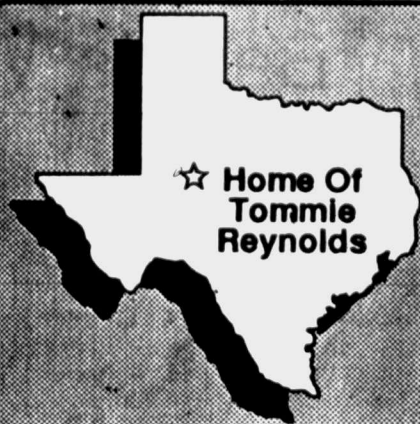


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Ask Us

Q—Where will the regional golf tournament be held for the district Snyder is in?
A—It will be held in San Angelo on April 24-25.

Local

No jury

The jury called for duty Monday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled.

West FNO

West Elementary Family Night Out will be Tuesday at Subway.

Video series

"What God Made Christ To Be," the next video tape in the Key to the Kingdom series, will be shown on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 at 7 p.m. Monday.

MAWC sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a garage sale as a fund-raiser from 3-7 p.m. Friday, April 7.

All-Sports

SHS All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. Plans for the upcoming banquet will be discussed.

Genealogy

There will be a genealogy meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Edna Miller will be the guest speaker. Visitors are welcome.

TS/TA

Texas State Teachers Association will meet at 4 p.m. Monday at Stanfield Elementary. Dorothy Kayser and Francene Allen-Noah will present information on legislation in Austin. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PTP meeting

A Parent Teacher Partnership meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the West Elementary Cafeteria. Sandi Wells will speak on child motivation.

Coalition

The Big Country Cancer Coalition for Sub-Region 2 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at The Shack.

The topic will be an open discussion about raising cancer awareness in local communities. Those attending are welcome to dine during the meeting.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 85 degrees; low, 55 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 64 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.14 inches.
Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the mid 40s. South wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny and cooler. High around 70. Southwest wind 15-25 mph. Caution will be advised on area lakes.
Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:58. Sunrise Sunday, 6:40. Sunset Sunday, 6:59. Sunrise Monday, 6:39. Of 83 days in 1995, the sun has shone 76 days in Snyder.

Snyder High wows 'em at 5-4A meet

Snyder High School dominated District 5-4A UIL academic competition Friday, winning 10 first places in individual contests and sending 21 students on to regionals.

SHS also placed first in accounting and science team competitions. First place teams and individuals placing first through third advance to regional competition in San Angelo on April 22.

Snyder put together 414 points. Frenship was second with 329, followed by Lamesa with 206, Sweetwater with 157, Levelland with 134 and Lubbock Estacado with 65.

Included in the point totals were points from last Wednesday's one-act play contest, won by Snyder and Sweetwater.

In Lubbock on Friday, Joyce May won three events while Tiffany Jones marked her third trip to regionals and David Kerr stood out in science competition.

May, editor of the school newspaper, the Tiger's Tale, won first place in news writing, feature writing and headline writing.

Jones took first place in spelling and vocabulary. She will advance

to regionals for the third time in her high school career. She is also looking for her third trip to state.

Kerr placed first in science and was recognized as the top scorer in chemistry and physics. He also helped the science team to a first place finish and a trip to the next competition.

Other first place winners were (see WOWS, Page 12A)

UIL results

(Snyder High School only)

Persuasive Speaking: 5th, Ammie Harrison; 6th, Alisha Roe.
Informative Speaking: 5th, LaTrisha Lee.

Poetry Interpretation: 1st, Kevin Alejandro; 2nd, Jimmy Hall; 6th, Emily Zeck.

Prose Interpretation: 1st, Heather Ward; 2nd, Katie Thornton; 3rd, Amanda Carter.

Editorial Writing: 2nd, Michael Cole.

Feature Writing: 1st, Joyce May; 3rd, Stacey Parker; 4th, Lacey Parker.
Headline Writing: 1st, Joyce May.

News Writing: 1st, Joyce May; 2nd, Jim Caldwell; 3rd, Lacey Parker.
Accounting: 1st, Michelle Martin; 2nd, Sterling Cave; 3rd, Ellen Strayhorn. Team: 1st, Martin, Cave, Strayhorn.

Calculator Applications: 4th, Ryan Eime; Team: 2nd, Eime, Frances Bavousett, Kelly Clay.

Computer Applications: 1st, Kathryn Robbins.

Computer Science Team: 2nd, Ana Hernandez, Patricia Cunningham, Mat Powell.

Current Issues & Events: 1st, LaTrisha Lee.

Mathematics: 5th, Ryan Eime; 6th, Sarah Fisher. Team: 3rd, Eime, Fisher, Ana Hernandez.

Number Sense: 5th, Paige Bell; 6th, Ammie Harrison. Team: 3rd, Bell, Harrison, Kelly Clay.

Ready Writing: 2nd, Veana Clay; 3rd, LaVeda Newsome.

Spelling & Vocabulary: 1st, Tiffany Jones; 9th, Katye Galloway; 10th, Michael Cole.

Science: 1st, David Kerr; 3rd, Shawn Neal; 4th, Sarah Fisher; 6th, Mandy Baker. Team: 1st, Kerr, Neal, Fisher.

Miss Texas coming to Snyder Tuesday

Miss Texas 1994, Ariani Archer, will be on the Western Texas College campus Tuesday for a series of appearances.

Archer, who was a semi-finalist at the Miss America Pageant last September, is first scheduled to speak at 10:45 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Her topic is expected to be drug awareness and self-esteem. A prize-winning singer and pianist, she is also scheduled to perform musically.

Archer will sign autographs and visit with the general public at 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of the Fine Arts Theatre. A luncheon in her honor is scheduled at 12:30, followed at 1:30 p.m. by a press conference.

In winning the title of Miss Texas last summer, Archer received a \$10,000 scholarship and represented the state at the Miss

American Pageant, where she won an additional \$6,000 in scholarships.

She is the daughter of Richard and Crista Archer of Borger. She began piano training at age 8 and vocal training at 15. She graduated with honors from Borger High School in 1991. A member of the Texas All-State Choir, she has won several awards in piano and voice.

Archer attended Lubbock Christian University and transferred to Texas Tech University, majoring in all-level music education. She has been a member of the Texas Tech University Choir and the Texas Tech University Madrigal Singers.

She plans to finish her bachelor's degree and pursue a master's degree in choral conducting upon completion of her reign as Miss Texas.

Archer has become an advocate for the prevention of child abuse, working with organizations such as the Children's Protective and Regulatory Services, and many different children's homes.

Brown Bag event planned Wednesday

The first "Brown Bag" Concert of the spring term at Western Texas College is scheduled Wednesday.

The event will be from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. in Room 102 of the Fine Arts Building.

In performance will be students of Jon Palomaki, which includes both music majors and members of the community.

Poetry readings from students enrolled in WTC's creative writing class are also planned.

Requests on county agenda

Scurry County commissioners will have several items of new business to consider when they meet Monday at 10 a.m.

Commissioners will hear two requests from the Snyder Girls Softball Association. The association is asking to have a water tap installed at Cates Field in Towle Park and will also request that the county waive the fee for holding a tournament at Winston Field.

A request to hire a part-time employee for Scurry County Health Clinic will also be heard as well as considering a replacement on the Scurry County Library board.

Other agenda items to be considered are rules and regulations for Towle Park Barn, applications for the position of county mechanic, advertising for bids for a used motorized compactor and the sale of excess county equipment.



A CAPPELLA — Chely Wright, who will open the show for the Clay Walker concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum, entertained and signed autographs during a stop at Bar-H-Bar Friday afternoon. Tickets are \$19 for the concert and will be available at the coliseum until showtime. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Board toughens good-time policy

AUSTIN (AP) — Prison officials voted Friday to toughen the state's good-time policy that allows inmates to be released early, saying the action would restore integrity to the criminal justice

system. "We are sending a message to the inmates that they're going to need to shape up and, if not, they're going to pay the price," said Allan Polunsky, the new

chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

"Good time will remain, but the difference now is they're going to have to earn it. It is not something that will be bestowed

upon them automatically," Polunsky said.

Prisoners now entering the corrections system accrue 40 days of good time for 30 days actually served. The combination of good time and actual time served, known as flat time, can speed up an inmate's release date.

Under the changes adopted by the board, prisoners would earn 35 days of good time per 30 days served.

The board also voted to stop restoring previously earned good-time credits to inmates returned to the system as parole violators and to extend the accumulation of good time if an inmate violates prison rules.

Andy Collins, director of the Department of Criminal Justice, said the changes would bring "sanity back to the system."

"This will allow our administrators the latitude to use good-time policy constructively within the agency to better manage our inmate population," Collins said.

The new rules, which take effect April 1, are the result of a billion-dollar prison expansion program that has added about 100,000 beds over the past five years and alleviated overcrowding.

Previously, prisoners were released simply because the state didn't have the space to keep them locked up, Polunsky said.

"Good time is a valid correctional instrument but only used in a way where you are rewarding inmates for good conduct, not an across-the-board application in order to flush these people out the back door, where it has been in the past," he said.

A spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, who appointed Polunsky to take over the board earlier this month, praised the panel's action.

"Good-time credits should be used as an incentive to encourage better behavior from inmates, not as a tool to relieve prison overcrowding," said Karen Hughes. "I think this is a step in that direction."



The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A pessimist is a guy who resents the fact that the world was made without seeking his advice."

Don't worry, be happy!

Those were lyrics from a popular song just a few years back. Everybody knows that being happy is healthy, right? Not according to some.

One expert has advice for the joy-impaired. A psychology professor, Richard P. Bentall, says that happiness should be classified as a psychiatric illness. To be more clinical, he describes it as a "major affective disorder, pleasant type."

The head doc says there are a variety of negative consequences of the smiley-face condition and speculates that happiness-suppression clinics and anti-happiness medications may soon follow.

The study of happiness has taken a somber tone, and researchers in the field are being called "happyologists."

According to researchers, there appears to be an epidemic as 90 percent of Americans rate themselves as "pretty happy."

Still the mainstream of thinking in the world of human psychology believe that happiness is an important component of a healthy immune system.

But the guy makes a valid point. If plump people are generally jolly people, then it is reasonable to assume that happiness poses a moderate risk to life.

If mental illness indeed is defined as "any deviation from the norm," then we're all whacky.

This weighty issue could cause enough stress to make you go and jump off a curb.

We recently saw a guy whose message on his T-shirt revealed that he had a pretty healthy outlook on life. It said:

"Please Lord, let me prove to you that winning the lottery won't ruin me."

ONE INJURED — Snyder EMS workers attend to Stephanie Rendon prior to transporting her to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room Friday afternoon. Rendon, of 1910 Ave. O, was driving a 1987 Chevrolet Nova which was in collision with a 1990 Cougar driven by Marcus Belew of 251 Lantrum in Fluvanna. The accident occurred in the 4100 block of College Avenue at 12:35 p.m. Rendon was admitted to the hospital overnight and released Saturday morning after treatment for injuries. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jesse Jackson to visit Simpson in jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson trial want Olympian-turned-celebrity Bruce Jenner to testify about a Christmas Eve fight between Simpson and his ex-wife. Plans to subpoena the 1976 decathlon gold medalist were revealed Friday in transcripts of a sidebar conference between attorneys and Judge Lance Ito.

"Oh, terrific," Ito replied when told of the plan, the transcript showed.

Prosecutors said they want to question Jenner about a party held at his home and described in testimony by Simpson's friend Brian "Kato" Kaelin. Kaelin said the Simpsons argued and left the party angry at each other because one of Ms. Simpson's ex-boyfriends was there.

Jenner's wife, Kris, said her husband was unaware of the prosecution's plans to call him as a witness. "This is complete news to us," she said.

Meanwhile, Ito granted the Rev. Jesse Jackson permission to visit Simpson in jail, defense lawyer Carl Douglas said Friday. Simpson requested the visit when he learned Jackson would be in town.

Court was in recess Friday as the judge worked in his chambers on a number of pending matters. The judge also announced a new schedule that will extend the court week by 5 1/2 hours.

In another development revealed in the transcripts, the defense

said it wants to show that Nicole Brown Simpson became alienated from Kaelin and wanted him to move out of her guest home. Simpson's lawyers contend Kaelin had sided with a maid Ms. Simpson had slapped.

"Nicole hit the housekeeper and Kato took the housekeeper's side and therefore Nicole turned on Kato," defense attorney Robert Shapiro said during a sidebar conference with the judge and prosecutors Thursday.

Prosecutors have tried to suggest instead that Simpson was a jealous, obsessive man who didn't want Kaelin living under the same roof as his ex-wife.

Kaelin, who resumes testifying on Monday, told jurors he lived in Ms. Simpson's guest house for about a year but moved out at her ex-husband's suggestion when she bought a condominium without a guest house.

Berry's World



"As a freshman congressman, I am totally opposed to term limits. Hey, I'd like to be around long enough to become a PART OF THE PROBLEM."

Thank You

We appreciate everyone's concern while George was in the hospital in Lubbock. Thanks for all the cards, visits, calls and prayers. It meant so much to know you cared. He had a hard time but is now getting better each day. Thanks again

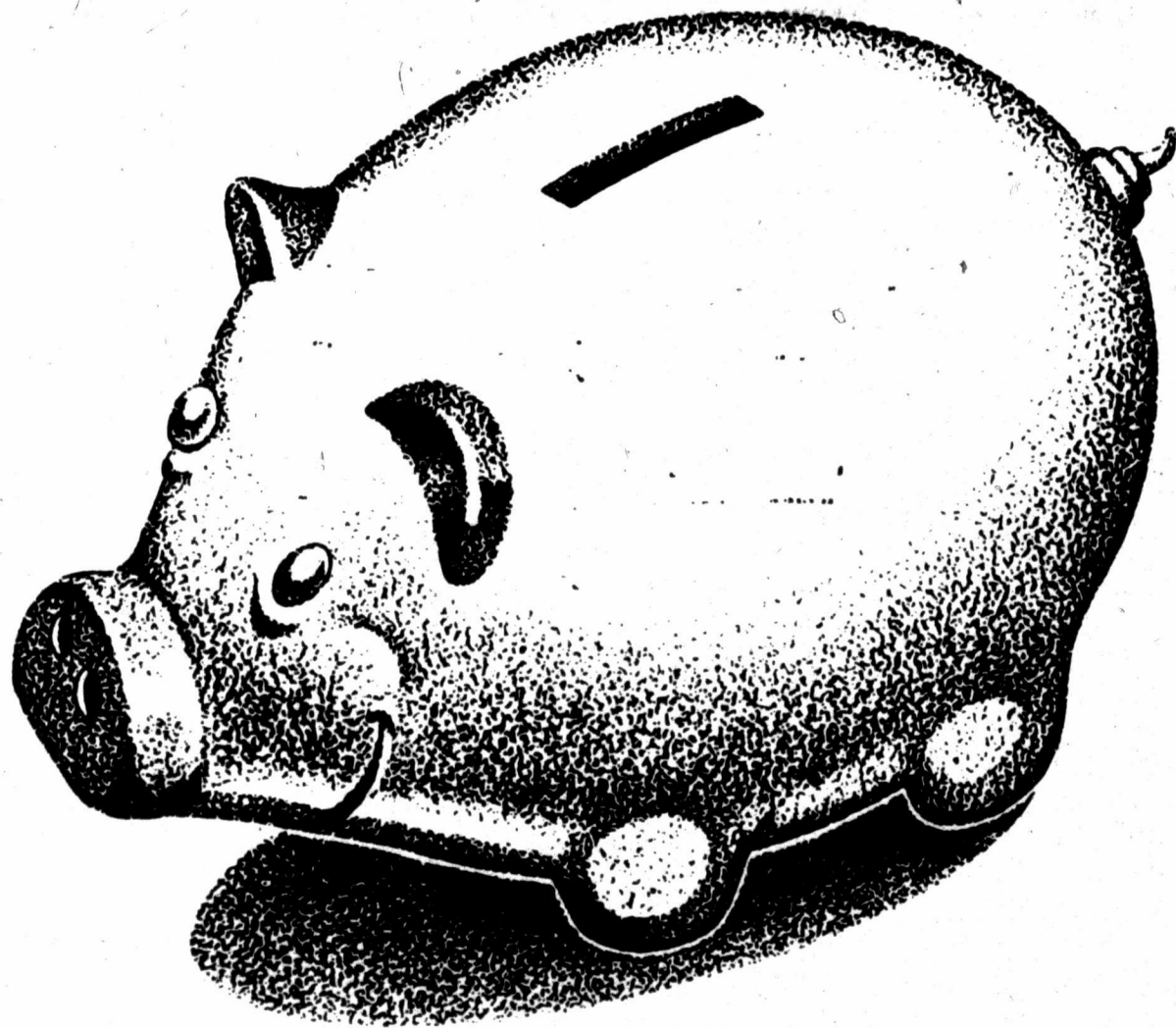
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Electronic filing comes with risks

NEW YORK (AP) — Computerized tax filing may be more convenient and bring a quicker refund, but with flaws cropping up in tax preparation software, it might not be worth the hassle.

The latest problem surfaced when a user of Intuit Inc.'s tax preparation software discovered a glitch that could have left thousands of returns vulnerable to tampering.

Intuit confirmed Friday it had fixed the flaw in its MacIntax software within hours of learning of its existence the day before. The company also said it didn't believe anyone had tinkered with the returns of MacIntax users.

Still, the episode raised the question of whether filing the old-fashioned way — paper, envelope and postage stamp — is better.

The software industry and the Internal Revenue Service still call electronic filing the wave of the future.

"If you don't use tax software, you should. It makes it fun. It's so liberating," said Jeffrey Tarter, publisher of the Watertown, Mass.-based software industry newsletter Softletter.

David Tremblay, research director for the trade association Software Publishers Association, said problems have been exaggerated and people must weigh risks and benefits themselves.

"It's a way of providing organization much in the way a tax professional would do, but for a fraction of the cost," he said Friday.

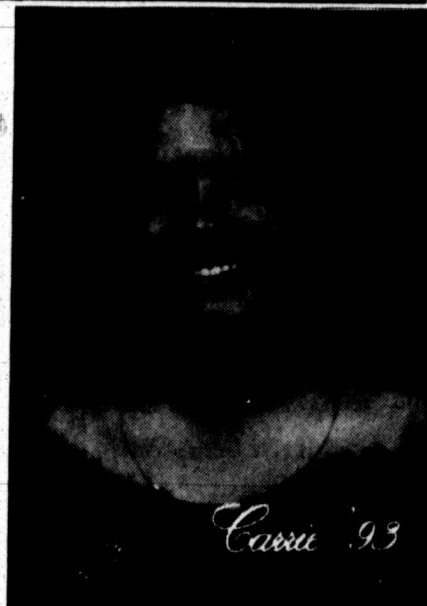
The Intuit glitch came a few weeks after the Menlo Park, Calif., software maker announced that MacIntax and its Turbo Tax for Windows programs produce errors in a few calculations and drop some entries transferred from its Quicken personal finance program.

Pick 3

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

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(six, nine, two)

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CARRIE KEITH

Keith earns scholarships

Carrie Keith, Western Texas College sophomore, is the recipient of two scholarships. One is from the American Indian Arts Council and the other is sponsored by WTC's Fine Arts division.

Keith, who is half Navajo Indian, is the daughter of Shonie and Mary Ellen Keith of Snyder. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1993.

To qualify for the AIAC scholarship, Keith had to have a GPA of 3.0 or better. Hers is 3.25. She also had to provide samples of her writings as well as a cassette recording of some of her music.

She is majoring in music (piano) and minoring in writing.

At WTC, Keith is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. At SHS, she was a band member and played a percussion instrument. She studied piano under Lynn Bethel for eight years.

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March 25, 1995

Today is the 84th day of 1995 and the sixth day of spring.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1634, the first Catholic mass in America was celebrated in the territory of Maryland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), conductor; Bela Bartok (1881-1945), composer; David Lean (1908-1991), director; Howard Cosell (1918-), sportscaster, is 77; Gloria Steinem (1934-), feminist, is 61; Aretha Franklin (1942-), singer, is 53; Elton John (1947-), singer-pianist, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, golfer Horton Smith won the first Masters.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are two professions that one can be hired at with little experience. One is prostitution. The other is sportscasting. Too frequently they become the same." — Howard Cosell

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, \$63 million of damage was caused to the Orlando, Fla., area as softball-size hail fell and broke millions of glass panes. Specialists from Holland were flown in to help.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 23) and new moon (March 30).



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March 26, 1995

Today is the 85th day of 1995 and the seventh day of spring.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1971, East Pakistan, now known as Bangladesh, declared its independence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874-1963), poet; Chico Marx (1886-1961), comedian; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-), U.S. Supreme Court Justice, is 65; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 64; Erica Jong (1942-), writer, is 53; Bob Woodward (1943-), journalist, is 52; Diana Ross (1944-), singer-actress, is 51; Marcus Allen (1960-), football player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Janet Evans set a world record in the 1,500 meter swim with a 15:52.10 at a match in Orlando, Fla.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Jealousy is all the fun you think they had." — Erica Jong

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, intense low pressure caused strong gradient winds from Arizona to Kansas. Gusts to 80 mph downed trees and power poles.

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Clinton's health said excellent

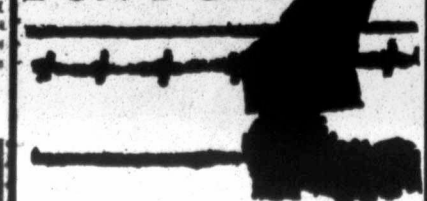
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton has gained 6 pounds — up to 216 on a 6'2" frame — but otherwise his health statistics are pretty much the same as a year ago.

"We are pleased to report the president continues to demonstrate excellent health and vigor," said his White House physician, Dr. E. Connie Mariano, after Clinton, 48, underwent his second annual physical as president on Friday.

Among the details: —His weight was 216, up from 210 a year ago and close to the 215 pounds that aides said he weighed in October 1992.

—Clinton's blood pressure was 128 over 80, considered within the "normal range. A year ago it was 132 over 74. His resting pulse rate was 55. Last year it was 57.

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Burden of proof might be put on IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a criminal trial, the government has to prove that the defendant is guilty. In an audit, just the opposite situation is in force for taxpayers.

They must be able to justify every deduction, exemption and credit for which they file, producing receipts and any other proof the law and Internal Revenue Service regulations say are required. If not, the government can slap them with additional tax, interest and penalty.

There's talk in Congress of turning the tables, putting the burden of proof on the IRS.

IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson thinks that's a terrible idea that would destroy the

tax system by making it all but impossible to collect taxes from those who don't want to pay.

"You might as well repeal the income tax law and pass the hat," she told the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee on Friday.

Richardson and Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary Cynthia G. Beerbower said they adamantly oppose a bill, sponsored by Rep. Jim Traficant, D-Ohio, which would shift the burden of proof in all civil tax cases.

The IRS already has the burden of proof in criminal cases and civil cases involving fraud.

"An accused mass murderer has more rights than a taxpayer fingered by the IRS," Traficant

said in a statement to the subcommittee. "Jeffrey Dahmer was considered innocent until proven guilty. Mom and Pop small business owners, however, are not afforded this protection."

However, Beerbower said a "longstanding and well-established legal doctrine" in all civil proceedings, not just tax cases, is that the party that has control of the facts has the burden of proof.

Shifting the burden of proof would force the IRS to intrude into taxpayers' lives far more than it does now, interviewing people other than the taxpayer and summoning information from third parties such as banks and credit card companies, she said.

