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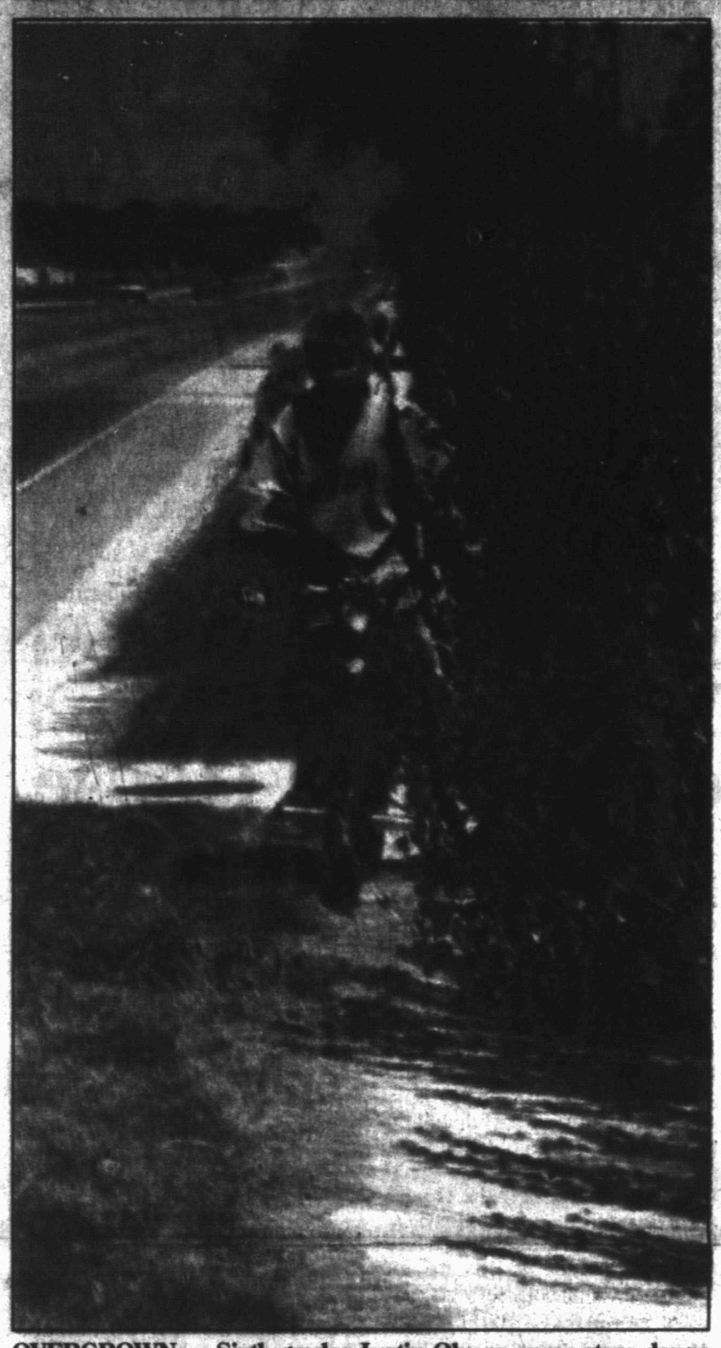
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Home of Mollie Shearer



OVERGROWN — Sixth-grader Justin Olvera encounters dense brush as he rides his bicycle on the 37th Street sidewalks. When the sidewalks were added to the street improvement project, they were touted as being used by walkers and joggers, now several areas are almost impassable. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Canadian apparel firm looks at Lorber facility for expansion

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Representatives with a Canadian apparel manufacturing firm was in Snyder last week looking over the Lorber building as a possible acquisition in order to expand the business.

Edwin Tisch and Sam Yu Sum, both executive vice presidents with Gildan Activewear, toured the building with DCOS executive director John DeLille.

DeLille said the company manufactures sportswear that is distributed throughout the world.

"This company is different than Lorber as it manufactures a final product," said DeLille. "And it sells its products all over the world."

In a message to its shareholders at the end of its past fiscal year, the chairman of the board, H. Greg Chamandy, and its president, Glenn J. Chamandy, said the company had accomplished a number of goals during the past year.

They said the company had achieved its goal of attaining the number one position not only in 100 percent cotton T-shirts, but also the leading market share position of the overall U.S. T-shirt market that consists of both 100 percent cotton T-shirts, and 50-50 percent blended cotton/polyester T-shirts.

"We further increased our existing leadership market share position in the Canadian market, and we doubled our unit sales in Europe," the report said.

In its last fiscal year, the company acquired a yarn facility in Ontario, completed a distribution center in North Carolina, expanded in-house sewing centers in Honduras and Mexico, and began construction of a new textile facility in Honduras.

The company has 7,000 employees worldwide.

DeLille said he is excited about the possibility of reopening the plant as an operating textile facility, and the possibility of expanding the facility is a bonus.

"I believe they would expand the facility to take advantage of economies of scale," said DeLille. "That is the way they make money."

DeLille said three basic problems have to be resolved before an agreement can be reached.

"One of the questions they have concerns labor availability," said DeLille. "They would be seeking to re-hire key personnel who had been at the plant and more personnel if the plant is expanded."

DeLille said the second question concerns electrical rates, while the third is the incentive package.

"For the purpose of creating their pro forma, I suggested they look at the Lorber agreement with the DCOS," said DeLille. "We are also looking at the state incentives and the tax structure."

"I'm very pleased with the quality of this prospect," DeLille said in summing up his visit with the representatives of Gildan.

Lodging tax money is on board agenda

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will review three requests for motel tax money when they meet Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the chamber boardroom.

Tax money paid by lodgers at local motels will be considered to support the chamber's participation in the Air Force open house Aug. 9, the renovation of Deep Creek and the Scurry County Parks Committee.

The board will also review the proposed budget for 2003.

School convocation cancelled this year

Snyder ISD's traditional convocation will not be held this year.

The event had been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 13, but instead all district employees will report to their respective campuses at 9 a.m.

On Monday, the staff will meet at Snyder High School at 8:30 a.m. for a program presented by educators affiliated with Region XIV Education Service Center.

Faculties from Hermleigh, Ira, Sweetwater, Westbrook and Colorado City will also attend the Monday meeting.

John Irving of the education service center will preside over the general session and will present a talk on "Taming the Beast, Making Stress Work for You."

Sessions following will cover such topics as instructional leadership, curriculum alignment, teacher certification and mentoring, safe schools, grant writing, media, technology and special education services.

Lunch will be served to employees on Monday.

The school staff will be on their respective campuses for the remainder of the week with classes starting Monday, Aug. 19.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Conversation is like a white tablecloth. It always looks better when it's clean."

A letter arrived a few days ago from Snyder native Harriett Redwine, now a senior associate with the DLR architectural group in Phoenix.

She wrote: "I know that sometimes you refer in your column to cultural and semi-esoteric tidbits..."

We do?

Redwine enclosed an article about another Snyder native, Dickie Jones, "news about Snyder from another part of the planet. I thought it was a fun article and particularly enjoyed his characterization as being retired and somewhat resenting his acting career. Success, like other things in life, is relative," Redwine concluded.

The article is from Arizona Senior World:

"Every once in a while, I like to focus on celebrities that were never really huge stars, yet they were celebrities in their own right...

"One such was child star Dickie Jones. Best known for his roles in Westerns and as the voice of Pinocchio, Dick resides in Northridge, Calif., is retired and somewhat resents his acting career.

"Dickie Jones was born Feb. 27, 1927 in Snyder, Texas. Dickie had a pony at an early age and became an expert in the saddle, being billed as the World's Youngest Trick Rider and Roper at the Dallas Rodeo. Western star Hoot Gibson took note of the young rider and got Dick a contract in Hollywood.

"In 1934, Dickie made his film debut in Our Gang...For the next 10 years, he appeared in more than 50 A pictures and B westerns...

"In 1940, Dickie achieved his greatest role — that of the voice of Pinocchio...

"In 1942, Jones took over the role of Henry Aldrich in the popular radio program. By 1944, he wanted better roles, but never got them...

"After serving in the army, Dickie returned to Hollywood, only to find acting roles scarce. He supported himself as a carpenter and appeared in only 15 films over the next 17 years. He did, however, land two roles on popular TV westerns, thanks to Gene Autry...It was actually the kiss of death professionally. By the time the five-year contract was over, he had been typecast as an actor for low budget cowboy flicks...

"After his last film in 1965, Jones sold real estate and eventually became a loan officer with a savings and loan. Jones is now retired...happily married, a nice man and a success...

"After all, how many actors were lucky enough to appear in 90 films, bring a cartoon character to life and bypass the tragedies of so many child actors?"

Deep Creek renovation is community project

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler is tired of hearing people talk about the unattractiveness of Deep Creek.

"We can either sit around and complain about it, or we can roll up our sleeves and do something about it."

Fowler said the city approached her about a year ago to determine if the chamber would be willing to spearhead a project to clean up the creek.

So, with seed money provided by the Board of County Development and labor help from Price Daniel work crews and Grimmett Bros., Fowler set out to reshape and remake Deep Creek.

"It's a big eyesore," she said. "The plan is to clean it out and put rocks in there."

The work will extend from the bridge on 25th Street to Winston Park on 37th Street. Fowler said the plan involves widening the creek and lining the bottom with rocks donated by area landowners.

"The rock will keep brush from growing in there," she said. "And there are little springs that will flow into it."

Currently, the creek is V-shaped, and the water stands at two to three feet in some spots. "We hope to get it where it can be maintained and the springs can fill it and it will flow."

She said the lack of vegetation and the presence of the springs will help the creek flow "like a river."

Fowler noted she has received much support from area businesses and private citizens, many of whom have donated money to help with the project. Although the project began with BCD money, Fowler said the city and the chamber have both kicked in funds to further the project.

"We can't afford to hire a consulting firm," she said, adding that the creek must be drained for the work, and the chamber doesn't have the use of a pump. "We can only do a few feet at a time."

Fowler noted that the project has a community feel. "We're trying to use local people," she said. "All the heavy machinery work has been donated."

She credits Billy Grimmett and the prison for all of the work so far. "We've just been overseeing it," she said.

The chamber executive said a good thing about the project is that "once people see it going, they jump on the bandwagon."

Fowler hopes the creek will be completed before this year's White Buffalo Festival in October. "If we make it in time, we will have the festival set up along the banks of the creek."



MANUAL LABOR — While a lot of the work on Deep Creek is being done by heavy machinery, there is a lot of manual labor that has to be done as shown here by part of the outside work crew of the Price Daniel Unit. (SDN Staff Photo)

Season football tickets go on sale

Snyder Tiger football season ticket holders can renew their tickets beginning Monday and continuing through Aug. 16 for the fall season.

Renewals can be made at the administration building during the week from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Cost of the five home game package is $20. Adult pregame tickets will be $4 in advance, and $5 at the gate.

Season tickets that are not sold to current holders will be available to the public on Aug. 19, and will not be available after Aug. 23.

Beginning Aug. 23, tickets will be sold only for that week's game.

Student tickets are $3 in advance and $5 at the gate. Student tickets will be sold on each campus and at the administration building prior to each home game.

The Tigers open their home schedule on Aug. 30 against Frenship. Other home games include Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27 (homecoming), Sweetwater on Oct. 11, Seminole on Oct. 25 and Lamesa on Nov. 1.

Kickoff for all home games is at 7:30 p.m.

ASK US

Q—Is there a central location to donate school supplies for needy children?

A—The chamber of commerce is collecting supplies in conjuction with the SISD community liason office.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 99 degrees; low, 74; 7 a.m. Saturday no precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low lower 70s; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy; high upper 90s; S winds 10-15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy; low lower 70s.



Michelle Flores
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:43 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 207 days in 2002, the sun has shone 200 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Man's real life is happy chiefly because he is ever expecting that it will soon be so.

—Edgar Allan Poe

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Florida agency now faces new complaints

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Florida's child- and family-protection agency is again under fire — this time for the death of an elderly man under the department's care and for an allegation that a case worker was driving drunk with an infant foster child in the back seat.

A Department of Children & Families supervisor resigned following an internal investigation into the death of an elderly man found unconscious with rats eating his feet. The review found the department failed to do enough to protect the man after finding he was living in a rundown home infested with rats and roaches.

On Friday, department officials said they had fired Mirla Pronga, 56, a counselor who was charged with driving under the influence and felony child neglect. Pronga had apparently fallen asleep drunk in her car; officers found the car idling in the middle of the road Thursday and noticed a 7-month-old girl crying in her car seat, police Sgt. Raul Pedroso said.

The department had already come under attack over two recent cases in which department workers allegedly lied about making visits to check up on children.

In one case, the department learned 5-year-old Rilya Wilson had been missing for more than a year; she still has not been found. In the other, a caseworker filed a report saying 2-year-old Alfredo Montez was fine, but police say he was beaten to death before the worker's reported visit.

Internal investigators called for an overhaul of the department's operations and more supervision and training for investigators after looking into the death of Clarence Lewis, 73.

The report was released Thursday by the order of a judge after The Palm Beach Post argued it was a public record.

"The foster care program is in complete shambles, but I think this just verifies that the adult services system is in no better shape," said state Rep. Susan Bucher. "We need to concentrate on fixing both sides."

Samara Navarro, department director of adult services, said the case was complicated because Lewis refused to let an investigator into his home to provide care. The investigator, Joan Karns, could have asked for a mental health evaluation and the department could have gone to court, but Karns did not know those options were available, Navarro said.

Karns will receive additional training, but Navarro said the blame rests with Karns' supervisor, Lois Peterson, who resigned in the middle of the investigation. Peterson did not return phone calls Friday.

Karns had gone out to the elderly man's house three times. A month later, Lewis had a paralyzing stroke. Neighbors called an abuse hot line after they had not seen him for three days. Rats were eating his feet and ears when he was found. He was hospitalized and died Nov. 7.

The department is responsible for caring for frail, elderly and disabled adults who are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation and those who need assistance to remain in their homes.

Navarro insists the mistakes made do not reflect the dedication of most DCF workers, who are burdened by about 18 cases each instead of the recommended 12. She applauded Karns' work, saying "she's exactly the kind of person we want protecting adults in this state."

In the second new incident, Pronga had taken the child from her foster home earlier in the day to visit the baby's natural mother, DCF spokesman Miguel Milanes said. Pronga never arrived at the home of the mother, who called police.

Pronga, of Hialeah, was being held Friday at the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center. She has an unlisted home phone number and it could not be determined if she had an attorney.

DCF Secretary Kathleen A. Kearney said Friday she agreed with Pronga's dismissal. Some DCF critics have called for Kearney to resign.

DCF District Administrator Charles Auslander said he considers Pronga's case to be unrelated to others that have rocked the department.

Gov. Jeb Bush, in the middle of a re-election campaign in which the Democrats have tried to turn the department's troubles against him, demanded last month that the agency check the whereabouts of all 46,000 children under the agency's supervision after Rilya's disappearance was discovered. At least five people have since been accused of falsifying records.

ACT: Disabled students tests won't be flagged

By The Associated Press

The maker of the ACT college entrance test will no longer mark the scores of disabled students who are given extra time as "special," following the lead of its rival SAT exam.

The nonprofit ACT Inc. in Iowa City, Iowa, said it will end the practice — known as flagging — starting with tests taken Sept. 27, 2003.

Among an estimated 2 million ACTs taken in the school year that ended in June, about 30,000 were completed by students who got extra time, said ACT spokesman Ken Gullette.

"Our decision to stop flagging scores comes after a thorough review," Richard Ferguson, chief executive officer of ACT, said in a prepared statement Friday.

Last week, the New York-based College Board said it would end flagging of its SAT college entrance exam, SAT II subject tests, PSAT tests and Advanced Placement exams as of October 2003.

The College Board's action averted a possible lawsuit by Disability Rights Advocates, a nonprofit law firm in Oakland, Calif. The group argued flagging violates federal law, and said last week it would be looking at other test companies, including ACT.

ACT also develops the LSAT, required for law school admission, and the MCAT to enter medical school. Professional organizations oversee those tests, which currently are flagged.

The Law School Admission Council has determined it's legal to flag scores and will continue to do so for now, said Philip Shelton, president of the council. The Association of American Medical Colleges is now actively reviewing its flagging policy, said spokeswoman Retha Sherrod.

Students are granted extra time after producing documented proof they need it. Ferguson acknowledged the new policy might result in more requests — and some without merit — but said that steps already being taken by ACT will continue "to ensure that only those students with legitimate needs are granted additional time."

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Group suing Cheney; process server threatened with arrest at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group suing Vice President Dick Cheney says it was rebuffed by the White House when it tried to provide legal notification to the vice president about the lawsuit.

Judicial Watch said its process server was threatened with arrest by the Secret Service on Monday after the server telephoned the White House from one of the outside gates and was unable to find anyone who would accept a copy of the lawsuit.

Judicial Watch alleges fraudulent accounting practices at Halliburton Corp., the company Cheney ran for five years. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the oil service firm's accounting for construction project overruns.

Cheney counselor Mary Matalin called Judicial Watch's announcement Friday about the process server a "PR stunt" and said the vice president's private attorney would have accepted the legal papers.

Terrence O'Donnell of the Washington law firm Williams & Connolly is Cheney's personal attorney.

Judicial Watch said this is the first time it has ever been turned away by the White House after filing numerous lawsuits over the years against then-President Clinton, the first lady and Vice President Al Gore.

"The Clinton White House accepted the papers," said Judicial Watch chairman Larry Klayman. "Never before have our process servers been threatened with arrest."

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton said that in the Clinton era, "normally someone in the White House would come out to the gate" and accept the papers. According to an affidavit by process server Tom Chedester, one of the guards said he would be arrested if he left the papers with the guard. In an interview, Secret Service spokesman Marc Connolly said the guards are not authorized to accept service.

The group pointed to a section of federal law making it a crime to obstruct a person who is "duly authorized" to serve legal papers of any federal court.

Friendly fire killed deputy, report says

HOUSTON (AP) — The bullet that killed a Harris County deputy while he was responding to a house break-in last month came from a fellow officer's gun, authorities announced Friday.

A ballistic report shows the bullet that killed 29-year-old Shane Bennett was mistakenly fired by fellow Deputy Sean Conrad shortly after the two, along with a third deputy, entered a northeast Harris County home in the early morning hours of June 12 in response to a 911 call.

When the deputies arrived at the home, they heard screaming from inside and forced their way in the house. Ten people, all members of an extended family, were being held at gunpoint. Investigators believe the break-in was drug- and gang-related.

The house was nearly pitch black as Bennett led the deputies single-file into it.

When Bennett stepped through a doorway into the den, a shot was fired and he returned fire, said Harris County Sheriff Department's Capt. Dick Henderson.

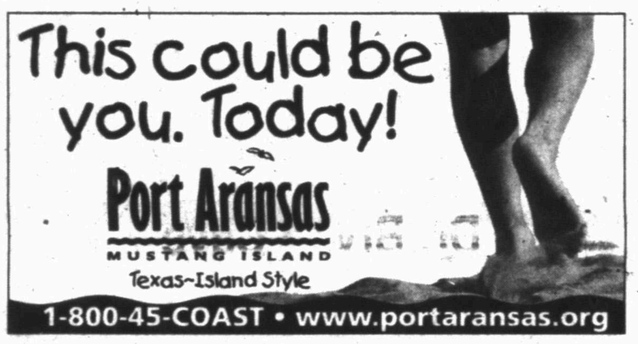
Bennett was hit in the thigh and he went down.

"We believe he got up about three quarters of the way and one of the shots from Deputy Conrad, who was stationed behind him and was also involved in this fire fight, quickly struck Deputy Bennett in the back of the head," Henderson said.

Conrad is back at work, but receiving counseling.

"He's very upset, like I would think any of us would be. He's out there trying to do his job for the citizens of Harris County and this unfortunate accident happened. Yes, he has been very distraught in all of this," said Henderson.

The deputies followed tactical procedures "by the book," he said.



