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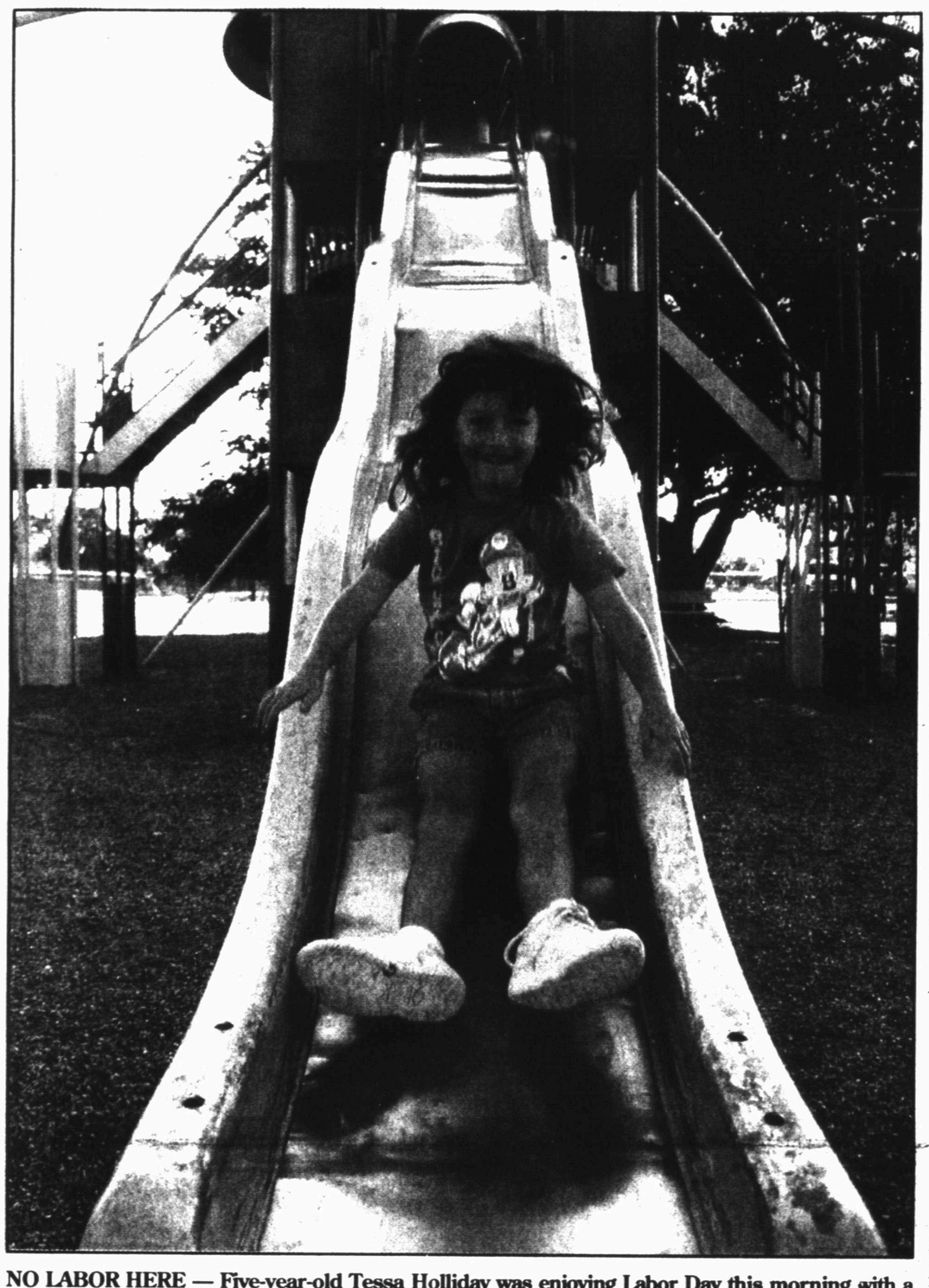
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

MONDAY

Home of Bill Jones



NO LABOR HERE — Five-year-old Tessa Holliday was enjoying Labor Day this morning with a romp at Kiddie Park in Towle Park. Tessa is the daughter of Tracy and Deanna Holliday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tuesday morning at 10...

No ho-hum budget okay expected when commissioners meet

The Scurry County commissioner's court will convene in special session Tuesday to consider adopting a $22.6 million budget and a 46.92 cent tax rate to fund it.

Included in the budget is Cogdell Hospital's $16.4 million spending plan, of which includes $395,000 in tax subsidy.

Less the hospital, the county's proposed budget is $6.2 million.

The proposed tax rate of 46.92 cents per $100 valuation is just under the rollback limit and roughly five cents more than the effective rate.

However, due to a $159,956,690 hike in the county's values, the tax rate is a decrease of seven cents from the current year.

One item of uncertainty in the budget is the Scurry County Coliseum. County Judge Ricky Fritz said earlier that the county would operate the coliseum for $135,000 instead of paying $165,000 for a management contract with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Public outrage has prompted at least two of the commissioners to rethink the county's stance on coliseum management.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey said last week, the court should continue to allow the chamber to manage the coliseum.

Trevey and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer met behind closed doors with chamber executive director Donna Fowler and other chamber board members Thursday to discuss a compromise. Fowler said no agreement was reached.

Citizens attending a public hearing last Monday urged the court not to adopt the proposed budget with the stipends allotted for the coliseum, warning the commissioners doing so would be a mistake.

In other business Tuesday, two insurance representatives will address the court concerning a cafeteria plan. They will represent National Family Life Insurance and AFLAC Insurance.

The commissioners will also consider the consolidation of voting boxes for the Nov. 6, constitutional amendment election. The court also will consider any line item transfers and budget amendments presented.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Parts of state receive drenching past week

While most of Southeast Texas on Sunday got a break from a weeklong drenching, scattered river flood warnings remained in Central Texas as leftover water drained into already swollen waterways.

Flood warnings remained for the San Antonio River near Falls City in Karnes County and the Guadalupe River near Cuero in DeWitt County, where high water forced school closings on Friday.

"A lot of people are calling in with 20-inch rainfall amounts over the five-day period," said Patrick McDonald, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Antonio. "The water is still draining into the rivers."

In Goliad County, the San Antonio River reached 42 feet, 7 feet over flood stage. Water flowed into low-lying Goliad State Historical Park, flooding campgrounds, shelters and facilities that provide electricity, said Billy Flores, the park's assistant manager.

But the Mission Nuestra Senora del Espiritu Santo de Zuniga, at the site since 1749 and refurbished in the 1930s, remained dry on higher ground Sunday.

"It will take a lot of water to get up there," Flores said. "If we don't get pounded like we did Friday and Saturday, we'll be all right."

A string of thunderstorms erupted Sunday afternoon on the south edge of Houston and in Matagorda, Brazoria, Galveston and Chambers counties along the Gulf Coast. The storms dumped 1 to 4 inches of rain, adding to weeklong totals of 11 to 15 inches, said Matt Moreland, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston and Galveston.

A stubborn line of storms that had hovered over those areas for six days finally moved east and northeast on Saturday. Sunday's storms affected the already flooded Houston suburbs of Friendswood and Pearland, but not enough to issue flood warnings that had expired nearly 24 hours earlier, Moreland said.

"We have urban and small stream flood advisories for Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston counties," Moreland said.

At the county clerk's office...

Time to re-record cattle, horse brands

Although you call them Suzie or Big Boy around the ranch, you know that a brand is the true means of identification for your cattle. From now through Feb. 28, 2002, every rancher needs to re-record his or her brand with the county clerk's office in the Scurry County Courthouse.

Although a new brand can be registered any time, Texas cattle producers are required by law to re-record their brands every 10 years, if they intend to use them, and are given a six-month window to do so.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association provides county clerks with a mark and brand application where you designate the location and shape of the brand and any earmarks. Although they're not required to, most county clerks return the applications to TSCRA, but you might ask your local office what they do to ensure your brand is on record with the association, especially if you're not already a member. Returned applications are put in the central filing system, which helps eliminate obsolete brands and makes the information readily accessible in case your cattle are stolen.

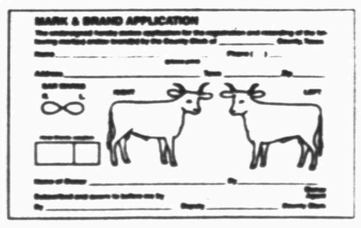
Points to remember:

Don't overlook location. A brand can be registered by more than one person in a county, if they plan to use it in different locations. For the purpose of registration, some ranchers register their brands in all locations, with the intention of using it in only one, to prevent others from using it at all.This is one way to protect yourself from theft when pasturing cattle on lease. As well, beef quality assurance guidelines suggest that you place your brands in the same area of the animal as you would put a stamp on an envelope."The optimum place is high up on the hip, close to the tail head," according to the Texas Beef Quality Producer program, to lessen damage to the hide, which lowers its value. Rib brands reduce the value of the hide as much as $5 to $15 in cull cows.

Register brands in every county where you intend to use it. Therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you have to register your brand with each of those county clerks.

Register brands separately for horses. If you want to use the same brands on your cattle and horses, that is a separate registration. If you just register it for cattle, someone across the county could register the same brand, in the same place, for his horses.

But remember, it's illegal to use a brand without first registering it. Besides, if you fail to re-record your brand during this six-month period, it will become "available" on a first-come basis for anyone else who would like to register it and use it.



Even if you don't own cattle or horses, you can register a brand. For instance, you may have a "family brand" no longer in use that you'd like to maintain for historical or nostalgic purposes.

The re-registration process is simple and can sometimes be completed by mail, but you'll need to check with county clerk Joan Bunch.



TIGERS' TREE — Frank Ortegon of TXU Electric and Gas hangs streamers last week in the large tree outside the Snyder Tigers' field house. The Tigers host their home opener at 8 p.m. Friday against Littlefield. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How many airplanes are currently based and hangered at Winston Field?
A—25.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 66; high Sunday, 94; low, 66; 7 a.m. Monday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2001, 11.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low upper 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance; high near 85, E wind 5-15 mph.

Rebecca Jones
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Of 245 days in 2001, the sun has shone 233 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People are known as much by the quality of their failures as by the quality of their successes.
—Mark McCormack

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Boy shot at end of 15-mile car chase

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who led police on a high-speed, 15-mile chase was shot in the shoulder by a Fort Worth policeman after pointing a gun at the officer, police said.

The boy, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, is expected to recover from his injuries, said Lt. Jesse Hernandez, Fort Worth police spokesman.

The youth could face charges of theft, resisting arrest and attempted injury to a police officer, Hernandez said. The officer, whose name was also withheld, was put on a three-day administrative leave from duty while the department's Major Crimes Unit investigates, police said.

"It was a critical police incident, and we will be conducting an internal investigation," Hernandez said.

