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Home Of Megan Anderson



TIGER PAWS — Snyder High School band students Aaron Lindsey (left) and Bonnie Cleveland paint Tiger paws this morning outside the band hall. The annual project is sponsored by the Snyder Band Boosters and painting is done by donation only. To have a paw painted on your curb, driveway or mailbox, call 574-8018 and leave a message. (SDN Staff Photo)

Willow Park Inn sale means facility to open

The Willow Park Inn, located at the intersection of Highways 180 and 84, has new owners, and they're not strangers to Snyder.

Gene and Donna Thompson, who also own the Beacon Lodge, closed the deal on the Willow Park on Tuesday.

Thompson said today that he expects the motel to be open for business in about two weeks.

The motel has been closed since mid-June.

"The motel facility will be opened first after we get it cleaned up. We'll open the restaurant later," said Thompson.

When the motel opened in 1985, the facility had a private club. Thompson said today he was not sure what his plans are in this area.

"Basically, we're going to have to do a lot of cleaning up and a lot of repairs. Plus, we have let a contract to put the facility on the city's sewer and water," he said.

The motel has been operating with its own sewer plant, but has come under scrutinty of the Texas Natural Resource Commission due to the plant not working properly.

"The sewer line will be complete in about 30 days," Thompson added.

The motel is paying for the cost of installing the sewer line, said Thompson as the property was annexed into the city last year.

The motel has 43 rooms, an indoor swimming pool and a hot tub. It also has two large meeting rooms.

The Thompson's re-opened the Beacon Lodge last September after major renovations to that facility.

"This project won't be that hard," said Thompson.

Thompson has 12 motels across the state, and they are all independent.

Thompson says he expects 10 to 12 people to be employed initially, and as the restaurant opens, more people will be hired.

"We're starting a program to put it back like it was when it was new," said Thompson.

With the acquisition of the Willow Park Inn, the Thompsons now own six motels on Highway 180.

These include the Beacon Lodge, Morning Star Inn in Anson, Albany Motor Inn and Hereford Motel in Albany and the Plaza Motel on Hubbard Creek Lake.

David Kattes, WTC prof and BCD member, resigns to join Tarleton faculty

Dr. David Kattes, professor of agriculture at Western Texas College, has submitted his resignation to accept an associate professorship at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Dr. Kattes has been with the college for 10 years.

"Without question, this has been one of the hardest decisions I have ever made," Dr. Kattes wrote in a letter to college President Dr. Harry Krenek.

"Molly and I have made Snyder our home for over 25 years and 10 of those I have taught at WTC. We will be leaving friends, family, my farming operation and a great town. Nevertheless, opportunity calls and I must yield to it."

The letter is dated July 25.

Dr. Kattes also serves on the Board of County Development, but Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said he has not submitted a resignation to commissioners' court. Dr. Kattes also is a past-president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The college board of trustees will consider Dr. Kattes' resignation during the August meeting along with those of Dr. Helen Cogan, associate professor of drama and speech and Richard "Dick" Lancaster, professor of English.

Dr. Cogan has accepted a teaching position in Roswell, N.M., at Eastern New Mexico University. Lancaster has moved to Corsicana and is teaching part time at Navarro Junior College.

"We hate to lose all these folks," Dr. Krenek said. "That is two doctorates and one man who has been with the faculty almost 30 years. These will be difficult positions to fill."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Eighty percent of American men say they would marry the same woman if they had it to do all over again. Only 50 percent of the women say the same thing. Statistics tell us that men are smarter than women – at least smart enough to give the right answer."

Inquiring minds wanted to know, so we called the 1-800 number.

The answer didn't give us any warm, fuzzy feeling other than our local telephone companies are doing okay financially.

A telephone bill is impossible to understand, and such charges are easy to overlook. In addition to a poison hot line and 911 access, there is a little item called "portability."

Logic told me that it was some fee for having one of those phones that you can carry around the house.

But the information call we made revealed the real deal – the ability to keep your telephone number if you were to move or switch to a competitive provider.

If we understood it correctly, we could move out of state and still keep our Snyder telephone number. What a deal, and it only costs 57 cents a month.

Some consumer groups are complaining to the Federal Communications Commission that if consumers pay for the service, they ought to be guaranteed the promised service.

We'd rather have our 57 cents.

Who do some people buy a Ford and others want a Chevrolet?

It may have to do with color – and not the color of the vehicle.

According to folks who study such stuff, one brand may be a Republican and the other a Democrat – based on the color of advertising.

It's that way, they say, regardless of the product.

One brand of peanut butter is GOP, and a pair of shoes represents the Democratic party – all because of color used in their advertising.

A new study from the University of Houston says consumers associate products and advertising symbols with the respective ideologies in the two political parties.

Their research reveals that consumers make political party associations based also on gender, age, race and even the presence of families.

Using red, white and blue is said to have a GOP connotation while using only young people or women in an ad projects a Democratic feeling.

Hmm...using young people wearing red, white and blue would be an independent? Or perhaps just a patriotic American.

Hope they didn't use tax money to find out this stuff.

Bush readies to accept GOP presidential nod

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush swept confidently into town Wednesday to collect the Republican presidential nomination, telling a cheering crowd, "If all goes well, you're looking at the next president of the United States."

He said he was eager to join the Republican National Convention, declaring that it was sending "such a positive and hopeful message" to America. "We can't wait to share in the celebration with y'all," said Bush, who will formally gain the GOP prize Wednesday night when the roll call of states hits the mark of 1,034 delegates.

On the convention's third night, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney was to step forward with a speech accepting his nomination as Bush's running mate. Bush will stand at the same podium Thursday night to claim the top spot on the ticket.

Bush's arrival ceremony was steeped in patriotism. The governor did his part by ringing a replica of the Liberty Bell.

The governor and his wife Laura stepped together off his campaign plane, newly emblazoned with the names "BUSH-CHENEY" in large letters or the gleaming white fuselage decorated with red and blue stripes.

"Guess what's going to happen come November," Bush declared. "This campaign is going to take a campaign that is positive and hopeful and optimistic to the people."

Bush arrived at a small airport northeast of Philadelphia, greeted by several hundred invited supporters and a band wearing colonial costumes. Other characters were dressed to look like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Betsy Ross.

Later, Bush was addressing a Hispanic audience at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, a setting made famous by the movie "Rocky." Bush also was to attend a Republican National Committee luncheon and visit the convention hall at First Union Center before the night session to try out the microphone.

Bush's midmorning arrival quickened the pace of the 37th Republican National Convention.

The Texas governor flew into town after a six-day road trip and a long-distance war of words with President Clinton. Breaking his self-imposed ban on attacking his opponents by name, Bush snapped, "This nation does not want four more years of Clinton-Gore." He was angry over Clinton's charge that Bush was asking people to vote for him because he was governor and his "daddy was president."

Bush's sharp words were a brief lapse from a disciplined convention script emphasizing moderation, tolerance and inclusion — a contrast to the biting edge of years past that turned off voters.

With the roll call of states spread out over three nights, Bush was on the verge of going over the top Wednesday night. He already has enough delegates pledged to win, so it was just a formality.

Amid the convention hoopla, Cheney will step forward with an acceptance speech designed to reassure Americans after fierce Democratic criticism of his conservative voting record.

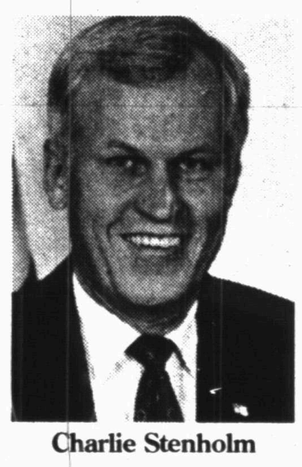
Gerald Ford suffers stroke, but doing well

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford suffered a stroke while attending the Republican National Convention but was described by doctors as "doing well" Wednesday and thinking clearly.

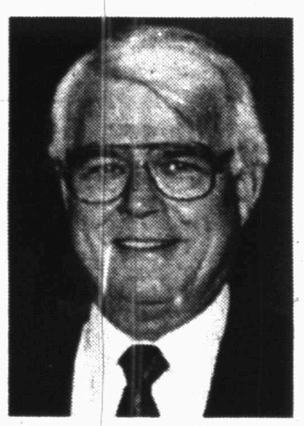
Dr. Robert Schwartzman, chief of neurology at Hahnemann University Hospital, said the 87-year-old Ford had a small stroke that affected the base of his brain.

"There's a little bit of weakness in the left arm but his thinking is perfect," Schwartzman said. He said Ford was having a little trouble with balance and his words were slurred, but he seemed to be understanding everything.

Ford was in stable condition and expected to stay in the hospital for five or six days. He was undergoing tests and doctors said he appeared to have no brain damage. He walked into the hospital on his own, aides said.



Charlie Stenholm



David Counts

Representatives host supper

A hamburger supper will be held Thursday hosted by U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in Room A of Scurry County Coliseum, and the public is invited.

"Be sure and tell all your friends to come and join me and Cindy and David and Mary for an evening of food, fun and great entertainment," said Stenholm.

ASK US

Q—Why doesn't the newspaper send a reporter to the college and let the taxpayers see how their money is being wasted big time there?

A—A reporter covers and reports on every meeting of the WTC board as well as the city council, Snyder school board, commissioners' court, Cogdell Hospital, DCOS and Board of County Development.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 95; low, 66; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 66; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

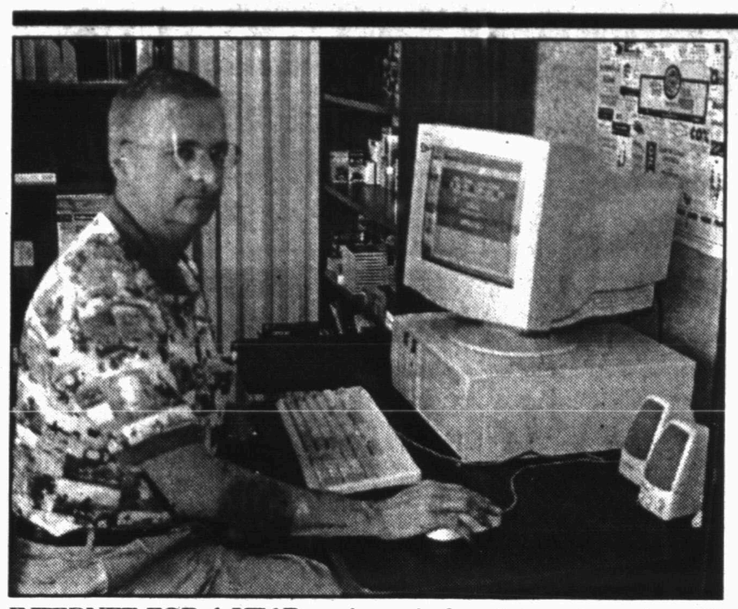
Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low mid 60s, SE wind 5-15 mph; Thursday, partly cloudy, high upper 90s, SE wind 5-15 mph.