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TEXAS LOTTERY

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Texas Two Step

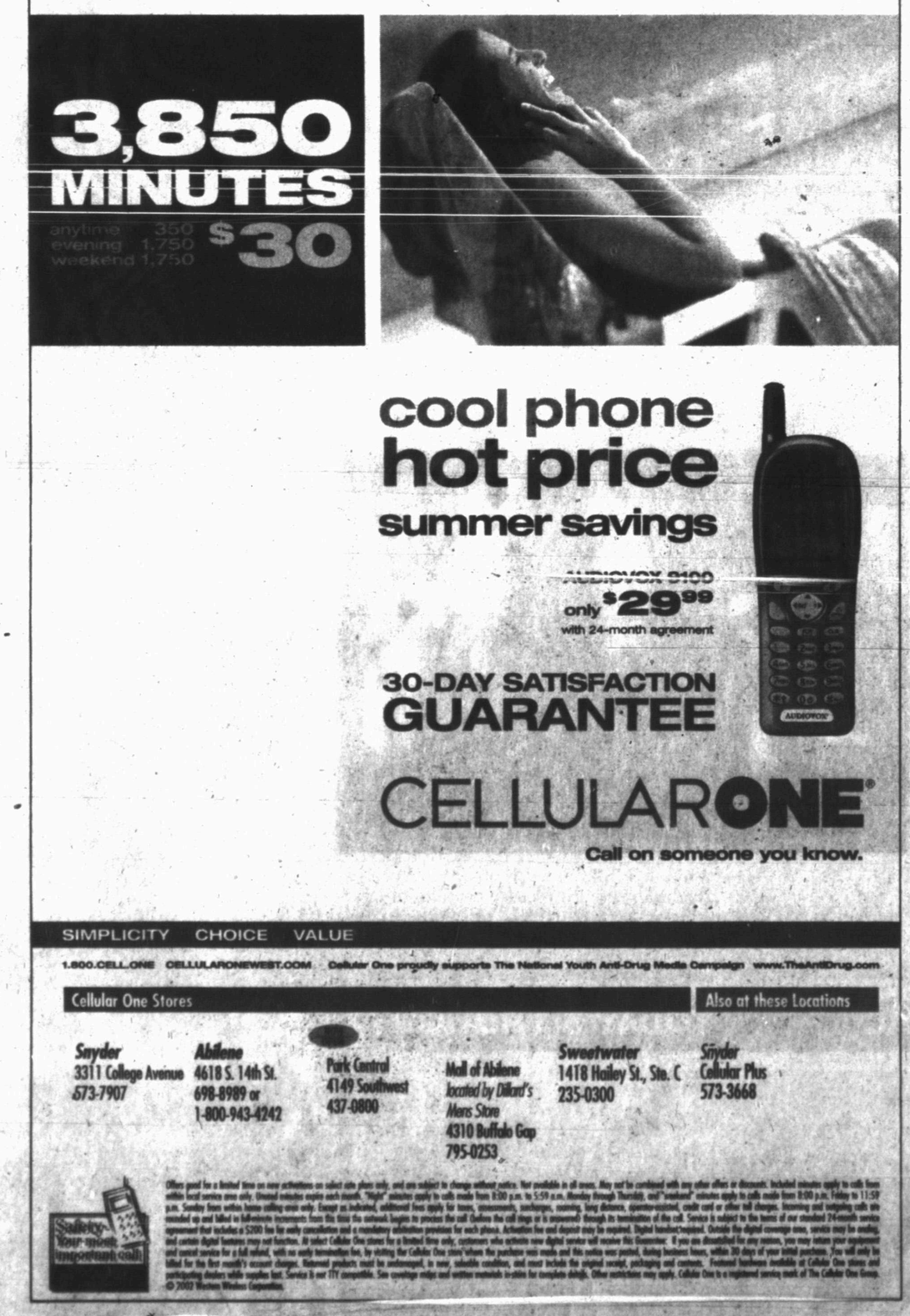
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
18-34-30-27
Bonus number 2
Estimated jackpot: $800,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
2-6-15-16-18

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-2-5



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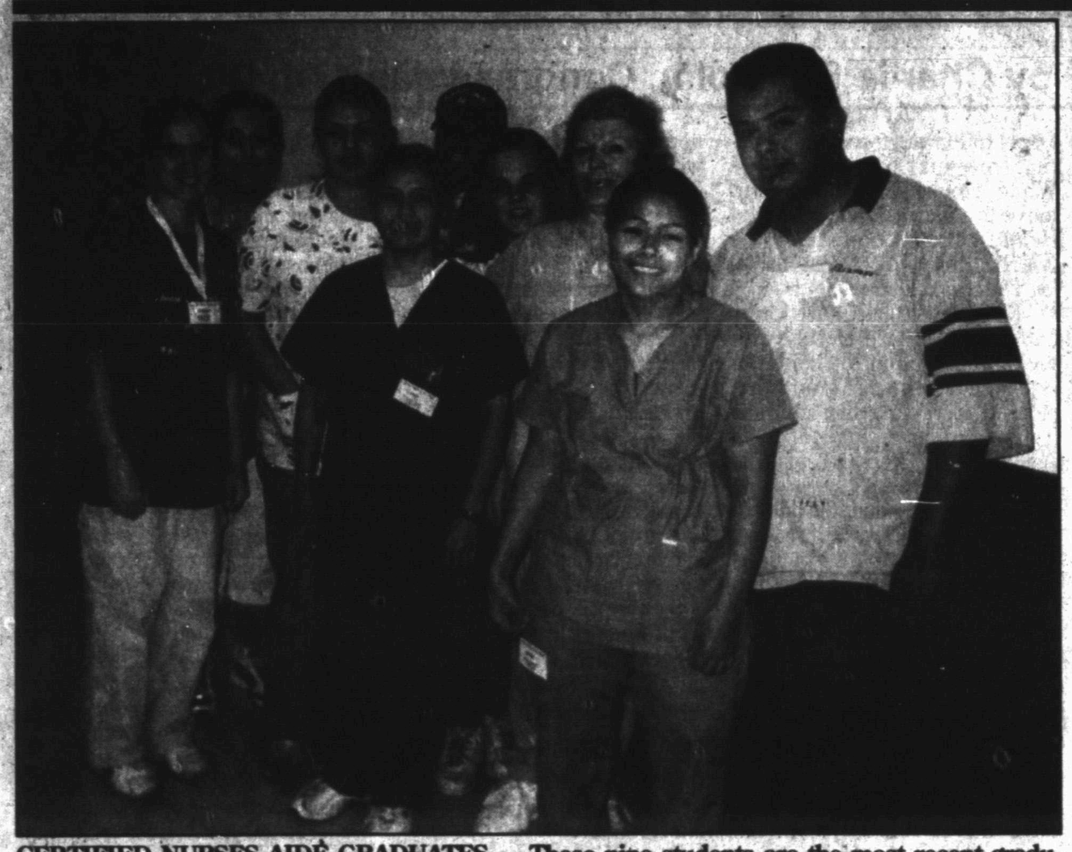
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CERTIFIED NURSES AIDE GRADUATES — These nine students are the most recent graduates of Snyder Oaks Care Center's CNA School. The ceremony was held Saturday and the instructor was Maggie Barnes, RNC. Pictured from left are Amber Russell, Jane Gonzales, Isabel Chairez, Joey Silvera, Amanda Torres, Crystal Elledge, Janet Pinkert, Diana Cole and Sovensky Dickens. (Contributed Photo)

Dentist accused of running over husband three times after fight

HOUSTON (AP) — A dentist who apparently suspected her husband of having an affair has been charged with murder, accused of running him over three times then leaving her silver Mercedes-Benz parked on top of him.

Clara Harris, who has a practice in Lake Jackson, was released Thursday from the Harris County Jail after posting a $30,000 bond. Police say she admitted to running over David Lynn Harris. She told reporters it was an accident.

David Harris, an orthodontist with a practice in Clear Lake City who shared a mansion with his wife and their 3-year-old twin sons in Friendswood, died at a nearby hospital.

Witnesses said Clara Harris ran her husband of 10 years over after a loud confrontation at a high-rise suburban hotel, in front of the man's 16-year-old daughter from a previous marriage. The girl was in the Mercedes when it ran over her father.

Nassau Bay police Lt. Joe M. Cashiola said Clara Harris drove over a median and continued in a circular pattern after running over her husband.

"She jumped the median and ran over him three times," he said. "I saw the daughter lying on the ground, crying uncontrollably and sobbing. She had to watch her dad five feet from her, underneath the car, while they're putting her mom in handcuffs. It was obviously a horrible situation."

Clara Harris, 44, had gone to the hotel because of suspicions that her husband, also 44, was having an affair, Nassau Bay police said.

John Tyler, 31, said he was in his car after a church service at the hotel when he heard a woman screaming. He said he saw two women fighting and David Harris trying to pull his wife off the other woman.

"I jumped in with a buddy of mine to get between them when he (Harris) grabbed his wife by the face," Tyler said. "He kind of put his hands across her face and threw her back."

He said about 10 hotel employees also tried to break up the fight.

At one point, he said, Clara Harris made an announcement that her husband was having an affair with the other woman.

"Every time they pulled her apart she'd kind of go at her again. While all this was happening the teenage girl was actually hitting the dad with her purse. She was screaming, 'I hate you! I hate you! I hate you!' "

Tyler said the scuffle lasted about two minutes.

Brannen finishes training exercise

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Johnny E. Brannen, son of Ruthie A. Rohrbaugh of Holcomb, Kan. and Allison E. Brannen, recently completed two months of training exercises and humanitarian missions in the East Africa nation of Djibouti while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, home ported in Mayport, Fla.

Brannen is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group participating in joint-service, multinational operations in the U.S.-led was against terrorism.

Sailors from Brannen's unit participated in Exercise Djibouti MEUEX 02 which included aviation, amphibious assault, and live-fire and maneuver training.

Additionally, volunteers from the unit conducted engineering, medical and dental projects, and delivered school supplies donated by U.S. citizens from Morehead City, NC.

Brannen is a 1995 graduate of Fort Elliott High Schol in Briscoe and joined the Navy in June 2000.

Janette Allen on Dean's List

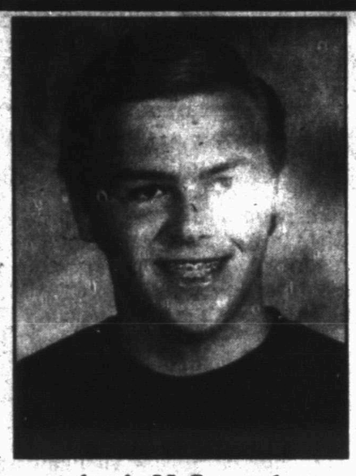
SAN ANTONIO — Janette Allen of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at Trinity University for the 2002 spring semester.

The Dean's List honors Trinity students who maintained a grade point average of 3.65 or better while enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours. A total of 297 students earned this distinction in the spring.

Gryder promoted

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Christopher G. Gryder, son of Kimberly A. and Guy O. Gryder of Snyder, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Anchorage, home ported in San Diego.

Gryder is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School and joined the Navy in June 2000.



Austin McCormack

McCormack recognized

Austin McCormack, a Snyder High School student, has been named a National Award Winner in speech. The recognition is bestowed by the United States Achievement Academy.

McCormack has also been inducted into *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for the second consecutive year.

McCormack will be a junior at SHS this fall. He is a member of the speech team, football team, Student Council and current events team.

He is the son of Danny and Lynda McCormack of Snyder.

20 years possible

MIAMI (AP) — A Uruguayan banker pleaded guilty Friday to trying to smash through a cockpit door on a flight from Miami to South America, stopping only when he was subdued by the co-pilot and passengers.

Pablo Moreira Mosca, 29, faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on a charge of interfering with an airline crew.

Moreira kicked and crashed into a reinforced cockpit door at least six times and got his upper body into the cockpit on a United Airlines flight from Miami to Argentina in February. The co-pilot hit him with the blunt end of an ax and passengers pinned him.

"I wanted to destroy everything," Moreira told others after he was sedated.

Moreira has no ties to any terrorist groups, prosecutors said.

Lawyers are asked to testify

DALLAS (AP) — Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he supports current attorney general John Cornyn's request to question under oath five personal-injury lawyers Morales hired to negotiate Texas' massive settlement with tobacco companies.

Cornyn has requested a hearing to find out if Morales demanded political contributions from the five lawyers in exchange for collecting $3.3 billion in legal fees from the $17.3 billion settlement.

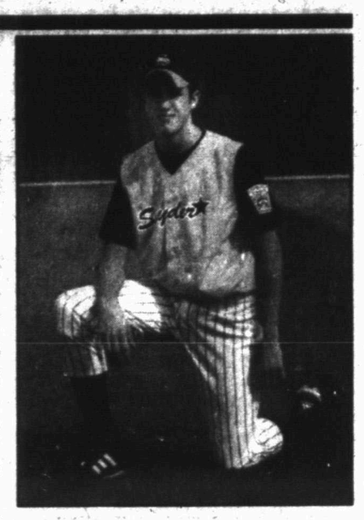
"I do not see any justification for delay," Morales, who has denied any wrongdoing, said in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "I think that rather it would serve the public interest for these matters to be addressed and resolved as soon as possible."

Cornyn, a Republican now running for U.S. Senate against Democratic opponent Ron Kirk, has long questioned the circumstances under which the lawyers were hired. Morales is a former Democratic official who lost his party's gubernatorial primary to Tony Sanchez.

The lawyers have denied any wrongdoing but have resisted Cornyn's request for depositions, filed in April 2000 in state district court. They said the proper place is in the federal court in Texarkana, where the tobacco settlement was reached.

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The basic monetary unit of Qatar is the riyal, and its chief fractional unit is the dirham.



Barrett Bowlin

Bowlin wins math award

Barrett Bowlin, Snyder Junior High School student, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. The Academy has also named him a National Award winner in mathematics.

Bowlin is the son of Debbie Bowlin and Barrie Bowlin. Grandparents include Vergie Howard and Bill Bowlin. All are from Snyder.

Man is sentenced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A gang member who killed the 20-year-old granddaughter of former Police Chief Bernard Parks was sentenced Friday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Samuel Sharad Shabazz was given eight additional consecutive life sentences and 115 additional years for eight attempted murders in a series of drive-by shootings.

A jury earlier this month convicted Shabazz, 20, of the crimes.

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Two from Scurry become troopers

AUSTIN — Two residents of Scurry County have graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's '121st Training Academy.

They are Zachary Tobias Zalman of Snyder and Michael Shane Bearden of Ira.

"Every new graduate is one more soldier for the citizens of Texas in the war on crime in the Lone Star State," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director.

State Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, addressed the graduating class at Toney Burger Center in Austin.

DPS assistant directors Lt. Col. Frankie Waller and Lt. Col. David McEathron also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the nation.

The cadets entered the Academy in January and completed 1,214 hours of instruction — more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education.

Trooper Zalman will be assigned to Canadian and Trooper Bearden will be assigned to Roby.

Rare bacterial infection kills one boy

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — One central Florida boy died and another was in critical condition Friday after they contracted rare infections while swimming in nearby lakes.

A 12-year-old boy from Oviedo died at Florida Hospital-Orlando on Friday of primary amebic meningoencephalitis, a rare brain infection that is contracted from amoebas, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The boy had inhaled some of the microscopic one-celled organisms while he swam in the Conway chain of lakes northeast of Orlando, hospital officials said.

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Financial Focus

Can Home Improvements Give You Tax Benefits?

Your home probably will be the biggest investment you ever make. And, in many ways, it's an investment that will reward you. For one thing, most homes tend to appreciate over time. Furthermore, your house can give you something you always need — tax benefits.

Of course, you already know that your mortgage interest is tax-deductible. But you may not have realized that home improvements, under some circumstances, can also help you at tax time.

The clearest tax benefits resulting from home improvements can be achieved through a home-equity loan used to pay for these improvements. You can generally get this type of loan at a competitive rate, and, more importantly, the interest on the loan may be tax-deductible. Keep in mind, however, that when you take out a home equity loan, you're pledging your house as collateral. That's why you have to be sure you can afford the loan payments.

If you don't take out a home equity loan to pay for home improvements, are they still tax deductible? They could be. If you run a business from your home, of if you rent out part of it, then part of your home improvements may be considered business expenses, and you can deduct them through depreciation. You'll need to be cautious, however, about what you claim — the IRS may have different definitions of "business expenses" than you do. Your tax advisor can help you make the right decisions. If you don't use your home to operate a business, and you have no renters, then your home improvements are typically not tax deductible - but they can help you from a capital gains standpoint.

Basically, your capital gains are the difference between your house's cost basis" — its value at the time you purchased it - and the price for which you sold it. So, if you bought your house for $100,000, and you sold it for $300,000, you'd have a capital gain of $200,000. But home improvements can add to the cost basis of your home. Suppose you added a deck, outdoor lights and a sun room, and you completely modernized your kitchen. Together, these improvements increased the cost basis of your home to $200,000. Now, if you were to sell the house for $300,000, you'd only have a $100,000 capital gain — half of what it was before your home improvements.

Actually, either capital gain — $100,000 or $200,000 - might be irrelevant, because you can generally exclude up to $500,000 of capital gains on a house sale, as long as you're part of a married couple filing jointly. If you're a single filer, you can exclude $250,000. (To qualify for this exclusion, you must have used the home as your principal residence at least two out of the five years preceding the sale.)

Given these high exclusion figures, is it even worthwhile to think about the impact of out-of-pocket home improvements on your tax situation? Yes — because you never know. If you stay in a house for a very long time, and if you live in an area in which housing prices steadily go up, then you may someday find yourself bumping up against the capital gains limits. If that happens, you'll be glad you invested in the garage, the gazebo, the patio and the porch.

Ag Talk by Charlie Stenholm, Congressman 17th District

USDA Asking for Farm Records

The USDA is in the process of contacting farmers to request that they verify and update records on planted and prevented planted acres filed with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This information is required by the 2002 Farm Bill, and USDA says it must be correct in order to receive accurate direct and counter-cyclical payments in the near future.

The FSA has mailed letters to producers all across the country asking for their updates.

The letter includes a summary acreage history report showing the acreage of covered commodities reported to FSA. The information included will be planted acres and/or acres prevented from being planted for 1998 through 2001.

If the information is correct, producers do not need to take any action. However, if the information is wrong, producers will need to provide verifiable documentation of acreage and yields to their local FSA office by August 31. Verifiable documentation may include seed receipts, production records and crop insurance records.

APHIS & Homeland Security

On the subject of the president's efforts to establish a Department of Homeland Security, you may recall that the White House had planned to move the entire Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) from USDA to a Homeland Security Department.

The House Agriculture Committee has worked closely with the administration to refine the President's proposal, and I am pleased to report that administration officials agreed to a scaled-baked version of this move.

Under the revised proposal, the specialized border inspection and enforcement functions of USDA, as well as the Plum Island Disease Facility, would be moved to the new department.

The Agriculture Committee's proposal is consistent with the president's goal of unifying the border and transportation security functions of many federal agencies.

Under the revised proposal regarding APHIS, some of the programs that would remain at USDA include: those aimed at protecting livestock from predators; eradication of boll weevils, fruit flies, and brucellosis; controlling rabies in wildlife; negotiating with foreign countries on technical requirements for U.S. exports and imports; biotechnology; and animal welfare.

Peanut Data Verification

Secretary Veneman announced that peanut producers with a qualifying peanut acreage history will soon be asked to update their peanut acreage history and yield information with the FSA.

The information will be used to determine each peanut producer's peanut base and yield for direct and counter-cyclical payments for 2002 through 2007 under the recently passed farm bill.

As many of you know, the farm bill makes significant changes in the peanut program and provides direct and counter-cyclical payments to eligible peanut producers.

Signup will begin this fall, and so producers should review and help update this information now so that payments can be issued more promptly.

FSA county employees are now updating these figures and will send letters to producers with their acreage and yield information.

If this information is incorrect, producers need to provide verifiable documentation of their acreage and yields to their local FSA office by August 5.

U.S. Farm Production Expenses Up

USDA Reports that U.S. farm production expenditures totaled $197 billion in 2001, up 3.9 percent from the previous year.

The largest contributors to the increase in expenses were tractors and self-propelled machinery, seeds and plants, labor, and farm services. These increases more than offset a 7.1 percent decrease in farm improvements and construction.

Optimistic Outlook for Agriculture Trade

According to the Agricultural Outlook 2002-2007 Report, world agricultural prices should gradually rise from their current weak levels as the economic recovery strengthens at the end of this year and into 2003.

The report forecasts a larger price increase for certain meats and dairy products than for cereals and oilseeds. Much of this will be due to stronger demand and increasing imports in rapidly developing countries.

The growth in trade of livestock products and feed stuffs will continue to be faster than that of food grains. Yield and productivity, rather than increased land use, will contribute most to crop expansion.

British Generating Electricity From Manure

Last week, I mentioned how the British are using innovative new ways to produce energy. This week, Britain opened the first ever manure-based power station.

The plant, which will use manure from 28 local dairy farms, is expected to feed enough electricity into the National Grid to light about 900 homes. The manure is fermented, which releases the methane gas that will be used to fire electrical generators.

Our British cousins have been very innovative in terms of energy production and, as I've said before, we are going to have to be equally innovative if we are going to lessen our dependence on foreign energy sources and meet the future energy needs of our great nation.

I look forward to seeing many of you in August when I'm home for the Congressional recess.

Texas engineering board approves A&M bonfire deal

AUSTIN (AP) —The Texas Board of Professional Engineers on Friday approved an agreement with Texas A&M University that bars the school and its officials from being disciplined by the board for the 1999 bonfire collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others.

