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Change results in higher TAAS scores here

Three campuses in the Snyder Independent School district carry an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency, but earning the top rating didn't "just happen."

Administrators on the three campuses are quick to point out the changes made to achieve the highest rating the state gives didn't always come easy.

"We all had to buy into the philosophy that we wanted to provide the best instruction possible for our students," said Jim Rosson, principal at Central Elementary.

"We wanted our students to receive exemplary instruction."

Rosson said Central has evolved from a campus targeted by the TEA as a low-performing school to its present ranking by adopting a policy that change is often a necessary part of success.

"We recognized that we were going to have to change some of our instructional programs as well as teaching methods if we were going to experience student growth as measured by TEA," said Rosson.

"We really felt our school could favorably compete in a statewide testing program regardless of a student's ethnic background or economic status," said Rosson.

Rosson, Northeast Elementary principal Lee Presswood and Stanfield Elementary principal Jean McMillon all agree that their teachers' ability to work as teams has contributed to the exemplary rankings.

"We all work together for a common goal," said Presswood. "And the achievements have come about from changes we have made on the campus."

Presswood said Northeast made a change to self-contained classrooms, and adopted several new programs.

"We adopted the Mission school district's approach to prepare students to take and pass the TAAS tests," said Presswood. "We work on the individual TAAS objectives throughout the school year.

"We teach the objective, we test the objective...and then we either re-teach or move to the next objective," said Presswood.

Presswood also said the campus has an accelerated reader program, and teaches Saxon Phonics in kindergarten through the second grade.

The campus also teaches Saxon Math, and the Shurley Method in English.

"All these changes have been integrated with the regular curriculum," said Presswood. "Our teachers teach a regular math lesson along with a TAAS math lesson. We teach a regular reading lesson and a TAAS reading lesson."

All Snyder ISD fifth graders attend Northeast, while second graders attend Stanfield and students in the third grade attend Central.

Stanfield and Central work closely on curriculum as TAAS testing begins when the students move from second grade to third grade at Central.

"We provide the foundation for our students on which Central Elementary can build," said principal Jean McMillon.

McMillon said Stanfield has added a second compensatory reading classroom this year in order to reach the campus goal of having all students reading on grade level by the third grade.

Saxon Math and Shurley English Methods are also taught at Stanfield, as they are on all campuses in the district.

"These programs will enable us to offer the best learning opportunity for all students, no matter their learning styles or ability levels," said McMillon.

In order to achieve the exemplary level of the TEA, these campuses had to attain several standards, including a 90 percent passing rate on all subjects of the TAAS, one percent or less dropout rate, and at least a 94 percent attendance rate.

Commissioners agenda is short

Scurry County Commissioners Court will face a short agenda when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday in regular session.

The court is expected to set the 2000 tax rate at .5494 per $100 valuation.

Commissioners approved a $20.4 million budget Sept. 7.

The proposed tax rate is almost 2½ cents lower than the effective rate of .5735, which is the amount required to generate the same amount of tax dollars as last year.

However, the .5494 rate is almost four cents higher than the 1999 tax rate of .51 cents per $100 valuation.

In one other item of business, the court will consider an appointment to the Veterans Land Board to replace Primo Gonzales who has moved from Snyder.

Meeting to address local Y2K concerns

Snyder Chamber of Commerce and United Supermarkets will be sponsoring a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28 to address concerns about Snyder's readiness for Y2K.

The meeting will be at the Scurry County Coliseum and will get underway at 6:30 p.m.

Parade entries accepted for White Buffalo event

Entries are now being accepted for the White Buffalo Festival parade set for Saturday, Oct. 2.

Clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals interested in participating in the parade are invited to call the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 573-3558 to reserve a spot.

The parade will be at 10 in the morning and will begin organizing an hour earlier in Winston Park, at 37th Street and Ave. M.

Anyone who wishes to enter the bean cook-off – a new feature for the festival – must pay a $20 entry fee to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Sept. 30.

Information about the double-draw horseshoe pitching contest can be obtained by calling Don or Dorothy Duncan at 573-9762.

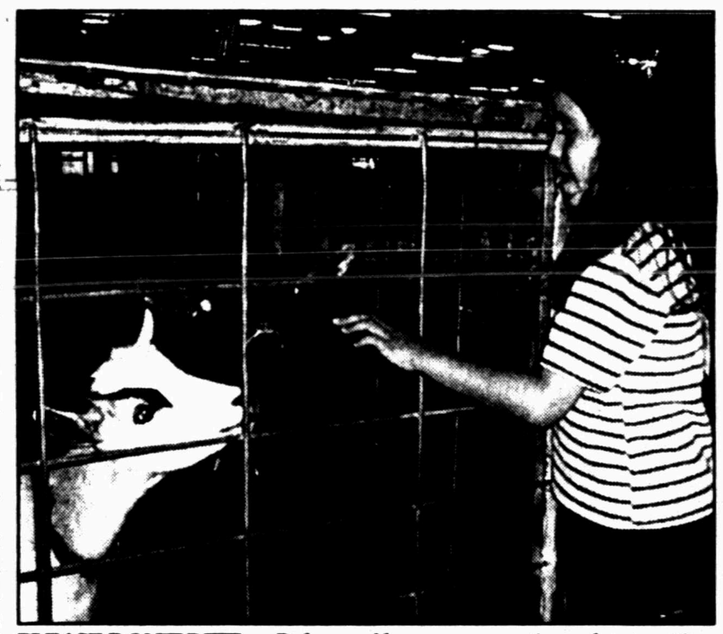
Vendors' booths will be on the grounds of the coliseum and in the coliseum proper, and they will open at 6 p.m. on Oct. 1.

A ranch rodeo is set for 7 p.m. Friday in the coliseum and a dance will follow at 9 a.m.

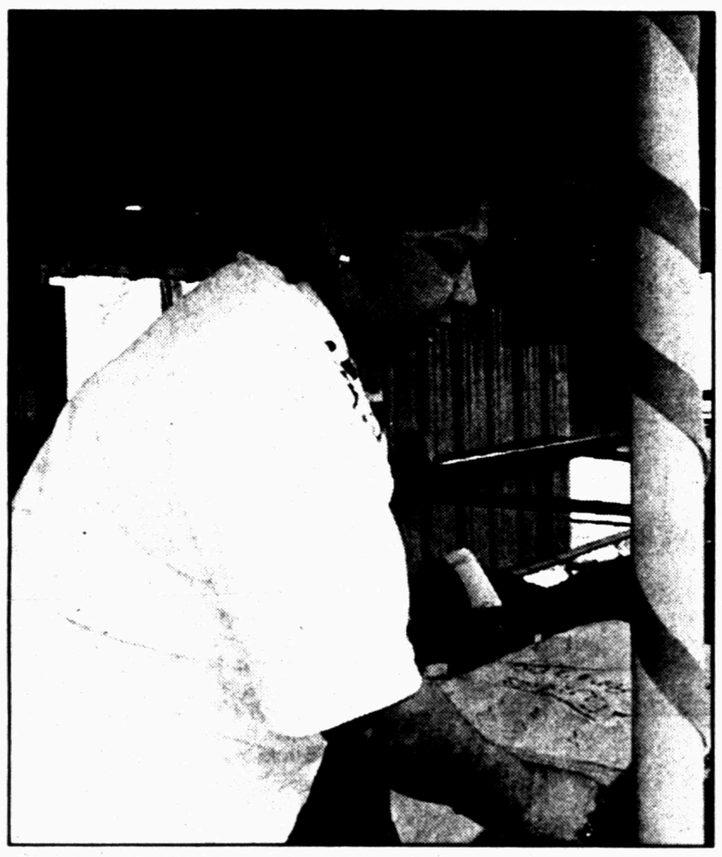
Vendor's booths will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, and a ranch horse show will be held in the coliseum at 9 a.m. A team roping will be held in the Scurry County roping arena at 10 a.m.

Entertainment under the large tent on the grounds of the coliseum will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, and continue throughout the day. At noon on Saturday, a fiddle contest will be held.

Saturday's ranch rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. followed by dancing in the tent at 8 p.m.



PLEASE DON'T BITE — Rebecca Alarcon was cautious about petting the baby goats at the Scurry County Fair's kiddie barnyard. A variety of events were slated for Saturday as the 34th annual fair wraps up. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)



READY FOR FIESTA – Olga Hernandez prepares a booth for the weekend's Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The event continues through Sunday with food and game booths at the church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Fiesta continues

The annual Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta, sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, continues through Sunday on the church grounds.

The event honors the 1999 Guadalupe Dieciseis queen Christy Garcia. Her formal presentation was set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. A flag presentation was to precede the coronation and a dance was set from 8:30 until midnight Saturday.

Christy is the daughter of Ricky and Lucy Garcia and is an eighth-grader at Snyder Junior High.

On Sunday, food and game booths will open at 10 a.m. and there will be a talent show at 5 p.m.

Also on Sunday, the fiesta will feature a live band from 7-10 p.m.

Auditions set for WTC play

Helen Cogan, Western Texas College drama instucutor, is casting for the fall production, "Inspecting Carol."

Auditions are set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Twelve roles are available, including four women and eight men. Especially needed are a male to play a character in 50s or 60s; a female to play a character in 50s or 60s; young male to play character 9-13; Black, Hispanic, or Asian male to play character in 20s or 30s; and male walk-on part, any age.

Evening rehearsals are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 4.

"Because of the size of the cast and the breakdown of scenes, not all actors will need to attend every rehearsal," Cogan said. "I can work around other commitments until the technical and dress rehearsals."

Anyone who cannot make auditions and are interested in acting or helping with this production or the spring production, call Cogan at 573-8511, ext. 395 or Julie Sentell at 573-8511, ext. 234.

Performances are set Nov. 18-21.

Chamber sets meet

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the board room to hear two requests for hotel/motel funds and hear reports on several upcoming events.

The White Buffalo Festival and Ranch Rodeo are seeking hotel/motel funds to help promote those upcoming events.

Members will discuss progress on the Y2K Town Hall Meeting set for 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28; Jorden Circus, Sept. 29; White Buffalo Festival, Oct. 1-2; Law Enforcement Banquet, Oct. 18; School Fall Festival, Oct. 23; TxDot Safety Awards Banquet, Oct. 29; Lord's Acre, Nov. 13; and an Arts & Crafts Show, Dec. 4-5.

A report will also be given on the recent chamber banquet.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people aren't looking for advice, but rather confirmation."

Thanks to SDN readers who keep us supplied with material. No doubt it shows when we run out of stuff, so the help is appreciated.

Sandra Robinson, veteran conscience of retired Baptist minister Miller Robinson, is one of our most faithful watchers of material that she believes readers might need or enjoy.

Sandra was cleaning out some drawers when she came across this item on manners. The editor of a magazine had asked readers how profanity could be discouraged.

Audrey Johnson of Minnesota wrote back:

"Profanity is the effort of a weak mind trying to express itself forcibly. It gives rude, crude people something to ponder, and it sometimes helps."

Looking for a inexpensive gift?

SJHS teacher Gary Moore suggested eight that have no cost.

1. The gift of listening. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning a response. Really listening.

2. The gift of affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Demonstrate love.

3. The Gift of Laughter. Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. (Especially with the editor).

4. The Gift of a Written Note. It can be simple and brief. It may be remembered a lifetime and might change a life.

5. The Gift of a Compliment. Simple and sincere, it can make someone's day - or even week.

6. The Gift of a Favor. Each day, go out of your way to do something kind.

7. The Gift of Solitude. There are times when folks want to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times.

8. The Gift of Cheerfulness. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Everybody needs it.

The eight gifts may be inexpensive, but they're not cheap.

And Sheriff Darren Jackson brought this by:

"Now I sit me down in school, where praying is against the rule.

"For this great nation under God, finds mention of Him very odd.

"If Scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights.

"Anytime my head I bow, becomes a federal matter now.

"The law is specific; the law is precise. Praying out loud is no longer nice.

"Praying aloud in a public hall, upsets those who believe in nothing at all.

"In silence alone we can meditate, and if God should get the credit – great!

"They are bringing their guns. I don't dare bring my Bible, and to do so might make me liable.

"So now Oh Lord, this plea I make, should I be shot in school, my soul please take."

ASK US

Q—I've heard that several counties have had to reprint November election ballots due to a Spanish translation error. Does this include Scurry County?

A—No, Scurry was not one of the affected counties.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 86 degrees; low, 58; 7 a.m. Saturday, 63; no precipitation; total for 1999, inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Lows 60-65. Sunday, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Highs 85-90.

Carmen Ponce
Chance of Storms

Sunset: 7:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.
Of 260 days in 1999, the sun has shone 253 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Work is good, provided you do not forget to live.
—Bantu Proverb

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Major e-commerce companies pool auction sites

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — More than 100 top technology firms hope to end eBay Inc.'s dominance of the lucrative Internet auction industry by pooling their listings and bids.

Analysts say quality, not market muscle, will decide who gets the upper hand.

"While everybody is focusing on the auctions themselves, the real issue facing these companies in the future is ascertaining the credibility of the buyer and the seller," said Harry Wolhandler, an industry analyst with ActivMedia Research.

"The successful auctioneer will be the one that will be able to assuage the doubts and concerns of both, literally delivering the goods."

There will not be one singular site for all companies. Instead, Web sites run by the members of the new alliance, which includes Microsoft Corp., Dell Computer and Internet gateway services Lycos and Excite at Home, will share millions of auction listings.

The combined customer reach of the FairMarketPlace alliance could top 50 million a month, dwarfing the 6 million who use industry pioneer eBay.

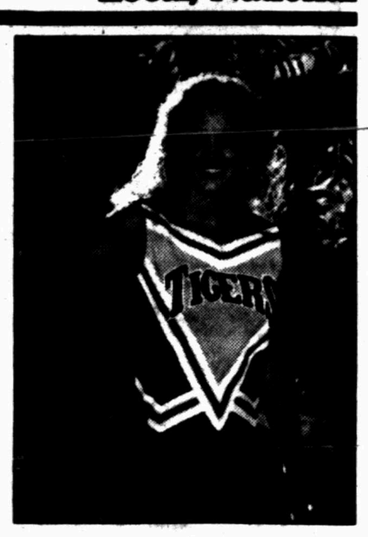
EBay, however, would still have greater volume, with about 3.5 million individual items for sale, compared to 70,000 on FairMarketPlace sites.

Even so, eBay's stock tumbled 7 percent following Friday's announcement, falling $10.75 a share to $141 in busy trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

EBay employees questioned whether competitors will be able to duplicate the company's following.

Yahoo! and Amazon.com, which are not part of the FairMarketPlace alliance, are rapidly expanding their new auction sites. But they have taken only a small fraction of eBay's daily sales transactions.

"That's our hidden weapon: We have a very involved, very energetic user community," said eBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove.



Cary Brown

Cary Brown gets Who's Who honor

Cary Brown has been included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1998-1999. She is among the five percent of high school students in the U.S. to receive this honor.

Cary is a junior at Snyder High School and is a Snyder Tiger varsity cheerleader. She is the daughter of Christy Brown.

Date Books

Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999

Today is the 261st day of 1999 and the 90th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1634, religious leader Anne Hutchinson arrived in Boston.

On this day in 1793, George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in Federal City (later to become Washington, D.C.).

On this day in 1961, U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold died in an airplane crash near Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), writer; Greta Garbo (1905-1990), actress; Claudette Colbert (1903-1996), actress; Jack Warden (1920-), actor, is 79; Robert Blake (1933-), actor, is 66; Frankie Avalon (1940-), singer-actor, is 59; Anna Deavere Smith (1950-), playwright-actress, is 49; Ryne Sandberg (1959-), baseball great, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1897, Cy Young pitched a no-hitter as Cleveland beat Cincinnati 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To a poet nothing can be useless." — Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Sept. 17).

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Sunday, Sept. 19, 1999

Today is the 262nd day of 1999 and the 91st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, poet John Keats wrote "Ode to Autumn."

On this day in 1928, Disney's "Steamboat Willy," the first animated cartoon with sound, was released.

On this day in 1985, an earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale killed more than 4,200 people in Mexico City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lewis F. Powell Jr. (1907-1998), Supreme Court justice; William Golding (1911-1993), writer; Mike Royko (1932-1997), columnist; Al Oerter (1936-), discus great, is 63; Paul Williams (1940-), songwriter, is 59; Cass Elliot (1941-1974), singer; Joe Morgan (1943-), baseball player-announcer, is 56; Jeremy Irons (1948-), actor, is 51; Joan Lunden (1951-), TV host, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, the Dallas Cowboys beat the New York Giants 31-2.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whoever is happy will make others happy too. He who has courage and faith will never perish in misery!" — Anne Frank

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 17) and full moon (Sept. 25).

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BUSINESS LEADER AWARD — Max von Roeder, owner of Von Roeder Seed Farms and director of Snyder National Bank, has been awarded the 1999 Sam Walton Business Leader Award. Charles Alvarez, local Wal-Mart manager, is shown presenting him the award. Also pictured is Donna Fowler, Snyder Chamber of Commerce manager. The chamber received a $500 stipend from the Wal-Mart Foundation. (SDN Staff Photo)

Von Roeder given '99 'Walton' award

Max von Roeder, owner of Von Roeder Seed Farms, has been awarded the 1999 Sam Walton Business Leader Award, sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Von Roeder was selected as the award recipient by the Snyder Chamber, which received a $500 grant in the honoree's name.

Wal-Mart Stores established the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1995 to recognize local business people who best exemplify the principles of Sam Walton, its late founder, according to David Glass, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

"Max has been an integral part of our chamber all of his adult life, as well as his father and grandfather before him," Donna Fowler, Snyder Chamber of Commerce manager said.

Von Roeder operates the oldest continuous family owned business in Snyder as well as Scurry County.

In addition to serving as a Chamber Goldcoat since 1963, von Roeder has been chamber board president several times.

He is also a member of the State Registered Plant Breeders Association and the Texas Seed Trade Association.

He has also been with the American Cotton Seed Delinting Association since 1979, serving as president in 1996.

Also, he has done experimentation on Texas cotton plants for Texas A&M as a vital part of their research programs.

Von Roeder served on the Scurry County Fair Board for 15 years, 10 years as president.

Other boards he has served on include The Diamond M Foundation, American Cancer Society and United Way. He served 13 years on the Snyder ISD school board and has been on the Snyder National Bank board of directors since 1974.

A Lions Club member since 1973, von Roeder has served as president as well as held several offices including District Governor from 1986 to 1987.

Von Roeder is a graduate of Texas Tech school of agriculture, class of 1954, and a veteran of the United States Air Force attaining rank of Captain.

He is the father of three and grandfather of six. He and his wife, Anne, have been married since 1951.

He has been a member of Trinity Methodist Church for over fifty years.

Lighthouse for the Blind plans hurt by cutbacks in fed policy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The local Lighthouse for the Blind said it laid off 23 blind part-timers and six sighted employees Thursday because a federal program the center relies on is dwindling.

The cuts in San Antonio are part of nationwide cutbacks that could affect about 1,400 blind workers, according to the National Industries for the Blind, an umbrella organization for employers of blind and visually disabled workers.

The cuts were caused by dwindling work under a 60-year-old federal program that encourages government agencies to buy from centers that employ blind workers.

The U.S. General Services Administration decided in July to close eight supply and distribution depots under pressure from Congress and the Clinton administration to streamline its operations.

The depots distribute products ranging from pens and pencils to military helmets to other federal agencies.

Those depots also are the main distribution point for products made under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day program, which requires federal agencies to buy some of their supplies from factories that employ the blind or severely disabled.

In addition to layoffs, the San Antonio Lighthouse, a nonprofit group, also scaled back its work week to three days for remaining employees and said there could be more layoffs. The Lighthouse has about 120 blind workers in manufacturing and 130 support staff, including some who are blind.

The cutbacks will affect workers like George White of San Antonio.

White, could no longer work as a barber when he lost his eyesight at age 35, but he later got a job at the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind.

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6th grader studies college-level courses

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Sarah Davis, the youngest of four children, is a bubbly sixth grader who happens to be enrolled part-time at Purdue University.

Sarah attends sixth-grade classes from 8 a.m. to noon, comes home for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, then goes to college-level Spanish and computer classes at the university. In the late afternoon, she's tutored in college-level chemistry.

Compared to her fellow sixth-grade students, the 11-year-old is a prodigy. But by Davis family standards, she's just another kid.

Sarah's 15-year-old brother Fred works on a research fellowship at Purdue, part of the six-year pharmacy program he'll graduate from at age 17.

And Sarah's two older siblings — who now work for computer companies in California and New Jersey — graduated from Purdue at ages 16 and 19.

This tendency to blaze trails through the educational system was sparked by parents who preach learning like it's gospel. Steve and Kathy Davis are natives of Iran, and both were educators before they moved to the United States.

They were raised in a culture where parents helped educate their children, and they never intended to rely solely on the American school system.

"I do not put a lot of high expectations on the school system," Steve Davis says. "I believe the school system is supplementary."

Starting with their first child, Michael, the Davises created their own educational plan. Michael attended a regular school, but in the evenings his father or mother would teach him more. If he was doing addition and subtraction in school, they'd teach him multiplication and division.

"Our kids never got bored, because always there was something to do," the father says. "To what better use can you put time than to learning?"

The Davises steered clear of America's chronological system of teaching and let the kids advance as far as they wanted to go. Fred, at one point, was simultaneously taking courses in middle school, high school and college.

But the Davis children do more than just study. Michael was on the wrestling and track teams in high school, and Kelly, who's now 21 and working in California, played the guitar and ran cross country. Fred spends time rooting for Purdue's basketball team and Sarah is in the school band.

"I believe 100 percent that they have to be kids, just as they are at their age," says their father. "We don't want to raise bookworms."

Carol Post, an associate professor of medicinal chemistry at Purdue, works with Fred on a research project. She says his age has no impact on the respect he commands from his peers, most of whom are doctoral students at least 10 years his senior.

"Just interacting with Fred, you can tell he's a pretty happy kid," Post says. "He's got a great sense of humor. He associates with other kids his own age, so he's not really being deprived of anything like that."

As far as the Davises' method of child rearing, Post says she approves: "They're just taking advantage of having a major university here."

Death penalty recommended for girl's killer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A jury on Friday recommended the death penalty for a child molester convicted of kidnapping and killing a 7-year-old girl whose body was never found.

The panel deliberated less than two hours before recommending that Willie S. Crain, 53, be executed for the death of Amanda Brown. A sentencing date has not been set.

Crain had met Amanda's mother, Kathryn Hartman, in a bar. According to prosecutors, he visited her at her home, gave her Valium tablets, and crawled into bed with her and the child. Crain and Amanda were gone when she awakened.

Defense attorney Charles Traina said Crain was left mentally and emotionally disturbed by a childhood of sexual and physical abuse, and that he abused drugs and alcohol and was unable to behave legally the day Amanda disappeared.

"It's everybody's excuse: 'I had a bad childhood,'" Amanda's father, Roy Brown, said after the sentencing. "He knew what he was doing."

Brown said the strongest evidence was his daughter's blood found in Crain's trailer and on his boxer shorts.

Crain served six years of a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in the 1980s of five counts of sexual battery on girls younger than 11 and one count of aggravated child abuse.

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Left to right seated: Michelle Tippings, CNA; Dora Romero, Restorative Aide; Roxie Doggett, LVN, ADON; Patty Bilano, Medical Records; Dolores Aguayo, Laundry. Standing left to right: Richard Easterling, Maintenance; Steve Nelson, Rehab Director; Gloria Mann, Administrator; Joni Mandrell, Office Management; Freda Ravon, RN; Deanna McClure, Activity Director; Nellie Medrano, Dietary Cook; Cussondra Carey, CNA; Jim Rhodes, Social Services; Felix Alvarez, Janitorial; Stanley Robbins, Housekeeping.

Snyder Oaks Care Center Is Growing!

Snyder Oaks Care Center, which has served the Snyder community since 1977, is pleased to announce the opening of our Special Care Unit to address the very specialized needs of individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia. The Special Care Unit will have rehabilitation and rehabilitative nursing services available on site. Group and individual activities will be available and encouraged. We at Snyder Oaks Care Center are dedicated to providing a healthy and safe environment in which all our residents will be actively involved in living their lives.

The **Grand Opening** of the **Special Care Unit** will be **Thursday, September 23,** with a **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony** by **Snyder Chamber of Commerce** at **10:00 a.m.** and **Open House** from **9:45 a.m.** until **12:00 noon.**

The public is invited.

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Snyder High School students have strong UIL participation

Winning academic UIL contests has been a tradition at Snyder High School for many years.

Students have competed in all areas and have won points so that SHS has been awarded the district academic trophy for the last 12 or 13 years.

They have also competed well on the regional and state levels. In addition, students have received scholarships to help further their education in college.

Since it began in1954, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has awarded approximately 11,000 scholarships valued at over $12.3 million. In 1998-1999, the League disbursed over $836,000 to 315 new applicants and 220 renewed students attending colleges and universities in Texas.

Amounts of scholarships vary from $500 for one year to $12,800 for four years. Every student who competes in an academic UIL contest and earns the right to compete at the state contest is eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Students usually cannot achieve excellence on their own. They needs the encouragement of their parents, as well as the guidance and direction of their teachers/sponsors.

The students of Snyder High School have a group of sponsors who give their time to help UIL students achieve that excellence in any area for which their wish to strive.