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Haltom City man picked trucker of year

FORT WORTH (AP) — Trucker Clarence Wilburn "C.W." Lyons is known as "Jackpot" on the CB radio, a fitting nickname for the Haltom City man who relishes being the 2001 Texas Truck Driver of the Year.

Lyons, who had been vying for the title for three years and was finally chosen by the Texas Motor Transportation Association in July was floored when he heard the news.

"It just overwhelmed me," he said.

The award capped Lyons' 31 years of Texas trucking, 26 of which have been with Roadway Express.

More than one month after receiving the honor, Lyons appears almost giddy.

"I've done a lot of things in my career, but being named driver of the year is the greatest honor I've ever had," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Lyons has been honored more than once.

He has driven more than 900,000 accident-free miles and has not received a traffic ticket while on the job. He carried emergency supplies to victims of South Texas floods and the Jarrell tornado. He works with Special Olympics and Boy Scouts, and is an advocate for trucking safety.

Last year, he saved a man's life.

The man was working on big rigs in Fort Worth when he collapsed. Other members of the man's crew did not see him fall, but Lyons did.

"The day was 106, and he'd been out there too long," Lyons said. "He passed out in the heat. All I could see was him lying there."

Lyons pulled over and shouted to the crew as he jumped the guardrail and ran to the fallen man. He poured water over the man and waited for help.

"He survived," Lyons said.

When Lyons set out to win three years ago, co-workers said he wouldn't stop until he got it.

Lyons said he knew he was good, but after twice missing out on the title, he figured that those who made the decision needed a little convincing.

With the help of his 31-year-old daughter, Lyons crafted an 18-page resume highlighting his career.

Apparently, it worked.

"They said I blew them away," Lyons said. "I know it was because of my resume."

Along with the title, Lyons received a plaque and $1,000.

Roadway bought him a new custom cab with his name and title painted on the side.

Deaf man reunited with 3 of his 6 brothers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deaf man who spent 22 months in a District of Columbia jail after his misdemeanor charges had been dropped has been reunited with three of his six brothers.

The three arrived Sunday after a 14-hour drive from Florida to take Joseph Heard, 42, home once he is released from St. Elizabeth Hospital, a mental hospital where he is undergoing voluntary evaluation.

None of Heard's brothers knows sign language but the four embraced, laughed and slapped one another on the back in a rush of joy and relief at a reunion witnessed by a Washington Post reporter.

It had been seven years since Heard had seen his brothers and they said they lost track of where he was.

The Post said the brothers — Billy Cason, 37, Clarence Coleman, 32, and Leonard Pender, 38 — were told by hospital officials that Heard probably would be released no later than Thursday after an assessment of what medications and care he will need after being released.

W. Thomas Stovall, a lawyer helping Heard, has said that when Heard was arrested, he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Officials at St. Elizabeths said his diagnosis remains the same.

His brothers told the Post he had never been treated for mental illness before and questioned whether his illness was a result of the effects of jail and medications administered there.

Heard was confined because paperwork dismissing charges against him and ordering his release got lost in the system.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 3, 2001

Today is LABOR DAY; it is the 246th day of 2001 and the 75th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1777, at Cooch's Bridge, Del., the American flag was flown in battle for the first time.

On this day in 1872, Charles O'Conor of New York became the first Catholic to be nominated for president. He was nominated at the Democratic Convention in Louisville, Ky. O'Conor declined the nomination, but received about 30,000 votes in the national election.

On this day in 1935, Gretchen Schoenleber became the first woman commodity-exchange member in the United States. She was admitted to the New York Cocoa Exchange in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolo Amati (1596-1684), violin-maker; Louis Henri Sullivan (1856-1924), architect; Alan Ladd (1913-1964), actor; Kitty Carlisle (1915-), actress-singer, is 86; Anne Jackson (1925-), actress, is 76; Valerie Perrine (1943-), actress, is 58; Charlie Sheen (1965-), actor, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Arnold Palmer hit a hole in one — the day after hitting a hole in one at the same hole, with the same iron.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Example is the best precept." — Aesop

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Sept. 2).

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 1-7-10-17-32-51

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

4-9-8

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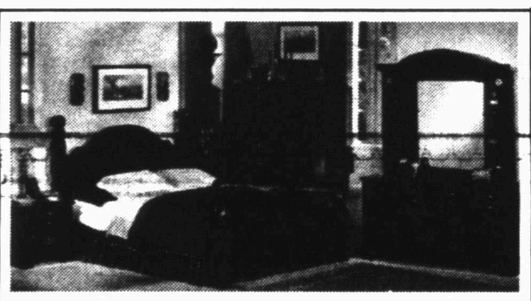
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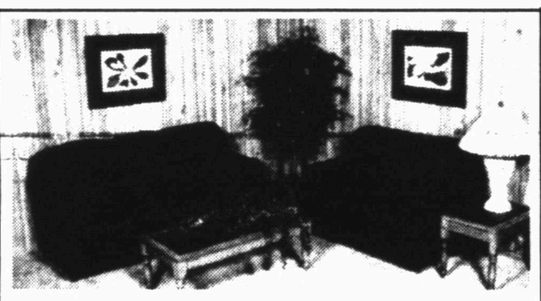
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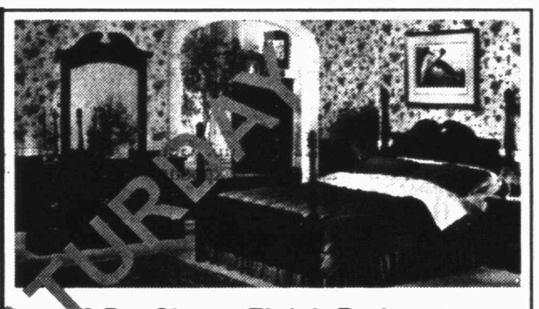
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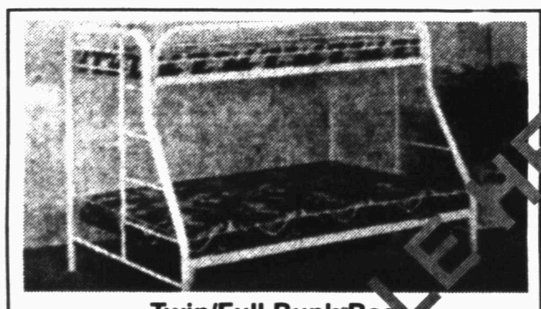


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♥ A 10 8 4
♦ J 3
♣ J 10 9 5 4 3

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

East
♠ A 10 7 4
♥ —
♦ K 10 8 5 2
♣ 8 7 6 2

South
♠ K Q J 9 8 2
♥ K Q 7 6 3
♦ —
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Monday, Sept. 3, 2001

More from the days of yore

By Phillip Alder

On the 62nd anniversary of Britain's declaring war on Germany, let's have a look at a deal from that era.

While reading old bridge magazines, one sometimes finds an article by an "unknown" player that features a dramatic deal. Here is an example, written by Dr. James Parrack for Bridge Magazine, which I used to edit in England.

Two spades is an Acol two-bid. It is strong but forcing for only one round; though, as here, with a big two-suiter, the opener could have a game-force. However, with an unbalanced game-force, opener has the option of starting with an artificial two clubs. And when South volunteered five hearts, how could North not raise to six?

The declarer's name was Ffred. This could be for one of three reasons. Perhaps he had Welsh blood in his family. (I have often wondered if Offa, whose dyke separates Wales from England, had a stutter, which might explain all the double letters in Welsh words and names.) Perhaps Ffred came from nobility — except then one would expect his name to be ffred. Or the author had a strange sense of humor.

After ruffing the diamond ace, Ffred cashed the heart king to uncover the 4-0 split. Then South delayed attacking spades, first taking the club ace. When the queen dropped, Ffred saw the way home. He led a low heart to dummy's eight, ruffed the diamond jack with the heart queen, finessed dummy's heart 10, and cashed the heart ace, discarding the blocking club king. Now declarer could enjoy all five of dummy's club winners. At trick 13, Ffred graciously conceded a trick to East's spade ace.

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Committed to work

NEW YORK (AP) — After a half-century of work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Jerry Lewis says he's more committed than ever to raising money to help people suffering from neuromuscular diseases.

"Sometimes, when a battle goes on and on, people get worn down and lose their passion," Lewis wrote in an article that appeared in Parade magazine on Sunday. "But not me. Not now."

Lewis has been the association's national chairman for 50 years, and the 36th annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon began Sunday night.

Tank doesn't have enough sharks

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium has one little problem as it tries to woo visitors with a much-ballyhooed shark tank: not enough sharks.

The aquarium has only six sharks on display — including just two tiny sharks in the 100,000-gallon saltwater tank — despite claims late last year that the aquarium would soon be swimming with 17 sharks.

"It certainly is something that has hurt us in the public perception, I think," zoo spokeswoman Jen Roupe said. "People are just drawn to sharks. It's such a big thing."

The tank belatedly opened in December, one month after three sharks died when a valve problem released too much ozone into the water. In the spring of 2000, two sharks died after a salt mixture put in the water turned out to be contaminated with cyanide.

After the delays and bad publicity at the aquarium, zoo officials are still tweaking the ozone equipment — and keeping mum on when more sharks will be added.

"We've thrown dates out the window," Roupe said. "We just have to wait and see what happens."

The shark shortage comes at a time when the public's appetite for information about the creatures is especially strong. The summer has seen a spate of shark attacks, including a fatal one in Virginia over the weekend.

"There's a lot of interest in them now, because they're attacking people and they're in the news every day," said visitor Mark Nowalk, whose family comes to the zoo four or five times a year.

The $16.8 million facility opened in March of last year, but soon encountered several problems. The sharks died because of the cyanide contamination, and 12 stingrays died after tap water leaked into their tank from a broken pipe. Several other animals, including a group of sea horses, died due to tank malfunctions or other problems.

Before he was fired in July of 2000, Jim Prappas, the curator of aquatic life, accused zoo officials of putting animals at risk by rushing the aquarium's opening. A zoo-sponsored investigation later determined the animal deaths were unavoidable accidents.

The giant tank now includes a leopard shark and a zebra shark. Four more small sharks have been on display in smaller, cold water tanks.

The zoo has 10 sharks, all smaller species, waiting in quarantine. They will be displayed when they're old enough, Roupe said.

The zoo is also shopping for three or four larger sharks — 5 to 6 feet long — to put in the ocean tank.

"Possibly black tip reef sharks," Roupe said. "They're what people think of when they think of sharks — the larger, more impressive ones."

Historic bison herd has six new calves

AMARILLO (AP) — Texas' historic bison herd has nine new members.

"We thought we had eight, but we had one fool us and got a late calf," said Danny Sweptson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department district manager. "It's hard to tell when they're pregnant."

The bison roam Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque.

The herd was started in the late 1870s when pioneer cattleman Charles Goodnight, sensing the demise of the great Southern bison herd, roped two buffalo calves.

"Goodnight had the foresight to preserve the herd," Sweptson said. "He also saw economic possibilities."