"As a result, the simplest audit would become a costly nightmare if the taxpayer refuses to cooperate," she said. "For example, if a taxpayer claims a child as a dependent and the IRS suspects the child does not exist, the IRS would be forced to interview neighbors."

Four former IRS commissioners — Donald Alexander, Lawrence Gibbs, Fred Goldberg and Sheldon Cohen — submitted testimony backing Richardson's and Beerbower's position.

Traficant, a longtime crusader against the IRS, has his salary garnished to pay for a tax case he lost in the mid-1980s. It stemmed from a criminal charge, for which he was acquitted, when he was a candidate for county sheriff in Ohio.

Subcommittee members reacted coolly or not at all to his idea but said they may seek to reduce taxpayers' burden of proof in one area. Taxpayer Bill of Rights legislation enacted in 1988 allows taxpayers who win their cases with the IRS to seek reimbursement for legal fees.

But subcommittee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said in practice most taxpayers find it very difficult to prove the IRS "was not substantially justified in maintaining its position," even when the IRS loses the case.

Johnson said she hoped this year to enact what she called a Taxpayer Bill of Rights II. One provision being considered is expanding the power of the IRS ombudsman to issue orders protecting taxpayers. Other provisions would oblige the IRS to corroborate information on reports filed on taxpayers by employers and banks and increase the authority of the IRS to waive interest on late taxes.



IRA WINNERS — Shown are Ira's livestock judging team members who won recent honors in San Angelo and at Western Texas College. From left are, Tyrell Sterling, Todd Collom, Justin Donelson, Travis Collom, Jeremy Howard, Ricky Stroud, Caleb Wilson, Brian Garmer and Jackie Beck. (Contributed Photo)

Ira judging teams win recent awards

Ira's livestock judging teams recently competed in two contests sponsored by the San Angelo Stock Show and Western Texas College, respectively. The results are as follows.

At San Angelo, contestants earned first place in cattle, third in swine and first in overall competition.

Individual awards included Ricky Stroud, first high individual, who received a gold watch; Jeremy Howard, third high individual, plaque; and Justin Donelson, fourth high individual, plaque.

Also at the San Angelo Stock Show, Jackie Beck placed first with her middle heavy weight finewool lamb.

At WTC, Ira FFA'ers placed first in cattle and second overall.

Jeremy Howard was named second high individual in cattle and fifth high individual overall.

Financial Focus

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but many people are discovering a new way to use an old type of investment.

Not too long ago, annuities were familiar only to retirees, who used them for income during their golden years. But in recent years they've gained popularity with the younger set, as a way to prepare for retirement.

Traditional retirement-planning tools such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) remain an excellent way to secure a comfortable future. Being able to put away \$2,000 every year and have it grow tax-deferred can help you build a sizable nest egg. And those who have the opportunity to contribute to a retirement plan at work should certainly do so.

But those looking for additional retirement-planning ideas might want to consider annuities.

An annuity is a contract with an insurance company. Like an IRA, an annuity is not an actual investment; rather, it is the vehicle into which investments are placed—for example, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. And like IRAs, the income earned on investments placed in an annuity contract grows tax-deferred.

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Annuities are available in two varieties: fixed and variable. With fixed annuities, the insurance company offers the policy holder a fixed rate of return for a set period of time, usually from one to 10 years. Variable annuities, on the other hand, pay variable returns. They can include a variety of investments, such as growth stocks, international stocks, growth-and-income stocks, corporate bonds and money-market funds. The return on the variable annuity is directly related to the performance of the investments within the annuity.

Deciding whether to choose fixed or variable annuities depends on your objectives and risk tolerance. While fixed annuities offer a reliable, steady level of income, variable annuities offer the potential for increasing returns to protect income against the effects of inflation.

Annuities also offer different withdrawal options. For example, if you want a stream of income that you could never outlive, you might annuitize your contract. Annuitization establishes a payout amount based on a specific period of time chosen by the policy holder, or on the policyholder's lifetime. The payments stop after the time period ends or the policyholder dies, and they can't be altered or stopped in any way before that time.

Instead of annuitization, you might choose a flexible withdrawal plan. For example, your contract may allow you to withdraw up to 10 percent of the original investment, or the interest earned, on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. Withdrawals can be started or stopped, increased or decreased, within parameters of the contract at any time.

Retirees have understood the value of annuities for a long time. The rest of us can learn from our elders. While annuities are still a reliable source of retirement income, they also can be a good way to save for retirement. Your financial professional can help you determine whether an annuity is appropriate for you.

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Snyder office...

Kenner becomes case manager for 'Mediplex'

Wanda Kenner, RN, is the new case manager for the Snyder office of Mediplex Health Care Companies.

Kenner received her associates degree in nursing from Howard County Junior College in Big Spring in May of 1990. She has been in nursing since 1984 upon graduation from LVN training at Western Texas College. She has worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital as charge nurse, house supervisor and nurse manager for various units.

Kenner is the daughter of Yvette Sickler, RN, of Odessa. She lives in Snyder with her husband, Jerry, 16-year-old son Jason, and 22 month old twin daughters, Staci and Ashley.

Mediplex Home Health opened in Snyder in April of 1992 and is located at 4200 College Avenue. Mediplex, a Medicare and Medicaid certified company, offers a wide range of in home medical services including nursing care, personal care, physical therapy



WANDA KENNER

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Budget cuts mean higher bus fares

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — As she waited for the 8:30 a.m. bus, Louise Smith thought for a moment about how the budget cuts under consideration in Washington could affect her commute. Then she blocked it out of her mind.

"It's too depressing," she said. The crosstown bus takes her to a volunteer job as a foster grandparent. Because she's on Social Security, she pays a senior citizen discount fare: \$1.20 round trip.

Barbara Coleman, sitting on the

next bench, spends three hours a day, every day of the week, getting to and from her job at a Motel 6. Her round trip costs \$3.20.

The amounts may seem meager to some, but like many bus riders, neither woman has a car, and they are troubled by the prospect of higher fares and the possibility that some routes might be eliminated.

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Dr. Kerr, a mineralogist at Columbia University, said, "What I have learned about the earth has made me no less a believer in a Supreme Power but actually more so. You see, some of the early philosophers simply guessed there is a God. All they could say was, 'God is,' but we have so much evidence to go on, we have seen so much of His handiwork, we can say, 'God must be.'"

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PIZZA PARTY WINNERS — These Hermleigh first and fifth graders read the required number of books in Pizza Hut's Book-It program this school year. They will be treated to a pizza party. First graders in Lori Williamson's class who read 12 books in five months are bottom row, from left, Danni Webb, Samantha Berry, Amanda Garcia, Crystal Bridges and Erica Torres; second row, Scotty Arellano, Frank Smith,

Bobby Lane and Curtis Hosler; third row; Robby Anderson, Georgianna Smith, Josh Baldwin and Atasha Arrendale. Fifth graders shown in the back row who read three books in five months are from left, Julie Mireles, Kendra Nachlinger, Crystal Atkinson, Christina Arellano, Sabrina Terry, Adam Roemisch and Whitney Rogers. Cathy Beckman is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

House OKs GOP's sweeping plans to end welfare system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite bitter debate, Republicans pushed their sweeping welfare reform bill through the House quickly: two months in committee and four days' fighting on the floor. No such speedy fate awaits welfare reform in the Senate.

Hearings are just getting under way on that side of the Capitol and lawmakers in both parties have expressed reservations about cutting off assistance to teen-age mothers and other needy families.

House Republicans say their bill, which passed the House on Friday, 234-199, will get rid of layers of federal bureaucracy and help free poor people from an endless cycle of poverty.

"We are sweeping away a destructive system and we are putting in a system that can work," Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., declared after the far-reaching welfare reform bill passed.

Democrats say the bill, which saves \$66 billion over five years, will hurt poor women and children and is all about saving money for tax cuts. President Clinton said the measure was "weak on work and tough on children."

"Our best hope now is that the Senate chooses to reject this tax-cut, bail-out bill the Republicans are calling welfare reform," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said just after the vote.

The measure makes fundamental changes in a web of social programs dating to the Great Depression.

It cancels the federal government's promise to provide school lunches, cash assistance, foster care support and child care to the country's neediest women and children; cuts families off welfare after five years; and requires able-bodied food stamp recipients to work.

There are no guarantees, however, that single mothers on welfare will be given training, education, child care or a job as they move from dependency to the work force. Those details are left to the states.

In a rancorous weeklong debate, Democrats accused the GOP of pillaging school lunches, foster care and food stamps to finance tax cuts for the wealthy.

"Who pays for this gift from Uncle Sam to the privileged few in this country?" said Rep. Harold Ford, D-Tenn.

Pointing to a chart, Ford said, "\$24 billion is donated by poor families with children. Food stamp recipients contribute \$19 billion. Kids who lose school lunches, child care, WIC (the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program) ante up another \$12 billion. Abused and neglected

children pay \$2 billion. And legal immigrants contribute about \$21 billion. ... I say to my Republican colleagues: Pick on someone your own size."

Lashing back, Republicans called Democrats the defenders of a corrupt and immoral welfare system that traps the poor, destroys families and discourages work.

In their plan, Republicans give states virtually free rein to design their own nutrition, child protection and cash welfare programs, with fixed budgets and little federal oversight.

Volunteer recognition banquet slated Friday

Senior citizens who give volunteer time to the community and the Senior Citizens Center will be honored at the annual recognition banquet Friday night in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. Senior citizens who wish to attend are to pre-register by Wednesday so seating and food preparation can be planned. There will be no noon meal in the center on Friday because of the banquet.

A double elimination dominos tournament will be the feature of Game Day in the center on Monday. Play will begin at 9:45 a.m.

The Local Yokels will perform in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Benny Benitez and his band will play for country/western dancing in the center

starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining in the center at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning. Senior citizens who have birthdays in March are invited to celebrate at a party at the center starting at 10 a.m.

A program on the importance of nutrition for senior citizens will be presented at 11:15 a.m. Thursday.

Plans are taking shape for the center's annual May Day scheduled on May 6 in the coliseum. A new feature this year will be a booth offering collectibles for sale and senior citizens and others who have items suitable for this booth are invited to take them to the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 for more information.

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Almost 300 area students entered in UIL competition

Almost 300 students from Snyder, Lamesa and Big Spring will participate in the UIL 2-4A District Literary Meet for elementary and junior high schools on Friday, March 31.

The contest, hosted by Snyder ISD, will be held at Snyder Junior High School and will begin at 2:20 p.m. The public is invited to attend an awards ceremony at 5 p.m. in the girls' gym.

One-hundred-and-twenty-one Snyder students will be among those competing. They are:

Northeast Elementary
Calculators: Charlie Gorman, Andra Lancaster, Nicholas Landes.
Dictionary: Cody Beaver, Ryan McAnally, Dustin Whitson.
Maps, Graphs, Charts: Tyler Neves, Anna Williams, Kate Wright.
Number Sense: Joanna Burk, Kasey Collier, Justin McBroom.
Oral Reading: Cassie Cooper, Krisi Early, Tate Thompson.
Ready Writing: Amber Alexander, Craig Bowen.
Spelling: Tito Alaniz, Alex Best, Trent Boyd.
Donna Farley will coordinate.

West Elementary
Calculators: Neil Cooper, Jesse Haines, Missy Hicks, Jared Thornhill.
Dictionary: Stephanie Ervin, Cameron Mackey, Kim Moore, Dana Stribling.
Impromptu Speaking: Lyndell Lee, Allen Smith, Leslye Starnes, Tiffany Sutter.

Life Science: Kara Harrison, Kayla Phillips, Angie Shoemaker, Crissida Tyler.
Maps, Graphs, Charts: Destini Crawford, Missy French, Tim Green, Josh Heaton.

Number Sense: Ryan Gibson, Leslie Hancock, Garrett Luft, Kevin Marshall.
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Snyder Junior High School

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Grade 8: Erick Castaneda, Josh Halverston, Elicha Roberts, Maurica Sargent.

Earth Science
Grade 8: Marcus Brown, Michael Fogle, Luke Mayo, Marcus McClain.

Impromptu Speaking
Grade 7: Brandon Bolding, Dallas Jones, Nicole Kerry, Kevin Taylor.

Grade 8: Karley Collins, Reid Johnson, Fernando Nolan, Alicia Peoples.

Life Science
Grade 7: Wesley Gilbert, Trey Gorman, Trevor Kerr, Justin Phillips.

Maps, Graphs, Charts
Grade 7: Ryan Hale, Greg McAnaw, Chris Shoemaker, Dusty Stone.

Grade 8: Lina Alvarez, Ryan Fritz.

Number Sense
Grade 7: Wade Ashby, Laura Canada, Ben Rollins, Seth Wood.

Grade 8: Brett Gibson, Corey McDorman, T.J. Whetsel.

Oral Reading
Grade 7: Monique Beauchamp, Elizabeth Brown, Audra Lilly.

Grade 8: Allison Bowden, Katy Cooper, Starla Davis, DeMarco Jackson.

Ready Writing
Grade 7: Mandy Chambers, Kelly Gar-

ner, Deirda Goebel, April Whittenburg.

Grade 8: Brittany Drummond, Keisha Gafford, Nick Means, Jennifer Salmon.

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Grade 7: Michael Gibson, Deandra Jackson, Jeremy Stark.

Grade 8: Feisha Biggers, Jessica Brown, Amy Warr.

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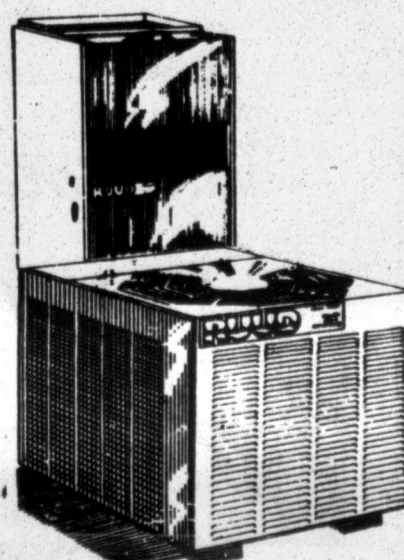
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Sports

Top seeds fall in Sweet 16

Arkansas survives overtime scare from Memphis

By The Associated Press
Top seeds Wake Forest and Kansas were toppled, defending champion Arkansas survived another close call and Massachusetts romped again in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.



Arkansas head coach Nolan Richardson

Arkansas beat Memphis 96-91 in overtime and Virginia downed Kansas 67-58 in the Midwest, while Oklahoma State defeated Wake Forest 71-66 and UMass

trampled Tulsa 76-51 in the East on Friday night.

Final Four berths will be at stake Sunday when second-seeded Arkansas (30-6) meets fourth-seeded Virginia (25-8) at Kansas City and second-seeded UMass (29-4) plays No. 4 Oklahoma State (26-9) at East Rutherford, N.J.

The other two regional championships will be decided today when top-seeded Kentucky (28-4) plays No. 2 North Carolina (27-5) in the Southeast at Birmingham, Ala., and top-seeded UCLA (28-2) meets No. 2 Connecticut (28-4) in the West at Oakland, Calif.

Arkansas overcame a 12-point, second-half deficit to force overtime, then controlled the extra period to win its third straight nailbiter in the tournament. The Razorbacks beat Texas Southern by one point in the first round and edged Syracuse by two points in overtime in the second round.

"We've been behind by 12 or even 15 in games and we always find a way to get back in the game," said Corliss Williamson, who finished with 27 points and 13 rebounds.

Arkansas capitalized on a con-

traversal call in the closing seconds of regulation. Chris Garner of Memphis was called for a hand-checking foul against Corey Beck with 11.5 seconds left and the Tigers holding an 83-82 lead. Beck made one of two free throws and Memphis (24-10) missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Oklahoma State shut out Wake Forest star Randolph Childress down the stretch to reach the final eight for the first time since 1965.

Childress finished with 22 points, but didn't score in the final eight minutes and lost the ball in the closing seconds while Wake (26-6) was trying to set up a possible game-tying 3-pointer.

Oklahoma State center Bryant "Big Country" Reeves knocked the ball away from Childress and it was picked up by the Cowboys' Andre Owens, who passed to Terry Collins for the game-clinching dunk.

Randy Rutherford led Oklahoma State with 23 points and 11 rebounds, but he said defense was the key.

Virginia 67, Kansas 58

The Cavaliers became the first non-Big Eight team to beat Kansas in Kemper Arena since 1983.

Playing just 40 miles from their campus, the Jayhawks (25-6) made only 2 of 21 3-point shots and were held to their lowest point total of the season.

Junior Burrough, giving up a half-foot to Kansas center Greg Ostertag, scored 18 points. Virginia led by nine points in the first half and held on after the Jayhawks closed within two in the second half.

Harold Deane had 22 points for Virginia. Jacque Vaughn scored 13 for Kansas, which made only 13 of 25 foul shots.

Massachusetts 76, Tulsa 51
Marcus Camby had 20 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots as Massachusetts routed its third straight opponent. The Minutemen beat St. Peter's 68-51 in the first round and downed Stanford 75-53 in the second round.

Camby had 11 points during a 26-6 run that put Massachusetts ahead 35-15. During the spurt, Tulsa (22-8) had 11 possessions end after only one shot.

Massachusetts guard Edgar Padilla injured his left foot in the first half and did not play much thereafter. His status for Sunday was uncertain.

Former boxing champ released from prison

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) — Mike Tyson left prison Saturday with a chance to resume his multimillion-dollar boxing career after serving three years on a rape conviction.



Tyson

while in prison.

Wearing a white skullcap and long dark coat, Tyson traveled in a caravan of six cars led by a police cruiser. After prayers, he boarded a private jet at Indianapolis International Airport that was to take him to an Ohio airport near Tyson's home an hour east of Cleveland.

Flanked by his managers and boxing promoter Don King, the ex-heavyweight champion emerged from the Indiana

Youth Center just before sunrise. Nearly hidden by his entourage, he walked directly to a dark limousine and made no sign to the media throng.

A printed statement given out in Tyson's name said: "I'm very happy to be out and on my way home. I want to thank everyone for their support. I will have more to say in the future. I'll see you all soon."

A crowd of well-wishers, some wearing "Tyson is Back" T-shirts, followed Tyson to the the Islamic Society of North America headquarters a couple miles from the prison. They were eventually allowed inside, where Tyson's prison tutor, Muhammad Siddeeq, led a prayer service and Tyson prayed on his knees.

"He came, he can't stay, but we appreciate him taking the time to do this," Siddeeq said of the mosque farewell, attended by former boxing champ Muhammad Ali and rap singer Hammer.

One well-wisher, Jason Miller, 17, drove 150 miles from his home in Vincennes to see Tyson off.

Lady Tigers control Cleburne

Snyder gets fourth straight district win, 11-3

CLEBURNE — The Lady Tigers found out Friday that two of a kind can be better than a straight flush, at least when the pair is in the form of twin sisters Joanie and Raechele Wemken.

The twins combined for six hits and seven RBIs, as Snyder (8-8, 4-1) pounded Cleburne 11-3 to capture its fourth straight District 9-5A victory.

Raechele started things off for the Lady Tigers in the top of the second inning when she clobbered a Jayci Moore offering into the gap in right-center for an inside the park home run.

Joanie (4-2) was the winning pitcher for the Lady Tigers, as she struck out four Cleburne batters and surrendered just one earned

run on four hits.

"They (the Wemkens) are playing their game right now," Snyder head coach Billy Hicks said. "They're having fun and working hard. The one thing that they are able to do is make each other better."

Cleburne (1-6, 1-1) was able to get on the board in the bottom of the second, but Snyder blew the game open in the fourth.

The Lady Tigers blasted Moore (1-6) for seven runs on eight hits, including three bunt singles.

With the bases loaded, Adrienne Bailey brought home two runs and advanced Amanda Huff to second with a single to center field, making the score 3-1.

Huff, who was 2 for 3 in the game, moved over to third on a single to left-center by Shawn Purcell. Purcell, then, stole second and Edwina Brooks bunted for a single to load the bases again.

Mendy Winter hit back a grounder back to Moore, who threw out Bailey at the plate for the first out of the inning. Jodi White grounded into a fielders choice, getting Purcell home, but Brooks was the second out at third. Connie Payne, then, singled in Winter and Joanie Wemken doubled to right-center scoring White and Payne to make the score 8-1.

"It took us a couple of innings to

start hitting the ball," Hicks said. "Once we started hitting, we used the bunt to force them (Cleburne) to make the defensive stop. We loaded the bases and got the big hits when we needed them."

The victory put the Lady Tigers up by a half game over Brownwood in the district standings.

Snyder was scheduled to host Abilene Wylie Saturday at noon at Cates Field.

Wylie promises to be a formidable opponent for Snyder. The Lady Bulldogs have pitcher Jeri Lynn Jones, who pitched for the Snyder All-Star team that played in the state tournament last summer in Port Arthur.

"I look forward to this matchup," Hicks said. "It will be a friendly rivalry, I think. We need to see the kind of pitching Jones is capable of. I think it can only help us in the long run."

District 9-5A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Snyder	4	1	.800	8	8	.500
Brownwood	3	1	.750	6	7	.461
Granbury	2	2	.500	2	9	.182
Cleburne	1	1	.500	1	7	.125
Mineral Wls	1	2	.333	12	9	.571
Stephenville	0	4	.000	0	12	.000

Tuesday's results: Snyder 7, Mineral Wells 6; Brownwood 11, Granbury 3; Cleburne 10, Stephenville 9.

Friday's games: Snyder 11, Cleburne 3; Brownwood def. Stephenville (score N/A); Mineral Wells 11, Granbury 8.

Saturday's games: Abilene Wylie at Snyder, noon; Granbury at FW Brewer Tournament.



IDLE CONCERN — Snyder's Amanda Huff, center, watches closely as Mendy Winter, left, eludes the catcher's tag during the Big Spring game last week. The Lady Tigers dominated Cleburne Friday 11-3 to earn their fourth straight district win. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

SNYDER 11, CLEBURNE 3

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SHS: J. Wemken and R. Wemken; CHS: Moore and Hightower. 2B — SHS: J. Wemken. 3B — CHS: Hager. HR — SHS: R. Wemken. WP — J. Wemken (4-2). LP — Moore (1-6). Records — Snyder (8-8, 4-1); Cleburne (1-6, 1-1).

Gant follows Harper to Bucs

Safety inks 3-year deal with Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Unrestricted free agent safety Kenneth Gant, who won two Super Bowl rings with the Dallas Cowboys, signed a three-year contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Friday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.



Gant

Gant, 27, is the second former Dallas player to sign with the Bucs this year. And like wide receiver Alvin Harper, he said the opportunity to play close to his hometown was a factor in his decision.

The former Albany State player is a native of nearby Lakeland.

Gant played in 72 games in five seasons with Dallas. He started six games and has seven career interceptions, 134 tackles and three sacks. He had 76 stops on special teams.

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NCAA Tournament, Southeast Regional Final, North Carolina vs. Kentucky 5 p.m. (CBS)

NCAA Tournament, Midwest Regional Final (women's), Texas Tech vs. Tennessee 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NCAA Tournament, Midwest Regional Final (women's), Georgia vs. Colorado 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NCAA Tournament, West Regional Final (women's), Purdue vs. Stanford 11 p.m. (ESPN)

Professional Basketball

Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (HSE)

College Baseball

TCU at Baylor (Doubleheader), noon and 3 p.m. (HSE)

High School Track

Snyder girls at Abilene Classic

Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational

Hermleigh boys and girls at Aspermont Relays

High School Baseball

Snyder varsity at Andrews, 2 p.m.

