOSHACK**

DEAR JILL: What a terrific idea! Prepare for a deluge, because I'm sure that many people who see your letter will be delighted to join your "Donate-A-Phone" campaign.

Readers: Between May 1 and July 31, your outdated cell phone may be dropped off at any of RadioShack's 7,100 stores. Phones and accessories in any condition will be gladly accepted, and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. IRS regulations prohibit the receiving organization from placing a value on donated items, but generally, the fair-market value can be claimed on your tax return.

For further information on this campaign, access the Web site: www.donateaphone.com.

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DEAR ABBY: Whenever there is a death in or outside of our family, my mother always sends a card with cash in it to the grieving family. This mortifies me. She sends $5 to $50 for funeral expenses regardless of the financial situation of those in mourning. It seems so tacky. I beg her to send food or flowers or just a card, but she continues to send cash every time.

What do you think? — **MORTIFIED DAUGHTER IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MORTIFIED: Lighten up! This may be a generational difference. It is certainly a caring gesture — and I cannot see that it is in any way "tacky." If the grieving family doesn't need the money, it can always be forwarded to the deceased's favorite charity.

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DEAR ABBY: Why do athletes get paid more than teachers and policemen? They are the people who educate us and keep us safe. I believe the public can live without watching athletes, but can't live without people who keep us safe and make us smart. — **GRACE KOUBA, AGE 9, EUGENE, ORE.**

DEAR GRACE: You have asked a very good question. Athletes earn huge salaries because of the money and publicity they bring to the teams that hire them. Millions of fans pay big money to see their favorite athletes play. Whether their "service" is of more value than what a teacher or police officer has to offer is a matter of perspective — and a lesson in capitalism.

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Illegal immigrants trying to beat deadline to stay in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal immigrants are flocking to immigration offices to apply for visas as a Monday deadline approaches.

Some Immigration and Naturalization Service centers are extending hours Saturday and Monday, while immigrant advocacy groups and attorneys are working late to help last-minute filers with their applications.

"We're getting long lines at the district offices," said Elaine Komas, an INS spokeswoman. "We're getting a tremendous increase in the volume of calls."

She said that in March the agency received the largest number of visa applications ever for a one-month period. Over a three-month period the agency has handled more than a million calls per month, a 33 percent increase over the typical month.

Vanna Slaughter, executive director of Dallas Catholic Charities, said her organization has been inundated with people seeking immigration counseling services.

"We have handled around 500 people since the first of the year," she said. "That's unheard of. We usually do that by end of the year."

Mario Ramos, an immigration lawyer in Nashville, Tenn., said some immigrants just learned about the deadline and realized they need to act quickly.

"They have this really desperate sound in their voice," he said.

The Legal Immigration and Family Equity (LIFE) Act that took effect in December allows an estimated 640,000 illegal immigrants to apply for visas without first returning to their home countries and applying from there. That is significant because most illegal immigrants are barred from re-entering the United States once they leave.

A visa allows an immigrant to stay in the country and reserves a place for the immigrant to later apply for a green card, which signifies permanent legal residency.

To apply for a visa, an immigrant must be sponsored and have a close relative who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Then the immigrant must pay $225 in application and fingerprinting fees and a $1,000 fine for entering the country illegally.

Marisol, 24, an illegal immigrant who has lived in Washington for eight years and did not want to give her last name, was among those seeking an application at the INS office in Arlington, Va., on Thursday.

"This is going to give us the opportunity to be residents here and not have to leave our children," she said as she held her squirming toddler.

Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the INS by midnight Monday. Those who miss the deadline risk arrest unless they return to their home country and apply. Many of those who return home will have to wait 10 years before they will be allowed back into the United States.

President Bush could issue an executive order extending the deadline, but the White House has not indicated that will happen.

Since its inception, the visa application law has touched off a frenzy in the immigrant community. Initially some believed the law was a general amnesty, leading them to be victimized by profiteers.

The rules governing who may sponsor whom are complex. In certain cases, relatives may sponsor applicants; in some cases employers may do so — but only after proving a job is legitimate and there is a shortage of American workers to fill it.