The herd grew to as many as 250 and roamed free on the JA Ranch for about 130 years, until 1997, when JA owners donated the herd to the state.

Goodnight even experimented with "cattalo," a cross between cattle and buffalo, until giving it up in 1917, Sweptson said.

"Goodnight was unique among old-style cattlemen in that he'd experiment with other species," Sweptson said.

The animals represent the only known genetically pure animals remaining from the Southern herd, once thought to have numbered more than 60 million.

The herd now numbers 40 — 18 males and 22 females, said C.L. Hawkins, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department park ranger. Hawkins cares for the herd on a daily basis.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wit, intelligence come in every kind of color

DEAR ABBY: I am a recent high school graduate. I have received several national commendations and graduated at the top of my class.

So why is it that because I work with my parents in an "ethnic" restaurant, patrons assume I have no command of the English language and am slow-witted?

Please print this letter in the hope that people will realize that behind my face — white, black, yellow, brown, etc. — there is a mind and a heart that is hurt when people don't bother to appreciate the diversity of the human race. — **STAMP OUT STEREOTYPING, NEW YORK CITY**

DEAR S.O.S.: The patrons probably do not intend to be hurtful or disrespectful. They are behind the times. A generation ago, workers in ethnic restaurants were often newcomers to this country and just learning the English language. Today, however, restaurant workers are more likely to be second- or third-generation citizens.

I'm printing your letter to remind readers who are guilty of stereotyping "foreigners" that many of the workers are well-educated sons and daughters of the business owners, and doing this work by choice, not because they are unqualified for other employment. Looking down one's nose at someone who appears "different" is shortsighted and just plain wrong.

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DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law — she's 41 — have an adorable 3-year-old, and they really want another child. In the last three years, she has had three miscarriages.

We will be visiting them in September, and I don't want to be a meddling mother-in-law, but I believe they need to relax and enjoy the little one they have and stop "hoping for more." I especially worry because of her age. How and what can I say to encourage them to accept with joy the fact that they'll probably have only one child? — **CONCERNED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR CONCERNED: In the interest of family harmony and their feelings, avoid the subject. No input from you can lessen your son and daughter-in-law's pain and disappointment at being unable to have another child. You are pushing for a conclusion they will have to reach by themselves in their own time.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a pretty 29-year-old woman living in a conservative area in Canada. I have always been comfortable with my statuesque body. My boyfriend loves that I dress flatteringly — or even downright provocatively!

My question is about the "do's and don'ts" of thong bikinis. We have lovely beaches here. Bikinis are common, but I have yet to see another woman wear a thong bikini. I enjoy wearing them, but I'm wondering if it's a breach of etiquette to wear one around families or children. Thong bikinis on older, out-of-shape men (eew!) are common. Abby, if it's good for the gander, what about the goose? — **TOO SEXY FOR YOUR KIDS?**

DEAR TOO SEXY: Let's leave the geese out of it and concentrate on people. When in doubt, cover up. Getting arrested for indecent exposure would be a real "bummer."

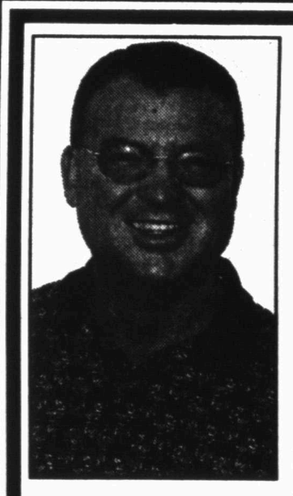
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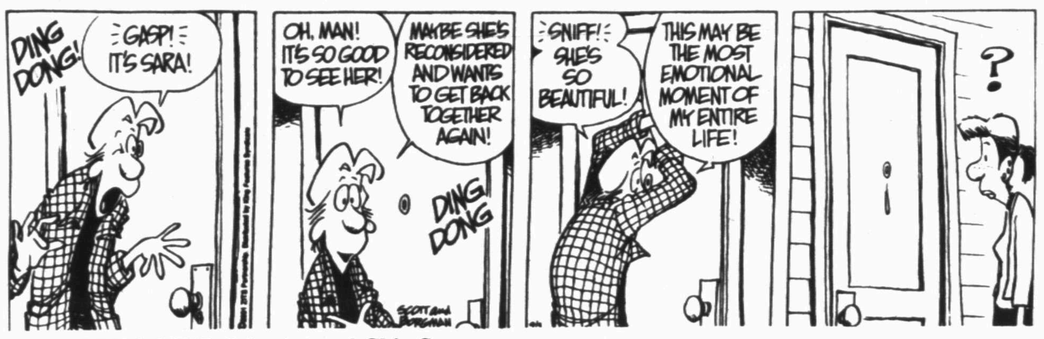
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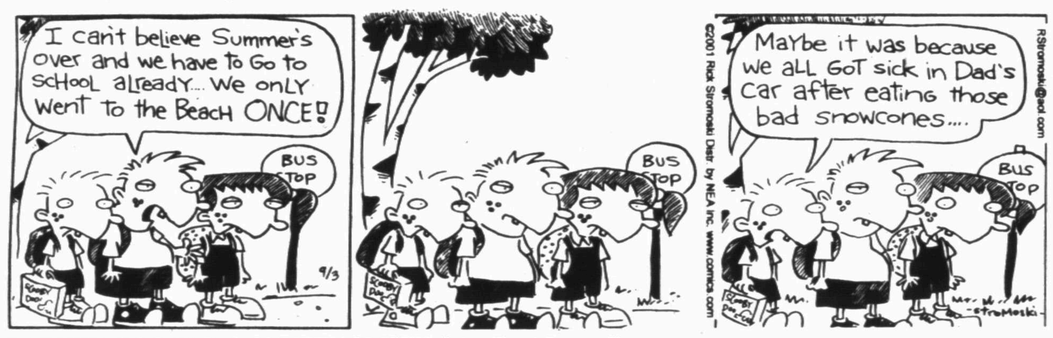
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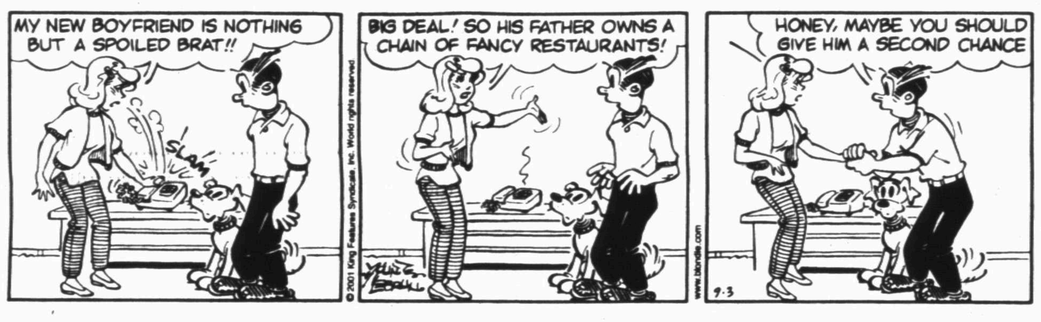
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13 Dim the lights
14 Double-layered
15 Disregard
16 Depressed
17 Contend
18 Mother of Mlle.
21 Waxy stuff in cork
23 Carnivore's mouth
26 Connecticut university
28 Rockfish
29 Medical suffix
30 Baseballer Nolan —
31 Rather or Brokaw
33 Prickly plant
36 Held in
37 Bernstein, for short
38 Safecracker (sl.)
40 Time — — half
41 Uncle
42 Hymn of joy
44 Small amount
45 "Waking — Devine"
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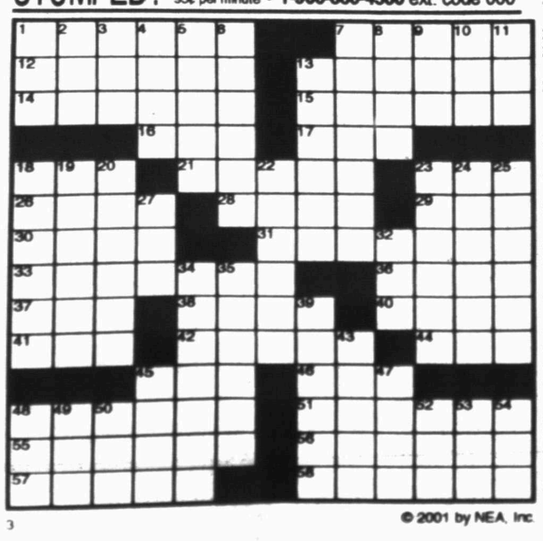
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10 "Mountain" end
11 Compass pt.
13 Heavenly
18 Carolina resort, — Beach
19 Riotous confusion
20 Director May
22 Back out of a promise
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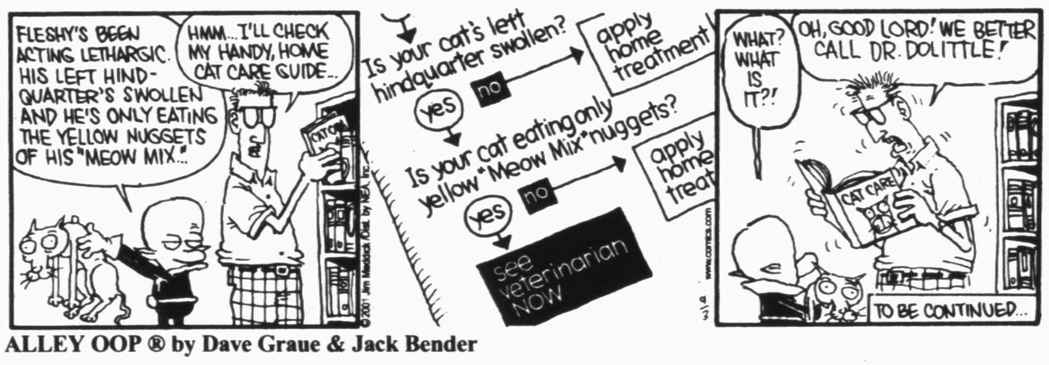
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SPORTS

SHS picks up confidence on eve of district opener

PLAINVIEW — With the district opener scheduled for Tuesday, the Snyder Lady Tigers picked just the right time to pick up their play.

Snyder earned fourth place and gained some much-needed confidence over the weekend at the Coca-Cola Classic volleyball tournament.

The Lady Tigers went 3-3 at the two-day event, with all three setbacks coming against 5A schools, and Head Coach Patty Grimmett believes the tourney was exactly what her team needed.

"It gave us a chance to get more games under our belt, and we got some things worked out," said Grimmett. "We played much more aggressively and the girls looked a lot more comfortable on the court."

Snyder (7-13) took second in its pool with victories over Dalhart and Borger to go along with a loss to Lubbock High.

The Lady Tigers opened Saturday's action with a convincing 15-12, 15-4 win over Brownfield, before falling to Lubbock Monterey. Snyder dropped another three-game match to Lubbock High to end the tournament.