The agreement requires that school officials mandate that any future bonfire be designed and supervised by a licensed professional engineer. The annual bonfire has been put on hold since the logstack collapsed Nov. 18, 1999.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen had indicated in June 2000 that the bonfire would not return unless it was professionally designed and safely built.

The 4-2 vote angered several relatives of those killed who pleaded with the board to review more information before making a decision.

Many complained the investigation put too much blame for the collapse on the victims instead of the university.

"I am ashamed today. I am ashamed to be an Aggie and I am ashamed to be a Texan," said Irwin Tang, an A&M graduate who wrote a book about the collapse, "The Texas Aggie Bonfire: Tradition & Tragedy at Texas A&M."

"I realize this is a sensitive matter, an emotional matter," said board chairman James Nichols of Fort Worth, who abstained from the vote. "Our heart goes out to the families of people who were involved in the bonfire accident."

Under the agreement, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers would not discipline the university, Bowen or two other officials named in a complaint filed after the collapse.

Bowen welcomed the decision.

"We are obviously pleased to have brought this matter to an equitable resolution," Bowen said. "Although questions had arisen about (the board's) jurisdiction regarding Bonfire, we always strive to cooperate with other state entities, and especially when safety issues arise."

Sean Breen, an Austin attorney whose brother Christopher died in the collapse, filed the complaint at the center of the agreement.

It alleged that Texas A&M and its leaders violated sections of the Texas Engineering Practice Act because they allowed non-engineers to build the 1999 bonfire.

The board has the authority to levy up to $3,000 in fines and revoke engineering credentials.

After the fatal collapse, the board investigated whether the university or its officials should be disciplined. The school maintained that decisions regarding stack design or placement of the logs were made by volunteers and that its involvement was unrelated to the planning, design, organization and construction of the bonfire.

In accepting the agreement, the board noted that Texas A&M will assume responsibility for any future bonfires and that any disciplinary action likely would have been challenged in court.

"We believe that it is in the best public interest to accept Texas A&M's voluntary compliance rather than take administrative action against the university, considering the uncertain outcome and high cost to the state," said Victoria Hsu, executive director of the engineering board.

Board member Danny Perkins of Houston said the board's role was limited to action based on the Engineers Practice Act.

"It's just as simple as that," Perkins said.

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Senior Center News

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We offer transportation during the morning. Seniors can be scheduled to ride the morning route to the center and return home after the noon meal. The transportation is also available for those who need a ride to therapy, the doctor, or the grocery store. Please phone the center for assistance a day in advance of needed service.

The "Old Sorehead Band" from Stanton will entertain us July 30 at 11 a.m. in the dining room. They are a wonderful group similar to our Kitchen Band. Make plans to attend and join us for lunch.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues until noon. Join us. Juanita Ellington leads the daily exercise program. The exercises are very mild and seniors may participate at their own speed

TUESDAY

Join us for eighty-eight play from 10 a.m. until noon. Don't miss the Old Sorehead Band from Stanton. The Golden K Kiwanis invites all seniors to join them for lunch followed by their business meeting and program

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool is 9–10 a.m. Join us and stay for bingo the remainder of the morning. Double Pinochle is in the bridge room from 1–3 p.m. Line dancing and clogging in the dining room also begin at 1 p.m

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
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Spinach
Tomato Wedges
Peanut Butter Cookie

TUESDAY
Braised Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli w/Cheese
Waldorf Salad
White Cake
w/Cream Cheese Frosting

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Chicken w/Gravy
Cottage Fries
Golden Carrots
Tossed Salad
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

What is a sulfite?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am allergic to sulfites and would like to know if they're in all alcoholic beverages or only wines. What is a sulfite, and what foods should I avoid? I hope you can shed some light on the subject. — **L.B., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear L.B.: Sulfites are effective preservatives against bacteria and molds. They can also help prevent discoloration (oxidation) in some foods, be used as a dough conditioner, discourage unwanted growth of microorganisms in wine, and help maintain the stability and potency of certain medications. Sulfite preservatives include sodium sulfite, potassium sulfite, sodium metabisulfite, potassium metabisulfite and sulfur dioxide.

In the past, they were commonly used to keep fruits and vegetables looking fresh, and they are currently used in dried fruits to allow a longer shelf life. Without sulfiting agents, fruit would need to be dried to a leather-like consistency to assure protection against mold.

Sensitivity to sulfite preservatives can develop at any point in life, and, if you are sensitive, eating food with sulfites might cause headaches, hives or shortness of breath. Sulfites are safe for most people, but the Food and Drug Administration estimates that one out of 100 people is sulfite-sensitive, and that 5 percent of those who have asthma are at risk of suffering an adverse reaction to sulfites.

In response to consumer concerns about sulfite sensitivity, the FDA has banned their use on fresh fruits and vegetables (except potatoes), but they are still used in dried fruits, beer and wine. If sulfiting agents are present, food manufacturers must disclose this fact on the label. When foods are sold in bulk, it is the store manager's responsibility to see that there is some sort of sign or label to indicate when sulfites have been used in a particular product.

Caution makes sense for those with sulfite sensitivity — particularly those who have asthmatic reactions. The appropriate medications should be on hand when eating out or trying new foods.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there any scientific information on tupelo honey? The article posted on the Internet by the manufacturing company claims that the honey's high levulose/low dextrose ratio makes it safe for some diabetics to eat it. I wonder if there has been any research on these claims. — **N.G., Carlsbad, Calif.**

Dear N.G.: Levulose is another name for fructose (fruit sugar), and dextrose is the same as glucose (human blood sugar). Most honeys have more fructose than glucose, but it would appear that tupelo honey tends to have more fructose than other varieties.

Does this make it safer for diabetics? It's doubtful. There is no magic (or science) here. Adjustments can be made for a small amount of honey when it's used as a minor ingredient, but a simple sugar such as honey — whether it is tupelo honey or clover honey — can have a dangerous impact on a diabetic's blood-sugar level. Those with type 1 (insulin-dependent) diabetes need to be especially wary. If you have specific questions for your particular situation, it would pay to consult with a registered dietitian.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: One cup of cooked potatoes (150 grams, or about 3.5 ounces) is supposed to contain about 15 milligrams of vitamin C. This amount is what should be in baked potatoes or French fries, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The nutritional authorities with whom I have checked tell me that heat destroys vitamin C, yet cooking baked (and French-fried) potatoes exposes them to a lot of heat. Are these "heated" potatoes still a good source of vitamin C? I would appreciate your comments regarding this inconsistency. — **V.J., Mill City, Ore.**

Dear V.J.: The intense heat involved in the preparation process does indeed destroy a number of vitamins, including vitamin C and thiamin (vitamin B1). There is no apparent inconsistency here, as the USDA figures reflect about a 50-percent reduction of the amount of vitamin C found in a raw potato. Baked potatoes and French fries have about the same amount of vitamin C.

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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Suspect leads police to body of missing girl from St. Louis

VALLEY PARK, Mo. (AP) — A 6-year-old girl vanished from a suburban St. Louis home Friday and was killed by a man who had stayed there overnight, police said.

Cassandra Williamson was reported missing Friday morning from her father's home. Police said the suspect, a 24-year-old local transient who had slept on the couch, later told them the girl's body was at an abandoned glass factory a few blocks away.

A group of search volunteers who had been going door-to-door arrived about the same time as investigators at the factory, where the girl's body was found.

Late Friday night, Cassandra's parents went to the crime scene and identified the body, said James McCrady, a St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office investigator. The parents, hugging and crying, later were chauffered away behind the coroner's van carrying their daughter's body.

St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battelle said Johnny Johnson was arrested but charges had not yet been filed. Johnson spent the night at a home shared by Cassandra's father, Ernie Williamson, and a roommate, the father said.

Ernie Williamson and Cassandra's mother, Angela Williamson, had separated but still spent some nights together at a neighbor's home, where Ernie Williamson had been staying for about a week. Thursday night, the entire family stayed at the home — Ernie and Angela Williamson and their four children.

Police described Johnson as a local transient who sometimes slept in the factory. Ernie Williamson said he had only known Johnson a few days and that his roommate and Johnson were up late drinking the night before. He said Johnson was sleeping on the couch Friday morning.

Authorities said Cassandra was in the kitchen around 7:30 a.m. with her father. Williamson said he was about to pour his daughter a bowl of cereal and left the room briefly to go the bathroom. When he returned, the girl, barefoot and dressed in a white nightgown, had disappeared.

The father said he also noticed that Johnson was gone. About a half-hour later, Williamson said, Johnson returned to the house, wet and muddy, and said he had been swimming in the nearby river. Police began questioning him soon after he returned.

Before the body was found, Cassandra's mother, Angela, said, "She never walks off without telling me she's going somewhere. She doesn't even go to her friend's house without telling me she was going. I just want my baby."

As word of the disappearance spread, volunteers began joining in the search, which also included helicopters and bloodhounds. Many were looking around an area along the Meramec River, which runs through Valley Park in southwest St. Louis County.

Several cases of child abductions involving young girls have been in the news in recent weeks.

Cassandra, who would have been a first-grader in the fall, had been chosen as the kindergartner to represent a new generation and launch a handful of balloons as part of a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at school, said Valley Park School District spokeswoman Barbara Roux.

"She was thrilled. She just wanted to do it perfectly," Roux said. "She kept asking, 'Am I standing right?' She just wanted it to be perfect, and she was perfect."

Neighbors: Church collapse could have been prevented

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Gwendolyn Gray was reading the Bible in her blue minivan with her daughter, niece and a boy her family had taken in when the roof of their 81-year-old church began to crumble and a chunk of the outside wall fell.

The van suffered the brunt of the falling bricks. The Rev. James Gray, who was in another van parked behind his wife, saw the collapse that killed his family.

As the minister and parishioners prepared for a Saturday funeral service for the victims, neighbors said the tragedy last Sunday was preventable.

Francine Cody, whose mother lives next-door to the church, said he reported to the city her fear that it might collapse.

"The black paper and stuff was flying off the roof onto my mother's house. That was the first thing," Cody said. "Then there was this V-shaped sag in the side of the building."

The city had long known the two-story church was in bad shape.

It was scheduled for a series of inspections in early July, but an inspector who went to the church left when no one answered the door, authorities said.

The congregation knew the building needed repairs, too, but with only about three dozen members, they had trouble raising the money for the work.

The church was built in 1921 when its poor, inner-city neighborhood was seeing better days, and was originally called Central Baptist Church. The Hyde Park congregation had been meeting there for several years.

Parishioners had been meeting for the past several weeks in the church basement because of the leaking ceiling, Tennail said. A repairman hired to work on the roof covered it with tarps and then disappeared with the church's $3,000 down payment, members said.

After the collapse, Environmental Court Judge Larry Potter ordered the city to demolish the top floor of the church to remove the chance of further collapse.

The congregation will pay for that work, but Potter said he hoped other churches in the city would consider donations "to come to the aid of these good people."

Egyptian doctor of conjoined twins receives operation OK

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian religious authorities and the family of a set of 1-year-old twin boys joined at the head want risky separation surgery to be performed on the babies, the doctor caring for the boys said on Friday.

Dr. Nassr Abdel Al said Egypt's grand mufti, Sheikh Mohamed Ahmed el-Tayeb, gave him "his blessings" to go ahead with the surgery to separate Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim, who are connected at the crown of their heads.

"Our main concern was the mufti's (opinion). Now that we have (his) green light there is nothing else to be done," Abdel Al told The Associated Press. "The family is (also) giving us full backing whatever the results," Abdel Al said.

Doctors in the United States concluded earlier this month that separating the twins might be successful, but could result in the deaths of one or both. The twins could live if nothing is done, but questions have been raised as to the quality of life they would be expected to enjoy if they remained joined.

The issue has sparked debate in medical and religious circles in Egypt and America as how to proceed and whether one life should be sacrificed at the expense of another.

The babies and their Egyptian doctors flew to Texas last month for evaluation by craniofacial surgeon Dr. Kenneth Salyer and a team of specialists at the Dallas-based North Texas Hospital for Children.

Salyer said that while a good portion of each brain is separate, the attachment in their heads is extensive and includes the connection of blood vessels.

Conjoined twins are highly rare. They form when a fertilized egg fails to fully separate, unlike identical twins that develop when the egg splits into two embryos early during pregnancy.

Abdel Al returned to Cairo in early July to consult with religious and medical experts and the twins' family about how to proceed. He met Wednesday with el-Tayeb, who became Egypt's top cleric in March.

El-Tayeb has the power to issue religious edicts, or fatwas, which are followed by conservative Muslims and sanction or prohibit acts according to Islamic sharia law.

"We obtained his OK and blessings to go ahead with the operation," according to Abdel Al, who heads the neonatal surgery unit at Abu el-Reesh Hospital in Cairo, where the twins had been cared for since shortly after their birth.

The surgeons "were justified" to perform the operation if it meant at least one of the twins may live, Abdel Al quoted el-Tayeb as saying. The mufti's sole proviso was that the surgery would not be "experimental."

The AP was unable to obtain a copy of the mufti's fatwa Friday, a weekly public holiday in Egypt.

The boys were born June 2, 2001 by Caesarean section to the wife of a laborer in Qus, a town about 500 kilometers (300 miles) south of Cairo.

Abdel Al is waiting for U.S. doctors to set a date for further tests to give an idea of how the surgery will proceed. This should be within two weeks, he said.

Abdel Al said he spoke to Slayer recently, who sounded more optimistic about the babies' case.

"That is why I am going back (to the States) on this optimistic note," he said.

Charges will be dismissed against star

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. (AP) — Charges against heavy metal singer Sebastian Bach that stemmed from a bar fracas will be dismissed if he stays out of trouble for the next year.

The former Broadway star and lead singer of Skid Row, whose real name is Sebastian Bierk, was granted a conditional discharge of terroristic threats and drug possession charges during a municipal court hearing on Monday.

The discharge is the municipal court equivalent of pretrial intervention, in which charges against a first-time offender are expunged from his record if he does not commit another crime.

Authorities said Bach was at the Lincroft Inn in March when he went outside with a drink. He became angry when a bartender told him he had to come back inside, police said.

Bach, 33, told police who arrived at the restaurant that he was going to return to his Middletown home, get a gun and shoot a bartender and others in the bar area, authorities said.

Bach has appeared on Broadway in "The Rocky Horror Show" and "Jekyll & Hyde."

Re-sentencing set

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A female teacher who had a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old boy should have been sentenced to prison, not probation, a state appeals court ruled Friday.

The court agreed with prosecutors that Judge Bruce A. Gaeta was wrong to give Pamela Diehl-Moore five years of probation.

The judge caused a furor when he said at the sentencing that the relationship may have been a way for the boy to "satisfy his sexual needs." The judge was reassigned to civil court and is under investigation by a state panel.

Diehl-Moore will be sentenced again by another judge.

Diehl-Moore's attorney had argued that going to jail could be like a death sentence for the 43-year-old woman, who attempted suicide a month after pleading guilty.

The sexual relationship began in 1999 after the boy passed Diehl-Moore's seventh-grade class. It lasted about six months. Under state law, a 13-year-old cannot legally consent to sexual activity.

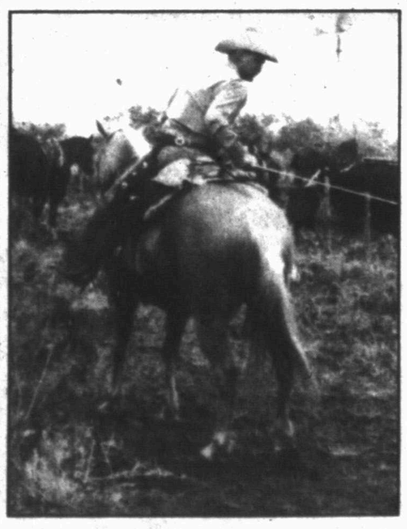


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SPORTS

Longhorns hope to ride Simms to national title

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas quarterback Chris Simms doesn't have Major Applewhite looking over his shoulder this season. The demanding Longhorn fans are still there.

While happy that the focus is no longer on who will be the starting quarterback, Simms acknowledged Friday at the Big 12 Media Day that Applewhite would be handy to have around this season as the Longhorns try to match the baseball team's national championship.

"People say you got that off your chest," Simms said. "Maybe that's true in some ways, but in other ways Major was a great help. He was another set of eyes coming off the field. He was someone you could trust.

"He really helped me, but the great thing is now we can talk about the team. The attention isn't focused on two guys."

Applewhite's departure still leaves Simms, son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, facing great expectations. The Longhorns have plenty of firepower — so much that coach Mack Brown thinks the Longhorns can challenge for national supremacy.

"I know that I have a lot to prove," Simms said. "I know the situation I'm in and a lot of it is because my last name is Simms.

"People maybe expect more of me. That's part of being quarterback at Texas. We simply move on and worry about playing and nothing else."

Applewhite graduated with legendary status, holding school records for touchdown passes (60), passing yards (8,353) and total offense (8,059).

Simms is well down the chart in all three categories and also must overcome his performance late last season.

After Simms threw three interceptions in the Big 12 championship game against Colorado, Applewhite almost rallied Texas to victory.

In the Holiday Bowl, Applewhite started and led the biggest comeback in Texas history, rallying the Longhorns from 19 points down to a 47-43 victory over Washington in the final game of his career.

The Colorado loss stuck with Simms for a while.

"I was shaken, but that's part of being a quarterback," Simms said. "I think I went through several stages before I became myself again. The week after the Big 12 championship was tough for me, mainly because we were off.

"Usually, I'd have gone to practice to take my mind off what happened. Once we started practicing for Washington, and in the spring, it gradually left my mind."

Brown wants his quarterback thinking only about the season, not Heisman Trophy talk or even who might be among the favorites.

Asked about Heisman possibilities, Simms started to answer, "I don't know off the top of my head, but if I had to pick two guys, I'd..."

"You shouldn't," Brown interrupted. "Doing things off the top of your head can be dangerous."

"Right," Simms said. End of subject.

Simms has produced some outstanding numbers. He's 15-4 as a starter. Last season, Simms threw a school record 22 touchdown passes and his 58.3 percent career completion average is a Texas record.

"I'm not going to grade my career," Simms said. "The most important thing is that I've learned so much from all the ups and downs. That's part of being a quarterback, especially a young one."

With Simms returning, Brown thinks the Longhorns are in a group of teams that can compete for the No. 1 berth.

"Last year's team had a chance to make a run but before that we didn't, the first two teams weren't good enough," Brown said. "Now I feel we're in a mix with eight or 10 teams that could win it.

"Everything has to go well. Coach (Darrell) Royal told me he won three national championships and lost five. There are a lot of great coaches who never won a championship.

"Hopefully, we'll have the mix every year to compete for the national championship."



GETTING THE LINE — Mark Seale looks over the shoulder of his son, Blake, as they read a putt Saturday morning during the SCGA Adult-Child Golf Tournament. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lugo, Astros slip past Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Patience was the key to Julio Lugo's game-winning hit.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth Lugo singled to center to score the winning run as the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 Friday night.

"I was waiting for a fastball and I got one. He came inside and missed a few spots, then I got the one I wanted and hit it up the middle," Lugo explained.

Brad Ausmus walked with one out in the ninth against Scott Sauerbeck (3-1) and moved to second on a groundout, setting the stage for Lugo.

"We've had some big hits from a lot of guys this year, but two outs in the bottom of the ninth, it doesn't get much bigger," Houston manager Jimy Williams said. "He drove in the winning run, that was a great at-bat."

Sauerbeck was trying to surprise Lugo with a fastball.

"I threw him three straight curveballs. I thought the change of speed with the fastball might get him," Sauerbeck said. "It was a fastball up. I was behind and I really wanted to get him so I wouldn't have to face the big boys behind him."

After Billy Wagner (3-2) allowed a game-tying homer to Aramis Ramirez in the ninth, the Astros won it in the bottom half to reach .500 for the first time since May 18.

"I was excited about facing him, those are the guys you want to face, power hitters," Wagner said. "You've just got to go out and go after them. I threw the pitch I wanted to throw. When you've got a fastball like mine you've got to throw it."

Daryle Ward hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give the Astros a 3-2 lead before Ramirez tied it with his fourth homer of the season.

Pittsburgh starter Josh Fogg allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. The loss is the fourth straight for Pittsburgh.

"All of the losses are frustrating. The close ones are tough. Fogg threw the ball outstanding. It is unfortunate that we were not able to close it down for him," Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Abraham Nunez went 2-for-4 with an RBI double for the Pirates.

In his first start since going on the disabled list with a strained muscle in his rib cage May 26, Houston's Dave Mlicki allowed two runs, one earned and two hits in six innings.

"It's a character builder for this team. Anything we do is not easy, but we've been getting a lot of different people coming through for us," Mlicki said. "It has been and odd season. I guess we need something like this to test our characters."