Marriage to a U.S. citizen is often the easiest route. Advocates and attorneys say they have been advising immigrants in relationships to get married or move up wedding dates so they can take advantage of the law. As a result, requests for marriage licenses have surged in many areas of the country.

In Arlington, Circuit Court deputy clerk Aida Duncan said her office has issued 2,000 marriage licenses since January, about double compared to the same period last year.

INS has issued warnings that marriage fraud — marrying just to get a green card — carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a $260,000 fine.

In Chicago, Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., and community groups plan to hold a workshop Monday to assist immigrants with visa petitions. Meanwhile, Gutierrez and others in Congress are working on legislation to extend the deadline.

"Allowing the window of opportunity to close on April 30 will be unfair to many," said Texas Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

FTC set to appeal baby food merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court temporarily blocked the proposed merger of the nation's second- and third-largest baby food companies Friday, pending a review by the Federal Trade Commission.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said H.J. Heinz Co. could wait to pursue its planned $185 million buyout of St. Louis-based Milnot Holding Co., parent company of Beech-Nut baby food.

"If the merger makes economic sense now, the (companies) have offered no reason why it would not do so later," Judge Karen LeCraft Henderson wrote for a three-judge panel of the court.

The appeals court's ruling is a victory for the FTC, but is not a decision on the merits of the merger.

The FTC wanted to block the merger while it studied the deal, which would leave the national baby food market with just two major players, Gerber Products Co. and Heinz.

The FTC has indicated that the companies will have difficulty proving that the merger will not restrict competition in the estimated $865 million- to $1 billion annual market for jarred baby food.

About 4 million infants in the United States consume 80 million cases of jarred baby food annually, the appeals court noted. Gerber controls about 65 percent of the market.

CIA files about Hitler are revealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adolf Hitler was a "border case between genius and insanity," the [illegible] informant before World War II, predicting he could become "the craziest criminal the world ever knew," a CIA document shows.

The document is among 10,000 pages of CIA files declassified Friday in an effort to shed more light on Nazi war criminals and how Western governments later used them as intelligence sources.

The comments reportedly made by German surgeon Ferdinand Sauerbruch were written in a Dec. 7, 1944, memo from Ron Carroll of the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Carroll noted at the outset of the memo that there was a question about the informant's credibility. But he went on to report that an informant named Hans Bie told him he had talked to Sauerbruch at a party in January 1937 and that Sauerbruch discussed Hitler.

"Sauerbruch ... stated that from close observation of Hitler for many years, he had formed the opinion that the Nazi leader was a border case between genius and insanity and that ... the decision would take place in the near future whether Hitler's mind would swing toward the latter," Carroll's memo said.

[illegible] should the latter occur, Hitler would become "the craziest criminal the world every saw," the memo said.

It went on to say that when Bie and Sauerbruch again met in April 1937, the doctor "stated that in his opinion, the swing towards insanity had taken place and that the first symptom was the dismissal of moderate members of Hitler's government."

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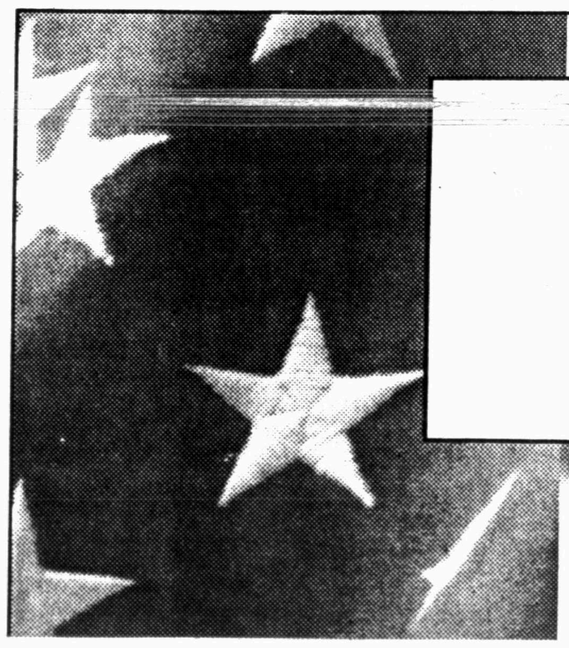