Kallie Billingsley helped anchor the Lady Tigers' effort. The senior finished the tourney with 30 service points, 28 kills and nine blocks to earn all-tournament honors.

Grimmett believes it was her squad's aggressiveness that improved the most over the weekend.

"I think now the girls realize that if they keep hitting and stay on the offensive, then they have a better chance of winning," Grimmett said. "They're also getting more comfortable, so they're starting to vary the offense and keep the other team on its toes."

Snyder opens District 4-4A play against the defending champion San Angelo Lake View Maidens at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lake View's new on-campus gymnasium.

The Maidens will carry a 16-4 record into the match and figure to repeat as league champs.

"I think everyone agrees that Lake View is the district favorite," Grimmett stated. "They won it last year and they have everybody back, plus a few good players off of last year's JV.

"But we're going in there with the attitude that we don't have anything to lose. Lake View has all of this hype and a lot of people say that this is a rebuilding year for us. So I think we're going to surprise some people."

The Lady Tigers continue 4-4A competition Saturday when they host Levelland.

Lubbock High def. Snyder
15-8, 1-15, 15-12

Snyder service points: Laura Billingsley, 10; Kate Wright, 8; Kallie Billingsley, 5; Leticia Martinez, 4; Chaelyn Robinson, 3; Amber Alexander, 2; Shelly Fisk, 1. **Kills:** K. Billingsley, 5; Cindy Sanchez, 4; Ashley Tuttle, 3; Robinson and Alexander, 2. **Blocks:** K. Billingsley, 4; Tuttle and Sanchez, 3; Alexander and Robinson, 2.

Snyder def. Dalhart
15-12, 15-2

Snyder service points: Robinson, 10; Wright, 8; K. Billingsley, 5; Martinez, 3; L. Billingsley and Alexander, 2. **Kills:** K. Billingsley and Alexander, 6; Sanchez and Zipporah Peoples, 4; Tuttle and Robinson, 2. **Blocks:** Peoples, 2; Alexander, 1.

Snyder def. Borger
16-14, 15-6

Snyder service points: K. Billingsley, 12; Robinson, 6; Martinez, 5; Wright and Fisk, 4. **Kills:** K. Billingsley and Alexander, 6; Tuttle, 5; Robinson and Peoples, 4; Sanchez, 3. **Blocks:** Tuttle, 4; Peoples, 2; K. Billingsley and Alexander, 1.

Snyder def. Brownfield
15-12, 15-4

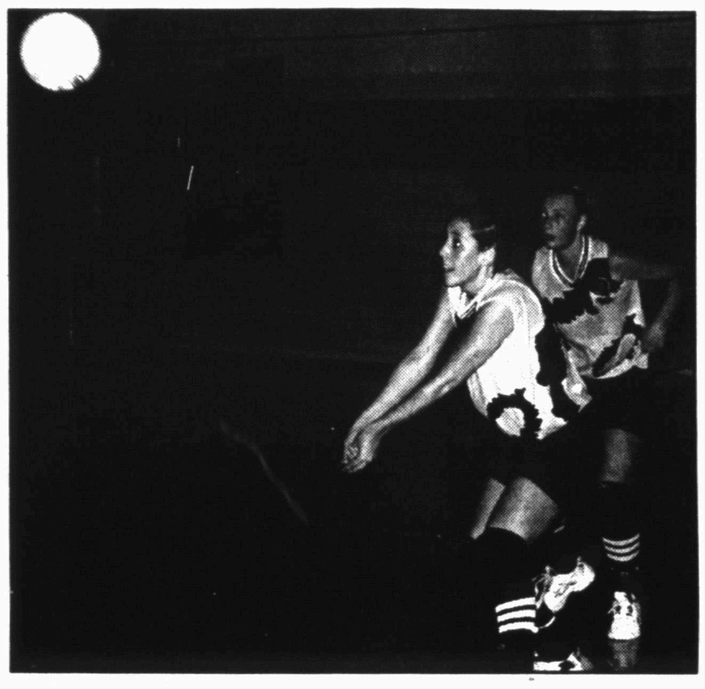
Snyder service points: Fisk, 13; Wright, 6; K. Billingsley and Alexander, 3; L. Billingsley and Robinson, 2; Martinez, 1. **Kills:** Zipporah Peoples, 5; Ashley Tuttle, Kallie Billingsley, Amber Alexander and Chaelyn Robinson, 4. **Blocks:** Tuttle and Peoples, 4.

Lubbock Monterey def. Snyder
15-3, 15-4

Snyder service points: Wright, 3; Martinez, 2; L. Billingsley and Fisk, 1. **Kills:** K. Billingsley, 7; Tuttle, 5; Alexander, 4. **Blocks:** Tuttle, 7; K. Billingsley and Peoples, 4.

Lubbock High def. Snyder
15-9, 8-15, 15-10

Snyder service points: Alexander, 8; L. Billingsley and Fisk, 6; K. Billingsley and Robinson, 5; Wright, 4. **Kills:** Cindy Sanchez, 9; Peoples, 7; Tuttle, 6. **Blocks:** Tuttle, 7; Peoples, 5.



HERE IT COMES — Snyder senior Kallie Billingsley prepares to pass the ball, while teammate Chaelyn Robinson looks on during a home match last week. Billingsley earned all-tournament honors for her efforts over the weekend at the Coca-Cola Classic in Plainview. (SDN Staff Photo)

Palmeiro achieves milestones

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro is one tough out.

Just ask relief specialist Roberto Hernandez, who gave up a milestone single to the 14-year veteran in the Texas Rangers' 12-6 victory over Kansas City on Sunday.

"He's got one of the prettiest, sweetest swings in baseball," Hernandez said.

"He's been around a long time. He's a student of the game and he's an intelligent hitter. He knows when pitchers are trying to get him out a certain way and he makes adjustments."

In these final weeks of his marvelous 14-year career, Palmeiro seems to reach a milestone a day.

Andre Dawson and Jim Rice felt his presence on the career homer list Sunday as Palmeiro went 3-for-4 with a home run and two RBI singles.

But it was Saturday night when he really did something to talk to the grandkids about some day.

That's when he joined Jimmie Foxx, Babe Ruth and Sammy Sosa as the only players to have 35 homers and 100 RBIs in seven consecutive seasons.

"It's unbelievable," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "It's just one more step that he's taking to the Hall of Fame. To have a guy on your club that did something that Babe Ruth did is just great."

Palmeiro led off the second Sunday with his 38th homer, giving him 438 overall and tying Dawson for 28th on the career list.

He had a one-run single in the fifth that tied Rice for 38th place with 1,451 RBIs, then slipped past Rice with another RBI single in the ninth off Hernandez.

Frank Catalanotto had four hits for the Rangers and raised his average to .342.

Astros blank Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wade Miller thought he owed his teammates a good performance.

He came through Sunday when he pitched eight scoreless innings, leading the Houston Astros to a 1-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Miller (15-7) struck out 10, allowed six hits and walked one to improve to 6-0 in his career against the Brewers. Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 33rd save.

Miller is 4-0 with a 1.14 ERA against Milwaukee this season. He has 41 strikeouts in 31 2-3 innings against the Brewers.

Jeff Bagwell drove in the game's only run with a single in the third inning.

The Astros won for the 13th time in 16 games and increased their Central Division lead to four games over the Chicago Cubs.

Miller allowed only three runners to advance past first base.

Milwaukee's best scoring chance came in the seventh when Geoff Jenkins led off with a triple. But after Tyler Houston struck out, Miller got Jose Hernandez to hit a weak grounder to third, and Vinny Castillo threw Jenkins out trying to score.

Miller got out of a jam in the first inning when he allowed a one-out double by Mark Loretta, who advanced to third on an error by shortstop Julio Lugo. But Miller struck out Jeromy Burnitz and retired Richie Sexson on a grounder.

Henry Blanco doubled with two outs in the fifth, but was stranded when Mac Suzuki struck out.

Campo likes young roster

IRVING (AP) — The best thing about having a roster filled with young players, Dallas Cowboys coach Dave Campo says, is how obedient they are.

"If I tell this group to do 100 push-ups, they'll get down and do 100 push-ups and not even question it," Campo said.

After cutting 18 players Sunday to trim the roster to an NFL-mandated 53 players, the Cowboys were left with 38 players in their third year or less. That's 72 percent of the roster.

Dallas had little choice but to go young — thus, cheap — because more than one-third of its salary cap is being spent on former players. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones noted that most of the so-called dead money attached to the likes of Troy Aikman and Deion Sanders goes off the books after this season.

"We got our bang for our buck in my mind for having spent it," Jones said. "But we're basically getting our feet back up under us now."

The Cowboys kept only seven players who've been in the league at least seven years. Compare that to their 11 rookies, including a whopping five who were not drafted.

Speedy cornerback Jason Bell, a special teams standout who blocked a punt in the preseason finale, and hard-hitting safety Lynn Scott, who reminded longtime fans of Cliff Harris and Bill Bates for his reckless style on special teams, fit that category.

Other longshots beating the odds included defensive tackle Javiar Collins, defensive end Demetric Evans and Mike Solwold, who is listed as a tight end but in reality is only a deep snapper. Solwold was signed last week, just in time to play in one preseason game.

Jones said the team can afford to have a five-man practice squad and plans to start signing them as soon as Monday.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball tourney

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Ministry will host a co-ed volleyball tournament Sept. 16. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The 10th annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Proceeds benefit Snyder ISD golf programs.

Format is four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded with $600 going to the winning team.

Entry deadline is Friday. Registration forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation flag football league should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Format is most and least strokes to the green on the back nine.

A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Mussina barely misses perfect game

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Mussina came within one strike of pitching the first perfect game in the 89-year history of Fenway Park, his bid broken up by pinch-hitter Carl Everett's clean single in the New York Yankees' 1-0 win over Boston.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, Mussina threw two quick strikes to Everett, who then took a ball before hitting a soft liner to left-center field.

Mussina retired Trot Nixon on a grounder to finish his fourth career one-hitter. Mussina struck out 13 and allowed just four balls out of the infield. He was bidding for the 15th perfect game in modern history.

Sparks win WNBA crown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Leslie had 24 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and a title game-record seven blocked shots as the Los Angeles Sparks beat the Charlotte Sting 82-54 Saturday to give the 5-year-old WNBA its first champion other than the Houston Comets.