David Strayhorn
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.
Of 214 days in 2000, the sun has shone 211 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius.
—Comte de Buffon



INTERNET FOR A YEAR — A year's free Internet service will be auctioned during Taste of Scurry County on Aug. 17, courtesy of Drew Bullard's Computer Solutions. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children 5-12. The annual fundraiser benefits the Scurry County Museum. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Blood drives net 153 units locally

Last week's three-day blood drive netted 153 units of blood.

A total of 203 people registered for the drive, which was sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the Scurry County Advisory Council of United Blood Services.

On the first day, 125 persons registered and 91 units of blood were drawn while 48 registered on the second day and 38 units were drawn.

The final day of the drive saw 30 people register with 24 units drawn.

Donors received a variety of coupons from local merchants.

Those receiving Burger King coupons were Savino Lara, Gloria Medrano and Sarita Arizmendi.

Grandy's gift certificates were given to Lisa Tate, Joe L. Salinas, Sarah O'guin, Maria Rodriguez, Laura M'rin and Lucy Lara.

Recipients of Jaramillo's gift certificates include Kytona Garivay, Vernest Tippens, Julie Strunk, Steven Pena, Avon Rushing, Vicki Bell, Evelia Depaz, Ruth Purcell and Erma Guerrero.

Pizza Hut coupons were given to Luann Grice, Syble Bley, Manuel Rios, Christy Brown, Delwin Bane, Ann Rodriguez, Norma Torres and Veralyn Cain.

Brenda Ingram, Ethel Head, David Marricle, Sherry Johnson, Donna Shultz, Bill Wood, Margaret Martinez, Carol Stewart and Mary Carillo received Rudy's certificates.

Spanish Inn gift certificates were given to Joe L. Costillo, Faydean Hart, Starla Davis, Chad Pinkerton, Kathy Eaton, Ronnie Black, Jacob Medrano, Andrea Rodriguez and Leona Holloway.

Recipients of Subway coupons include Melissa Lee, Karen Kittles, Maria Lambaren, Mary Tovar and George Adams.

Persons receiving $5 gift certificates to the Rusty Spur Café include Veralyn Cain, Carol Steward, Teresa Smith, Sherry Johnson, Goldie Browning and Freda Shepard.

Richard Stout was awarded a $20 gift certificate to Tiger Health & Fitness Center while Lucy Lara and Judy Hambree were awarded two "Sunday dinner for two" gift certificates to The Shack.

Columbine teacher's death blamed on county officials

DENVER (AP) — Sheriff deputies did not prevent the rescue of a teacher who bled to death at Columbine High School during last year's massacre, county officials say.

Angela Sanders, daughter of teacher Dave Sanders, filed a wrongful death suit against the county, saying sheriff commanders prevented anyone from trying to rescue her father for nearly four hours while he bled to death.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed Dave Sanders and 12 students April 20, 1999, before committing suicide. Sanders, 47, was shot twice in the shoulder as he guided students from the school's library to safety.

In a motion released Tuesday, county officials conceded the teacher did not get medical attention but said two separate SWAT teams were sent into the building, contradicting Angela Sanders' claim that officials blocked any attempt to rescue her father.

The motion also said the sheriff's department did not put her father in danger or make his situation worse.

The county's lawyers said the lawsuit is equivalent to an allegation of negligence, "which does not amount to a constitutionally recognized claim" against county officials.

Angela Sanders did not return a phone call Tuesday evening.

Columbine victims' families have filed 15 lawsuits over the shootings. The suits accuse officials of mishandling their response.

Scurry County Court

There were 31 cases heard in Scurry County Court in July. Those cases included a 48-year-old male who pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol content of .091. He was given 90 days in jail, probated for 18 months, 180 days drivers license suspension, fined $500 and assessed $235.25 in court costs.

A 62-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level .172. He received 60 days in jail, probated for one year, he must attend DWI school, he was fined $100 and assessed court costs of $235.25.

A 28-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .240. She received a 60 day sentence, probated for one year, assigned to DWI school, and assessed court costs of $235.25 and fined $200.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class A assault. He was given 10 days jail time and $210.25 in court costs. .

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class A assault/family. He was given 10 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 30-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class B theft. She was sentenced to six days in jail with court costs of $210.25.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class A assault. He was sentenced to one year deferred probation, ordered to pay $875 in restitution, and assessed court costs of $235.25.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He received six months deferred probation, a $250 fine and $235.25 in court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He received 30 days jail time and $200.25 in court costs.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was given one year deferred probation, fined $750 with court costs of $235.25.

A 28-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class B theft. She received 20 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 25-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level .135. She received 30 days jail time, 90 days driver's license suspension and $315.25 in court costs.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI (breath test refused). He received 10 days jail time, 90 days drivers license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to resisting arrest, Class A. He was given 90 days in jail with court costs of $210.25.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI, and refusal to take a breath test. He was given 30 days in jail, 180 days drivers license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was sentenced to 30 days jail time with 365 days drivers license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana/ Class B. He received 60 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 36-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .147. He received 60 days jail time, 180 days drivers license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 42-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI and refusal to take a breath test. He was given 180 days jail time, probated for two years. He also received 180 days drivers license suspension and must pay $1,801.08 restitution and $235.25 in court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .188. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, probated 18 months, 180 days drivers license suspension, a $500 fine and court costs of $235.25.

A 31-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI and refusal to take a breath test. He received 90 days jail time, probated for 18 months, ordered to attend DWI school, assessed a $200 fine and court costs of $235.25.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI with a blood alcohol level of .144. He was sentenced to three days in jail and 90 days drivers license suspension with court costs of $210.25.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was given 30 days jail time and assessed court costs of $210.25.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, Class B. He was given one year deferred probation, and assessed court costs of $235.25.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class B possession of marijuana. He received 30 days jail time and 365 days drivers license suspension, and assessed court costs of $200.25.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He received 30 days jail time and $200.25 in court costs.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault/ family He received 120 days jail time that was probated for 18 months. He was also fined $500 and assessed court costs of $235.25.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault/family. He received 19 days jail time and assessed $210.25 in court costs.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor. He received six months deferred probation with a $200 fine and court costs of $235.25.

A 31-year-old male pleaded guilty to failure to identify. He received 90 days jail time that was probated for 18 months and $235.25 in court costs.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom's memory lets smoker give swift kick to the butts

DEAR ABBY: I quit smoking today. It may not seem like a great accomplishment to most people, but I'm 37 years old and have smoked since I was in seventh grade. Like many others, I tried for years to kick the habit, but I guess I never really had the proper motivation to do it.

I was looking at some photographs I took while my family was home last Christmas, and came to the last picture I ever took of my mother. We lost her just after New Year's. It was something none of us in the family ever expected. She had a massive heart attack.

Burying my mother was the toughest thing I have ever done. I don't want my kids to see me in a casket before I reach retirement age. Mother had very high blood pressure, for which she had been treated. We thought she was doing pretty well. Her treatment included quitting smoking a year ago. Unfortunately for her, she quit too late.

Please remind your readers that cancer isn't the only possible result of smoking. Smoking can also lead to high blood pressure that leads to heart trouble. — **SMOKE-FREE IN INDIANA**

DEAR SMOKE-FREE: I offer my sympathy for the untimely loss of your mother. It's sad to say, but sometimes it takes the death of someone near and dear to convince us that we're not immortal. I commend you for your decision to finally quit smoking. If someone is looking for a reason to quit, your letter may provide an incentive.

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DEAR ABBY: A fifth couple in our circle of friends recently ended their marriage. When I asked the husbands what happened, each said much the same thing: "When we were first married, I was the most important person in my wife's life. With each child, my place was shifted farther and farther back until I felt totally forgotten."

These husbands told me that "neglect" made them vulnerable to someone who did show them some attention. You know the rest.

When I asked the wives what happened, they said they didn't know — but guessed that they "just drifted apart and their interests changed." None of them knew how their husbands felt.

I have also heard women say that their affair was the result of not feeling important at home. If only both spouses knew how important a little TLC is to his or her partner, there might be more lasting marriages. Abby, please warn your readers not to take their spouses for granted. Their partners should never feel they are at the bottom of the priority list. — **HAPPILY MARRIED HUSBAND**

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: While doing your research, you picked up valuable information about the demise of many marriages: When children arrive, it's a given that life becomes busy and complicated. However, couples must make finding time for each other a priority. Both spouses need to remember that one day "the kids" will fly the nest, and for a marriage to survive, it must be infused with the necessary nutrients — love, attention and respect, to name a few.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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State claims inspectors denied access

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — State environmental inspectors claim the U.S. Department of Energy illegally denied them access to cleanup operations at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant last month.

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection cited the Energy Department for the alleged July 13 incident, the same day inspectors cited the Energy Department for two violations of air-pollution laws.

The Energy Department, which owns the site and hired the contractors for the cleanup, disputed the state's claim that its inspectors were impeded for about an hour.

Spokesman Walter Perry said the agency has to "follow security access requirements under federal law."

According to the state, when inspectors arrived at the site to gain admission to the plant, the Energy Department had difficulty finding anyone to approve their entry.

"We want to make sure our inspectors do have timely access," said Mark York, a spokesman for the Natural Resources Cabinet.

The state also slapped the department with two violations after finding dust was escaping from the equipment used to shred and compact a heap of rusting, radioactive drums that are being crushed as part of the cleanup effort.

Each violation carries a maximum penalty of $25,000 a day. No final decision has been made on the fines, however. The state has penalized the Energy Department only once before, for $5,000.

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Dr. Leighton is qualified to care for all members of the family and serves as their primary care physician. By treating everyone in the family, Dr. Leighton is able to develop a nurturing, long-term relationship founded on trust.



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Leighton and her family to Snyder.

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Welcome!

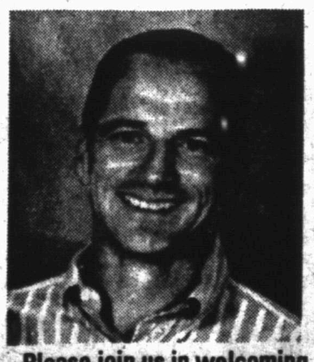
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Please join us in welcoming Dr. Wolboldt and his family to Snyder.

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Postal Service testing e-mail for everyone

WASHINGTON (AP) — The folks who deliver mail the old-fashioned way want to help you use the Internet to track that Mother's Day card — or simply e-mail it to Mom's house.

Worried that e-mail and online bill-paying could take a fatal bite out of first-class mail in coming years, the Postal Service is testing a variety of e-services for Americans, including one that would assign virtually everybody an e-mail address.

Customers could be notified by e-mail about an incoming bill or package, which they could then reroute to another street address.

Another service, set to begin a three-year consumer test next month, would allow customers to send e-mails to a post office to be printed and delivered as first-class mail — much like a service already provided by a private company.

A third program, already available, lets customers pay bills online through the Postal Service's Web site.

Benjamin Franklin, the nation's first postmaster, would be amazed.

Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan called the e-projects "a way for customers to choose how they want to get their correspondence."

The post office predicts that in 2003, first-class mail, now a $35 billion business and its top revenue-producing service, will begin an unprecedented decline at the hands of booming e-mail and online billing services.