SHS students who would like to participate in any of the academic UIL contests should contact the following sponsors for more information: accounting, Phyllis Smith; calculator applications, math and number sense, Darlene Stokes; computer applications, Lynda Patterson; computer science, Wynola Early; cross-x debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, poetry and prose, Lynda McCormack; current issues and events and literary criticism, Shad Nachlinger.

Others are editorial writing, feature writing, headline writing and news writing, Katie Henson; ready writing, Betty Henderson; science, Thomas Strayhorn; spelling and vocabulary, Becky Johnson and one-act play, Jerry Worsham.

WINNER — Austin McCormack is holding the two trophies he won during a speech tournament at Texas Tech University. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Mayor quits over housing disagreement

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — In a resort town where many people have second homes worth $1 million, a project to erect affordable housing for town employees has created a battle so contentious it has already claimed one casualty: the mayor.

Mayor Tom Ford, a proponent of the housing initiative, has given notice that he will resign at the end of his two-year term in November. He will also quit the city council, which appointed him as mayor in 1997, despite two more years to go.

The mayor's planned departure has become the subject of a new debate. Some have cheered it while affordable housing proponents are calling him a quitter. But Ford acknowledged difficulty continuing amid the deluge of complaints, some of them X-rated, as he strolled through city streets.

"It's hard to go home at night when people are railing at you all day," said Ford. "I was tired of getting yelled at ... (but) that was a small part of it. I skied the lowest number of times in the 25 years I've lived here. I came here to bike and ski."

Ford added, "For a $1,000 a month, I figure I was getting $2.50 an hour," noting that contentiousness and seemingly endless hearings had turned the mayor's job into a full-time job, leaving him no time to pursue his real estate and investment interests.

Like resort communities from Lake Tahoe in California to Taos, N.M., Vail has grappled with soaring housing prices. Most workers who earn lower wages — police officers, firefighters, and even some doctors and lawyers — live in towns as much as 30 miles away, where prices are lower.

Ford was first elected to the seven-member Vail Town Council in 1995. He and the council held meetings to identify top priorities among residents. Number one was affordable housing.

Ford said it has become increasingly difficult to run the town's government with many key employees living outside of Vail.

"If people don't live in the community they don't become attached to the community," Ford said.

The council approved four housing projects, which triggered immediate, and very vocal, opposition.

For one project, the city donated land designated as open space.

SHS SPEECH TEAM WINS — Snyder High School's speech team attended two speech tournaments, winning several awards. Sitting from left, Suzanne Bogard, Laura Canada, Rachel Fritz; standing, from left, Mandy Chambers, Audra Lilly, Austin Haire, Lauren Hackfeld, Rebecca West, Tiffany Stanley; back row, Lyndell Lee, Jon Hensley, Melinda Langham, Todd Dobson, Lance Beaver. Scott Gilliland is not pictuured. (Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS speech team brings home wins from Tech and Frenship

Snyder High School's speech team competed in two speech tournaments last Saturday at Texas Tech University, winning second place sweepstakes.

"I am very proud of my team. They worked very hard getting ready for the tournaments. They are a talented group of students who work well together," said Lynda McCormack, coach.

Individual sweepstakes went to: Cole McLeod, first; Jon Hensley, second; Melinda Langham, third; and Audra Lilly, fourth.

Other winners include:

Religious text: Melinda Langham, first; Audra Lilly, third; Todd Dobson, fourth; Cole McLeod, sixth.

Novice persuasive speaking: Jon Hensley, first; Austin Haire, sixth.

Novice prose: Mandy Chambers, second; Laura Canada, third.

Championship prose: Audra Lilly, fifth.

Championship poetry, Audra Lilly, first.

Radio announcing: Cole McLeod, first; Rachel Fritz, fourth.

TV announcing: Cole McLeod, second; Rebecca West, fifth; Lauren Hackfeld, sixth.

Cold reading: Mandy Chambers, third; Audra Lilly, fifth; Melinda Langham, semi-finalist.

Oratory: Jon Hensley, first; Austin Haire, third; Todd Dobson, fifth; Scott Gilliland, sixth.

Novice informative: Cole McLeod, second; Todd Dobson, fourth.

Championship informative: Rebecca West, third; Melinda Langham, fourth.

Reasoned response: Todd Dobson, second; Rebecca West, third.

Novice poetry: Mandy Chambers, fourth.

Impromptu: Melinda Langhan, second; Rebecca West, fourth.

Solo parliamentary debate: Jon Hensley, quarter finalist; Melinda Langham, quarter finalist.

Austin McCormack, Snyder Junior High School student, won third in informative speaking and the top junior high school award at Texas Tech.

Mrs. McCormack received the MAC award, which is given each year to a coach for help, involvement and encouragement to students during the speech contest.

At the speech tournament in Frenship, Lyndell Lee advanced to semi finals in domestic extemporaneous. Rachel Fritz advanced to semi finals in poetry. Suzanne Bogard advanced to semi finals in prose.

The speech team is preparing for a tournament slated Oct. 16.

Pizza Hut to test delivery fee in Dallas-Fort Worth area

DALLAS (AP) — Free delivery could be a thing of the past in the pizza business, if an experiment by Pizza Hut proves successful.

For the next several weeks, Pizza Hut Inc., the nation's largest pizza chain, will test-market a 50-cent to $1 delivery charge at several outlets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and a handful of other markets around the country.

"At the end of the test, we'll make a determination whether we'll pursue it nationally," Pizza Hut spokesman Jay Allison said of the charge.

Some industry insiders said no national pizza chain has ever charged a delivery fee, but Dallas-based Pizza Hut, a subsidiary of Louisville, Ky.-based Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., downplayed any new flavor to the charge.

"It may seem unusual in Dallas, but in other parts of the country it's not unusual for mom-and-pops and some regionals to charge," Allison said. "We haven't had any customer complaints.

Allison declined to identify the stores where the fee is being tried, but said they're all in upscale neighborhoods. The manager of one North Dallas Pizza Hut confirmed his store is among those charging the fee, but he declined to comment further.

Pizza Hut would use the fee to help offset the cost of drivers, who are paid minimum wage and a per-delivery reimbursement for use of their car, Allison said.

Stacy Jamar, a food-industry analyst for Bank of America Securities, wondered whether the fee would be about as popular as anchovies.

"Pizza is very much a price-driven purchase," she said, noting the frequency of coupon offers. "I don't think (customers) would react very well to what they might see as a subversive attempt to get more money out of them."

Pizza Hut, like other restaurant companies, is under pressure from rising labor costs and experiencing difficulty attracting and keeping employees, analysts said. At the same time, competition is limiting their ability to raise prices.

Some of Pizza Hut's major competitors distanced themselves from any fees.

"We've never charged a delivery fee and we don't intend to sta··t" declared Cozette Phifer, a spokeswoman for Domino's Pizza, based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"You have to be kidding," John Schnetter, founder and chief executive officer of Papa John's Pizza, said in a statement. "It's like a banking service charge on your pizza."

Some analysts speculated that the fee might cause customers to reduce the tips they give — an important part of pizza drivers' compensation.

Pizza Hut has about 7,000 outlets around the country, from storefronts to full restaurants. About two-thirds of the pizza pies it sells are delivered or picked up as to-go orders by customers, a spokesman said.

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Rollover means the selling of new securities to pay off old ones coming due or refiancing a loan.

Financial Focus

Someone once asked Albert Einstein what was the most amazing discovery he had ever encountered. Without hesitation, he replied, "Compound interest."

Of course, you don't have to be a scientific genius to appreciate the "miracle" of compounding. The ability of money to grow over time has benefited anyone who has ever saved for a goal.

Let's see how compounding works. Suppose you put $100 in an investment that earns a fixed 10 percent rate of interest. At the end of the first year, you will have $110. After two years, you will have $121. The extra dollar, which was earned on the $10 interest from the first year, is the compounded interest. (This example shows interest compounded annually; interest can also be compounded daily, quarterly or semiannually.)

Earning compound interest is obviously a good thing, but it won't help you escape the tax man. In the above example, you would pay $3.71 in taxes on your $10 interest the first year, $7.79 on your $21 interest the second year, and so on, assuming you had a combined state and federal tax rate of 37.1 percent. If you withdrew this amount each year to pay taxes, you would be left with considerably fewer dollars to compound.

What's the alternative? You might want to put the same amount of money in a tax-deferred investment, such as an annuity. With a tax-deferred vehicle, you pay no taxes on your earnings until withdrawal. By investing in an annuity or other tax-deferred product, you can benefit from "triple compounding." First, you'll earn interest on your principal. Second, you'll earn interest on your earnings. And third, you'll earn interest on money that would normally have been lost to taxes.

Over time, the benefits of triple compounding can add up. Suppose, for example, that you invest $50,000 in an annuity that earns 8 percent each year. After 30 years, your initial $50,000 investment will have grown to $503,133. Conversley, if you had put the same $50,000 in an investment on which you paid taxes every year, your money would only have grown to $218,082 after 30 years, assuming an 8 percent annual rate of return and a combined state and federal tax rate of 37.1 percent.

You will eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings when you start making withdrawals. However, by that time, you may be retired and in a lower tax bracket. Or you may be able to structure your annuity payouts in a way that will reduce your tax burden. Even if you took your annuity as a lump sum, you would end up with an after-tax amount of $335,020 after 30 years — nearly $117,000 more than you would have accumulated on an investment that wasn't tax-deferred.

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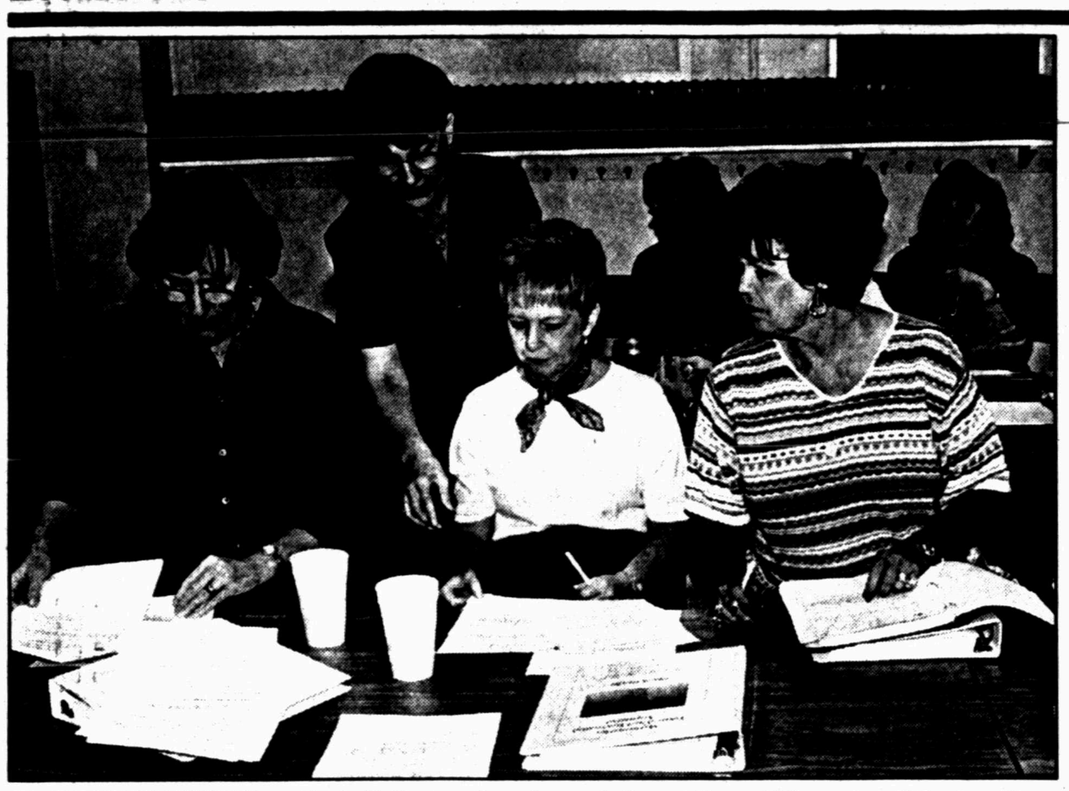

CENTRAL WORKSHOP — Gayle Fuller conducted a workshop at Central Elementary School on Tuesday. The workshop provided a thorough understanding of the TAAS and TEKS reading and mathematics objectives. This understanding is expected to assist teachers in evaluating new reading and math programs in order to incorporate the TAAS and TEKS. Teaching and testing were also provided. Fuller is shown with Central teachers from left, Kathy Moore, Kathy Brooks and Judy Moss. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

HERMLEIGH JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh Junior High School cheerleaders for 1999-2000 are from left, Amy Botts, 7th grader; Brittainy Milota, 8th grader; Misty Ritch, 7th grader. Alana Culp, 6th grader, is shown in front. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Defendant testifies he was a bystander and not the killer

BRYAN (AP) — One of the white supremacists accused of dragging a black man to his death broke down on the witness stand, saying he was a bystander and not the killer.

A co-defendant, John William King, initiated the gruesome killing by fighting with James Byrd Jr. on a remote Jasper County logging road, then a third participant, Shawn Allen Berry, slashed Byrd across the throat and chained him to the truck, Lawrence Russell Brewer testified Friday.

"I didn't mean to cause his death," Brewer said, sobbing and crying during 41/2 hours of testimony. "I had no intentions of killing nobody."

Brewer, 32, acknowledged using spray paint on Byrd, but said it was reflex action when he kicked the 49-year-old black man while trying to break up the fight between Byrd and King and hurt his toe. Brewer said he was reacting to the pain.

"Remarkable," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said after the defense rested its case, clearing the way for the case to go to closing arguments and the jury on Monday. "There's no indication that his (Byrd's) throat was slashed."

"He put on a good show to get a little bit of sympathy," Mary Verrett, Byrd's sister, said after watching the testimony.

Brewer said the knifing climaxed a fight on the logging road between Byrd and King, 24, the first of three white men tried for Byrd's June 1998 murder. King, who did not testify at his trial, was convicted in February and sentenced to death.

Berry's trial is set to begin late next month.

The scuffle, Brewer said, erupted when Berry stopped to take some steroids and King got out of the truck to have a cigarette. Brewer said he and King had been riding in the back of the truck with Byrd and Berry inside.

"He said he wanted to smoke," said Brewer, who quoted Byrd as saying, "Let me smoke with you white boys."

Killer gets two years solitary confinement for selling art

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A serial killer whose paintings were sold on the Internet auction site eBay was punished with two years in solitary confinement and lost his art privileges for five years, prison officials said Friday.

Arthur Shawcross, imprisoned for life for killing 11 Rochester-area women, will be confined to a cell for 23 hours a day at Fallsburg's Sullivan Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections Commissioner Glenn Goord said.

Officials say he has been mailing drawings, oil paintings and portraits — notably of Marilyn Monroe and stock-car driver Dale Earnhardt — as well as autographs to dealers. His work would then show up on the Internet for public auction.

In return, Shawcross would occasionally get gifts such as clothes and shoes instead of cash, officials said.

It is illegal for inmates to run any kind of business in prison, Goord said.

During his two years in solitary confinement, he also will not be able to receive packages, visit the prison commissary or use the prison telephones for illegal business.

Shawcross also will not be able to participate in any arts or crafts programs or be allow to buy or sell any arts or crafts items for five years, Goord said.

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SPORTS

Snyder evens mark at 2-2 with 27-14 victory...

Tigers march past state-ranked 'Dogs

ABILENE — It had been a long time coming, but in the end, the Snyder Tigers made beating the Wylie Bulldogs look a lot easier than it was.

After suffering four straight defeats at the hands of the Bulldogs, the Tigers used an opportunistic defense and a workmanlike offense to break down ninth-ranked Wylie, 27-14, Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

The victory is Snyder's first over Wylie since 1994, and the feeling of the long-awaited win showed on the face of head coach David Baugh.

"I'm not surprised that we won. But I'm pretty darned elated," said Baugh, while hugging players and fans after the game. "This was a really, really big win for us. Wylie is a super football team, and our kids just played their hearts out tonight."

The Tigers notched the win with a first-half offensive outburst, and a second-half goal-line stand.

Snyder put 21 points on the board, and rolled up 161 of its 196 rushing yards in the first two quarters.

With just 25 seconds left in the first period, Justin Phillips snagged a deflected pass from Sonny Cumbie to open the scoring. The touchdown capped a five-play drive that was highlighted by a 77-yard scamper from Josh Arizmendi on just his second carry of the night. Ralph Ramon split the uprights on the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Snyder's defense came up with its first of four turnovers early in the second quarter when Brian Gordan pounced on a fumble at the Wylie 45-yard line.

The Tigers turned the fumble into points, methodically marching the 45 yards in plays, with Paul Camp carrying the ball the final step. A mishandled snap on the PAT made it a 13-0 ballgame.

Snyder quickly stretched the margin, thanks to another big play from its defense.

Two plays after the touchdown, senior Brady Hackfeld stepped in front of a Bulldog receiver and picked off a Caleb Ensor pass at the Snyder 44.

After losing 15 yards, the Tigers maintained possession when Wylie mishandled a punt at its own 34-yard line.

Three plays later from the 32, Camp busted through numerous Bulldog defenders on his way to his second score of the night.

After a holding penalty on the first two-point conversion attempt, Cumbie hit Matthew Grimmett from 12 yards out on the second try, extending the Tigers' advantage to 21-0.

Wylie crawled back in the game just before halftime, putting together a five-play drive that covered 81 yards and ended with a Bo Brown 4-yard TD run.

The Tigers managed to drive to the Wylie 16 with one second left on the clock, but couldn't convert on a 34-yard field goal attempt.

"We got off to a good start offensively in the first half," Baugh stated. "We caught them with a formation that they didn't adjust to a few times, and our kids executed well."

Wylie continued to trim the deficit in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs forced Snyder to punt from deep in its own territory, resulting in good field position at the Tiger 39-yard line.

On the ensuing drive, Danny Ruth took an option pitch going to his left and sprinted 30 yards down the sideline to make it a seven-point game, 21-14.

But from that point on, the Snyder defense would bend, but not break.

Snyder answered the Wylie score on its next possession. Cumbie hit Phillips for 23 yards, then hooked up with Grimmett for a 42-yard completion to the Bulldogs' doorstep. Cumbie leaned in from a yard out to cap the drive. After another unsuccessful extra-point attempt, the score rested at 27-14, and the Tigers' defense took over.

Wylie, determined to get back in the game, began to show its offensive power on its next drive.

Mixing the run and the pass, the Bulldogs marched to the Tigers' 9-yard line, where it four chances to punch it in.

But with its back against the wall, the Snyder defense stiffened.

A false start penalty was followed by a sack, pushing the Bulldogs back to the 20. Two passes netted eight yards, before Bebos Martinez made a leaping interception in the endzone on fourth down, to turn Wylie away.

"That was a big goal-line stand for us," defensive coordinator Joe Granato said. "We had a good pass rush all night, and the kids did what we asked them to do. We didn't do anything different. Our kids are just starting to execute better and it showed, late in the game."

Snyder halted Wylie's next drive on fourth down again, when defensive tackle Corey Knipe used his entire 6-6 frame to bat down a pass in Snyder territory.

Following a Tiger fumble, the Snyder defense would have to make one last stand.

With 2:59 left on the clock, the Bulldogs made their final drive, converting on two fourth-down plays to keep the drive alive.

But at the Tigers' 22-yard line, the drive stalled. Two runs and a pair of pass attempts netted no yards and Snyder held the ball for the final 1:02 of the game.

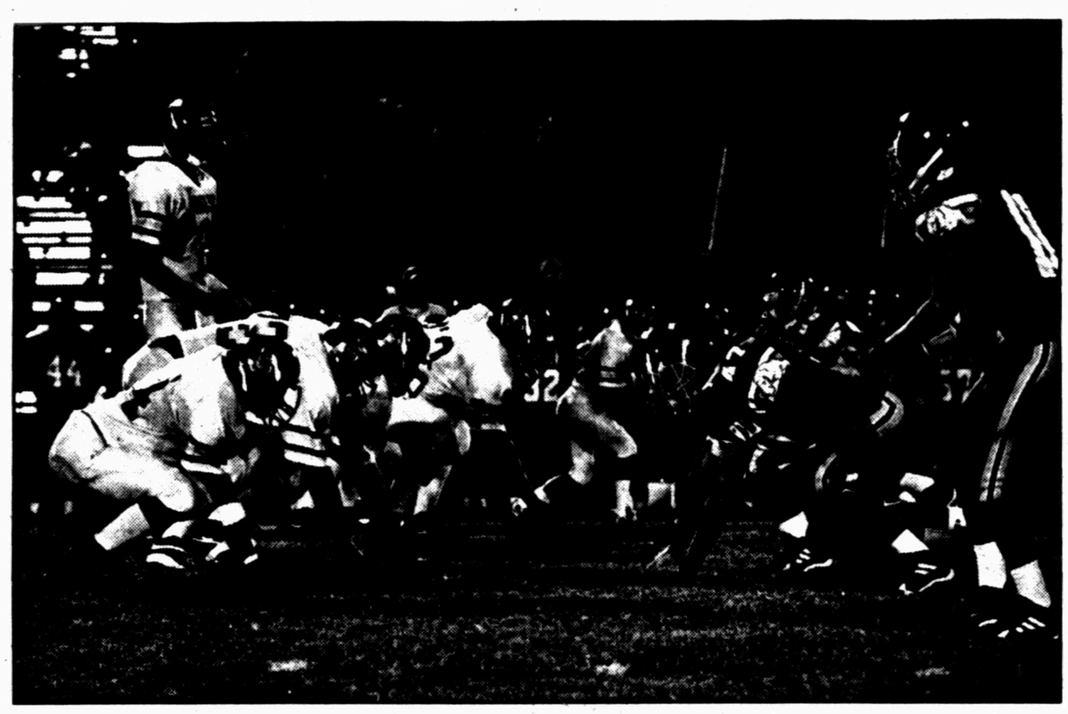
"It got a little scary in the fourth quarter," Baugh remarked. "I looked at the scoreboard when they were driving and thought, 'I've seen them come back from deficits like this before.' But our kids kept getting after it, and wouldn't let them back in the ballgame."

Camp finished the night with 122 yards on 22 carries, while Arizmendi added 98 yards on just eight carries.

Cumbie was 9 of 16 for 159 yards, with Justin Phillips catching four passes. Grimmett hauled in three receptions for 74 yards.

Snyder, now 2-2 on the year, will return to Tiger Stadium next week to host its homecoming contest with Seminole.

After battling Seminole, the Tigers take a week off, before opening District 5-4A action at home against Andrews. Snyder meets district favorite Big Spring the following week.



THE LINE OF FIRE — Snyder quarterback Sonny Cumbie looks over the Abilene Wylie defense, while the Tiger offensive line gets ready for the snap during action Friday night at Bulldog Stadium in Abilene. Snyder ended a four-game losing streak to Wylie by knocking off the ninth-ranked Bulldogs, 27-14. Snyder returns home next week to host its homecoming affair with the Seminole Indians. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

District 5-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Big Spring	0	0	4	0
Andrews	0	0	2	1
Snyder	0	0	2	2
Lake View	0	0	2	2
Fort Stockton	0	0	1	2
Sweetwater	0	0	0	3

Friday's results: Snyder 27, Abilene Wylie 14; Andrews 35, Monahans 7; Big Spring 38, Estacado 24; Borger 28, Sweetwater 14; Fort Stockton 17, Pecos 14; Lake View 20, Del Rio 14.

Next week's games: Seminole at Snyder; Lake View at Pampa; Andrews at Levelland; Sweetwater at Estacado; Abilene Wylie at Big Spring; Fort Stockton at Monahans.

Game Summary

Snyder	07	14	06	00 — 27
Wylie	00	07	07	00 — 14

First Quarter

Snyder — Justin Phillips 8-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (Ralph Ramon kick), 0:25.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Paul Camp 1-yard run (kick failed), 5:16.

Snyder — Camp 32-yard run (Matthew Grimmett pass from Cumbie), 2:11.

Wylie — Bo Brown 4-yard run (John Self kick), 1:03.

Third Quarter

Wylie — Danny Ruth 30-yard run (Self kick), 6:31.

Snyder — Cumbie 1-yard run (kick failed), 3:51.

	Sny	Wyl
First Downs	13	17
Rushes-yards	39-196	29-165
Passing yards	159	165
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-0	17-32-2
Punts	4-36.0	3-37.3
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-69	6-31
Time of poss.	25:53	22:07

RUSHING — Snyder: Camp, 22-122; Arizmendi, 8-98; Brandon, 1-minus 7; Cumbie, 8-minus 17. **Wylie:** Brown, 14-98; Ruth, 2-38; Unger, 1-16; Ensor 11-12; Self, 1-1.

PASSING — Snyder: Cumbie 9 of 16 for 159 yards, 1 TD. **Wylie:** Ensor 17 of 32 for 165 yards, 2 int.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Phillips, 4-57; Grimmett, 3-74; Camp, 1-16; Ortegon, 1-12. **Wylie:** Brown, 5-35; Ripley, 4-50; Clark, 3-37; Ergish, 2-31; Hughes, 1-13; Rampy, 1-0; Barbee, 1-minus 1.

Devil Rays end losing streak with 7-5 victory over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Flaherty homered twice, including a three-run shot in the seventh inning, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays ended their seven-game losing streak against Texas with a 7-5 victory Friday night.

Jose Canseco homered and drove in three runs for the Devil Rays. Tampa Bay won for the third time in 12 games.