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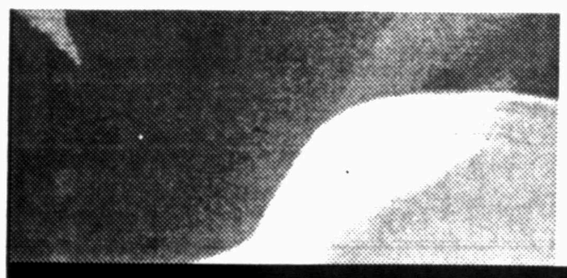

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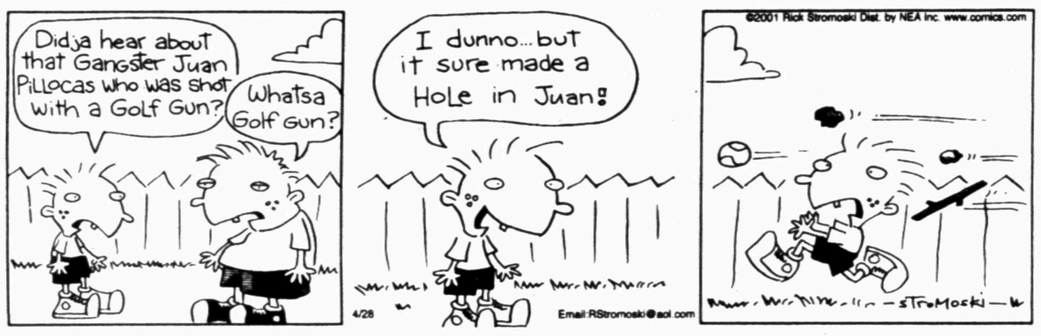

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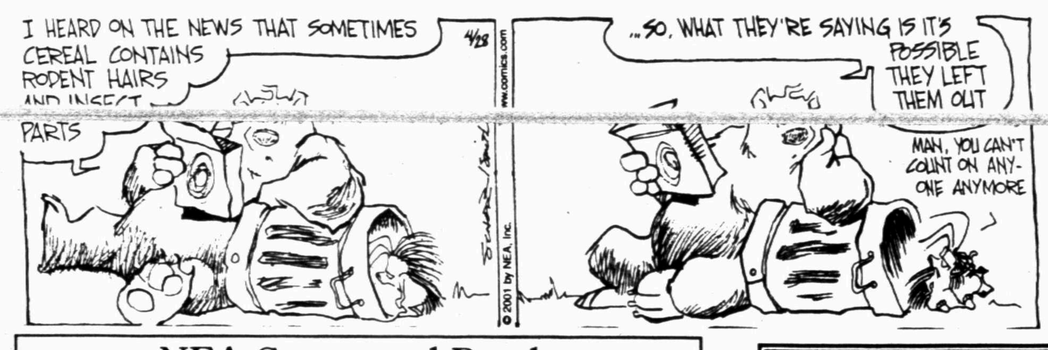

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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7 Official proclamation
12 Come into view
13 Actor Estevez
14 Fats, e.g.
15 Ice-cream treats
17 They're related!
18 Large container
21 At no time
23 Mover's truck
26 Armenia's neighbor
28 Life-and-death
29 Before, to a bard
30 Writer Ephron
31 Perfume
33 Became too big for
36 Enjoy a book
37 Neighbor of Mex.
38 Fencer's sword
40 Hawaiian goose
41 Pt. of Cong.
42 Intersection points
44 Like beets
45 In the know
48 BMW's place
51 Become electrically charged
55 Pasta primavera, e.g.
56 Chalkboard need
57 Soup ingredients
58 Tenant