The Sparks swept the Sting in two games, and their 28-point margin of victory Saturday was the largest ever in the finals.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	63	.537	—
Philadelphia	72	64	.529	1
New York	65	72	.475	8½
Florida	63	73	.463	10
Montreal	59	77	.434	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	80	56	.588	—
Chicago	76	60	.559	4
St. Louis	73	63	.537	7
Milwaukee	60	75	.444	19½
Cincinnati	55	81	.404	25
Pittsburgh	50	85	.370	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	78	59	.569	—
San Francisco	76	61	.555	2
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	3
San Diego	69	68	.504	9
Colorado	59	76	.437	18

Saturday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 2, Colorado 1
Milwaukee 4, Houston 3
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Florida 2, 11 innings
San Diego 7, Arizona 5
Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 6
Atlanta 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 2
Houston 1, Milwaukee 0
San Francisco 3, Colorado 1
San Diego 1, Arizona 0, 13 innings
Los Angeles 7, St. Louis 3

Monday's Games
Atlanta (Glavine 12-7) at Montreal (Ohka 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Chen 7-6) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-10), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Villone 6-5) at Cincinnati (Dessens 9-11), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 9-8) at Florida (Clement 8-9), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 2-0) at San Francisco (Ruster 12-10), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 0-3), 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-2) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-16), DH, 2nd game
St. Louis (Smith 3-2) at San Diego (Jones 8-16), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	81	56	.591	—
Boston	71	64	.526	9
Toronto	67	70	.489	14
Baltimore	55	81	.404	25½
Tampa Bay	49	88	.358	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	77	59	.566	—
Minnesota	72	65	.525	5½
Chicago	69	66	.511	7½
Detroit	55	80	.407	21½
Kansas City	55	82	.401	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	98	39	.715	—
Oakland	80	57	.584	18
Anaheim	70	67	.511	28
Texas	62	75	.453	36

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 2, Boston 1
Toronto 3, Detroit 1
Seattle 6, Baltimore 4
Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 6
Anaheim 11, Minnesota 9
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 8, Texas 7, 11 innings

Sunday's Games
Toronto 11, Detroit 0
Oakland 3, Tampa Bay 1
Seattle 1, Baltimore 0
Minnesota 5, Anaheim 4
Texas 12, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 19, Cleveland 10
N.Y. Yankees 1, Boston 0

Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 3-3) at Toronto (Halladay 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 14-4) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-8) at Seattle (Moyer 16-5), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 8-8) at Oakland (Hudson 15-7), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 5:05 p.m., 1st game
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, DH, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Major College Football Scores

EAST
Albany, N.Y. 14, Towson 10
Boston College 34, West Virginia 10
Buffalo St. 33, Robert Morris 27
Hofstra 45, Northeastern 21
Lehigh 41, Georgetown, D.C. 14
Miami 33, Penn St. 7
New Hampshire 45, Hampton 29
Pittsburgh 31, ETSU 0
St. Peter's 22, Cent. Connecticut St. 20
William & Mary 31, Massachusetts 10

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 46, Liberty 26
Auburn 30, Ball St. 0
Bethune-Cookman 35, Morgan St. 24
Charleston Southern 38, North Greenville 0
Clemson 21, UCF 13
Davidson 24, Valparaiso 7
Florida 49, Marshall 14
Florida A&M 35, Delaware St. 17
Florida St. 55, Duke 13
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James Madison 42, Elon 21
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Louisiana-Lafayette 20, Nicholls St. 0
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Maryland 23, North Carolina 7
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Northwestern St. 30, Southern U. 21
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Refugees are headed to New Guinea

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, Australia (AP) — Hundreds of refugees barred from Australia were ferried from the freighter that rescued them to a troop carrier that was to sail for Papua New Guinea, the next stop in their quest for asylum.

Unless a federal court rules that Australia must accept them, the asylum seekers will fly from there to New Zealand and the tiny Pacific island nation of Nauru, where their applications for asylum will be processed.

Australian military personnel used two barges and two inflatable speedboats to move the more than 430 asylum seekers — women and children first — between the two ships that stood nearly two miles apart off Australia's remote Christmas Island.

"It went off remarkably smoothly," said Don O'Donnell, harbor master at Christmas Island, 1,550 miles west of the nearest major Australian city, Darwin. "I am sure we now have a very happy prime minister."

The transfer took two and a half hours and was completed just before dusk. It was the latest chapter in the saga of the asylum seekers who were plucked from a foundering Indonesian ferry by the Norwegian freighter Tampa a week ago.

Australia refused to accept the asylum seekers, saying it wants to stem a tide of would-be immigrants. Prime Minister John Howard's adamant position sparked widespread criticism of Australia.

The asylum seekers, who include several pregnant women, spent a week camped out on the freighter's deck, seeking shelter from the harsh tropical sun under tarps and in empty cargo containers.

When the Tampa's captain defied Australia and entered its territorial waters seeking humanitarian aid for the refugees, Howard ordered 50 commandos to storm the ship.

On Saturday, Howard negotiated a deal to send them to New Zealand and Nauru, which have agreed to take the refugees in and to assess their eligibility for asylum.

Today's transfer came after a federal court lifted an injunction filed as part of a suit challenging the Australian government's refusal to allow the refugees into the country.

The Manoora was expected to leave later today night or early Tuesday and take about a week to reach Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea.

The refugees cannot be moved from ship to shore there until the conclusion of the federal court hearing in Melbourne, Australia, which is expected Wednesday or Thursday.

If the court finds Australia must accept the asylum seekers and process their requests for refugee status, the Manoora would be ordered to return them to Australia.

If not, about 150 of the asylum seekers will go to New Zealand for processing, and the rest to Nauru, where representatives of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees will assess their asylum applications. Australia has said it will take some of those who are granted refugee status.

Australia has also said it would bear the cost for Nauru, a tiny island 4,500 miles east of Christmas Island with a population of less than 12,000.

Ahead of the transfer operation, navy helicopters buzzed over the Manoora, stocking it with water, food, lifejackets and other supplies for the voyage. The 530-foot Manoora can transport 450 troops and 180 crew and is equipped with a hospital, landing craft and four helicopters.

The refugees were told Sunday of the plan to take them to New Zealand and Nauru for processing.

"They are quite happy with the idea of something moving forward," said Richard Danziger, of the United Nations' International Organization for Migration, after speaking with some of the refugees. Howard's plan on Sunday.

Australia's actions have attracted unprecedented international criticism, including from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"This is not a way to handle a refugee situation," Annan said Saturday in Durban, South Africa, where he was attending a U.N. conference on racism.

Facing an election late this year, Howard has been adamant about not allowing the migrants to land, claiming his refusal will send a signal to people smugglers that Australia will not tolerate their illegal trade.

Critics claim he is pandering to resentment among voters about immigrants and the rising cost of asylum seekers. Over the past year, more than 4,000 asylum seekers, mostly from the Middle East, have been ferried to Australia from Indonesia by smuggling gangs.

Steep cheese prices hit pizza industry

SMYRNA, Ga. (AP) — The cheese still goes on thick but pizza parlor bosses are giving employees a new edict when it comes to managing the mozzarella — don't waste, it's not so cheap, capisci?

"Yeah, I hear that a lot," said Sherwin Kannukkaden, wiping his brow as he waits to pull another pie from the pizza oven at a suburban Mellow Mushroom.

While cheese prices fluctuate like any other commodity — because of weather, energy prices, supply, demand, herd conditions and countless other factors — high costs this summer are eating into the pizza industry's bottom line.

"Oh man! I can cry for a week on that," said Jim Fox, founder of Pittsburgh-based Fox's Pizza Den, with 215 franchises in 17 states. "It's just brutal."

Cheese accounts for nearly half of a pizza's cost, which makes restaurateurs extremely sensitive to price changes. And few in the industry are willing to buy in advance because the market is so volatile.

In their second-quarter earnings reports, Pizza Hut and Domino's cited higher cheese costs as a factor for lower operating margins. Papa John's International said it expects to pay more for cheese later this year, which will pressure margins.

Smaller players have been squeezed even more.

Michel Panos, who owns three Mellow Mushroom franchises, says his customers won't pay more for his pizza, so he can't pass along the higher cost.

"Cheese prices go up and (people) say, 'What's that got to do with us?'" he said. "They just see what the price of the pizza is. They don't really know what all goes into it."

Consumer expectations have been reinforced by pizza makers' aggressive marketing. Half-price specials and bundled deals have become the norm in an industry with such price sensitivity and ferocious competition.

"The price of everything else in the world seems to go up, but a pizza has always been between 9 and 11 bucks," said Tim McIntyre, a spokesman for Domino's Pizza, based in Ann Arbor, Mich. "That's what people think they cost."

Market research shows sensitivity to "three-digit pricing", McIntyre says — people buy lots more pizza at $9.99 than at $10.99.

Pizza operators are accustomed to swings in cheese prices. They typically jump in midsummer, when dry weather often curtails supply, and again during the winter holidays, when Americans tend to buy more cheese.

Cheese is traded in 40-pound cheddar blocks and 500-pound barrels on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Restaurant buyers' prices for mozzarella and other varieties are based on the block pound price, which was $1.68 this week. Back in November, the cheddar block price had fallen as low as 98 cents a pound.

Many pizza people say they're bracing to pay high prices for several more months because of lagging supplies.

Dallas-based Pizza Hut, the nation's largest pizza maker, and Papa John's, based in Louisville, Ky., have begun cooperatives to handle purchasing for their franchises.

The co-ops help franchise owners smooth price swings by pooling members' funds when cheese drops and absorbing costs when it rises, although "in the long-term that buying co-op doesn't change what the system pays for cheese," said Barry Stouffer, an analyst with BB&T Capital Markets in Nashville, Tenn.

To help combat squeezed margins, pizza chains are pushing new products to add to their delivery mix: sandwiches, chicken wings and salads.

Domino's, which once experimented with a breakfast pizza, is sponsoring a contest for franchise owners to suggest products that could potentially be delivered with pizza.

Pizza makers say they won't skimp on cheese because customers would notice and might not return, but some concede that high prices have prompted some to look for bargain alternatives.

"We work hard not to have the commodity drive the price of the pizza," Pizza Hut spokeswoman Patty Sullivan said. "You have to learn to manage your business in other ways."

Fox buys about 30,000 pounds of a provolone-mozzarella blend each week for the three stores he operates near Pittsburgh. He conceded that some of his franchisees "are buying just the cheapest stuff they can out there on the market and mixing it with the good stuff."

Alfonso Orefice, who owns Alfonso's Pizzeria in Tampa, Fla., raised his price for extra cheese to $3, nearly double the $1.60 for other toppings. Orefice says he'll likely raise pizza prices, too, if the cheese stays pricey.

"It's getting tough," he said. "The cows, they are driving us crazy."

On the Net:

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Summer box office proving to be cooler than expected

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pretty much everyone in Hollywood foresaw a summer of record revenue. A relentless stream of blockbusters such as "Pearl Harbor," "Planet of the Apes," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" and "Jurassic Park III" were expected to shatter the summer 1999 record of just under $3 billion.

Who knew a cartoon ogre would out-perform the heavy hype of "Pearl Harbor," and that a buddy-cop sequel would beat the return of dinosaurs and talking apes?

The record is still expected to fall. But the industry wound up limping toward it, slowed by a mid-season slump, a weaker batch of late-summer films and huge drops in grosses after big opening weekends.