The AL West-leading Rangers lost despite outhitting Tampa Bay 16-13. Texas had won three in a row.

Roberto Hernandez struck out Lee Stevens in the eighth with the bases loaded, then pitched the ninth for his 40th save. He converted his 19th straight chance and became the 20th AL reliever in history to record 40 saves in a season.

Flaherty also hit a solo homer in the fifth multi-homer game of his career. Flaherty also hit two homers at Texas on May 17.

Texas had taken a 3-2 lead in the sixth on Ivan Rodriguez's RBI single. Fred McGriff and Herbert Perry opened the Tampa Bay seventh with singles off Rick Helling (13-9) and Flaherty followed with his 13th homer.

Al Newman (2-2) got the third out in the sixth to pick up the victory.

In the eighth, Dave Martinez singled off Jeff Zimmerman and Canseco hit his 33rd homer for a 7-3 lead.

Rodriguez, who went 4-for-5, had an RBI single in the eighth to make it 7-4. Juan Gonzalez followed with a two-out infield single off Hernandez, with Mark McLemore scoring on third baseman Bobby Smith's throwing error.

Tampa Bay rookie starter Dan Wheeler gave up one run in five innings but failed to get his first major league win. Wheeler left with a 2-1 lead despite allowing nine baserunners.

The Devil Rays got a run in the first on Canseco's RBI double, and Flaherty's solo homer leading off the second made it 2-0.

Texas got a run in the fourth on consecutive fourth-inning doubles by Roberto Kelly and Royce Clayton.

The Rangers scored the tying run in the sixth with the help of a throwing error by McGriff at first base.

Wylie 22, Snyder 14...

Wylie tops SHS frosh in fourth

Abilene Wylie scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to break open a 14-14 deadlock and garner a 22-14 victory over the Snyder High School freshmen Thursday evening.

The winning score came with 1:14 left on the clock. The Snyder frosh now have a season record of two wins, one loss and a tie.

Snyder took a 6-0 lead on a 10-yard scamper by Billy Pena who finished the night with 98 yards rushing. The extra point failed.

Wylie went ahead 8-6 on a touchdown and a two-point conversion.

The Tigers went ahead 14-8 on a second 10-yard run by Pena followed by two extra points on a pass from Colby Driggers to Josh Montoya.

Wylie then knotted the score before the winning fourth-quarter TD.

Coach Charles Bollinger noted that John Felan recovered one Wylie fumble.

SDN Sports Briefs

SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be best poker hand.

Snyder Speed 18 - under
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SPORTS

Cardinals record first win in 58-12 blowout

HERMLEIGH — In danger of falling to 0-3 on the year, the Hermleigh Cardinals posted their first win of the season in grand fashion.

Hermleigh rolled up 455 yards of total offense Friday night, en route to a 58-12 blowout of Klondike at Cardinal Stadium.

"The kids showed a lot of character," Hermleigh coach Juan Rios said. "After getting beat by a couple of pretty good teams, they came back and worked really hard in practice this week. And now all of that hard work paid off."

After falling behind 6-0 in the opening quarter, the Cardinals knotted the tally on a 55-yard sprint by Chris McClure, before taking the lead for good on a 9-yard run by Caleb Callaway.

Hermleigh stretched its lead through the air in the second period, when Callaway pulled down a 26-yard aerial from Chris Doggett to make it 18-6.

It looked as if Klondike would steal back the momentum just before half, scoring on a 75-yard run with only 25 seconds left in the quarter.

But the Cards answered just 15 seconds later with a 55-yard touchdown pass from Doggett to McClure to take a 25-12 advantage at halftime.

It was all Cardinals in the second half, as they held the Cougars scoreless, while posting 34 points of their own.

McClure, who finished the night with 84 yards on only five carries, found the endzone on a 21-yard run and on a 40-yard pass from Doggett.

David Digby got in on the scoring act in the third period as well, scampering 35 yards for his first TD, before punching it in three yards out.

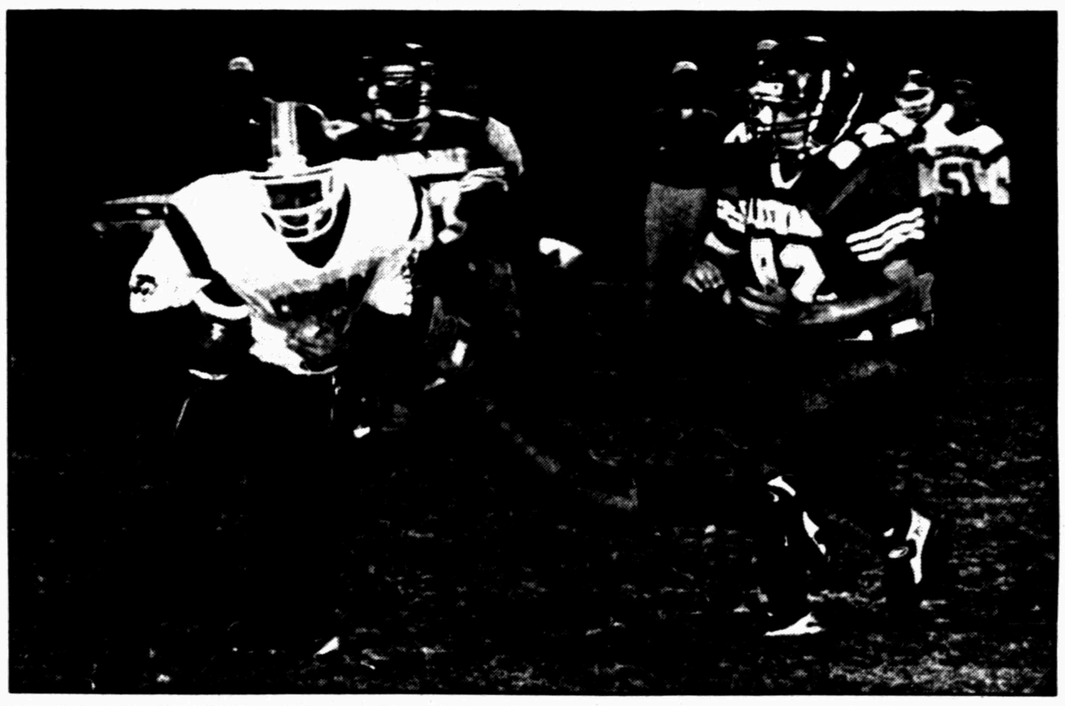
The contest ended on the 45-point mercy rule with 9:54 left in the fourth quarter, when Randy Herrera dove in from a yard out.

Digby led the Cardinals' ground attack with 139 yards on 15 carries. Callaway hauled in four of Doggett's passes for 93 yards, with McClure grabbing two more for 95 yards.

Hermleigh picked off three Klondike aerials in the game. Alfonso Rangel snagged two interceptions, with Callaway also grabbing one.

"This win was a big boost of momentum for us," Rios stated. "The kids can now go into next week's game expecting to win."

Hermleigh will host the Trent Gorillas next week at 7:30 at Cardinal Stadium.



HELP IS ON THE WAY — Hermleigh's Caleb Callaway (82) moves in to assist a teammate who is hauling down a Klondike ball carrier Friday night at Cardinal Stadium. Hermleigh trounced the Cougars, 58-12, to improve its record to 1-2 on the season. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Coyotes improve to 3-0 with 26-14 win

HIGHLAND — After two blowout victories, the Borden County Coyotes were tested for the first time on Friday night. They passed with flying colors.

Borden County remained unbeaten on the season with a 26-14 victory over Highland.

Ed Rodriguez powered the Coyotes' attack, scoring all four the squad's touchdowns.

After Highland took an early 8-0 lead, Rodriguez hauled in a 50-yard strike from Kevin Pinkerton to even the tally, following the Rodriguez kick.

Borden County then took the lead for good, when Rodriguez plunged in from two yards out.

Another two-yard run by Rodriguez to open the second quarter put the Coyotes on top, 20-8.

The Hornets trimmed the deficit to 20-14 before the half ended.

Rodriguez capped the scoring in the third, breaking loose on a 44-yard scamper for the 26-14 final.

The Coyotes rolled up 240 yards on the ground, while holding Highland to just 159.

Borden County improves to 3-0 on the season, having won 31 of their last 30 games. Highland slips to 1-2 on the year.

Chandler doubtful for Dallas game

ATLANTA (AP) — Chris Chandler participated in some light workouts Friday, but the Atlanta Falcons' Pro Bowl quarterback was still listed as doubtful for Monday night's game at Dallas.

Though he practiced for the first time since injuring his right hamstring at the end of Sunday's 17-14 loss to Minnesota, Chandler didn't take a snap from center and stood and watched as the offense and defense scrimmaged.

"I did a heck of a lot more today than the last couple of days," the 33-year-old Chander said. "So in another 24 hours, I hope I'll be a little quicker, a little faster, a little better."

Coach Dan Reeves was pleased with the work of backup Tony Graziani, who is set to start against the Cowboys (1-0), and No. 3 quarterback Danny Kanell.

But Reeves did not rule out a chance Chandler will play in the Falcons' first Monday night game since Dec. 2, 1996.

"It could change, but unless it's a drastic change (Saturday), he's still doubtful," Reeves said. "I think he'll be able to dress for the game, but whether he could play a lot would depend on how (his hamstring) feels Monday."

Chandler is 0-2 in his career against the Cowboys.

Lady Tigers golfers top Abilene schools at ACC

ABILENE - Snyder High School varsity girls golf team showed once again that they will be a major contender, walking away with a tri-match victory over Abilene High and Abilene Cooper at Abilene Country Club.

Snyder fired a team total 336 while Cooper was 16 strokes back with a 352. Abilene High posted a 355.

Sally Barham paced the Lady Tigers with an 81 while Lacey Kidd was second with an 82.

Other Snyder scores include Randi Reed with an 84, Andra Lancaster with an 89 and Kara Harrison with a 90.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	38	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	30	28
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	14	31
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	28	30
Central						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	41	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	43	0
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	36	35
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	10	27
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	35	36
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	0	43
West						
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	21	38
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	24	28
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	20	28

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	41	35
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Washington	0	1	0	.000	35	41
Central						
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	24
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	13	17
West						
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	19
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	41

Sunday, Sept. 19

Arizona at Miami, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
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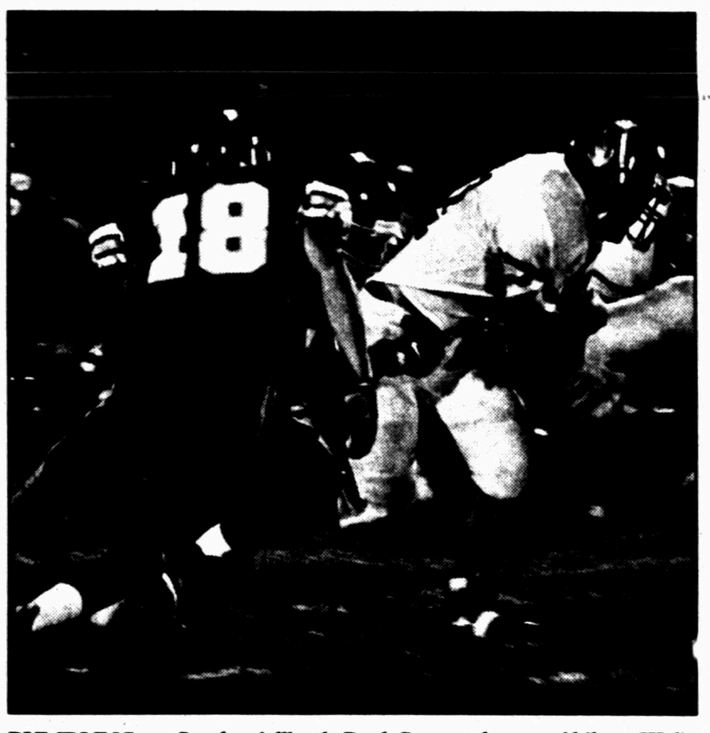
Monday, Sept. 20

Atlanta at Dallas, 9 p.m.



RUMBLING — Snyder fullback Paul Camp takes an Abilene Wylie player for a ride Friday night during the Tigers' 27-14 win in Abilene. Camp finished the game with 122 yards on 22 carries. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

Tagliabue willing to talk to Sanders about return

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would be willing to talk with Barry Sanders if it would help end the running back's retirement and bring him back to the Detroit Lions, an NFL spokesman said today.

Tagliabue informed Sanders' agent of that in a telephone conversation more than two weeks ago, Greg Aiello said, but there has been no contact between the two since.

Sanders' agent, David Ware, called Tagliabue the first week of September and the commissioner returned the phone call.

"They discussed the situation," Aiello. "He said he'd be willing to talk to Barry if it would play a constructive role in his return to the Lions, but he doesn't want to get between the two sides."

According to ESPN, which first reported the story on its Web site, the talks were initiated by Ware in an attempt to allow a trade to be made involving Sanders without significant salary cap restrictions.

Sanders offered to repay $5.4 million of his $11 million signing bonus.

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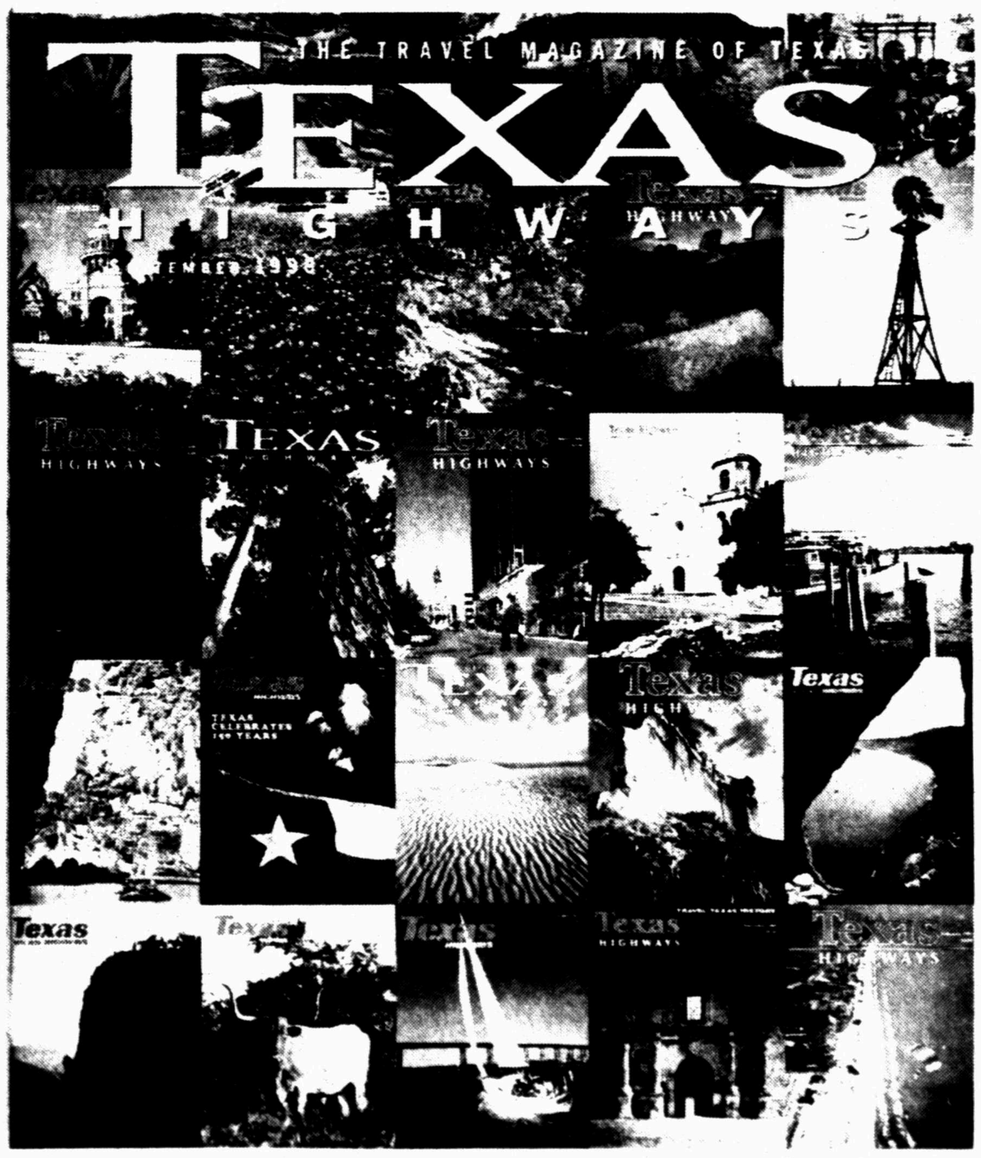

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Allen 16, Colony 14
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Angleton 37, Fort Bend Willowridge 6
Arlington Sam Houston 28, Irving MacArthur 7
Austin Westlake 24, Killeen Ellison 17
Baytown Sterling 28, Alvin 20
Brownsville Rivera 42, Donna 7
CC Miller 64, Robstown 0
Carrollton Smith 21, Southlake Carroll 17
Conroe 21, Pasadena Rayburn 6
Converse Judson 24, Round Rock 7
Copperas Cove 38, Waco Midway 14
Cy-Fair 32, Katy Mayde Creek 7
Dallas Carter 10, Lufkin 7
DeSoto 53, Denton Ryan 12
Deer Park 28, Clear Lake 7
Duncanville 38, Longview 21
EP Americas 27, EP Riverside 19
EP Franklin 26, EP Montwood 14
EP Jefferson 7, EP Bowie 6
Galena Park North Shore 35, Aldine 30
Galveston Ball 27, Beaumont Central 19
Garland 25, Dallas Skyline 16
Georgetown 24, Hays Consolidated 14
Grand Prairie 27, Hurst Bell 10
Haltom City 24, Arlington 10
Harlingen South 41, CC Carroll 20
Houston Austin 41, Houston Furr 6
Houston Bellaire 31, Houston Scarborough 21
Houston Madison 37, Langham Creek 28
Houston Memorial 28, Cypress Creek 10
Houston Milby 43, Sharpstown 31
Houston Worthing 26, Houston Jones 0
Humble 24, The Woodlands 12
Irving 53, Arlington Bowie 7
Jersey Village 17, Fort Bend Clements 7
Killeen 21, A&M Consolidated 10
Klein 29, Baytown Lee 24
Klein Forest 30, Clear Creek 24
La Porte 21, Clear Brook 14
Laredo Cigarroa 14, SA McCollum 10
Laredo United South 41, SA Edison 0
Leander 42, Austin Lanier 17
Lewisville 35, Arlington Lamar 28
Mansfield 28, Colleyville Heritage 21
Marshall 28, Shreveport Southward 0
Mesquite 24, Plano East 7
Midland 18, Monterey 10
Midland Lee 36, Arlington Martin 16
Nacogdoches 28, Jasper 19
Odessa 21, El Paso Coronado 0
Pasadena Dobie 56, Brazoswood 7
Pearland 55, Houston Reagan 0
Richardson 24, North Richland Hills Richland 21
Round Rock McNeil 34, Austin LBJ 14
Round Rock Westwood 35, Austin Crockett 27
Rowlett 26, Rockwall 7
SA Brackenridge 21, Laredo United 14
SA East Central 28, SA Jay 21
SA Highlands 50, SA Sam Houston 8
SA Lee 47, SA Jefferson 0
SA MacArthur 28, SA Clark 17
SA Marshall 17, SA Madison 15
SA O'Connor 28, Boerne 23
SA Southwest 43, Eagle Pass 20
San Benito 32, Pharr San Juan Alamo 28
South Garland 28, Bryan Adams 27
South Grand Prairie 44, Irving Nimitz 23
South San Antonio 20, Laredo Martin 13
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Temple 23, Bryan 7
Tomball 26, Katy Taylor 7
Tyler Lee 21, Plano 14
Victoria 31, Kingsville 21
Waco High 24, Waco University 6

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Amarillo Caprock 28, Amarillo River Road 20
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Canyon 55, Lubbock 7
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Cleburne 19, Keller 16
Columbia 35, Galena Park 10
Coppell 59, Garland Lakeview Centennial 0
Corsicana 20, Waxahachie 10
Crosby 31, Dayton 21
Dallas Roosevelt 12, Dallas Madison 7
Dallas Samuell 26, Dallas Bishop Lynch 13
Denison 34, Richardson Pearce 7
Denton 28, FW Paschal 24
Dickinson 16, Channelview 10
Dripping Springs 38, Manor 14
EP Parkland 55, Fabens 7
El Campo 17, Sweeny 3
El Paso 36, EP Austin 20
Ennis 24, Cedar Hill 0
Everman 38, Azle 0
FW Brewer 21, Aledo 14
FW Dunbar 47, FW North Side 6
FW Southwest 34, FW Polytechnic 0
FW Wyatt 68, FW Western Hills 20
Fort Stockton 17, Pecos 14
Fossil Ridge 26, Carrollton Turner 24
Granbury 34, Mineral Wells 20
Grapevine 8, Flower Mound Marcus 6
Henderson 38, Palestine 29
Hereford 34, Frenship 17
Highland Park 30, Lake Highlands 7
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Ballinger 31, Coleman 28
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Breckenridge 28, Graham 9
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Cameron 21, Rockdale 20
Childress 21, Canadian 20
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Falfurrias 20, Rivera 6
Forney 55, Kennedale 14
Friona 49, Dimmitt 14
Frisco 14, Bridgeport 6
Gainesville 27, Iowa Park 21
Gatesville 38, Glen Rose 20
George West 21, Sinton 7
Gilmer 21, Carthage 0
Greenwood 35, Denver City 0
Hallettsville 13, Ganado 7
Hamshire-Fannett 21, Bridge City 7
Hardin 45, West Hardin 22
Hitchcock 9, Santa Fe 0
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Orange Grove 27, Zapata 0
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Poteet 20, Nixon-Smiley 13
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Brookshire Royal 23, Hempstead 6
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Center Point 20, SA St. Gerard 9
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Coahoma 22, Midland Christian 7
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Grandview 27, Aubrey 25
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Hale Center 42, Petersburg 28
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Harleton 62, Maud 6
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Morton 26, Whiteface 0
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New Deal 33, Tahoka 12
New Waverly 47, Shepherd 24
Olney 54, Throckmorton 0
Pilot Point 68, Bells 6
Plains 19, Wink 8
Post 39, Roosevelt 0
Premont 13, Hebbronville 6
Quanah 14, Munday 0
Ralls 26, O'Donnell 14
Refugio 68, Taft 0
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Tidehaven 35, Palacios 13
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Weimar 21, Somerville 13
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Yorktown 20, SA Cole 17

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Anton 26, Lubbock Christian 7
Aspermont 21, Roscoe 13
Baird 35, Hawley 6
Bartlett 42, Thorndale 21
Bronte 41, Roby 6
Bryson 46, Rising Star 0
Charlotte 53, D'Hanis 0
Christoval 47, Leakey 12
Crosbyton 20, Olton 14
Dawson 54, Patton Springs 6
Detroit 43, Big Sandy 7
Eden 48, Robert Lee 6
Falls City 21, Stockdale 20
Fannindel 48, Fruitvale 6
Flatonia 28, Shiner St. Paul 15
Gunter 53, Collinsville 15
Harper 21, Lometa 14
Jarrell 34, Johnson City 8
Louise 26, Danbury 21
May 28, Santa Anna 7
Memphis 34, Kress 14
Menard 47, Junction 6
Milano 37, Bosqueville 9
Nazareth 30, Farwell 14
Paducah 31, Lorenzo 0
Prosper 35, Tom Bean 19
Quinlan Boles 29, Howe 21
Ranger 21, Cross Plains 7
Runge 47, Medina 6
Santo 21, Muenster Sacred Heart 0
Spur 19, Knox City 18
Sundown 23, Idalou 7
Tolar 28, Perrin-Whitt 14
Valley 37, Crowell 0
Valley View 20, Paradise 14
Vega 28, Shamrock 6
Wortham 32, Itasca 6

Class Si
Blum 52, Covington 6
Borden County 26, Highland 14
Brookesmith 54, Star 8
Bynum 48, Morgan 0
Calvert 49, Trinidad 0
Cotton Center 50, Wilson 14
Fort Elliott 54, Vernon Northside 6
Gordon 54, Abbott 20
Grady 48, Buena Vista 16
Groom 52, New Home 0
Harrold 63, Guthrie 25
Hermleigh 58, Klondike 12
Iredell 69, Irving Emmanuel 45
Jonesboro 36, Gustine 28
Lazbuddie 47, Southland 0
Loop 22, Amherst 19
McLean 71, Silverton 42
Milford 69, Buckholts 20
Oglesby 48, Walnut Springs 46
Rochelle 28, Veribest 6
Rochester 61, Woodson 16
Ropesville 25, Motley County 13
Rule 54, Chillicothe 8
Sands 60, Sanderson 38
Strawn 22, Newcastle 14
Three Way 68, Wellman Union 22
Trent 55, Evangel Temple Christian 39
Whitharral 57, Meadow 8
Zephyr 44, Cherokee 7

Private Schools
Abilene Christian 56, Moran 28
Arlington Oakridge 40, FW Ambassadors of Christ 0
Dallas Bishop Dunne 46, Pantego Christian 33
Dallas Christian 34, First Baptist 14
Dallas Greenhill 72, FW Trinity Valley 7
Dallas Jesuit 27, Dallas Hillcrest 7
Dallas St. Mark's 13, TCA Addison 6
EP Jesus Chapel 70, Sierra Blanca 25
FW Masonic Home 55, WF Baptist 0
FW Southwest Christian 47, Colleyville Faith 6
FW Temple Christian 14, Dallas Episcopal 13
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 2, Vanderbilt Industrial 0
Houston Kinkaid 41, Houston Episcopal 7
Houston Lutheran South 19, High Island 6
Houston Second Baptist 41, Arlington Grace Prep 7
Houston St. John's 38, FW Country Day 14
Irving Cistercian 52, FW All Saints 0
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Tyler Gorman 35, Overton 24
Waco Christian 16, Balch Spring Christian 13
Winston 20, Savoy 12

WTC continues to ride well at opening rodeo

PORTALES, N.M. — With the short round still to go, the Western Texas College rodeo team is already having success.