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1 Long fish
2 Roman 2001
3 Zip
4 Spruce
5 City in Utah
6 Took a break
7 Baseball judges
8 Large oven
9 "The Greatest"
10 Perch
11 Dawn goddess
13 Gravel ridges
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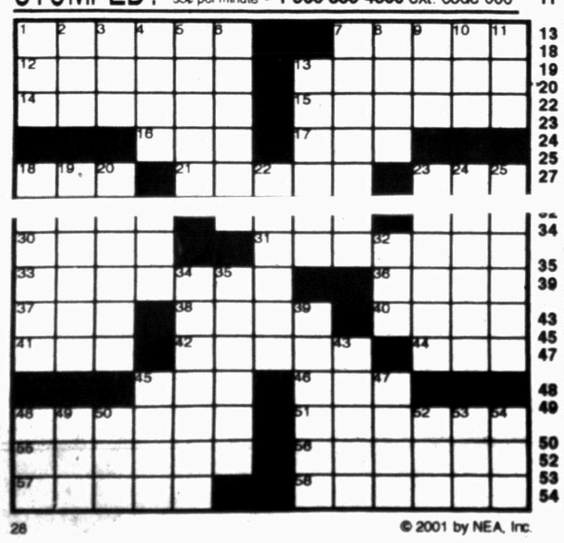

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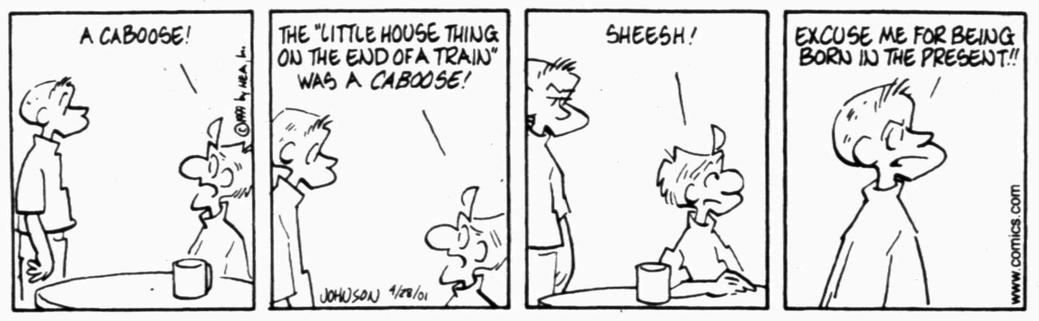

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School Menus

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Burrito w/Salsa
Juice
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice
Wednesday
Pizza
Juice
Thursday
Cereal
Toast
Juice
Friday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Italian Bread
Orange
Tuesday
Pigs in a Blanket
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Cookies
Wednesday
Steak Fingers
Baked Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Hot Rolls
Strawberry Short Cake
Thursday
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Shredded Lettuce
Crackers
Pears
Cake
Friday
Turkey Sandwich
Chips
Orange

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All meals are served with milk; there is a choice of juice for breakfast.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU

Monday
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Tuesday
Ham & Eggs in a Biscuit
Wednesday
Pigs in a Blanket
Thursday
Donut
Friday
No School!

OTHER SCHOOL'S BREAKFAST MENU
(Menu created by 4th grade East Elementary Students)

Monday
Cinnamon Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
(Cinco de Mayo Celebration)
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
No School

LUNCH

Monday
Sloppy Joe on a Bun or
Beef Lasagna Tossed
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Tater Tots
Dalmation Pudding
Tuesday
Chicken Salad Sandwich or
Chili Dog on a Bun
Frito Corn Chips
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Turkey & Gravy w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Burrito or
Beef Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup
Tuesday
Juice
Kolaches
Wednesday
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy
Thursday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Friday
School Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Fried Ham
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Strawberries/Whipped Topping
Tuesday
Sausage/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Pineapple Pudding
Wednesday
Frank Wraps
Potato Wedges
Salsa Sauce
No Bake Cookies
Thursday
Sausage Patties
Pancakes/Syrup
Hash Browns
Chilled Peaches

'Survivors' were friends

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Former "Survivor" contestant Rodger Bingham says his relationship with fellow castaway Elisabeth Filarski was never more than friendship — even though she raised some eyebrows by calling him her "Outback daddy."