Under its own online bill system, the Postal Service charges customers $6 per month to send 20 electronic transactions, or $2 per month and 40 cents apiece for unlimited transactions.

The e-mail-to-paper system would cost about 41 cents per message — eight cents more than current 33-cent postage.

Under the e-mailbox proposal, virtually every American would be assigned a free e-mail address corresponding to their street address. Customers could simply link the service to any present e-mail address they have, or opt for a special online postal box. Customers could then get an e-mail address using their initials, followed by their nine-digit ZIP code and the last two numbers of their street address — with "usps.com" tacked at the end.

For instance, Bill Clinton (1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C., 20500-0003) would get the e-mail address: bc20500000300(at)usps.com.

Not the sort of thing you'd rattle off at a cocktail party, but it's tough to replicate.

It's no news that Americans are avid e-mailers. A new study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that more than 90 million people have Internet access. Of those, about 84 million use e-mail regularly, while 16 million have used some sort of online banking service.

But followers of e-commerce had mixed reactions to the postal e-mail proposal.

"They're in catch-up mode," said Donald Heath, president of the nonprofit Internet Society, based in Reston, Va. "It sounds like they're not in touch with the reality of the Internet at this point."

Heath said most people who would use the service already have e-mail — and that the rest probably wouldn't log on for the tracking service.

"As schemes go, this one isn't bad," said Rob Enderle of Giga Information Group, a Santa Clara, Calif.-based technology research firm. "It absolutely makes sense — they are in the business of delivering mail, and e-mail is a form of mail. So ignoring that mode is a way of making yourself obsolete."

The Postal Service already waded into the brave new world of e-mail in 1998, when it began testing a kind of certified e-mail service called PostECS, which sends electronic receipts for contracts and other important documents transmitted over the Internet.

Last year, it rolled out its heralded online postage system. The Postal Service says 280,000 customers have printed $22.6 million worth of "online stamps" since July 1999, but the service has yet to deliver a profit.

On the Net: U.S. Postal Service: http://new.usps.com
Pew Internet and American Life Project: http://www.pewinternet.org

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000

Stop the suit establishment

By Phillip Alder

In Maxim 25, Ptahhotpe claimed, "One who is serious all day will never have a good time, while one who is frivolous all day will never establish a household."

In many bridge deals, each side tries to establish a suit, to turn low cards into winners. Although serious in his effort to try to stop that establishment, sometimes a defender misses the key play.

Against three no-trump, West leads fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. What happens after that?

Declarer had eight tricks in his household: two spades, four hearts, one diamond and one club. He could have frivolously hoped for a 3-3 club split. Yet even if the missing clubs were so favorably distributed, there was a danger that West would establish and run his spade suit to beat the contract.

It looked better to broach the diamond suit. So, after winning trick one (a duck risks a club switch), South led a diamond to dummy's nine. After winning with the queen, East returned a spade, but declarer won and took a second diamond finesse. When that succeeded and the king dropped under dummy's ace, South claimed 11 tricks.

Note that it only saves the overtricks if East declines to win with his diamond queen. Yet if West had only heard about Second Hand High, he would have put in his diamond king at trick two. Whether declarer ducks or wins with the ace, he should collect only one diamond trick and fall to defeat.

This play isn't as absurd as it looks, because if South has the diamond queen, West's king is doomed. And if East has queen-third ...

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Research unlocks genetic secret of skin cancer's spread

By The Associated Press

Two research teams have identified genes that appear to make skin cancer spread, raising the prospect of quicker diagnosis and better treatments for the most dangerous tumors.

The two groups separately analyzed a type of cancer known as melanoma. Each study identified a set of genes that are active in highly invasive growths. Some genes were common to both studies.

"For 100 years we've looked at melanomas through the lens of a microscope and wondered how tumors that looked so similar can act so different Now we've used the lens of genetics," said Jeffrey Trent, a senior researcher at the National Human Genome Research Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Both groups used a technique called gene expression profiling. Glass slides holding thousands of bits of DNA are exposed to genetic material from tumor cells. Byproducts of the cells' genes stick to the DNA on the slide. The technique tells which genes are switched on in the tumor cells and how active they are.

Trent's team found up to 200 genes associated with highly invasive melanoma cells.

The second study group, led by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, narrowed down their invasive set of genes to just 32.

They went on to test one of them, known as RhoC, in mice to check if it can make melanomas more invasive. They found that the most benign melanomas became 50 times more invasive with the active gene, MIT cell biologist Richard Hynes said. Highly invasive growths became 80 percent less so when the gene was blocked.

The findings were being published Thursday in the journal Nature.

Hynes said such work will help lead to genetic tests that could identify which patients are most at risk, and help researchers identify new targets for therapies focusing on the most malignant tumors.

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000

Today is the 215th day of 2000 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, the Army Ambulance Corps was established.

On this day in 1975, Gary Mahan of La Habra Heights, Calif., set a world record by popping a champagne cork a distance of 103 feet.

On this day in 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyndall (1820-1893), philosopher; Myrna Loy (1905-1993), actress; Beatrice Straight (1918-), actress, is 82; James Baldwin (1924-1987), writer; Carroll O'Connor (1924-), actor, is 76; Peter O'Toole (1932-), actor, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba won his third consecutive gold medal in Olympic heavyweight boxing.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The brightest flashes in the world of thought are incomplete until they have been proved to have their counterparts in the world of fact." — John Tyndall

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 30) and first quarter (Aug. 6).

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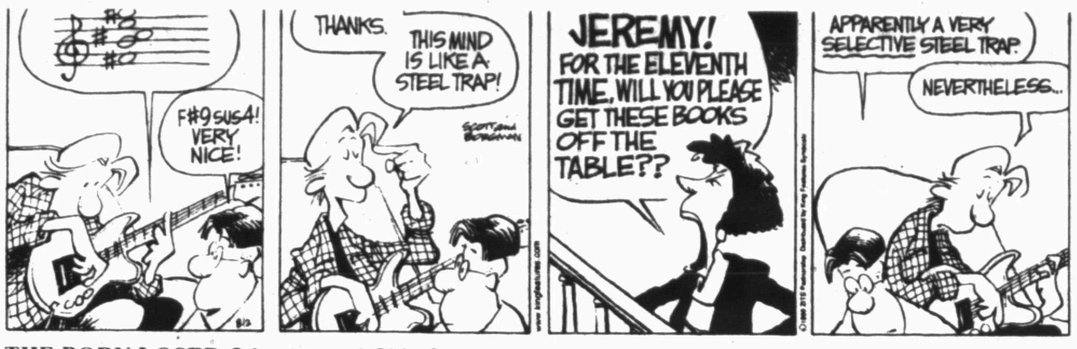
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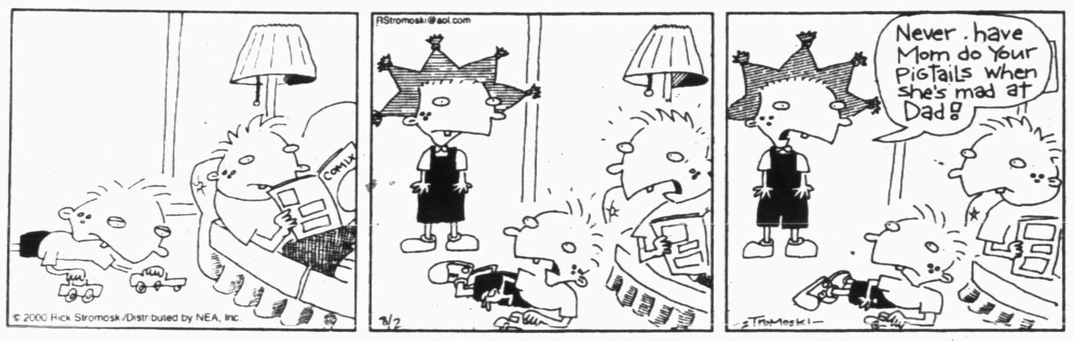
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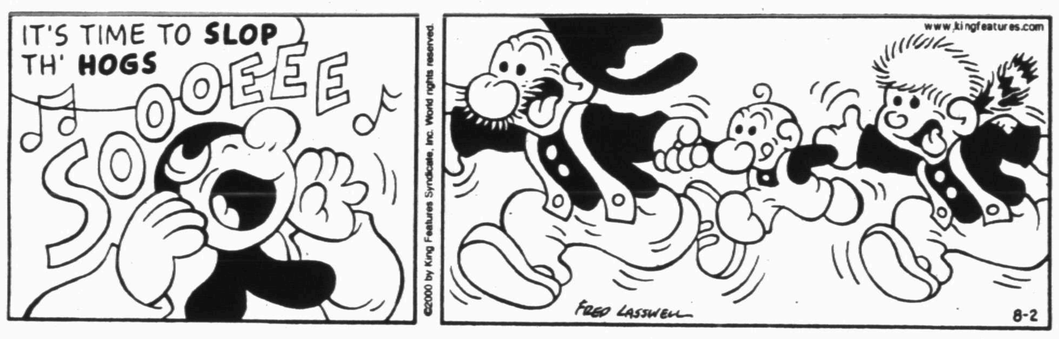
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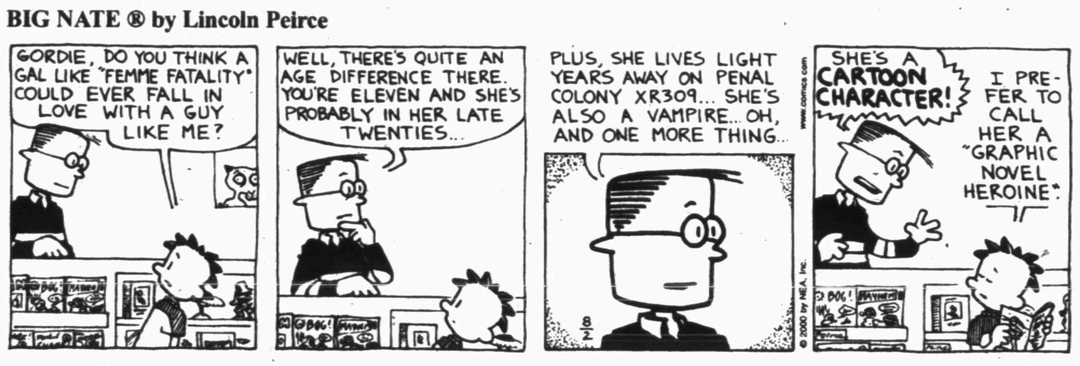
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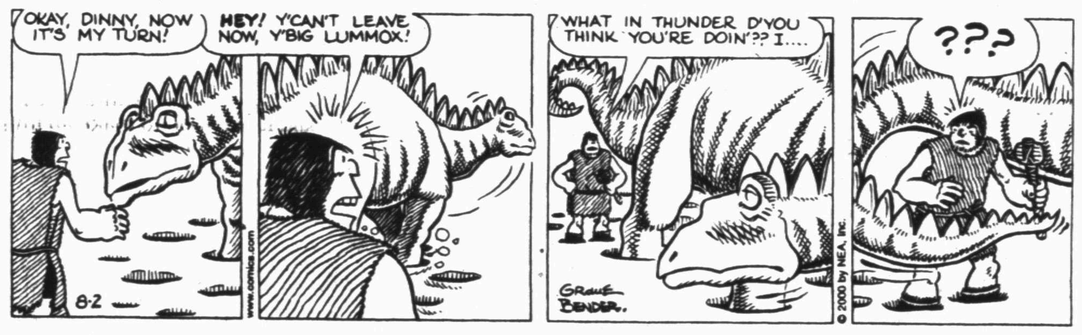
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ACROSS