B.J. Scott captured the top spot in the bareback competition to lead WTC's Friday performance at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo.

Scott posted a score of 75 to win the event, with teammate Wes Stephenson notching second place with a 69.

Heading into Saturday night's final round, the Westerners were also holding down the top slot in the saddle bronc and bull riding.

Leland Wood recorded a 74 to put him atop the saddle bronc standings, with Rawley McFarland and Brandon Mayberry sharing fourth place with scores of 68.

In the bull riding, it was an 81 from Casey Baize that topped the scoring. Bill Herbert was splitting second place with a 76, while Ryan Greenlee was ninth after a ride of 72.

Cimmaron Boardman was holding down the fifth spot in the calf roping, after two performances. Boardman posted a time of 11.0 seconds.

In team roping, Jody Pinkert and his partner were first with a time of 6.3, while Ryan Brewer and Matt Gully were a close second with a 6.4. Boardman and Tibba Smith were ninth, after a run of 9.4, with Brewer and another partner sitting in tenth place.

On the women's side, the Lady Westerners were having their share of success, as well.

Jill Childers recorded a time of 7.7 to grab the second slot in the goat tying competition. Tara Bynum was fifth with an 8.2, and Jamie Standifer was seventh with an 8.4.

Shelley York notched a time of 4.2 to move into seventh place in the breakaway roping event, with Cassie Short sitting in 10th place, after posted a time of 4.7 seconds for the Lady Westerners.

Defense fuels 8th grade win

An impressive defensive stand fired up the Snyder offense as the Snyder Junior High Gold team edged Wylie, 6-0, Thursday night.

Wylie faced a fourth and one from the Snyder 12-yard line when the Tiger defense, led by Isaac Ramon, stopped the Bulldogs for no gain.

With time running out, Snyder marched 88 yards for the winning touchdown with Eddie Torres taking it the final four steps with two minutes left.

Torres was the Tigers' leading rusher for the evening, picking up 78 yards on 13 carries. Boicy Martinez added 26 yards on five totes while Marcus Villareal ran with the ball four times for 11 yards.

Villareal completed two of five pass attempts for 41 yards with Blake Grimmett hauling in both aerials.

Defensive standouts were Ramon, Cody Wall and Clayton Floyd.

Cardinals out slug Astros, 11-8

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Houston pitcher Jose Lima says there's no shame in giving up a home run to Mark McGwire, not even a grand slam on a changeup that hangs over the plate.

But what left the 20-game winner's head spinning Friday night was Thomas Howard's home run on the very next pitch. And another by Fernando Tatis four pitches later.

When Lima (20-8) was finished after 3 2-3 innings, the Cardinals had socked him for nine runs, all in the fourth. Needless to say, Joe Niekro's team-record 21st victory would have to wait for another day.

The teams combined for seven homers as St. Louis prevailed 11-8.

"I don't know why I lost my stuff in the fourth inning," Lima said. "I felt really good at the start of the game. All my pitches were up in the strike zone in that inning."

And to think McGwire's manager, Tony La Russa, wasn't even sure if his slugger would be ready after missing the three previous games with a straigned left groin.

McGwire said it was luck to catch Lima on a bad night, but La Russa said teams make their own luck.

"Every once and a while Sinatra had to clear his throat too," the manager said.

With homer No. 513, McGwire moved into 11th place on the career list, passing Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews. It was his 56th on the season, leaving him three behind major league leader Sammy Sosa.

All the same, it was modesty afterward in the Cardinal locker room.

"It was one of those things, a run of luck," McGwire said. "We got some hits, and they were home runs."

Despite the loss, Houston maintained its 31/2-game lead over Cincinnati in the National League Central. The Reds lost 3-1 to Pittsburgh.

It was the first time in 35 years and the fourth time ever the Cardinals hit three consecutive homers. The last time it happened was July 19, 1964, against the Mets when Ken Boyer started the barrage with a grand slam and Bill White and Tim McCarver followed with homers.

Even utility player David Howard joined in the power surge, adding his first homer of the season as a pinch-hitter in the fifth.

McGwire said it was one of those rare cases of good hitting beating good pitching.

"You don't win championships on offense," he said. "You win it by pitching. More pitchers should follow the (Lima) throws. Games would be a lot quicker, I'll tell you that."

Jeff Bagwell hit his 41st homer for Houston, which has lost two straight after winning 12 in a row.

Garrett Stephenson (6-1) gave up six runs, seven hits and three walks in five innings. He struck out six. Ricky Bottalico came on with two on and one out and got two outs for his 20th save.

The Astros responded to the Cardinals' nine-run inning with some power of their own. Carl Everett and Ken Caminiti homered on consecutive pitches to lead off the fifth, pulling Houston within three.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	89	58	.605	—
Boston	85	62	.578	4
Toronto	77	71	.520	12½
Baltimore	70	76	.479	18½
Tampa Bay	64	84	.432	25½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	89	58	.605	—
Chicago	66	81	.449	23
Detroit	60	86	.411	28½
Minnesota	59	87	.404	29½
Kansas City	59	89	.399	30½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	88	60	.595	—
Oakland	80	66	.548	7
Seattle	73	74	.497	14½
Anaheim	61	87	.412	27

x-clinched division title

Friday's Games
Boston 14, Detroit 3
New York 9, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 7, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 7, Texas 5
Seattle 4, Minnesota 3
Baltimore 4, Anaheim 2
Kansas City 9, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games
New York (Hernandez 16-8) at Cleveland (Nagy 16-9), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 8-11) at Boston (Saberhagen 9-5), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-13) at Toronto (D.Wells 14-10), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 8-13) at Oakland (Olivares 14-10), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Witt 7-13) at Texas (Sele 16-8), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 5-9) at Seattle (Meche 6-4), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 11-11) at Anaheim (Cooper 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit (Mlicki 13-10) at Boston (Wakefield 5-10) 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 9-13) at Toronto (Halladay 8-6), 1:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 11-8) at Cleveland (Brower 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 5-11) at Texas (Burkett 7-7), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 1-4) at Oakland (Heredia 12-7), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 16-7) at Anaheim (Fyhrie 0-4), 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	92	56	.622	—
New York	90	58	.608	2
Philadelphia	70	77	.476	21½
Montreal	62	85	.422	29½
Florida	58	89	.395	33½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	91	57	.611	—
Cincinnati	87	61	.588	3½
Pittsburgh	72	74	.493	17½
St. Louis	69	78	.469	21
Milwaukee	65	81	.445	24½
Chicago	59	88	.401	31
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	88	59	.598	—
San Francisco	82	65	.558	6
San Diego	69	79	.466	19½
Los Angeles	67	80	.456	21
Colorado	67	81	.453	21½

Thursday's Games
San Francisco 6, Florida 5
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 6
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 5, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 8, New York 5
Atlanta 6, Montreal 5, 10 innings
Colorado 18, Los Angeles 10
St. Louis 11, Houston 8
Florida 10, Arizona 6
San Francisco 4, San Diego 2

Saturday's Games
Houston (Hampton 20-3) at St. Louis (Oliver 7-9), 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 9-2) at Pittsburgh (Peters 5-1), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 10-10) at Colorado (Astacio 15-10), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 11-14) at Arizona (R.Johnson 15-9), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 4-10) at San Diego (Hitchcock 11-12), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 3-0) at Chicago (Bowie 1-6), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 1-2) at New York (Yoshii 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 8-12) at Atlanta (Maddux 18-7), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Montreal (Lilly 0-0) at Atlanta (Mulholland 8-8), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 14-9) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 12-10), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 14-9) at New York (Rogers 5-0), 1:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nomo 12-7) at Chicago (Farnsworth 4-9), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Holt 4-13) at St. Louis (Jimenez 5-13), 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (K.Brown 16-8) at Colorado (Thomson 1-7), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 11-8) at San Diego (Williams 9-12), 8:05 p.m.

MAKING TERRARIUMS — Northeast pre-kindergarten students made terrariums last week. Students and parents shown are Stephanie Hart and Shelia Allison (top photo); Daphny Torres and Nancy Jaramillo (middle photo); and Sabrina Salinas and Emilee Blocker(bottom photo. Barbra Jones is the teacher. (Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

How safe is your home?

During Baby Safety Month, Cogdell Memorial Hospital asks how safe is your home for your baby?

"Many parents do not realize that checking simple items can prevent accidents involving their children" said Jeff Reecer, hospital CEO. "Parents can avoid injury to their children by maintaining their home and by teaching their children basic safety rules."

One of the key areas, according to Reecer, is the bathroom. Be sure to supervise young children while they are in the bathtub. Keep electrical appliances, such as radios, hair dryers, space heaters and curling irons, away from water and beyond a child's reach.

Placing skid-proof mats on the bottom of the bathtub and the floor next to the bathtub can prevent potentially dangerous slipping and falling.

Another area of importance is fire prevention. "Check the batteries in smoke detectors monthly," Reecer recommended.

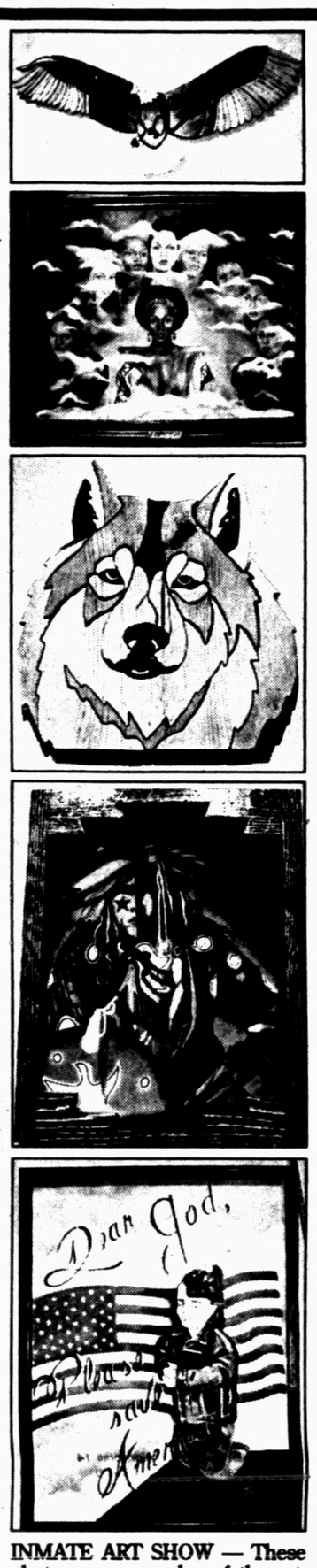
Replace batteries and smoke detectors that are not functioning properly as soon as they are discovered. Cover all electrical outlets with outlet plugs. Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and be sure to place screens in front of fireplaces when in use. And of course, keep matches and lighters in a safe place where children cannot access them.

General household safety is important too. Medicines and vitamins should be stored out of a child's reach. Cabinets containing items potentially dangerous to children, such as firearms, cleaning supplies, alcohol, matches and tools, should be kept securely locked or installed with safety latches.

Household plants should also be kept away from a child's reach as many of them can be poisonous if ingested. Keep stairs, railings, porches and balconies sturdy and in good condition.

"Don't forget car safety, cautioned Reecer. "Placing young children securely in child safety seats facing the correct way. Check the weight limits for car seats and booster seats to be sure your child is in the correct type of seat. Have children ride in the rear seat and be sure they are buckled up as well. Keep doors locked when driving.

"Check these simple guidelines and using common sense can go a long way in keeping your baby happy and healthy," said Reecer.



INMATE ART SHOW — These photos are examples of the artwork in the third annual Inmate Art Show which will continue through Oct. 21 at Scurry County Museum on Western Texas College campus. (Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Nona Jones, 1999 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

David L. and Alisa Cain, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Industrial Hose and Supply Inc., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Doris M. Jones, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Allie Beth Beachamp, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

James W. Patterson, 1999 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Reta Faye Cook, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Cecilio B. Juarez, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Darrell Jensen, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

William J. Hall, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Ruben Marco Ruiz and Hermelinda Hernandez, both of Snyder.

Robert Martinez of Plainview and Rosemary Martinez of Snyder.

Florentino Lee Escobedo and Brittany Dawn Smith, both of Ira.

Bryant Keith Kellums and Delores Ann Davis, both of Snyder.

Kenneth Dwaine Hancock and Miranda Suzanne Terry, both of Hermleigh.

Eddie Glen Rollins and Rita Ozborn Floyd, both of Big Spring.

Filed in District Court

Lynx Disposal Co. vs. Complete Services Inc., suit on account.

Linda Hill, individually and as next friend of Isaac Alcario McVea and Kenniesha Marie McVea, vs. West Texas Energy Services, Sharp Image Energy Inc., Minor Bruce Hatfield and Vincent Bruce Hatfield, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. John R. Rodriguez, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Evelyn L. Thomas to Norman T. and Suzane B. Burgess, Lot 9 and the north six feet of Lot 10 in Block F of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

Doyle Lay to William Donald Lay, tract one being an interest in 190.04 acres in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being an interest in 110.35 acres in Section 254, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gregory and Sandra Crawford to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 7 and the west 34 feet of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Von Roeder Heights Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Gina Lunsford, Lot 7 in Block H of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Beverly D. Ward, the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 77 of the Blakenship Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Billy G. and Eloise I. Massey, Lot 15 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Charles Wade Rose to Quintella Rose, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Ferris Keith Moffett, independent executor of the estate of Bishop Pierce Moffett, to Pete and Mary Ann Juarez, Lot 6 in Block C of the Replat of Towle Place.

Lee Scott and Barbara Ann Walton to Lee Scott and Barbara Ann Walton, tract one being the south 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 19 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the north 37.5 feet of Lot 2 in Block 19 of the Blankenship Addition.

Jerry J. Richardson Jr. to James E. and Angela C. Field, Lots 20 and 21 in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

F.L. and Lela Mae Nipp to John T. and Wanda B. short, the southwest one-quarter of Section153, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Traffic light is taken to new heights in one national park

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, Colo. (AP) — High above the clouds at nearly 12,000 feet, Trail Ridge Road winds through the Rockies. Elk and marmots wander the slopes in the dizzying thin air, where not even a dwarfed tree invades the panoramic mountain view.

But even up here, you can sit in traffic.

At the top of a ridge stands a yellow-painted, metal traffic light towering over a construction site. Many believe it's at the highest elevation of any traffic signal in the nation.

"Well why wouldn't it be?" said Jim Leons, supervisor of roads for Rocky Mountain National Park. "It's got to be in the clouds with the eagles."

Visitors often don't believe what they're seeing.

"I was like, 'Whoa!'" said Mary Lou Van Tuyl. "I just have one picture left but I'd take it of this just to show someone that there's a traffic light up here."

Gun bills Gov. Bush has signed into law

By The Associated Press

Gun legislation Texas Gov. George W. Bush has signed into law:

— In 1995, Bush approved a measure allowing Texans to be licensed to carry concealed weapons. Bush called it another weapon in the fight against crime. "This is a bill to make Texas a safer place," he said.

— In 1997, Bush signed a bill making changes in that law. Among them, it prevented prosecution of licensed gun owners for illegally carrying guns into churches unless they were given verbal or written notice that it wasn't allowed. It also clarified specific mental conditions that would disqualify a license applicant.

— In 1999, Bush signed legislation to prohibit Texas governmental units — including cities and counties — from suing firearm or ammunition makers or sellers for damages related to lawful manufacturing or sales to the public. The prohibition would be lifted only if the Legislature approved such a lawsuit in advance.

The bill didn't affect the state attorney general's authority to bring lawsuits without the Legislature's approval. And sponsors said it would have no effect on lawsuits brought by individuals.

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California schools' contracts limited

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis has signed a bill prohibiting local school districts from giving soft drink companies exclusive rights to sell beverages on campuses unless officials hold public hearings.

The measure signed Wednesday also prohibits schools from showing educational programming with advertising unless parents give permission.

Bus, train mishaps claim lives of 31

BEIJING (AP) — A long-distance bus overturned and plunged into a canyon in a mountainous region of western China, killing 25 people and injuring 24, a state-run newspaper reported.

In another major accident this week, a train smashed into a school bus in the western city of Yibin in Sichuan province, killing six people and injuring 27, a local official said Thursday.

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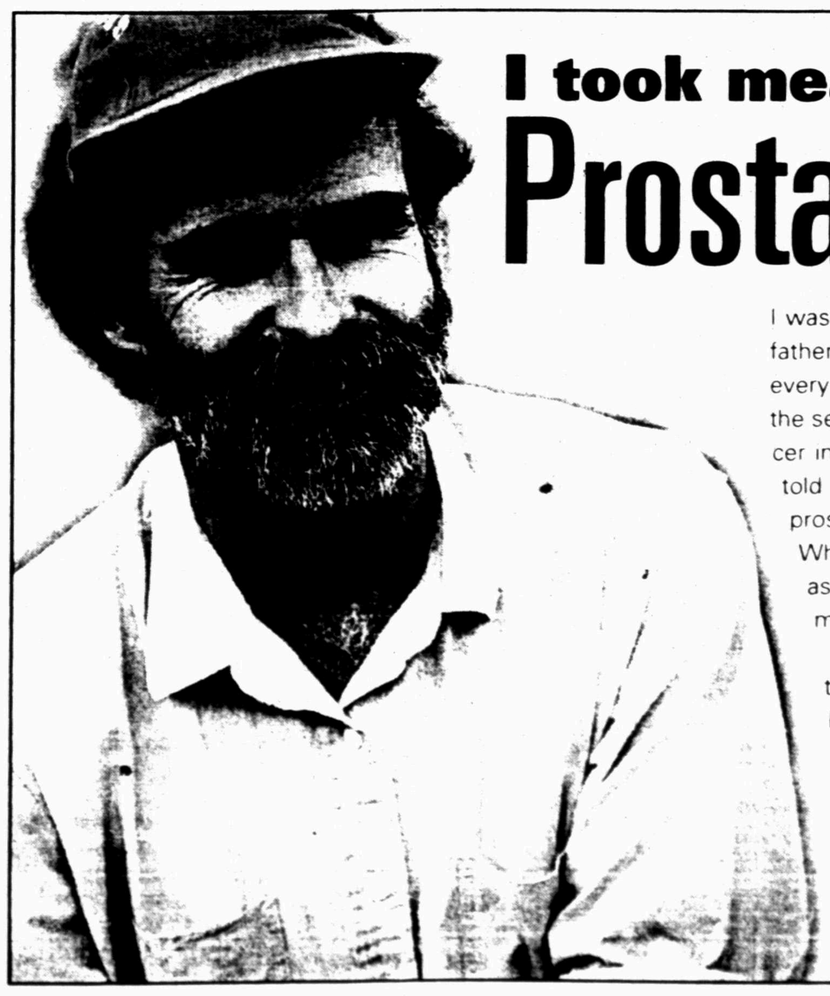

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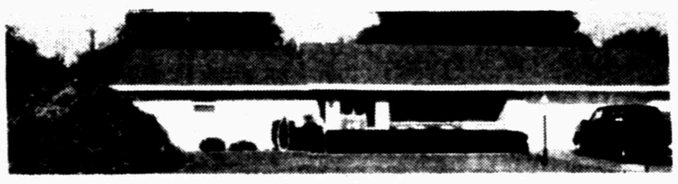

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Lawyer Style Stacking Bookcases (One W/Drop Front Desk), Baby Grand Piano, 9 Pc. Duncan Phyfe Dining Room Suite, 1920's Dresser W/Matching Chiffrobe, French Style Bedroom Suites, 2 Old Cedar Chests, Game Table & Chairs, Thomasville Table, Old Accordian, Beautiful Old Silverplate Items, Old Hats & Hat Pins, Lots of Old Quilts, Roseville Pottery, Griswald Skillet, 1939 C. of P. Walking Stick, Old Bayonet, Old Tools, Beautiful China, Crystal & Etc. INSPECTION TIME: 8:30 A.M. SALEDAY. COMBINATION OF 2 ESTATES TO BE SOLD. CALL FOR FREE SALE BILL. 1-915-728-8292. FOOD & SEATING AVAILABLE.
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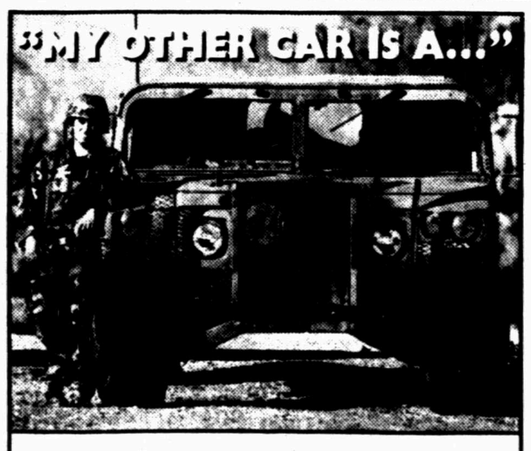

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: BILL CRISWELL; I have surveyed the property located at 1812- 19th Street, (W90' Lot 5 & 6 & s100' of w90'Lot 4, Block 1, Criswell S/D of Scarbourough Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

Tom Valentine
Building Inspection Department
City of Snyder
(915) 573-4959

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ATTENTION: EMMA JEAN WELLS; I have surveyed the property located at 701- 27th Street, (s/50' Lot 7, Block 39, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

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ATTENTION: NANCY LOPEZ; I have surveyed the property located at 2511- 29th Street, (W/2 Lot 4, Block 48 Blankenship Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

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City of Snyder
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ATTENTION: FAUSTINO RAMIREZ; I have surveyed the property located at 3011 Avenue F, (S85' Lot 7, Block 21, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

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ATTENTION: BILL ADAMS; I have surveyed the property located at 500, 502, 504, & 506- 28th Street, (Lot 4,5, & 6, Block 18, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structures to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Cogdell Memorial Hospital is accepting sealed bids for a complete teleradiology unit including all necessary equipment to digitize films. Bids are due by 12:00 Noon on Monday, September 27, 1999 at D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Administration Office, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549. For additional information, contact Cathy Trout, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549, (915) 574-7159 or (915) 574-7442. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

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Western Texas College will be accepting bids on (2) Laptop Computers until 4:00 p.m., October 4, 1999. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 915-573-8511, Ext. 203. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of OPHEL WOODSON, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,535:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of OPHEL WOODSON, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 16th day of September, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to LaNELLE WOODSON CROSS, 5409 West Hwy. 180, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 16th day of September, 1999.

(s)LANELLE WOODSON CROSS,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
Ophel Woodson,
deceased

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Executed this 16th day of September, 1999.

(s)HOWARD L. KNIPE,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Should adoptees have genetic info?

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can adopted children find out their family medical histories? Why are adoption agencies so reluctant to gather such information from the birth parents and so unwilling to share these data with adoptees?

DEAR READER: Adoption agencies have traditionally refused to disclose information about natural parents. The agencies reason that such information could disrupt the bonding that takes place between the child and the adoptive parents. In addition, there is the fear that such openness could somehow undermine the very family structure.

Today, this secretive and sometimes harmful behavior is giving way to more frank communication when, in certain instances, adopted children are eager to learn about their biological families. Adopted children are now increasingly able to seek out facts about their natural parents by obtaining hospital birth records and petitioning adoption agencies to open their files.

From a health standpoint, this makes perfect sense. Many diseases are inherited and children should be entitled to a "genetic biography." In addition, as these children mature, they often develop an insatiable longing to know more about their natural families, including siblings.

Of course, there are times when biological data serve simply to open new wounds and cause discomfort. For the most part, however, I agree that adoptees should have access to facts about their backgrounds, once the children are old enough to be able to assimilate the information, make peace with the inevitable feelings of rejection, and get on with living.

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a CT scan, I was found to have small cysts in my kidneys and liver. I am healthy. My doctor assures me that this is a common finding in people my age (61) and nothing needs to be done. Do you agree?

DEAR READER: One of the problems with sophisticated medical testing is that doctors often discover more than they need to know. In particular, CT and MRI scanning frequently reveals incidental findings that were easily missed in the days of older, less sensitive X-ray examinations. Case in point: kidney and liver cysts. These small, benign, painless, fluid-filled structures rarely cause problems. They are common and may inadvertently be discovered during scanning for other, more serious conditions.

Your doctor is correct.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm so mad I could spit. My sister-in-law is pregnant and because she is a student, she is eligible for a low-income prenatal clinic. She sees a doctor every two weeks, has regular ultrasound exams and is entitled to an amniocentesis (even though she's only 24). This is about three times the care I got when I was pregnant. I don't begrudge her the free care, but I can't see the logic in all her tests and doctors' visits. No wonder the health system is broke.

DEAR READER: I won't comment on the social implications of your question. However, I can say that obstetrical care for both self-paying and indigent women is highly individualized. Such women have different needs and doctors vary somewhat in their approaches to pregnancy. Perhaps your sister-in-law has medical problems of which you are unaware. She may require closer supervision. Thus, it may be unfair for you to equate her prenatal care with your own. In instances such as this, I think that you have to give her doctors the benefit of the doubt; they are probably doing what needs to be done.