"It was never, ever like that," Bingham tells TV Guide Online. "It was like a father-daughter relationship. That's all it was. We got so close out there because she wanted to learn how to fish, so I taught her how. And I sort of took it upon myself to see that she didn't get hurt out there. We'll probably be lifelong friends."

Bingham, a 53-year-old Kentucky schoolteacher on "Survivor," was voted off the show during last week's episode.

Unions find fertile ground on campuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Haiyan Zhou often feels more like cheap labor than a budding scholar.

A graduate research assistant in accounting at Temple University, Zhou usually teaches about 100 students in two classes a semester, collects information on the stock market and files, staples and photocopies.

Her salary: $11,000 a year. Plus $400 a year toward a catastrophic health insurance plan that did not cover expenses with the birth of her daughter.

Most graduate assistants get nine credits of free tuition per semester, or about three classes. The pay is set by semester, regardless of the hours put in, which can equal a full-time job. Not enough for the size of the load, she says.

She and her colleagues at the Pennsylvania school voted earlier this month for representation by the American Federation of Teachers in hopes of getting better pay and benefits.

Temple is just one of dozens of campuses where students are embracing unions, though the school is challenging the election with the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

Graduate students at the private University of Pennsylvania announced an organizing drive last week. Michigan State graduate assistants voted last week in favor of union representation and organizing also is under way at Penn State.

College campuses are fertile ground for unions trying to recharge the labor movement. Union membership is at a six-decade low, and labor leaders view younger, part-time workers as a way to reverse that decline. United Auto Workers and the American Federation of Teachers are among those courting students.

"We certainly are targeting part-time workers in ways that we hadn't done in the past on such a scale," said AFT spokesman Jamie Horwitz.

About a third of the work force, or 45 million people, are under age 35. Just 9 percent of this age group belongs to unions, compared with 13.5 percent of the entire work force, but people age 18 to 29 have a more favorable opinion of organized labor than other workers, according to an AFL-CIO survey.

Renewed union efforts aimed at college campuses come as universities, driven by the bottom line, increasingly replace tenured classroom instruction with part-time faculty and graduate students.

Those issues, combined with a landmark decision in November by the National Labor Relations Board allowing New York University graduate teaching assistants to unionize at a private school for the first time, are fueling a high-profile labor movement on both public and private campuses.

There were 26 recognized graduate student unions in the United States on 62 campuses last year. The first teaching assistants' union was formed in 1969 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, but the movement really began to spread only in the last decade.

Graduate assistants at the University of Kansas, Oregon State University and the University of California negotiated paid health insurance. University of Iowa's union got graduate assistants a 19 percent raise in minimum salary and cost-of-living increases. At the University of Michigan, the union negotiated an average raise of about 4 percent a year over five years.

Much of Penn graduate students' work is hardly intellectual heavy-lifting and unrelated to the pursuit of doctoral degrees, said Michael Janson, a union organizer at the University of Pennsylvania and a political science teaching assistant. Many are used as "cheap graders" for classroom assignments and as clerical workers, he said.

"We have excellent relations with our graduate students and we've worked very hard to earn that trust," said University of Pennsylvania spokeswoman Lori Doyle. "This is obviously an issue that we will take very seriously, but it's way too early on to know what our next moves will be."

Part-time faculty at universities has grown from 22 percent in 1970 to 41 percent in 1995, according to the Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions.

The average senior faculty member is paid $80,000 a year. Part-time faculty make $12,000 to $37,000 a year, while graduate teachers are paid $5,000 to $20,000 a year.

Some states prohibit students from organizing. Regardless, organizing can be tough because graduate students are transient.

And many schools put up a fight.

Temple, NYU and the University of Washington are among those, arguing that students do not have the same rights as other workers because their jobs are part of their education.