In the third inning, Jason Kendall got the Pirates' first hit, a single, and was followed by Nunez's RBI double.

Nunez then scored from second when a grounder bounced out of second baseman Craig Biggio's glove for an error giving Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead.

Geoff Blum's RBI single narrowed the score to 2-1 in the fourth.

Everett homers twice in eighth inning...

Rangers explode for 12-4 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carl Everett handled the offense and Alex Rodriguez took care of the defense.

Everett became the first Texas player to homer twice in an inning, connecting twice in a nine-run seventh, as the Rangers rallied to beat the Oakland Athletics 12-4 Friday night in their best offensive output of the year.

Meanwhile, Alex Rodriguez tied a major league record by participating in the Rangers' five double plays, which matched a club mark.

"We played good defensively pretty much all year and obviously the double plays really helped," he said.

Ruben Rivera hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh, Juan Gonzalez drove in three runs and Rafael Palmeiro hit a two-run homer, snapping a streak of 17 straight solo homers.

Palmeiro's 474th career homer left him one behind Stan Musial and Willie Stargell for 20th place all-time.

Trailing 4-3, the Rangers scored nine runs in the seventh in their biggest inning of the season.

Everett and Rivera homered off Oakland starter Mark Mulder (11-6) to give the Rangers a 5-4 lead. After the Rangers loaded the bases, Gonzalez hit a two-run single to score Michael Young and Kevin Mench.

Palmeiro followed with an RBI single and Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-run double to make it 10-4. Everett capped the inning with a two-run blast for his eighth homer of the year.

Everett, who's been struggling since being activated from the disabled list July 2, entered Friday night's game batting .175 (7-for-40) with a homer and three RBIs in 16 games.

"It's not been easy for him," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

Everett went 2-for-3 with three RBIs Friday in his first start in nearly two weeks.

Miguel Tejada went 3-for-4 and tied a career-best hitting streak of 15 games with a single in the first inning for Oakland. The A's struggled to capitalize on scoring opportunities as they lost their third straight game.

Ray Durham, acquired from the Chicago White Sox on Thursday in an attempt to jump start a sputtering offense, went 1-for-4 with an RBI in his first game for Oakland.

Rangers reliever Rich Rodriguez (1-1) got two outs for the win. Texas starter Rob Bell gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

"It's a nice win for us and I hope we can build off of it," said Young, who had a hand in four of the Rangers' five double plays. "It was the right place at the right time, but you really have to credit Rob Bell and all the pitchers for throwing ground balls. Those are the type of things that win ballgames."

Mulder allowed five runs and six hits in six innings, losing just his third start in 12 outings.

"I made a few mistakes early and was getting away with them," Mulder said. "The mistakes finally caught up with me. We basically just let this one get away."

With two outs in the bottom of the first, Mulder walked Alex Rodriguez. Juan Gonzalez then doubled in the Rangers' All-Star shortstop.

Palmeiro then hit a 401-foot homer on the next at-bat, his first home run with a man on base since May 21, to give Texas a 3-0 lead.

Trailing 3-1, Oakland scored three times in the seventh to take the lead. Mark Ellis had an RBI double, Durham hit a sacrifice fly and pinch-hitter Jermaine Dye's run-scoring single gave Oakland a 4-3 lead.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	37	.641	—
New York	53	49	.520	12½
Montreal	51	52	.495	15
Florida	50	53	.485	16
Philadelphia	48	54	.471	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	57	43	.570	—
Cincinnati	53	49	.520	5
Houston	51	51	.500	7
Pittsburgh	47	56	.456	11½
Chicago	43	58	.426	14½
Milwaukee	36	67	.350	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	62	41	.602	—
Los Angeles	58	45	.563	4
San Francisco	57	46	.553	5
Colorado	48	55	.466	14
San Diego	43	60	.417	19

Friday's Games

Montreal 6, Florida 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 10, Colorado 3
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona 12, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 11, San Francisco 6

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Roa 0-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 9-3), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-8), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 9-5) at Arizona (Schilling 17-3), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 7-5) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-10), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 9-7) at Montreal (Ohka 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 10-5) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-10), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 8-10) at Houston (Oswalt 10-6), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Padilla 10-6) at Atlanta (Glavine 13-5), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-7), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 7-7) at Montreal (Colon 3-1), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 5-12) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-10), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 10-7) at Houston (Miller 7-3), 2:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 7-8) at San Francisco (Schmidt 5-5), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 5-6) at Arizona (B.Anderson 5-7), 4:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 8-7) at St. Louis (Morris 12-6), 8:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	64	37	.634	—
Boston	59	42	.584	5
Baltimore	48	51	.485	15
Toronto	44	56	.440	19½
Tampa Bay	32	69	.317	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	62	42	.596	—
Chicago	48	56	.462	14
Cleveland	44	57	.436	16½
Kansas City	43	59	.422	18
Detroit	39	62	.386	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	61	40	.604	—
Seattle	62	41	.602	—
Oakland	59	44	.573	3
Texas	43	59	.422	18½

Friday's Games

Baltimore 9, Boston 2
Detroit 8, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 12, Tampa Bay 9
Minnesota 10, Toronto 5
Texas 12, Oakland 4
Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 2
Anaheim 8, Seattle 0

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Washburn 12-2) at Seattle (Pineiro 10-4), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-4) at Boston (Burkett 9-3), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Harper 3-6), 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 12-4) at Minnesota (Milton 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 4-10) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harang 3-2) at Texas (Park 3-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
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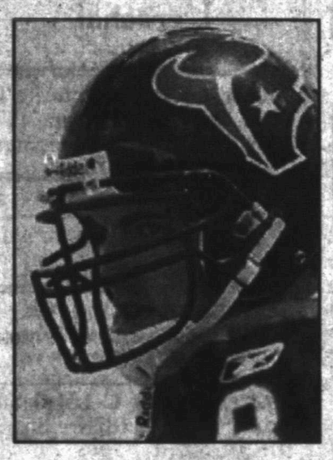
Texans enjoy comforts of home

HOUSTON (AP) — When Houston Texans owner Bob McNair suggested that the Houston Texans hold their first training camp in their humid hometown, some wondered what his second choice was — the Sahara Desert?

Weather aside, training in Houston seemed impractical for other reasons, such as eliminating the bonding that comes from bunking together at a college dormitory, far away from the distractions of home.

Yet a week into their first training camp, the Texans seem quite comfortable right in their own back yard — an $8 million setup that features three natural grass fields and an air-conditioned bubble, all across the street from $365 million Reliant Stadium.

"There were a lot of people, not in our organization, that thought it wasn't a good idea to have training camp here," McNair said. "But I wanted to have it here from the beginning."



David Carr
Texans' top draft pick

The Houston Oilers never trained in Houston, spending their summers instead in places like San Angelo and San Antonio. McNair, however, points out that the Oilers "didn't have the facilities that we do."

Players dress in their elaborate locker room beneath Reliant Stadium. At their disposal are a 10,000-square foot weight room, a lounge and three-lane swimming pool.

When the time comes, they ride golf carts across the street to the practice facility. Afterward, they go two blocks away to a hotel where the team is residing.

"There are some nice stadiums around the country and ours is one of the nicest," McNair said. "I haven't seen practice facilities like these anywhere. I don't know anywhere we could go where we could get facilities like these."

Despite the availability of an air-conditioned practice field, coach Dom Capers scheduled all 41 practices before the season opener outdoors. He wants his team accustomed to the heat, possibly giving the Texans an advantage.

But Capers' top concern is actually having all 41 practices. That's why his favorite part of the team's setup is the bubble.

"The worst thing for a coach is to have a schedule planned and then it's rained out," Capers said. "That won't happen here. We can go into the bubble and not miss any time.

"You cannot make up these days in training camp. Once you get into games, there is no way to replace this learning time. We have curfew. They are up at 6:30 going to meetings and practice. We feel we can get total concentration."

McNair isn't promising to always keep training camp at home. For now, though, it's an ideal way to stoke the local fan base. More than 1,500 fans showed up for the first night workout.

"We wanted our fans to be able to come and watch this team come together," McNair said. "We want them to see that hopefully we aren't as good this year as we're going to be when we finish the season."

The Texans are among seven NFL teams that have decided to stay home for training camp. The others are Tennessee, Cleveland, Detroit, Jacksonville, Green Bay and the New York Jets.

Texans offensive coordinator Chris Palmer, who coached the Browns in their expansion season, kept his team at home and liked the experience.

"We've trained at home and away and I think staying home can be good, especially here," Palmer said. "With facilities like these, why would you even want to go anywhere else?"

Cowboys sign picks in time for practice

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed No. 1 pick Roy Williams and the rest of their top four draft picks Friday, and will have all nine of their drafted rookies on the field for their first practice.

Williams, the All-American safety from Oklahoma who is expected to be a starter, signed a seven-year contract that includes a $4 million signing bonus and a $5.3 million roster bonus payable next March. The rookie salary for Williams, the eighth overall pick in April, will be $1 million.

The Cowboys also signed their second-round picks — center Andre Gurode and receiver Antonio Bryant — and third-round pick, cornerback Derek Ross, to seven-year deals.

Williams was already in San Antonio, and the remaining three players were expected to be there for practice Saturday morning in the Alamodome.

"We are excited to have them. We certainly feel we had a good draft class and think we will have an opportunity to see it on the field," coach Dave Campo said. "A number of these guys are going to be factors, not just special teams, but what they do on the field."

The Cowboys had to be creative to fit all the contracts under the league-mandated rookie pool of $4.6 million. That was reduced by $500,000 when free agent quarterback Chad Hutchinson signed a seven-year deal that included a $3.1 million signing bonus.

All nine drafted rookies got seven-year contacts that are voidable after three years or more. Williams' contract can't be voided until after five years.

"We were able to get it done the way we wanted to do it in terms of philosophy and didn't have to compromise anything, which was important to us," said Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones, who negotiated the contracts. "It puts us in position with our salary cap that as we move through camp, if we need to make moves, we are in good shape."

Jones said the Cowboys would be forced to release one player, but didn't say who it would be.

The Cowboys earlier this week signed their other five draft picks: fullback Jamar Martin, cornerback Pete Hunter, offensive lineman Tyson Walter, receiver DeVeren Johnson and tight end Bob Slowikowski.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp for junior high and high school players will be held Wednesday through Friday at the SHS gym. Lean Ann Roberts, head coach at Veribest High School, will serve as director.

Junior high players will workout from 2-4 p.m., while freshmen practice from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will go through drills from 8-10 a.m. and again from 5-7 p.m.

Cost is $20 for junior high and freshman athletes and $30 for upperclassmen. To register, call Coach Roberts at (915) 486-2660 or SHS coach Laura Moses at 573-8531.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 9-11 at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Aug. 8.

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Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Aug. 10.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Aug. 9. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Friday with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is blind partners.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Jones not predicting, but expects more wins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jerry Jones isn't making any predictions this year.

The Dallas Cowboys owner has even more reason to be optimistic this year after an impressive offseason that included likely one of the team's best draft classes and several key free-agent signings.

But, in the wake of a second straight 5-11 record after his preseason prediction last year that the Cowboys would win 10 games, Jones will only say his team will be better.

"I'm not going to predict, but we are better and we are faster," Jones said Friday. "We have a better chance to avoid injuries, we've got a lot of work in and we have a more experienced quarterback, that we have seen he can win. Look at all of that, we should be better than last year."

The Cowboys will have all nine of their draft picks in camp for Saturday's first practice at the Alamodome. The top four draftees, including No. 1 pick Roy Williams, signed contracts Friday.

Also making their Dallas debuts will be defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, tight end/deep snapper Jeff Robinson, linebacker Kevin Hardy and tight end Tony McGee, free agents signed during the offseason by the Cowboys.

"The offseason is behind us," Jones said on the eve of his team's first training camp practice. "Of all of the good things we have been able to accomplish, what counts starts in the morning. That is where will make our grades, with the results.

"We are pleased with some of the progress that we've made and some of the building blocks put in place during the offseason, but we are looking ahead," he said.

Williams is expected to start at safety alongside former All-Pro Darren Woodson. Center Andre Gurode and cornerback Derek Ross, two other drafted rookies, could be starters. Rookie Antonio Bryant likely will be the third receiver behind Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail.

Newcomers Glover, Robinson, Hardy and McGee should make immediate impacts. Quarterback Quincy Carter, who missed half of his rookie season because of injuries, goes into camp as the starter.

The Cowboys finally have a team that third-year coach Dave Campo can build around. Jones realizes his coach was at a disadvantage his first two seasons.

"I'm tickled for Dave Campo. He's done an outstanding job over the last two years under the conditions we've been in with our franchise," Jones said. "I've watched him growing as a coach."

Jones realizes Campo's first season was hampered by Troy Aikman's concussions and a season-ending injury to Galloway in the season opener. Last year, the Cowboys were strapped by over $24 million in dead salary cap money being paid to former players like Aikman and Deion Sanders.

The Cowboys begin their unique camp with two workouts Saturday, both of them inside the Alamodome.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	15	8	.652	—
Charlotte	14	10	.583	1½
New York	14	10	.583	1½
Miami	11	13	.458	4½
Indiana	10	13	.435	5
Orlando	10	13	.435	5
Cleveland	9	15	.375	6½
Detroit	5	18	.217	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	4	.826	—
Houston	19	6	.760	1
Utah	17	8	.680	3
Portland	14	11	.560	6
Seattle	11	13	.458	8½
Phoenix	8	15	.348	11
Minnesota	7	16	.304	12
Sacramento	6	16	.273	12½

Friday's Games
Indiana 73, Minnesota 63
Utah 74, Phoenix 61

Saturday's Games
Seattle at Washington, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at New York, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Spurs sign Rose to seven-year deal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs re-signed free agent forward Malik Rose on Friday, giving him a $42 million, seven-year deal, a source close to the negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

Last season, his fifth with the team, the 6-foot-7, 255-pound Rose averaged 9.4 points and six rebounds as the Spurs' sixth man. He played in all 82 games.

The 27-year-old Rose stepped into the starting lineup for seven playoff games to replace injured center David Robinson. He averaged 14.6 points and nearly 10 rebounds in those games.

Rose, a second-round draft pick of the Charlotte Hornets out of Drexel in 1996, has averaged 6.3 points and 4.3 rebounds for his career. He signed with San Antonio as a free agent in 1997.

The new contract ranks among the most lucrative deals in Spurs franchise history. Rose can opt out after the 2006-07 season, and the final season also is at his option.

Rose's contract is the longest allowable under the NBA's current collective bargaining agreement and the third-longest in franchise history. It also ranks third in total value in franchise history.

Only David Robinson, who signed a 10-year rookie deal that was torn up in 1995, and George Gervin, who had an eight-year deal, have signed longer contracts with the Spurs.

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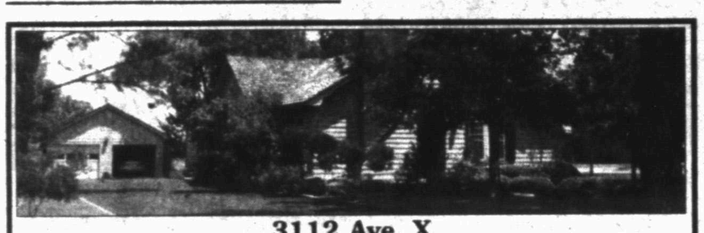
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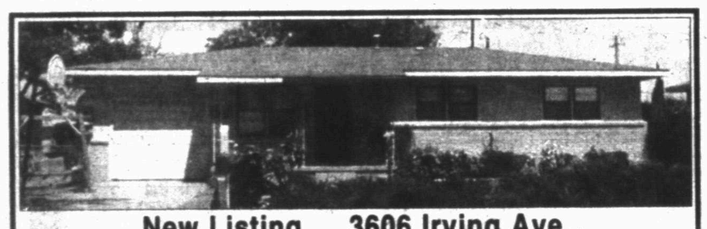
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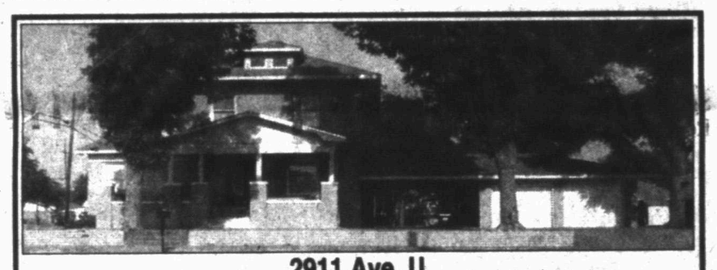


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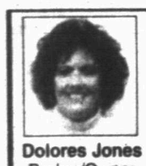


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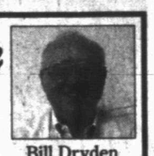
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White supremacist couple convicted of plotting to blow up landmarks

BOSTON (AP) — The mixed-race son of civil rights activists and his white girlfriend were convicted of plotting to blow up Jewish and black landmarks in a scheme prosecutors said was designed to spark a race war.

A federal jury deliberated seven hours over two days before convicting Leo Felton, son of a black father and white mother, and his girlfriend, Erica Chase.

Felton has said he blames his parents for "contaminating" him with black blood.

Felton's father, an architect living in suburban Toronto, told The Boston Globe that he wishes his son would renounce his supremacist beliefs, but that he still supports him.

"I still intend to write him," Calvin Felton said. "If I had the money, I'd hire him a hotshot attorney."

Felton's mother, who lives in Maryland, said her son has fought mental illness all his life.

"I love my son," Corrine Vincelette told The Globe. "I think you have to recognize that this is a sick man."

Felton, 31, and Chase, 22, were arrested in April 2001 when an off-duty police officer spotted Chase passing a counterfeit $20 bill at a doughnut shop.

Investigators said Felton was making the phony money to help fund their plan and had already gathered most of the ingredients to make a bomb, including a 50-pound bag of ammonium nitrate, the fertilizer used in the Oklahoma City bombing.

"Their plan was to ignite a racial holy war ... that would promote chaos among the races," prosecutor Emily Schulman told the jury.

The defense maintained the couple were being prosecuted for their beliefs and never planned to carry out violent acts.

Both were found guilty of conspiring to make a bomb, conspiring to make counterfeit bills, obstruction of justice, conspiring to obstruct justice and firearms violations. Felton was convicted of making counterfeit bills; Chase was acquitted on that charge.

Felton was also convicted of bank robbery, conspiracy to commit bank robbery and attempting to receive explosives with the intent to kill or injure people, or damage property.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Felton faces a minimum of 35 years behind bars.

Chase's attorney, Timothy Watkins, said his client meant no harm.

Drug firm says tests prove how effective implant kits are

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A drug company on Friday said several batches of an implantable birth control device have been found to be effective, two years after questions about the goods led the company to pull Norplant from stores in the United States.

Despite the test results, Wyeth has decided not to resume sales of Norplant, which has generated lawsuits from women injured having it removed or disturbed by side effects. A spokeswoman for the pharmaceutical company said it was a business decision prompted by a lack of available ingredients.

In August and September 2000, Wyeth — then called American Home Products — notified women that laboratory tests indicated seven Norplant lots shipped after October 1999 might not release enough of the active ingredient.

On Friday, Wyeth sent letters to about 68,000 clinics, doctors, health care providers and patients telling them new tests of the implant kits showed they worked as intended.

The company also said women no longer needed to use a back-up birth control method, as they were advised by the company in August 2000 when sales were halted.

"What we found was there was no greater rate (of pregnancy) with these lots," Wyeth spokeswoman Natalie de Vane said. "This is good news and reassuring for women."

Dr. Dan Shames, head of reproductive and urologic drugs at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said it has been reviewing Wyeth's test data the past two years.

"We felt safe enough to remove the backup contraceptive warning" and approved the step, Shames said.

Norplant consists of six matchstick-sized rods that gradually release the hormone levonorgestrel over five years; the hormone prevents pregnancy by inhibiting ovulation.

About 17,000 American women are believed to now have Norplant implants from the seven lots in question implanted in their upper arm; roughly 100,000 used it at one point.

Users complained of such things as nerve damage in the arm and uterine bleeding. Experts say the problem wasn't the device, but doctors who didn't explain side effects in advance or who weren't properly trained.

"It's sad that this method got involved in such controversy that it's no longer available," said Irving Sivin, a medical statistician who helped develop Norplant for the Population Council.

Libyan leader's son opens art exhibit

LONDON (AP) — Seif el-Islam Gadhafi, a son of Libya's leader, opened an exhibit of art and antiquities from his country, including dozens of his own paintings, in an effort to promote tourism in the North African state.

A troupe of 22 traditionally dressed Tuareg dancers posed for photographers and tourists at a recent event in a tent in Kensington Gardens, next to the Royal Albert Memorial in central London.