It seems to me that spending tax dollars (primarily state funds) on worthwhile obstetrical care for young women certainly beats the wasted billions we routinely sink into questionable air wars in far-off countries that have no military or economic value to the United States. But there I go again, giving an unsolicited opinion on a non-medical matter.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Has "stress" become the waste basket diagnosis of the 90s? Is it over-diagnosed?

DEAR READER: Stress — along with the fitness frenzy and victimhood — seems to characterize our fin-de-siecle culture. Along with being an excuse to complain, it appears to be an easy way for some overworked doctors to deal with patients who have a litany of vague complaints. For example, tension headaches, chronic backpain and a bad attitude can be caused by stress, but the recognition of that relation falls far short of helping people cope.

We all live in a stressful world. However, I doubt that the general stress level is higher than it was decades or centuries ago, when in many respects, life was immeasurably more difficult than it is today. In the past, people seemed to grumble less about stress and to handle it more effectively without seeking medical help. Perhaps our modern expectations are unrealistic, adding to the stress levels.

Some forms of stress clearly have a physical basis. For instance, depression — itself a stessor — is now known to be caused by abnormal brain chemistry that can be corrected with medicine. When the depression lifts, the stress declines.

Nonetheless, stress is probably too often an excuse and may be over-diagnosed. I believe that patients would be better served if professionals paid more attention to related symptoms and helped people to realize that stress is as much a part of life as breathing.

Enough of this controversial topic. Let's discuss the dweebs who, while on vacation, march up and down the beach talking on cellular phones.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son gets allergy shots. I've noticed that none of the nurses wash their hands between patients. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: Probably not. The alcohol swabs used to clean off the injection sites will act as a good disinfectant.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Cards Of Thanks

Thank You

The family of Myrtle Grace Sullenger would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the family and friends who sent cards, flowers and food during the illness and bereavement of the loss of our loved one. Also a special thanks to the nurses and doctors at Cogdell Hospital who took care of her, the flight of life crew, the home health staff, the staff at Friendly Flowers and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for their kindness and helpfulness.

God Bless all of you.
James (Huck) Sullenger,
Greg & Brenda Sullenger & Family
Beverly & Larry Greene & Family

Thank You

The family of Vera Vinson are very appreciative of all the flowers, cards, calls and especially prayers during this past 4 weeks. Your various kindnesses comforted and strengthened me.

Gratefully,
Sami Webb

Thank You

The family of Becky Lee Porter would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, prayers, food, phone calls, hugs and being there for us during her illness and passing on to be with the Lord.

We appreciate you all,
Anthony Porter & family
Don Gray
Barbara Gray
Pam Reed, Clark & Cody Reed

She Is Just Away

She has journeyed far with an angel as her guide,
She has found a heavenly paradise and
God is by her side.
She has found peace and she is safe in
God's loving care,
And we can be thankful for the special memories
that we have to share.

To our many friends who came or stood by her during the long illness of our precious daughter Dana, you came and sat by her bed, held her hand and prayed, called, brought food and you were there at her passing. We the family shall never forget your very acts of kindness. We are thankful for friends like you.

The family of Dana Henderson
Her Mother & Dad, AC & Bonnie Weaver
Dana's Son Derek
& Jerri Lynn Freeman

Big Spring will host W. Texas Beef meet and commercial sale

"We hear a lot about value of beef cattle these days. Area producers will have a very unique opportunity to come and see it first-hand," says Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist in Fort Stockton.

Producers who come to Big Spring Livestock Auction on Monday, will get a chance for hands-on participation in a program which demonstrates what "value" in beef cattle really means in today's market.

The program will begin with the audience's evaluation of feeder calves. "They will be typical of what might be seen at any local sale around West Texas," says Carpenter.

The cattle will be evaluated as finished animals and finally, the carcasses will be viewed at nearby Hubbard Packing.

Extension specialists Drs. Dan Hale and Davey Griffin will discuss market cattle grading and then demonstrate why some animals may have made or lost money. "We'll talk about ways that commercial and registered cow-calf producers can participate in price discovery in their own marketing situations," remarked David Kight, Howard County Extension Agency. He added that, "Thanks to some key industry support, we were able to obtain these cattle and place them on feed several months ago at Veribest Feed lot in San Angelo. Peformance data was collected and it will be presented along with carcass and cutout information on each animal."

Ken Jordan, from Jordan Livestock in San Saba, Brownwood and Mason will also be on hand to discuss upcoming special feeder calf sales which will utilize 21st century technology. Plans are to utilize individual electronic animal identification to tracking, health and information management, and marketing of animal consignments.

"Understanding all of the factors may help the cow-calf or stocker operator realize more value for his or her product, no matter what marketing avenue they choose to participate in," commented Carpenter.

Registration for the meeting begins at 8 a.m., Monday at the Big Spring Auction. The morning program will be followed by a sponsored lunch and then a commercial cow sale set to begin at 1:30. Sponsors for the program include Hi-Pro Animal Health, The Texas Beef Industry Council, Hubbard Packing, Big Spring Livestock Auction and Veribest Feed Lot. For more information contact the Howard County Extension office at 915-264-2236.

Democrats have edge among U.S. Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both major political parties have made clear that the nation's fast-growing Hispanic population is an important voting group, and a new poll suggests that Democrats have the early edge in the 2000 campaign.

Two-thirds of Hispanics say they would support a Democratic presidential or congressional candidate, according to the new bipartisan poll that also indicates Democrats have an edge on many key issues.

A Republican consultant whose firm helped produce the poll says the GOP can learn some important pre-election lessons from the poll's results.

"Republicans know that Hispanics have been pivotal in many elections," said Michael Deaver, a GOP consultant and former senior aide to President Reagan. "If ever there were a group that Republicans need to spend time with, it is the Latinos."

The results of the poll by Deaver's firm, Edelman Worldwide, and Democratic pollster Mark Penn were presented Friday at an event on Hispanic voters sponsored by Univision, the Spanish language television network.

Hispanics, by a 4-1 margin, were optimistic about their future in the United States and believe their personal economic situation has improved, the poll indicated. And they approve of the job President Clinton is doing by more than a 5-1 margin. Hispanics believe Democrats would do a better job of handling many key issues from health care to education to taxes, the poll indicated.

Vice President Al Gore announced more than 500 Hispanic endorsements earlier this week and occasionally addresses Hispanic voters in Spanish.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Search for flood victims continues

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — Rescue teams in boats and helicopters set out again Saturday to hunt for people marooned by the worst North Carolina flooding in decades, as people up and down the East Coast dealt with the damage left by Hurricane Floyd.

A Navy helicopter roared overhead this morning as dozens of people walked and rode bicycles to downtown Tarboro to watch the Tar River crest about 24 feet above its 19-foot flood stage. The bloated river lapped at businesses three blocks from the riverbank.

"I've never seen anything like this in my life," said Maryann Harris, who owns three downtown businesses.

An estimated 1,500 people remained stranded Saturday, some on roofs or in trees, across a broad swath of the eastern half of the state. In Edgecombe County alone, about 3,500 people had been rescued by Saturday, said Kenny Johnson, a county emergency management official.

At least 38 people died — including 13 in North Carolina — when Floyd churned up the East Coast. Thousands of homes and businesses were damaged and nearly a million people were without electricity. The much weakened storm sped through Maine on Friday and entered the Bay of Fundy off Nova Scotia in late evening.

In Bound Brook, N.J., serious flooding from the Raritan River forced police to rescue more than 1,000 people Friday, many of them from second-floor windows or off porch roofs. Nearly 8,000 people spent Friday night in emergency shelters in New Jersey.

"We've never seen anything like this," New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman said. President Clinton declared an emergency in the state, allocating federal funding to help deal with the cleanup.

More than 4,000 people were left homeless by flooding in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Some North Carolina rivers swollen by rain from Hurricane Floyd earlier in the week approached flood levels not seen for 70 years.

Gov. Jim Hunt appealed for use of all private helicopters in the western part of the state.

Multinational peace force set sail for E. Timor deployment

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — The first ships of a heavily armed multinational peace force set sail Saturday for East Timor, while pro-Indonesian militiamen with machetes and guns reportedly continued to terrorize refugees.

A British destroyer and an Australian frigate, both carrying guided missiles, led a fleet of nine ships from the northern Australian city of Darwin toward the former Portuguese colony, where thousands of people were facing the possibility of starvation and further harassment by militias.

Combat and support troops from more than 20 countries were assembling in Darwin to take control of East Timor, about 300 miles away.

The commander of the peace force, Australian Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, was expected to fly Sunday to the shattered provincial capital, Dili, at the head of a 13-member advance team, said Maj. Gen. Kiki Syahnakri, the commander of Indonesian forces in East Timor.

The team will plan the coordination of the force with the remnants of the Indonesian army that ruled East Timor with an iron fist for a quarter century. Indonesia invaded the half-island in 1975.

Thousands of multinational infantry and support troops were to begin pouring in on Monday. They reportedly will be equipped with armored personnel carriers, light tanks and attack helicopters.

The United Nations Saturday stepped up its campaign to drop food to starving refugees, sending two Australian air force C-130 Hercules to the province. Some 20 tons of food were to be dropped to two areas outside Dili, the same area supplied by the first two flights Friday.

The mobilization comes as pro-Indonesian militiamen with machetes and guns continued to terrorize refugees in Dili, said Christian Koch, the head of the Dili office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

"The militias continue circulating freely, with machetes, with homemade guns and in some cases with automatic weapons," said Koch, who flew to Jakarta to brief U.N. High Commissioner Sadako Ogata.

Indonesian authorities had "expressed their willingness to cooperate."

Obituaries

Tracy Kupper

1917-1999

BIG SPRING — Tracy "Kup" Kupper, stepfather of Wayne York of Snyder, died Thursday, Sept. 16, at his home in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mr. Kupper, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted by Staked Plains Lodge 598, AM&FM.

Born Aug. 27, 1917 in Navarro County to Jake and Leeda Kupper, he attended high school in Navarro County. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II in Japan and Korea. He married Mabel J. "Nell" Rountree on Nov. 17, 1961 in Big Spring.

Mr. Kupper had served with the police and sheriff departments in Howard County and was a truck driver for many years.

He was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church and a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, Lubbock Valley, and Lubbock and Suez Shrine Temple of San Angelo.

Mr. Kupper was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Fred; and a sister, Anna Lou.

Survivors also include his wife, Nell Kupper of Big Spring; a son, Kelton Kupper of Bedford; two other step children, Nina Barnes and Margaret Beck, both of Big Spring; a sister, Leona Connor of Itasca; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice in Big Spring.

The family will receive visitors at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

31 GOP chiefs join campaign for tax cut bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 31 Republican governors joined Saturday in the GOP campaign for a 10-year, $792 billion tax cut that President Clinton intends to veto next week.

Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer said in the Republicans' weekly radio address that the president's decision not to sign the tax cut into law shows that Clinton believes in a "protective and fatherly" government that doesn't trust people with tax money.

"Why not give the money and our government back to the people?" Geringer said. "America is at her greatest when power and responsibility are in the hands of the people, not under the thumb of their government."

Using part of a projected 10-year surplus, the tax bill would reduce all income tax rates by 1 percentage point, cut capital gains taxes, gradually eliminate estate taxes and the alternative minimum tax, ease the "marriage penalty" paid by many two-income couples, expand pension laws and give breaks for businesses.

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Celina High fans pray before game

DALLAS (AP) — Add Celina to the list of schools that have sidestepped a federal appeals court ruling that banned school-sponsored prayers at public athletic events.

Fans at Celina High School stadium stood Friday night for the national anthem, then prayed for football players' safety and thanked God for the game north of Dallas.

In February, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals banned school-sponsored prayers before public athletic events, saying the occasions are not solemn enough to warrant organized prayer.

"They can't take God away from us," Janice Hester, a 16-year-old sophomore cheerleader, told The Dallas Morning News. "He put us here, and we live for him."

Pregame prayers, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, violate others' right to freedom of religion as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

No one has come to the ACLU, which is monitoring the issue in the district, about challenging Celina's actions.

"The smaller the town, the less likely anyone will say anything," said Michael Linz, who serves on the ACLU's state board of directors. "You have to hire the moving company the same day you speak up."

Schools at McKinney and other districts have ended the prayers. But Frisco, Rockwall and Lewisville districts, among others, have opted for a moment of silence instead.

In Celina, a town of about 2,100, many people have made their view known by wearing orange and white T-shirts, the school's colors, that read: "Celina Bobcats Pray Before They Play."

Burglary, forgery cases worked here

Officers handled reports of a burglary and a forgery Friday.

At 7:21 a.m., Carmen Alarcon reported her wallet stolen from her vehicle at 3716 Avenue U. An offense report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Gloria Gonzales requested to speak to an officer at 4:58 p.m. in reference to a forgery. An offense report was filed.

Officers also submitted an offense report for Class A assault at 12:43 a.m. Saturday.

One subject was taken into custody Friday on an outstanding Nolan County warrant for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested the 25-year-old female at 9:56 p.m. two miles east of Hermleigh on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a car fire at 7:42 p.m. at 312 25th Street. However, the fire was out upon firemen's arrival.

Births

Jonathan and Sherri Leuck announce the birth of their son, Jonathan William, on Sept., 3 weighing seven pounds, 1 ½ ounces. Born in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, he was welcomed by sisters Kirsten and Kirstie.

Grandparents are Henry and Linda Holley of Snyder and Gary and Ruth Leuck of Pennsylvania. Great-grandparents are Avvis Willis of Abilene and Russell and Rachel Leuck of New York.

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ONGOINGS

Ira homecoming

Ira homecoming is underway. A dance at 8 p.m. will follow Saturday afternoon's football game with Paint Creek.

Ira class gathering

Ira classes of 1977 through 1982 invite friends, faculty and family to a reception at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Texas Savings Bank community room. For information call Darryl Calley at 573-1509 or Cindy Fritz at 573-5538.

AARP meetings

All AARP meetings are cancelled this month due to the county fair. Members are urged to be at the fair on the designated times.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Tennis boosters

Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss

the year's activities. For more information, call 573-2400.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The End of the Word," followed by "Finances, God's Way."

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease support group's regular meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. The program will be presented by Janet Schwantz, speech and language pathologist. She is associated with Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock.

SHS open house

Snyder High School will hand out report cards to parents during an open house set from 6-7:30 p.m.

Ira school pictures

School pictures for grades K-11 will be taken Tuesday as well as football, cheerleaders, mascots and class officers. Pictures must be paid in advance, but all students will photographed.

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens at WTC are being held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day is set for Wednesday. A style show will be included. The cost is $7.50 and reservations may be made by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Junior high open house

Snyder junior high will hold an open house from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. First six weeks report cards will be distributed at that time and parents will have an opportunity to visit with teachers.

Central open house

Central Elementary will have open house from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Teachers will distribute report cards. A book fair will be held Monday through Friday from 8-8:30 a.m. and from 3-3:30 p.m.

Hermleigh bi-annual homecoming

Hermleigh homecoming will be next weekend with registration at 6 p.m. Friday at the high school followed by the football game at 7:30. Saturday registration begins at 9 a.m. and the noon meal will be in the cafeteria. The business meeting will be at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held next Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ira Community Center. For further information or donations contact Cecil or Dorothy Lankford at 573-5246.

Car wash

The WTC student government will sponsor a cash wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday in the United parking lot.

SHS sophomores

PLAN, preparation for the ACT assessment, will be given to all SHS sophomores on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The SHS counseling office said PLAN is given at no cost to students and it provides an estimated ACT score to assist with college or career planning.

GED classes

GED classes will begin Oct. 5 in room 209 of Western Texas College's library. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the morning session begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11-30 a.m. and the evening session begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The classes are for people needing GEDs, a refresher course or English as a second language.

First Christian fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church, originally scheduled before the SHS homecoming game, has been moved to the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Oct. 1.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 34-36-53-99

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-4

Cash Five

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

5-9-16-29-37

Fighter jets sent to confront Russian bombers near Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — U.S. fighter jets were sent to confront a pair of Russian bombers caught on radar headed toward the Alaska coast Thursday, Air Force officials said Friday.

Both bombers turned before crossing into U.S. airspace and about 90 miles from the approaching fighters, according to officials at Alaska's Elmendorf Air Force Base and the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Soviet Union regularly tested U.S. air defenses by flying toward Alaska during the Cold War, but this was the first time the Air Force has documented it happening since March 1993.

"What ever they were doing, NORAD is protecting the air sovereignty of North America," said Air Force spokesman Maj. Les Kodlick, who is based at Elmendorf. He said the planes were positively identified as Russian bombers, but he wouldn't speculate on a reason for their flight pattern.

In June, two TU-95 Bear bombers flew so close to the coastline of Iceland that a pair of U.S. Air Force F-15 fighters were scrambled from a NATO air base to escort them around the island. And Norway sent up fighter jets when two other Russian bombers flew down its coastline.

The Clinton administration dismissed both June incidents as militarily insignificant but acknowledged then that it was the first time in years the Russian air force had flown so near a NATO member's airspace.

Defense Secretary William Cohen told a Pentagon news conference that Russia wanted "to be seen as remaining a force that has to be dealt with" and that the flights should not be seen as a dangerous trend.

Thursday's incident near Alaska came a few days before a Russian delegation is to arrive in Kodiak, Alaska, to tour the Coast Guard base and discuss recent tensions in the waters along the U.S.-Russian border.

Air Forces officials said radar at Elmendorf picked up the two unidentified aircraft Thursday afternoon about 200 miles from the coast and heading toward Alaska.

Controllers tried to contact the planes and identify them, then scrambled a pair of F-15 Eagle fighters to confront them. The F-15s came within 90 miles of both planes before the bombers turned away while still in international airspace.

The planes were identified as Russian Tu-95 Bear bombers with the help of Northwest Airlines pilots who saw them in the air, the Air Force said. It was unclear how far the Northwest plane was from the two bombers.

The recent tensions along the U.S.-Russian border have been primarily on the sea, which was one of the reasons the Coast Guard invited Lt. Gen. Vladislav Prokhoda — chief of the Northeast Region Directorate of the Russian Federal Border Guard Service — to tour the Coast Guard's Air Station Kodiak.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 19, 1999

Compensation and reward in several areas where you are due recognition and acclaim could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. It's payoff time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take your competitive involvements seriously today and play to win. When in social settings, remember to first appreciate the enjoyment of sharing activities with friends. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Review matters today to see if you've overlooked any additional funds that can be generated from a side venture which may not be part of your primary source of income. Something is there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Any agreements into which you enter today, either socially or business-wise, will stand the test of time. Each side will honor the commitment, even when made by a handshake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Better than average remunerations could come from work or services performed today, so even if this isn't you're ordinary work day, do what is asked of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something could develop today that might put your social skills to the test. However, when challenged, you won't be intimidated and you'll dispense with it with grace and ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might become aware of someone who is in need of assistance today, but you won't help this person because you think it's your duty, you'll do so because of your compassion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is an excellent day to touch base with people you haven't heard from in a long time. Catching up on issues could prove to be more than just pleasant, it could be enlightening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day to look for ways to shore up your economic foundation. Not only will it give you a greater sense of material security, the benefits will be long lasting as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) By allowing personal ambitions to motivate you today, you'll be able to accomplish far more than just tasks. Sometimes when we satisfy ourselves, it enhances our psychological outlook as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who feels indebted to you is looking for ways to repay the favor, so if you are in need of one today, don't hesitate to ask a person you know you've helped.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) By realistically assessing your expectations, you're likely to get what you want today. Be logical and practical, but don't forget to be confident as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) From something that is not easy to pull off, but which you'll do anyway today, you'll earn the admiration and respect of your associates, especially in work related areas.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Sept. 20, 1999

Instead of scattering your forces in the year ahead, hone in on one major objective at a time. You'll find you will be more proficient and luckier in that which you place singular effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Uncharacteristically, you could be lackadaisical to commitments or promises you make to others who are counting on you today. Draw upon your strong sense of duty and responsibility. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Speculative ventures could prove rather tempting for you today. Unfortunately, if you should take a long shot, you may quickly discover why the odds are so seductive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A situation that you may have to deal with today could be similar to one you encountered in the past. Draw upon that experience so that you do not replicate an error in judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep in mind that if you should make lavish promises to others today in order to get them to do your bidding, you'll have to keep your end of the bargain somewhere down the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although there will be ample financial opportunities for you today, chances are you'll be indifferent to them. Don't blame the vicissitudes of life if you end up in the loss column.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Anything important that pertains to your family or loved ones should be handled by you personally and not left up to others today. The results might not be what you hoped for.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't make demands on others today which you know they truly are unable to handle. Strive to be reasonable in your involvements with cohorts at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should always be optimistic about your affairs, but be careful today that you don't allow your expectations to become unrealistic, especially concerning financial matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be sure that you have all the facts to back up any firm position you take today, especially in front of big-wigs. If your opinions are without foundation, your image could suffer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Hunches today should not be allowed to take precedence over hard, cold logic. Whatever doesn't compute rationally will definitely fall flat in practice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) That shrewd eye you possess might be clouded with wishful thinking today, so you must take extra care not to view only the packaging of things and overlook the substance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you should be in need of counsel, seek out those who will be frank with you. Companions who are inclined to tell you only what you want to hear can harm you rather than help you.

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Margo Grant, LVN, reflects on 30 years at local hospital

Margo Grant remembers her first day of nursing school like it was yesterday.

In 1968, Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Nursing School was located upstairs. The instructor was new. She walked into the classroom wearing a stiff uniform and a little hat. "After she introduced herself she said, "I will have no friends for a year."

Twelve months later, Margo graduated as an licensed vocational nurse (LVN). Her first assignment was Cogdell's operating and recovery rooms where she remained from 1969 until 1972.

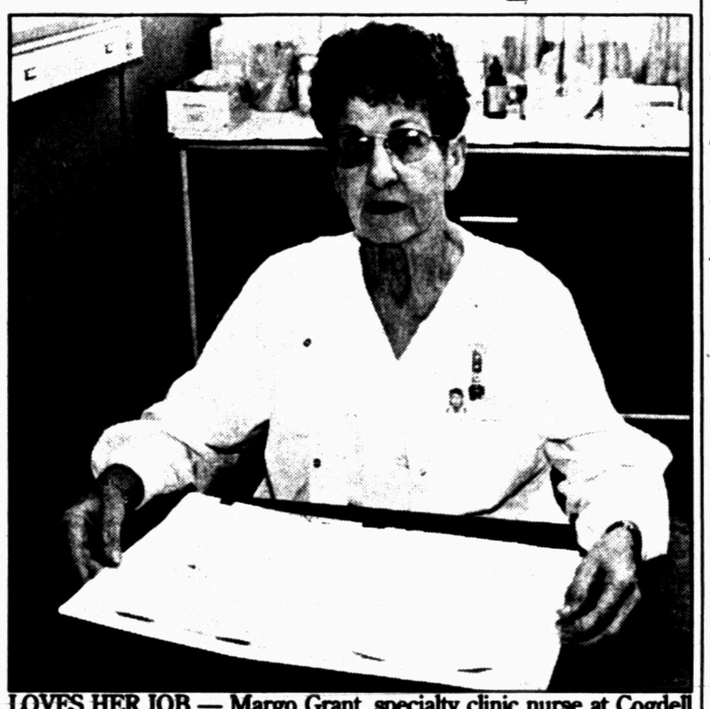
She missed a month or so of work due to illness and when she returned, she was again assigned to the recovery room. Later assignments included the emergency room and the medical floors.

In 1989, she transferred to the health clinic at Price Daniel Unit where she worked for about 11/2 years. She began her present assignment in Cogdell's specialty clinic in 1991. Today, some 16 doctors staff the clinic. Margo also works with Dr. Gary Nussey.

She loves working with the doctors and getting to know so many people. That's who she will miss the most when she retires at the end of this month.

Of Margo's 30 years in nursing she said, "I have loved all of it. No matter how long you have been in the profession, you learn something new everyday. It may be a shock. But you'll learn it.

"To sum it up, if I didn't love what I did, I wouldn't have stayed with nursing for 30 years," she added.



LOVES HER JOB — Margo Grant, specialty clinic nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, is retiring Sept. 30, after 30 years on the job. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Margo said she had always wanted to become a nurse. She even worked as a nurse's aide at Denton's State School.

No one in her family was in nursing, but her oldest son, Jerry, who died in 1998, did become a nurse.

Margo said she may work part-time if her schedule permits.

But for now her immediate plans are to tend to the things she hasn't had time to do such as travel with her husband, Don, who is also retiring from Snyder Concrete, and work in her woodshop, an interest she and her husband both share.

Margo was born in Slaton but moved to Snyder from Brownwood.

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The Great Fire of London started Sept, 2, 1666, and virtually destroyed the city in five days.

Cement work has kept Don Grant busy for four decades

As Don Grant, manager of Snyder Concrete, is about to close out four decades of cement work, he points with pride to a building legacy which includes Western Texas College, one of the biggest project he recalls, and the now defunct American Magnesium Plant, as well as many more. Projects are within a 50-mile radius of Snyder.

Other big jobs completed throughout four decades include Sun Gas Plant and Salt Creek Mobil Oil, where "we poured a lot of cement," Don said.