1 Chased
7 Mark (papers)
12 Hold fast
13 More indigent
14 T.S. Eliot's "The — Men"
15 Infant's toy
16 "As far — — know"
17 "Eureka!"
18 Harem room
21 Ghostly
23 UK time
26 Plant holders
28 Sub — (secretly)
29 Swiss river
30 Brown shades
31 Pronunciation mark
33 1957 Russian satellite
36 Actor Foxx
37 Slippery fish
38 "So be it!"
40 Kind of jerk?
41 "Pod" start
42 Tropical disease
44 Also
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56 Put into a secret language
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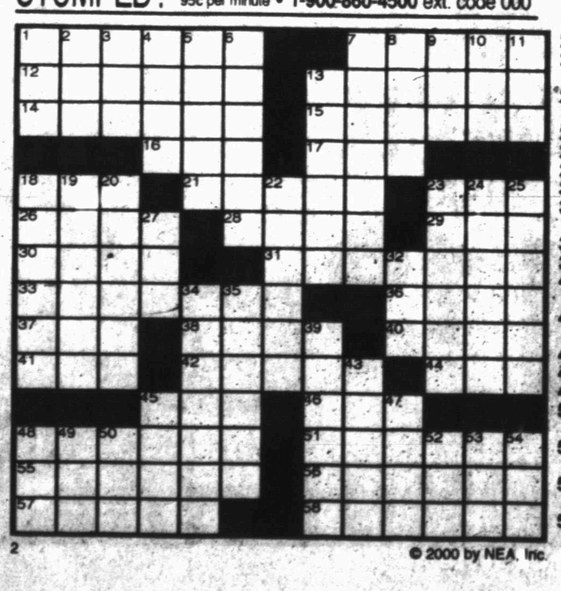
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3 San Jose Sharks' org.
4 Tissue
5 Worn away
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7 Proceed (2 wds.)
8 List of names
9 Paintings
10 Dolores — Rio
11 Before (poet.)
13 Extol
18 Beginning
19 Cloth dealer
20 Rings
22 Off one's — (crazy)
23 Chief ore of lead
24 Actor Karl —
25 Swapped
27 JFK lander
32 Vex
34 Tennis player Ilie —
35 Pierce
39 Lump of gold
43 Makes money
45 Of a brain membrane
47 Rodents
48 Timber tree
49 Old age
50 Dakota Indian
52 Negative word
53 Ortho-dontist's deg.
54 Regard

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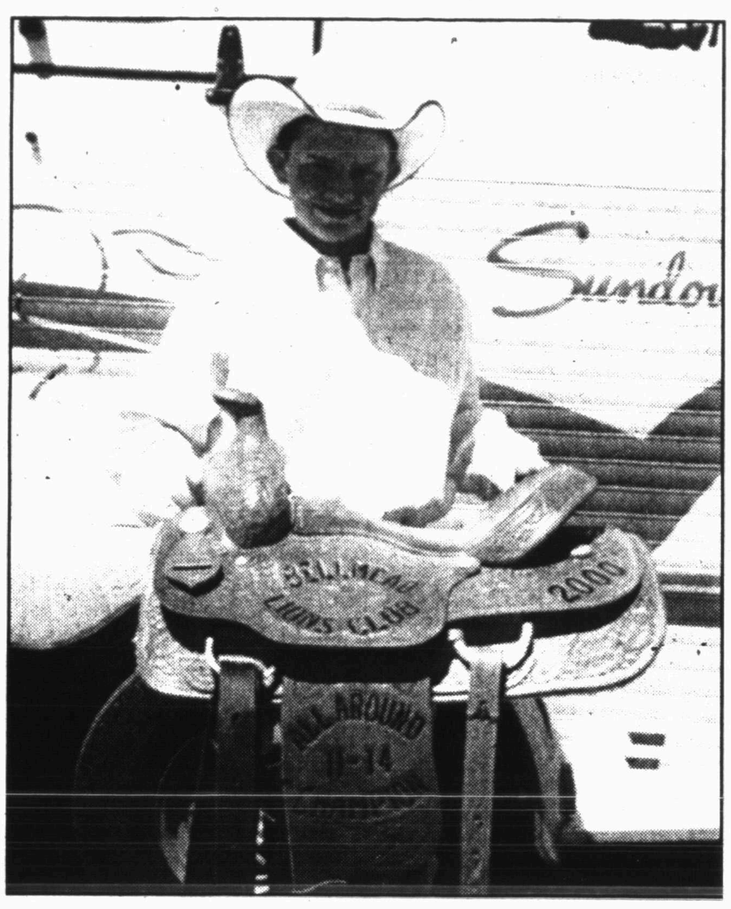
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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



SPORTS



TOP COWBOY — Snyder's Hadley Hirt, 13, captured the all-around saddle recently at a rodeo in Bellmead. Hirt competed in breakaway roping, ribbon roping, goat tying, barrel racing and the flag race, with victories in three of the five events. He is the son of Rex and Stacy Hirt. (Contributed Photo)

SHS opens volleyball workouts Monday

The Snyder Lady Tigers begin preparation for the upcoming volleyball season Monday at the SHS gym.

The first workout for JV and varsity is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, with the freshman squad getting underway at 6:30.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the varsity and JV will work out at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., with the freshmen beginning at 6 p.m.

Thursday's schedule has the JV and varsity practicing from 8 to 11 a.m., with the JV coming back from 2 to 4 p.m., and the varsity from 4 to 6. The freshman squad will work out from 6 to 9 p.m.

All three squads travel to Odessa on Saturday for a scrimmage with Odessa High, Seminole and Brownfield.

The Lady Tigers will scrimmage Big Spring, Lamesa and Colorado City on Saturday in Lamesa.

Sports Briefs

SHS football workouts

All Snyder High School football players must report to the field house at 6:30 a.m. Monday to receive equipment. The first workout will begin at 4 p.m.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing physical exam must do so by Friday. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov. Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students participating in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so. All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, the athletic director's office, or trainer Steve Krueger. Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Saturday at WTC. Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

Golf team qualifying

Qualifying for the SHS boys and girls golf team will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 10-11 at the WTC course, according to Coach Matt Glenn. The tryout is open to all SHS students.

Junior golf classic

Western Texas College will host the Junior Classic starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at the WTC golf course. Entry fee for the 10 and under age division is $10. Entry fee for the 11-14 and the 15 and older division is $15. To sign up call 573-9291.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap. A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball. Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Heat, Hornets swap players

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat and Charlotte Hornets completed a nine-player trade that sent All-Star guard Eddie Jones and forward Anthony Mason to Miami for forward P.J. Brown and guard Jamal Mashburn.

Also traded were Otis Thorpe, Tim James and Rodney Buford to Charlotte, and Ricky Davis and Dale Ellis to Miami.

Jones averaged 20.1 points and 4.2 assists per game last season.

Astros win game, lose Biggio

MIAMI (AP) — The last-place Houston Astros have suffered another huge loss.

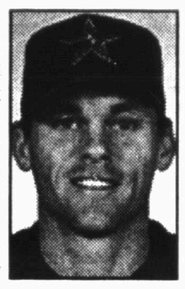
The Astros lost second baseman Craig Biggio for the season when he tore the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee in a collision with Florida's Preston Wilson on Tuesday night.

"Winning isn't much fun on a night like this," Astros manager Larry Dierker said after a 4-3 victory. "You always like to win, but this really takes away from it."

Houston won its second straight game against the Marlins behind Scott Elarton's strong performance.

Biggio was injured when Wilson slid into second in an attempt to break up a double play in the seventh.

Biggio landed hard on his left leg and left under his own power. However, X-rays revealed torn ligaments.



Craig Biggio

Houston general manager Gerry Hunsicker said Biggio will have an MRI on Friday in Houston, but he wasn't sure when surgery would take place.

"It's been that kind of year for us," said Hunsicker, whose club is in last place after winning the division three straight years.

"It seems like there has been one thing after another. It has been a year to forget, and this just adds to it," Hunsicker said.

The Astros won behind another strong game from Elarton (11-4), who won for the seventh time in eight starts.

Elarton worked 8 1-3 innings, allowing six hits and three runs while striking out seven.

"Even though I didn't have my best stuff, I was able to bear down on each hitter and each situation and throw the right pitch," Elarton said. "That's the one thing I've been able to do lately."

Elarton was locked in a pitchers' duel with Chuck Smith, who lost a no-hit bid — and the game — in the sixth inning.

Smith retired the first 13 batters and 16 of the first 18 before running into trouble in the sixth.

Raul Chavez foiled Smith's no-hitter with a sharp single. With two outs, Smith (1-4) walked Julio Lugo, and Biggio reached on a throwing error by catcher Ramon Castro.

Biggio hit a tapper in front of the box, and Castro's throw hit Biggio in the back on his way to first. That loaded the bases and kept the inning alive, and Smith then walked Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman for the first two runs.

Moises Alou then delivered what proved to be the game-winning hit, a single to left that drove home Biggio and Bagwell, putting the Astros ahead 4-0.

Elarton was the more consistent pitcher. He didn't allow a runner to reach second until walking Dave Berg in the seventh, which advanced Lowell to second.

Elarton escaped that inning when Castro flied out to center, but he couldn't quite finish, narrowly missing what would have been his first complete game.

Rangers fall to Sox, 4-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — The new guys on the Chicago White Sox looked like they had been there all year.

Charles Johnson hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning of his first game with the White Sox, propelling them to a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Johnson, acquired Saturday along with Harold Baines from Baltimore, hit a 400-foot blast off John Wetteland (4-4) with one out in the ninth.

"I was glad I was able to get the big hit on my first day," Johnson said. "The pitch was thrown over the middle of the plate, and I was able to get it elevated."

Baines, marking the beginning of his third stint with the White Sox, was 2-for-4 with an RBI. He said it felt good to make an immediate contribution.

"That's always the plan," the 41-year-old designated hitter said. "Fortunately, it happened in my second at-bat and my fourth at-bat."

The Rangers considered trading Wetteland before Monday's deadline, but chose to hold onto their closer instead. That was also the same day Wetteland's wife had a troublesome labor in the delivery of their third child, and the pitcher has gotten little, if any, sleep since then.

"You don't make the one mistake I had in an inning on mental distress. I made a mistake and he hit it," said Wetteland, who also had two strikeouts in the inning. "I should be able to handle that at-bat. You saw the other at-bats. There's no reason for me not to execute on that one."

Bobby Howry (2-2), who allowed a game-tying, two-run single to Gabe Kapler in the eighth, pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

Kapler extended his hitting streak to 15 games with the hit. Rafael Palmeiro was thrown out at third base on the play to end the inning.