Some of the works appeared to be political, such as "The Challenge," which shows an image of his father, Col. Moammar Gadhafi, over the sea during a sunset. On the beach in the foreground, facing away from the viewer, are three black-robed and hooded figures, two of whom are holding large crucifixes.

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Drilling resumes after broken bit replaced

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — After a day of frustration caused by a broken drill bit, rescuers said Saturday they were getting closer to nine miners trapped deep underground in a cramped, flooded mine shaft.

"We are making progress," said Gov. Mark Schweiker, who predicted rescuers could begin making attempts to pull miners out by as early as noon Saturday.

After switching to a smaller bit, one shaft had been drilled to 134 feet, and a second shaft had bored down 161 feet, Schweiker said. Officials believed the miners were 240 feet below ground.

Schweiker said the families of the trapped miners were encouraged when he showed them a handful of limestone from a depth of 150 feet.

Schweiker also reported further progress in efforts to reduce the water level inside the mine. The water level was lowered by 26 feet Saturday morning; crews had hoped to drop that to 30 feet to give those trapped inside more room and ensure the pressure wouldn't cause water to rise and drown the men when the drills finally punched through.

Crews spent most of Friday in a frustrating struggle to get the broken 1,500-pound bit out of the 100-foot-deep hole and install a new bit rushed in by helicopter.

"It puts you in a prayerful mood," said Schweiker, who has been meeting with officials and relatives at the Quecreek Mine 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. "It's going painfully slow."

No clear signal from the miners had been heard since midday Thursday. Rescuers twice tried to listen for the men Friday, but noise from rescue equipment made it too difficult to hear if the men were making tapping sounds or other noises.

Wilbert Foy, 47, whose brother, Thomas Foy, 51, and nephew-in-law, Blaine Mayhew, were trapped below, remained confident.

"They'll pull all nine of them out, one by one," Foy said Friday night.

Mary Unger, 87, said her son, John, was among the trapped workers.

"He's my only son," she said. "It's awful. The waiting. It seems like things just keep going wrong."

Workers began drilling the first shaft on Thursday night and made good progress until the drill bit broke around 2 a.m. Friday when it hit hard rock or coal about 100 feet down. As crews struggled to remove the bit, work began on a second rescue shaft 75 feet away.

Drill workers coming off their shift Friday night described the effort as long and tiresome. Jody Frantz, who was leaving the site to catch a quick nap, said there remained a spirit of cooperation and determination.

"We have to believe, that's all you can do," said Frantz, 29.

There was still hope among rescue crews that some or all the miners, ages 30 to 55, were alive. The air being pumped into the chamber was about 100 degrees, and rescuers hoped it would warm the men.

Navy Capt. Henry Schwartz, a specialist in underwater medicine, said nine decompression chambers had been brought in to treat the men.

He said the air pressure on the miners was similar to that experienced at 40 feet underwater, and the men could suffer the bends — bubbles in the bloodstream caused by rapid changes in pressure — once they were rescued. An airlock was on site to keep the rescue shaft pressurized if needed.

Dozens of family members kept a somber vigil at a fire hall in nearby Sipesville, as they have since the accident. They paid a brief visit to the mine Thursday, and the governor said officials were meeting with them every hour to bring them up to date on the rescue effort.

The rescue attempt has transfixed the region, a hilly, rural area long dependent on coal. Gene Spangler, 77, said he was surprised by the accident because the industry has shifted toward strip mining done above ground.

"We just thought people don't mine like that any more," he said. "To have nine guys down there was quite a shock."

Mine experts said that drilling, though slow, was still the best way to reach the men. They said sending divers through coal pillar catacombs flooded with debris-filled water was too dangerous.

The accident happened when the miners broke the wall of an abandoned mine that their maps showed to be farther away. As much as 60 million gallons of water rushed into the shaft where they were working.

Doug Custer was among nine other miners inside when the accident happened. He said he and his colleagues escaped after getting an urgent radio message from the trapped crew: "The water's on the way. Get out."

Custer waded through knee-deep water to escape. He was among those awaiting word at the mine Friday.

"It's slow and nerve-racking," he said. "Things aren't going the way they should."

On the Net:
State mine bureau:
http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/minres/dms/dms.htm
Federal mine safety:
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Military plane crashes; pilot hurt

PRIM, Ark. (AP) — A fighter jet practicing aerial maneuvers crashed in north-central Arkansas Friday and its pilot was hurt after parachuting into a tree, authorities said.

A witness said the jet was "running wide open" in air space set aside for military pilots to practice when it went down in a field.

The pilot, the only person on board, was found dangling from a tree by his parachute shrouds and flown to a hospital, said State Emergency Management Department spokeswoman Jennifer Gordon. Witnesses said it appeared he suffered leg injuries.

"It was just running wide open," farmer Tracy Versa said. "It happened within five seconds. When it hit, the sky filled with smoke."

A state police spokesman said rescue crews kept in contact with the pilot by radio.

The pilot appeared to have badly injured a knee and had cuts and bruises, said Prim Ambulance Service emergency medical technician Kendall Dodson, who was among the first to reach the pilot. He said the pilot was disoriented, at one point asking what had happened.

What remained of the jet was in pieces and airmen worked to extract remnants from a hole 100 feet in diameter, said Capt. John Sheets, a spokesman for Little Rock Air Force Base. Sheets said the jet was not armed and it would take a month or two to determine a cause.

The FA-18 jet was assigned to the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station in South Carolina, officials said. The South Carolina unit has been training with the 188th Fighter Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard at Fort Smith.

Military pilots use air space over Cleburne County, about 70 miles north of Little Rock, to practice maneuvers, said Master Sgt. Scott Martin of the Little Rock Air Force Base. The area is roughly 20 square miles and extends to an altitude of 20,000 feet.

Ask Hollywood

'Chitty' car is a bang with child

By Holly Wood

Q: Whatever happened to the car from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"? My son loves that car, and he's always asking about it. — **M.G., New York, N.Y.**

A: That question is more complicated than it seems, because there were six cars used during the making of the film, several of which didn't survive. The hovercraft and the main road car are property of the Cars of the Stars museum in Keswick, England. The museum is home to many other famous TV and movie cars, such as Herbie the Love Bug, the "A-Team" van and several Bond cars. You can even rent some of the cars (for shows and parties, not drag racing) if you've got some extra cash. They go for 500 pounds to 1,500 pounds per day, plus transportation costs. (That's about $773 to $2,319 in U.S. currency.)

Q: Can you tell me where I can purchase the original "Ocean's 11" with the Rat Pack — Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop? — **G.G., Gleason, Wis.**

A: Try your local video store — they can probably order it for you if they don't have it in stock. If you strike out there, you can get it at Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) for $9.94, or you can order it from Movies Unlimited (www.moviesunlimited.com; 800-668-4344) for $13.49.

Q: I have been watching reruns of "Gunsmoke," and I am wondering what happened to Ken Curtis and James Arness. Are they alive? Retired from show business? How old are they? — **B.B., Grand Island, Neb.**

A: Arness (Matt Dillon), 79, is retired from acting, but he's involved with several charity organizations, including the United Cerebral Palsy Association. He recently wrote an autobiography called, appropriately enough, "James Arness: An Autobiography" (McFarland & Co., 2001).

Ken Curtis (Festus Haggen) acted right up to his death in 1991. His last movie was the 1991 TV film "Conagher."

Q: While I was in Israel in 1994, I was at Masada, where they made the movie "Masada." I have been trying to find it ever since, to buy or rent. Can you help me out? — **C.W., Tallulah, La.**

A: You can find the complete four-tape miniseries for $21.95 at CD Universe (www.cduniverse.com).

Q: Recently, in a rerun of "Suddenly Susan," the character Todd was presumably missing, while the other characters recalled memories of him. In the credits, there was a dedication that read: "The gods of comedy looked down upon you and smiled. David Strickland, 1969 — 1999." Was Todd played by Strickland? If so, how did he die? I'm totally lost. — **S.F., North Little Rock, Ark.**

A: Yes, Strickland played Todd on "Suddenly Susan." He hanged himself in a motel room. His last movie was "Forces of Nature" with Ben Affleck and Sandra Bullock, which came out shortly after his death.

TRIVIA: James Arness served in the Third Infantry Division during World War II and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

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South Dakota reports first case of virus

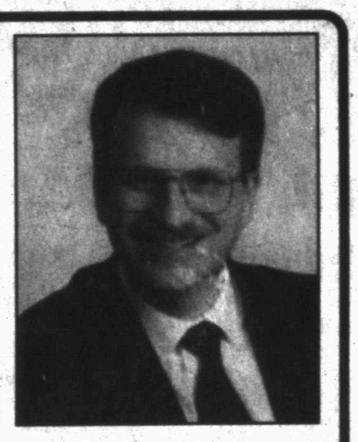
SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A dead crow was found infected with the West Nile virus in South Dakota, the farthest west the disease has been detected, officials said Friday.

The bird was found Monday in Aberdeen in northeastern South Dakota, said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist. The virus has now been detected in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

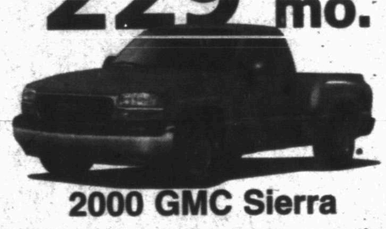
The virus is transmitted by mosquitos. Since its detection in New York City in 1999, more than 150 people have been infected with the virus and 18 have died nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The virus has spread south and west over the past three years. Authorities advise people to use mosquito repellent and wear long-sleeved clothes.

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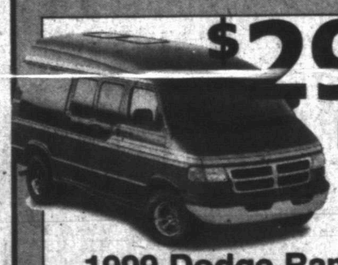
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Four U.S. soldiers injured in ambush

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers were wounded Saturday and two Afghan militia members were killed when they came under small arms fire during a reconnaissance mission in southeastern Afghanistan, an army spokesman said.

The attack took place about 7 miles east of the town of Khost in southeastern Afghanistan, said Sgt. Matthew Davio.

The U.S. soldiers were evacuated to the main U.S. military base at Bagram, 30 miles north of the capital Kabul, for treatment. The injuries were not life-threatening, Davio said.

The soldiers' names were not released pending notification of relatives.

"Initial reports indicate that two Afghanistan Militia Force soldiers have also been killed in the ambush.

"Afghanistan and Coalition forces continue to conduct combat operations in Afghanistan to isolate and destroy al-Qaida and Taliban forces and to deny them sanctuary, the U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base,Fla.said in a statement.

The Khost area of southeastern Afghanistan is regarded as one of the most insecure in the country and forces of the U.S.-led coalition have repeatedly conducted operations there aimed at flushing out holdouts of the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"Our forces took fire from a walled compound as they approached the area that was the objective," said Davio.

However, details of why the compound was singled out as an objective were not immediately available.

At least 70 killed in air show mishap

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A fighter jet slammed onto the tarmac and sliced through a huge crowd watching an air show Saturday, killing at least 70 spectators and injuring 111 in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, emergency officials said.

The two pilots ejected and survived, the Defense Ministry said, just before the Su-27 crashed and erupted into a massive ball of flame that engulfed onlookers at Skniliv Airport.

The plane was in the sky for about two minutes, but then it appeared to go silent and headed toward the ground and banked left — its wingtip clipping trees and touching another plane on the ground before it crashed.

The Defense Ministry declined to comment on the cause of the accident, but its western operation command said engine failure was the preliminary cause of the crash.

The weather was good at the time.

The Emergency Situations Ministry said the death toll could still rise because many of the injured were in critical condition. The explosion sent fragments of the plane showering over the spectators.

"I could only grab children and hold on. We were thrown away and hands and legs were flying all around us," said one spectator, Zinovy, who did not give his last name. He and his child were injured.

The pilots appeared to eject from the plane at a very low altitude. Parents frantically searched for missing children and were asking that officials use the public address system to call out their names.

"The fire has been extinguished, but there's lots of blood," said Oleksandr Kachkovskyi, an aide to the head of the Lviv regional administration.

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma cut short his vacation and flew to Lviv.

Fast Senate action sought on security bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victory secured in the House, President Bush is calling on the Senate to quickly approve a bill creating his proposed Homeland Security Department. But things might slow down instead.

Bush and Senate Democrats are clashing over the president's insistence on broad powers over personnel. Bush says these are vital in confronting an agile, shadowy terrorist threat; Democrats say it amounts to a Republican assault on collective-bargaining rights and civil service protections.

The House gave Bush those powers in the legislation it passed 295-132 Friday night. The bill also mirrors most of the president's blueprint for merging 22 existing agencies into a new Cabinet department with 170,000 employees and a $38 billion budget.

In a statement, Bush said the House "has shown a strong commitment to improving the security of the American people, and I urge the senators to do the same before they leave for the August recess." That break begins next Friday.

The chief sponsor of the Senate bill, Democrat Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, said the labor dispute amounts to a "tempest in a teapot" but added that it threatens to engulf the issue in political acrimony.

"Let's all tone down the rhetoric and stop sounding false alarms," Lieberman told reporters.

There are other factors at play in the Senate, where opposition from any one of the 100 senators can put the brakes on bills. Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., has expressed concerns about the haste with which the bill is moving, and Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., also has problems with it, Lieberman said.

Finishing the bill next week "is in jeopardy now," he said, but action remains possible. Congressional leaders have ambitiously aimed to get the bill to Bush by Sept. 11, the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It is almost certain to pass this fall.

The legislation would trigger the biggest government reorganization since the 1940s, when the Defense Department was created.

Powell tries to get Pakistan and India to open talks on Kashmir

NEW DELHI (AP) — After helping India and Pakistan pull back from a dangerous confrontation this spring, Secretary of State Colin Powell is prodding the two nuclear rivals to open a dialogue in hopes of resolving their differences over Kashmir.

Shortly before Powell's arrival in the capital Saturday night, seven people died in attacks in the disputed border region. Also, Pakistani guns shelled Indian positions along the cease-fire line.

Powell held talks with Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha and planned to meet with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad on Sunday.

Powell said he was not expecting any breakthroughs during his trip. He said both sides recognize the need for a dialogue and suggested that proper timing for setting up talks is critical.

In advance of Powell's stop, India said it had "major concerns" about continued infiltration by Islamic militants into Indian-held Kashmir. Powell suggested he had information about that issue and planned to share with Indian officials. He gave no details.

Musharraf promised last month to end permanently all infiltration into the Indian sector of Kashmir from Pakistan.

Powell, speaking to reporters en route to India, said he was pleased by the reduction in tensions over the past six weeks. He said he was making a visit now to see what both sides might be willing to do to avoid going down the "escalatory ladder" again.

The secretary also will travel to six countries in Southeast Asia over the next week.

In Brunei, he will join with other Pacific Rim foreign ministers. Recent conciliatory statements by North Korea raised the possibility of a meeting in Brunei between Powell and North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam-sun.

Powell said he welcomed Pyongyang's interest in opening a dialogue; there have been no substantive discussion between the two sides since late in the Clinton administration.

During his talks in New Delhi and Islamabad, Powell said he planned to discuss with both sides when a renewed dialogue might be appropriate.

"Will it be when the escalation goes down? he asked.

Texas Rangers investigating suspicious fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suspicious house fire in Dimmit County that killed a woman and two children has drawn the attention of the Texas Rangers.

A 40-year-old woman died with two 10-year-old girls at the fire in Asherton early Thursday morning, said Lee Jones, spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, which oversees the state fire marshal's office.

"We believe the fire was of a suspicious origin," Jones said. But the cause is still unknown, he said.

State fire marshals and the Dimmit County sheriff's department also are investigating the incident.

Authorities did not identify the victims or comment about the relationship between the three victims.

The bodies were taken to the Bexar County medical examiner's office for autopsies, Jones said.

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Band practice times for SHS announced

Summer practice for the Snyder High School band gets underway at 9 a.m. Thursday with the percussion section meeting in the high school band hall.

The percussionists will meet until noon, and then from 1:30-4 p.m.

On Friday, rehearsal will begin at 8:30 a.m. for all band members and it will continue until noon. Afternoon rehearsal times are from 1:30-4 p.m.

These times will apply through Friday, Aug. 9.

There will be no rehearsals on Monday, Aug. 12, and the times for the Aug. 13 rehearsals will be announced later.

Regular morning and evening rehearsal times will resume Aug. 14-15.

Three arrests reported locally

Arrests

Snyder police officers arrested a 23-year-old man in the 800 block of 25th Street at 11:25 p.m. Friday on city warrants for speeding in a school zone and failure to appear.

An 18-year-old male was taken into custody just after midnight Friday in the 2600 block of Avenue U for minor in consumption of alcohol.

A 36-year-old woman was arrested at 5:15 Saturday morning in the 1900 block of 19th Street on Lubbock warrants for no liability insurance, running a red light, driving while license suspended and failure to appear.

Thefts

Pauline Proctor requested to speak to an officer at 3 p.m. Friday in reference to a theft.

Lorenzo Martinez reported his bicycle stolen at 4 p.m. Friday from the 1000 block of 26th Street.

Leann Zajicek at 8:15 p.m. Friday reported the theft of her son's bicycle from the 3700 block of Avenue V.

A woman reported the theft of her car keys from Dairy Queen on College Avenue at 10:13 p.m. Friday.

Criminal mischief

At 7:18 a.m. Friday, Hortencia Villareal reported vandalism to a vehicle in the 1200 block of 29th Street.

Andrea Snyder at 11:35 a.m. Friday reported a broken window on a van belonging to the First United Methodist Church.

Daisy Ornelas requested officers at 7:30 p.m. Friday in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at houses along Avenue M.

Jammall Pruitt reported someone shooting at the windows of his house at 12:15 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 26th Street.

Births

Gerald and Lydia Rodriguiz of Hermleigh announce the birth of their second son, Alex Gabriel Rodriguez, at 8:56 a.m. on July 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Alex weighed eight pounds, four ounces. Andrew is his brother.

Paternal grandparents are the late Andres and Paula Rodriguez of Hermleigh and maternal grandparents are Minnie Ribera of Hamlin and the late Will Ribera Jr.

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Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Car wash

Our Lady of Guadalupe CYM is having a car wash until 5 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of United Supermarkets. Cost is $5 or a donation.

Monthly cruise night

Snyder Wheels Club will have its monthly cruise night at the Sonic Drive In at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Church of God VSB

"Can Do Buckaroos of Can Do County" for ages 5-12 is theme for Vacation Bible School at the Snyder Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

SHS volleyball boosters

Snyder High School volleyball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS gym. Laura Moses, new coach, will be present. All high school volleyball parents are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Love That Serves God," followed by "The Living and True God."

Atheneum Study Club

Atheneum Study Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club to plan programs for the coming year.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Officers will be elected and visitors are welcome.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Wal-Mart.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-9.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Aug. 13 in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Faulty installation of aircraft part is investigated in crash

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A faulty installation of a part could have caused a helicopter crash that killed two Marines and injured two others, according to an investigation report.

A UH-1N Huey crashed at night on Feb. 14 near Yuma, Ariz. A Marine Corps investigation concluded that pilot or crew error was not to blame.

1st Lt. Greg Scott, a spokesman for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, said a part could have been installed incorrectly at the Corpus Christi Army Depot in 1997 when the aircraft was there for repair.

The crash occurred, Scott said, when the vertical fin at the tail end of the aircraft fell off after a rivet cracked, causing it to lose control.

The same aircraft was also damaged in 2000 after it made a hard landing, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

By Shirley A. Gorman

For 22 years, Texa Ball and the Senior Citizens Center's Kitchen Band have had fun making music together. Ball served as leader for 18 of those years, playing a rub board and using other "noise-makers."

"Word of mouth" publicity has kept the band playing at a variety of gigs both in town and out-of-town.

Ball and the band have traveled lots of miles together, but health problems have forced Ball to retire and the group's last performance was at a family reunion at Towle Park Barn a few weeks ago. She said the band may get back together if a new leader is found.

When she joined the group, Ball said she did not "know one note from another, and she was very bashful. "But I got over that," she laughed. "Now I never meet a stranger."

Ball enjoyed performing with the Kitchen Band, and she knows that she will miss each and every member.

"We weren't professionals," Ball said, "We just played for fun." They never charged a fee but occasionally received donations, which they used to purchase flowers and funeral cards.

She said they usually knew what they were going to perform so they never "wasted" time practicing. They just got together and played for as many engagements as they had time for. Sometimes, all 25 band members would perform. Other times just a few could make it.

Ball, 80, said the band's music appealed to all ages, but she noted that the "older people really liked us."

As leader, Ball would set the program and she learned to watch the audience in order to gauge what type of songs they might prefer. "The music was always peppy. We played no sad songs."