Snyder Concrete has also been very busy these past six months with projects which include Snyder National Bank's new motor bank, the new Town and Country and the recently expanded Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse which was one of company's biggest jobs in recent years, he said.

Grant said they also poured all of the cement for the industrial park. Snyder Concrete also does a lot of work for TxDOT which has its own "batch design."

Other projects during his years on the job include the bypass around Snyder, the coliseum and remodeling the courthouse.

Still others are the present newspaper building, Snyder Savings and Loan and Wal-Mart.

Plans next year are to widen 37th Street. But that will be someone else's responsibility as Don will retire in mid October. He said he is proud to be closing out his career with the senior citizen apartments which are now under construction.

LONGTIME WORKER — Don Grant, manager of Snyder Concrete, will retire the middle of October. During 40 years on the job, he has worked for three owners. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

During his tenure, Grant has worked for three different owners, beginning in 1959 with Gene Best who owned Caprock Materials. Don said he had been hauling lumber for Walter Hale and the National Distributing Company that year when Hale bought out Gene Best and he switched jobs. Later Best bought the business back, but Don stayed with the concrete business.

Price Construction bought the business in 1976 and changed its name to Concrete, Inc. Then in

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BROWN-CHAVEZ TO MARRY — Garlan and Frances Williams of Snyder, grandparents of Twylla Brown, announce her engagement to Eloy Chavez, son of Mickey and Jose Chavez of Snyder. Teresa Brown of Dallas is the mother of the bride-to-be. The couple will marry at 2 p.m. on Oct. 23 in the courtyard of Western Texas College. (Contributed Photo)

Shelly Denise Englert, Rayburn Bradberry are wed in double ring garden ceremony

Shelly Denise Englert of Snyder became the bride of Whitley Rayburn Bradberry of Billings, Mont., at 6:30 p.m., May 15, in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning.

Alan Lee, close friend and pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Englert of Snyder and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bradberry of Billings.

Billy Ray and Pam Browning's outdoor garden setting centered around the sentiment of the couple. Their backgrounds were entertwined with green fern of Montana units and with the yellow rose of Texas. Candelabras were arranged around rustic wagon wheels to enhance the ranch setting. Following the vows and as the sun was beginning to set, the couple rode to the reception in a horse drawn carriage driven by Billy Ray. Shelly and Whitley sang a duet, "Faithful Friend," to each other as performed by Twilla Paris and Steven Curtis Chapman.

Both sets of parents accompanied the bride and groom down the aisle.

The bride wore a formal halter dress, with a long train, and a white hat. She carried a bouquet of a dozen long-stemmed yellow roses.

Flower girl was Whitley Eggleston of Casper, Wyo., goddaughter of the groom.

Ushers included Richard Keith Bradberry, brother of the groom, and Justin Lee Englert, brother of the bride.

The groom wore a tuxedo with long tails and a hunter green vest and bow tie.

Haley Fanning of Artesia, N.M., cousin of the groom, registered guests.

The reception was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch Party Barn where tables covered with green cloths were centered with roses of every color. The wedding cake, a free standing Italian cream cake, was decorated with Sonata lace and doily icing with lace point insets. Each individual cake was topped with fresh yellow roses, baby's breath and greenery.

Serving at the bride's table were Audra Lawson, the bride's aunt from Fort Stockton, and Cheryl Dickenson, another aunt from Brownwood.

Dr. Pepper and Root Beer floats were served out of the buckboard, the groom's table. Serving were Kristi Lawson, the bride's cousin from Fort Stockton and Nancy Dickinson, another cousin from Brownwood.

The couple's greatest desire to begin their marriage in service to God, therefore, they joined a team of students from Abilene Christian University on a mission trip to Honduras.

The couple lives at 3110 Orange Street in Abilene.

The bride, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, is majoring in music education and vocal performance at ACU.

Bradberry is a 1990 graduate of Billings Senior High School. He received an AAS in welding from Northwest College of Powell, Wyo., and transferred to Abilene Christian University in 1997. He received a bachelor of applied studies in industrial technology in 1999. Bradberry is working for the state of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley Rayburn Bradberry
(Photo by Picture This)

Bridal Registry

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed all bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

Sept. 10
North-South
1. Charles Grimes, Artie Harris.
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
East-West
1. Dot Casey, Anita Talbott.
2. TIE: Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart and Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

SUNDAY

Sept. 12
1. Mippy Brownlee, Nina Nesbit.
2. Jane Hinton, Nona Morrison.

TUESDAY

Sept. 14
1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Shirley Stewart, Monty West.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

England's King George V signed the Irish Home Rule Act Sept. 18, 1914. However, its implementation was suspended during World War I. By the end of the war, the Easter Rising of 1916 had hardened opinion on both sides and made orderly progression to dominion status for Ireland impossible. Civil war followed — first between the British and the Irish and then between Irish moderates and Irish extremists.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 09-18-99 ♠ J 6 2 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ K 8 6 3 ♣ 9 6 3	
West ♠ --- ♥ K Q 10 7 2 ♦ J 9 7 5 4 2 ♣ J 4		East ♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ Q 10 7 5
	South ♠ A K 10 9 4 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ A ♣ A K 8 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

This deal was also in the June issue of Bridge Magazine. It was given by Patrick Jourdain, the editor of the International Bridge Press Association's Bulletin.

Somehow, you have to get into the dummy to take the spade finesse, but must avoid losing a heart and a club in the process.

Your only chance is to find that West began with 0-5-6-2 distribution. You unblock the diamond ace, cash the ace-king of clubs, and continue with a heart toward dummy's jack.

In this layout, West wins with the heart queen, but must put you into the dummy in a red suit. Your two club losers disappear on the heart jack and diamond king, then you continue with the spade jack to pick up East's queen.

It's as easy as apple pie a la mode!

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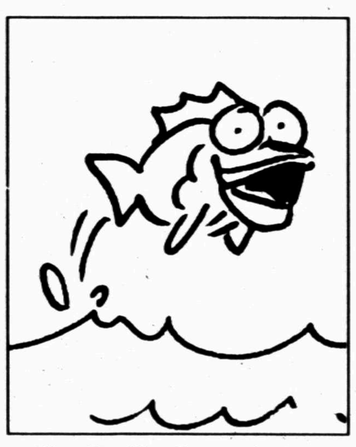
From the king to the ace

By Phillip Alder

For five days, we have been looking at deals with a suit of either K-x opposite J-x-x, or K-x-x opposite J-x. To end the week, let's strengthen the holding slightly, replacing the king with the ace.

You reach six spades. West leads the heart king. After winning with the ace, you cash the spade ace, but West discards a diamond. A bad blow, to be sure, but how would you continue?

Two clubs was strong, artificial and forcing. When followed by two spades, it showed the equivalent of a strong opening two-bid. North's raise to three spades promised some values. (With none, he would have either rebid two no-trump, the so-called double negative, or jumped to four spades with four-plus trumps.) Then, South bid what the problem-setter wanted him to!



The Pacific Ocean is larger than the world's other three oceans combined.

DAY INCLUDES STYLE SHOW — Accessories are important for fall fashions that will be shown by models in an informal style show at the woman's club's luncheon and game day Wednesday. Pictured is Jackie Hackfeld with Hackfeld's clothing store that will be master of ceremonies and offer tips for fall and winter fashions. The cost is $7.50 and reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Sandra Brace will cater the meal and games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Angry man shoots appliance

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP) — A man who pushed his washing machine down the stairs and then shot it was quoted by investigators as saying he was angry with the appliance.

Guy Boos, 37, pushed the washer down the stairs from the second floor and onto a driveway beside a garage, then fired three shots with a .25-caliber pistol from about 40 feet, police said.

He was arrested because he discharged a weapon within 100 feet of a dwelling, they said.

Boos was booked by police Wednesday on allegations that he endangered safety. He had not been formally charged by the district attorney's office.

Charles Durant made early aviation history in 1830 by flying in a balloon from New York City across the Hudson River to Perth Amboy, N.J.

Sinusitis

Sinusitis is one of the most common health complaints in the U.S., affecting as many as 30-50 million people a year.

A vicious cycle of nasal obstruction, excessive mucous production, blockage of secretions and recurrent infection characterizes this condition.

Treatment options are available and should be directed at the underlying cause. Decongestants and antibiotics can often control acute problems. Other methods are available to open the nasal and sinus passages, with and without surgery, for longer-term control.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Eugene Graves
(Contributed Photo)

Couple pledge vows in Victory Baptist Church

Alicia Anne Martin and David Eugene Graves were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Victory Baptist Church with the Rev. David Graves, the groom's father and pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Post, officiating.

The bride's parents are David and Judi Martin of Snyder and the groom's parents are the Rev. David and Mary Graves of Post.

Two five-branch candelabras decorated the altar area. Pew bows were of white tulle, royal blue satin and silver cracked ice ribbon. The registry table was covered with a blue cloth and was centered with a porcelain bride and groom and the bride's throw bouquet.

It also featured a birdhouse decorated with tulle and blue and white flowers with matching ribbons and a pair of lovebirds. This was a handmade gift by the bride's friend, Pamela Maresch.

Pianist Margret Bigham played pre-ceremony music and the "Wedding March." Soloists Amy Reynolds and Tressie Martin, the bride's sister, sang "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time On You." Background wedding music was CD selections.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a waltz-length gown of white lace over satin. It had a high neckline of sheer lace and bell sleeves. Her blusher veil, attached to a headband of white silk flowers and pearls, was elbow length. It was a gift made by Tommie Reynolds. She also arranged all wedding flowers.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, white miniature roses, royal blue roses, white and blue baby's breath and English ivy. It was accented with silver pearls white tulle and blue and white streamers.

Angie Reynolds, a best friend since the third grade, was the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Tressie Martin. Both wore long-sleeved, blue floral dresses and carried bouquets of flowers matching the bride's and tied with blue, white and silver streamers.

David Cleveland Martin, brother of the bride, was ring bearer. Best man was Sidney Graves, groom's brother of Post, and groomsman was Marcial Saenz.

The groom wore black jeans, white dress shirt, and a black and white tie. Attendants wore dark blue jeans, light blue dress shirt and ties. All wore boutonnieres of white roses with blue baby's breath.

Marisa Huffman, bride's cousin from Post, registered guests at a table covered with a blue cloth and holding a porcelain bride and groom and the bride's throw bouquet.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table, covered with a white cloth, was centered with the bride's bouquet.

The three-tiered white wedding cake featured Roman pillar dividers and accented with light blue pearls. It was decorated with silver wedding rings, royal blue roses and silver leaves, topped with a miniature kissing bride and groom, a wedding gift to the couple by Johnnie Pyburn.

The groom's table held a strawberry cake with white icing along with grapes and fresh strawberries, a gift from Pamela Maresch.

After their honeymoon trip to Lubbock, the couple is at home in Lamesa where the groom is employed by TDCJ. He is a 1997 graduate of Post High School and attended WTC. The bride, a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School, plans to attend college this spring.

Fruit Smoothie

Sweltering heat can sap your energy and ignite your thirst, making outdoor activities less enjoyable than they were earlier in the season.

Sunning on the beach, working in the garden or grilling in the backyard can be exhausting and even dangerous if you don't keep hydrated. But before you reach for cold alcoholic or caffeinated drinks, which can actually dehydrate you, try blending a delicious fruit smoothie to replenish your liquids and quench your thirst.

Berry Good Smoothie

Serves 2

1 cup fresh strawberries, hulled and halved, or raspberries

1 medium banana, cut into large pieces.

1 cup fresh orange juice (3 medium oranges)

In a food processor or blender, puree all ingredients.

Frozen Fruit Slush

Serves 6

½ cup water

¼ cup frozen limeade concentrate

½ 16-ounce bag unsweetened frozen mixed fruit, slightly thawed

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon sugar

12 ice cubes (about 2 cups)

Put half of each ingredient in a blender and process until smooth. Pour into three ½-cup molds. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Freeze until firm, about 4 hours.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

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DEAR ANNE AND NAN: How can I peel hard-boiled eggs so the surface remains smooth? My eggs always look like they've been peeled with a fork! I cook them slowly, turn off the heat and let them sit and cool in the water. After the water cools, I rinse them with cold water. I've also tried peeling them while still warm ... with no success. — **"BEEDEE," Racine, Wis.**

DEAR BEEDEE: First, be sure the eggs you are hard-boiling are at LEAST three days old; it's impossible to peel a really fresh egg. Second, throw a handful of salt in the boiling water. Third, as soon as the eggs are boiled, drain off the water and shake the eggs from side to side in the pan until all of the shells are cracked. Refill the pan with cold water and peel immediately. Good luck!

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: How do you get smoke stains off walls (especially up near the ceiling)? Please don't say to stop smoking. I'm 70 years old and have smoked for 45 of them. And please don't tell my doctor either. He's taken everything else I enjoy away, so let's not discuss it! — **B. WEISS, Roland, Okla.**

DEAR B.: OK, our lips are sealed. Anne, who continues to smoke despite acupuncture, medication, hypnosis, nicotine patches and cold turkey (not all at once, she hastens to add) has found the best product to remove smoke stains (i.e., tar and nicotine — so disgusting!) from walls is TSP Tri-Sodium Phosphate Wall Cleaner. Just add water and a little elbow grease. TSP is available in almost any paint or hardware store.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I'm in the market for a chignon form — one of those round doughnut things made of a stiff, meshlike material. You put your hair through the center, and then wrap the hair around it to make a bun. I've looked everywhere for one, to no avail. I've found the sponge ones, but I want the kind you can put hairpins through. — **DONNA BALL, Shidler, Okla.**

DEAR DONNA: You can order your Hair Bun Form (item number 18856) from the Vermont Country Store catalog, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, VT 05255-3000 (802 362-8440). The nylon mesh form comes in brown, black, blond and silver, and is $6.95 plus shipping. Incidentally, the Country Store also carries a French Roll Form, a French Twist Form and oversize (3-inch) Faux-Tortoise hairpins ... no split ends when you roll up your hair!

TO P.H. OF MUSKOGEE, OKLA.: Please, don't try to clean the gold leaf on your picture frame yourself! Take the frame to a professional framer or a place that does art restoration work. Look in your Yellow Pages.

STUMPED: Does anyone know where Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Thoms of Ocala, Fla., can find a cassette tape of the sound of a fire burning? They write: "We built an artificial fireplace and would like to have the sounds of a fire. We'll be installing a light that will flicker like flames and would like the sound to go along with it."

Readers, please note: They do NOT want the videotape of a fire in a fireplace, which is widely available in catalogs. They just want the sound.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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ASK ANNE & NAN

OCTOBER VOWS PLANNED — Nicole Lyons and Kyle Lomax plan to marry on Oct. 16. Nicole is the daughter of Roger Lyons and Nancy Thompson of Snyder. The future groom's parents are Gene and Nancy Lomax of Ira. Grandmother of the bride is Loraine Dennis of Snyder, and grandparents of the groom are Tommy and Beth Guynes and Robert Lomax, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Reception will honor former Snyder couple

Don and Vera Nell Harless, former Snyder residents, will be honored with a reception from 2-4 p.m. next Sunday at Wylie Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Abilene in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosting will be their children and their spouses, Gary and Fran Harless, Mark and Sheila Harless, also their grandchildren, Kara and Drew Thompson, Amy and Kristen Harless, Kyle, Kameron and Kolter Harless.

Don and Vera Nell were born in Scurry County and were married in Snyder on Nov. 4, 1949. They have lived in Snyder, Graham and Abilene. After 35 years, Don retired in 1986 from Sun Oil Co.

They are members of the Wylie Baptist Church.

Don and Vera Nell Harless
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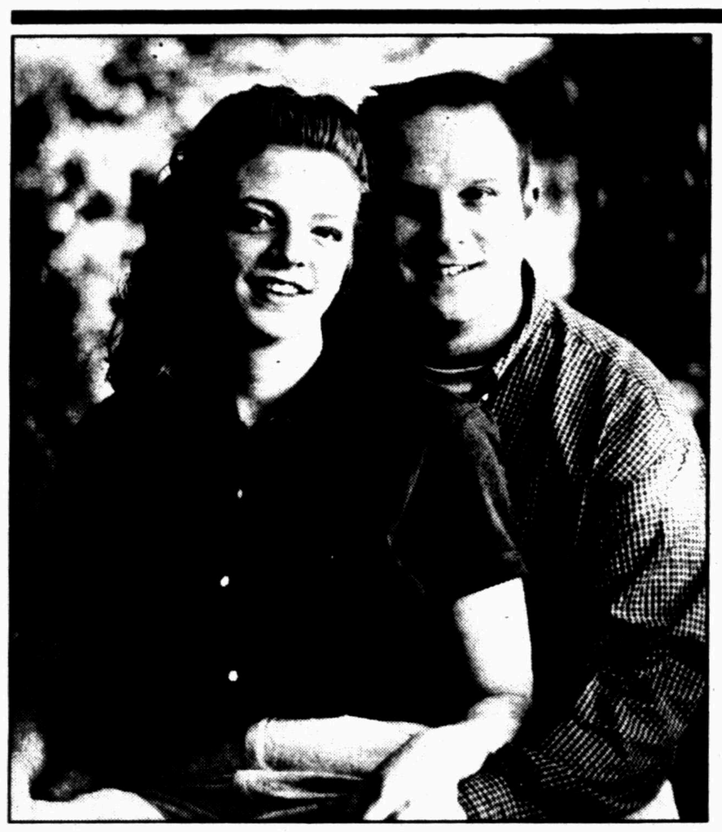

DECEMBER NUPTIALS — **Robert and Patsy Moore of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rachel Moore of San Antonio, to Ralph J. Shanafelt Jr. of Seguin. He is the son of Ralph J. Shanafelt Sr. of Seguin and Edgar and Debbie West of Groveton. Both are graduates of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. R.J. is a maintenance technical assistant at Structural Metals Inc. in Seguin. Rachel is the assistant choir director at Barbara Bush Middle School in San Antonio. They plan to exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4 in the Seguin First Baptist Church. (Photo by Harley Bynum)**

Safety tips for outdoor cooks

Outdoor activities are popular with Americans. The fresh air and exercise revives the spirit and the mind. Hiking, camping, and boating are good activities for active people and families, and in some parts of the country you can enjoy the outdoors for two or three seasons. In many cases, these activities last all day and involve preparing at least one meal. If the food is not handled correctly, foodborne illness can be an unwelcome souvenir.

"Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold."

Whether you are in your kitchen or enjoying the great outdoors, there are some food safety principles that remain constant. The first is "Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold." Meat and poultry products may contain bacteria that cause foodbourne illness. They must be cooked to destroy these bacteria and held at temperatures that are either too hot or too cold for these bacteria to grow.

Most bacteria do not grow rapidly at temperatures below 40 degrees. The temperature range in between is known as the Danger Zone." Bacteria multiply rapidly at these temperatures and can reach dangerous levels within two hours.

"Keep everything clean."

The second principle is that bacteria present on raw meat and poultry products can be easily spread to other foods by juices dripping from packages, hands, or utensils. This is called cross-contamination. When transporting raw meat or poultry double wrap or place the packages in plastic bags to prevent juices from the raw product from dripping on other foods. Always wash your hands before and after handling food, and don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry. Soap and water are essential to cleanliness, so if you are going somewhere that will not have running water, bring it with you. Even disposable wipes will do.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock & Roll Quilting Club; free quilt lessons; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone invited and more information may be obtained by calling Maggie Barnes at 863-2426, 8 a.m.-12 p.m..

Al-Anon Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 pr 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day will also include a style show by Hackfeld's; serving will begin at 11:30 and cost is $7.50. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Palette Club; Winston Field Airport; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7;30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Bowlin, Hogan pledge vows

Pamela Bowlin and Jeffery Hogan were united in marriage at a pool side ceremony at the home of the groom. The Rev. Gerald Garner, formerly of Snyder, united the couple in a double-ring ceremony at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14.

The bride is the daughter of Judi Taylor and Barrie and Debbie Bowlin, all of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowlin of Snyder.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Vows were pledged before an arch of white roses and ivy. Her father and the families of the Bowlins and Taylors gave the bride in marriage. She wore a satin and lace gown detailed with beading and pearls on the bodice. It featured a sweetheart neckline with pearls and puffed sleeves and pearls hanging from the sleeves. The train was attached by a bow at the bodice and was carried by the groom's sister, Elaine Hogan. The bride's illusion veil fell from a tiara of pearls, flowers and beads.

Maid of honor Krista Abell of Snyder and bridesmaids Kayse Allison of Chattanooga and Amber Bowlin, sister of the bride from Orlando, Fla., were attired in royal blue satin gowns and carried bouquets of long-stemmed lilies and blue and white ribbon streamers.

Flower girl was Sierra West, niece of the groom, and ring bearer was Bryan Hogan, the groom's brother. Best man was Jarrod Bennet, and groomsmen were Dana Allison and Scott Womack from Chattanooga.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held poolside where guests were welcomed by a buffet while the bride and groom cut the wedding cake and toasted the celebration with champaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Hogan
(Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Student Holiday
TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
WEDNESDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls
THURSDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
FRIDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
LUNCH
TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Soft Bread Sticks
Sliced Pineapple
WEDNESDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Fruit Jell-O
THURSDAY
Vegetable Soup
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Relish Cup
Crackers
Oatmeal Cookies
FRIDAY
Stromboli
Tomato Wedges
Potato Wedges
Baked Apples

Plans for a European economic federation were drafted by six countries in 1952. West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg linked themselves as the European Common Market. The organization came into being Jan. 1, 1958.

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Scrambled Eggs
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
TUESDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Cheese Toast
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Breakfast Burritos w/Salsa
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
THURSDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Biscuit w/Sausage
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
FRIDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Pancakes w/Syrup
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Sandwich
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Milk
TUESDAY
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Chili Mac
Seasoned Corn
Tossed Salad
Applesauce
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake
Milk
THURSDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cookie
Milk
FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Ravioli
Corn on the Cob
Tossed Salad
Gelatin
Milk

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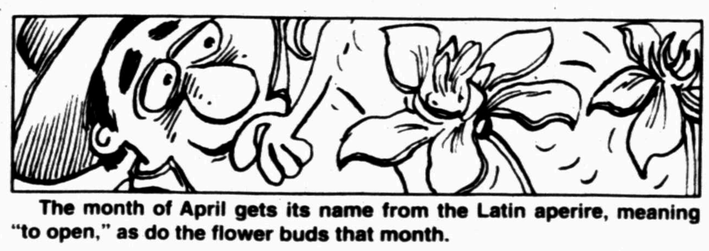
All meals are served with choice of milk.

MONDAY
German Sausage
Corn
Green Beans
Cake
TUESDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Pears
WEDNESDAY
Burritos
Mexicali Corn
Brownies
THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Apples
FRIDAY
Frito Pie
Pinto Beans
Crackers
Peaches
Peanut Butter Chewies



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After weeks of not knowing, amnesiac learns her identity

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — After nearly a month of searching for her past, it is the present Tina Martinez may find most difficult to let go.

On Thursday, the amnesiac authorities called "Angel" learned Thursday that she is a 37-year-old dog breeder with a husband and three teen-age children in Albuquerque, N.M.

But she just might stay at the women's shelter that has harbored her since a sheriff's deputy brought her there.

"It's been wonderful. Secure," Mrs. Martinez said from the shelter Thursday. "It's all I know. Leaving here is probably one of the hardest things I'll ever have to do."

It was a month ago when a truck driver spotted the woman soaked and blood-stained along a highway and picked her up. The trucker dropped Mrs. Martinez off at a convenience store near Springer, about 80 miles south of Oklahoma City, and asked the store clerk to call for help.

Mrs. Martinez was left with the clothes on her back, a $20 bill in her pocket and a wound from a blow to the head. She was taken to the women's shelter in Ada, 120 miles southwest of Tulsa.

Under hypnosis by a psychiatrist, Mrs. Martinez told of crashing into a concrete embankment during a nighttime thunderstorm, but she couldn't provide any details of that recollection.

Albuquerque police Detective Ernestine Roach said Mrs. Martinez was riding home with her husband, Jerry, when they stopped at a traffic light and she apparently became upset about something and got out of the car.

"What it was, we would like to know," Ms. Roach said.

Mrs. Martinez couldn't remember who she was, where she had been or how she got the scars and bruises on her face. She did speak as though she were educated and seemed to know a lot about dogs, officials said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in Ada took over the investigation because Mrs. Martinez looked like she was of American Indian heritage.

Despite running her fingerprints through computers and checking numerous missing persons reports, authorities couldn't determine who "Angel" was.

Then a distant relative in Chouteau, a small town about 50 miles northeast of Tulsa, saw her picture in Thursday's Tulsa World newspaper.

"I hadn't seen Tina since she was a little baby," Loretta Floyd told the newspaper. Ms. Floyd's brother is married to one of Mrs. Martinez's sisters.

"But I knew she was missing. And that picture sure looked familiar. Then I read the story, and it all clicked."

Ms. Floyd called her sister in Phoenix, who called their brother, Ross Ford, in Albuquerque, where the family had been searching for Mrs. Martinez since she disappeared Aug. 14. Ford then notified authorities.

BIA Capt. Larry Hoklotubbe, who had been trying to identify Mrs. Martinez since the BIA was notified, said agency officials questioned Mrs. Martinez's family extensively Thursday morning to confirm her identity.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

Concentration: A Component of Success

Did you hear about the manager of an orange juice plant who lost his job because she couldn't concentrate? Old jokes, but as in most humor, there is an element of truth.