Snyder junior varsity hosts Andrews, (DH) 11 a.m.

High School Softball

Snyder hosts Abilene Wylie, noon

Golf

PGA Players Championship, third round, 1 p.m. (NBC)

PGA Dinah Shore Classic, third round, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Tennis

The Lipton Cup Championship, women's final, noon (ABC)

Sunday, Mar. 26

College Basketball

NCAA Tournament, East Regional Final, Massachusetts vs. Oklahoma State 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

NCAA Tournament, Midwest Regional Final, Arkansas vs. Virginia 4 p.m. (CBS)

Professional Basketball

Golden State at Orlando, 11 a.m. (NBC)

Professional Hockey

Los Angeles at San Jose, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

College Baseball

Mississippi State at Florida, 12:30 p.m. (HSE)

Golf

PGA Players Championship, final round, 1:30 p.m. (NBC)

PGA Dinah Shore Classic, final round, 3 p.m. (ABC)

Tennis

The Lipton Cup Championship, men's final, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Mar. 27

College Basketball

NIT Semifinal, Virginia Tech vs. Canisius 6 p.m. (ESPN)

NIT Semifinal, Marquette vs. Penn State 8 p.m. (ESPN)

High School Golf

Snyder boys and girls at Sweetwater.

Professional Hockey

St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (HSE)

Tuesday, Mar. 28

High School Softball

Snyder hosts Granbury, 4:30 p.m.

Professional Basketball

Chicago at New York, 7 p.m. (TNT)

Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (HSE)

Professional Hockey

Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Mar. 29

College Basketball

NIT Championship, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Mar. 30

College Hockey

NCAA Div. I semifinal, noon (ESPN)

WTC Rodeo

Westerners at West Texas A&M University Rodeo in Amarillo

Golf

Senior PGA The Tradition, first round, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Professional Basketball

Atlanta at Golden State, 7 p.m. (TBS)

Professional Baseball

Houston at New York Yankees, 7 p.m. (HSE)

Friday, Mar. 31

Professional Basketball

Orlando at Utah, 7 p.m. (TNT)

Professional Baseball

Atlanta at Detroit, 6:05 p.m. (TBS)

Houston at Texas, 7 p.m. (HSE)

WTC Rodeo

Westerners at West Texas A&M University Rodeo in Amarillo

High School Softball

Snyder at Brownwood, 6 p.m.

High School Baseball

Moffett Field rededication, 6:30 p.m.

Snyder varsity hosts Levelland, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Davis Cup, quarterfinal round, USA vs. Italy, noon (ESPN)

Golf

Senior PGA The Tradition, second round, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Apr. 1

College Basketball

NCAA Tournament, semifinal (women's), 11 a.m. (CBS)

NCAA Tournament, semifinal (women's), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

NCAA Tournament, semifinal, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

NCAA Tournament, semifinal, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

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High School Softball

Hermleigh hosts Coahoma, in Snyder, 10 a.m.

High School Baseball

Snyder junior varsity at Big Spring, 4 p.m.

High School Track

Snyder boys and girls at Mustang Relays, Sweetwater

Lady Raiders to battle Vols

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For years, the Tennessee offense installed by coach Pat Summitt has been simple.

First you pound the ball inside to the post players. If that doesn't work, pound it inside some more. If it still doesn't work, pound it inside and go get the rebound.

But when the Lady Vols (32-2) take the floor Saturday night against Texas Tech (33-3) for the Midwest Regional championship, things could be different.

Sharp

Tip-off is 6:30 p.m. CST.

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sively," Summitt said.

The strength of Tennessee's game all year has been its ability to rebound, and the Lady Vols did it again Thursday in beating Western Kentucky 87-65. The Lady Toppers came into the tournament with the second best rebounding margin in the nation, nearly 14 a game, but Tennessee owned the glass.

"That's their game plan," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "They pound you and try to control the boards. I'm sure their philosophy is that rebounding wins NCAA tournament games, and I believe that too. We have to hope our quickness will help us beat their strength."

Conventional wisdom has it that the weakness of a zone defense is it makes it harder to box the offensive team off the backboards, but neither Sharp nor Summitt buys that argument in Tech's case.

"A lot of people feel that way about it, but I think when you have a guard the size of (5-foot-10 Tabitha) Truesdale, who's always going to be in the paint someplace, that it may help you some," Sharp said. "She's not defending some perimeter player way out of the floor. Plus, when she gets it you're right into the transition without an outlet pass."

NHL Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	16	10	3	35	98	84
Washington	12	11	6	30	72	67
N.Y. Rangers	13	14	3	29	80	80
New Jersey	12	13	5	29	83	82
Florida	12	16	3	27	76	86
Tampa Bay	11	16	2	24	76	84
N.Y. Islanders	10	15	3	23	69	85

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	21	8	2	44	127	102
Quebec	20	6	3	43	113	74
Boston	15	12	2	32	87	74
Buffalo	12	11	5	29	68	68
Hartford	11	14	4	26	72	82
Montreal	10	14	5	25	74	98
Ottawa	4	19	4	12	58	87

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	19	7	2	40	108	63
Chicago	18	9	2	38	112	70
Toronto	14	12	5	33	85	86
St. Louis	15	10	2	32	99	78
Dallas	11	13	5	27	89	79
Winnipeg	9	16	4	22	83	108

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	14	12	5	33	100	89
Edmonton	12	14	3	27	85	89
Vancouver	9	11	8	26	86	96
Los Angeles	9	13	6	24	87	107
San Jose	10	15	2	22	65	93
Anaheim	8	16	4	20	70	101

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, New Jersey 2
 Buffalo 3, Florida 0
 Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
 Toronto 3, Winnipeg 2
 Calgary 3, Detroit 2

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Hartford, 1:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Quebec, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
 Hartford at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Quebec at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at San Jose, 8 p.m.



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	51	17	.750	-
x-New York	43	22	.662	6 1/2
Miami	27	41	.397	24
Boston	26	41	.388	24 1/2
New Jersey	26	41	.388	24 1/2
Philadelphia	18	49	.269	32 1/2
Washington	18	49	.269	32 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Indiana	42	25	.622	-
Charlotte	41	26	.612	1
Cleveland	38	29	.567	4
Chicago	35	33	.515	7 1/2
Atlanta	33	34	.493	9
Milwaukee	27	41	.397	15 1/2
Detroit	24	43	.358	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Utah	50	18	.735	-
x-San Antonio	47	18	.723	1 1/2
Houston	41	26	.612	8 1/2
Denver	31	36	.463	18 1/2
Dallas	28	37	.431	20 1/2
Minnesota	19	49	.279	31

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Phoenix	49	19	.721	-
x-Seattle	47	20	.701	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	41	23	.621	7
Portland	36	30	.545	12
Sacramento	32	35	.478	16 1/2
Golden State	21	46	.313	27 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	55	.203	35 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth.

Friday's Games

Boston 107, Philadelphia 75
 Miami 115, Golden State 111
 Cleveland 75, Atlanta 74
 Indiana 103, Sacramento 96
 San Antonio 111, Minnesota 97
 Orlando 106, Chicago 99
 Houston 99, Phoenix 97
 Seattle 122, Portland 118
 L.A. Lakers 113, Washington 103

Saturday's Games

Indiana at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Golden State at Orlando, noon
 Sacramento at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
 Denver at Portland, 8 p.m.
 New York at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Browns sign Rison to record contract

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Pro Bowler Andre Rison signed a \$17 million, 5-year deal with the Cleveland Browns, making him the highest-paid receiver in NFL history.



Rison

"Finally I feel appreciated," the 28-year-old Rison said after the agreement was announced on Friday by Browns owner Art Modell. Only a \$5 million signing bonus was guaranteed, Modell said.

Rison was a rookie with Indianapolis in 1989 and then played for Atlanta from 1990 to 1994.

Rison has 475 career receptions, the second-highest total in NFL history for six years. He said he was determined to find a team that could reach the Super Bowl.

"I figured my best opportunity was here in Cleveland. I'm trying to win a championship," he said.

Coach Bill Belichick said Rison "was the top free agent on the market this year." Belichick said he expected Rison to rejuvenate an offense that struggled at times last season.

"I think Andre will be better for the offense in every respect," Belichick said.

Rison said he was looking forward to teaming with Browns quarterback Vinny Testaverde.

The salary package calls for base salaries of \$578,000 in 1995, \$2 million in 1996, \$2.1 million in 1997, \$3.7 million in 1998 and \$3.7 million in 1999, Rison said.

Rison was a Pro Bowl selection each year from 1991 to 1994, and has four 80-catch, 10-touchdown seasons, second only to San Francisco's Jerry Rice.

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Teams	Won	Lost
ESP, Inc.	71	41
Rose Barber Shop	68 1/2	43 1/2
Mistfit	67	45
Long John Silver's	63 1/2	48 1/2
Spanish Inn	62 1/2	49 1/2
Lucy's Video	61	51
M.B.'s	59 1/2	52 1/2
Feed Store (CCity)	58 1/2	53 1/2
Farmers Helper	57	55
American Legion	55 1/2	56 1/2
Ezell Key	52	60
Pro Parts	50	62
Mesquite Oil Tools	41	71
Uncared Pts.	17	95

Team High Game: 1. ESP, Inc. 721; 2. Long John Silver's 716; 3. Feed Store 706.

Team High Series: 1. Long John Silver's 2083; 2. ESP, Inc. 1922; 3. Pro Parts 1900.

Individual High Series: 1. Bo Lowrance 610; 2. Elbert Klein 595; 3. Gerald Wilson 543.

Individual High Game: 1. Elbert Klein 221; 2. Paula Beuerlein 219; 3. Bo Lowrance 211.

Splits Converted: Janetta Whisel 2-7; Neil Herndon 5-7; Jill Griswold 6-7-10; Elbert Klein 3-10; Roger Batchelor 4-5-7; David West 5-6-10; Vicky Renshaw 5-6; Billy Hicks 3-10; Kathy Jones 3-10; Bobby Davis 5-7; Debbie Herndon 5-6.

600 Series: Bo Lowrance 610.

500 Series: Elbert Klein 595; Gerald Wilson 543; Lynn Smith 539; Helen Kellner 535; Dana Stone 533; Paula Beuerlein 531; Billy Hicks 514; Jimmy Fletcher 508.

200 Games: Elbert Klein 221, 201; Paula Beuerlein 219; Bo Lowrance 211, 208; Bob Sealy 205; Bill Shaw 201; Lynn Smith 201; Gerald Wilson 200.

Wishball

Team High Game: 1. ESP, Inc. 716; 2. Silver's 716; 3. Feed Store 716

Team High Series: 1. Long J 1922; 2. ESP, Inc. 1922; 3. Pro Parts 1922

Individual High Series: 1. Elbert Klein 595; 3. Gerald V 595

Individual High Game: 1. Elbert Klein 595; 3. Gerald V 595

Gingrich criticizes his own book deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giving himself a harsh dose of self-criticism, Speaker Newt Gingrich says it was "crazy" to initially negotiate a \$4.5 million advance for a book deal.

"I was very naive," he told a national television audience Friday night.

Gingrich wasn't nearly so critical of himself when he dropped the huge advance last December after he was bombarded with criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike. At the time he defended the deal as "a legitimate proposal for an advance," but said he didn't want the negative publicity to take attention away from the GOP's legislative agenda.

On CNN's "Larry King Live" Friday, Gingrich was much more severe with himself about lessons he learned.

"We totally mishandled the first phase of talking of writing a book," Gingrich said when King asked the Georgia Republican about his biggest mistake so far.

Gingrich said he allowed publishing firms to conduct an auction for his two-book deal "and they came up with a number that was crazy. No public official could be in that position."

He said his reaction to the \$4.5 million should have been, "That's nonsense ... I'll take a dollar, which we finally did."



SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL ADOPTED — In an "Adopt-A-School" program held recently at Snyder High School, several businesses were recognized for their participation. Shown at the ceremony are, from left, Larry Scott, SHS principal, Roy Carter of The Shack, Sgt. Victor Bruns and Sgt. Jessie Pierson of the Texas Na-

tional Guard, Ester Mena, Pizza Hut, Sam Robertson, Robertson Insurance, Beth Bowen, SHS Adopt-A-School coordinator, Dayton Robertson, YZ Industries, Carol Iglehart and Rick Freeman, Allstate Insurance. (SDN Staff Photo)

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School voucher bill introduced again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two senators have resuscitated a national school voucher proposal, hoping the Republican majority in Congress will provide a boost to states considering giving public tax money for private education.

With more than 10 states now considering such school voucher programs, the new Republican majority in Congress may be sympathetic to a federal pilot program, said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., who introduced a bill Friday along with Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

But teachers unions and civil liberties groups pledged to fight the experimental program, which failed last year in the Senate on a 52-41 vote. "It is simply unconstitutional," said Steve Green of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The proposal would provide

\$30 million in federal money to set up 10 to 20 demonstration projects that would allow a small group of poor parents to send their kids to private schools, including religious schools if they chose.

The pilot programs would be evaluated after three years. School districts hoping to participate would band together with area private schools to apply to the Education Department.

Coats and Lieberman said the experiment would not promote religion or destroy the nation's public schools, as critics fear. Instead, they said, it would force public schools to compete for students, and give youngsters trapped in bad schools more opportunity.

"Senator Lieberman's children and my children have choices that many low-income, inner-city children do not have," Coats said.

Many public schools do a good job, Lieberman said, but "the existing system is not doing well for all."

Only low-income children would be eligible, generally those in a family of four with income of \$27,380, although districts could choose to give vouchers only to even poorer children.

Support for school choice has swept across the nation in recent years, propelled in part by conservative Christians who are dissatisfied with public schools.

The Education Department endorses giving parents more choice among their area public schools,

but draws the line at vouchers or tax credits for private schools, said Tom Payzant, who oversees elementary and secondary programs.

Although more than 10 states are currently considering school-voucher programs, Milwaukee has the nation's only running system. It excludes religious schools.

Coats predicted that "in this year of innovation," the measure would pass the Senate. School vouchers also have wide support in the House, now controlled by Republicans, and among Republicans running for president.

Veterans Administration to pay dividends in 1995

According to E.H. (Dan) Dever Jr., Veterans County Service Officer for Scurry County, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced it will play more than \$928 million in dividends in 1995 to veterans holding active veterans' life insurance policies.

The dividends are made possible because the veterans are living longer than predicted and insurance trust funds are earning high yields from investment in long-term U.S. government securities.

The \$928.2 million payout will be credited automatically to some 2.4 million policy holders on the anniversary date of their policies. Policy holders may choose to receive a dividend check or select one of nine alternate payment options. VA is cautioning that only those policies that have been kept in force receive annual dividend distributions.

The amount of dividend will vary according to age, type of insurance and duration of the policy. No application from individual policy holders is necessary.

Government life insurance policies were issued to veterans of

World Wars I and II and the Korean Conflict, serving between 1917 and 1956.

The largest group receiving 1995 payments will be two million WW II veterans with National Service Life Insurance ("V") policies. They will receive an average payment of \$397.

An average payment of \$230 will be paid to World War I veterans and holding "K" policies.

The 250,370 veterans with active Veterans Special Life Insurance ("RS" and "W") policies will receive an average of \$409.

A group of 91,137 veterans with active Veterans Reopened Insurance policies will receive an average of \$305 ("J" policy holders), \$581 ("JR" policy holders) or \$529 ("JS" policy holders).

While VA also administers a special life insurance program for disabled veterans and a program offering mortgage life insurance coverage, neither pays dividends. For active-duty service members and reservists, VA supervises a contract with a private carrier to underwrite Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI). No dividends are paid on SGLI.

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New medication relieves migraines

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about the new shot Imitrex (sumatriptan) for headache control? I must take two doses every 24 hours for 3 days to relieve my migraine pain. I'm concerned about the side effects of this long-term therapy.

DEAR READER: Sumatriptan is a new prescription medication for migraine; it is self-administered at the earliest sign of headache as an injection or series of injections. Basically, the drug activates a receptor in the lining of arteries, thereby relieving headache. It is taking the place of more traditional therapy, such as narcotics.

Although generally considered safe, sumatriptan can cause angina, jaw or neck tightness, tingling, dizziness, and other symptoms.

Because the drug is so new, physicians have limited experience with it. The long-term consequences in humans are unknown.

To give you more information on your problem, I am sending you a free copy of my health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has ringing in her ears. During the day it doesn't bother her too much, but at night she can't sleep. An ENT specialist says she will have to learn to live with the condition. Do you have a remedy?

DEAR READER: Ringing in the ears (tinnitus) has many causes, ranging from damage to the auditory nerve to excessive wax accumulation in the ears. In addition, tinnitus frequently accompanies poorly understood ear disorders, such as Meniere's disease (which also causes deafness and vertigo). Finally, people without ear diseases often develop tinnitus as they age, without apparent reason.

If the otolaryngologist has checked your wife for the common, treatable causes of tinnitus and has come up short, she may simply have to put up with the affliction. There is no cure for most cases of tinnitus.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently heard that people who are tea drinkers seldom, if ever, are victims of a stroke. Are there ingredients in tea that will prevent this? Since I prefer to avoid drinks containing caffeine, I would like to find a good substitute — or is the caffeine itself the ingredient that helps?

DEAR READER: I don't believe

that tea-drinkers are immune from stroke. Although some practitioners tout the health virtues of black or green tea, there is no sound scientific evidence proving that this beverage protects against disease, heart disorders or cancer.

I advise you to continue drinking tea if you like it, not for any supposed health benefits. Because standard teas do contain caffeine (which has no health benefit whatsoever), you may wish to use non-caffeinated, herbal teas instead.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 67-year-old male in generally good health. You recently wrote about a man who wouldn't see a doctor. I still feel anger at the death of three male friends. One, a longtime smoker, was dragged literally kicking and screaming to a doctor when he bled from the mouth. His diagnosis was tracheal cancer. He was dead six months later. Another friend was overweight and a smoker. He died instantly of a massive coronary. The third went the same way the second did.

Maybe I'm fortunate in having a caring wife. I don't consider myself wimpy because I see a doctor regularly. Am I a minority? I think it was W.C. Fields who said, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself." Maybe that says it all.

DEAR READER: Maybe it does.

The question of whether — or when — to see a doctor is a knotty one that is often related to cultural norms. For example, in most parts of the undeveloped world, medical care is limited, reserved for the most needy and often administered for end-stage disease.

Preventive medicine is far from standard practice and people rarely go for checkups if they're feeling relatively well. The problem with this philosophy is that doctors usually have much more difficulty treating well-established diseases (such as widespread cancer) than they do providing therapy for disorders in the early stages.

For instance, by the time hypertension causes symptoms, it has usually led to extensive organ damage that is difficult to reverse. It's better to treat high blood pressure early and avoid the complications of the disease.

You are probably not in a minority. Millions of Americans undergo periodic, routine examinations — as well they should — to discover treatable disorders in early stages.

Of course, this can be overdone. Most primary care doctors are humiliated, during the winter months, by

worried patients with trivial upper respiratory infections and colds, even though it is general knowledge that such afflictions cure themselves in a few days. Similarly, perfectly healthy but overly apprehensive young adults may insist on annual exams, just "to make sure nothing's wrong," despite the fact that such examinations are unnecessary.

You are 67. Most authorities recommend annual exams for persons over 60; for younger individuals, examinations every five to 10 years should suffice.

You also raise another interesting aberration: the person with an obvious health problem who refuses medical attention. This is a complicated issue. Sometimes such people are fearful of what the doctor might find ("I don't want to be sick. If I ignore my symptoms, maybe they'll go away.") Or these folks may believe that going to a doctor is a sign of weakness, or they may object to being told to alter their lifestyles (such as: stop smoking and drinking alcohol). Other patients may merely misunderstand their symptoms — although, I'll admit, this sometimes borders on pathological denial.

My recommendation, which I believe is both prudent and sensible, is: See a doctor if you've been ill for more than a week or if there is any consistent change in your bodily functioning, such as a lump or abnormal bleeding. If you feel good and are healthy, get a checkup regularly, using the time intervals I mentioned above.

Remember, too, the special circumstances that warrant deviation from my suggestions: Sexually active women should have yearly Pap tests, women over 50 need annual mammograms, persons with medical conditions — such as diabetes or cardiovascular ailments — should be examined more frequently, at their physician's directions.

Any person who is unsure about a health problem or how often to have a routine exam should follow his or her physician's advice.

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Son keeps his promise and gives gift of sight to mom

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — Christopher Colin was a devoted son who vowed to always take care of his blind, reclusive mother. He kept that promise even after his death at age 15, giving her the gift she needed to get by without him: her sight.

With the transplanted cornea she received from her son, Sally Colin opened her eyes Friday and saw clearly for the first time since 1982.

She saw her 9-year-old daughter, whom she had never seen before. And she saw her 13-year-old son, who was just a baby when Mrs. Colin lost her sight to a degenerative eye disease.

She was surprised at how much they had grown. In her mind's eye, she had imagined them with tiny bodies, tiny clothes, tiny shoes.

"We make little images of everything. Our worlds are so small that we make small things to sit in," said Mrs. Colin, 51, who has been a recluse since she went blind.

"I would just like to join the world again," she said. "Christopher gave me the chance. But I have to do something with it."

Christopher died Monday after being hit by a car. His heart, liver, kidneys and lungs went to five other people around the country.

Mistrial declared in nanny's case

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A jury deadlocked Friday on a manslaughter charge against a teenage nanny accused of shaking an 8-week-old baby so hard that he died.

When the judge declared a mistrial after nearly seven hours of deliberations, the infant's mother, Sharon Devonshire, began to weep and put her head on her husband's shoulder.

she said.

Wiggins said Mrs. Colin had previously been told nothing could be done to correct the blindness. But officials at the hospital where Christopher died determined the disease could be helped by a transplant.

Dr. Robert Knox, who performed the operation Thursday at Sparks Regional Medical Center, said it will be six months before Mrs. Colin can receive a second cornea transplant.

Meanwhile, an urn containing Christopher's ashes sits on the table in the middle of the living room. On Friday, Mrs. Colin went to Christopher's school for the first time to pick up his eighth-grade report card.

"And do you know, he made the honor roll," she said. "I said, 'Wow, this is the way to go.' We will put it by his remains and say it is just one more reason why we love him."