The Kitchen Band's repertoire included a little bit of everything from country and western tunes, to songs for young children and even classic rock and roll hits like "Rock Around the Clock."

When they played for Head Start students, Ball said the children would start dancing. But after about 30 minutes or so she said they would lose interest.

Ball said they loved to perform. If they made just one person happy it was worth it.

When the Kitchen Band was first organized, Ball said the men wore top hats and black coats. Then "uniforms" were adopted with the women wearing red collars (made by Dorothy Lankford), white blouses and blue skirts and men wearing red jackets, white shirts and blue jeans.

The Kitchen Band had been playing for several years before Ball joined the group. The first time she saw the band perform she liked them so much that she asked them how much they would charge to play for a meeting of cafeteria workers at Stanfield, where she served as manager. Since the band never charged a fee, they volunteered to play for free. Ball and other workers really enjoyed the performance, but at the time Ball could not foresee that she would one day become a member.

After her first husband, Robert "Ted" Jones died in 1981, a friend invited Ball to join the Kitchen Band. The Senior Center then furnished the bus and Jerry Baird usually drove it. Ball occasionally drove a van when they needed another vehicle. Due to changes in the insurance policy, Ball said the Center could no longer provide the bus. So she bought a 12-passenger van so the group could travel to their engagements. Her husband, Harlan, joined the band in 1990 after he had retired from his Scurry County job. He often drove the van and sometimes Ball said they needed to bring an extra car as well.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES — Texa Ball displays the attire she wore while performing with the Kitchen Band. She also served as leader for 18 years. During her time with the band, Ball has acquired many memories that will sustain her now that she has retired. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Throughout the years, the Kitchen Band has given many memorable programs and they earned two trophies at the battle of the band contests held at Colorado City.

Local performances have included the nursing homes, the Senior Center and schools. They also regularly played at the now closed Golden Corral as well as for churches, hospitals, birthday parties, Western Texas College, the Country Club and for Christian groups.

Other out-of-town engagements besides Colorado City, have taken the music makers to Loraine, Roby, Rotan, Sweetwater, Post, Roscoe, Coahoma, Big Spring, Graham and Robert Lee.

They have also played at the Little Ole Opry in Granbury, Winters, Midland College, Stanton, Hermleigh, Aspermont, Littlefield, Jayton, Blackwell and Abilene.

Ball considers herself a Snyder native as she was born and grew up on a farm in the Bethel Community. She had worked as a cafeteria manager for Snyder schools. She started at the high school, transferred to Northeast and later was transferred to Stanfield. The last time Ball said the school district changed assignments so employees could work nearer to their homes. She retired around 1979.

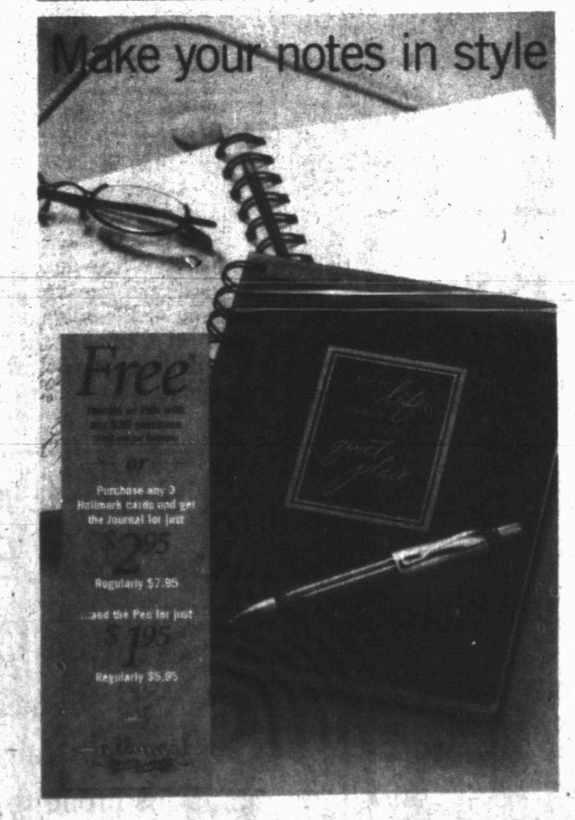
Ball also held a variety of other jobs including teaching aqua aerobics at Western Texas College. She and Harlan, married almost 17 years, have a pecan farm to manage.

Ball will miss performing with the Kitchen Band. She has enjoyed her time with the group,

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Library News

By Janie Romine, Librarian

Summer is halfway over but there is still time to squeeze in some more reading pleasure. Come to your Scurry County Library and find a new book to enjoy. Or, perhaps the kids and heat are taking their toll on you. Escape to the library.

Think of the benefits of your local library. There are no entrance or rental fees, plus you have complimentary valet shelving. You may read in or you may take out, depending upon your preference.

Are reservations needed? No, come anytime and you will find ample seating, with free air-conditioning. One can avoid housework or home improvement by reading, and yet feel virtuous because of doing something so productive like reading.

Best of all, a person can visit the world over with books, yet get home in time for dinner. Even better is that there are no traffic jams, crowds or airline waits for the person. Romance, adventure, mystery, and fantasy can be found in the fiction section. For the overachiever, there are always the self-help books.

No matter what one desires, the pleasure of reading can be enhanced by visiting the Scurry County Library.

Library hours are:

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Fri.

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PAPAY-VEIGA MARRIED — Hope Michele Papay and Anderson Veiga were married May 30 in Fayetteville, N.C. The bride is the daughter of Terry and Martha Martin of Snyder and Mike Papay of Omaha, Neb. The groom is the son of Claudio and Charlene Veiga of Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Contributed Photo)

Roxie Etheredge to celebrate 90th birthday in Roby Aug. 3



Roxie Etheredge

Mrs. Roxie Etheredge was born in the Camp Springs area on July 24, 1912 to Martin and Elizabeth Reep.

She married Sam Etheredge on Jan. 10, 1934 and they lived and farmed in the Hobbs Community.

Her children said she was the typical farmer's wife, helping with the farming and raising a family. She also worked outside the home when necessary, in the cafeteria of the Hobbs School, drove a school bus and did substitute teaching, mostly in the 1950s drought. Being an accomplished seamstress, she often did sewing for the public.

In addition to all this, her children agreed that she has always been a good cook and fixes everyone's favorite dish, including her homemade rolls, when family gatherings occur.

Roxie has lived all her life within 20 minutes miles of her birth and childhood home and continues to live at Hobbs with family close by.

Friends and family are invited to join her and her family in celebrating her 90th birthday from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, in the Roby Community Center.

Hosting will be her children, Jackie Wayne and Lanelle Etheredge and Ann and Windell Barrett, and their families.They ask that your presence be the only gift.

Same numbers win twice in one week

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Anyone who won the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game earlier this week should have tried again the next night, too.

Zero, five and one were winners for the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game on Tuesday. They were winners again on Wednesday.

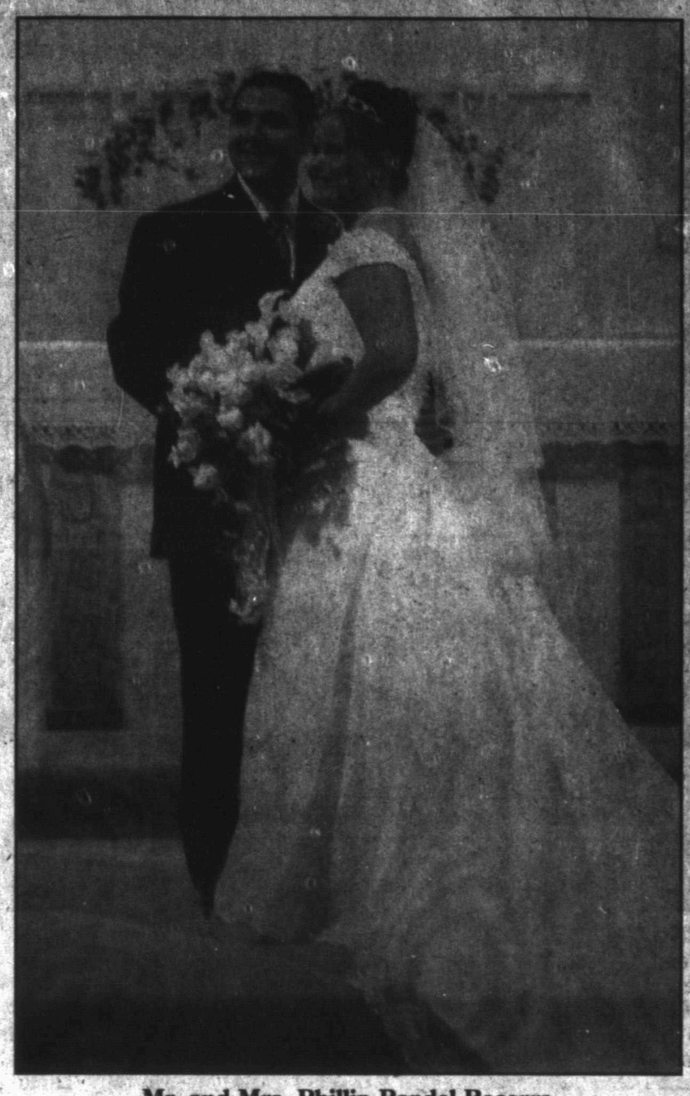
"That's the first time in the near 11-year history of the lottery that that's happened for Pick 3," said lottery spokesman Dudley Lehew. "What the odds are I couldn't even begin to calculate."

The selection was pure coincidence because one computer randomly chose the numbers Tuesday and a second computer randomly picked the numbers again Wednesday.

Winners of the Pick 3 on those two nights received $40 to $290, depending on the order of the numbers and the way the numbers were selected.

A member of the lottery security staff, a member of the legislative auditor's office and a security guard are on hand when the numbers are drawn in Baton Rouge. Members of the public can watch the computers through a pane of glass, Lehew said.

Odell, Becerra wed in Wall



Mr. and Mrs, Phillip Randel Becerra
(Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)

WALL — Dana Renee Odell of San Angelo became the bride of Phillip Randel Becerra of Snyder at 3 p.m. on May 25 in the Wall St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Odell of San Angelo are parents of the bride and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becerra of Snyder.

Monsignor Droll officiated the double-ring vows in a sanctuary decorated with white bows down the center aisle. Three candelabras with white candles were placed at the front of the church. One single tall floral arrangement decorated the altar.

Phillip Burch of San Angelo, nephew of the bride, was candlelighter.

The Serendipity Trio of San Angelo that consists of harp, cello and flute performed all music for the ceremony.

Gary Odell, father of the bride, gave her in marriage as she wore a white satin A-line gown with an organza overlay and a cathedral train. The off-the-shoulder bodice featured cap sleeves decorated with pearls and crystals. She wore a tiara of crystals and pearls with a multi-tiered sheer white veil. The bride carried an all-white bouquet of roses, hydrangea, tulips and small calla lilies, hand tied with white sheer ribbons. Entwined in her bouquet was a blue and white crystal rosary.

Matron of honor was Julie Hernandez of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Bridget Schwartz of Houston; Michelle Poe of Abilene; and Veronica Bravo of Anchorage, Alaska.

They wore dark purple two-piece, floor-length dresses with front bodices embroidered with plum stitching. Their bouquets were fresh flowers, hand tied combinations of roses, tulips and different shades of purple hydrangea, embellished with Old English ivy.

Bridgette Becerra of Kyle, niece of the groom, was flower girl and Edward Reyes of San Angelo, nephew of the groom.

Cody Clifton of Olney was best man. Samuel Becerra, brother of the groom from Hutto, Gabriel Becerra, his brother from Kyle, and Ray Hernandez of San Angelo were groomsmen. Ushers included Phillip Burch, nephew of the groom and James Fischer both of San Angelo.

Male attendants wore black tuxedos with black vests and ties. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a platinum silver tie and vest.

The reception, held in the church hall, featured the bride's table covered with a white cloth. Serving tables were draped with Old English ivy and arranged with flowers and many candles. The table was centered with an all-white square four-tiered Italian cream cake, iced with rolled fondant decorated with small apple blossom flowers and scroll design. The cake was displayed on faux ice blocks.

The groom's table held black and white photos of engagement pictures and tall candles. His dark chocolate square-shaped cake was decorated with dark chocolate dipped strawberries and filled with strawberry preserves. An octagon on top was inscribed with the bride's and groom's name in script to match the table napkins.

Their honeymoon trip was nine days in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride, a graduate of Midwestern State University with a degree in radiological sciences, will continue to travel with club staffing.

The groom, also a MSU graduate with a degree in radiological sciences, will continue to travel with his wife with club staffing of Boca Raton, Fla., where their base office is located. This company sends them to different locations all over the USA where they work in hospitals and clinics.

To beat the heat drink early and often

Warm weather means lots of time spent outdoors, soaking in the sun and staying active. It can also mean low energy, headaches and crankiness-a sign that the body may need more water. Too much fun in the sun can lead to dehydration for active children who don't drink enough fluids.

In fact, kids are more prone to heat-related illness than adults. Since children don't transfer heat to the skin as easily as adults, keeping cool can be a challenge.

Preventing heat-related injuries or illness can be simple. One easy and important step is drinking plenty of hydrating fluids early in the day. By serving a breakfast that includes nutrient-packed beverages, parents can relax knowing their kids are getting hydrated before they head out for an active day in the sun.

"Getting kids to slow down and take time to refuel with fluids is important," says Gail Rampersaud, registered dietitian with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "One of the best ways children can beat the heat is by eating a balanced breakfast including 100 percent orange juice every day. Orange juice naturally delivers important nutrients that keep them energized throughout active summer days."

The kinds of fluids kids drink are just as important as how much they consume. Parents should pay special attention to the quality and quantity of nutrients found in the beverages kids drink. While water is always the most important source of hydration, other beverages can provide a healthy boost by offering drinkers a source of hydration as well as vitamins and nutrients. An important part of breakfast, 100 percent orange juice offers vitamin C, folate and potassium that help kids stay cool and energized while also giving them a great start to the day.

Consider some of these simple tips to help kids stay healthy and keep cool.

—**Drink early.** For the best start to the day, drink a nutrient-packed, caffeine-free beverage such as orange juice. Caffeinated drinks may quench thirst, but are diuretics and can cause dehydration. Drinking 100 percent juice is also a great way to help meet the daily recommended amount of fruit servings.

—**Drink before and during activity.** Staying active is important, and being well hydrated enhances performance and enjoyment. Kids should consume fluids at least 30 minutes before and at half-hour intervals during physical activity to ensure that they stay cool, hydrated, energized and healthy while they play.

—**Drink often.** Pack or carry a bottle of juice or water, especially when you're outdoors for activities all day. To make it easier for kids, be sure to stock the refrigerator with plenty of cold water and fresh juice. Eating frozen juice pops is another great way to keep hydrated and enjoy a tasty afternoon treat.

Alligator caught in child's backyard pool

TINLEY PARK, Ill. (AP) — It's see you later for a 4-foot baby pet alligator that was caught by an animal control officer wading in a child's backyard pool.

Donna Crafton said her son, Daniel Crafton, 35, bought the alligator at a reptile show in Indiana last week. She said he put the alligator in a 3-foot-deep pool "to get some sun" while he set up an aquarium in his nearby home.

The alligator was captured Monday and taken to the Animal Welfare League of Chicago Ridge after police acted on a village ordinance prohibiting residents from having snakes and like animals, village manager Dave Dorgan said.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Joe Michael and Frances Feist of San Antonio announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Marie Feist of Dallas, to Jason Wade Warren, also of Dallas. He is the son of Wade and Carolyn Warren of Snyder. A 3 p.m. ceremony is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. (Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Bridge was played at the Snyder Country Club and Monte West directed.

Friday, July 19

North-South

A Group

1. Mary Bast, Johnnie Van Dever.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
4. Bettie Byrd, Coleen Palmer.

B Group

1. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
2. Nonnie Ward, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.

East-West

A group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.

B Group

1. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Peggy Hardin, Nona Morrison.
4. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

Todd Rosenberg allowed to keep unemployment money

NEW YORK (AP) — The creator of a Web site about a jobless man can keep his unemployment money.

Todd Rosenberg, who created the cartoon site after he was laid off last year, does not have to return the $2,237.50 in benefits he received, an administrative judge ruled.

"Justice prevails!" read a message Thursday on Rosenberg's Web site. "I was cleared of all charges! Yea!"

Officials at the state Department of Labor had challenged Rosenberg's filing for unemployment, alleging that the Web site was a moneymaker for the man who dubbed himself "Odd Todd."

"As a joke, the claimant started a Web site poking fun at the day in the life of an unemployed person," the decision said. "It was simply a lark that turned into something lucrative."

Rosenberg filed for unemployment on June 13, 2001, after losing his job at a dot-com company. When he had trouble finding a new job, he launched his Internet site with cartoons about his job woes.

Rosenberg stopped collecting unemployment on Dec. 21, 2001.

What raised the state's interest was Rosenberg's November introduction of a "Tip Cup," which allowed visitors to contribute $1 to Odd Todd. Rosenberg was surprised to receive several thousand dollars from Web surfers.

The Labor Department said taking the donations were tantamount to running a business, making Rosenberg ineligible for any benefits. Rosenberg challenged the ruling, and received word of the judge's decision on Wednesday.

"There was no willful misrepresentation on his part," the decision said. "He was eligible for the benefits he received."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-27-02
♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ J 10 7
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ Q 10
♥ A K Q 6 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ 8 7 2

East
♠ K 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 6 4 3

South
♠ A J 7 6 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Saturday, July 27, 2002

Lead low, ruff high, gain trick

By Phillip Alder

The heat of summer was oppressive. The Senior Life Master wasn't unhappy, though, because he was sitting next to an air-conditioner and had a coconut-flavored smoothie in his hand.

A young man dressed in Tommy Bahama shorts and shirt sat next to the SLM.

"It is too hot for me," the y.m. said.

"But you are well dressed for this weather," replied the SLM.

I am reminded (continued the SLM) of a deal played some 20 years ago on an equally hot day. Alexia Bysshe-Carpentiere came to our club dressed in a skimpy outfit. After receiving several offers, she agreed to play with Stanley Shelley-Smythe in the afternoon duplicate.

We heard "well played" several times, but this deal was the highlight of their session.

The SLM wrote the West and North hands onto the back of a coaster.

Against four spades, Stanley cashed the heart ace: seven, eight, four. He continued with the heart king: 10, three, nine. What did Stanley do next?

Stanley counted the points. He had 11 and dummy 14. Giving declarer only 12, that left at most three for Alexia. Since South had to have the diamond ace, the defenders had taken all possible side-suit tricks. There was only one chance — Stanley led the heart two.

Now the spotlight fell on Alexia, and she shined by ruffing with the spade king. South overruffed with the ace, but this gave Stanley two trump tricks with which to defeat the contract. It was a classic uppercut.

Alexia and Stanley won easily. After the session, they had dinner together, and last year, they went to the high-school graduation of their eldest child, Ambrose.

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McWilliams, Bell exchange vows

ROBY — Kelly McWilliams and Dustin Bell exchanged marriage vows at 5 p.m. on July 20 in the Roby First Baptist Church.

Ted Posey of Rotan, grandfather of the bride, and Ed Cooley of Pampa, cousin of the groom, officiated the ceremony.

The bride's parents are Lance and Terry McWilliams of Roby and the groom's parents are Gary and Cynthia Bell of Lubbock.

Linda Holcomb of Lubbock was pianist. Brad and Glenna Stuart, cousins of the bride, sang "From This Moment On" and "You and I."

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Stephanie Stanford, her roommate from Lubbock, was matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Tracy Posey, the bride's cousin from Rotan, and Erin Langley of Lubbock.

Flower girl was Taylor Posey, cousin of the bride from Rotan. Ring bearer was Grayson Braziel, cousin of the groom from Midland.

Best man was Raymond Stanford, roommate and longtime friend from Lubbock. Groomsmen included Neil Dudley, roommate from Comanche, and Justin McKinley, cousin of the groom from Plano. Seating guests were Kyle and Klay McWilliams, brothers of the bride from Roby.

Jamie Putnam, cousin of the bride from Snyder, registered guests.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Serving at the bride's table were cousins of the bride, Kayla Posey of Rotan, Hailey Putnam and Jamie Putnam, both of Snyder, and Ashley Douglass, a friend from Roby.



Mrs. Dustin Bell
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Serving at the groom's table were sisters of the groom, April Bell of Dallas and Christy Hennigan of McKinney, and his cousins, Mia Thurman of Burleson and Sandra McKinley of Plano.

Their honeymoon trip was to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Salt Lake City, Utah. They have made their home in Lubbock.

The bride, a graduate of Roby High School and Texas Tech University, is a former teacher for SISD and is now employed by Idalou ISD.

Dustin is a graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School and Texas Tech University and is employed by Lubbock Fire Dept.