"The university has maintained that graduate assistants are primarily students who provide some services at Temple in furtherance of their education, not employees with collective bargaining rights," President David Adamany said in a letter to the Graduate Students Association.

U.S. delegation sets Peru talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American delegation is expected to go to Peru this weekend for talks on the downing of an American missionary plane, focusing on ways to guard against a similar tragedy in the future.

Assistant Secretary of State Randy Beers, who heads the State Department's counternarcotics bureau, will lead the delegation, spokesman Philip Reeker said Friday.

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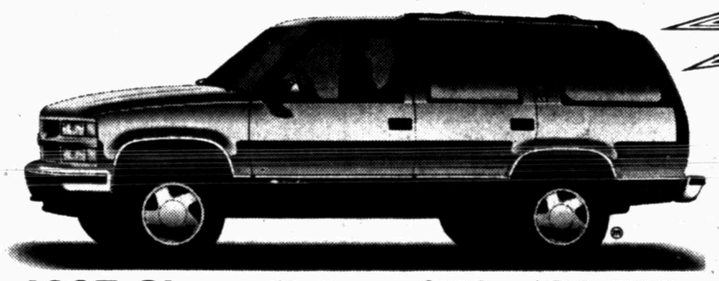

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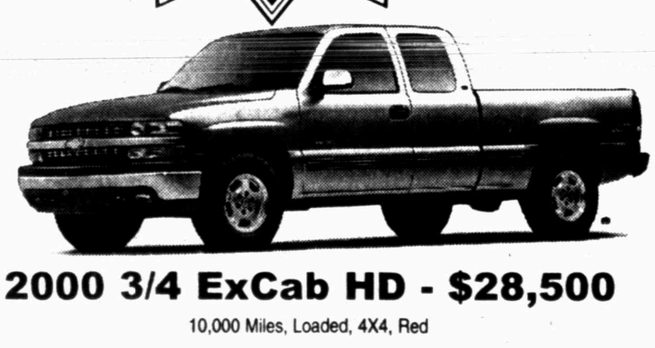

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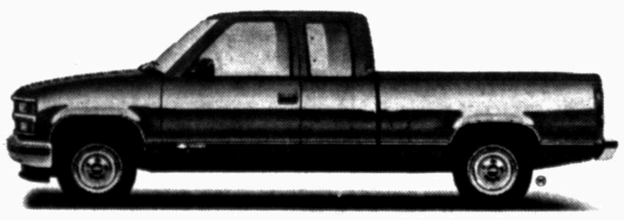

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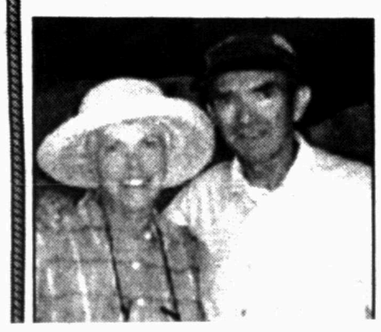

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Protests against public funds for sports arena are growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — An all-American pastime may soon be coming to a ballpark near you: the tax revolt.

Across the country, more and more fans, small businessmen and community leaders say using public money to build sports arenas for major league teams is "corporate welfare." They hope to unite long-simmering local protests into a nationwide movement.

"It's using taxpayers' money for private enterprise, and to preclude what the public wants," said Erika Tarlin, a school librarian and lifelong Boston Red Sox fan who opposes plans to tear down historic Fenway Park and build a new one.

Ten years ago, such opposition was almost unheard of, and team owners almost always won referendums.

In recent years, opponents have scored significant successes.

Last year, after losing four referendums, the San Francisco Giants caved in and opened a stadium financed mostly by the private sector. Other recent referendums, for NFL franchises in Arizona and Seattle have passed, but barely. In Pittsburgh, the city council stepped in to salvage a plan after it was overwhelmingly defeated in a 1997 referendum.

"It's been an uphill battle," said Raymond Keating, a Washington-based economist whose Small Business Survival Committee opposes the use of public funds for stadiums. "But when you explain economics to people, light bulbs go on."