Chicago went ahead in the top half with two runs. Magglio Ordonez's two-out double broke a 1-1 tie, and Baines followed with an RBI single, earning the immediate admiration of his new teammates.

"Baines has been at this game awhile, he's got a lot of postseason experience, and he's still hitting," said Chicago's Jose Valentin, who was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

James Baldwin allowed three runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings in his third straight no-decision for Chicago.

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said Baldwin seems to be making a habit of performing well in Texas, where the temperature at gametime was 91.

"I love the heat," Baldwin said. "It's just about dealing with the situation. All in all, you've just got to stay focused and have fun."

Women's Golf Association

Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club

All irons-back nine: 1. Becky Knipe, 35; 2. Peggy Hardin, 36. Low putter: Peggy Hardin, 13.

Low score-even holes: 1. Jo Sterling, 34. Low putter: Jo Sterling and Martha Fagin, 30.

Queen of the hill: Low gross: Penny Perry, 71. Low net: Jo Sterling, Becky Knipe and Penny Perry, 67. Low putter: Penny Perry, 24.

Play against club champion: Club champion: Penny Perry, 73. Kaye Cypert, 64; Martha Fagin, 66; Colleen Duke, Doris Downing and Joan Hood, 67. Low putter: Martha Fagin and Kaye Cypert, 27. Chip-in: Kaye Cypert, Donna Stehley and Norma Thompson.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	18	10	.643	—
Cleveland	15	12	.556	2½
Orlando	14	14	.500	4
Detroit	12	15	.444	5½
Washington	11	16	.407	6½
Miami	10	18	.357	8
Indiana	7	20	.259	10½
Charlotte	7	21	.250	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	25	3	.893	—
x-Houston	23	5	.821	2
Phoenix	18	10	.6430	7
Sacramento	18	10	.643	7
Utah	15	12	.555	9½
Minnesota	13	14	.481	11½
Portland	10	18	.357	15
Seattle	5	23	.179	20

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Games

Houston 68, Washington 60
Phoenix 84, Orlando 77
Portland 54, Miami 50
Seattle 66, Indiana 60

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Bulldogs, Coyotes set for gridiron practice

With their first games only five weeks away, Ira and Borden County will begin football workouts Monday.

Ira players must report to the field house at 6:15 a.m. Monday to receive equipment, with practice starting at 7:30 and again at 6 p.m.

Borden County players will be issued equipment at 5 p.m. Monday, with a workout to follow.

Ira will continue to practice from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and from 6 to 8:30 p.m., until school starts.

Borden County will hold workout from 5 to 9 p.m. each night.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	66	40	.623	—
New York	60	45	.571	5½
Florida	51	55	.481	15
Montreal	48	55	.466	16½
Philadelphia	46	59	.438	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	58	48	.547	—
Cincinnati	54	52	.509	4
Chicago	49	56	.467	8½
Pittsburgh	46	59	.438	11½
Milwaukee	44	63	.411	14½
Houston	40	66	.377	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	58	46	.558	—
Arizona	58	48	.547	1
Los Angeles	56	50	.528	3
Colorado	51	54	.486	7½
San Diego	48	58	.453	11

Tuesday's Games

Colorado 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 0, first game
Los Angeles 5, Pittsgurgh 3, second game
Montreal 4, St. Louis 0
Houston 4, Florida 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 2
San Francisco 13, Milwaukee 8
Atlanta 4, Arizona 2
San Diego 10, Philadelphia 9, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Dessens 5-0) vs. N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-4), 12:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 7-7) at Pittsburgh (Silva 7-4), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 10-7) at Milwaukee (Wright 6-4), 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rose 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 0-3), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 9-8) at Montreal (Johnson 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 1-3) at Florida (Cornelius 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 12-5) at Arizona (Schilling 7-6), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 2-11) at San Diego (Clement 9-10), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Houston (Reynolds 7-8) at Florida (Sanchez 6-8), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-6) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ashby 7-7) at Arizona (Anderson 8-4), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-7) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-10), 10:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	57	44	.564	—
Boston	54	49	.524	4
Toronto	55	53	.509	5½
Baltimore	47	58	.448	12
Tampa Bay	45	59	.433	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	65	41	.613	—
Cleveland	52	51	.505	11½
Detroit	49	56	.467	15½
Kansas City	47	58	.448	17½
Minnesota	48	61	.440	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	62	44	.585	—
Oakland	59	47	.557	3
Anaheim	57	51	.528	6
Texas	50	54	.481	11

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Stein 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-0), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 7-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-7), 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 7-10) at Oakland (Mulder 6-7), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 6-7) at Anaheim (Hill 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-2) at Texas (Helling 12-7), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 12-3) at Seattle (Garcia 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas (Rogers 10-8) at Toronto (F.Castillo 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 5-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bere 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 8-7), 7:15 p.m.
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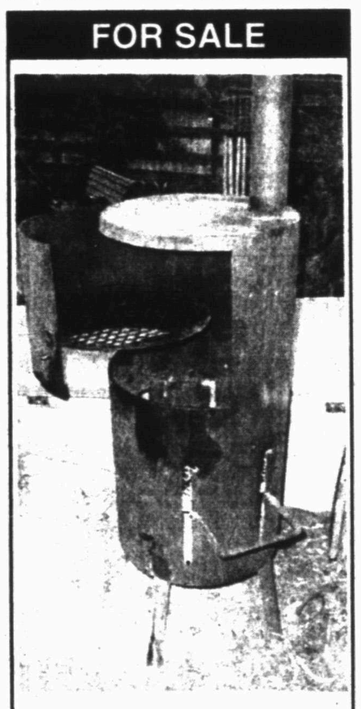
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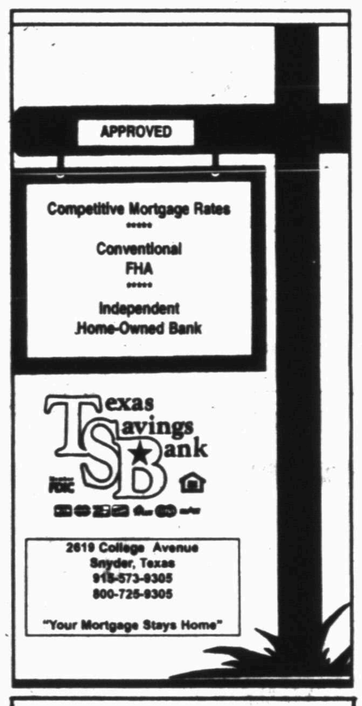
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Waiting at the school nurse's office or interrupting soccer practice to take their medicine may soon be a thing of the past for youngsters with attention deficit disorder.

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved Concerta, a form of the most common drug used for the disorder that can be taken in the morning and lasts 12 hours.

The National Attention Deficit Disorder Association says 4 percent to 6 percent of Americans have the condition clinically known as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. They include adults; the association estimates that at least half the ADHD children show symptoms into adulthood.

Currently between 4 percent and 12 percent of school-age children — an average of about 2.5 million, mostly boys — are thought to have ADHD. Symptoms include short attention span, impulsive behavior and difficulty focusing and sitting still.

Methylphenidate — best known under the name Ritalin — often is prescribed to increase a child's alertness.

But current forms of the drug require two or three doses daily, often requiring youngsters to break up their schooldays with visits to the nurse's office.

The new drug lasts 12 hours, which will avoid in-school and after-school dosing.

Concerta was developed by Crescendo Pharmaceuticals Corp. and will be manufactured and marketed by ALZA Corp. of Mountain View, Calif.

The new form of the drug will eliminate the stigma of taking a drug in school and the problems of getting it to the school nurse or interrupting after-school programs or practice, said Dan Swisher, vice president of ALZA.

"It makes the condition private. It eliminates the embarrassment for children," he said in a telephone interview.

Swisher said McNeill Consumer Healthcare is assisting in the marketing of Concerta, which should be available in two weeks. He said the price has not been determined but will be comparable to other ADHD treatments.

Typically, people suffering from ADHD have problems following instructions and paying attention. They may seem not to listen; be disorganized; miss details; have trouble starting tasks, or performing tasks that require planning or long-term effort; appear to be easily distracted or forgetful. In many cases they seem "hyper," being fidgety, impulsive and unable to wait their turn.

Not all people with the disorder exhibit all the symptoms all the time.

Many of the symptoms also are associated with youthful rambunctiousness, which has raised questions whether today's youngsters are being overdiagnosed and overdrugged.

As a result, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued in May its first guidelines for ADHD, hoping to eliminate incorrect diagnoses and ensure untreated children get the help they need.

The guidelines are for children 6 through 12. Most ADHD research has involved that age group.

Concerta is an extended-release formula in tablet form designed to be taken in the morning before a child leaves for school.

In clinical trials the most common side effects were headaches, reported by 14 percent of patients. Less common were upper respiratory tract infection and stomachache.

On the Net: Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov
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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Why do serving sizes vary?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question concerning food servings. What is the difference between the size of a serving as used on the USDA food pyramid and the size of a food serving on the food label? Why is there a difference? — **J.L., San Francisco, Calif.**

Dear J.L.: Food serving sizes on the food pyramid are consistent with those used in dietary recommendations. Food packages have the burden of dealing with the sizes of the containers and the amount that will actually be consumed.

For example, a serving of V8 in a 12-ounce can equals the size of the can, but according to dietary recommendations (and the USDA pyramid), a serving of vegetable juice is 8 ounces.

The reason that the serving size on this container is different is tied into the Nutrition Facts info that tells you how many calories, fat grams, protein, etc. is present in the container's serving.

If the V8 can were to say "Serving Size 8 Ounces," that would mean that there would be 1 1/2 servings per container. Then, drinking the whole can — as most individuals do — would require some math to get an accurate nutritional count of the contents.

The priority with the Nutrition Facts label is to tell the consumer what is in the foods they are consuming. Prior to the new label, foods listed servings differently, and there could be more than one serving, for example, on a small bag of potato chips. Nutritionists complained because it misled consumers about the calories and fat they were actually consuming. The current serving size more accurately reflects amounts that people eat, and it is standardized between different brands.

Here are some standard serving sizes.

— Vegetables: One serving equals 1 cup of raw, leafy greens or 1/2 cup of cooked or chopped vegetables

— Breads, cereals and grains: One serving equals one slice of bread, 1 cup dry cereal or 1/2 cup cooked cereal, rice or pasta.

— Fruits: One servings equals the size of a medium apple or orange, 1/4 melon or grapefruit, 1/4 cup dried fruit or 1 cup of berries.

— Dairy group: One serving equals one cup milk or yogurt, 1 1/2 ounces natural cheese or 2 ounces processed cheese.

— Fats and oils: One serving equals 1 teaspoon of oil or a spreadable fat, or 1 tablespoon of an oil-based dressing.

— Protein group (meat, poultry, fish, legumes, eggs and nuts): One serving of meat, fish or poultry is about 3 ounces, which is the size of a pack of playing cards. One serving of legumes equals 1/2 cup cooked beans. A serving of tofu is 4 ounces, and a serving of nuts is 1 ounce.