"On paper, this looked like it was going to easily be the biggest summer of all time," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of the box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "It was kind of a foregone conclusion it would be a home-run-out-of-the-ballpark kind of summer."

He now estimates that domestic grosses will come in at $3.06 billion from Memorial Day weekend through Monday, the period when studios rake in about 40 percent of their revenue.

And it was the animated fairy tale "Shrek" and the cop comedy "Rush Hour 2," a pair of $200 million films, that helped lift the industry to a new top-dollar summer.

With average ticket prices running an estimated 10 percent higher than in 1999, actual film attendance this summer will come in a bit lower than it did two years ago.

Factoring in inflation, movie revenues nowadays would be far below the level of Hollywood's heyday in the 1930s and 1940s, before television cut into its audience.

There were no surprise hits this summer on the order of "The Sixth Sense" or "The Blair Witch Project," which propelled the industry to an uncharacteristically strong finish in August 1999. "American Pie 2" was this summer's last big film.

But some films did surprise by meeting or exceeding the take of higher-profile ones.

"Pearl Harbor," the big Memorial Day release, had been viewed as the film to beat. But with its three-hour-plus length, which limited the number of times theaters could run it each day, and generally poor reviews, "Pearl Harbor" remains a few million dollars shy of $200 million.

Two pre-summer releases have passed that mark: "The Mummy Returns" at $202 million and "Shrek" at $262 million, the second-best gross ever for an animated film, behind "The Lion King."

"Rush Hour 2" should hit $200 million in the next week or so. Though it opened after two of summer's most-anticipated releases — "Planet of the Apes" and "Jurassic Park III" — "Rush Hour 2" already is $20 million or so ahead of those films.

On the action front, the surprise smash "The Fast and the Furious" topped $140 million, out-grossing "Tomb Raider" by about $11 million.

For romantic comedies, few expected "Legally Blonde" and "The Princess Diaries" to go head-to-head with the star power of Julia Roberts, John Cusack, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Billy Crystal in "America's Sweethearts." All three movies are in the $90 million range.

Nicole Kidman had a sleeper hit with the ghost story "The Others," which will surpass the $56 million her glitzy musical "Moulin Rouge" took in.

After playing to huge crowds on opening weekend, many movies nose-dived, their grosses dropping 50 percent to 60 percent in their second weekend. Studios marketed their films to guarantee packed theaters in the first few days, with filmgoers moving on to the next big release the following weekend.

Michigan standoff continues

VANDALIA, Mich. (AP) — A standoff with the owner of a campground known for its advocacy of marijuana dragged into a fourth day, with police enlisting the help of a third-party negotiator and the FBI stepping in to relieve officers.

The campground's supporters gathered near the site Sunday as police worked to end a standoff that has involved shots being fired at a news helicopter and police plane.

"The word is out about what's going on," said Shirley DeWeese, whose brother, Grover T. Crosslin, owns the southwest Michigan campground called Rainbow Farm. "If they do kill him, it's not going to be the end."

Neighbors said Crosslin 47, who faces drug and weapons charges, was burning buildings on Friday on his property, which is the target of civil forfeiture proceedings. Deputies went to the farm after hearing about the fires.

Police did not know who fired the shots that whizzed by an unmarked state police plane Saturday and struck the tail of an Indiana television station news helicopter Friday. Both landed safely.

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DEAR READER: You should query his physician about any hygienic measures that may be necessary. His advice will depend on the severity of your son's infection and his current health status. You might also consider support groups in your community; such organizations can offer practical tips and pointers about how you can best cope with such a serious illness.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do for intestinal gas? I watch what I eat and get plenty of exercise.

DEAR READER: Some people suffer from excessive intestinal gas; this is not so much a medical problem as a social liability. Here are some suggestions:

Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly.

Be careful not to swallow air, the number one cause of gas. Many people tend to swallow excessive amounts of air during eating, especially if they eat too quickly or gulp fluids.

Avoid carbonated beverages.

Stay away from cabbage, beans and other legumes that you know from experience increase your gas.

Avoid chewing gum; it may cause you to swallow air.

Do not use products sweetened with sorbitol, a flavoring agent that leads to gas.

Try anti-gas compounds. Several brands, containing simethicone, are available without prescription.

As a last resort, check with your doctor to make sure that you don't have an intestinal abnormality, such as hiatal hernia, causing your gas.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Digestive Gas." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a 20-year history of lumbar muscle strain with chronic pain. I've had X-rays, MRIs, myelograms, acupuncture, narcotic pain medication and a four-week, in-patient program of pain management. My primary care physician now speculates that I have fibromyalgia. What can you tell me about this, and what therapy has been used to treat it?

DEAR READER: The elusive causes of chronic back strain may lead to much frustration for patients, as well as for their doctors. Once the usual causes (such as arthritis or a herniated disc) have been ruled out, patients are often left hanging with normal tests and continuing pain.

You seem to have run the gamut of medical testing and treatment, only to be left with a diagnosis — by exclusion — of fibromyalgia. This poorly understood syndrome of muscle spasm, achiness and "trigger" points appears to be related to stress and anxiety in many patients — sort of a colossal, misplaced tension headache. Fibromyalgia is not harmful to health but it can, as you've discovered, severely disrupt a normal life.

Traditional therapy, under the supervision of an orthopedic surgeon or a rheumatologist, includes stretching exercises, heat, massage, hypnosis, pain medication, anti-inflammatory drugs and antidepressants (at bedtime, to promote sleep and treat the underlying depression frequently experienced by fibromyalgia patients).

If these methods have not helped you, I suggest that you see a chiropractor. An intensive program of spinal adjustments may solve your problem. Chiropractors are quite skilled at managing back ailments and, in my experience, can frequently obtain favorable results that have evaded doctors and the traditional medical establishment. I believe this is an appropriate option for you. Let me know what happens.

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San Antonio...

Fluoride on hold at major water utility

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Water System is scheduled to begin fluoridating water by early next year, but the city's other major water utility has delayed its start of fluoridation indefinitely.

The City Council adopted an ordinance requiring fluoridation of all water supplied to San Antonio residents after 52.6 percent of the voters backed fluoridation in a November 2000 referendum.

But the board of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District, which supplies water to about 14 percent of San Antonians, voted Aug. 27 not to join the San Antonio Water System in a cooperative bidding process for fluoridation equipment.

The San Antonio Water System is expected to begin advertising for bids this week and spend about $2 million for the equipment and its installation at 42 pumping stations. A bid award is scheduled for the board's Oct. 2 meeting, with construction to start around Nov. 1, spokesman John Boggess said.

He said all fluoridation systems for the utility's almost 300,000 customers are to be turned on at the same time — about Feb. 1 — after public notification through bill inserts and information releases.

Bu the timetable for the Bexar Metropolitan Water District is uncertain, said spokesman Chuck Ahrens, now that the board has told the staff to give it options that could exclude fluoridation for some who live outside San Antonio but share water supplies with those who live in the city.

While Bexar Metropolitan Water District has had some financial difficulties, Ahrens told the San Antonio Express-News that the delay was not triggered by the fluoridation equipment's estimated cost of $700,000.

Bexar Metropolitan Water serves 63,000 customers in parts of South and Northeast San Antonio as well as wide swaths of southern and western Bexar County and parts of Atascosa, Comal and Medina counties.

Nebraska prison policy being reviewed

YORK, Neb. (AP) — Once a month, Jessica Davis spends five nights in a row with her 2-year-old daughter — behind prison walls.

She is just one of dozens of mother prisoners who participate in an overnight visitation program that Gov. Mike Johanns wants changed after a convicted murderer requested that her 6-year-old stay overnight with her.

Johanns said last week the policy at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York will be changed to prohibit women serving life sentences from participating, and he ordered a review of the entire overnight program to begin Tuesday.

Davis, 19, serving up to two years in prison for second-degree assault, said she is bothered that some children will not be allowed to spend the night with their mothers. She and her daughter read books, watch movies, play with stuffed animals and enjoy an outdoor playground during the sleepovers.

"It's given me that chance to be able to bond with my daughter," she said. "It gives her that security knowing that I am OK."

But Bruce Faust doesn't want his ex-wife, Kimberly Faust, to enjoy such a luxury with their 6-year-old son. Faust was convicted in November of killing her estranged husband's girlfriend, Shannon Bluhm, and a passer-by who tried to save her.

She wants the 6-year-old to stay overnight with her at the prison, where she is serving two life sentences without the possibility of parole.

Bruce Faust has custody of the couple's two sons, ages 6 and 11. He has said he does not object to the boys visiting their mother, but does not think the 6-year-old should stay overnight.

Johanns stepped in after Chicago Tribune columnist Bob Greene wrote about the situation and urged people to contact the governor. Johanns received more than 1,000 e-mails, faxes and phone calls.

On Thursday, he took away Faust's right to have the son sleep over, saying the policy will no longer apply to inmates who face no possibility of parole. The move is to take effect within two weeks.

Harold Clarke, prison director, said the program was the first of its kind in the country and has a proven track record.

"Not one kid has had a bad experience in this program," Clarke said.

Of the 267 inmates at York, prison officials estimate about 40 to 50 are mothers. Clarke said more than 95 percent of the women will be leaving the prison within three years, making it important to have a program that will help them be better parents once they leave.

Johanns said the overnight program has merits for women who will be paroled.

The prison resembles a college campus. Red-brick housing units are spread out in a semicircle, inside which inmates walk freely. The entire campus is ringed by a barbed-wire fence.

Under the policy, children ages 1 to 8 are allowed to spend nights with their mothers. The rooms they share are small, with just enough space for a metal cabinet to hang clothes, a bed and cot for the child, and a night stand.

Down the hall from the rooms is a nursery equipped with all the basics — rocking chairs, playpens, swings for the children and toys.

CDC investigating possible cases of botulism

DENTON (AP) — Six members of a Sanger family believed to be suffering from botulism ate hot dogs and chili at a church supper that investigators believe is the source of the illness.

The six ate food prepared for an evening meal after a choir concert the weekend of Aug. 25-26 at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Sanger, which is north of Denton.

Food-borne botulism is a serious bacterial illness caused by eating improperly cooked foods.

Botulism symptoms, which can occur as early as six hours or as late as 10 days after eating contaminated food, include blurred vision, dry mouth, difficulty swallowing or speaking, general weakness and shortness of breath. It can progress to complete paralysis, respiratory failure and death.

Dr. James Zoretic of the Texas Department of Health said a food sample and blood and stool samples from the victims are being tested.

Bing Burton, director of the Denton County Health Department, told The Denton Record-Chronicle three staff members from the Texas Health Department and four staff members from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. are working out of the Denton office on the case.

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Spotlight



The Friendly Flower Shop, one of Snyder's oldest establishments, has been in business for over 60 years and is the oldest full service florist in Snyder. Rodney and Theresa Dupree are currently the owners of the flower shop and Theresa has over 20 years design experience in floral techniques.