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Your Birthday

Sunday, March 26, 1995

Friends who have helped you in the past might bring you even greater fortune in the year ahead. Do everything you can to keep these allies in your corner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In your social involvements today, do what is right instead of appeasing the majority. You mustn't yield to peer pressure or alter your behavior just to gain acceptance. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be grateful for what you have today and strive to be content with your lot in life. Try not to compare yourself to someone who you think is getting more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you're apt to see life from a humorous perspective. This is well and good, but watch who you tease. Someone might take your joshing seriously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Treat others generously today, but don't let a selfish manipulator coerce you into relinquishing more than your judgment dictates.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before making any social commitments today, talk things over with your mate. He/she might not like your choice or the people involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In career involvements today, guard against the inclination to disrupt matters that are humming along smoothly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not compete with the one you love in front of friends today, even if you think he/she is getting the attention you deserve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your guard up in competitive involvements today. If you become lackadaisical or indifferent, it could immediately shift the odds in favor of your opposition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not take it upon yourself today to contradict companions merely for the sake of argument. A small misunderstanding could turn into something heated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Harmony with your mate could be disrupted today if you insist on overriding his/her vetoes on budget matters. Keep your account and your relationship balanced.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Mind your manners today and avoid doing anything that might alienate an associate whose cooperation you need. One mistake and you could be out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A distasteful task that both you and your co-workers have been neglecting might need immediate attention today. Passing the buck spells trouble.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 27, 1995

In the year ahead, you might gladly take on additional responsibilities knowing that they're loaded with benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone you're becoming more deeply involved with may not operate according to your standards. If this happens, review the relationship today. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Problems cannot be resolved today if you pretend they don't exist. Use your imagination and seek resolutions, not rationalizations. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Associates who cannot help you in your present objectives should not be involved in your endeavors today. Their input might confuse you and get you off track.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Companions will be more likely to accept your philosophical and political ideas today if they aren't imposed upon them. Use gentle tactics and cheerful phrases instead of

force. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not attempt to change things today that you don't have the power to alter. The best you might do is to postpone them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to broaden your mate's point of view today if he/she only sees issues in a negative light. Point out the brighter alternatives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be grateful for the good things that come your way today, even if you feel you deserve more. Keep your expectations within realistic bounds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against the inclination today to take risks with casual acquaintances. You might back the wrong person and the wrong deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will be compassionate and sensitive with others today, but you might not express yourself properly and your actions could be misinterpreted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try not to prejudge people or situations today. You are likely to assess outside influences very inaccurately at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to help those who are deserving today, but don't let a skillful manipulator make you feel as though you are under any sort of obligation to him/her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to succeed today, your motives must be good. If you do things out of spite or revenge, they will probably backfire.

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Open records requests backlogged in office

DALLAS (AP) — More than 1,000 pending requests under the Texas Open Records Act have been joined by others in a backlog that media groups, legislators and consumer advocates contend are effectively emasculating the law.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales blames the backlog on an increase in the number of requests, including some from public agencies that seek legal opinions from him simply to delay release of information.

But consumer advocacy groups, lawmakers and news organizations were critical of the delays in requests under the act, passed 22 years ago to give the public access to most government records.

"There's an old saying that justice delayed is justice denied," Tom Smith, executive director of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, said. "Well, access delayed is access denied."

More than 1,100 open records requests — some more than two years old — were sitting unanswered in Morales' office as of Jan. 1, with a continuing backlog growing daily.

Noting that his office issued more open records opinions last year than when he first took over, Morales said in Austin that he needs more people to handle the task.

Morales, who has made open government the centerpiece of his administration, said his own efforts to educate the public on the use of the law have added to the workload.

"We are victims of our own success," said the Democrat.

Since Morales took office in January 1991, the number of requests for written open records opinions have shot up 161 percent to a total of 1,735 last year, Morales said.

Requests for public records come from college students and professors, lawyers, government employees, accident victims, prison inmates and civil rights groups.

Currently, the media account for about 10 percent of those seeking information in cases before the attorney general.

Of 1,123 requests pending as of Jan. 1, 110 were clearly initiated by news reporters and organizations, according to a synopsis of the cases prepared for The Dallas Morning News by the attorney general's office.

Any governmental agency receiving an open records request, from a school board to the governor's office, is required by state law to provide the information within 10 days.

But the agency must seek a legal opinion from the attorney general if it believes the material sought is exempted from disclosure because of pending litigation, personnel records, land purchases and police investigative reports.

Although there's now no time limit for the attorney general to act, some legislators are backing a bill that would force Morales to move more quickly.

Legislation introduced by Rep. Susan Combs, R-Austin, would require the attorney general's office to decide within 60 days whether a document is a public record or not.

Morales' Open Government Section, created to deal exclusively with open meetings and open records issues, issued 901 written opinions last year. He said that's up from 643 in 1991 and without any increase in funding from the legislature.

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Police link sect to subway gas attack

Recovered nerve gas ingredients could have killed millions

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Police have evidence apparently linking a secretive religious cult to nerve gas attacks which killed 10 people in the Tokyo subway this week and seven people in central Japan last year, the Kyodo News Service said Saturday.

Chemical residue police retrieved from one of the group's main compounds matches residue found after both attacks, the report said. The nerve gas sarin was responsible for both incidents.

Police would not confirm the report. No one has yet claimed responsibility for Monday's subway attack, which killed 10 people and sickened 5,000. And police have not yet openly linked the cult to it. But police told the national newspaper Yomiuri that chemicals found since their raids on cult

properties began Wednesday could have made enough of the nerve gas sarin to kill 4.2 million people in an attack on an urban center. The newspaper did not say how police arrived at the figure.

The cult, which combines some Buddhist and Hindu beliefs and whose name means Supreme Truth, has repeatedly denied involvement in the subway attack.

In the latest denial, the cult's elusive leader Shoko Asahara claims he and hundreds of cult members are the victims, not the perpetrators, of recent nerve gas attacks — launched by the U.S. military.

In a videotaped statement, Shoko Asahara told followers: "I am seriously sick. Some 50 percent of my 1,700 pupils are troubled with sickness. We have been sprayed with poisonous

gases such as sarin and mustard gas," according to Kyodo News Service.

"The gas was sprayed by U.S. troops unmistakably," Asahara was quoted as saying.

The video was reportedly broadcast at 36 local chapters and training centers nationwide. It did not provide supporting evidence.

An Aum Shinri Kyo spokeswoman would not say Friday whether the video was broadcast at cult centers Saturday, but said the cult can prove it has long been under attack by the U.S. military.

Police continued to comb buildings owned by the group. Police were still removing tons of chemicals from warehouses and confirmed that they had found 500 drums of glycerine and what appears to be nitric acid, ingredients in the explosive nitroglycerine.

The point of the nationwide police raids was ostensibly to find evidence in two kidnapping cases in which cult members are suspected.

Prison program blasted

AUSTIN (AP) — Labor leader Joe Gunn on Friday said work programs at a privately operated prison threaten law-abiding Texans' jobs and called for a probe into whether they were legally set up.

The minimum-security facility in Lockhart, near Austin, is operated by Wackenhut Corrections Corp. under state contract. Three different companies pay inmates there to make computer circuit boards, optical lenses and brass valves and fittings.

Pat Cannan, Wackenhut's director of corporate relations, said the programs have been certified by the federal government as meeting legal requirements.

Each participating inmate's salary is the minimum hourly wage or more, Cannan said. But up to 80 percent of that salary may be taken out for various programs, including a portion for incarceration costs and victim restitution.

Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, said his group supports appropriate job training programs for inmates but that the ones in Lockhart are a problem not only for labor unions but businesses.

"We say that if there's no jobs, there's no consumers, and certainly this is taking jobs," he said.

Gunn said that in the case of the circuit-board maker, about 150 people were laid off in Austin "to make way for Wackenhut-run prison labor."

Wows 'em

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Kevin Alejandro in poetry interpretation, Heather Ward in prose interpretation, Kathryn Robbins in computer applications, LaTrisha Lee in current issues and Michelle Martin in accounting. Ward will be making her third trip to regionals.

Martin was one of three SHS students who swept honors in accounting, bringing home the team trophy as well. Sterling Cave placed second in accounting and Ellen Strayhorn was third.

Other second place winners were Jimmy Hall, making his second trip to regionals in poetry; Katie Thornton, prose; Michael Cole, editorial; Jim Caldwell, news; and Veana Clay, ready writing.

A number of Snyder High School students will be competing in the District 5-4A UIL competition slated for Friday in Lubbock.

Other third place winners were Amanda Carter, prose; Stacey Parker, feature writing; Lacey Parker, news; LaVeada Newsome, ready writing; and Shawn Neal, science.

Also advancing to regional is Sarah Fisher. She is a member of Snyder's first-place science team.

SHS UIL coaches are Kaye Carter, poetry and prose; Richard Hester, informative and persuasive speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Diane Arnold, journalism; Phyllis Smith, accounting; Darlene Stokes, calculator, match and number sense; Linda Patterson, computer applications, spelling and vocabulary; Betsy Griffin, current issues; Wynola Early, computer science; Betty Henderson, ready writing; and Thomas Strayhorn, science.

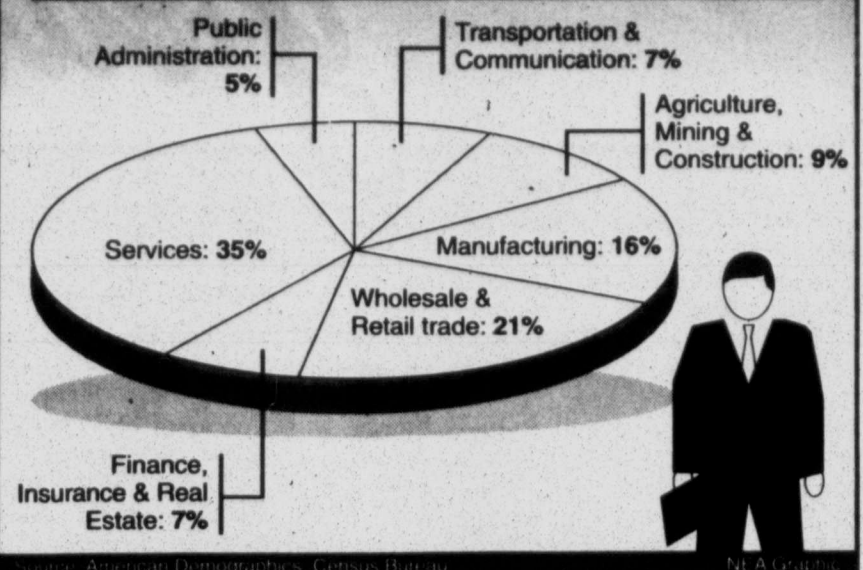
Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Bernice Hale, 3711 Ave. U; Evelyn Elliott, 304 36th Place; Matthew Guzman, 502 College Ave.; Stephanie Renodon, 1910 Ave. O; J.D. Taylor, Ira.

DISMISSALS: Nancy Brunson, Valentina Molina, Tony Williamson, Robbie Rutland. Census: 37 (Med.-6, Long-term Care-30, CCU-1).

Where people work

Percent of employed persons aged 16 and older by major industrial category, 1995



More than one-third of people over age 16 in the work force are employed in various service industries. Only 5 percent are in public administration.

Obituaries

Sallie Tate

1919-1995

Services were to be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Sallie Trigg Tate, 76, of Snyder. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery. Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, was to officiate.

Mrs. Tate died at 7:45 a.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born on Jan. 14, 1919, in Brownfield, she married J.B. Tate Sr. on April 7, 1979, in Snyder. Mrs. Tate had been a resident of Snyder since 1950. She was a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She married Herman Trigg on June 9, 1936, in Brownfield. He preceded her in death in May, 1976.

Survivors include her husband, J.B. Tate Sr. of the home; one daughter, Sara Hanson of Brownwood; five stepchildren, J.B. Tate Jr. of Snyder, Kenneth Tate of Victoria, Nancy Roemisch of Odessa, Ruth Stanfield of Snyder and Mary Burns of Ballinger; four grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

Ramon Berryhill

1908-1995

BALLINGER — Services for Ramon O. Berryhill, 86, of Ballinger were set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dale Schultz officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Berryhill, who died at 5 p.m. Friday in a San Angelo hospital, was the brother of LaFon Berryhill and LaNell Hogan, both of Snyder.

Born Aug. 11, 1908, in Seminole, he married Loyce Huddleston on July 16, 1932, in Snyder. He owned and operated Ballinger Truck and Tractor for 34 years, retiring in 1979. Mr. Berryhill was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Doss Bible Class. A former member of the Jaycees, he had previously served as water commissioner for the City of Ballinger. He was a member of the Ballinger Rotary Club and the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Other survivors include his wife, Loyce Berryhill of Ballinger; a son, L.R. (Buster) Berryhill of Dardanelle, Ark.; two daughters, Della Gray of Austin and Betty Duke of San Angelo; another sister, Rudene Gladson of Prescott, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be given to the West Texas Rehab or a favorite charity.

Hollis Russell Sr.

AMARILLO — Services are set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Llano Mausoleum Chapel for Hollis T. Russell Sr. of Amarillo, former Dunn resident. The Rev. Murray Gossett, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Bishop George H. Quarterman, retired Bishop of the Texas Diocese, will officiate. Entombment will be in the Llano Mausoleum.

Mr. Russell, who died Thursday in Amarillo, was born in Nacogdoches and moved to a farm in Dunn with his family when he

was eight years old. In 1922, he attended Lubbock Business College and later worked in banking in Lubbock. In 1925 he moved to an Amarillo bank, and was an accountant with Harvest Queen Mill. Later, he was associated with Hugh Exum in the oil and gas business. From 1939 to 1967, he worked at Amarillo Paper Co. and was vice president. After retirement, he established Russell Real Estate Co.

Mr. Russell married Drucilla Ann Exum on July 7, 1933. She died on Feb. 23, 1967. He married Sarah Beth Knox Storm in 1971 in Amarillo. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and had served on the vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Beth Russell of the home; one daughter, Ann Castleberry of Plainview; one son, Hollis T. Russell Jr. of Boston, Mass.; one stepson, Chris Storm of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Robin Russell of Amarillo.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Routine calls for officers

Area peace officers handled routine calls Friday and early Saturday morning.

DPS officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 10:49 p.m. Friday on U.S. Highway 180 east on three warrants for issuing bad checks.

Carl Stewart came to the police department at 1:58 p.m. Friday and reported a theft. An offense report for felony theft was submitted.

A person requested an officer in the 2500 block of 22nd Street at 5:15 p.m. in reference to reporting a bobcat scratching him. An offense report for animal bite was submitted as it was unknown if the animal was a bobcat or house cat.

Officers were requested at 5:39 p.m. in the 2800 block of 23rd Street in reference to juveniles shooting at other juveniles with an air gun. Contact with the juvenile involved was made and the air gun was released to his mother.

A close patrol of the area around the Cinema and Snyder Lanes was requested at 9:16 p.m. in reference to a large group of juveniles in the area.

Fisher County officials notified the sheriff's office at 10:26 p.m. Friday that a vehicle travelling on three wheels had left Fisher County west bound on U.S. Highway 180 towards Snyder.

Officers were requested at 10:36 p.m. Friday on College Avenue in reference to juveniles throwing glass bottles towards

Long John Silver's. Officers assisted a woman at 11:30 p.m. in reference to her front screen blowing open. She could not close it because she was confined to a bed. Officers did secure the door for her.

A close patrol of the area around SJHS was requested at 12:25 a.m. Saturday in reference to several juveniles in the area.

A report of criminal mischief was reported at 3 a.m. Saturday as a woman came to the sheriff's office to report damage to her vehicle.

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Officers deny using stray animal for target practice

GALVESTON (AP) — Two Bayou Vista police officers have testified in their animal cruelty trial that they did not shoot and kill a stray dog but rather the canine ran away from them.

Patrolmen Greg Trantham and John Overstreet are accused of using the Lhasa apso for target practice after retrieving it to take it to an animal shelter last April.

While testifying Friday, both denied harming the dog.

"When it reached the edge of the city limits, I told Officer Overstreet, let the dog go home. It lives here," Trantham said he had told Overstreet after the dog escaped. Prosecutors say Trantham, 27, and Overstreet, 32, shot at parts of the animal before killing it and leaving its body on an isolated road where garbage is dumped.

Two witnesses have testified that they saw the bullet-ridden carcass of a small dog after Trantham and Overstreet laughingly told of killing the animal.

But defense lawyers have said

the prosecution's witnesses made up the story as part of a conspiracy against their clients.

Defense attorney Stacey Mooring has attempted to discredit those witnesses by portraying them as unreliable people who had an ax to grind with the Bayou Vista police.

If convicted, Trantham and Overstreet face up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

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Gov. Bush favors home-rule proposal

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said Friday that school districts should decide for themselves whether to have no-pass, no-play rules, but added that he feels the question of keeping extracurricular competition fair among districts is basically an "athletic issue."

Bush urged New Braunfels civic leaders to support his proposal to allow for "home-rule" districts, which he says would give educators and parents control over their schools through local charters so long as they meet state academic standards.

"You're free from unfunded mandates, you're free from rules. And I mean every rule, except for athletic rules. You can't have a failed halfback, the other guy not

have a failed halfback," Bush said. "No-pass, no-play, as far as I'm concerned, is an athletic issue."

Later, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor believes no-pass, no-play is a local academic issue. However, she said, the University Interscholastic League would have to decide how to arrange extracurricular competition among districts that may or may not have no-pass, no-play.

School superintendents make UIL rules, which govern academic, music and athletic competitions for public schools.

The Senate Education Committee has approved a rewrite of the Texas Education Code providing for the establishment of home-rule

districts.

But the districts would have to abide by some state requirements, including the no-pass, no-play rule banning extracurricular competition if a student has a failing grade.

The proposed new code also would permit a school district to reduce a student's suspension from extracurricular activities from six weeks to three weeks the first time a student fails a class.

The full Senate is expected to consider the measure next week.

Bush, speaking with reporters after his speech to the 29th annual Texas Legislative Conference, said some state legislators have told him freeing school districts from the no-pass, no-play requirement would give some districts an

unfair advantage in extracurricular competition.

"So I have said, 'Well, fine. It's an athletic issue. Great,'" the governor said, adding that he doesn't want an "uproar" over athletics rules to cloud his push for local school district control.

"I support the concept of no-pass, no-play," Bush said.

"I believe that if a school district were to determine that a six-week no-pass, no-play would not enable them to achieve state (academic) standards, then they ought to have the flexibility to change. This is nothing really new. But I concede that no-pass, no-play needs to be a part of the home-rule plan."

As he did during his campaign, Bush criticized regulations imposed by the Texas Education Agency, saying the state is too diverse for one set of rules.

Bush also reiterated his desires for juvenile justice reform, welfare reform and tort reform. The Republican governor also praised the legislative leadership of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, both Democrats.

Mexico's government issues 'Phase One' alert for smog

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Street work was suspended and motorists were urged to drive less on Friday as contaminants in the brownish smog regularly blanketing this capital outstripped its usual high levels.

The government declared a "phase one" emergency Thursday afternoon after the ozone level reached in some areas reached 289 on a 500-point scale.

The brown cloud that normally hangs over the valley containing Mexico City came to street level early Friday morning in a "thermic inversion," which lifted at 9 am.

Ozone pollution reached a maximum of 186 points on Friday with the measures in effect, but low winds prevented the pollution from quickly dissipating.

Ozone contamination approached the "very dangerous"

level Thursday, with capital dwellers complaining of stinging eyes and burning throats.

Anything above 300 is considered "very dangerous." Ozone levels over 100, which occur almost daily in the city of 18 million people, are considered "unsatisfactory."

Environmentalists in The Group of One Hundred released a statement criticizing the government for not implementing the emergency measures earlier Thursday.

Under the emergency declaration, the government closed 30 percent of the industries in the capital region, reduced government vehicle use, suspended asphalt work by street crews and asked people to leave their cars at home.

The emergency measures will

No new trial for Hollywood madam

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There will be no new trial for Heidi Fleiss despite jury misconduct, and the Hollywood Madam faces at least three years in prison.

"Without minimizing the seriousness of the misconduct here, I

find that there is no substantial likelihood that the misconduct prejudiced the defendant," Superior Court Judge Judith Champagne said Friday in denying Fleiss' request for a new trial.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: When my nephew was 2, not only was he talking in sentences, he was spouting every four-letter word in the book. His parents thought it was hilarious.

By 3, he had a reputation for destroying everything in his path — from his new toys to the family video camera. Once his mother actually watched him pull the wooden molding off a china cabinet at Grandma's, but she didn't say a word.

At 4, Grandma decided to give the child a gentle lecture on respecting other people's belongings. He responded by announcing to everyone, "I hate Grandma!" His mother howled.

By age 5, the kid mastered the act of demanding (and getting) a toy whenever anyone went to the store. He also made his mother get off the phone by screaming until she finally hung up.

Today, the child is 6, and his parents often retreat to Grandma's for a quiet evening of television, since it's impossible to enjoy such a luxury at home.

Abby, where do you think the blame lies?

HIS UNCLE

DEAR UNCLE: The blame clearly lies with his parents who, by their silence, not only condoned but encouraged such behavior. More to the point, who do you think will pay the price for such undisciplined behavior? Your nephew, that's who.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter (I'll call her Sally) is 30 years old. Her husband died two years ago and left her with two children, who are now 5 and 7.

Sally met a great guy whom we all love, and she wants to marry him. She wants a big wedding with all the trimmings because her first marriage was one of those quickie courthouse affairs that took about nine minutes.

Abby, my husband and I live from paycheck to paycheck. We just bought a home with a large mortgage; add that to the other bills we have, and we can't see our way clear to give Sally a fancy church wedding. She suggested that we use our

income tax refund, or get a loan to help her out.

We wish we could give her the kind of wedding she wants, but she's been away from home for 10 years. I am 55 and my husband is 59, and at our ages, we don't feel like going in the hole for a wedding. Kindly tell me what to do.

FEELING GUILTY

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: You and your husband would have to be out of your minds to use your income tax refund and/or get a loan to give your daughter the kind of wedding she wants. Tell Sally that you are in no position to finance her wedding, and don't feel guilty.

DEAR ABBY: I have read you for years but have never written to you before.

After 22 years of marriage, and tolerating 22 years of rattling snoring, I'm happy to report that my husband doesn't snore anymore. A week ago, he had a really bad cough, so my sister-in-law suggested he use a vaporizer to help him breathe. Well, it helped his breathing, but better yet — it stopped his snoring!

It worked for us, and I hope it will help others. The unit cost only \$15; just place it by the bed with the door closed.

JUANITA IN KEENE, TEXAS

DEAR JUANITA: Thank you for a helpful letter. But keep in mind that for some, snoring can be an indication of a serious medical problem — and should be reported to one's physician.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently read this quote by Dave Tyson Gentry: "True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable." I was reminded of this true story about Laurel and Hardy:

Toward the end of his life, Oliver Hardy suffered a stroke that left

him unable to speak.

When Hardy was able to have visitors, Stan Laurel went to Ollie's home, where he was met at the door by Ollie's devoted wife, Lucille. She showed Stan to the room where Ollie was sitting in a chair, and left the two comedians alone together.

About 10 minutes later, she noticed that she couldn't hear anything from that room. Wondering what was wrong, she looked in on them and saw a beautiful sight. Stan and Ollie were having a spirited conversation without uttering a word. Both men were masters at pantomime from their early years in silent films. This skill was never put to better use.

It also illustrates the deep brotherly love between the partners. Stan had determined that he would not underscore Ollie's inability to speak by talking to him. And Ollie, I'm certain, was grateful to Stan, who thus helped Ollie to maintain his dignity.

WALT MITCHELL, ORISKANY, N.Y.

DEAR WALT: What a poignant demonstration of "love" between these two old partners! Thank you for a heartwarming letter.

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to an extremely domineering man. He wants to control my life from morning until night. He listens when I'm on the phone (if I go to another room he'll come stand in the doorway or mute the TV so he can hear better). He picks up letters I'm writing and reads them. He questions my every move, and even pokes through my shopping bags.

I'm learning to deal with all those things, but he has one habit I cannot understand. He buys himself gifts and cards for holidays, and signs my name, as though I had sent them.

Last Christmas, he bought himself a gift and had his secretary wrap it. The card enclosed read, "To Sam, with all my love, (signed) Mary." He put it under our tree and refused to tell me what it was. He spent days shaking it under my nose, saying, "I wonder what you got me ... ha, ha!"

On Christmas morning, he made a big ceremony out of pretending to be surprised. When the family came

over, he made a point of announcing, "Look what my sweet Mary got me!"