— Alcohol: A drink is defined as a 4-ounce glass of wine, 12 ounces of beer or a 1-ounce shot of hard liquor.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read with interest your column on the complementary protein theory of vegetarianism. I also thought this to be true until researching vegetarianism five years ago. I read numerous articles on the subject, and the conclusion was different from yours. They stated that the studies that proved that we need to balance our daily intake with complementary proteins to avoid an amino acid deficiency were carried out in starving people. Subsequent studies in well-fed, lacto-ovo vegetarians showed that we could make our own amino acids and that the essential amino acids were not, in fact, essential. I would greatly appreciate knowing your position on the subject. — **D.P., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear D.P.: The body can indeed manufacture amino acids, but not all of them. (I am unfamiliar with evidence that shows otherwise.) Of the 20 needed by the body, eight must be supplied by the diet. The eight include isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, threonine, tryptophan and valine. A ninth amino acid, histidine, is essential in children and some older adults. The body does not care whether the essential amino acids come from foods that contain them all or from a combination of separate foods that each contain a few. The key is that all the essentials are provided in the daily diet.

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

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BurlNoSFe	24½	24 5-16	24 5-16	
Caterpillar	34⅞	34⅜	34⅝	+ 5-16
Chevron	80¼	79⅜	79½	+ ⅝
Citigroup	71¼	70 3-16	70⅜	— ⅛
Coastal	61¼	59 7-16	59⅝	— ¼
CocaCola	63 1-16	62¼	62½	— ⅜
ColgatePal	57⅜	55⅝	56 5-16	— 9-16
ComclMetals	28½	28⅜	28⅜	— ¼
Cooperin	32 11-16	32 1-16	32 1-16	— ⅝
DaimlrChry	52¾	52 7-16	52½	+ ¼
DallSemicn s	39⅞	38⅞	39 13-16	+ 5-16
DeltaAirl	52 15-16	51⅜	51 15-16	— ⅞
Dillards Inc	13⅞	13 13-16	13 13-16	+ 1-16
DowChem s	28 9-16	28 1-16	28⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	46⅛	45 7-16	45⅝	+ 1-16
EastmanChem	46⅝	46	46⅛	— ¼
EstKodak	57 7-16	56 11-16	56 13-16	— ¾
EDS Corp	44 7-16	44 1-16	44¼	+ ¼
Entergy	30 9-16	29⅞	30 1-16	+ 1-16
ExxonMobil	82⅞	81¼	82⅞	+ 2 15-16
Flowers	21¾	21 7-16	21½	— ⅛
FordMotor	47	46¼	46 3-16	— 11-16
GenDynam	58⅞	58⅜	58⅜	+ 5-16
GenElec s	52 7-16	51 11-16	52 1-16	— 7-16
GenMills s	35	34 11-16	34⅞	+ ¼
GenMotors	58 9-16	57 11-16	57¾	— 1 1-16
GaPacGP	26½	25⅝	26 3-16	+ ⅝
GlobalMar	29 7-16	29	29⅛	+ 5-16
Goodrich	37 11-16	36 11-16	37 7-16	+ 9-16
Goodyear s	20⅜	20⅛	20 3-16	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	14⅞	14 9-16	14 9-16	— ¼
Halliburtn	46 3-16	47 7-16	47¾	+ 15-16
Hanson ADS	29¼	28¾	29	+ ⅝
HartfdHanks	25 7-16	25¼	25⅜	— ⅛
HomeDepot s	52⅜	51⅞	52½	+ ½
Honeywellntl	34 9-16	34 1-16	34⅛	
IBM	114 11-16	110¾	114	+ 3 7-16
IntlPaper	34 7-16	33 9-16	33¾	— ¾
JohnsonJn	96 3-16	94¼	95¾	+ 15-16
K mart	7 5-16	7 1-16	7¼	+ 3-16
Kroger Co	21 11-16	21 1-16	21 3-16	— ⅛
Liton	52¾	51 1-16	52 7-16	+ 13-16
LockheedM	30 1-16	29⅝	30	+ ⅜
Lowes Cos	43⅜	42½	43¼	+ ⅜
Lubys	8	7⅞	7⅞	⅛
LucentTech	45 11-16	44 9-16	45⅛	+ ⅞
MayDeptStr	24¼	23 13-16	23 15-16	— ⅛
Medtronic s	55 5-16	54⅛	54 9-16	— ⅛
MorganJP	135 5-16	132 7-16	133 9-16	+ 7-16
Motorola s	36⅛	34 7-16	36⅛	+ 1⅝
NCR Corp	37	36 1-16	36⅛	+ 1-16
Navistar	37 11-16	36 5-16	36 9-16	+ 3-16
Penney JC	17 5-16	16 15-16	16 15-16	— 9-16
PepBoys	6 7-16	6 1-16	6 1-16	— 5-16
PepsiCo	45 11-16	44 15-16	44 15-16	— 15-16
Pharmacia	56 11-16	55⅞	56⅛	+ ⅝
PhelpDodge	43¾	42 1-16	42⅛	— 1 1-16
PhilipPet	52 7-16	51 1-16	52⅜	+ 1⅜
PilgrmPrd B	7 9-16	7 5-16	7 5-16	— ¼
Polaroid	17 13-16	17 9-16	17⅝	— ⅜
Praxair	39½	39 3-16	39¼	— ⅛
ProctGamb	59⅝	58 5-16	58 7-16	— 13-16
PubS NwMx	18 7-16	18¼	18 7-16	+ ⅛
RadioShack	61¾	59	61¼	+ 1 13-16
ReliantEngy	34 7-16	33⅝	34 5-16	+ ⅝
RoyalDut	59 5-16	58 13-16	59 1-16	+ 15-16
SBC Comm	44 9-16	43 13-16	44 5-16	+ ⅝
SaraLee	18 15-16	18 9-16	18 13-16	+ 1-16
Scripps EW	49⅞	49¼	49⅞	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	31	30	30 3-16	— 13-16
SherwinW	21 3-16	20⅞	20⅞	— 3-16
SmithKlBchm	66⅞	66 3-16	66¾	+ ⅜
SouthernCo	25⅝	25	25 9-16	+ ½
SwstAirl	23 13-16	23 9-16	23 11-16	— ¼
SprintFON	36 11-16	35⅝	36⅛	— ⅜
SprintPCS s	57	55	55½	— 1 9-16
Sunoco Inc	25 11-16	25	25 7-16	+ ½
TXU Corp	32⅜	31 15-16	32 5-16	+ 5-16
TempleInland	44¾	44 7-16	44 7-16	— ¼
Texaco	50⅜	49 11-6	50⅛	+ ⅜
Textnd	32½	32¼	32½	+ 3-16
Texasinst s	59 11-16	57¼	59¼	+ 1 9-16
Textron	58	57⅛	57 3-16	
TriconGlbR	28 11-16	25⅝	26 11-16	+ ⅞
Trinitylnds	19	18 13-16	19	+ 1-16
TritonEngy	45½	44	44⅞	— 2⅛
TylerTech	2¼	2⅛	2 3-16	— 1-16
USX-Marathn	25 5-16	24½	25	+ ½
USX-USS	18½	18⅛	18⅛	⅝
UnCarbide	44 5-16	43¼	43¾	
UnionPacif	43⅞	43½	43 13-16	+ 3-16
UnitedTech	59⅝	58¾	58¾	— ⅛
Unocal	31⅝	30¾	30⅞	+ 9-16
Veritor Grp	14 15-16	14¼	14 15-16	+ 3-16
VerizonComm	48⅝	47½	47 13-16	— ⅛
WalMart	54½	53 13-16	54 3-16	— ⅝
WellsFargo	41⅝	41	41 3-16	+ ⅛
WashGasRs	18⅝	18 3-16	18⅜	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	14⅛	14 5-16	14⅜	— ⅛
Xerox Cp	15⅜	15 3-16	15¼	— ⅛

Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Diagnosing foliar diseases of vegetables

Often, a grower will refer to photographs in books and bulletins for guidance in determining the cause of abnormalities on leaves.

However, such materials depict more common symptoms of infectious diseases, and usually the variation in symptom appearance caused by the pathogen is not depicted, nor are many common and uncommon non-infectious causes of similar symptoms.

Thus, such material does not depict many commonly encountered symptoms. They should, however, be considered a useful starting point for disease diagnosis.

Although it would be preferable to know the cause of a symptom, if the symptom isn't getting worse over time (i.e., more of the leaf affected or appearance on other foliage, for practical management purposes), it is sufficient to rule out an infectious cause.

Here are some general points for deciding whether a symptom is caused by an infectious agent or something else. Using watermelons as an example, the information will also apply to most other vegetables.

Generally, leaf-spots caused by fungi tend to be circular (reflecting the pattern of fungal growth) and the affected tissue tends to be dead. Such tissue is either black of brown in color. The discolored tissue is not collapsed in relation to surrounding tissue. This is in contrast to physical or chemical causes of leaf injury, which tend to cause affected areas to become dried up and shrunken.

Sometimes, leaf spots caused by fungi have distinctive symptoms, and a photograph is sufficient for making a diagnosis. An example is Cerospora leaf spot on watermelon. In contrast, photographs of leaf spots caused by Alternaria or by the gummy stem-blight fungus are just not distinctive enough for diagnostic purposes. Additionally, photographs of advanced symptoms of downy mildew, gummy stem blight, and anthracnose that depict extensive leaf blight are not useful either.

To determine if these particular diseases are present, it is recommend that growers remove suspicious leaves and place them in a "moist chamber" at room temperature for 12 to 24 hours.

The moist chamber is a small, sealed container (or even a sealed plastic bag) in which a wet paper towel is present to generate a humid atmosphere. Under the conditions, spots will expand, or at least, pathogenic fungi will produce spores on them. The presence of spores can be determined with a good hand lens or a "pocket" microscope. Of course, the identification of training need not be extensive. I have done such training by simply having infected plant tissue on hand and taking five minutes to show the grower what to look for with a hand lens. The results of a moist-chamber incubation are usually conclusive for diagnosing a fungus disease or ruling it out.

Additionally diagnostic clues can be determined by the pattern of symptom appearance in the field. Uniformity suggests a non-infectious cause; for example, leaf spots that occur over most of a field can be caused by foliar fertilizer burn. Infectious diseases tend to have a clustered distribution in a field. The timing of symptom appearance can also offer a clue. The sudden appearance of similar symptoms suggest a non-infectious cause. If the advanced symptom of an infectious disease is found in a portion of a field, earlier symptoms can also be found. For example, if downy mildew is the cause of a blighted leaf (i.e., dead), leaves with yellow spots — an early symptom — will be found on leaves in close proximity.

Finally, the pattern of symptom appearance should be compared to recent weather patterns. A leaf blight occurring is not caused by downy mildew or gummy stem blight. In fact, leaf-miner insects can be the cause of such blight in different areas of Texas, and they can easily be diagnosed by the presence of serpentine, hollowed-out trails on non-blighted leaves.