The ability to concentrate and stay focused is an important success trait. You can define concentration as "employing all of your mental powers," "thinking intensely" or "focusing all of your attention on something."

Concentration allows us to shut out distraction and interference, and to center our attention on the matter at hand. Those who enjoy the most success in life are often those who can stay focused on getting the job done.

A skill you can develop. You will reap many benefits by building this skill.

The Pay Off

A key benefit of concentration is that your productivity will increase. High achievers stay focused and accomplish more. We all have the same number of hours each day, but most of us can learn to use those hours more effectively. We will get more done by focusing on one task until we finish it.

A second benefit of concentration is fewer mistakes. The quality of work completed increases when we're focused. We avoid those little mistakes we all make when a project doesn't have our undivided attention. It always requires less time to do it right the first time.

Another benefit is more available time. While concentration doesn't add hours to your day, it will free up more of those hours for other tasks. Fixing your focus on one task until you get it done will allow you to tackle more projects. The time you gain added to that saved by making fewer mistakes, will stretch your day and make you more productive.

A side benefit, but still part of the pay off, is the peace of mind that comes from doing your job well. When you're doing quality work and accomplishing more every day, you become more relaxed. You no longer lie awake at night worrying about the tasks you weren't able to finish. You'll enjoy the peace of mind.

Barriers To Concentration

*Distractions. Distractions come in many forms. Phone calls, co-workers and multiple tasks are leading causes of distraction. Shut your office door and put all calls on hold until you can complete an important, urgent task. When noise begins to threaten your concentration, put on stereo headphones and block out unwanted sounds with soft music

*Fatigue. Often your mind or body runs out of gas before you finish an important task. Usually, you are better off getting some rest before returning to the job. No one knows your personal limits better than you do. If you're too tired to focus, take a break. Get a little exercise or eat a healthy snack. Then you can return to the task refreshed.

*Boredom. Routine tasks often cause boredom and symptoms similar to fatigue. If you feel boredom setting in and have no real reason for fatigue - that is, the kids didn't keep you up all night - turn the task into a challenge. Make it a game, keep score and promise yourself a little reward if you finish early.

*Clutter. When my desk is piled high with projects, I often find my mind traveling from one pile to another. When this happens, I prioritize the pile and move all but the most important one off my desk. It's the old "ought of sight, out of mind" trick, and it works.

I hope these tips will help you. They won't take the place of hard work, but they will make your work more productive.

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

SNYDER CONCRETE — Don Grant, manager of Snyder Concrete, has played a part in many construction projects in Snyder. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Grant announces retirements plans

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1991, Sweetwater Ready Mix became the owners and changed the name to Snyder Concrete.

In 1959, Grant began as a truck driver. Two years later, he was running the portable concrete plant when American Magnesium was under construction.

He became the plant manager a few years ago. He noted that of the two types of businesses, lumber and concrete, "concrete was the most interesting."

Don is a man who enjoys his work. "I like to wind up the day knowing that people are happy with the job we have done."

He always liked the people he worked for and made an effort to have them become a friend, rather than just a customer. "I've always enjoyed getting involved with people. I've made a lot of good friends on this job."

Don said he enjoyed the best working relationship with the WTC project.He said he will miss his office staff and customers when he retires.

Don has witnessed more than a few changes during the past four decades also. Old records, dating to Gene Best's ownership, show that a mixer truck sold for $19,000, but today's price is more like $103, 000.

That year, fuel also cost 18 cents a gallon.

Concrete that sold for $12 a yard in 1959, now costs some $60 a yard. Dry cement now costs $16 a ton, rather than $14.

Sources where the material is obtained has also changed, from 17 miles from Snyder to about 40 miles.

One of the biggest changes has been government regulations. State inspectors also observe every aspect of the business.

The business has grown in size to, from four mixer trucks to six. Snyder Concrete also has a plant in Colorado City.

While Snyder Concrete also recasts flower pots, the main business is ready mix cement, Don said.

Grant was born in Union and moved to Dunn when he was about five years old.

He and his wife, Margo, plan to travel. Their companion will be "Tinker," one of their dogs. They also plan to work together in their woodshop.

They have two living children and eight grandchildren. Gary Grant works for his dad at Snyder Concrete. Their daughter, Pat Wittie, works at the post office. A son, Jerry Grant, died last year.

Hurricane Floyd delays NASA's shuttle launches

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Floyd has forced NASA to further delay its next two space shuttle flights, which had already been postponed by wiring inspections.

The next mission will be no earlier than Nov. 19, following the annual Leonid meteor shower, NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said today. NASA does not want shuttles in orbit during the meteor storm because of the potential damage.

Shuttle managers had hoped to launch Discovery as early as Oct. 28.

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Letters to the editor

No Swing Festival

Dear Editor:

It is with regret that we must inform you that the Legends of Western Swing Musical Festival will not be held in Snyder next year.

We're aware that many of you look forward to our event every year and we're proud to have provided you with the best of entertainment that third week of June for the last four years.

Some decisions in life are not easy or pleasant, but in order for us to continue our show we must make a profit and the past two years have been less than profitable. You must know that you have one of the finest facilities and staffs of any entertainment center in the country. You can be proud.

We wish to thank the many businesses who sponsored us with your program and flyer ads, Donna, Linda, Sandy, Mary, Gaynell, Manny, Gary and the other chamber employees and in particular the wonderful Gold Coats, KSNY, Snyder Daily News, J.D. and Jackie and for the many friendships we cherish.

Sincerely,
Chuck Woods & Dewey Miers

Good Citizens Of Snyder

Dear Editor:

We would like to publicly thank the good citizens of Snyder who helped my mother and me out in our time of need.

On Thursday evening we locked the keys in our car at a local restaurant, and being several hundred miles from home, we were very concerned. Everyone assured us that a call to your local police would solve our problem.

The gentleman at the Phillips station made the call for us. One young couple stayed with us until Officer Kenny Burns arrived and in a matter of minutes had us back on the road.

Thanks so much to the gentleman at the Phillips station and the young couple with the handsome 10-year-old son and the beautiful four-year-old daughter, and especially Officer Burns.

Sincerely,
Sandra Hildebrand
Bacliff, Texas

Express My Sorrow

Dear Editor:

I am not a "protester" or letter writer," but I feel as a citizen who sincerely believes our country was formed on Christian principles that I must express my sorrow. Because, our school administrators and board members are letting the ACLU, the NEA and some unqualified judges — who apparently have not read the Constitution or didn't understand what they read — take away the right to pray at school functions.

The ACLU and NEA are known to be the most atheistic organizations in our country.

I tremble to think what may be happening in all school systems in a few more years, if all of us so-called Christians just sit by and let these people tell us what to do in our lives. Could it be that the schools will end up like the "one woman" who succeeded in getting prayer taken from the classrooms.

I heartily agree with Dr. Gary Nussey. He said it much better than I can. Also as Helen Feinsod said Sept. 12, "What freedom will we lose next."

Buena Shultz

Surprised By Public Records

Dear Editor:

It was a bit surprising to read in the Public Records of the weekend edition, Sept. 4-5, of the Snyder Daily News of the "Filed in District Court, Scurry County vs ARTJ Farm, Common Law Trust, and "Scurry County vs Lavelle Eicke, trustee of Mumse Trust, et. al., delinquent tax suit."

Why? Because ARTJ Farm Trust and Mumse Trust DO NOT own the property described in the law suit.

ARTJ Farm Trust © and Mumse: Trust © sold the real estate property they were holding many months ago. How many months has it been since January, 1996.

Proper notification of the sale was recorded in Scurry County Clerk of Record Office and a file marked copy was properly sent via certified mail, return signature requested, to Scurry County Tax Assessor/collector and to the Scurry County Attorney in Austin, according to my records and memory.

Negligence of correct information is one reason the law suit is a fraud!

This is further injury and emotional trauma on me.

The above is my conviction!

Sincerely,
Lavelle: Eicke © : Trustee of ARTJ. Farm: Trust © and: MumsE:Trust ©

Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

A couple of weeks ago, I got a call from my old buddy, Chuck. Now, Chuck is one of my favorite people on the face of this planet. A retired Dallas cop-turned private investigator, Chuck once took me on a stake-out when I was researching a book called, "Losers, Weepers." I had more fun researching that book than any other I've done. When Chuck calls, I know I'm going to be howling with laughter and trading all kinds of irreverant wisecracks and generally having a good time. So when Chuck asked for my e-mail address, I was happy to give it to him.

The next day—and every day since, I've received no less than 15 forwarded e-mails from Chuck; everything from goofy jokes to inspirational stories to political ramblings. Normally, I don't mind receiving these forwarded messages from friends. I have friends who send me one or two a day and I enjoy that. (Especially the ones that say, in so many words, "If you are a good Christian and you love humanity, you will forward this on to all your friends and even back to yourself. If you are a degenerate loser with no life, then fine, delete it. I always delete those.)

Now, I'm not surprised that Chuck has that many friends on his e-mail list, and I'm proud to be one of them on it, but I must say, having to plow through all those messages each day while working my way up to a letter from my mother or a message from my daughter or a work-related question from my business partner can...well, it can be a pain. Do I mind all the messages? Actually, no. Some are hilarious and really make my day—but I won't know until I've read them all. So now, my workday just starts a little bit later, thanks to Chuck.

And therein lies the true nature and contradiction of e-mail. On the one hand, there is just no better way to keep in touch with loved ones who live far away. Every member of my family lives hundreds of miles away. This way, we can send affectionate little messages, or requests for advice, or blow off steam to a sympathetic ear—or even forward a funny joke—almost every day without having to worry about an astronomical phone bill. And although it is true that we used to write letters and send them through the "snail" mail; in today's busy world, it's just quicker and easier to jot off a fast e-mail than it is to sit down and write a letter, address an envelope, find a stamp, and mail it—then wait days for them to receive it, rather than minutes.

Through e-mail, I'm able to transmit entire book chapters to my partner in Miami, say, one morning, and know that he will respond by that same afternoon. Thanks to the new computer system at the Snyder Daily News, I no longer even fax in my column—I just send it by e-mail and it goes directly into the newspaper system. If I have a question for my literary agent, I can e-mail him—even on a weekend—and have a response almost immediately. (In fact, since he's Jewish, the best time to get a detailed response from him is Sunday mornings.)

Another glorious aspect of e-mail is that it enables us to seek out and find old friends with whom we long since lost touch—like my buddy Chuck. We can converse daily with friends who live in foreign countries and not have to worry about overseas postage or phone bills. I have one friend who is a British bobby in London, and we have great fun swapping tall tales. Then there's my friend who is a psychologist living in Manhattan. I'm always teasing her about being crazy.

Then there is the downside—like the 15 messages a day I get from Chuck that have been forwarded from who knows where. And though I don't have this problem with my local server or on CompuServe, those on America Online and other servers sometimes receive all kinds of junk mail, advertisements, scams, and other annoyances that they have to sort through.

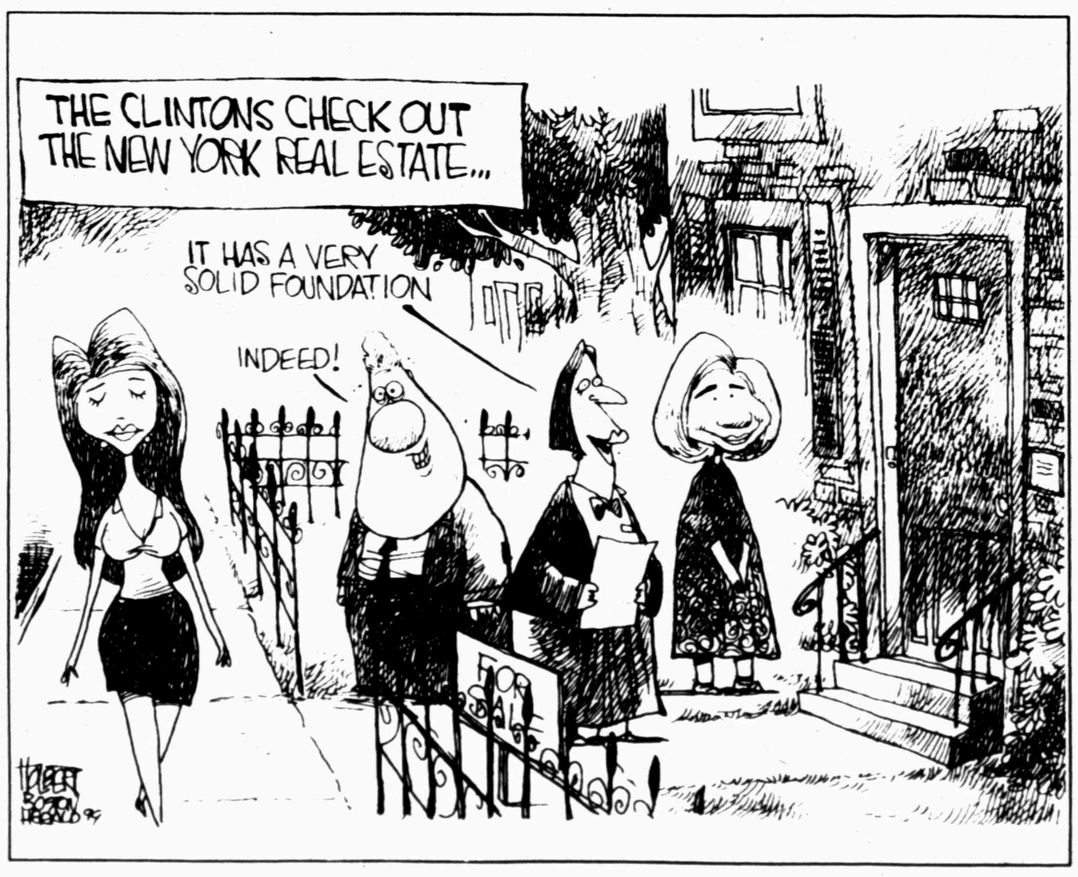
This week, *Newsweek* magazine offers a special issue devoted entirely to what it calls "e-life," and how it has transformed our lives. Not only has e-mail changed how we connect socially, but everything from presidential campaigns to Christmas shopping to education to keeping up with our investments to contacting doctors has been dramatically altered by online communications.

Worldwide, some 200 million people have access to the Internet; in the United States alone, 80 million. Half of all adults in this country have access to the Internet, either at work or at home, and 40 percent of American households own computers. Of those households, 25 percent have Internet access.

And yes, that creates a brand-new social divide. The gap in Internet access between those at the highest and lowest income levels is growing—by 29 percent alone just last year. Though schools and public libraries (including those in Scurry County) work to close the gap, the truth is that for young people not to have Internet access puts them at a disadvantage compared to their computer-savvy counterparts.

Having online access can be a blessing—and it can be a hassle. One of the biggest problems is not really pornography or identity theft or the other things we hear about on the news. Instead, it is the fact that, now, there are no boundaries between home life and work. Our work day can last from the moment we get up to the moment we go to bed. It's something one author referred to as "the Devil's bargain with the wired world."

It can be a blessing or it can be a curse. It depends on how we look at it when we sit down in the morning and open up our e-mail.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News on agenda for long-term care:

What do lawmakers do when the Legislature isn't in session? Interim Senate committees help determine what the next Texas Legislature should do. Interim committees research issues, hold hearings across the state and recommend changes in state laws.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry announced the first of his interim Senate committees recently. He asked the standing Human Services Committee to examine long-term care regulation and welfare reform, and to monitor recently enacted legislation. A committee focusing narrowly on long-term care would have been preferable.

As it is, the committee must cram the following issues onto its agenda:

Medicaid Reimbursement: Texas' average reimbursement for a day's nursing home care is about $71 — less than the cost of a night in a full-service business hotel. The Medicaid payment must cover the costs of staff, administration, food, building maintenance, infection control and miscellaneous expenses. Texas needs to raise its below-average payments.

Long-term care insurance: Most long-term nursing home residents wind up relying on Medicaid to pay their bills. Texas spent more than $1.4 billion on nursing home care in fiscal 1998. Texas should encourage middle-class Texans to invest in good long-term care policies. Instead of relying on Medicaid, private insurance policies would pay for their nursing care. Some states encourage private insurers to offer policies that cover nursing home care, home health and assisted living — and give taxpayers a deduction for the premiums. Texas should explore this option.

Regulation: The Department of Human Services has increased powers to deny and revoke nursing home licenses. Have those powers improved care? Are more homes paying their fines? Texas needs to explore how other states force homes to improve care or close.

Staff training and pay: Nursing home residents' medical conditions are increasingly complicated and unstable. But the nurse aides and licensed nurses who work at nursing homes often have little training in gerontology. The committee needs to study how to improve training, retention and pay for caregivers at nursing homes. Even without its other charges, long-term care will keep the committee plenty busy.

Amarillo Globe-News on Danforth appointment:

The credibility of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno took a serious hit following recent allegations of a cover-up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the Waco/Branch Davidian standoff in 1993. Reno took the first step toward rebuilding her damaged reputation Wednesday by appointing former U.S. Sen. John Danforth to lead an independent investigation into claims FBI officials may have started the fire that engulfed the Branch Davidian compound by firing incendiary pyrotechnic devices.

Danforth lends a positive element of integrity to the investigation, which is vital if the impending results are to be judged as valid and legitimate. Danforth, a Republican from Missouri, is respected by both the GOP and Democrats. He is an Episcopal priest and successfully spearheaded the 1991 nomination of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Danforth announced U.S. Attorney Edward Dowd of St. Louis will be his deputy.

A wise move.

Dowd is a Democrat who provides an atmosphere of bipartisanship to the investigation. Reno may or may not be at fault for the Waco debacle, but at least the selection of Danforth will assure much-needed credibility.

The Victoria Advocate on airline drug sting:

The dramatic and still-unfurling federal sting that has nailed 74 airline workers, food service employees, baggage handlers and other airport employees at Miami International Airport on drug and weapons charges is alarming in two respects.

First, it illustrates that widespread drug corruption is not confined to Latin America. The United States also is being corrupted by the money that can be made transporting illegal drugs and guns.

Second, it underscores a shocking laxness in security at the Miami airport and raises serious questions about other airports. After all, the contraband in question was traced from Miami to Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York and Washington.

That federal agents were able to round up so many suspected smugglers comes as no surprise. Miami has long been a hotbed of illegal drug activity, and its frequent flights by American Airlines and other carriers to and from Latin America made them prime targets in the federal probe.

To American's credit, it has cooperated fully with federal authorities since one of its pilots complained two years ago about a cup of coffee that contained a trace of heroin. Soon thereafter, a 15-pound cache of heroin was found in a jetliner's galley.

Airliners are very susceptible to the drug trade. The last round of arrests in Miami involved shipments made on Bahamas Air, Ecuatoriana and Air Aruba. Two years ago, 12 Delta Airlines employees were charged with trying to smuggle $1 million worth of cocaine from Cali, Colombia.

Many Americans mistakenly assume that drug running is confined to shady characters who slip across international borders in the dark of night. In fact, smuggling is a multibillion-dollar enterprise capable of corrupting all elements of society.

For example, the American Airlines food service workers netted in the current sting were allegedly paid $3,000 to $5,000 a pop for delivering drug packets taped to food carts. That's chump change for drug suppliers, who are prepared to pay far more to private pilots, law enforcement officials, politicians or anyone else who's willing to become accomplices in their evil trade.

The people who have been scooped up in this extensive sting operation are looking at numerous narcotics charges that, if proved, should result in stiff and richly deserved prison terms. Meanwhile, airport and airline officials throughout the country should move aggressively to strengthen their security procedures.

Certainly, the Miami operation has showed the ease with which drugs and weapons can be placed aboard commercial aircraft. Airline personnel with identification badges generally are able to bypass security checkpoints.

Federal background checks are required for all airport employees who work unescorted in secure areas. But even this precaution can be compromised, as shown by the glaring security breaches at Miami International Airport.

This and other cases constitute sobering reminders of how the drug culture has corroded and corrupted our society — and of the urgent need to combat it far more intensely here at home.

Doctor chosen by circumcision patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Nawal Nour's clinic rings with different languages, as women from Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan flock to see the Boston gynecologist and obstetrician.

Many are hunting a doctor who won't flinch or interrogate them — because they have undergone a procedure very few American doctors have ever seen: female circumcision. Or, as critics call it, female genital mutilation.

Female circumcision is a cultural practice in parts of Africa and the Middle East that involves cutting a woman's genitals, usually before puberty. It can range from clipping or burning the clitoris, to cutting off all the external genitals and sewing the remnant tissue to leave just a tiny opening.

It's quite a shock the first time a U.S. doctor sees one of these cases.

Women complain of leaving doctors who upset or embarrassed them with: "Oh, you've been scarred!" or "How did this happen, who did this?"

First reactions aside, many doctors also don't know what care women may need for complications like severe pain, infections or difficult childbirth, says Nour, who runs an African women's health clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Some 130 million women and girls worldwide are estimated to have undergone the ritual cutting, and the last time U.S. officials counted — in 1990 — they estimated 168,000 had moved to this country.

Those numbers "are a gross underestimation," contends Nour, saying a rapid rise in immigration means more American doctors need to know how to care for those women.

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, faced with increasing calls for treatment advice, agrees. So this month, it is issuing the first recommendations on counseling and treatment for circumcised women.

Co-authored by Nour — and accompanied by pictures to show what different forms of female circumcision look like before doctors see their first patient — the recommendations are being sent to all medical schools and ob-gyn residency programs in the United States and Canada.

Nour spent much of her childhood in Sudan and Egypt, and has numerous relatives who underwent female circumcision. adamantly against this practice."

Step 1 for U.S. doctors, Nour says, is understanding female circumcision so the patient doesn't feel judged.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Steak Fingers, cottage fries, okra & tomatoes, mixed fruit, coconut cookie

Tuesday
King Ranch chicken, peas & carrots, steamed cauliflower, cucumber/onion salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Wednesday
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, pineapple cheese salad, peanut butter chewies

Thursday
Goulash, green beans, vegetable sticks, spiced peaches, spice cake

Friday
Fried fish, French fries, Harvard beets, creamy cole slaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

Snyder has one of the best Senior Centers in Texas and seniors — whether new to the community or just reached 60 — are encouraged to participate.

Our goals are to add quality to the lives of senior citizens by fulfilling the needs in their lives. Many seniors need a nutritionally well-balanced meal, some need to interact with other seniors, some need transportation, and many of our seniors have a need to help others.

Whatever the needs, the Senior Center staff and volunteers are here to serve. Our center is made stronger and more productive through the efforts of senior volunteers, and many services could not be offered without their assistance.

Lunch is served daily, Monday through Friday, at noon.

Are you a working senior that would enjoy eating lunch with us, but you feel pressed for time? We have seniors who are still in the workforce who join us for lunch. As soon as volunteers serve those who need help with their trays, the working seniors receive their trays first and have plenty of time to finish their meal and return to work.

Consider joining us for lunch. The cost is a "suggested donation" of $2.50 for senior citizens. The cost for visitors under 60 years of age is $4.

Monday
Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The monthly AARP meting has been cancelled.

Tuesday
"88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11, the Hoss Clayton Band entertains at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Swimnastics at WTC is from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday
This is a day for exercise. Mild exercise is at 11, line dancing at 1 p.m. and clogging at 2 p.m. Newcomers are welcome to join the fun.