Jennifer Lopez has filed for divorce from Cris Judd

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jennifer Lopez has officially had enough of her 10-month marriage to dancer Cris Judd — she filed divorce papers citing irreconcilable differences.

The actress-singer filed the divorce petition in Superior Court Thursday, just one day after her 32nd birthday.

The couple separated June 2, and the subsequent divorce negotiations were "extremely amicable," said Lopez's lawyer, Dennis M. Wasser.

"They're happy with each other," said Wasser, who declined to disclose any details of the couple's agreement. Judd's lawyer Mark V. Kaplan said all parties signed confidentiality agreements.

Lopez married Judd in a private ceremony in Calabasas.

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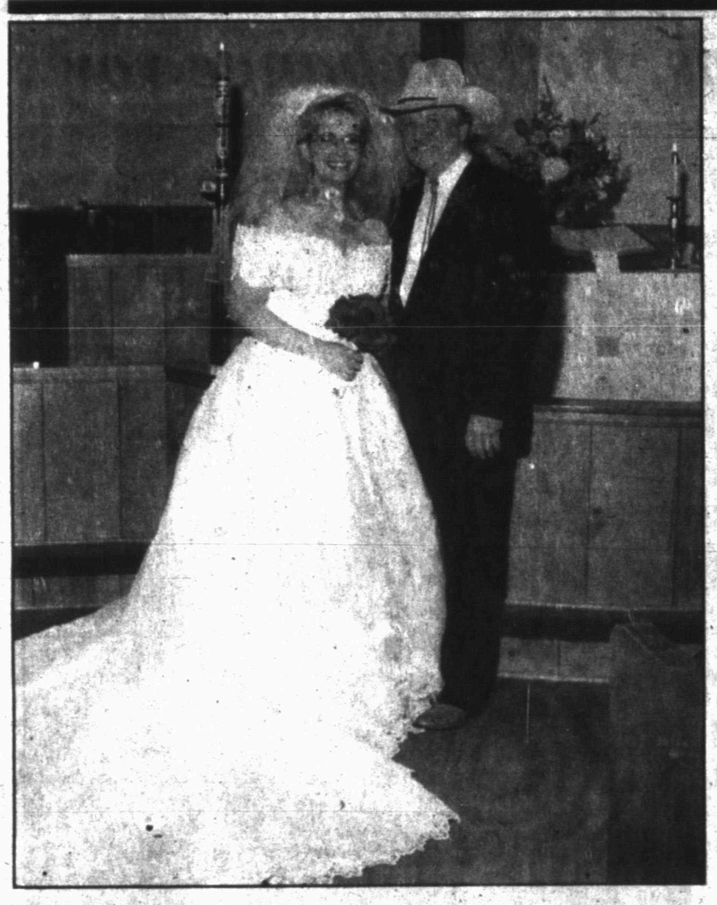
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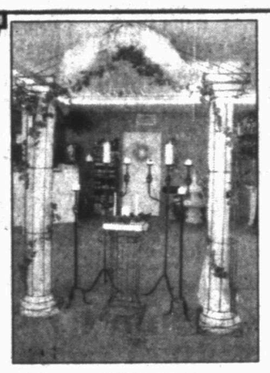
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WED IN HERMLEIGH — Colonel Fred W. Green and Sharon D. Applin were recently married in the Hermleigh United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dorothy Peterson officiated the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Green reside in Hermleigh. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.



GRIMMETT-ALTMAN ENGAGED — Billy and Diana Grimmett and Philip and Norma Lemmons announce the engagement of their daughter, Haily Grimmett, to Brandon Altman. He is the son of the late Dixon and Pat Phillips. The couple plan to marry at 3 p.m. on Sept. 28 in Calvary Baptist Church. (Photo by Tom Gonzales)



BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Julie Doolittle, bride-elect of Jamey Monzingo of Tomball, was honoree at a bridal shower on July 20 in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. They plan to marry Sept. 14 in the garden area. From left are Jean McCommas, grandmother of the bride; Suzanne Doolittle, her mother; the honoree of the Woodlands; Gloria Monzingo, mother of the prospective groom of Tomball; and Marie Doolittle, the future bride's grandmother of Springfield, Miss. (Contributed Photo)

Riley family reunion held at Wagon Wheel Ranch

The families of James Valentine and Sarah Elizabeth Parker Riley gathered at the Wagon Wheel Ranch on July 13.

The Riley's, with their four children, arrived in Scurry County in 1891 and ranched near Ennis Creek, later moving further north near the Kent County line.

Four more children were born in Scurry County. Their children include Anon Riley, Emma Meyers, Minnie Burnett Whatley, Ira Riley, Margia McClinton Doak, Bessie Miller, Ada Williamson and Effie McGlaun.

Descendants of Anon Riley attending were Torrence Riley of Clovis, N.M., Randall Riley of Levelland, Wendell and Marilyn Hendricks of Farmington, N.M., Laurinda Hendricks Lyndol, Reid and Aiden Hendricks of Albuquerque, N.M. Carlene, David, Marissa and Kaitlin George of Springdale, Ark., Doug and Ellen Riley of Hermleigh, Stacy, Paula, and Aubrie Brookings of Midland, Mary and Roger Batchelor, Tommy and Johnie Riley, Clayton, Jerri, Magen and Jacob Riley, all of Snyder, Gaylon and Tom Neatherlin of Abilene.

Descendants of Emma Meyers were Zada Bea Singer, Carolyn and Norman Stevens, Russell Stevens and Spencer Stevens, all of Holden, Utah, Lori, Galen and Emma Hunt of Bellevue, Wash., David Riley, Katie and Alyssa Stevens of Richmond, Va., Jennifer, Brad and Beck Davis of Draper, Utah, Wade and Sarah Stevens of Cedar City, Utah, Francene and James Moore of Killeen.

Descendant of Minnie Whatley was Faydean Hart of Snyder.

Descendants of Ira Riley attending were Sean Riley of Austin, Whitney Riley of Houston, Lanham Riley and Kelly Riley of Aledo, Ben F. Brooks of Boerne, Mike Brooks, Riley Brooks, Samatha Brooks, Kim Brooks of San Angelo, Dorothy and Jimmie Randals and Richard Randals of Tucumcari.

Descendant of Margia Doak was Larry Williams of Galveston.

Descendants of Bessie Miller were Riley and Mary Miller of Justiceburg and Ralph and Dewey Fay Miller of Fluvanna.

Descendants of Effie McGlaun were Loyd McGlaun of Big Spring, Doug and Jean McGlaun of Fort Worth, Sheri and Lynn Fuller of Willow Park, Debra and Regan McMahon of Kingwood, Gerald, Pam and Kent McGlaun of Aledo, Kevin, Nancy, Nick and Jake McGlaun of Arlington, Joy McGlaun, Jack and June McGlaun, Mike, Marsha and Abby Levens of Snyder and Jeff Levens of San Angelo.

Guests attending were Sherree Wood of Azle and Mike and Kaitlyn Dillard of Abilene.

New idea for fundraiser

MANLEY, Iowa (AP) — A fund-raising drive in this northern Iowa town gives the phrase "pay toilets" a new meaning.

People pay to have them taken away.

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Band's last performance

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which she called the best fun band anywhere. She credits Gloria Browning, who played the keyboard, with "keeping us going."

Other Kitchen Band members include Duke Ball, Nellie Baker, Glenn Baker, Benny Benitez, Novella Benitez, Bill Bowlin, Earline Bowlin, Warren Badger, Margie Barron, Wanna Fisher, Peggy Fowler and "Sally" the puppet; Frances Ferguson, Peggy Grinslade, Cecil Lankford, Dorothy Lankford, Jean McCommas, Nellie Rios, Helen Spivey, Joe Spivey, Izora Milliken, Evelyn Fields, Frank Heritage and Paulyne Eaker.

Ball will still perform with two groups, the Local Yokels and the Sunshine Choir.

Ball has two children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A daughter, Lorita Clinkinbeard, lives in Snyder and a son, Bob Jones, lives in Midland.





From left are Duke Ball, Glenn Baker, Gloria Browning and Wanna Fisher.



Texa Ball sings (bottom photo) and plays a rub board (top photo).



Izora Milliken belts out a tune at the band's final performance at a recent family reunion. Texa Ball can be seen to the right. Pictured at left are Peggy Fowler and "Sally," the puppet.

SDN Staff Photos By Jo Ann Nunley



From left back row Verline Bowlin, Bill Bowlin, Nellie Baker, Dorothy Lankford, Peggy Grinslade; front from left are Evelyn Fields, Novella Benitez, Izora Milliken, Peggy Fowler and "Sally."



Bill and Verline Bowlin sing a number during the Kitchen's Band final performance.

Lawsuit seeks unspecified damages...

Producer sues Ozzy, Sharon Osbourne over idea for MTV's hit reality show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A producer has sued Ozzy Osbourne and the rock musician's wife, claiming the couple stole the idea for their hit MTV reality series "The Osbournes" from him.

Plaintiff Gary Binkow said he met on several occasions with the couple and executives from Miramax TV between 1999 and 2000 to discuss "a real-life docu-sitcom" about their family, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The court papers include what Binkow said was a copy of his original treatment of the proposed series from January 2000, registered with the Writers Guild of America, The Hollywood Reporter reported Friday.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for breach of contract and fraud.

Lisa Vega, a spokeswoman for the family, said previously published reports have made it clear that Binkow was not the show's creator. MTV was not named in the lawsuit.

Binkow is executive producer of "Neverland," a movie starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet that's being shot in London.

A second season of the popular show is set to begin shooting in a few weeks, with Sharon Osbourne beginning chemotherapy for cancer that she recently learned had spread beyond her colon.

The show also stars two of their three children — 17-year-old daughter Kelly and 16-year-old son Jack.

On Friday, Osbourne said he's taking three weeks off from Ozzfest 2002 — the annual summer tour that Sharon Osbourne created — to be with his wife during her first round of treatment. The band System of a Down will replace him as the headlining act.

"This has been one of the hardest decisions I've had to make and I'm hoping that my fans will understand," the singer said in a statement. "Ozzfest must continue with or without me since it's Sharon's baby."

Osbourne will leave the tour after Sunday's show in Atlanta and plans to return Aug. 22 in Denver.

On the Net:
Ozzfest Web site:
http://www.ozzfest.com/

Time can be your best friend or worst enemy.

Woman tried to keep great-grandkids together

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Ira Salone devoted her life to the five great-grandchildren she took into her home, determined to keep them from being scattered among different foster families.

But the story of sacrifice by a woman with poor health and little retirement money took a tragic turn on a Texas highway. A car accident left Salone dead, along with her 48-year-old daughter and four of the children.

"She was trying to keep the family together," neighbor Revoyda Woodard said as she leaned against the railing of her front porch. "And they all got wiped out together."

Salone, 62, was driving back to Shreveport on Interstate 20 after visiting a sister near Dallas when her minivan was hit, head-on, by a speeding sport utility vehicle.

The only survivor was Tatyana Jackson, one of 3-year-old triplets, who is still in a Dallas hospital in critical condition.

Salone and Belinda Jackson, the children's grandmother, were dead at the scene. Also killed were Marisha Jackson, 14; Shanae Jackson, 10; and the other two triplets, Tyler and Tevin Jackson.

Many of Salone's relatives have converged on Shreveport for funerals that were set for Saturday.

"We're all walking around like zombies ... I still can't believe this," said Elizabeth Salone, one of Ira Salone's sisters, who lives near Sacramento, Calif.

The driver of the SUV, Kyong Leingang, 54, of Addison, also died in the crash. Authorities suspect she lost control of the vehicle while returning from a trip to Shreveport casinos.

Elizabeth Salone said another sister was talking to a lawyer about a wrongful death lawsuit.

Nekay Jackson, the 32-year-old mother of the young accident victims, had been declared unfit to care for the 14 children she had with various men, relatives said. Ira persuaded Jackson to have surgery rendering her infertile after she last gave birth, to the triplets.

Before Sunday's accident, two of her children had died as infants. The rest, who live with foster parents in California, are expected for the funeral.

Nekay Jackson also is in Shreveport but in no condition to meet with reporters, family members said.

Salone, a retired nurse who struggled with her weight, began raising great-grandchildren despite suffering from asthma and a weak heart. Shanae came to live with her as an infant, and she then took in the triplets, Elizabeth Salone said.

This summer, Ira Salone agreed to take in Marisha, who had repeatedly run away from foster homes.

Salone and her great-grandchildren narrowly escaped tragedy months before the fatal car accident. In December, while Salone was sleeping, a fire broke out in her modest two-story home.

One of the children woke her and she rushed them through a cold rain to the home of a neighbor, Cheryl Bradford.

"After the fire she never complained about losing almost everything she owned," Bradford said of her neighbor, a devout Jehovah's Witness. "She just kept thanking me for letting the kids stay over."

Melvin Sloan, an elder at Shreveport's Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, said Ira and the children were "loved by everybody." Young Shanae even participated in adult Bible discussions, Sloan said.

It's not clear what will happen to Tatyana should she pull through. Another of Ira's sisters, Nancy Stills of Shreveport, has talked of wanting to raise her, and Tatyana's former foster parents may also want her back, Elizabeth Salone said.

Elizabeth Salone was close with her sister Ira, who also lived in northern California for decades until she moved to their native Shreveport six years ago. The pair spoke by phone several times a week at all hours of the day.

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Ira policy for meals explained

Ira Independent School District will receive funding to provide free and reduced priced meals under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program for the 2001-2002 school year.

Students who attended school last year will be provided applications forms on Tuesday, Aug. 14, the first day of school. Students new to the district will be given applications forms when they enroll in Ira ISD schools.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility; however, this information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health or means-tested programs.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, district personnel will review applications for Ira students and determine eligibility. An income eligibility chart will be provided with the application forms.

Ira parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Box 240, Ira 79527, or call 573-2629.

See the income eligibility chart elsewhere on this page.

Steve Fossett's balloon for sale

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — For sale at auction: a ripped, silver balloon. Only one flight — but a long one.

The balloon that carried American adventurer Steve Fossett on his record-making solo flight around the world is being auctioned off to help Australia's Outback medical service, the Flying Doctors.

Fossett donated the damaged "Spirit of Freedom" bubble to John and Jasaleen Ferguson after he touched down July 4 on their isolated cattle ranch in eastern Australia.

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Public Records

Marriage License

William G. Edwards Jr. and Kimberly Kaci Duke, both of Ira.

David Wayne Turner and Brandy Michelle Beam, both of Snyder.

Murry William Bell and Patti Clark Pitner, both of Snyder.

Zachary Tobias Zalman of Hermleigh and Stephanie Ann Davis of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Sandra Jean Hall and Clarence Wilburn Hall Jr., divorce granted.

Wilford C. and Wanda Jo Seen vs. Primrose Operating Co., et al, order granting a partial new trial.

Deed Records

Manuel Realsola to Gloria Rivera, the east 60 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Creswell Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Abel and Patricia Escobedo to Raul I. Garcia Jr., Lot 21 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Mary Katharine Higdon to James Michael Higdon, Lot 8 in Block 8 of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

James Michael Higdon to James Matthew and Cecilia E. Higdon, Lot 8 in Block 8 of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

J.H. Myers Jr. to Reynaldo M. and Maria Elena Hernandez, a 0.458-acre tract out of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Randy C. and Diane R. Hogan to Wesley Reagan and Angela D'Ann Key, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Parkview Addition, Section 1.

Donald and Kathy Murdock to Olin Thomas Lane, Lot 25 in Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Richard W. Sumruld, independent executor of the estate of Charlie W. Sumruld, to Richard W. Sumruld, the southeast part of Block 13 of the Cody Addition.

Ronny Smith to Sandra Rodriguez, Lot 9 and Lots 12-16 in Block 19 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Terry Lane Williamson, independent executor of the estate of Dorothy LaRue Williamson, et al, to Charles and Virginia Mae Fulks, Lot 4 in Block E of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

Sandra Jean Hall to C.W. Hall Jr., Lots 20-36 of the Crestview Subdivision of Section 54, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Robbie and Sarah Jamison to Michel and Nancy Steelman, Lot 32 in Block G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Juan and Guadalupe Torres, the east 50 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 1, Block 6, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Andres Hermosillo, Lot 9 in Block A of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Lynn McLarty, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Deborah A. McLarty, to Stephen and Kathy Ilene Tyler, Lot 26 and the south 10 feet of Lot 25 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Johnny and Olga Rodriguez to Leticia Castillo Martinez, the south 60 feet of the west 120 feet of the south 90 feet of Lot 3 in Block 50 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Deborah J. Bowlin to Barrie W. Bowlin, a lot out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ray and Mary Whitley to Adelpha Sauceda, Lots 1-4 in Block 77 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Larry E. and April McClure to Kenneth and Deanna McClure, an 0.54-acre tract in Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nellie Jo Womack to Jackie W. Womack, part of Lot 3 in Block 18 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Bernarda Rodriguez to Phillis Leatherwood, Lot 5 in Block 17 of the Green Hills Addition.

Joe Angel Garcia Jr. to Phillis Leatherwood, Lot 6 in Block 17 of the Green Hills Addition.

Carmen Sanchez to Phillis Leatherwood, Lot 9 in Block 17 of the Green Hills Addition.

Barrie W. Bowlin to Pamela Autumn Hogan, 2.0 acres out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Toby H. and Rhonda J. Roemer to Swartz and Brough Inc., the north 60 feet of Lots 10-12 in Block 36 of A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.



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Federal agent admits writing on calendar

DETROIT (AP) — A Secret Service agent admitted scrawling "Islam is Evil" and "Christ is King" on a Muslim prayer calendar while searching the home of a man charged with smuggling bogus checks into the United States, authorities said.

The incident occurred when agents searched the Dearborn home of Omar Shishani, who has pleaded innocent to bringing $12 million in forged cashiers checks on a flight from Indonesia.

"This type of unprofessional behavior by a federal agent will not be tolerated," Jeffrey Collins, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, said Thursday.

Shishani's brother, Abdallah, said he and his wife found the writing on a prayer calendar attached to the refrigerator. Abdallah Shishani, 44, and his wife have been staying at the house since Omar Shishani's arrest, baby-sitting the man's 8-year-old twins.

Collins would not identify the agent but said he had been a Secret Service special agent for about 10 years. The agent was put on leave pending the investigation, and officials said he could be fired and face criminal charges.

"It's outrageous that one of our law enforcers who swears to serve and protect is making religious slurs against individuals," said Omar Shishani's attorney, Nabih Ayad.

The Jordanian-born Shishani was arrested July 17.

Date Book

Saturday, July 27, 2002

Today is the 208th day of 2002 and the 37th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1784, the first French newspaper in the United States, the Courier l'Amerique, was published.

On this day in 1953, with the signing of an armistice at Panmunjom, Korea, a cease-fire brought a halt to the Korean War.

On this day in 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon on charges of obstruction of justice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Dumas (1824-1895), moralist; Leo Durocher (1906-1991), baseball player and manager; Keenan Wynn (1916-1986), actor; Peggy Fleming (1948-), figure skater, is 54; Elizabeth Hardwick (1916-), novelist and essayist, is 86.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Hank Green of the Detroit Tigers hit four consecutive home runs in two games against Washington.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nature should have been pleased to have made this age miserable, without making it also ridiculous." — Elizabeth Hardwick

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 24) and last quarter (Aug. 1).

Sunday, July 28, 2002

Today is the 209th day of 2002 and the 38th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, in Lynn, Mass., the first convention of the Daughters of St. Crispin was held. The Daughters of St. Crispin was the first national women's trade union.

On this day in 1915, U.S. Marines and sailors landed in Haiti to enforce rule.

On this day in 1973, the second manned mission to the Skylab space station was launched. The astronauts on the mission — Maj. Jack Lousma, Capt. Alan Bean and Owen Garriott — remained in orbit for 59 days.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), poet; Rudy Vallee (1901-1986), singer; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-1994), first lady; Sally Struthers (1948-), actress, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Fred Lynn of the Boston Red Sox hit two doubles, two triples and a home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 24) and last quarter (Aug. 1).

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'Gone With the Wind' auction nets $334,000

ATLANTA (AP) — A wool sweater worn by Olivia de Havilland sold for nearly three times its expected price as a Georgia man auctioned off most of his collection of "Gone With the Wind" memorabilia for $334,000.

The items, assembled over 40 years and sold as 348 lots at Christie's in New York on Wednesday, included signed first editions of Margaret Mitchell's novel and seats from Loew's Theatre, site of the 1939 Atlanta movie premiere.

Former Hollywood makeup artist Jim Tumblin bought the sweater for $16,730 for his "GWTW" Movie Museum in Marietta. It has been expected to sell for about $6,000.