On Valentine's Day, there was a large envelope on the table marked "To my Sweetie from Mary." (I had already given him a gift and Valentine card, and also prepared an extra-special dinner.)

He asked, "Isn't that a cute card you got me?" When I said, "I didn't buy it — you did," he laughed and said, "Oh, that's all right."

I asked, "What's all right?" He replied, "Well, I know you would have bought it for me if you'd seen it first, so I did it for you." Abby, this made my gift and card seem pointless.

What's wrong with him? Please ask a psychiatrist.

TROUBLED

DEAR TROUBLED: I fear that you have good reason to be "troubled." Your husband sounds delusional. My asking a psychiatrist will not help him. He needs to see one.

DEAR ABBY: Your letter from the couple in Long Branch, N.J., brought back many memories. (I smiled; no — I laughed out loud!)

My husband and I attended a marriage enrichment weekend, and it was wonderful. We went through airports holding hands, whispered sweet nothings in each other's ears, and found new joys we never knew existed. We can't thank you enough for introducing us to Marriage Encounter — that was almost 20 years ago, and we haven't lost the glow that comes from being in touch with the one you love.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last St. Valentine's Day. Thank you, Abby, for all the good you do.

TRACY AND DOUG VANDERGRIFT, ALBERT LEA, MINN.

DEAR TRACY AND DOUG: Congratulations on your 50th. May you enjoy many more years of wedded bliss in the best of health.

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UW chief's jury deliberating case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Jurors who sat through weeks of often complex testimony in the fraud trial of the former head of the United Way spent their first day of deliberations picking through piles of documents.

The jury requested more than 1,000 documents Friday — from accounting ledgers to a spicy letter about William Aramony's affair with a teen-ager — as it deliberated about seven hours before being sent home for the weekend.

Aramony, 67, is accused of swindling the United Way of America, the Alexandria-based national umbrella charity he headed for 22 years.

Prosecutors allege that Aramony and two former aides siphoned about \$600,000 from the charity and a spinoff company. They are charged with fraud, conspiracy and money laundering.

During the three-week trial, more than three dozen witnesses testified that Aramony looted his charity to maintain his womanizing and expensive tastes.

One former girlfriend, who was 17 when they met, testified that she was paid a monthly salary over two years by an Aramony associate, but performed only "an hour or so" of work.

In closing arguments Thursday, defense attorney William B. Moffitt said Aramony never intentionally looted money, and jurors shouldn't judge him for his womanizing.

Aramony and former aide Thomas J. Merlo could get about five years in prison if convicted. Another former aide, Stephen J. Paulachak, could get two years.

All face fines of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Flaws discovered in 'Windows 95'

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP) — A flaw in Microsoft Corp.'s long-awaited Windows 95 operating system can freeze up computers running several applications at once.

Microsoft has developed a software fix for the program that reduces the problem. But the fix will not be included in the first 450,000 copies of Windows 95 that the company has already begun to ship as part of a preview program. The fix will be shipped later.

"I fear that unless Microsoft goes back to the drawing board on this operating system, only light users will get anything out of it," said Nicholas Petreley, executive editor of InfoWorld magazine, which reported the flaw Friday.

The anticipated release of Windows 95 has been touted as one of the most significant events in the software industry.

New software products often harbor minor flaws. But Microsoft, the world's leading maker of

personal computer software, has delayed the debut of Windows 95 a few times, raising questions about whether there were more serious problems.

Yusuf Mehdi, a product manager for Microsoft's principal systems division in Redmond, Wash., emphasized Friday that even without the fix, Windows 95 can run the sophisticated applications that have caused the problem.

"You can run several, but you'll run out," he said. "It's a question of quantity."

Petreley said Microsoft provided the magazine with a copy of the fix. While it helps the initial problem, it can make Windows 95 less stable, he said.

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Scurry County Folks

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Enid and Lacy Turner share yesteryear memories, tales

Home is where the heart is and Enid Turner's heart is in the family farm where she was born. Located some 15 miles west of Snyder, Enid and her husband, Lacy, retired teacher and coach, have lived there since they moved back to this area during the latter part of the 1960s.

'Up With People' tour will feature former resident

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor
Jody Fitzgerald, former Snyder student and resident, is parlaying talent, determination, persever-



JODY FITZGERALD

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ance and a bit of luck into the opportunity of a lifetime.

The high school senior, who now lives in Truth or Consequences, N.M., is one of 700 persons chosen to tour with Up With People, otherwise known as "Goodwill Ambassadors."

The international organization will begin its world tour in July, traveling to some 90 cities in 12 months. The 700 were chosen from 12,000 applicants.

Fitzgerald and his dad, Ronnie Fitzgerald, visited family members in Snyder last week. His mother is the late Wanda Fitzgerald. Connie Way of Snyder is his step-mother.

The Up With People tour involves theatrics, singing and management skills. Headquartered in Boulder, Colo., the organization has worldwide branch offices.

The upcoming tour will be comprised of three different casts who will tour simultaneously. Fitzgerald does not know which cast he will be assigned to.

In July, he will report to Colorado for a two-to-three week rehearsal schedule. He will glean a (See FITZGERALD, Page 2B)

Bean Sears, owned in Snyder.

The only girl in a family of four children, Enid is the only sibling who truly loved the family farm — so much so that she and her husband and daughter eventually moved there. She does not farm the land, but after Lacy retired, they began a registered angus herd which they sold "around eight to ten years ago."

Enid's family moved to Snyder when she was two years old. She attended school there, graduating from high school in 1930. She recalled that the schools "had some sweet people teaching then." Snyder "was different then," she explained. "Classes were small and everyone knew each other."

Enid said her family moved to Snyder because her father, E.F. Sears, did not care for farm life. Instead, he sold Oldsmobiles and was the Gulf wholesale dealer. He liked to "trade cars" and Enid said she and her friends would drive the vehicles until "they ran out of gas." A favorite pastime included "racing the train," which passed through Snyder.

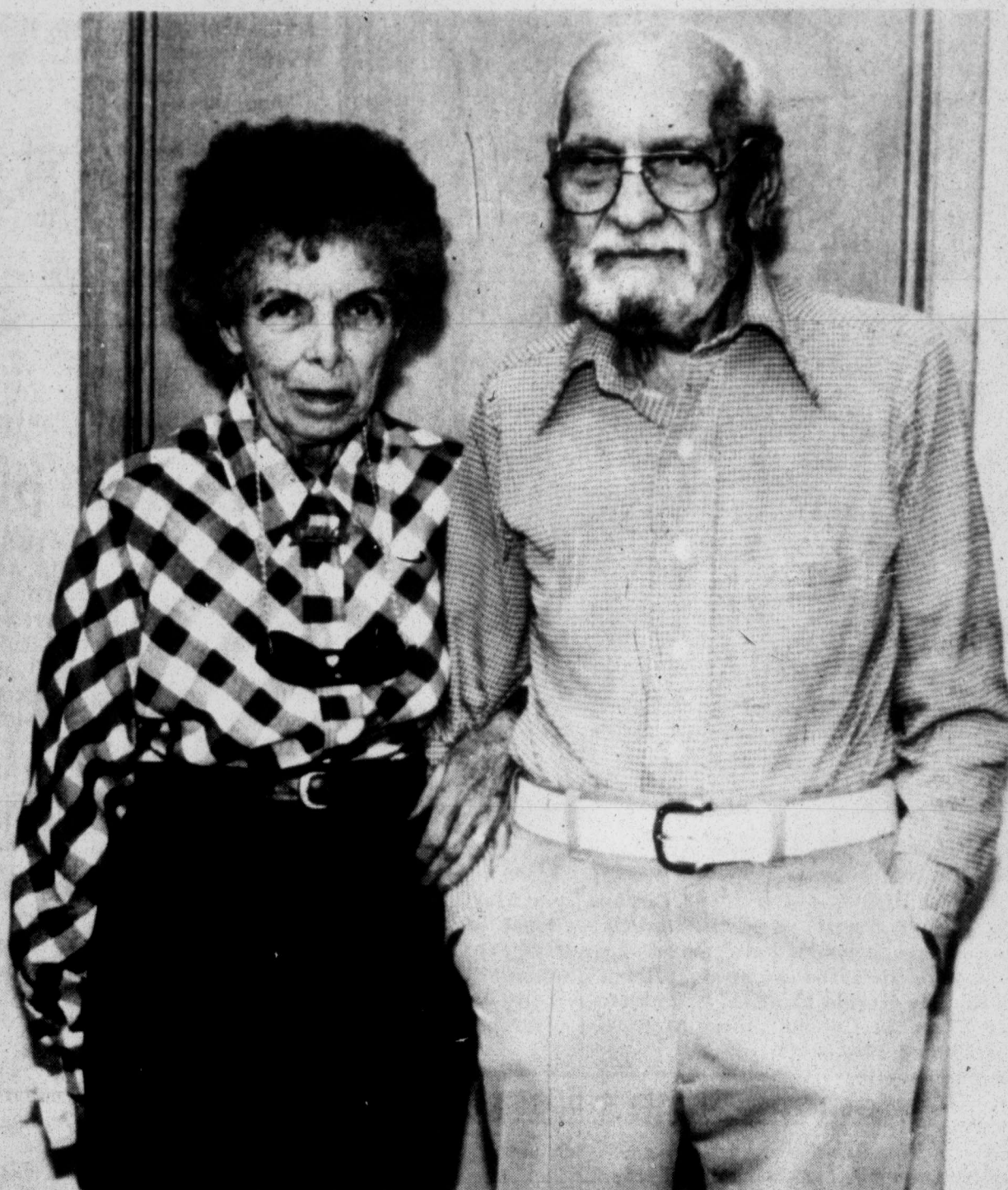
Sometimes she and her friends would "talk to a car load of boys." She said her mother also allowed them to hold dances in their home.

She later attended Texas Tech University where she studied journalism, English, Spanish, French and home economics.

To secure a college education for her daughter, Ella Sears traded some residential lots she owned in Lubbock for two years of room and board. Enid stayed at Loveall Hall.

Though she took classes, Enid did not earn a degree. Instead she "went to Tech to have fun," she said. She also met her husband there.

Married on Dec. 24, 1934, the couple celebrated their 60th wed-



LONGTIME RESIDENTS — Enid Turner and her husband, Lacy, continue to live on the family farm where Enid was born. He is a retired teacher and coach who worked in several towns

including Snyder, Fluvanna and Odessa before retiring. At one time, the couple also started a registered angus herd, but that was sold several years ago. (SDN Staff Photo)

ding anniversary last December. They married a short time after Lacy graduated and began his first teaching assignment.

Lacy, originally from Claude, earned a degree in English and a master of education degree at

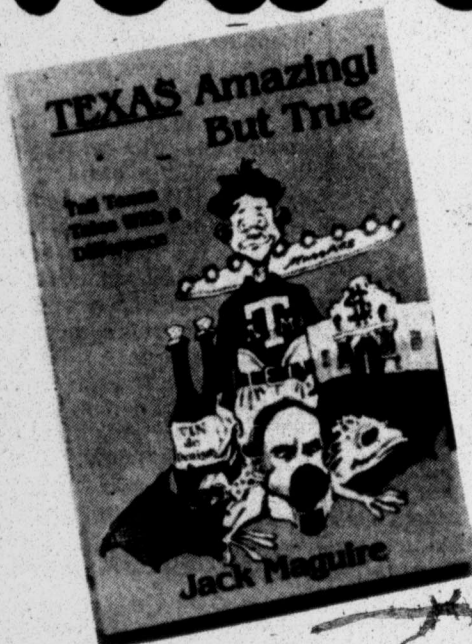
Tech. He also won the prestigious Standifer-Cannon athletic award while at Tech.

He landed his first teaching job in Wink in 1934, serving as the assistant football coach and teacher until 1941. The teams he coached

usually did well.

Since the A-team always scored a lot of points, Turner would let the B-team play. But when they also "scored a lot of points," the opposition took them to task for (See FOLKS On Page 2B)

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Some of the tales related in this volume are familiar to a great many Texans, some probably will be read for the first time by an equally large number, and some are old stories with a new twist. The book likely will become a favorite for Texans to send to out-of-state friends.

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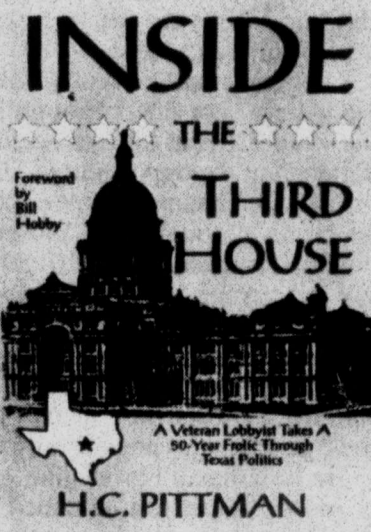
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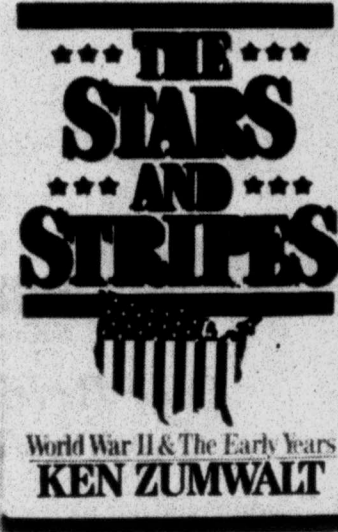
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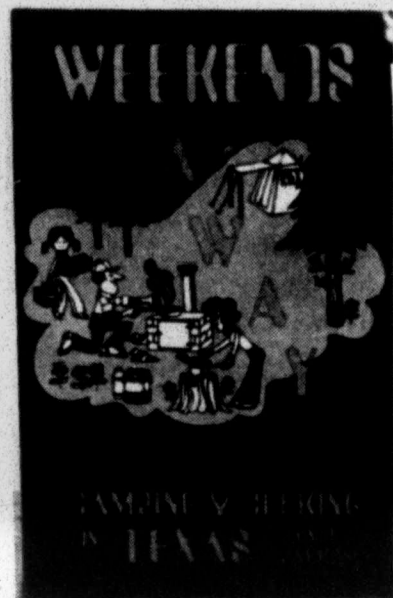
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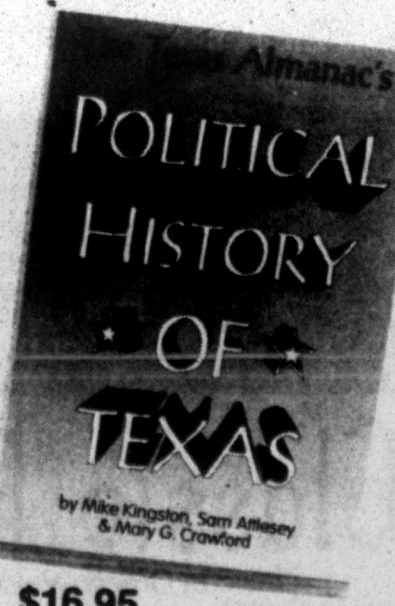


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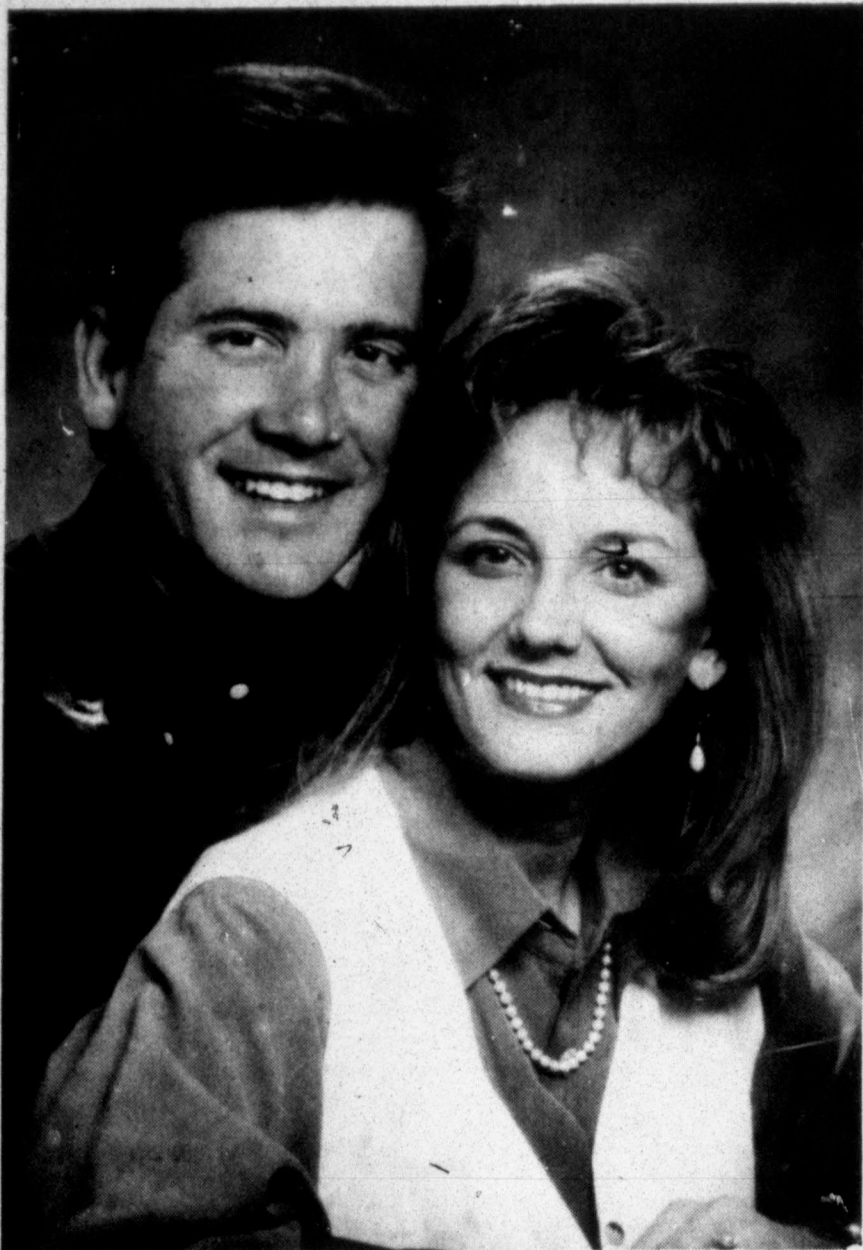
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APRIL WEDDING — Parents of Tamara Lynn Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Terry J. Martin of Snyder and Nancy Cook of Dallas, announce her engagement and approaching marriage to Gregory Allen Cannon. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Cannon of Richardson, and the late Harold Cannon. A 7 p.m. ceremony is planned for April 22 in the Cooper United Methodist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Citizen's Menu

MONDAY	Tomato Wedges Pineapple Pudding
Beef-Macaroni-Cheese Casserole	
Golden Hominy	
Mixed Greens	
Onion Slices	
Toasted Garlic Bread	
Apple Crisp	
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Baked Ham	Chicken Spoon Bread
Sweet Potato Patty	Giblet Gravy
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce	Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Fruit Cup	Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal Cookies	Fried Okra
WEDNESDAY	Tossed Salad
Steak Fingers	Tropical Apples
Cream Gravy	FRIDAY EVENING
Baked Potato	Roast Beef Au Jus
Italian Green Beans	Scalloped Potatoes
	Green Beans Almondine
	Waldorf Salad
	Potato Roll
	Pecan Pie



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FRIDAY

Nine Tables.

N-S

1. Sue Mize, Ena Carroll.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Mary Ann Key, Clara Tate.
4. Jane Hinton, Charley Blakey.

E-W

1. Sue Carter, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Polly Ballard, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Marjorie Brown, Verdi Kimbro.
4. Dora Blakey, Maribeth Vestal.

SUNDAY

Three tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.
2. Louise Thompson, Dot Casey.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Dora Blakey.

TUESDAY

Five tables.

1. Margaret Birdwell, LaVerne Hood.
2. TIE: Ann Davis, Mal Stevenson and Billisue Stuard, Dorothy Rosson.
3. TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Ruby McKinley and Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.

Fitzgerald picked for tour

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wealth of personal benefit from the tour, including receiving a year's worth of college credits.

The experience he will derive from Up With People will also further his goal to major in theatre in college. He will graduate from high school in May.

Fitzgerald applied for the tour before he left for a year's stay in Norway as a Rotary Youth Exchange Program participant. When he returned, he was interviewed in Santa Fe, N.M., and selected for the tour.

To participate in Up With People, Fitzgerald has to raise some \$12,000 in expenses. He is currently working two jobs in addition to attending school and planning fund-raisers. Up With People also offers scholarships which he can apply for. He is also hoping to find sponsors.

Should Fitzgerald not be able to raise the \$12,000 by this July, he can delay his participation in the tour since he is eligible through age 25.

Fitzgerald, who attended Snyder schools from the fifth through the 10th grades, is a former student of Jerry Worsham, high school drama instructor.

While at SHS, he performed in "Tom Sawyer," "Sound of Music" and the "Best Little Christmas Pageant."

Because of the year in Norway, he has not yet graduated from high school. As a Rotary foreign exchange student, he lived with four different families. His host fathers were vastly different and included a farmer, school administrator, office worker in Oslo and a retired newspaper reporter.

Some of the host families had children still living at home while others did not.

Fitzgerald said he really "liked the variety" provided through living with different families because it gave him the opportunity to live in different areas of the country. Each move brought him "closer to town." However, it was difficult to say goodbye each time he moved.

Fitzgerald enjoyed his year in Norway very much — so much so, that he did not want to leave. He said it's a "beautiful country" and the "people are wonderful."

He now has a Norwegian girlfriend and hopes to attend the University of Oslo after he graduates.

In Norway, the government pays for higher education for students. Americans are accepted but the admissions process is very strict. Americans are also required to have a year of college so the Up With People tour will be helpful in that regard, he said.

Fitzgerald has a high grade point average.

While in Norway, Fitzgerald snow skied for the first time. Since that country "invented skiing," he said people there start learning the sport very early in life.

He attended the winter olympics while there and met Johann Koss, the speed skater who won several gold medals.

Norway is also "environmentally conscious." To keep streets and bodies of water pristine and clear, Fitzgerald said they have adopted very strict rules.

He ate a variety of foods including fish and cheese and "enjoyed them all," except for a "rotten fish" specialty which he soon learned is an acquired taste. He also ate salted ribs and pig's head for the first time.

In Norway, Christmas lasts for two weeks and begins 12 days before the holiday.

He was amazed at the cost of living though, which is twice that of the U.S. Norwegians buy gasoline by the liter and a gallon costs \$24. Students must be 18 before they can receive a driver's license and the cost is \$2,000.

Norwegians observe their national holiday on May 17.

The Rotary Club also arranged a European tour for its foreign exchange students which included Sweden, Germany, Holland, England, France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

Fitzgerald decided to apply to the Rotary program after meeting a visitor from Belgium his junior year. He "took a chance and applied" and was "overjoyed when accepted."

Described as "independent" by his dad, Fitzgerald does not live with his parents. He leads a very active life which includes Rotary Club participation, National Honor Society membership, serving as an attorney for Truth or Consequences' mock trial and Teen Court. He also takes part in the Community Partnership program which sponsors projects "for the betterment of the community."

He is also a counselor to high-risk youth in the Mentor Program as well as a "rock hound," a mountain climber and he likes to explore Indian ruins.

Fitzgerald's present jobs include deli clerk at Furr's and welfare clerk for the Department of Human Services.

Valium is a trademark for a brand of tranquilizer and muscle relaxant. It also may be called diazepam.