The shop staffs two other full-time designers, Shelly Turner and Kelly Bowers, who also have over 20 years of floral design training. Sally Martin is the phone and wire service specialist and Jeannie Jackson is the green plant specialist.

The shop is a member of FTD and Teleflora and carries most all of the FTD and Teleflora advertised specials.

Friendly Flower Shop stocks a wide variety of fresh cut flowers and roses daily and only the finest quality available is purchased. Over 80 assorted and blooming plants are kept in stock at all times.

The shop also specializes in silk floral designs, balloon bouquets and gift baskets. Numerous gift items are also available, such as aromatique potouurri, Circle E candles, candy, plush toys and many more items. Fall and Christmas items will be arriving soon.

Theresa, Rodney, Shelly, Sally and Jeannie invite you to stop by and visit with them and see all the gifts available to brighten someone's day.

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Economy looms over Bush's fall agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, whose father lost the White House during bad economic times, views America's financial slump as a potential threat to his own presidency. He hopes to use the fall budget debate and soothing words to convince Americans that he cares.

That is the consensus of top presidential advisers as Bush, fresh from a 26-day respite from Washington, tackles a crowded fall agenda: 13 government spending bills, four major foreign policy events, a new values initiative and legislation dealing with education, patients' rights and trade.

When Bush returned to the White House late last week, a new round of bad economic news sat on his desk. Consumers tightened their spending habits in July, even as tax-rebate checks were headed their way. Stocks tumbled.

"I'm deeply worried about the working families all across the country," Bush said, testing his new rhetoric.

His advisers said the president plans to use the bully pulpit to express sympathy with hard-bitten workers, and the budget debate to shape his economic message. He is borrowing time, hoping his tax-cut package turns the economy around before midterm elections in 2002, when control of Congress is at stake.

A top adviser to his father during the 1992 presidential campaign, Bush watched helplessly as then-Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas portrayed the incumbent as insensitive to working Americans while the country struggled out of its last recession.

Friends and advisers say the son has vowed to avoid his father's plight.

Thus, Bush has embarked on a fall campaign to prove to voters that he is working on the economy while improving their lives in ways no accountant can measure — better schools, stronger communities and safe retirement benefits.

"Nothing is more important in the president's opinion than to get the economy going and growing," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. Borrowing a phrase from Clinton's campaign, Fleischer said Bush would "focus like a laser beam" on the economy and other priorities

Bush will carry that message to several states in September, starting with a Labor Day trip to Michigan and Wisconsin to chat with union members.

A White House memo distributed to GOP operatives across the country says: "Remember to make this point to everyone you talk to today — the president has taken immediate action on his strong economic recovery plan to cut taxes to get working families immediate help, to pay off historic levels of debt, and to increase trade and create American jobs to sell more goods and services to the world."

"The president's partisan opponents have no economic recovery plan whatsoever."

The sharp language reflects the intensity of budget talks in Washington.

New projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office show that $9 billion of Social Security reserves will be tapped this year because of the shrinking surplus. Bush promised during the campaign not to touch Social Security money, but his budget director now dismisses the "lock box" as a symbolic device.

"For Democrats, saving the Social Security surplus is not a symbolic goal — it is a commitment," Democratic congressional leaders told Bush in a letter last week.

Bush's accountants say the economy will grow just fast enough to leave the Social Security trust fund untouched. His political strategists say their polls show that most voters never believed there was a Social Security surplus anyhow, limiting the political risks to Bush.

The president will be quick this fall to challenge congressional spending that he can cast as a threat to school, military and Social Security payments, aides said.

Bible saves life of teen shot by mother

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — A mother allegedly shot two of her sons, killing the 6-year-old and inflicting minor injuries on his 16-year-old brother, whose bible absorbed the shotgun blast.

Leslie Ann Wallace, 39, was shot and seriously wounded later Sunday by Lee County Sheriff's deputies after she fired at them, officials said. She was in serious condition early today after undergoing surgery, according to a hospital supervisor.

Authorities said they had not found a motive for the shootings.

"We're still sorting through things," sheriff's Deputy Larry King said. "The rest of the circumstances aren't real clear yet."

He said Wallace had not yet been charged.

Authorities said Wallace fatally shot her 6-year-old son, James, as he watched television at their home Sunday. She then allegedly drove to the New Wine Ministries Church and fired at her son, Kenneth, as he stood outside.

The blast, fired at close range, struck Kenneth Wallace's Bible and the overcoat he was carrying, police said. He suffered minor scratches on his arm.

"The Bible certainly saved his life," King said.

Leslie Wallace is an 18-year veteran of the Marine Corps who has extensive knowledge of weapons, according to police Capt. Richard Chard. Authorities removed at least four firearms from the family home.

Kenneth Wallace told television station WINK that the shooter "couldn't have been my Mom."

"Her eyes. The brief second that I got a look, it wasn't hers," he said.

Authorities said Leslie Wallace drove after the shootings to a local pizzeria where her 19-year-old son, Gregory, was working. She also worked there as a delivery driver, according to a report in today's editions of The News-Press in Fort Myers.

Authorities said she eventually called 911 from a pay phone to report she had killed her 6-year-old son. Authorities went to the Wallace home and found the child's body.

Deputies followed Leslie Wallace out of the restaurant and pulled her over. They shot her after she fired at them, police said.

Investigators found antidepressant medicine at the Wallace home. They also found out that Wallace and her husband Bill had argued over finances Sunday morning, authorities said.

Ex-homeless day laborer picked to win

HOLLY HILL, Fla. (AP) — McDonald's hand-picked a formerly homeless day laborer and gave him $1 million as part of the restaurant chain's effort to restore consumer confidence in its sweepstakes promotions.

Patrick Collier, 35, and his fiancee, 29-year-old Sandi Fabian, had been frequenting the restaurant for about six weeks and lived across the street in a hotel room they shared with Collier's mother.

Corporate managers, who said they picked Collier at random, approached the two as they sat down just after 10 a.m. Saturday to have breakfast.

"I thought I had done something wrong, but I was confused when they handed me this certificate telling me I had won a million dollars," Collier said.

Just months ago Callier and Fabian said they were homeless, sleeping on cardboard boxes and earning $50 a day as laborers when they could find work.

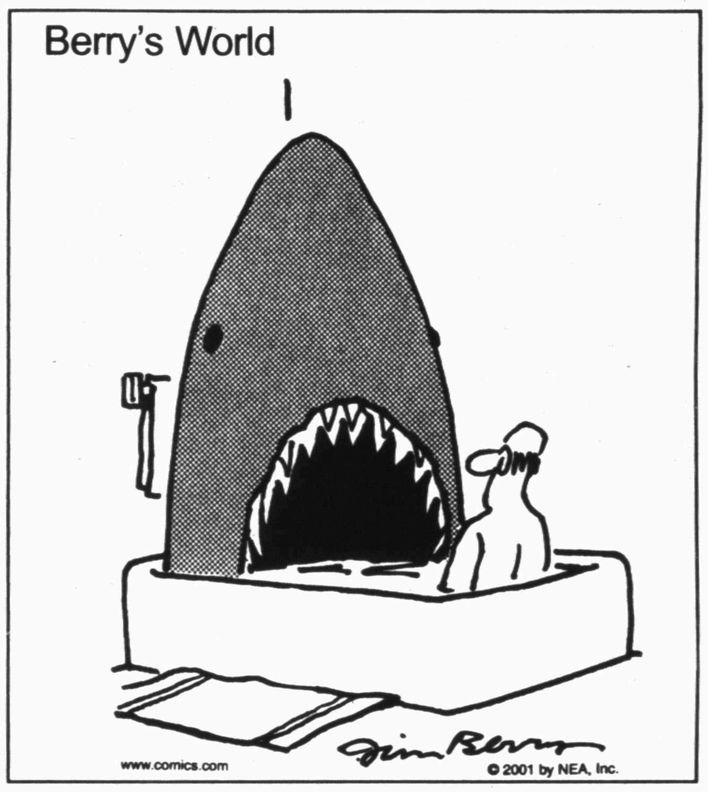
"I'm getting a Harley," Collier said, "and a couple of houses."

"And one for me. He always said he'd buy me a house," added his mother, Judy LaBounty.

McDonald's said its restaurant in Holly Hill, about five miles north of Daytona Beach, was one of five selected at random to distribute five $1 million grand prizes. Fifty people will also be given $100,000 awards during the giveaway, which runs through today.

McDonald's announced the promotion in the wake of an FBI investigation last month, which found that an employee of a marketing company contracted to run McDonald's Monopoly game allegedly stole more than $13 million in winnings.

Nancy Izquierdo, a McDonald's spokeswoman, said team members choose someone to receive the prize without any criteria.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept 4, 2001

A few associates who have had little constructive value to offer your relationship may fade from the scene in the year ahead when you replace them with new friends with substantial worth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today your ego might be looking for a bolstering, but don't allow that to govern behavior of attacking another. Vanity shouldn't ever be gratified at the expense of someone else. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Guard against inclinations today to overestimate your abilities while underestimating those of your associates. They'll deliberately show you up to shut you up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - If you don't have the money in your wallet or in the bank, take care what kind of financial obligation you take on today. You could be kidding yourself about what you can afford.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Every once in a while you could get your dander up about something and today may be just one of those times. Unfortunately, if you're unreasonable, you will create problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'd be wise to keep your opinions to yourself today when you're with someone who thinks differently than you, no matter how strongly you feel about things. Don't spoil for a fight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Funds for which you've worked hard and long shouldn't be squandered on a frivolous expenditure today. Your wastefulness may be long regretted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Making decisions without consulting another involved party could create complications for yourself that you don't expect. The best rule to follow is check before you commit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The wrong organ will be doing your thinking for you today if you let your heart rule your head when it comes to a situation that calls for a logical, objective assessment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't give anybody anything about which to criticize you, because someone who likes to take pot shots at others could have his or her sights set on you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Be careful not to reopen an issue with your mate today that caused sparks to fly previously. Keep under wraps volatile issues that are easily ignited.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you're not completely sold on something yourself, don't think you can sell the idea to others. If your presentation isn't completely sincere, it'll not fly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Proceed cautiously today with anything to which you are about to plunk down your hard-earned money. There's a possibility that there are some hidden flaws in the transaction.

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To the Citizens of Scurry County:

My wife Andrea and I would like to extend thanks to all of the people in Snyder that we were hosted by and met during our recent visit.

We look forward to meeting everybody that would like to visit with us between now and the November 6 election.

We would also like to give special thanks to Bob Dupree for agreeing to serve as our Scurry County Chairman.

Please call us at 903-271-7877 if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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A fund has been set up in the TEXAS SAVINGS BANK for anyone who would like to be a part of this good work. Donations may be made to HONDURAN MEDICAL MISSIONS ACCOUNT. The donations will be tax deductible, and 100% of donations will go toward Dr. Nussey's medical missions.