Thursday
Exercise at 11 and swimnastics at WTC from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The Sunshine Choir has a special performance at the Martha Ann Woman's Club at 7:30 p.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10, exercise at 11, and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

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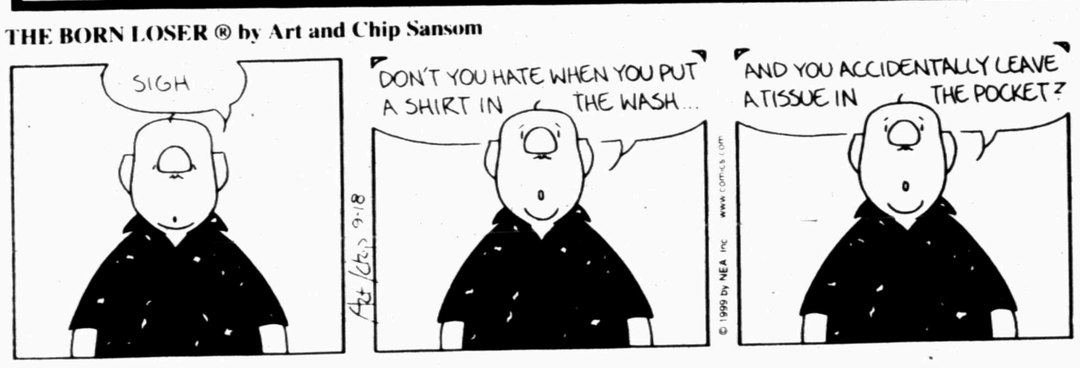

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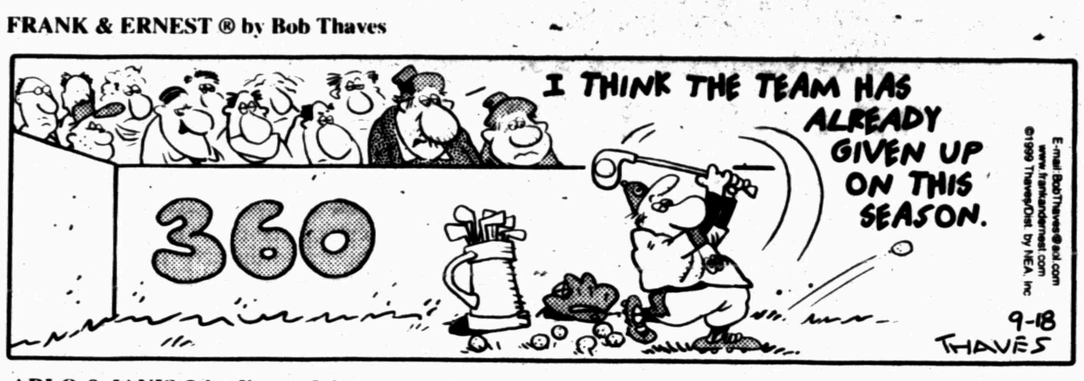

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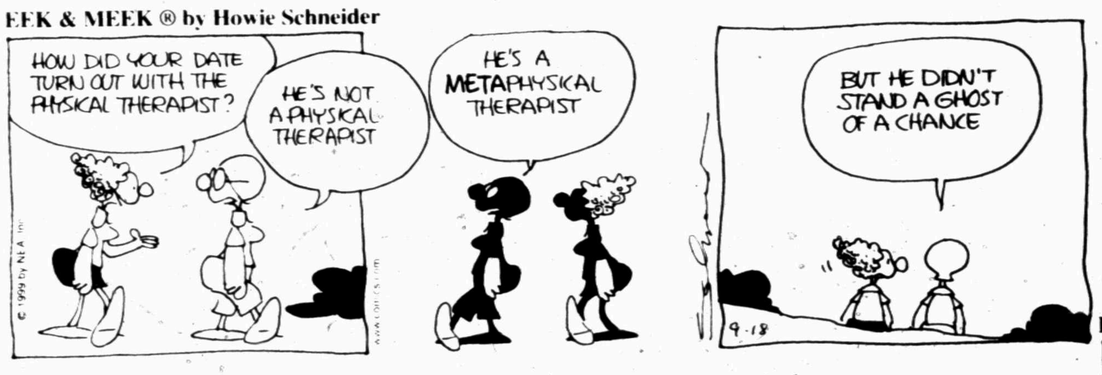

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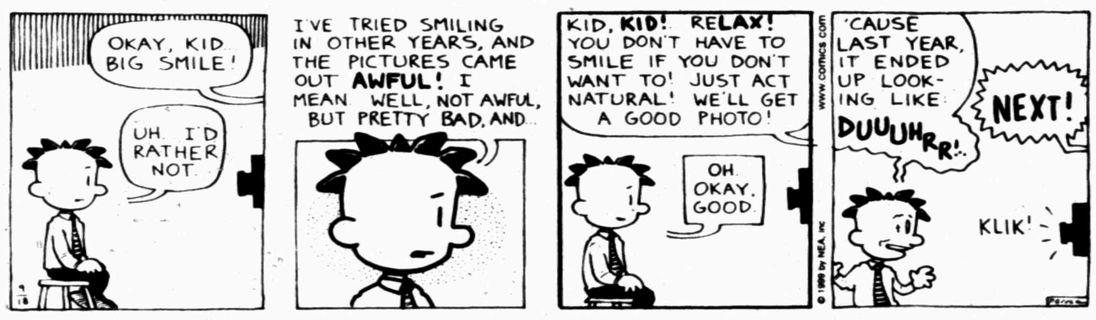

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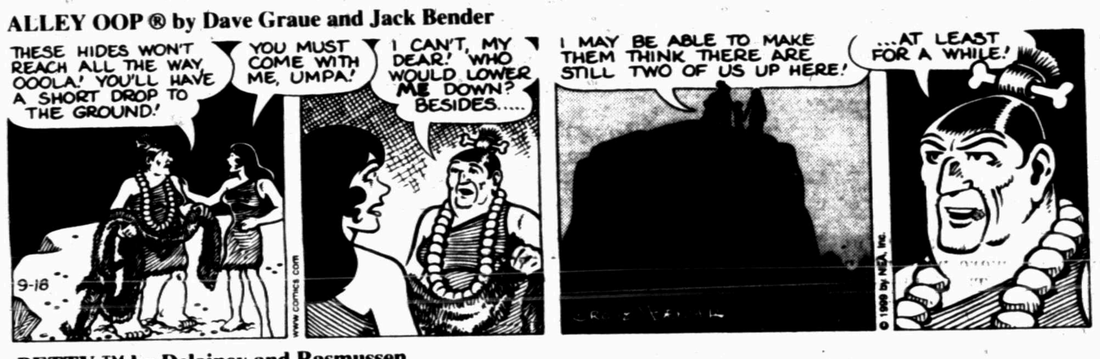

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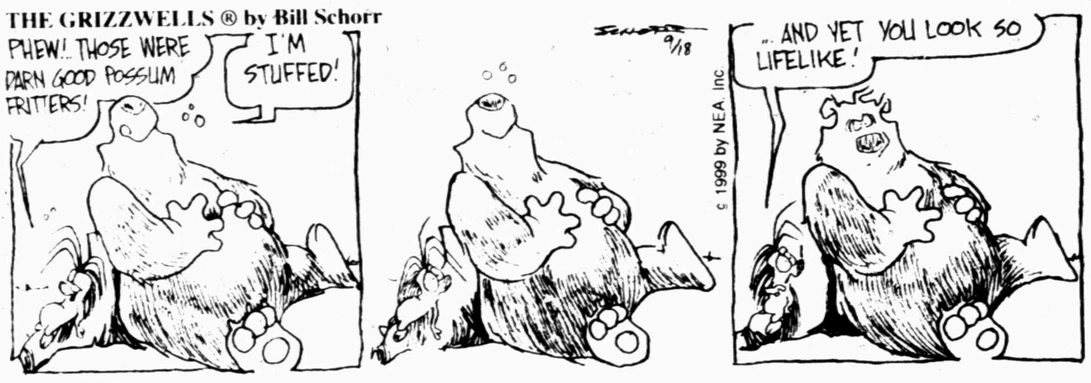

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54 Before, to a poet

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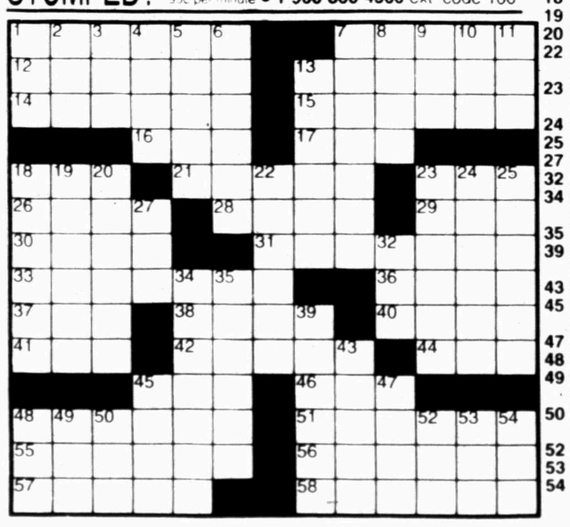

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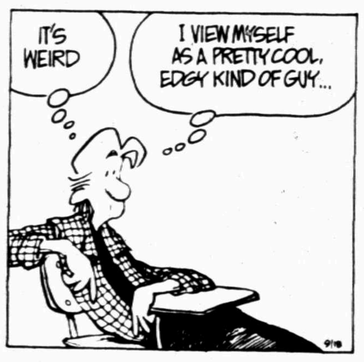

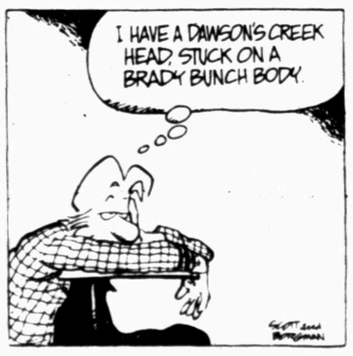

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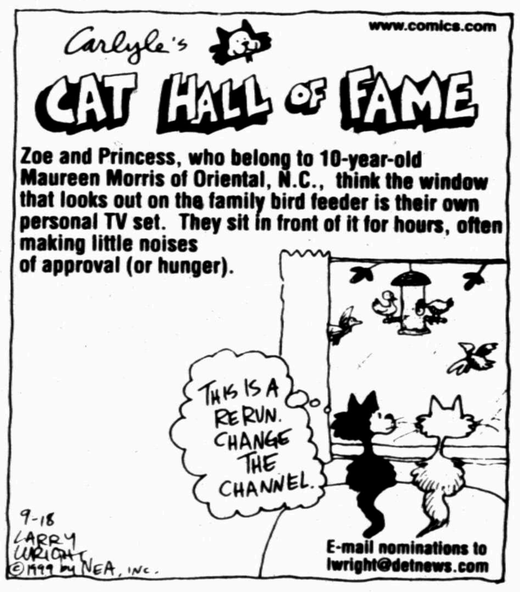

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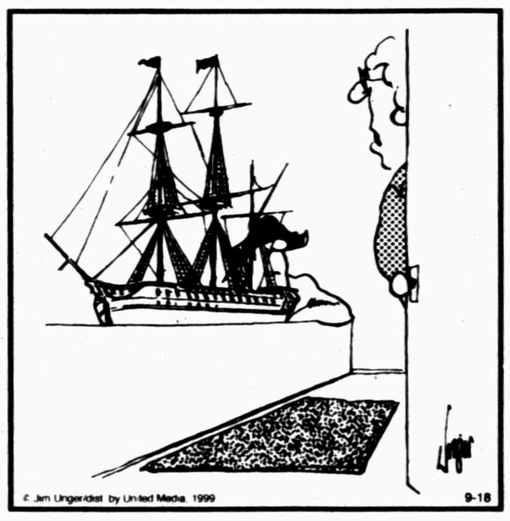

"How do you expect to wash like that?"

"I THINK MOM WOULD LOOK BETTER IN THE SHORT PANTS."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Couple's 40 Years of Marriage Began Later Than Kids Think

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary next year. However, we conceived our first child four months before our marriage. We had always told our families that we were married six months before the actual date. We were both 18 years old and met when we were 15. Neither of us had ever had another partner, and we've had a good life together.

We raised four children (all married) and have four grandchildren. Nonetheless, we felt embarrassed and ashamed. We did not want our children to think we were promiscuous, and we feared that history might repeat itself.

Our children are planning a 40th anniversary party next year and are sending us on a trip overseas. My husband wants to tell them the truth because he feels guilty lying about the actual marriage date when they plan this expensive gift.

Abby, do you think we should tell them the truth, or leave it alone?

NAMELESS, PLEASE

DEAR NAMELESS: I see no reason to bring this up now. I suggest you "leave it alone."

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in reference to a very short letter from "On the Spot," who wanted to know what to say to nosy people who ask, "Isn't it about time you had kids?" when you aren't planning on having any. Your answer was on target; however, I think "On the Spot" was really hinting at a much larger issue — people assuming that everyone wants a spouse and/or children.

My husband and I struggled with our decision not to have children for three years before his vasectomy. During that time, I began to dread the family get-togethers that used to mean so much. Subtle hints and flat-out blunt questions were present in every holiday visit. This additional pressure was almost unbearable.

Finally, I decided enough is enough — the next person to ask would get an honest answer instead of being "tuned out."

My sister-in-law "Marge" (who has a habit of speaking without thinking) asked, right before the birth of her second child, when she could send the maternity clothes to my house. I thought her jaw was going to break the way it fell to the floor when I said, "Never" and changed the subject.

I've found it's a lot less stressful to speak my mind and make a few waves than to hold in my comments and feel my blood boil. I would like to remind people to *think* before they speak. Sometimes silence is much more comfortable than personal questions in an attempt to "make conversation."

NOT A TALKER IN NEBRASKA

DEAR NOT A TALKER: I agree with that philosophy. Some people ask questions as a means of carrying on a conversation and getting the other person talking. However, they should take care that the questions are tactful and not too personal. Asking people why they don't have children is definitely out of bounds.

Believe it or not, being a good listener will do more for someone than being a glib talker.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK": "The ideal marriage is not one in which two people marry to be happy, but to make each other happy." (Roy L. Smith, 1887-1963, Methodist minister)

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DEAR ABBY: I am the director of a rehabilitation program for the chronically mentally ill. From time to time, I notice that you print letters that deal with stereotypes and negative attitudes society often holds toward certain groups. I wonder if you might print a similar letter on behalf of people who have a mental illness. One of the foremost issues facing this group is the negative prejudice that society holds against them.

I asked our group of patients to provide suggestions on how to treat a person who has a mental illness. Some of their ideas:

1. Don't be afraid of us. Despite what you see on TV and in the movies, studies have shown that the mentally ill population does not have a greater propensity toward violence than anyone else.

2. Please avoid negative stereotypical words such as "psycho," "nuts," "schizo," "loonies," etc. The emotional pain these dehumanizing words inflict upon us hurts worse than our illness does.

3. Give us a job opportunity. Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, both of whom experienced mental illness, held two of the most important jobs in history. Many of us are intelligent and long for the chance to be productive members of society.

4. Please don't tell us that if we just tried harder we could "snap out of it." This insults our intelligence and implies that we are lazy. There is nothing fun or positive about having a mental illness and none of us choose to have it.

5. Be patient when you notice we are having a difficult time. It is OK to ask us if we need help.

6. Don't ask if we have taken our medication when we are angry, sad or irritable. These questions make us feel like we don't have the right to experience normal human emotions without being viewed as having an "episode."

7. Treat us like you would treat anyone else. We have a need for acceptance, just as you do. Most of us lead quite normal lives complete with families, children, employment and financial responsibilities.

Abby, with the help of recent medications and psychotherapy interventions, the treatment of mental illness has made tremendous strides in the last 10 years. Unfortunately, the prejudice against this group remains one of the most painful aspects of the disease.

MIKE ASHWORTH, Ph.D., ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR DR. ASHWORTH: You have written a very important letter. There is a lot of ignorance and misunderstanding about mental illness. Some mental illnesses can be managed effectively with therapy and medication. Others can be cured entirely. People coping with mental illness have enough complicated challenges to overcome without having to deal with the irrational fears of the supposedly "normal."

Let's face it — there are few among us who don't have a few "kinks" here or there.

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DEAR ABBY: I need help. My neighbor likes to water his lawn using my garden hose and my water. My husband and I do not wish to have a fight over it since we have to live next door to him. Aside from installing a sprinkler system, do you have any suggestions on how to handle this?

When we see him, he pretends that he's watering our flowers — but he's really watering his lawn.

ANONYMOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ANONYMOUS: When you're finished watering your lawn, put the hose away in a locked shed or garage. Or consider installing a locking device on the handle of the spigot, making it more difficult for your shameless neighbor to tap into your water supply.

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Disney and Arab groups discuss Israeli exhibit

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Faced with a possible boycott, Walt Disney World officials met with Arab leaders to discuss an Israeli exhibit planned for its Epcot millennium celebration.

Members of the Arab delegation, which included ambassadors from Morocco and the United Arab Emirates, presented Walt Disney World President Al Weiss with a memo outlining their objections to the possibility that the exhibit will designate Jerusalem as Israel's political capital.

The United Arab Emirates has threatened to boycott Disney over the exhibit, which is scheduled to open Oct. 1. The Arab League earlier this week discussed a resolution warning Disney that it would take "appropriate action" about the exhibit.

New 'Unknown' inscription dedicated

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a ceremony marking POW-MIA Recognition Day, Defense Secretary William Cohen Friday dedicated a new inscription on the Tomb of the Unknowns to reflect that the hallowed memorial no longer contains the remains of an unknown soldier from the Vietnam War.

"The words that now grace the Vietnam tomb — 'Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen' — are carved in stone," Cohen said as dozens of veterans and families of missing servicemen looked on.

"Their permanence, like our remembrance of America's fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, will be a measure of this nation's profound reverence and respect. And those words will always remain."

The Pentagon decided earlier this year to place the inscription on the tomb cover of the Vietnam Unknown after the remains were removed and positively identified as 1st Lt. Michael Blassie, an Air Force pilot who was shot down in 1972. He was reburied by his family in St. Louis in July 1998.

In remarks at Friday's ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Sen. Max Cleland said visiting the Tomb of the Unknowns reminds him of a quote from one of the Duke of Wellington's troops: "'In times of war and not before, God and soldier men adore. But in times of peace with all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.'

"We are here Friday to reiterate our promise to our soldiers that they will not be slighted, now or ever," said Cleland, D-Ga.

Cleland lost both his legs and one arm in a grenade explosion while serving in Vietnam.

This summer the Pentagon announced that the Tomb of the Unknowns never again would contain a symbolic victim of the Vietnam War because advances in forensic science — particularly the use of DNA technologies — make it at least theoretically possible that all war remains eventually can be identified.

The tomb, adjacent to the cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater, is most recognized for the round-the-clock detail of sentinels who guard the white marble sarcophagus that is atop the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. Its inscription reads: "Here Rests In Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God."

Nearby are the graves of unknowns from World War II, Korea and Vietnam; each is marked with a white marble slab that is flush with the ground.

The new inscription for the Vietnam unknown is meant to underscore a commitment to the fullest possible accounting of missing service members. Critics say that commitment falls short of pressing the communist governments of North Korea and Vietnam to explain what happened to missing American servicemen.

"We feel the Department of Defense is rushing" to identify remains in order to close the book on Vietnam MIA issues, said Delores Alfond of the National Alliance of Families, a POW-MIA activist group based in Bellevue, Wash.

"They're trying to close down the cases as fast as they can" to foreclose other questions, she said in an interview. "What happened to the live POWs that were left behind? They aren't even dealing with that."

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Housing construction strong

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction of new homes and apartments posted a 0.4 percent increase in August, leaving analysts marveling at the continued strength in housing despite rising mortgage rates.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that construction climbed to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.68 million units last month, led by another big rise in apartment building.

The performance surprised analysts. Many had been expecting a 2 percent decline in housing starts because of higher mortgage rates, which in August climbed briefly above 8 percent after starting the year below 7 percent.

Many economists said they were revising their housing forecasts upward given that the slowdown they have been forecasting for some months has yet to occur.

"It would be foolish to characterize the housing market as anything but still going flat out," said David Orr, chief economist at First Union in Charlotte, N.C.

Michael Carliner, economist at the National Association of Home Builders, said he believed that housing construction for the whole year would hit a 13-year high of 1.66 million units, even better than last year's strong 1.62 million pace.

Carliner said while lending rates have risen, they have failed to dampen demand because the overall economy is performing better than expected with unemployment in August returning to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent.

"Incomes and employment have at least as much effect on housing as mortgage rates, and they are doing better than expected," Carliner said.

The strong housing report capped a week in which the government also reported that retail sales, led by brisk demand for autos, surged 1.2 percent in August. The biggest advance in six months, that indicated the consumer is still going strong even after two Federal Reserve interest rate increases aimed at cooling things down to keep inflation under control.

Many analysts said the continued red-hot consumer sector probably means Fed officials will boost rates for a third time this year, probably at their next meeting on Oct. 5, to accomplish the slowdown they desire.

"Most economists, including those at the Fed, were expecting housing to be a drag on the economy this year. Instead, it is adding solidly to growth," said economist Joel Naroff of Holland, Pa.

Still, analysts detected some hints that rising mortgage rates are beginning to dampen demand a bit.

Construction starts on single-family homes actually fell in August by 1.3 percent, after a 1.2 percent rise in July. The overall advance in August was driven by a 6.6 percent increase in multifamily building, which followed an even bigger 15.6 percent July increase.

Rates on 30-year fixed mortgages hit a high of 8.15 percent in mid-August, their highest point in more than two years. Rates have eased off a bit since then and now stand at 7.82 percent, according to this week's Freddie Mac survey, still above the 6.79 percent at the start of the year.

In addition to stronger-than-expected construction starts in August, the government revised figures for July and June upward. Construction rose by a stronger 3.9 percent in July after falling by 3.7 percent in June.

August housing starts rose in every region except the West, where they fell by 7.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 403,000 units.

The biggest increase was in the Midwest, where housing starts jumped by 8.5 percent to an annual rate of 343,000 units. Housing starts rose 1.8 percent in the Northeast, to an annual rate of 172,000 units, and 1.1 percent in the South to a 758,000-unit annual rate.

New building permits, considered a gauge of future construction, fell by 1.8 percent in August, after being unchanged in July.

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The American sloop "Amity" captured the British schooner "Margareta" in 1775 in the first naval engagement of the American Revolution.

Gov. Davis endorces Al Gore

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis made official Friday what the political world has known for months: He supports Al Gore's presidential bid.

"Al Gore really understands California," Davis said at a joint appearance outside Santa Monica High School. "He's been here so much he might as well be a resident."

Davis offered a litany of issues on which Gore's views dovetail with his own, among them "sensible" gun control, protecting the environment, keeping the economy strong, and "making sure HMOs provide quality health care."

"These issues matter to Californians and they matter to Al Gore," Davis said.

The two Democrats often joke about their similarly plodding styles. Gore quipped that, if elected president, he would appoint Davis to the post of "national charisma adviser."

The vice president is competing against former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"Governor Davis has shown that good policy makes good politics, and as the governor of the largest state in the country, this will be a tremendous boost for the Gore campaign," Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said.

Davis was accompanying Gore on several stops in California and planned to repeat his endorsement announcement at each, aides to the governor and other Democrats said Thursday.

California's rank as the most populous state makes it particularly important in presidential politics. The state controls 54 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House.

Davis's endorsement will formally cement a personal and political relationship between the two Democrats that has grown increasingly close in recent months.

In December, just weeks before Davis was inaugurated, a deep freeze ruined much of California's citrus crop. Davis called Gore, who helped $9.3 million in federal aid move quickly to farmers.

Davis plans to campaign extensively with Gore to help win over California voters, but it remains to be seen whether his endorsement will prove beneficial to the vice president.

Although Davis won the governor's office by 20 percentage points in November, polls indicate many Californians cannot identify Davis as the governor. A poll in August gave Davis a 61 percent approval rating.

Support for Davis is strong in one key voter bloc: labor union members.

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What came to be called "The Blitz" began Sept. 7, 1940 when London underwent the first concentrated night air raid of World War II. In the first three nights, 1,000 people were killed and 3,500 seriously injured. The RAF prevented invasion during 1940, but the civilian population suffered massive bombing before the tide turned.

Q & A

Be wary of bodybuilding projects

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Be wary of bodybuilding products

Student-athletes won't find competitive edge in a dietary supplement, experts at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse warn. But such supplements may lead to dehydration, kidney problems, strokes or other serious health problems.

"Young athletes and their parents need to be aware that there are some dangerous products masquerading as performance enhancers," says Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's Dr. Jane Maxwell, a leading researcher of drug trends.

"We also worry about our high school athletes using products that we just don't know a lot about."

Many workout products are sold as dietary supplements, which are not required to be tested for safety or effectiveness before entering the U.S. market. "It's really a buyer beware situation," Dr. Maxwell says. "It pays to do your homework on these products before becoming a human guinea pig."

Dr. Maxwell says ephedrine presents a special danger to athletes.

Ephedrine, which is similar to amphetamines, stimulates the heart and raises blood pressure. Texas health officials have received more than 1,400 complaints of adverse effects from ephedrine since 1993, and eight Texas deaths in the past four years have been linked to the substance.

"The last thing you want to do is take ephedrine before working out or participating in sports," Dr. Maxwell says. "That's certainly a way to increase your risk of having a stroke or heart attack." Ephedrine is sold in several forms and may be listed in the ingredients as ephedra, ma huang, sida cordifolia or epitonin.

Very little is known about the long-term effects of creatine, one of the most widely used workout supplements. Creatine has been linked to kidney problems, seizures and muscle cramps and injuries, but there have been few scientific studies into the product's safety.

"We do know that creatine can cause dehydration," Dr. Maxwell says. "Creatine and two-a-day workouts in the Texas heat definitely do not mix."

In response to the increasing use of creatine among high school athletes, the Texas Legislature passed legislation prohibiting school district employees from selling, distributing or endorsing dietary supplements that contain performance enhancing compounds to students. The new law has been in effect since Sept. 1.

Androstenedione, the active ingredient in Andro-6, is marketed with claims that it promotes muscle growth. However, the first scientific study of androstenedione found that the product did not enhance physical strength but instead raised the level of the female hormone estrogen. In men, estrogen has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, pancreatic cancer and breast enlargement.

There also are a number of bodybuilding products that contain 1,4 butanediol, or tetramethylene glycol. These products, such as Thunder Nectar, Revitalize Plus, Enliven and SomatoPro, can cause dangerously low respiratory rates, vomiting and seizures.

The death of a Williamson County man has been blamed on one of these products.

People who have heart problems or high blood pressure or who are seizure prone may be more susceptible to serious adverse reactions from dietary supplements, particularly ephedrine.

Dr. Maxwell cautions people to visit their doctor before taking a dietary supplement containing a performance enhancing compound. Just because the label says natural doesn't mean that it is safe.

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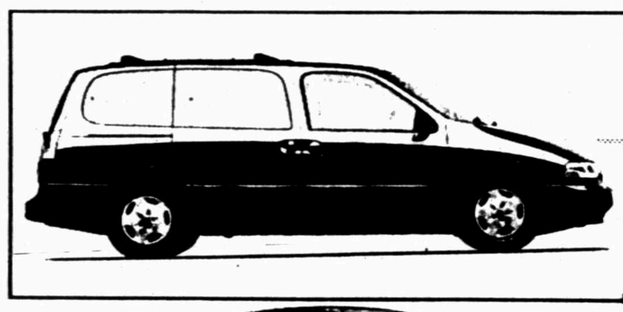

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