Scurry County Folks

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"running up the score," Turner said.

Enid said their home in Wink was constructed of sheet metal and so small, "I had to keep my dresser in the bathroom."

They later moved to Brownwood where Lacy had to rebuild the football team which had not been winning many games. His efforts began to bear fruit, but his tenure was cut short when draft papers were served on the football field. He had registered for the draft while still living in Wink.

He probably would have been drafted sooner except a young girl who worked in the Selective Service office in Brownwood apparently decided to "pigeon hole" his papers because she did not want the improving team to lose its coach.

Once this was discovered, it was not long before Lacy was called up.

He reported to Camp Walters in Mineral Wells for basic training. He was eventually sent overseas but did not serve in actual combat. Instead, with his masters degree which the Army sorely needed then, Lacy was assigned to teach Army recruits at Mineral Wells.

He was then ordered to Louisiana and finally to Guam where he served for several months until being discharged in September of 1945. This was after Guam had been invaded. Lacy thought "Guam was beautiful" and would have liked for Enid to have joined him there.

During World War II, Enid at first worked the PBX board in Brownwood and later, moved to Mineral Wells after her husband was stationed there. When Lacy was sent overseas, she moved home to live with her mother on the family farm. They had no electricity for the dairy they operated so Enid "ran the separator by hand."

Mechanical work appealed to Enid, who said she discovered an affinity for it.

Since they were having a rather difficult time on the farm and because Lacy was not serving in combat, Enid's mother applied for and received special permission for him to be discharged early. He had served about three years.

After the war, Lacy went to work in Fluvanna as a teacher, coach and school bus driver. The school wanted to hire him as soon as he was discharged. Their daughter, whom Enid called "very independent," insisted on riding the school bus to Snyder.

In 1954, Lacy applied to the Odessa and Midland school districts. Both accepted him but he chose Odessa. He served as an assistant coach at Odessa, his last coaching position.

While Lacy was completing his contract in Odessa, Enid and their daughter moved to Snyder in the fall of 1966. He followed in early 1967.

Lacy accepted a position in Snyder, teaching at the junior high and then later at the high school, replacing Margaret Miller. He taught from 1967 to the mid 1970s when he retired.

The couple had their new home built on the farm and moved into it in 1968. While this home was under construction, the Turners lived in her mother's home in Snyder.

Lacy taught remedial English at Odessa and Snyder. He became a remedial teacher after volunteering one time to teach the students. He did so because the other teachers "were having a hard time teaching the students," he said.

In 1987, the Turners bought a home in Snyder where Lacy lived during the week, returning to the farm on weekends. He suffered a stroke in 1994 and later underwent angioplasty.

The couple's daughter, LaLae Turner Battista, lives in Houston with her husband and two children. She attended Rice University, Enid said.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 3-25-95			
♠ A J 6 3			
♥ J 8 5 4			
♦ A K			
♣ 10 8 7			
WEST	EAST		
♠ K Q 10 9	♠ 8 7 5 4		
♥ Q 10 6	♥ 9		
♦ 9 7 4	♦ 10 8 5 3 2		
♣ 9 5 2	♣ A K Q		
SOUTH			
♠ 2			
♥ A K 7 3 2			
♦ Q J 6			
♣ J 6 4 3			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

ly, allowing you to get home anyway. North opened one diamond because one club would have been strong, artificial and forcing.

A club lead would have defeated the contract, but West understandably selected the spade king.

After winning the first trick with dummy's spade ace, declarer made the farsighted — and vital — play of ruffing a spade in hand. Then he drew two rounds of trumps, getting the bad news. However, South didn't throw in the towel. Twice he crossed to dummy in diamonds and twice he ruffed a spade in his hand. After cashing the diamond queen, South claimed one more trick with dummy's remaining pair of trumps. His 10 tricks were the spade ace, the ace-king of hearts, three top diamonds, three spade ruffs in hand and a late trump trick in the dummy.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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Wonder likes country

NEW YORK/(AP) — Stevie Wonder, livin' for the country? It's not as far-fetched as some fans might think. Wonder told The New York Times Magazine that one of his favorite new singers is Garth Brooks.

"His singing reminds me of Glen Campbell," Wonder says in the March 26 issue. "Country music tells great stories. You know who wants to do a country (record)?"

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Terzich, Johnson marry in church



MANCHESTER, Conn. — Kimberleigh Ann Terzich of Manchester, Conn., and Richard Kirk Johnson of Windsor, Conn., were married in a double-ring ceremony at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the First Church of Christ in Simsbury, Conn.

Jimmy Allen of West Hartford officiated.

Parents of the bride are Milos and Lyane Terzich of Gardnerville, Nev., and Sylvia Terzich of South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Parents of the groom are Gerald and Beverly Johnson of Snyder.

Vows were pledged as the couple stood before a cluster of red poinsettias. Green wreaths with red bows graced the walls, and green bows marked the pews. A green fir Christmas tree, adorned with white ornaments, stood to one side.

The unity candle and two tapered candles, on a white draped table, accompanied an arrangement of white spider mums, carnations, snapdragons and baby's breath, designed by the bride's stepmother.

Guests were seated to classical selections by Jean Pao. "Beautiful in My Eyes" was sung by Shawdra Poharski and Jeff Chartrand. Mothers of the bride and groom, and the grandmother of the bride, Savita Terzich, were seated to "Watermark."

Mothers of the couple lighted candles.

Bridal attendants and the flower girl entered to music from "Dances With Wolves."

As the bride was escorted by her father to processional music, "Somewhere in Time," she was attired in a gown of romantic tradition of satin and lace with a Victorian neckline and basque waist. Long tapered sleeves were encrusted in pearl and aurora beading, set on a filagree of Alencon lace. The opulent skirting of porcelain satin cascaded to a cathedral length, fan train. An echo of jewels clasped the bridal veil. Her bouquet was an arrangement of white roses.

Maid of honor was Diane Johnson from Sunderland, Mass. Bridal attendants were Lawauna Darden of Reno, Nev., Jen Jeneral of South Hadley, Mass., and Sherry Johnson, sister of the groom from Austin. They wore identical teal-length dresses of hunter green, fashioned with Queen Anne necklines with lace adornment and dropped waists with knife-pleated skirts. Each wore pearl earrings, a gift from the bride, and carried bouquets of pink roses.

Flower girl Jennifer Thomas of Leominster, Mass., wore a teal-length white dress. Scallops on the hem of the over-skirt were held by miniature white rosebuds. The dress was a gift from the bride's father and stepmother. She carried a hunter green basket filled with rose petals that had been saved by the bride from flowers given to her by the groom.

Dennis Young of Shrewsbury, Mass., was best man. Groomsmen were Steve Greene of Amherst, Mass., Mike Hammonds of Concord, Mass., and Sam Terzich, brother of the bride from Lancaster, Calif.

The groom wore a black cutaway coat with coordinating trousers, white vest and black tie.

Wildflower project

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson is still trying to turn people on to the joys of nature. "I get sort of a psychic income from understanding my world," Mrs. Johnson, 82, said Monday during an interview at the National Wildflower Research Center, which she founded in 1982.

The center, a \$9.5 million project set in southwest Austin, will focus on education the public.

Fathers of the bride and groom, and the groomsmen, wore traditional black tuxedos with gray pailsey cummerbunds and black ties.

A reception was held in the West Hartford Town Hall. The wedding party table was covered with a white lace cloth, fastened with white bows. White floral arrangements, from the wedding, the wedding announcement, and the bride's and attendant's bouquets were placed on a small table. White draped individual tables held green place settings and centerpiece of mauve asters, pink ting ting, antherium and eucalyptus. Bouquets of balloons in purple, pink, green and white adorned the walls. Decorations were created by the bride's stepmother.

A buffet luncheon featured prime rib of beef and pork roast, prepared by the bride's father. Honey dijon chicken wings, various salads, rolls and an array of cookies and finger desserts completed the buffet. Trays of cheeses and various vegetables, crackers and dips were on individual tables. Wedding punch and coffee were served. The buffet was coordinated by Beth Bowen.

The three-tiered chocolate wedding cake with white icing, decorated with rosebuds and burgundy and green trim, was topped with two glass swans that were circled by green and white lace flowers.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Avon Old Farms Hotel in Avon, Conn.

The bride is a graduate of Geroge Whittell High School in Zephyr Cove, Nev., and the University of Massachusetts with a degree in psychology. She is employed by Options Unlimited in Hartford, Conn.

The groom graduated from Snyder High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in architecture. He is employed by Du Bose Associates Inc. in Hartford. After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple are at home in West Hartford.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD KIRK JOHNSON
(Contributed Photo)

JUNE WEDDING SET — Parents of Holly Renee Jones and Anthony Glen Steelman announce their engagement and wedding plans set for 7 p.m., June 10 at First Baptist Church. The bride-elects parents are Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder and the prospective groom's parents are Grady and Laura Steelman of Daingerfield. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY	Milk	TUESDAY
Fruit	Goulash	Buttered Corn
Toast & Jelly	Tomato Wedges	Hot Rolls
Milk	Chilled Pears	Milk
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Juice	Pepper Steak	Cinnamon Coffee Cake
Buttered Oatmeal	Steamed Rice	Milk
Toast	Mixed Vegetables	FRIDAY
Milk	Hot Rolls	Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Fruit Jello	Breakfast Pizza
Fruit	Milk	Milk
Dry Cereal	THURSDAY	LUNCH MONDAY
Toast	Beef & Cheese Nachos	German Sausage
Milk	Refried Beans	Au Gratin Potatoes
THURSDAY	Shredded Lettuce	Pea Salad
Juice	Tortilla Chips	Hot Rolls
Cinnamon Coffee Cake	Chocolate Pudding	Peanut Butter Bars
Milk	Milk	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	Fried Fish	French Fries
Fruit	Cole Slaw	Corn Bread
Breakfast Pizza	Orange Cake	Milk
Milk		

Menswear focuses on the casual side

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of menswear is so relaxed it adds up to a full week of Casual Fridays, forecasts the National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers in its annual survey.

But underline casual, definitely not scruffy. The trade organization's executive director, Jack Herschlag, notes that some men turned up at work in beat-up clothes at the beginning of the Casual Friday movement. After a while, they decided they didn't like to see themselves that way — especially if they had after-work social plans — and began to opt for more fashionable casual clothes.

Not surprisingly, the sportcoat, which can be dressed up or down, is the linchpin of the current trend.

Another trend turned up by the survey is the return of the three-button, single-breasted suit, which Herschlag calls "the suit of the '90s." Besides adding the extra button, these suits feature a narrower "gorge" — the exposed area between lapels — to create a slimmer silhouette.

Also look for retro, off-beat

selections, like wide-collar sportshirts, boxy zipper jackets and shirt-jackets. And a major accessory is the skinny belt, sometimes long enough to be knotted.

Mrs. Black presents Stargazers program

Recycling can be fun according to Frances Black, member of the Stargazers, who led the group in making crafts from various items that would possibly be discarded. She concluded the program with a "show and tell" session.

Mildred Rogers was hostess to members Black, Pauline Broyles, Joy Early, Ruby Gregory, Mary Ann Juarez, Sheila McCormack, Dale Neves, Evelyn Shifflett, Verline White and Pauline Withers.

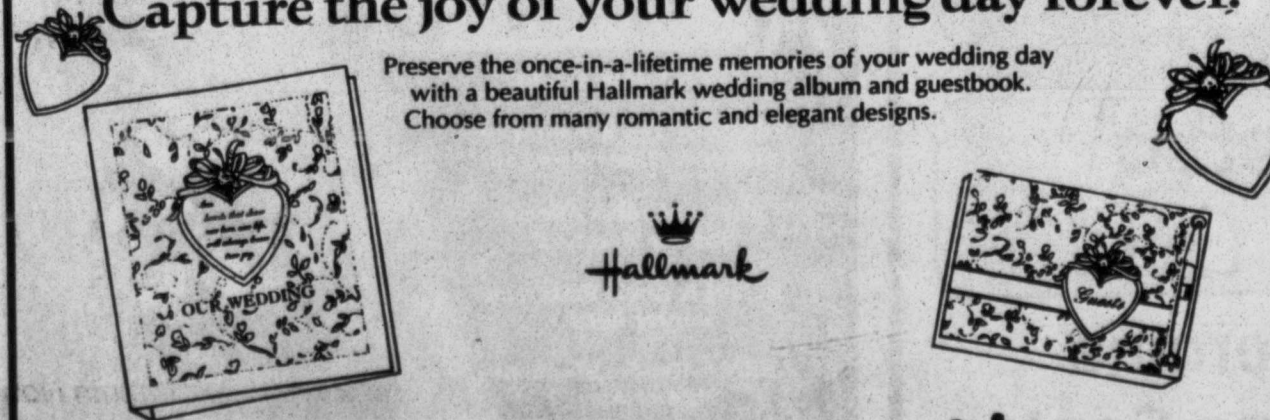
The group voted to contribute to the Coins for Friendship project.

McCormack won the hostess gift, followed by refreshments. The next meeting will be on April 17.

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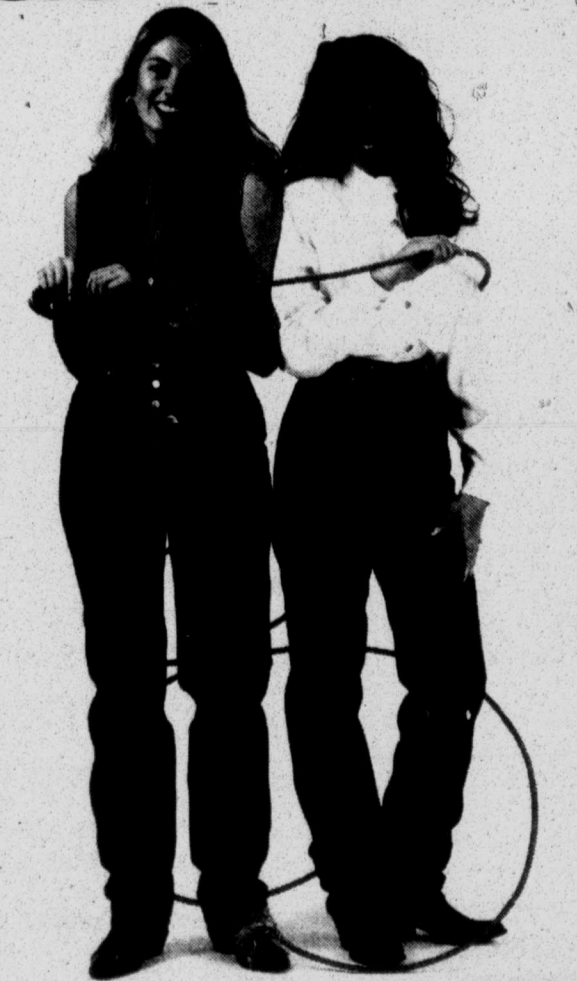
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"The Garden Editor"

By Dr. Ted Brice

Caladiums, grown for their colorful foliage, are members of the aroid family and originated in tropical America from Panama Brazil. Although the genus Caladium contains about a dozen species, only two, C.bicolor and C. picturatum have been used in the development of modern cultivars. The first caladium hybrids were produced in France during the 1860s and exhibition of these initiated their appeal to gardeners worldwide, especially at the 1893 Chicago's World Fair. Caladium breeding in Florida started in the early 1900s by Dr. Henry Nehrling of Orlando, was continued by Frank Joyner of Tampa, and was undertaken by the University of Florida in 1976. Early field production of tubers in Florida began in the muck soils near Apopka, but, after several years of early freezes, production moved to Lake Placid in the late 1930s. Several small growers developed new caladium farms during the 1950s with total acreage of about 150 acres, but production expanded in the 1960s in Highlands County and today there are over 1,200 acres grown in the Lake Placid-Sebring area, making it the caladium capital of the world. Caladiums today have a worldwide demand, for use in the landscapes as well as for forcing in containers. Since caladiums are tropical plants, the tubers should be stored at temperatures above seventy degrees, with seventy to eighty percent relative humidity, and with good air circulation. The tubers should be planted in a well drained medium with a high organic content for moisture retention and a pH of 5.5 to 6.5. Between one and one-half to two inches of medium should cover the tubers, since new roots develop on the upper surface around the sprouts.

A liquid fertilizer program of 400-500 ppm N-P-K solution once a week after sprouting or incorporation of a slow release fertilizer at one pound per yard at planting will provide adequate nutrition. Most cultivators produce optimum growth and color at 2,500 to 5,000 foot candles of light. Lower intensities will cause undesirable petiole stretching, large thin

leaves, and poor color. Some cultivators tolerate full sun conditions as long as they are kept moist.

It is important that caladiums be grown at a minimum of sixty-degree nights. Day temperatures of eighty to ninety degrees are ideal. Maintain good medium moisture with higher temperatures. Caladiums generally are not attacked by insects. Occasionally mealy bug, aphids, and mites are found on tubers and aphids can be a problem on foliage in greenhouses. Application of various appropriate insecticides such as malathion and sevin on demand will control these effectively.

Large tubers planted upright in the landscape should be spaced ten to twelve inches apart, for the fancy cultivars as well as the lance cultivars six to eight inches apart. Cover the tubers with two inches of soil, water initially, and keep soil moist but not water logged.

I hope this will help you grow and enjoy your caladiums better.

With coming of summer...

Tips for air conditioner care

If this summer is anything like last, the most important appliance in your home just may be your central air conditioner.

If that's the case, here are some tips from the Trane Home Comfort Institute that will help your central air conditioner.

•Have the unit cleaned and checked regularly by a qualified service representative. The best time to have your system checked is in the spring before the cooling season starts. Many dealers offer a service contract that provides routine maintenance and, if required, repairs.

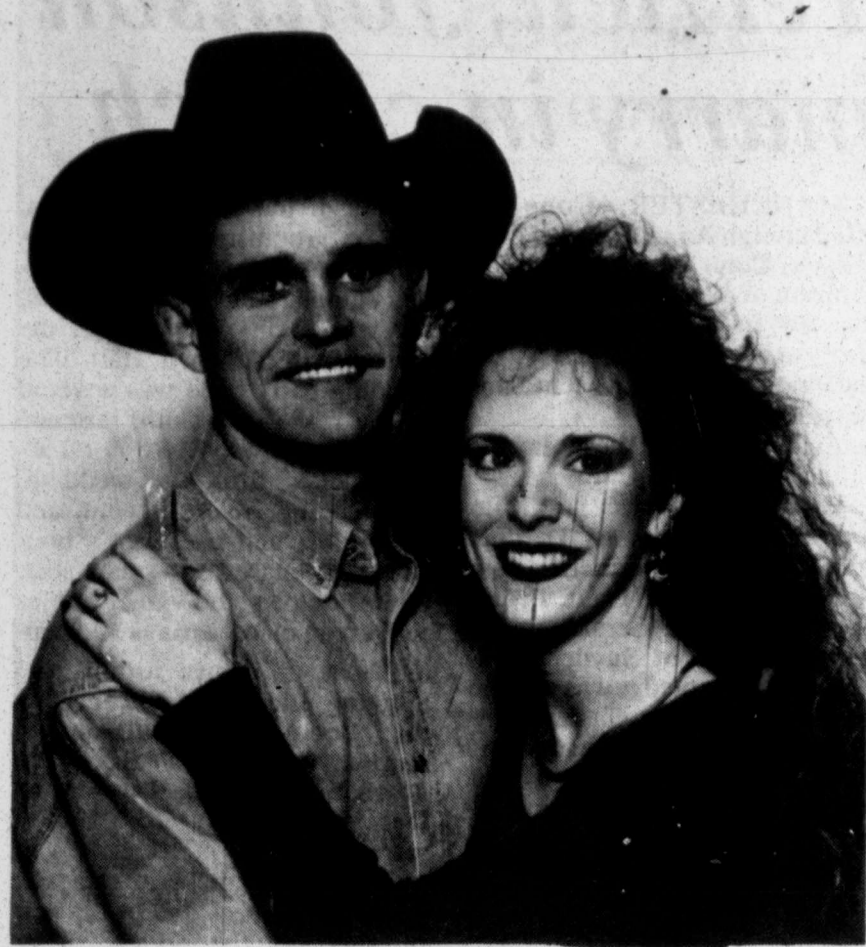
•Clean or replace the filter at least once a month. Most residential systems have disposable filters. These should be checked every month and replaced when necessary with the same size filter as originally supplied. Permanent filters should be cleaned according to the manufacturer's instructions.

•Trim shrubbery and limbs back. Landscaping that hides an air conditioner or heat pump may look pleasing but reduces efficiency by reducing air circulation. Shrubs could cause damage if leaves or twigs are sucked into the outdoor unit.

•Close curtains or blinds during the hottest part of the day. This will keep your house cooler and prevent your air conditioner from having to work harder.

•Run heat-producing appliances such as clothes dryer, and do as much cooking as possible in the early morning hours. This is better than at night because, in the evening, the air conditioner is working hard to bring down the temperature from the daytime heat.

If your dryer vent is close to the air conditioning system's outdoor unit, consider other places to vent the dryer. Hot vapor from the dryer can place an extra load on



BARBEE, BELL TO WED — At 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, the marriage ceremony of Charles (Chuck) Barbee and Kelli Bell of Stephenville will be held at the Indian Creek Baptist Church in Mineral Wells. Parents of the couple are Bob and Carolyn Barbee of Ira and Eddie and Shirley Bell of Mineral Wells. (Contributed Photo)

the outdoor unit. For additional tips on how to get the most out of your central air conditioning system, the Trane Home Comfort Institute recommends you contact your local utility or authorized air conditioning dealer.

Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library has planned a book sale March 29 through April 1 which is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Included will be hard-back novels, paperbacks, children's books, National Geographic magazines and non-fiction material, all reasonably priced.

BOOK FEATURE
"Reengineering Management," by James Champy.
Too often, reengineering stops at the upper echelons of corporations. Managerial levels remain unchanged or resistant to the reengineering process. Author Jim Champy brings management fully into the reengineering revolution. He provides the guidelines that managers need to lead, organize, inspire, deploy, measure and reward the new work reengineering creates. Changing their operational processes can lead to success.

NEW NON-FICTION
"Doctor, What Should I Eat?" by Isadore Rosenfeld.
"Dreams That Can Change Your Life," by Alan B. Siegel.
"A Woman's Skin," by David M. Stoll.
NEW FICTION
"Frontier Lady," by Judith Pella.
"Too Long a Stranger," by Janette Oke.
"A Vow of Obedience," by Veronica Black.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS
"The Pinata Maker," by George Ancona.
"Lives of Writers," by Kathleen Krull.

"The Best School Year Ever," by Barbara Robinson
"Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns," by Mary Quattelbaum.
"The Big Bug Book," by Margery Facklam.
"Shadowmaker," by Joan Lowery Nixon.
"More Short & Shivery," by Robert San Souci.
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Milk	LUNCH MONDAY	Potato Rounds
Corn Dog	Assorted Cereal w/Toast	Carrot Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese	Fresh Oranges	Apple Slices
	Milk	TUESDAY
	TUESDAY	Chicken Noodle Soup w/Tossed Salad
	Cinnamon Rolls	Vegetable Beef Soup
	Assorted Cereal w/Toast	Grilled Cheese Sandwich
	Orange Juice	Fresh Apples
	Milk	Cake
	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	Breakfast Taco	Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
	Assorted Cereal w/Toast	Meatloaf
	Grape Juice	Buttered Corn
	Milk	Baked Potato
	THURSDAY	Wheat Roll
	Pancakes w/Syrup	THURSDAY
	Assorted Cereal w/Toast	Sloppy Joes
	Apple Juice	Chef Salad w/Crackers
	Milk	Applesauce
	FRIDAY	Baked Beans
	Donut	Brownie
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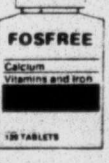
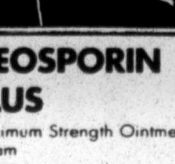
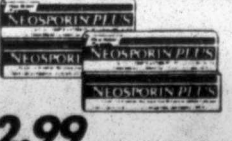
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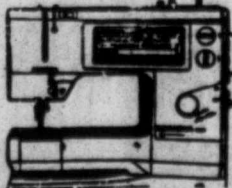
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Gary R. Oliver, 1994 Ford from Wilson Motors.