Diseases caused by bacteria and viruses will also tend to occur in clusters in the field, and result in a range of symptom stages on plants in that area. So, if the distribution of symptomatic plants is clustered and fungi are ruled out with a moist chamber, these other infectious agents need to be checked out. Unfortunately, this is not always a "do-it-yourself" proposition for growers. There are some diagnostic kits for specific bacterial and viral diseases that are "grower-friendly." For example, STA Laboratories has an excellent bacteria fruit-blotch testing kit, while Agdia has numerous kits for bacterial and viral diseases on various crops. Another option is to bring samples to a plant-disease diagnostic clinic.

One other consideration is that wilting and yellowing symptoms on the leaves may be caused by infectious agents working on the roots. Be ready to dig up and examine the whole plant.

The grower should strive to quickly identify the presence of foliage-infecting fungi if they occur on the crops. Under the right weather conditions (i.e., moist conditions), these fungi can cause significant yield losses, but if they are diagnosed quickly enough, they can be readily controlled with fungicides.

Scientists eye makeup of cholera microbe

By The Associated Press

Researchers have deciphered the genetic makeup of one of humanity's oldest, deadliest and hardiest adversaries — the cholera microbe.

Scientists say the research may help spur new vaccines or drugs to treat cholera, one of the most efficient killers of all diseases.

"This will be the starting point for most future studies," said microbiologist Matthew Waldor of Tufts Medical School in Boston. He co-wrote an accompanying commentary on the research, which was being published Thursday in the journal Nature.

Researchers at The Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md., led the study team that successfully analyzed the entire genetic structure of the bacterium Vibrio cholerae.

Market Reports

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 690 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 29, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers were steady to $4 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher; bulls were steady. Bred cows were $30/head higher and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 138-140
300-400: 123-135
400-500: 110-116
600-700: 85-90
800-900: 85
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 109-117
300-400: 104-114
400-500: 93-99
500-600: 86-93
600-700: 74.50-79.50
700-800: 71-74
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 600-695
Aged cows: 460-580
Pairs: 710-850
Aged pairs: 570-700
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 42.50-45.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 54.50-56.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 527 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 27, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-45
Canner and low cutters: 32-40
Slaughter bulls: 48-57
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-130
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 88-102
600-700: 85-90
700-800: 78-89
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 85-110
500-600: 85-92
600-700: 80-87.50
700-800: 75-82
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-101
700-800: 70-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-900
Grade: 550-710
Springers: 425-650
Baby calves: 75-150
Doodlers: 190-250

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 1,777 head of cattle for the July 31 sale. Yearlings, calves, all packer cows and bulls were $1 to $1.50 higher. Cows were steady. Heifers were steady to $1 lower. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Carl Ingram, Clyde
Black Heifer, 435 lbs. @ $93
Black WF Steer, 330 lbs. $105
Max Robets, Graham
Black WF Steer, 730 lbs. @ $87
Black WF Steer, 630 lbs. @ $98
Triple S Ctl., Co, Jermyn
Young Black Pair, 1,325 lbs. $840
Young Black Pair, 1,275 lbs. $820
L.J. Fambro, Strawn
Charlois Heifer, 395 lbs. @ $94
Herettem 1m025 lbs. @ $46
Sage Cattle Co., Olney
4 Black Heifers 388 lbs., @$96
2 Red Bra Steers 302 lbs. @ $105
Don Matthews, Olney
Black Bull 750 lbs., @ $75
Black Bull, 605 lbs., @ $85
Spade Ranch, Throckmorton
CTR Cow, 1,360 lbs., @ $41.50
CTR Cow, 1,180 lbs., @ $41.50
Brad Bevel, Rochester
7 CTR Cows, 1,298 lbs., @ $40
Fat Cow, 1,310 lbs., @ $41.50

FACES FROM THE PAST

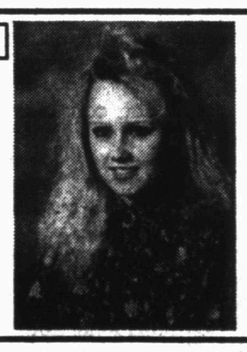
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College Ave. PO Box 949, Snyder, Texas 79550. The deadline for entering is 5 pm Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last week's photos: 1.Billy Ziske 2.Chris Doles 3.Chris Maxfield 4.Dale Sands 5. Drew Scott 6.Kurt Dunn 7. Mike Murphy 8.Paul Gafford 9. Ricky Gambol 10. Ricky Vaughan

Penny stocks king faces charges of fraud

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — Robert E. Brennan, the bankrupt financier who once urged potential investors to "come grow with us" in TV ads, faces criminal charges for the first time in two decades of clashes with authorities.

Brennan was charged Tuesday in state and federal courts with bankruptcy fraud. Prosecutors say he cashed in nearly $505,000 worth of casino chips in 1995, less than a month after declaring bankruptcy, and attempted to hide it from creditors seeking millions for his penny stock deals.

"He then walked off with a duffel bag full of cash," Assistant Attorney General Paul Zoubek said.

State prosecutors had claimed this year in a civil proceeding that Brennan attempted to hide a half-million dollars he got from cashing chips at the Mirage casino in Las Vegas.

The state suggested Brennan, 56, was improperly shielding assets to keep them from being used to pay off the $45 million he agreed to pay to aggrieved investors. Brennan responded that the matter had been "examined in minutia" four years ago and was only raised "to smear and embarrass me."

The five-count state indictment includes charges that Brennan failed to declare the money. The six-count federal indictment charges him with making false statements in a bankruptcy proceeding.

The state indictment could carry a penalty of up to 10 years in prison. Each of the six federal charges carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

"We're going to defend this case," Brennan said. "I don't intend to go anywhere."

His lawyer, Michael Critchley, said Brennan would plead innocent. The suspect posted bail in state court, and was later released by the federal court under house arrest.

Brennan became nationally known in the 1980s through television commercials for his First Jersey Securities Inc.

He declared bankruptcy in 1995, when a federal judge in New York ruled that he cheated First Jersey investors and ordered him to pay what is now more than $78 million to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The SEC charged Brennan employed "boiler room" tactics at First Jersey and manipulated the market in low-cost, high-risk shares of little-known companies — the so-called "penny stocks" — to fleece people who were pursued by a high-pressure sales force.

Brennan also settled a lawsuit brought by New Jersey by agreeing to pay $45 million to investors. That suit said that after closing First Jersey in the late 1980s, Brennan secretly controlled two other brokerages to run similar penny stock scams.

But the SEC and New Jersey authorities say Brennan has consistently sought to hide his assets overseas. He was arrested early Tuesday as he showered at the Colts Neck property where he once had his Due Process Stables.

Outside court, Critchley did not dispute that the casino transaction occurred.

"All I'm saying was that those chips were not assembled on prior trips," as prosecutors charge, Critchley said.

Court records indicate Brennan has maintained a lavish lifestyle, flying around the world and dining graciously as part of his job to attract members to a golf club.

However, he has had to relinquish his control of two race tracks and leave the governing board of his alma mater, Seton Hall University, on which he served as chairman.

UT wants to set its own tuition rates

HOUSTON (AP) — With backing of powerful alumni, University of Texas System officials want state lawmakers to give them the right to set tuition and eventually boost rates at The University of Texas at Austin.

"There's a great demand for that institution and it's becoming more expensive to provide excellent service," UT Interim Chancellor Dan Burck told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal in Wednesday's editions.

University System officials contend that the current tuition of $600 a semester at UT Austin is not enough to provide high-quality education. The Legislature currently sets tuition rates.

But, as the country's largest public university campus with more than 37,000 undergraduate students, some key legislators argue that UT Austin is responsible for providing low income Texans with a high-caliber education.

University officials have not said how much tuition would increase.

"We're not going to have a two-tier system of schools with the rich going to one school and the poor going to the other," vows Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the House Appropriation Committee.

Though a tuition hike would not be popular, university officials maintain it is justified, since over the years state funding has covered less of the school's budget.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



No good screener for liver cancer

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having suffered right-sided rib pain for several months, my 60-year-old father was finally diagnosed with liver cancer. Is there a test that should be performed periodically to identify such conditions before they become serious problems?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, no. Pain is often the first sign of cancer and deserves a thorough medical evaluation in any patient. However, by the time a malignancy causes pain, the tumor may have already spread or grown to the point where treatment is not satisfactory, only palliative. Cancer of the liver is such a tumor. Difficult to treat at best, painful liver malignancies are almost always a serious problem; the discomfort indicates that the cancer has spread to the liver covering or to the surrounding tissues.

Therefore, while I understand your frustration about your father's predicament, I suspect that unless the cancer had been diagnosed before he had pain, little could have been done to alter the cause of his illness. Worse, there is no screening test that should have been employed.

Early diagnosis of malignancy greatly improves the chance for cure. This is the reason doctors try to identify patients with high-risk factors, such as cigarette smoking, a family history of cancer and exposure to industrial pollutants (such as asbestos). Also, this is the reason physicians encourage premenopausal women to have Pap smears, and women over 45 to have annual mammograms. Further, men and women over 50 should have periodic screening for hidden blood in the stool, as well as sigmoidoscopy (or colonoscopy) to check for bowel cancer.

At present, there is no test that will consistently and effectively identify cancer in healthy people. Rather, doctors focus their attention on high-risk patients or on adults with a history of fatigue, weight loss and any change in bodily functioning. True, there are blood tests that can indicate the presence of hidden cancers in the reproductive tract and other organs, but these tests are not reliable or sensitive enough to discover small cancers as part of a general screening procedure. One exception to this observation is the PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) blood test for prostate cancer. It is a good screening tool and, despite the fact that most insurance companies (including Medicare) will not reimburse patients for the cost of annual or bi-annual PSA tests, I routinely order them on any male patient over the age of 50.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from spastic colon. Nothing I do or take in the way of medicine seems to help; I continue to have five bowel movements a day, consisting of small, marble-sized feces. Should I pursue this problem?

DEAR READER: The answer depends on how extensively the problem has been investigated to date. Spastic colon (now termed irritable bowel syndrome) is a diagnosis of exclusion, meaning that other, more serious intestinal disorders must first be ruled out. For example, part of the investigation should include a stool analysis for infection, a sigmoidoscopic examination to check for polyps or inflammation, perhaps a colonoscopy (which is a more involved test), and blood tests to make sure that you don't have pancreatic or thyroid disease.