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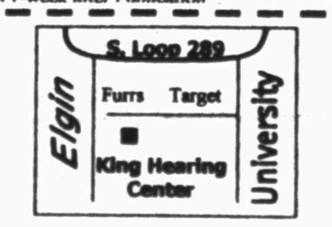
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Eight foreign aid workers facing trial

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Eight foreign aid workers, including two Americans, will be tried soon in open court, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia said today.

The investigation results and charges were turned over to the court today, and the Taliban Ambassador in neighboring Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said it was possible the trial could be held as soon as Tuesday.

The trial is not expected to last more than one day, said Taliban officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Kabul, Protocol Officer Abdul Ghafoor Afghani said the proceedings would be open to journalists, relatives of the two American women and Western diplomats.

For the parents of the two American women, Dayna Curry, 29, and Heather Mercer, 24, the wait has been long and uncertain.

Curry's mother, Nancy Cassell of Thompson's Station, Tenn., and Mercer's father, John, of Vienna, Va., have seen their children twice in the week they have been in Kabul.

"We just want to bring them home," Mercer told reporters Saturday, after his second visit with his daughter.

Curry and Mercer are both members of Antioch Community Church in Waco, Texas.

Since then the eight have been moved to an undisclosed location. Previously they were held at a reform school for delinquent Afghan children.

"Where they are is even more comfortable than the correction center," said Afghani, refusing to say why they were moved. However some Taliban say the reform school had become too well known and security had become a concern.

Three Western diplomats from the United States, Germany and Australia are in the Afghan capital to monitor the situation.

Relatives of the Afghan employees of Shelter Now International fear their family members will be hanged.

A senior Taliban official said some of the 16 jailed Afghan employees of Shelter Now International are expected to be given either life in prison or the death penalty.

Since the Shelter Now International drama began on Aug. 3, the Taliban have expelled two other Christian organizations, alleging they too were involved in proselytizing.

The Taliban have displayed boxes of Bibles and other Christian material they confiscated from the offices of Shelter Now International in Kabul.

White House says it doesn't OK China's nuclear buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration denies that its plan to update China on U.S. missile defense plans is a signal it condones a nuclear weapons buildup by Beijing.

China will get an update on the American plans before President Bush visits Beijing next month as the United States tries to convince other countries that the proposed shield is not a threat, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Sunday.

"This is part of the administration's outreach to China and other nations such as Russia to discuss with them the reason why we are developing a missile defense system and how it is designed to protect us from rogue nations or accidental launches," Fleischer said in a telephone interview.

He denied the administration was courting China's support of the missile defense system in exchange for U.S. acceptance of a nuclear or military buildup by Beijing, as reported Sunday by The New York Times.

U.S. policy remains unchanged in discouraging China and other nations from testing and building nuclear arsenals, Fleischer said.

Rather, he said, officials want to convince China and others that U.S. plans for a missile shield would counter threats from rogue nations rather than compromise their defense systems.

Alcohol-related arrests pick up during holiday

•Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested Connie Irene Gonzales, 41, of 4012 Eastridge, at 7:30 Sunday night on County Road 126 for felony driving while intoxicated. Gonzales was then transported to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room for medical reasons.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody just before 9 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication in the 1000 block of German Street in Hermleigh. A Scurry County deputy arrested him.

An 18-year-old man was arrested two miles south of Snyder on Highway 350 for driving under the influence around 10:30 Saturday night.

Officers arrested a 55-year-old man in the 1900 block of 11th Street early Sunday morning for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A DPS trooper took a 42-year-old woman into custody at 1 a.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated, first offense. She was arrested three miles west of Snyder on Hwy 180.

•Assault

A clerk at Allsup's called 9-1-1 just before 1 a.m. Sunday to request an officer and an ambulance at the store. The clerk told dispatchers a woman reported she had been assaulted by her husband. The woman was transported to Cogdell Hospital and admitted for the night. An offense report for Class A assault was filed.

•Grill fire

Officer Jason McMillan reported a small grill fire at 2900 37th Street Saturday night. He advised he made contact with Christopher Bilberry who was trying to grill when his pit caught fire. Bilberry advised the fire was under control.

•Criminal mischief

Lloyd Nichols requested an officer at 2505 Ave. U in reference to the windows of a building he owns being broken. Officers responded and filed a report for criminal mischief.

•Gas drive offs

Four gas drive-offs were reported Sunday.

A clerk at Town and Country East informed police that the driver of a Ford pickup had left the station without paying for $35.68 worth of gas.

A clerk from Wes-T-Go reported the driver of a black Jeep left without paying for $27.60 worth of gas. Officers responded and filed a report for Class B theft.

A gas drive off was reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop in the amount of $37 Sunday evening. Another was reported from the same location for $30 later that evening.

Sharon may be willing to give up settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) — Four bombs exploded in Jerusalem early today — two at virtually the same time during the morning rush hour — and three people were lightly hurt, police and witnesses said.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical group whose leader was killed in an Israeli helicopter strike last week, claimed responsibility for the blasts.

In retaliation for the bombs, Israeli helicopters fired several missiles at a Palestinian security building in Dura, near the West Bank town of Hebron, the Israeli military said. Two members of the Palestinian security forces were injured, the building was badly damaged, and three cars were destroyed, Palestinians said.

Amid the latest violence, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he was still working to set a time and place for possible truce talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Speaking on Israel radio today, Peres did not rule out a meeting with Arafat at a conference in Italy this week to which both have been invited.

Asked whether a cease-fire could be reached, Peres said: "That is my hope ... I think he (Arafat) also needs it. The uprising is not yielding so much fruit. On the other hand, it is yielding more and more fatalities, unfortunately, and is causing great hardship."

Meanwhile, Israeli Justice Minister Meir Sheetreet said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon would be willing to dismantle Jewish settlements in exchange for real peace with the Palestinians.

He also warned that the Israeli army could quickly retake all of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip if the violence continues.

At a news conference, Sheetreet said that if the Palestinians returned to the negotiating table, "they will be surprised how far Sharon will go for peace."

He did not provide details, and it was not clear if he was referring to all of the settlements, or some of them. Israel has about 150 settlements and some 200,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In Jerusalem, three bombs went off in and around the northern part of the city called French Hill, police said. Two explosions occurred before dawn, and a bomb placed in a car went off shortly before 8 a.m., injuring one woman and scattering debris throughout the street.

The fourth bomb was placed in the back of a municipal pickup truck in French Hill, police said. A municipal worker, unaware of the bomb, drove the vehicle to the Gilo neighborhood.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 1-Makenzie Cook, Freda Wesley.

DISMISSALS: Patti Cole of Fluvanna, Makenzie Cook, Lorraina Gilliland, Dillard Teal, Carol Vanous, Zelma Wemken of Hermleigh, Carl Wright and Leon Gutierrez.

CENSUS: 40 (Med. III, 6, Med. II-6, Long-term Care-26, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Barron and Freda Wesley of Snyder announce the birth of their seven-pound, 7½-ounce son at 12:14 p.m. on Sept. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Obituaries

Mendia Hunter

1941-2001

Mendia Delora Hunter, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Aug. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Service for Miss Hunter, 59, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Jack Bryant will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 4, 1941 in Snyder, she was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Hunter.

Survivors include two brothers, Don Williams of Midland and Martino Widjaja of Columbia, S.C.

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Jose Cervantez

1918-2001

SAN ANGELO – Jose Y. Cervantez, the father of two Snyder residents, died Friday, Aug. 31, at his home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mr. Cervantez, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Centro Cristiano Emanuel Church. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

A wake will be held at 7 p.m. today at Centro Christiano Emanuel Church.

Born on March 24, 1918 in Remolino, Coah., Mexico, he was a professional sheep shearer. A resident of San Angelo since 1991, he was a member of the Centro Christiano Emanuel Church.

His wife, Paula R. Cervantez; an infant son, Reynaldo Cervantez; his parents, Jose and Micaela Cervantez; preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons, Efrian Cervantez and his wife, Mary Helen, and Elias Cervantez, all of Snyder; four daughters, Elva Rodriguez and her husband, Enrique, Emma Dominguez and her husband, Daniel, Enedina Martinez and her husband, Ruben, and Elvira Oliva, all of San Angelo; two sisters, Eva Montemayor and Naomi Esquivel, both of San Angelo; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jeff Cervantez, Ben Dominguez, Patrick Dominguez, Roe Rodriguez and Jacob Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearers include Joe Henry Rodriguez, Justin Gibson, James Lopez and Mathew Dominguez.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

VFW membership meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a meeting of members at 7 tonight.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Fascinating People in the Life of Paul," followed by "Miracles in the Church."

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider six felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

WTC adult basic education

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

SHS tennis booster club

The SHS tennis booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the 2001-2002 tennis season. All parents of junior high and high school players are invited.

SHS school pictures

SHS school pictures will be taken during English classes Wednesday and Thursday. All pictures must be pre-paid and students will be given an information packet to take home.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services, a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, will offer a volunteer training class from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the shelter in Snyder. To RSVP, call 573-1822 and ask for Yvonne.

SHS choir boosters fundraiser

SHS choir boosters will sponsor a fiesta stack-up dinner before the Littlefield home game Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased from any choir student or at the door. Carry outs will be available. Call 573-1499.

SHS choir yard signs

All ex-Snyder High School choir students who no longer want their yard signs are asked to please return them to the school so they can be used for new choir students.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner at First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

Gateway support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a support group for victims of family violence on Mondays beginning next Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the facility. Call 573-1822 in advance to reserve a place.

Retired teachers association

All retired teachers and their spouses are invited to a homemade ice cream and cookie social at 7 p.m. next Monday at First United Methodist Church. Leon Manley, District XIV president, will address the group.

Speech team boosters

There will be a Snyder High School Parent Speech Team Booster Club and team member meeting at 6 p.m. next Monday in room 109 at the high school. Topics to be discussed will be upcoming tournaments, fundraising and orientation.

Jamaica Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will host a Jamaica Festival from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the church campus. Activities include a volleyball tournament, live music from a variety of bands, Folkloric dances, talent shows, games, raffle, and a variety of foods.

Cosmorama Club

The Cosmorama Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The Hawaiian Aloha Festival will feature foods, fads and fun.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ira Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. For more information, call Louise Layne at 573-2012, or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

Senior water aerobics

Water aerobics for senior citizens will be held from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Ira 2001 annuals

The Ira 2001 Bulldog annuals are in and can be picked up from Becky Hudgins at the high school. Extra copies are available for $22 each.

SHS 1982 reunion

The SHS class of 1982 needs held in finding classmates' addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, family member names and occupations for a reunion directory. Many classmates can be found at Classmates.com. Contact Stockton Roberts, 8049 Sunscape Lane, Fort Worth, 76123, or e-mail stockrob@prodigy.net., or Kathryn Roberts at 573-8347.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.*-

WTC pool opens

The WTC swimming pool opens this evening for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.