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Kristi D. Flanagan and Jean Burroughs, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Neal and Toni R. Canon, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Fernando Ramirez, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Eddie Eicke, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Monte Sims, 1995 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Mike Billingsley, 1995 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Doris Spikes, 1995 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Roy and Susan Rosson, 1995 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Automotive Rentals Inc., 1995 Pontiac from Sewell Village Pontiac.

Bubba Dennis, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Joe and Barbara Granato, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License
Ronald Douglas White of Ira and Raye Renee Payne of Snyder.

Randal Lee Spivey and Claire Jeanette Brown, both of Justiceburg.

Esteban Luis Leuvano and Elizabeth Gonzalez, both of Snyder.

Robert Rodriguez Romero Jr. and April Claudette Blair, both of Hermleigh.

Norman Eugene Terry and Dana Carol Bogs, both of Snyder.

Filled in District Court
Murphy and Associates vs. Embur Oil Co. Inc., writ of garnishment.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Sandra McGrew, suit on account.

Action in District Court
In the marriage of Maria Benita Rios and Robert Villa Rios, divorce granted.

Deed Records
Francisco Fierro to Maria Fierro Martinez, all of Lot 11 in Block 14 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

* Federal National Mortgage Association to Joe W. and Muriel J. Vincent, all of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 4 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Norma S. Thompson to Ramona Thompson Littlefield, all of the south 12 feet of Lot 8 and the north six feet of Lot 7 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Ramona Thompson Littlefield to Norma S. Thompson, Jeannine Thompson Merrifield and Lisa June Thompson, all of the north 18 feet of Lot 8 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Robert Villa Rios to Gilbert Robert Rios, a 0.241-acre tract in Block 93 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Wayne Eubank, individually and as independent executor and trustee under the will of Faye Eubank, to Dionicio and Maria Luisa Espinoza, a 0.47-acre tract in Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Esmeralda Bernal Quiros Monreal, all of Lot 6 in Block 8 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Arthur F. and Helen E. Feinrod to Matthew Laird, all of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Boothland Addition.

Matthew and Peggy Laird to Faye Burns, all of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Boothland Addition.

Norma S. Thompson and Jeannine Thompson Merrifield to Delectable Designs Inc., tract one being all of the north 18 feet of Lot 8 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract two being all of Lots 9 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Donald Lynn McCowen, custodian for Mecca Lynn McCowen, to Mecca Lynn McCowen, 80 acres in the west one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 75, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Curtis M. Rogers, Trustee of the Rogers Living Trust, to Rachael McDonald, tract one being 47.1 acres in the north one-half of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 46 acres in the northeast part of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

R.C. and Amy Patton to Wayland Walton, tract one being a 0.0275-acre tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being all of Lot 6 in Block 49 of the Wilmet Addition.

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Former ethics panel lawyer...

Gingrich did not mislead committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking the offensive to deny that he misled the House ethics committee, Speaker Newt Gingrich released a letter that contends he told the panel about his political committee's links to his college course.

The letter, released Thursday by Gingrich's office, was written by former ethics committee attorney David McCarthy last Dec. 1. This was 18 months after McCarthy said that Gingrich orally provided the information.

The speaker's lawyer for ethics matters, Jan Baran, contended the letter refuted an Associated Press story of March 13. That article pointed out that when the Republican leader wrote the committee in 1993, seeking approval to teach, he never mentioned the course's links to the GOPAC political organization.

McCarthy said in the letter that he advised Gingrich, R-Ga., it was not necessary to mention GOPAC's role in his written request for committee approval of the course. Gingrich relied on that ad-

vice, spokesman Tony Blankley said.

The director of GOPAC, Jeffrey Eisenach, headed the tax-deductible fund-raising effort for Gingrich's course — a role that continued after he left the organization in mid-1993.

Some GOPAC materials described the course's purpose as the recruitment of thousands of activists to end the welfare state. An ethics complaint contended that such documents showed that Gingrich was not engaged in a legitimate teaching activity, authorized under House rules, but instead a partisan campaign.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the ethics committee's formal name, is holding closed meetings, discussing how to handle the complaint by former Rep. Ben Jones, a Democrat defeated by Gingrich in last November's election.

The committee approved Gingrich's teaching the recently completed course in August 1993. The narrowly crafted approval letter was signed by then-Chairman Jim

McDermott, D-Wash., and ranking minority member Fred Grandy, R-Iowa.

In October 1994, a month after the complaint about the course was filed, McDermott and Grandy wrote Gingrich asking why they were not informed about GOPAC's role before the course was approved more than a year earlier.

The letter cited numerous GOPAC documents showing the organization's links to the course and asked detailed questions about the group's involvement — information that McCarthy said Gingrich had provided orally in June 1993.

McDermott, in an interview Thursday, said that McCarthy never told him about the discussions with Gingrich.

If he had known about GOPAC's role, McDermott said, "I would have done a lot more thinking" about approving the course in August 1993, and "would never have written" the October 1994 letter questioning GOPAC's role.

"If you get permission to go to

Seattle, and you rob a bank, it doesn't mean you got permission to rob a bank," McDermott said.

McCarthy, the former committee lawyer, provided details of his conversations with Gingrich in a letter to a committee member, Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio.

McCarthy said Hobson had asked him for the details after news stories appeared about the October 1994 committee letter questioning GOPAC's role.

In the letter, McCarthy told Hobson that in June 1993, Gingrich expressed concern about Eisenach's roles as chief fundraiser for the course and head of GOPAC.

McCarthy wrote that Gingrich explained GOPAC's role and was concerned the connection "could open him to criticism that the motivation for the course was political."

House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan, Gingrich's most persistent critic on ethics matters, said the speaker was "looking for loopholes and trying to hide behind the staff."

Awards statuettes abound in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ah, March, when Hollywood's fancy turns to thoughts of self-love.

The month that opens with the Grammys and closes with Monday night's Oscars has become an awards orgy, with no sub-group too humble to shower itself with statuettes, trophies, plaques and obelisks.

The screenwriters, directors and producers each had their glitzy galas this month. So did the film editors — not to be confused with the cinema editors, who also had awards.

Also honored this month: youth in film, lifetime achievement in film, independent film, Western film and film promotion. There was even a ceremony for entertainment figures who helped advance animal issues.

Does anyone actually care about the more than 60 awards shows throughout the year? And does anyone actually win besides Tom Hanks?

"I think the strain is showing now. People just aren't that interested," said Mark Crispin Miller, author of the book "Seeing through Movies." "There's a certain hollowiness to the whole process."

Even insiders acknowledge the field is getting overcrowded.

"The shows themselves begin to cheapen each other," said Hal Kanter, who has written for 26 Academy Awards shows.

The Academy folks turn up their noses at the likes of the Soap Opera Digest Awards, Premiere's Readers Poll Awards, Digital Hollywood Awards and Television Movie Awards, not to mention the People's Choice Awards or the Saturn Awards honoring science fiction films.

Miller, a professor of media studies at Johns Hopkins University, said declining public interest has spurred an awards boom that accelerated in the last 10 to 15 years.

"As people become more blasé, it becomes more and more imperative to try to capture attention with some new fuss or another," he said. "Anything to stoke the waning mass interest, to even vaguely (stir) interest for 10 seconds. Anything to rev up the marketing machine. It's very depressing."

Kanter attributes the proliferation to a lack of imagination by industry executives seeking to boost

movie revenues. But he also thinks the boom reflects a genuine public appetite that is borne out by the ultimate arbiter, television viewership.

Ken Ehrlich, the producer of 14 Grammy shows, agrees.

"(Stars) do something most of us can't, and the recognition they get seems to touch something for the people who are watching," said Ehrlich, who in June will produce the first Blockbuster Entertainment Awards honoring film, home video and music.

"People really do like these shows," he said.

The producer of the Academy Awards show, Gilbert Cates, said television ratings will decide which shows survive.

His Oscars have delivered healthy ratings recently, after withering in the mid-1980s. Last year the Oscars show was watched in 29.3 million households, the second-best showing ever.

But television ratings compiled by the A.C. Nielsen Co. show a steep slide for both the Grammys

and the Emmys.

While 17.4 million households tuned into the Grammys in 1986, the figure slumped to 11.3 million this year. The Emmys' audience plunged from 20.2 million homes in 1986 to 13.9 million last year. Viewership nose-dived when the program switched from NBC to newcomer Fox in 1987.

Kanter, the Academy Awards writer, feels that the TV audience isn't going anywhere.

"Anything connected with Hollywood," he said, "people tune in to sneer or to jeer."

MCI and PBS plan venture

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Public Broadcasting Service may be coming to a computer screen near you under a joint venture with MCI Communications.

PBS and MCI Communications on Thursday announced their plan to make PBS programming and related products available on CD-ROM, through the Internet and through on-line computer services, including the new PBS On-line that begins this year.

MCI, which will provide the delivery system, has committed at least \$15 million to the venture over the first five years, said MCI Chairman Bert C. Roberts Jr.

Access to some new services may be free, while in other cases a fee will be charged. The services are expected to help market a wide range of products related to PBS shows and provide additional information to viewers.

The joint venture also will develop new programming for PBS

stations.

"We expect to share revenues from this," said PBS President Ervin S. Duggan said. "In a venture that has not been fully worked out, we cannot tell you what the formula will be."

The new venture won't generate operating funds for public TV stations and won't make up for reductions in federal funding being considered by Congress, Duggan said.

"We don't see this in any way replacing our commitment to free, nonprofit, accessible broadcasting," he said.

MCI and PBS expect to begin announcing the first of the new services in June, and details are still being worked out.

But they gave examples of things they expect to offer by computer: supplementary information, such as the bibliography from a documentary or recipes from a cooking show; interactive games

and lessons for children, using public TV characters; the sale of products related to PBS shows, from mugs to CD-ROMs; and teaching aids, such as instructions for duplicating a science experiment as seen on TV.

Eventually, as technology improves, viewers should be able to order the latest episode of a PBS show to view on their computers whenever they want, the companies said.

Because PBS doesn't own the licensing rights to many of its existing shows, such as "Sesame Street," it's unclear which will be incorporated into the new services.

But Duggan said PBS hopes to persuade producers and TV personalities from current public TV shows to join the effort. PBS will obtain rights to incorporate its new shows into the services, Duggan said.

Unusual investment club publishes book

BEARDSTOWN, Ill. (AP) — If you want to find a stock-market whiz and best-selling financial author, you visit Wall Street, of course. And on Beardstown's Wall Street, tucked between a trailer and a gravel parking lot, sits the Countryside Florist and Gift Shop.

The shop's plump, fiftyish owner, Margaret Houchins, belongs to a unique investment club of grandmothers, businesswomen and retirees. She's one of 15 "Beardstown Ladies" whose financial track record beats that of most experts on the other Wall Street.

The group is also on the best-seller list. "The Beardstown Ladies' Common-Sense Investment Guide: How We Beat the Stock Market — and How You Can, Too," has sold more than 200,000 copies since it came out about two months ago.

"I think it gives them (readers) the feeling that 'If they can do it, I can do it,'" said Houchins, a member of the club for four years.

Formally known as the Beards-

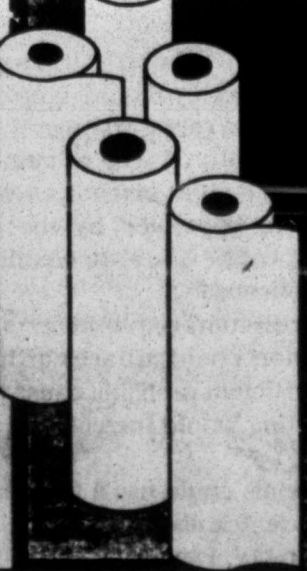
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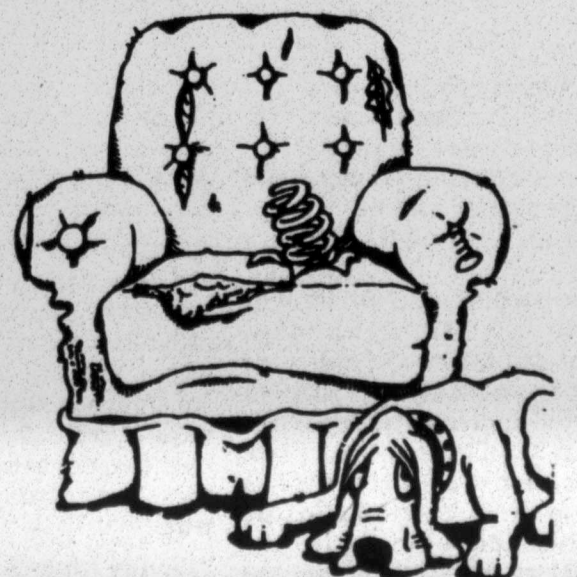
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Brings a whole new meaning to the term 'flat broke'

By Bill McClellan

Let me first say that any business is good business, and I'm not complaining. Let's get that straight, right off the top.

OK. Now let me ask you. Is this for real? Do we have businesses now that actually rent tires?

This is a put-on, isn't it? A joke? Is this how far we've come? I know we're all taxed to the max, but have we reached the point where we can no longer afford to go down and buy a tire? We've got to "rent-to-own" these things now?

Have things gotten this far out of hand?

Mercy me.

Back before the 60s, most families — when there were such things as families — had one parent who worked and one who stayed home with the kids. These families could and did prosper.

And then something happened. Suddenly, it took two jobs to afford a house, a couple of cars. Moms went to work — some because they wanted to, but many because they had no choice.

And families still prospered, though somewhat dysfunctionally. Television became the new role model, the new parent.

So has the escalating price of groceries and automobiles forced us to this, or do we just have so much more than our parents did — a television for

each kid, two VCRs, a recreational vehicle, Nintendo, HBO, disk players, central heat and air conditioning — that we can't afford them?

And now, we're to the point where we're renting tires. Pay by the week.

What's next?

We've always been able to buy a car, a clunker maybe, but a car. But we rented a limousine, maybe, for a special occasion. And we've always been able to purchase a nice suit or dress. But we usually rented formal wear.

Now we're renting tires. How long will it be until we're forced to rent shoes?

And that brings up another question. Everyone knows that industry builds products to last only a

specified length of time. This is common knowledge.

You buy a car with a 60-month pay-out and five years and one day later the muffler is going to fall off. Within a week, the dash will crack, the water pump will seize up and the wheel bearings will go out.

That's not coincidence. We all know that.

So I ask you, how long is the life of something that you rent to own? Logically, it would be the payout date — the date when you are no longer renting any more, but now YOU OWN THAT SUCKER. Pow! A flat tire.

Renting tires puts a whole new meaning to the term "flat broke."

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be received at the news office no later than noon Friday.



Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

My daughter, Jessica, and I shared a real mother-daughter bonding one day during spring break. We went to Lubbock and did some shopping — but that wasn't it. (Ha, ha. Fooled you, didn't I?)

No, I'm not talking about shopping. I'm talking about shooting. We went to a gun range I know of in Lubbock where you can rent handguns by the hour (for target shooting only, and only on the premises), and rented a semi-automatic nine-millimeter Glock 19, a couple of targets, some ammo, and spent a happy hour trying to hit the bull's-eye.

I learned of the place while researching this book I'm writing about a paramilitary group of survivalists. If you are going to write about true gun nuts, it is essential that you know your guns. I'd been taught to shoot by a cop some years ago, but had fired only revolvers: a standard Smith and Wesson 38, a .357 magnum and a .44. My main character is very petite, and I wanted her to be able to carry a gun all day that wouldn't be too heavy and would be easy to hide. My research turned up the Glock 19, which is constructed of a

type of plastic called polymer. But I needed to learn to handle one and to test-fire it before I could accurately describe it in a book.

Some best-selling authors I know actually buy the type of gun they are going to use in a book and become proficient with it. I'd like to do that, but I won't for two good reasons. One, I will not keep a handgun in my home as long as I've got kids around, period, end of discussion. I don't care how many laws Governor Bush signs. Chief Lee of the Snyder PD is absolutely right when he fears more accidents — primarily by children — if people have more handguns readily accessible. (Yes, I know there are safes, etc. Forget about it.) And two, if you knew just how expensive the Austrian-made Glock was, you'd grab your chest and fall over in a swoon.

Anyway, I fell in love with the little Glock, hit the bull's-eye a time or two, then showed my daughter (who is in the ninth grade, by the way, and taller than me), the safe way to handle the weapon and gave her several turns. She was scared, but she was game, and the little bugger hit the first circle off the bull's eye her

first three tries.

What can I say? It was a cool way to spend an afternoon with my daughter. (Next, we plan to take a women's self-defense class together.)

That two-hour drive home from Lubbock at night is long and lonesome. Jessica crashed in the back seat and I listened to my new tape and thought about my mother. I think about her all the time, especially when I go off on some adventure or other. When I was growing up, there were so many things she longed to do but was prevented because of the tight constraints society placed on women, or because Daddy would never have permitted it. (Back then, a wife's husband WAS her daddy, for all practical purposes.)

I remember, when I was just about a year younger than Jessica, Mother got a job as a dispatcher at the local police department. She loved the job. It was the most exciting thing she'd ever done in her whole life, and I believe she'd have made a career out of it, but after about six months on the job, Daddy badgered her into quitting. He believed a woman should be at home with her kids — even if they

were already in school.

With nothing better to do all day, she used to get the house perfectly clean — it took about an hour — then lie around on the couch watching soap operas and getting migraines. In fact, all of the housewives I knew back then whose kids were on up in school got migraines, and ulcers, and "female problems."

Strange, what unhappiness can do to the human body.

I've spent my whole adult life fighting to live the way my mother only dreamed of living — on my own terms, in my own way. It hasn't been easy, but then I don't think Mother's life was all that easy, either. When I was my daughter's age, I swore I'd do it differently, and I have.

I've done it for her, and I've done it for my mom.

I've got a book coming out in a few weeks with the gaggy title of "Love Me Not." It's dedicated to my mother. In a way, my whole life has been dedicated to her.

I just wish Daddy could have realized — before he was dead and gone and it was too late — that there are all kinds of ways for mothers to be with their children.

Talking trash on the public airwaves

By Joseph Perkins

The blood of Scott Amedure is on Jenny Jones' hands. The 32-year-old Michigan man would be alive today had he not appeared on her tawdry TV talk show.

Jones used Amedure to humiliate another Michigan man, 24-year-old Jeffrey Schmitz, for the amusement of her national television audience. Schmitz was lured to her Chicago-based talk show under the pretext that he was to meet his secret admirer. He was shocked when Jones informed him that this admirer was not a woman, as he fully expected, but the homosexual Amedure.

Schmitz says he tried to put the traumatizing matter behind him, but was driven over the edge when he received an unsigned sexually suggestive note on his door. He confronted Amedure, who confessed that he had authored the note.

Schmitz went out to his car, pulled out a 12-gauge shotgun he purchased for the occasion, went back to Amedure's home and shot him dead.

Meanwhile, back in Chicago, the folks at "The Jenny Jones Show" were covering their posterior. "There was no wrongdoing

on anyone's part connected with the show," declared Jim Paratore, president of Time Warner subsidiary Telepictures Productions, which produces Jones. "No one was lied to; no one was misled."

This is the standard defense by talk-show executives when their programing goes too far (which is often). They are just as shocked as we are when violence or mayhem results from the trash they put over the airwaves. But, of course, there's no wrongdoing on their part.

Jenny Jones is hardly the only offender. All the talk shows pander to the basest instincts of the unwashed viewing public, putting before them in highly emotional and combustible televised settings, the mentally unstable, the sexually deviant, the intellectually impaired and the socially unredeeming.

Consider a sampling of the TV talk show topics for just one day. Ricki Lake did a show on women pursuing married men. Maury Povich countered with a show on family secrets exposed. Leeza Gibbons weighed in on sex and friendship. Sally Jessy Raphael went with repentant cheating lovers. And Montel Williams scored with a woman in love with a serial

killer.

Of all the possible subjects that TV talk shows could explore on air, and of all the possible guests Ricki, Maury, Leeza, Sally Jessy, Montel, et al. could line up, why these? Because these amoral hosts have sold their souls to that demon god Nielsen.

With the glut of talk shows on the air (some 100 hours of programming each week), the 25 competing hosts are battling cheek by jowl to win audience share. With an estimated 50 million viewers up for grabs, the talk shows are waging a "Schlock War" to see who will stoop lowest to get the biggest advertising dollars.

Not even the death of Scott Amedure, and the destruction of Jeffrey Schmitz's life, has deterred the talk-show producers. They continue to feature incestuous dads, transvestite strippers and serial killer lovers as if nothing had happened.

Well, it's time that the "Schlock War" be put to an end. The folks at Time Warner, Viacom, King World and other entertainment companies responsible for polluting the airwaves with trashy talk shows need to be put on notice that they are expected to be better corporate citi-

zens, to be a little less concerned with maximizing the bottom line, and a little more concerned about the public interest.

If moral persuasion doesn't work, then Republican and Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill ought to haul the talk TV producers before Congress, where they should be reminded that the airwaves are public and that the federal government has every right to regulate non-news programming that appears on public airwaves.

Of course, the folks in talk television will claim that their free speech rights are being threatened. But I suspect that never in their wildest dreams did the Founding Fathers intend that the First Amendment should provide cover for a talk-show host like Jenny Jones to ambush and humiliate an unsuspecting man before millions of people.

TV talk shows not only are a blight on the popular culture, they are having a powerful, deleterious effect on American society. If the executives and producers and hosts who fill the airwaves with 100 hours of talk-show trash each week refuse to voluntarily clean up their acts, then Congress ought to make them do it.

Editorial Roundup

Referendum bill

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Half a loaf is not always better than none. Linda Curtiss, state coordinator of the Patriot Party of Texas, is justified in detecting something malodorous about a referendum bill headed toward approval by the Texas Legislature. The bill is an attempt at compromise to satisfy the demands of those Texans who have asked for initiative, referendum and recall and to reassure Texans opposed to initiative and referendum that the governance of the state will not soon degenerate into mob rule.

The attempted compromise fails on both counts. ... The rationale for the bill is that Texans distrust their government and want a greater role in making decisions on major issues and determining what is enacted into law. The proposed referendum bill, however, would only allow them to vote on options predetermined by the very legislators they distrust.

At the same time, however, it would further erode representative government in this state by making it ever more tempting for legislators to pass difficult decisions on to the voters instead of doing what they are sent to Austin to do. ...

Texas really does not need initiative and referendum. Some states that have it have been inundated with frivolous legislation pushed by special-interest groups with little regard for the broad implications of what is being legislated. But if citizens are to have the right to legislate at the ballot box, they should also have the right to originate that legislation. ...