If you have not had these and other tests, you should. If you have had them, you need — in my opinion — a referral to a gastroenterologist who can confirm the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome and offer advice about how best to cope with this nuisance. IBS is a common disorder (associated with bowel frequency, constipation, gas and bloating) that is related to stress in many cases. It is not harmful to health.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, August 3, 2000

Communication is the key element in the development of many new contacts for you, both socially and professionally, in the year ahead. They'll prove to be productive and beneficial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Expect something good to happen today, because you're on a roll where your major hopes and goals can be realized. There's lots of justification for feeling fortunate. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to wrap things up pertaining to a project that could generate financial returns. Today's aspects are on your side, while postponement could be your nemesis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a good chance that you could meet someone new today who will introduce you and include you in a group you've longed to join. It could be a red-letter day for you in the social sphere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck is poised to do a better job for you today than you're apt to, so it might be a good time to let events control and dictate your course of action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, if you treat everyone with whom you'll be involved as special, it'll add quite a bit of additional luster to your image and help your popularity reach a new high point.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lady Luck could join up with tenacity of purpose today and together operate hand and glove. The trick is for you to begin the process, then the harder you work, the luckier you'll get.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something good is in store for you today that could come about through a person you know socially. You could make a new friend or fall in love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There might be a critical shift in conditions that could begin to develop, starting today. However, the changes will all be working in your favor, not against you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Competent allies will come to your aid today when they see you struggling with something you seem unable to do alone. If you're involved in an important undertaking, ask for help, if necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It won't be simply luck that helps you fulfill your expectations today concerning your commercial or material affairs. Chances are it was a lot of hard work that led up to this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be it an enterprise or a social gathering in which you have a personal hand in directing today, it will have excellent chances for success under your care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may start the day slowly measuring and calculating each step before taking it, but once you get yourself going, you could become an amazingly fast and lucky finisher.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Grasshoppers' onslaught continues

HOUSTON (AP) — The long-running Texas drought is wreaking havoc on a fungus that usually keeps grasshoppers in check, contributing to increased insect populations this summer, agriculturalists say.

Grasshoppers, in what could amount to a $200 million plague in 2000, are ravaging Central Texas farmland that is already besieged by drought, state agriculture officials said Tuesday.

The ravenous insects this year are infesting an unusually large area stretching from College Station west to Comanche. Favorite targets are pastures of coastal bermuda grass and fields of grain sorghum.

But the Texas Department of Agriculture said grasshoppers have also damaged lawns, shrubs and fruit trees.

Extension agent Dan Phillips in Hamilton said the insects in late spring and early summer heavily damaged pastures, forage crops, gardens and orchards.

"It's getting so dry, there's not a lot for them to eat on now," he told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday.

The agriculture department, citing reports from extension service offices around the state, said the heaviest infestations and the most severe damages are in Hamilton, Comanche, Erath, Falls, Bell, Milam, Hood, Coryell, Bosque, Freestone and Brazos counties.

Officials said one reason for the population explosion is that a moisture-craving fungus that usually helps control grasshoppers isn't flourishing this year because of drought.

Texas A&M University entomologists said the state has 140 species of grasshoppers, seven of which are harmful to crops, including the differential, red-legged and two-striped grasshoppers.

Phillips said his area had three consecutive years of weather conditions favorable to grasshoppers. One area problem is a reduction in feed for cattle, sheep and goats.

Thousands of additional job cuts are planned by oil giant

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp., which already had planned to slash about 15 percent of its work force to realize savings from its merger, now wants to trim an additional 4 percent.

With the latest announcement, the world's largest publicly traded oil company will reduce its combined work force by 19,000 employees.

When the merger of Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. was announced in late 1998, the companies had a combined 123,000 employees worldwide.

Annual savings from the merger will exceed the previously estimated $3.8 billion, Exxon Mobil chairman Lee Raymond said Tuesday.

Despite the $85 billion merger and higher income from steep petroleum prices, Exxon Mobil's stock price has risen just 2 percent since the start of this year.

The Irving, Texas-based corporation also said Tuesday it plans to buy back an unspecified number of its shares.

Obituaries

Jane Ann McCarty

1964-2000

Funeral service for Jane Ann McCarty, 36, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jim Mosley, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Ira First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Miss McCarty died Monday, July 31, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born June 22, 1964 in Colorado City, she attended Snyder schools, WTC and was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Vocational Nursing. She had worked closely with hospice and had been a nurse at the Heart of West Texas Home Care in Colorado City for seven years. An LVN, Miss McCarty had also worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Leland and Jane McCarty of Snyder; and two brothers, Ricky Don McCarty of Slaton and Steven L. McCarty of Texas City.

Ila Bee Mitchell

1913-2000

SEMINOLE – Ila Bee Mitchell, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Seminole Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mitchell, 87, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Hawkins, former pastor, officiating.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 1, 1913 in Scurry County, she graduated from Snyder High School and attended Texas Tech University and later became a teacher. During World War II, she worked with the USO.

She married J.D. Mitchell on June 3, 1935 in Lubbock. The Mitchells moved to Seminole in 1946. Mr. Mitchell died in 1972.

She was a member of the Seminole First Baptist Church and was active in the missions program. She also was a member of the Seminole Garden Club and the Seminole Study Club.

Mrs. Mitchell also was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Periman; and six sisters, Lena Pierce, Ogla Spain, Ester Bell, Pearl Nance, Grace King and Vera Holsinger.

She is survived by four sisters-in-law, Arless Periman of Amarillo, Oleta Mitchell and Gladys Williams, both of Snyder, and Ethelynn Mitchell of Lamesa; and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred Green

1902-2000

HASKELL – Mildred Louise Green, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 1 in a Haskell nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Green, 98, was set for 4 p.m. today in the First Christian Church with Dusty Garrison officiating. Burial will follow in the Willow Cemetery.

Born in Haskell, she attended Texas Christian University and was married to Jesse Ray Green who preceded her in death.

A resident of Snyder for 24 years, she was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

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Officers investigate variety of reports

• ***Break in***

Terry Bowden reported the burglary of his 3403 College Avenue automotive business at 8:12 a.m. Tuesday. Money was stolen, and entry was gained by breaking a window.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Lanny Covey came to the police department at 8:26 a.m. Tuesday to report criminal mischief to his company vehicle, a 1997 Chevrolet pickup owned by E.D. Walton. According to the police report, a BB gun possibly caused the damage to the windshield.

• ***Video game taken***

A report for burglary of a residence was taken at 8:04 p.m. Tuesday in reference to someone entering Chris Hollis' residence through a window and taking his Playstation and the games to it.

• ***Vehicle burglarized***

At 10:41 p.m. Tuesday, officers were called to Snyder Lanes where Coilla Smith reported that someone had taken a cell phone, CD player and CDs from a 1995 GMC Suburban.

• ***Disturbance leads to arrests***

Officers responded to a report of subjects creating a disturbance with a customer at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive at 12:55 a.m. today. Officers located the subjects in the 100 block of 37th Street and three males were taken into custody.

An 18-year-old was charged with public intoxication and minor in possession while a 17-year-old was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, public intoxication and minor in possession.

A 16-year-old was arrested for driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession. He was transported to the Scurry County Jail and released to his parents.

One subject was taken into custody at 7:57 p.m. Tuesday in the 900 block of 25th Street. A 17-year-old male was arrested on two Runnels County warrants for theft by check.

• ***Accident***

Officers investigated a mishap that occurred at 7:11 p.m. in the 900 block of 25th Street.

According to police reports, Jason Shane French, 17, of 2911 Avenue U was westbound on 25th Street in a 1982 Ford F-350 pickup towing two trailers when the second trailer disconnected from the first. The second trailer then jumped a curb and struck a telephone pole owned by Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Police officials said the damage was estimated in the thousands and that service in the area could be disrupted for several days.

Southwestern Bell representatives did not return a phone call inquiring the exact dollar amount of the damage and how many customers are affected.

Ritter believes Iraq no longer a threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once one of President Saddam Hussein's chief tormentors, Scott Ritter is now a changed man.

The former U.N. weapons inspector is spending the week in Iraq, convinced that Saddam no longer poses a military threat to his neighbors. The Clinton administration believes Ritter is wasting his time.

Ritter turned up in Baghdad last weekend with a camera crew to videotape weapons sites so he can assess first hand what the Iraqis have been up to since Saddam shut down the U.N. operation in December 1998. Ritter plans to make a documentary in hopes of dispelling what he believes are rumors about Iraq's weapons activities.

The Clinton administration wants to replace the shuttered U.N. operation with a new one that has been authorized by the U.N. Security Council.

National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley believes the replacement agency will be better positioned than Ritter to make judgments about Iraqi military might.

"Having Iraq host Scott Ritter for a 'thanks for the memories' documentary is lovely but it doesn't substitute for full cooperation with the U.N. inspection regime," Crowley says.

"They had the opportunity to cooperate with Ritter when he was actually an inspector but didn't."

Says State Department spokesman Philip Reeker, "I think it's fairly obvious we don't agree with some of the assertions made by Mr. Ritter."

Ritter told The Associated Press in Baghdad on Wednesday that he was never anti-Iraq, but as an inspector he was merely carrying out orders. "I was a professional ... so if I was ordered to do something I did it, and if this meant there was a confrontation so be it," he said.

He said he was happy to have been "liberated from the cloak of being an inspector."

Ritter resigned in a huff two

Births

Billy Jack and Sherry Carroll of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Kathleen Carroll. She was also welcomed by a brother Damian. Jessica weighed eight pounds and was born at 8:13 p.m. on July 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Dale and Susie Turnbo of Snyder and Cecil Carroll of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Russell and Laura Fisk of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Mary Leatherwood of Snyder, Wanda and Dewey Lee of Lubbock, Rosa Fisk of Snyder and the late Don Fisk.

Frances Reeves is SDN winner

Frances Reeves of 511 33rd St. is the July winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Hospital

Admissions: Phoung Chea, Samuel Jones, Twylla Chavez, Selby Johnson, Gary Norwood, Debra Vaughan.

Dismissals: Sally Avila, Sherry Carroll and baby girl, Pat Falls, Gary Norwood.

Census: 37 (Long-term care 24; Medical III 11; OB 1, ICU 1)

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m. though Friday. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

Immunization schedule

There will be no immunizations given this week at the Scurry County Health Clinic.

Children's Crusade

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 South Hwy 208, will hold a Children's Crusade from 6 to 8 p.m. today through Friday. There will be games and refreshments. To ride the van, call 573-5601.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Hamburger supper

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts will host a community hamburger supper at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the student center. All parents and team boosters are urged to attend.

Queen candidate car wash

A car wash for Kira Diaz, queen candidate for Our Lady of Guadalupe, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's. Prices are $5 for cars, $7 for trucks, and $10 for vans and SUVs.

Crystal River concert

Crystal River will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Genesis: A World in Turmoil," followed by "The Goodness and Severity of God."

Locate SJHS homerooms

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 5 and 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10.

School supply donations

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County Child Welfare Board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizen Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

GED Exams

GED exams will be administered Thursday, Aug. 10, and Friday, Aug. 25, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Medical Funds set up

Medical funds have been established at American State Bank and West Texas State Bank for Jamie Justiss to help defray medical expenses. He is the son of Matt and Barbara Arnett of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder.

Discovery School registration

Registration is underway for Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. The school provides quality childcare in small groups for ages six month through pre-K, Monday through Friday. Parents choose the days. Register now from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. as classes start Aug. 14. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Kings Kids opens registration

Registration for Kings Kids at First Baptist Church will be Monday and Aug. 10 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and 5-6 p.m. Registrants enter through the east door. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

WTC success seminar

Success Seminars at Western Texas College will be held Aug. 16-17 for all new student and their parents. Students planning to attend either session must inform the Admissions Office and mail payment by Aug. 11. Call 573-8511, Ext. 230, for registration information.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Cash Five

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

13-17-18-19-20

Pick 3

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

2-7-3