Soaring costs have spurred local protests and national interest; one study estimated that nearly $5 billion in public money has gone to stadiums since 1989.

"Now you see teams, and the politicians who back them, doing their best to avoid referendums," said Shawn McCarthy, who heads the Washington-based FansFirst!

In Chicago, city officials in December quashed plans to hold a referendum on using tax money to help pay to rebuild Soldier Field, home to the football Bears.

Threats to leave town are a constant in the effort to sway the public.

"It's hard to measure the prestige ... the enjoyment of following a team," said Dennis Coates, a University of Maryland economist whose research finds little public economic benefit in building new stadiums.

Coates disputed the argument that a major league team makes a city "world class."

"Will New Orleans stop being a world class city?" Coates asked, referring to recent indications that the NFL's Saints are considering leaving the city. "I doubt it."

The bluff rate is high; despite repeated threats, major league baseball has not moved a team since 1972, when the Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers.

McCarthy wants lawmakers to revive an unsuccessful bill that would force team owners to dedicate 10 percent of television revenues to a stadium construction trust fund. The bill was sponsored in 1999 by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who was responding to opposition to stadium proposals in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Debbie Wei led a successful fight last year keep a new Phillies stadium out of Chinatown. She said the team seems increasingly remote from its blue-collar fan base.

"People here in Chinatown couldn't afford to go to a game," said Wei. The average major league baseball ticket price is $18.99, a 13 percent increase from 2000.

Increased public spending does not necessarily reduce ticket costs. Baseball teams in Pittsburgh and Milwaukee recorded the highest increases in ticket prices this year, with prices soaring 82 percent in Pittsburgh and 55 percent in Milwaukee. Yet both cities just opened ballparks financed overwhelmingly with public money.

Team owners say businesses seeking government support is nothing new.

"We need help, like any good business, with infrastructure work and land acquisition," said Dick Bersciani, a Boston Red Sox vice president, who says his team would raise $350 million of the projected $600 million cost for a new Fenway Park.

Even when a team pays for a new stadium, local governments will assist by building new roads, buying adjacent lands and offering the owners significant tax breaks.

The most famous beneficiary of public financing for stadiums is President Bush. In the early 1990s, he helped to persuade officials in Arlington, Texas, to seize land near the newly built Texas Rangers stadium, and hand it over to the Rangers. Such dealings helped parlay his $600,000 investment in the Rangers to $15 million in earnings.

Bush's former Rangers partner, Fred Malek, is among those seeking financing for a Washington-area baseball team.

Opponents say the practice of seizing land and handing it to the team is inherently corrupt, especially when eminent domain laws are used to force small businessmen out.

Stephen Fuller, an economist hired by Virginia to examine the feasibility of a baseball stadium in the state's Washington suburbs, estimated it would cost as much as $278 million — but building it would inject at least $304 million into the local economy and generate over 3,000 jobs. The money would not come from new taxes, but from guaranteed revenue bonds.

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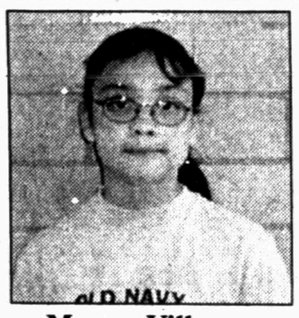
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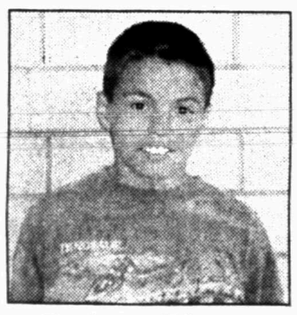
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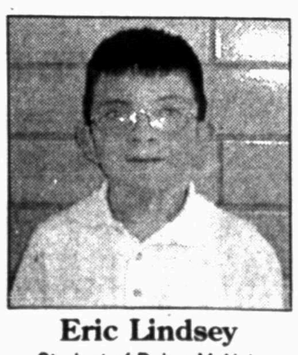
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