West Texas wetlands

The San Angelo Standard-Times

If San Angelo were to be prevented from dredging Lake Nasworthy because of its "wetlands," that would serve as a prime example for people who think government not only doesn't work anymore, but has gone bonkers. A lake in semi-arid West Texas amasses, over a period of decades, silt deposits that rise nearly to the lake's surface. Reeds grow in the silt. Birds take to the reedy areas. The city, properly worried that its lake is dying from the silt buildup, decides to dig out as much as is practical.

But the federal and state governments may not allow it. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, in preliminary reports, have identified some shallow areas of the lake as "wetlands."

(Imagine. Wetlands in West Texas. Watch out for those alligators, folks.) ...

Lake Nasworthy is important to San Angelo not only because of the obvious water needs but also as a recreational facility. The lake attracts many out-of-town visitors each year and serves thousands of local citizens as well. The city must be able to preserve it.

Some reedy areas might be left for good and practical reasons, but that decision ought to be made locally, not commanded by state and federal agencies. We hope that city officials will listen to the representatives of the governments in Austin and Washington — but that those people will be reasonable and flexible.

Toss this one out

The Waco Tribune-Herald

Public officials are elected to important positions of public trust. While some observers argue persuasively that public officials should be held to higher standards than ordinary citizens, no one argues that they should be held to lower standards.

No one, that is, until the other day in Austin when a group of Republican lawmakers introduced legislation that would require prosecutors seeking indictments against public officials to first present their cases to a panel appointed by top state politicians.

This bill deserves a quick trip to the trashcan.

The bill appears to be a way for Republicans to get back at Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle whose office investigated criminal charges lodged against Kay Bailey Hutchison when she was state treasurer.

A grand jury indicted Hutchison, whose trial was just getting under way when Earle unexpectedly withdrew his team of prosecutors due to an adverse ruling by the judge.

Earle's strange decision to pull out of the trial was criticized by Democrats and Republicans alike. The Republicans said Earle's decision was proof that the charges against Hutchison were merely a political witch hunt against Hutchison.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said the legislation would merely require a prosecutor to ask the Texas Ethics Commission for a ruling whether there is sufficient probable cause that fellow public official or employee had abused his office. The commission's eight members would make the decision. Those members are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker. They are equally divided between Democrats and Republicans.

Critics say Brown's bill would discourage prosecutors from taking cases to a grand jury. Prosecutors could still seek an indictment after a commission ruling of insufficient probable cause of a violation of ethics statutes. But the ruling would increase the difficulty of prosecuting public officials.

At a trial, indicted public officials could use a favorable ruling by the commission as a defense for their actions.

The Legislature should kill the bill. Lawmakers should not put public officials in a special class above ordinary citizens.



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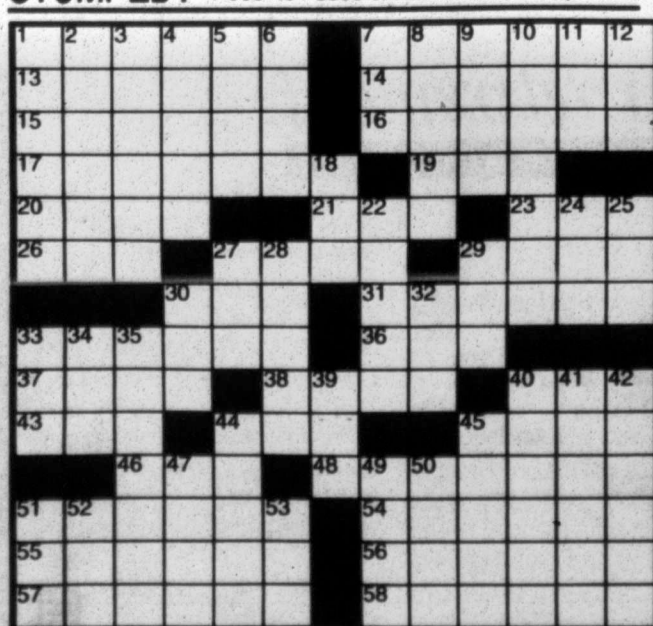
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STANFIELD PLAY — "The Wackadoo Zoo" was presented recently at Stanfield Elementary. Performers were second grade students of Margie Martinez and Sharlot Sparlin. Shown from left, first row, are Kala Elkins, Jessica Davis, Courtney Cox, Sarah Carpenter, Lesli Jackson, Clint Cooper, Traci Jordan, Matthew Qualls, Jose Velasquez, Krysta Atwood, Erica Medrano; second

row, Carlos Guerrero, Nathan Graves, Rose Crowder, Andrea Rios, Cierra Stafford, Jeremy Thompson, Annie Martinez, Jessica Hines, Amanda Covington, Travis Gloyd, Kolter Bartels; top row, Jeremy Clayton, Kasey Melton, Leslie Dean, Trent Rinehart, Kendra Bruns and Jerome Delce. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Congressional term limits...

Talk is easy, action is not

By **WALTER R. MEARS**
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a contentious political issue among the voters, but term limits may not be catching in Congress. Put the idea on the ballot and it wins, usually overwhelmingly. But gaining two-thirds votes in Congress to limit tenure in Congress is something else.

House Republican leaders will aim for that elusive goal Monday and Tuesday, but they're not optimistic. "I don't know that it will pass," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich. "But it will be a much better vote than I thought it would be."

Better, or worse, depends on perspective. There are persuasive arguments both for and against, and party lines waver on this one. Rep. Henry Hyde, whose House Judiciary Committee dealt with the measure, always has opposed it, saying that true term limits should be settled at the polls. Advocates counter that incumbency has become its own reward, with the advantages of office often insurmountable for a challenger.

Even in a turnaround election, the one that made Congress Republican and sent 73 GOP freshmen to the House, 91 percent of congressional incumbents who ran won re-election.

One of the exceptions: Tom Foley, the first speaker of the House defeated in this century; ousted in his Spokane, Wash., district, with term limits an issue against him. Foley's was the big name in a lawsuit filed against the limits im-

posed by Washington voters, arguing that the Constitution determines qualifications for Congress, and states can't add their own conditions.

They are. Voters in 22 states have imposed some version of term limits in only five years, since the idea became a movement, with its own lobby, so strident that Gingrich has criticized

AP analysis

its tactics in demanding a strict, six-year House ceiling.

In a multiple choice debate, that's one of four options due for House action. The others are for 12-year limits on Congress, in differing versions, one with an option for tighter state controls, one without, one, from the Democratic side, covering current as well as future tenure.

To dramatize the issue, a band of House Republican newcomers have pledged to voluntarily limit their own terms, whatever happens on the legislation. In the Senate, the chief sponsor of a 12-year limit, the ceiling approved by the Judiciary Committee, already has done so. Sen. Hank Brown, R-Colo., is leaving Congress next year after five terms in the House and one in the Senate.

Gingrich, already in his 17th year in the House, favors the 12-year version. His tenure as speaker already has been capped at eight years as part of GOP rules reform; only four speakers ever have reached that point in unbro-

ken tenure. There's also a new six-year limit on service by House committee chairmen, and that is more meaningful. It puts less premium on turf, staff strength and seniority in the House. There is no comparable rule in the Senate.

Short of votes, House GOP leaders delayed action on term limits to try to build their numbers, and there have been some gains. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, No. 4 in his own leadership lineup, reversed himself on Tuesday and said he'd vote yes. Boehner noted that 70 percent of his constituents had voted for term limits, and said he had to respect that judgment.

He also said that Senate defeat of the House-passed balanced budget amendment, one vote short, convinced him on term limits. "We ... do not have the right to thumb our nose at our constituents," he told the House.

The parallel fits. On the balanced budget amendment and on term limits, the polls are comparable — about 8 out of 10 Americans favor them. Both are featured pledges in the House Republican "Contract with America," although the promise is to act, not necessarily to win.

One lost in the Senate, the other is at risk in the House. Both could be revived to force campaign-season votes when the political pressure will be most intense, in the fall of 1996.

There are proposals to have the House act on term limits by statute, which would take an easily gained majority instead of the elusive two-thirds to put a constitutional amendment up for state

ratification.

But that alternative could be moot. The Supreme Court will rule later this year on the question of whether congressional qualifications can be changed by law to impose term limits, or only by amending the Constitution.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Headmaster accused of paddling teen-ager

PHOENIX (AP) — The headmaster of a private school forced a teen-age girl to undress and kneel while he spanked her with a wooden paddle to demonstrate corporal punishment, police say.

Michael William Wetton was jailed without bond on suspicion of child abuse, kidnapping and aggravated assault. He already faces trial next month for allegedly bruising a 9-year-old student during a paddling.

Police said Wetton beat the 15-year-old girl once with her underwear on and, after she tried to run away, forced her to strip naked and hit her twice more. He also ordered her to bow down and recite the Lord's Prayer, police said.

The girl's mother, who brought her to the school because she was considering enrolling her there, witnessed the Feb. 24 beating but was too frightened to do anything, said Detective Brent Vermeer. She reported the alleged paddling March 1 to police after she had pictures developed showing her daughter's bruises.

Wetton, 41, and his wife are the only teachers at Connacht Academy Christian School, which promises strict discipline and high academic standards. Parents must sign a release form allowing paddling as discipline.

Two members of the school's board said the charges against Wetton were trumped up and made no sense.

After ringing up huge bill, wife can't dial 900 numbers

BALTIMORE (AP) — A lonely Navy wife who rang up \$45,000 in 900-number phone calls to psychic and horoscope lines has been ordered to stop and pay up — or go to jail.

"We are talking about a sickness here," Circuit Judge Thomas J. Bollinger said Thursday. "You will not make another 900 call."

The judge sentenced Jonita Anderson, 23, to three years in jail, but suspended the sentence on the condition that she make no more calls.

Prosecutors said Anderson left

unpaid bills on 14 different telephone numbers under her own name and nine aliases. She pleaded guilty to a felony charge of stealing from the phone company between March 1991 through February 1994.

Defense attorney James Rouse said Anderson was looking for advice as she struggled through marital problems with her husband away.

"They promised to help me," Anderson said.

Time said running out for tiny West Texas elementary school

ALLAMOORE — Lola Waggoner has the kind of job many teachers would kill for.

Waggoner works in a quiet, clean school that has no graffiti or discipline problems. Students get outstanding grades and parents participate in their children's education.

Waggoner works at Allamoore Elementary School, a one-room schoolhouse in a tiny community about 110 miles east of El Paso.

She is responsible for the entire student population in the 1,043 square-mile district — all three of them.

"It's a special school," Waggoner said. "Being in a place like this has been a gift from God."

Her students agree. On a recent field trip to a normal-sized elementary school in neighboring Van Horn, the students were shocked by the distractions they saw and heard.

"I like being in a little school like this because it's quieter," first-grader Bianca Mendez said.

But Allamoore's one-room schoolhouse is about to go the way of the Pony Express. Due to changes in Texas education funding, Allamoore and an undetermined number of other tiny districts in Texas are being forced by the state to merge with larger districts nearby.

Allamoore has been given a year to find a merger partner. It intends to fight the order, but the school board concedes that it might be able to squeeze out another year of independence at most.

"There's been a horrible drought for years, and now we're going to give up our school,"

school board President Jewell Luvitch said. "It's just not fair."

"(Texas Education Administration officials) ought to be coming out to study what we do right, not closing us down," board member Topper Frank fumed.

Indeed, Waggoner traveled to Austin in January to receive a Governor's Certificate for Successful School award from Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Merging with another district would be painful for Waggoner, who as the district's only paid employee also acts as school principal and district superintendent. She came from Van Horn schools, and was thrilled to find a job where she answered only to a three-member board and could spend most of her time with a small number of students.

"I've been here for three years and it's been a wonderful experience," she said.

The merger order stems from the language of Senate Bill 7, Texas' controversial educational finance law. Districts where per-pupil expenditures are high (Allamoore spent \$6,452 per student in 1992-93) must take steps to bring costs down. In El Paso, by comparison, per-pupil costs were \$2,315 for the same year.

For districts as small as Allamoore, cost reduction means merger with a larger district.

In 1992, another tiny Texas district — Juno, with eight students, north of Del Rio — merged with a neighbor. The next smallest district after Allamoore — Kerrville, with 10 students, near San Antonio — is still open, but also is under state pressure to merge.

The most likely merger candi-

dates for Allamoore are the Van Horn district, 10 miles to the east, or the Sierra Blanca district, about 20 miles to the west. Students who finish their elementary schooling in Allamoore already attend junior high and high school in Van Horn.

But until the Allamoore merger is final, classes still start every weekday morning, just as they have every year since 1880.

The school's three students — Keesey King, 12, Ruth Ann Del Toro, 7, and her cousin Bianca Mendez, 6 — get to school by 7:30 a.m. The 1,500-square-foot, single-room wood schoolhouse has a 20-foot ceiling, a relic from the days when high ceilings were used to dissipate heat. An addition built at the rear gives enough extra room for two restrooms, an office and storage space.

On one recent school day, Bianca practiced spelling a list of first-grade-level words. Quietly, she presented her neatly written work to her teacher.

Waggoner graded the work and let Bianca sit down at one of the school's two computers to play math games.

Meanwhile Waggoner explained a complicated math problem to Keesey. "It's not too hard if you like it, and I've always liked math," Keesey said.

When the children are hard at work, the building is quiet enough to hear a pencil scribbling on paper. The silence is broken only by the occasional large trucks from the nearby Pioneer Talc Refinery, and the rare dynamite blast from hhetalc mines several miles away.

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Hill Country teen-ager restoring old cemetery

By RALPH WINNINGHAM
San Antonio Express-News
COMFORT — At a time when many youngsters his age would be thinking about video games and parties, 14-year-old Jonathan Gunnink is pursuing a self-appointed task of honoring the long-forgotten dead.

The shy ninth-grader works in quiet solitude among graves dating back to the 1800s, cutting brush and weeds over the final resting sites of strangers who died as long as a hundred years before he was born.

Wooden crosses, broken headstones worn smooth by time, and

rusted fences once placed in loving tribute by residents of a community known as Brownsboro have become Gunnink's afternoon and weekend companions.

"I like hard work," said the soft-spoken Gunnink, taking a break from slashing the overgrown brush with a machete. "It's kind of relaxing being out here."

His mother, Brenda Gunnink, said the teen-ager started his project at the six-acre cemetery next to their home on Memorial Day last year.

"When he started the broken-down fence and the small sign

were the only way to tell this was a cemetery," she said.

Since her son started the project, Mrs. Gunnink, who works at a flower shop in Comfort, has been placing fresh ribbons on the "Cemetery" sign hanging on a fence damaged during the heavy flooding of 1978.

She also supervises her son's efforts from a lawn chair in the shade of one of the cemetery's large oak trees.

"His reward each day is a glass of tea and the chance to sit in my chair after he is finished," said Mrs. Gunnink, laughing.

"We are from Minnesota, where the cemeteries are well maintained. He just couldn't understand how someone could let a cemetery get into this kind of shape."

The cemetery, about three miles east of Comfort, has not been used since the 1940s. It is officially known as the Methodist Episcopal South Church Cemetery.

Comfort historian Ester Wiedenfeld said the church was

built about 1870, although the Brownsboro community was founded about 1848.

"Some of the local people still have relatives out there. Jonathan had to get permission from them before he could start cleaning it," Wiedenfeld said. "The brush was so thick you could have hidden an elephant out there. Since he has started cleaning the cemetery, he has found old wooden crosses and stone markers, some with sea shells, colored glass or marbles set in them."

"Marking the graves in this manner is part of the Mexican tradition. There are a lot of Mexicans buried there."

One of the markers found by Gunnink was not much more than a pile of corroded metal letters. He cleaned and polished them before putting them on a new wooden cross.

The marker reads "Comenciendo Rocha Born 1842 Died 1938," and it shines in sharp contrast to the weathered stones set next to it under the shade of the moss-filled

oaks.

A few paces to the south, a large stone marker makes mention of a "Kendall County Alliance." It pays tribute to "Chas. Bierschwale," who died April 25, 1889, with the words:

Good bye Charley. Thou hast left.

We thy loss most deeply feel.
But tis God thou hast bereft.
He can all our sorrows heal.

The few historical records about the cemetery indicate that about 25 people were buried there. But the teen-ager has found nearly 50 markers or pieces of markers since starting the clean-up effort.

Wiedenfeld said the Comfort Heritage Foundation is attempting to have the cemetery declared a historical site and working on obtaining funds to restore the headstones.

"Jonathan has not taken any money for his work. He has just decided that this will be his project," Wiedenfeld said.

The youngster, who would like to become a game warden after

graduating from high school, did yard work for homeowners in Comfort to raise enough money for gasoline and equipment repairs in order to work on the cemetery.

He has declined offers of help from neighbors and others, expressing a desire to complete the project on his own.

"I started in the front corner and work in small sections at a time," said Gunnink, explaining that he carefully examines any stones he finds to make sure he doesn't accidentally discard a grave marker.

The teen-ager hopes to finish the major work on the cemetery within about two months. He's been hampered since November with a broken left arm he suffered playing defensive end for the junior varsity football team at Comfort High School.

"After that, I will keep it mowed down just like our yard," he said, picking up his machete to quietly continue his work.

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Texas volunteers help build homes

By KARI BRUNNER
El Paso Times

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — When volunteers built a house four years ago for Jovita Santoya's neighbor, she helped them every way she could while longing for a home of her own.

Ms. Santoya, 35, and her husband Abraham Rojas, 37, began to build their home themselves, sometimes going without food to help pay for materials, she said.

They were only able to finish the first room before the money ran out. Tuesday, Ms. Santoya's 4-year-old dream came true. About a dozen volunteers from the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Amarillo went to her family's plot of land in the Kilometer 20 colonia in southern Juarez to finish building her home.

Their efforts were coordinated by Casas Por Cristo (Houses for Christ), an El Paso nonprofit organization that builds home for the poor.

"I used to think, 'Oh when are they going to build it?' They said they would and I believed it, but I was desperate," Ms. Santoya said. "We have no more money. We were living like little ants. This is good."

Charley Hargrave, a member of the Westminster Church's Mission Committee, remembers Ms. Santoya from a previous trip.

"When we were here four years ago she would do anything in the world for us," he said. "When they said 'Hey, we're building her house,' everyone said 'that's where I'm going.'"

Mission Committee funds

helped pay for each of the three houses being built over the next few days in the Kilometer 20 colonia. The materials and administrative fees cost \$2,000 per house. The 50 volunteers range in age from 6 to 71, and some are students on spring break. They spend about \$100 in personal expenses and sleep in Juarez churches.

Casas Por Cristo last year built 49 houses in Juarez with help from 872 volunteers from around the country. This year, the group hopes to build 70 homes with more than 1,000 volunteers.

Construction goes on year-round, but the bulk of the work is done during spring break. Fifteen groups are expected to build 20 houses this month.

"It started out with just high school students, then older people heard about it and they came along too. We'll talk to different church groups and say there's a need down here. It's not just about

pouring cement and painting. It's real rewarding," Casas Por Cristo organizer Mary Bell said.

Cristina Chapparro de Loya, 48, Ms. Santoya's neighbor, knows what it's like to be without a home. She and her husband, along with their seven children, had to live in her cousin's house before the volunteers built her home four years ago.

"I like the way they work. My house is very pretty and I'm happy my neighbor will get hers too," she said. "You're more comfortable when you have your own house. You don't have to pay rent and no one tells you what to do. Whatever little piece of ground I have, it's my own."

Karen Roberts, 18, helped build Ms. Chapparro's house four years ago, when she was a sophomore in high school. She now studies at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"It's neat to come back to where we started and do the building all in one place. I love being able to see what we've done," she said. "I feel I know more now about what I'm doing. I learned to saw and I just love it. We do a simple job for people who really enjoy it."

Mary Palmer, 7, also is an old hand at home-building. She started when she was 3, accompanying her mother, Ann Palmer, one of Westminster's youth leaders. Mary spent time playing with Ms. Chapparro's daughters, Elia, Ana Lijia and Miriam. They didn't speak each other's language, but were busily at work together making an instrument with tin, nails and bottle caps.

"I like it here because it's a little bit warmer than Amarillo, because there's more dirt to play with and you find bottle caps a lot faster," Mary said.

When asked what she likes best about her house, Elia, 9, answered simply: "Everything."

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Planning comeback

CHICAGO (AP) — These boots are made for posing.

Nancy Sinatra is heralding her singing comeback by appearing in an upcoming Playboy pictorial — wearing little more than her cow-girl boots.

The photo shoot was Sinatra's idea. After a 12-year layoff to raise her two girls, the 54-year-old singer — whose biggest hit was "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" — has a new album and plans for a concert tour.

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ANY ORDER \$500 You win \$40 if your numbers are drawn in any order.

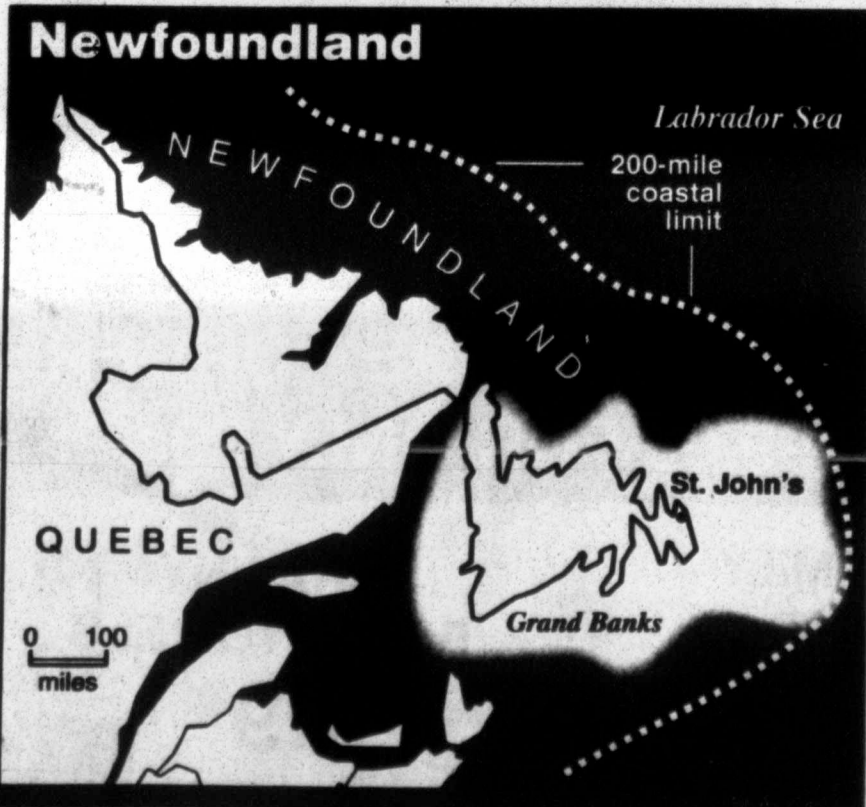
OR

DOUBLE YOUR WINNINGS
Mark one box or play EXACT ORDER and ANY ORDER by marking both boxes.
EXACT ORDER \$1.00 You win \$500.
ANY ORDER \$1.00 You win \$80.

3 Pick the number of days you want to play.
1 7
2 8
3 9
4 10
5 11
6 12

Got A Pencil?

Go ahead, try out the new Pick 3 playslip. It's so easy, you can fill it out in three quick steps. And after you've given it a run-through, run down to your nearest Lottery retailer and try it out on a real playslip.



Canada's seizure in international waters of a Spanish trawler is the latest incident in an escalating conflict over fishing rights and practices. Canadians have accused fishing boats from the European Union of depleting the once-rich stocks off the Grand Banks and contend that the practice is destroying the Canadian fishing industry.