De Havilland played Melanie Hamilton in the film, which also starred Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara and Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Boy gets girl's attention all the wrong ways

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl with a confusing problem. There's this neighborhood boy named "Brian" who is my age. He really gets on my nerves. Practically every day after school, Brian asks if he can play with me or my sister. We always say no, because he's a loudmouth at school and causes problems.

One day my sister and I were walking home from school, and Brian asked for a piece of paper. He had the nerve to write me a love note! It was obvious from the note that he has a crush on me. He said he couldn't tell me to my face because I'm always rude to him.

What I don't understand is how he can have a crush on me when he acts like such a jerk at school.

Please help me, Abby. I can't take it any longer. Could you give me a solution for Brian's annoying behavior? — OVERHEATED GIRL IN SPRINGFIELD, ORE.

DEAR OVERHEATED GIRL: Brian's acting like a jerk because he's trying to get you to notice him. He's young and doesn't know any other way to accomplish it.

If I were you, I'd try to be a little more tolerant and accept the fact that he likes you as a compliment. Look at it this way: When someone admires somebody else, it's not intended as an insult. And besides, he might become more attractive as he ages — so don't burn your bridges.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother was born and raised in a European country. At 20, she met a young American soldier who was on his way to Vietnam. They had a brief affair, and I was the result.

When I was 6, my mother married my stepfather and we came to the United States. My stepfather tried, but he could not fill the void in my life. My mother refused to answer any questions about my real father or his family. She always told me he was killed in the war.

Last year, I hired a private investigator and found my father alive and well. He was shocked, but happy to hear from me. He did not even know my mother had borne his child. DNA tests confirm I am his daughter. I plan to meet his family and introduce him to mine.

My mother and I are now barely civil toward each other. I cannot understand why she deprived my father and me of knowing each other. She offers no explanation. All the years we missed breaks my heart. How can I forgive her? — ANONYMOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Start by understanding that your mother was and is very angry at your father. She may also have been ashamed about the circumstances of your conception. Although it was wrong of her to lie, until you understand her reasons for doing so, do not judge her.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with swimming. I don't know how. All I know is enough to save my life if I have to.

My mom wants me to take swimming next year in high school, but the thought of it embarrasses me. What should I do, Abby? I don't want my high school career to be over before it begins. — NOT A SWIMMER IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR NOT A SWIMMER: If you are embarrassed because you think you should know how to swim by now, I have a solution. Sign up for lessons at the local YMCA or take private lessons before school starts in the fall. That way, you'll be prepared to join the class, and you won't be embarrassed.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Al," and I have been married 18 years. We have a 12-year-old daughter. Last year we bought a wonderful old home that has an apartment in back over the detached two-car garage.

For the past year, we've rented the apartment to a 20-something couple who are the son and daughter-in-law of a good friend of ours. These renters have no children. The young wife likes to chitchat with my husband every time she sees him, and she's usually braless and in skimpy tank tops. (She has an ample bosom.)

Yesterday, when Al was sitting on the stairs that lead to the apartment, this gal bent over at face level and tied her sneaker while flashing him! Of course my husband got an eyeful — how could he not?

I was hanging laundry nearby and witnessed the whole thing. I didn't say anything at the time, but I ache inside now. Abby, I'm not bad-looking, but I'm in my late 40s and feeling threatened by this young "babe."

How should I address this? Should I raise the rent? Go on strike? Above all, I don't want our daughter to witness the stress and jealousy that's eating at me. Can you help me resolve this? — FAITHFUL WIFE IN NEW YORK STATE

DEAR FAITHFUL WIFE: The young woman is a poor role model for your daughter. Tell your husband you think the young woman is being intentionally provocative and that you're no longer comfortable with her living there. Inform the tenants it's time they started looking for other quarters. If your husband resists, then I urge you both to talk it out with a marriage counselor, because there's no reason why you should be uncomfortable in your own home.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Judy in Tucson," regarding control freaks who insist their weddings be picture-perfect, I have to tell you what happened to me when I was 18.

My best friend, "Carrie," was being married and asked me to be her maid of honor. However, she told me I was too fat and I would have to lose weight before the wedding because she didn't want me to ruin her wedding pictures. I went on a strict diet and lost weight, but that was not enough for Carrie. She replaced me with a thinner girl, but told me I was welcome to attend the ceremony. I was very hurt.

My parents loved Carrie and told me I was being overly sensitive. They were unable to attend her wedding, but gave me a card with cash to give to the bride and groom. My boyfriend thought the way I had been treated was terrible and suggested we ditch the wedding — and we did. We took Mom's gift and had a wonderful evening out on the town.

My mother still mentions the fact she never received a thank-you note from Carrie. Maybe someday I will tell her the truth — but I'm still not sorry for what we did. — TELLING THE TRUTH IN DULUTH

P.S. I recently ran into Carrie at the mall. Poor thing, she's put on quite a few pounds. (I have lost 100 pounds — and look great!)

DEAR TELLING THE TRUTH: I don't condone what you did, but your motive was understandable. Carrie's priorities were misplaced, but it's wrong for you to continue to allow your mother to think your former friend failed to acknowledge her generous gift.

You're older and wiser now — not to mention thinner — so 'fess up and face the music.

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Former Nocona nurse pleads innocent

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The court-appointed attorney for a former nurse accused of fatally drugging four patients — and suspected in 16 more deaths — says he'll challenge the scientific evidence touted by prosecutors.

Bruce Martin of Wichita Falls said he doubts authorities can prove the validity of tests and other evidence presented to a grand jury, which indicted Vickie Dawn Carson Jackson last week.

Jackson, 36, pleaded innocent Monday to two counts of capital murder, each count covering two patients' deaths at Nocona General Hospital.

Her attorneys mailed her plea, and she waived her arraignment in 97th District Court. She remains jailed on $2 million bond.

"I find her to be a very likable, articulate, intelligent young lady," Martin said. "I just don't see in her the type of pathology to be a serial killer."

The 10 patients' bodies considered the best candidates for autopsies were exhumed in June 2001. Montague County District Attorney Tim Cole said there may be 25 victims in all, including five who survived, but that proving the others may be too difficult.

Yale: Princeton improperly entered admissions Web site

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The head of admissions at Princeton University was suspended after his office was accused of improperly entering a Yale University Web site where applicants can find out whether they were accepted.

Yale officials notified the FBI on Thursday about 18 unauthorized log-ins to the Web site that were traced back to computers at Princeton, including computers in the admissions office.

"We're assessing the information to see if there is a federal violation," FBI spokeswoman Lisa Bull said.

Marilyn Marks, a spokeswoman for Princeton, said Thursday night that an independent investigator was to arrive at the New Jersey campus Friday. She said Stephen LeMenager, Princeton's associate dean and director of admission, has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the probe.

LeMenager said the school checked the site simply to see how secure it was. Princeton gained access using information from students who had applied to both schools.

"It was really an innocent way for us to check out the security," LeMenager told the Yale Daily News, which broke the story Thursday in its online edition.

"That was our main concern of having an online notification system, that it would be susceptible to people who had that information — parents, guidance counselors, and admissions officers at other schools."

Attempts to reach LeMenager on Thursday night were unsuccessful. A telephone message left for an S.E. LeMenager in Pennington, N.J., the only LeMenager listed for the area, was not returned.

"The actions reported today by the Yale Daily News represent a serious lapse of judgment by at least one member of our admissions staff," Marks said. "The improper use of information provided to the university in good faith may have affected the ability of students to obtain information about their admission to Yale, something we deeply regret."

Yale said Princeton's actions violated the privacy of the students.

"We have therefore notified appropriate law enforcement authorities as well as the applicants whose Web locations were accessed," said Dorothy K. Robinson, Yale vice president and general counsel.

The Web site was activated in the spring so that undergraduate applicants could find out if they got into Yale. Applicants could access the site by using their Social Security numbers and birthdates. The site included links to admissions information and personal data about the students.

Lawsuit says school let police dog sniff young kids for drugs

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials at a South Dakota school confined students to their classrooms for several hours while a police dog toured the rooms, sniffing children as young as 6 to check for drugs, according to a lawsuit filed against the school.

The German shepherd got off its leash in a kindergarten classroom at the Wagner Community School and chased students during the May search, the court papers allege. They claim some students started crying and at least one urinated involuntarily.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls by the parents of 17 elementary and high school students, wants such activity declared a violation of the constitutional right against unreasonable searches. It also seeks unspecified damages and an order stopping the practice.

Repeated attempts by The Associated Press to reach Wagner Principal Neil Goter and school board officials were unsuceessful Thursday. Kenneth Cotton, the school district's lawyer, told The New York Times he could not comment on the allegations specifically, but he said he had talked to two students who told him the dog visited their classrooms only briefly and "in an orderly way."

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is involved in the class-action lawsuit, alleged that the Wagner School Board approved the search. The school board is named as a defendant, along with former Wagner Police Chief Richard Volk and Neil McCaleb, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs in the Interior Department.

The lawsuit alleges that a similar drug-dog search was conducted a few days after the first one.

Some students experienced physical discomfort when they were not allowed to go to the bathroom for several hours during the searches, according to the lawsuit. It says students were told not to pet the dog, not to look at it or make any sudden movements, and some students feared the dog would bite them.

In a news release, Jennifer Ring, executive director of the Dakotas chapter of the ACLU, said, "The very notion of there being a drug problem in kindergarten is ridiculous."

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Letters to the editor

Problems with cable

Dear Editor:

I received a phone call the other day from someone I believe to be with Cox Cable. He was offering me a new deal on an expansion of some 30 more movies a month.

This service was free for the first three months and then I would be billed for $10 more a month. I had one foot out the door when he called, as I was taking my wife to the hospital, and I was in no mood to talk about expanding the problems I have with their cable signals.

He was very insistent, so I took the time to tell him I had no intentions of paying more than the $90 I was already paying for lost signals and movies that break up. He seemed to be shocked that I am paying that much now for cable service. But he did not hesitate to ask for $10 more and raise it to $100.

The only difference I see in Cox and SCAT cable is the monthly premiums. Cox has more for you to be without during their outages and additional charges for up-grade, down-grade and disconnecting fees.

Also, I have some hangover heat from them telling me a flat out-and-out lie about their premiums for the first year, and I am anticipating another increase next year, or before. I know it is my choice to stay on it. With a few more improvements with satellite services and Mr. Cox can kiss me good bye. (I could do without the kiss).

As long as I am complaining, I might as well mention the TV guide. It takes two books and three cards to figure out the channel and the number of a program. By then you have missed half of it.

While writing this to SDN, I would like to know your secret on your TV guide. Two weeks ago, the page for Saturday was printed in code and as yet, I have been unable to crack it.

When I was a kid, we used to write notes with milk for brown letters and lemon juice for green. The letter was invisible until you held it over a flame and it would appear. I tried this with your guide until it caught fire, and it dawned on me that was what you had planned in the first place. You win, I am not even going to try and figure out why you put two Thursdays and no Friday in last week's guide.

Omer (Mushroom) Pointer

What's with commercials?

Dear Editor:

Some TV commercials have sunk to depths of "Whatever."

My only wish is that I did business with Bank of America so I could immediately quit them and hunt for any other banking institution.

I say this "with every fiber of my being" as I bang my head on my desk.

Joe T. Williamson

Regarding a previous letter

Dear Editor:

In regard to the letter of July 21 from Ms. Cooper. I was appalled at the blatant attempt to blame the victims in this horrible accident.

I do believe this was an accident, but it was a neglectful, completely unnecessary accident. Dropping the milk and spilling it is an accident, forgetting to bring it in out of the car after purchasing it is a neglectful accident.

Ms. Cooper implies the child's mother is the most at fault because she did not inform the school the child was on the bus. How did they know to pick her up? Obviously the mother was being responsible and this was the second day the child had been picked up with the day care-van.

The ridiculous attempt to shift the blame here to the innocents in this incident is unforgivable and to imply the teachers feel worse than the mother is ludicrous. As a mother who had a similar thing happen "I" can't even imagine how this mother felt, because my child was 9 or 10 years old. He was left in the detention room while the only person that knew he was there locked the school and went home. While we were frantically searching, he was discovered by the janitor a full 2 hours after he should have been home. At least he was old enough to find a phone if it had gone on much longer. I too was treated like I should be grateful it didn't turn out worse (by my school board representative) and we were not even important enough to get the person involved a reprimand. At what point do we become responsible for our own actions?

While in nursing school, Winnie Poyner (instructor) told us there were two things people would not let you be less than perfect in dealing with, "your life and your money." I have found this to be true.

In my opinion, with the cavalier way these people and this incident has been treated, "monetary" may be the only way to impact those responsible with the seriousness of their actions.

Incidentally, I do not know any of the people involved personally and my facts have come from the newspaper reports, so I have no agenda other than sympathy for all.

Sincerely,
Pat Scott

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

I would like to say thank you to the man and woman who helped my daughters on Monday night, July 22 when they blew out a tire on their car. They were returning home from their grandmother's funeral that was held that day in Breckenridge.

I do not know your names, but it is nice to know that there are still people that are willing to help others in need. Words will never express how thankful I am to you for helping my girls.

Thanks to your help they made it home without any more trouble.

Sincerely,
Paula Gerik Morton

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	7
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	3
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2
Snyder ISD	2

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY





North of Forty by Red Green

Take it easy

It seems like every town or city has a radio station that promotes itself as "easy listening." This is a euphemism for "old people's music." Any phrase that starts with the word "easy" is generally aimed at the middle-aged market. Easy living, easy payments, easy chair.

The only exception is "easy women," which is geared to a younger crowd. The reason that the word "easy" is so irresistible to those of us higher mileage types is that we've experienced enough "difficult" in so many areas of our lives that we're not looking for another challenge. And there's an implication that your other choices are not nearly as pleasant.

If Exhibit A is an easy chair, then Exhibit B must be a hard chair. And doesn't easy living sound more appealing than hard living? Even with the radio station comparison, the one with the music you like is called "easy listening." The others are "difficult listening," believe me. Especially on a Saturday morning coming out of my neighbor's son's van at full volume. I am definitely not on Easy Street.

TENURE

You can generally figure out how good an idea is by how long it lasts. A hundred years later, we're still talking on phones and driving cars, while dirigibles and bomb shelters have fallen off the radar. This creates an opportunity for you to feel good about something and, if you're around my age, that doesn't happen often. So take a look at your life and see if you can find anything that's lasted for a while.

Maybe it's a tool or a radio or a car or a hat. The longer you've had it, the better the idea to get it was in the first place. If you've lived in the same house for more than five years, take credit for a good idea, rather than blame your inability to sell it based on the fact that you paid too much for it in the first place. It even works on a personal level.

Any marriage that's lasted more than 20 years must have been a good idea. Look at yourself and how long you've lasted. Your parents may have not thought you were such a good idea away back when, but every time you celebrate another birthday, you prove them more and more wrong.

THINGS THAT GO FASTER

They say that most things slow down as you get older. Well here are a few that go faster:

— Your energy.
— Your patience.
— Your trick knee.
— A long weekend.
— Spicy food.

FOUR ON THE FLOOR

We went up to a friend's cottage this past weekend, and my wife did all the driving. It works better that way. She's a little better driver than I am, but I'm a way better passenger than she is. I was looking out the window at the other cars, and quite often the cars contained two couples. So I would try to guess whether the couples were double dating or whether they were just two married couples going somewhere together.

I think I got pretty good at it. My first observation was that if it was daylight outside, they're probably married. If the men are in the front seat, they're also married. If the men are in the back seat, they're long married. If everybody's in the back seat, they're dating.

If the men are doing the talking, they're dating. If the women are doing the talking, they're married. If nobody's doing the talking, they're long married. If they're all giggling and laughing and having a great party, they're either dating or married, just not to each other.

Quote of the Day: "Age is a very high price to pay for maturity." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of the new book "Duct Tape is not Enough: A humorous guide to midlife." (Hatherleigh Press, 2002). Watch for the feature film Red Green's "Duct Tape Forever" at a theater near you.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Scoring insurance candidates

Calls to regulate insurers' use of credit scoring are coming from an unlikely source: a large auto insurance company.

Progressive Insurance Company's William Graves, speaking to a packed house of insurance officials in Austin last week, challenged his competitors to endorse regulations to restrict the use of credit scoring and to require disclosure of some information.

It is a bold but welcome move. Other insurers should follow Progressive's lead to clear up problems — before the Legislature does it for them.

Quietly, the big insurers — Allstate, Farmers, State Farm and Progressive — are using credit scoring in underwriting decisions that determine rates and whether a person should be sold a new policy or renewed for an existing one.

It is unfortunate that Gov. Rick Perry and lawmakers have allowed that to occur without setting guidelines, as other states have done. With no regulations, each insurer is free to set up its own system of credit scoring. In the absence of any guidelines, insurers have kept secret much of the criteria used to develop credit scores, so the public has had little to go on in evaluating its validity.

Credit scores are based on consumer credit histories compiled by consulting companies, such as Fair, Isaac & Co., which develop scoring models. Companies have zealously guarded those models to protect trade secrets. The models determine credit scores, which drive rates for auto or homeowners policies.

Insurers and advocates cite numerous internal studies that they say confirm the link between credit-based insurance scores and the risk of loss. Basically, the lower the credit score, the more likely a person is to file a claim; the higher the credit score, the less likely a person is to file a claim.

Last week, Progressive did much to raise the veil on credit scoring, even publicly disclosing its model to competitors. Graves pointed out that if consumers know what information negatively affects their credit, consumers can improve their credit and lower their insurance rates.

That is the kind of openness and responsible behavior that is needed if Texas is going to permit credit scoring. It hardly seems fair to deny policyholders access to the information and circumstances that drive their rates.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Federal red ink

After four years of federal budget surpluses, Washington is again wallowing — big time — in red ink.

Irresponsible spending, excessive tax cuts, the war against terrorism, a sluggish economy, a plunging stock market and Washington's over-reliance on utopian long-range forecasts have turned Uncle Sam a blushing red.

The Bush administration said last week that the government would run an uncomfortably stout deficit of $165 billion this year.

Both the White House and Congress — Republicans and Democrats alike — should share the blame for the ballooning deficit after a quartet of years in which the government had uncharacteristically operated in the black.

Just last year, the Bush administration was relying on a ridiculously rosy projection of surpluses as far as the eye could see. Specifically, the administration was banking on spare change of $5.6 trillion over 10 years to grease the way for adopting everything from income tax cuts to a new Medicare prescription drug program.

But by February of this year, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office was forecasting a surplus of only $1.6 trillion over the next 10 years — a colossal $4 trillion comedown from the prior projection.

In recent days, in the wake of a downturn in federal tax revenues and a nine-week tumble in stock prices, some veteran Washington lawmakers are saying that there may not be any surplus in the coming decade.

It's pretty easy to see why Washington has gotten itself in such a fiscal fix. Both the president and Congress are guilty of these fiscal follies:

Gross over-reliance on wantonly optimistic long-range budget forecasts, which historically have proven notoriously untrustworthy.

Unchecked spending. It's an election year, and members of both parties figure that they lose more votes by nixing spending proposals than they do by running up budget deficits.

Just look, for example, at the farm bill passed by Congress and signed by Bush — legislation that will cost an estimated $190 billion over the next decade, an 80 percent increase over the price tag for continuing existing farm programs.

Tax cuts. The 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut heavily promoted by Bush and passed by Congress will cost an estimated $1.7 trillion when increased costs for debt service resulting from the cuts are added in. By reducing revenues, the cuts are contributing significantly to the current budget deficit, the Congressional Budget Office said in a recent report.

San Antonio Express-News

Texas judges' conflict of interest

One line of attack being used against Justice Priscilla Owen to block her nomination to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals illustrates a danger all Texas judges face.

The Texas Supreme Court justice is being harshly criticized for taking money from lawyers, corporations and other interest groups and then ruling on cases involving those contributors. After all, this is the state's highest civil court, handling no criminal cases.

Residents of other states and even jaded Capitol Hill politicians understandably are repulsed, but that's the way judges do business in the Lone Star State.

Texas judges are forced to run for office in partisan elections just as other politicians, although they are supposed to rule independently on the law rather than represent a constituency.

If people want to be a judge in the state, they have to raise money to tell voters about themselves.

If they want to be a member of the Texas Supreme Court, they must raise big money.

The system justifiably raises eyebrows. It creates a damaging perception that Texas justice is for sale, and reform is desperately needed.

But Owen and any other Texas judge nominated to a federal bench cannot personally be held responsible of the state's dysfunctional judicial selection process.

While this newspaper opposes her nomination for other reasons, the Senate Judiciary Committee would be mistaken to focus too heavily on the fund-raising issues.

The U.S. Senate should rely on other factors as its members decide whether to confirm Owen for a seat on the New Orleans-based appellate court that serves Texas and several other states.

Owen has played by Texas' fund-raising rules. She had no choice if she wanted to be a judge, but the system has created additional baggage for Owen, who already spawned difficult problems for herself with her activist rulings on the state's high court.

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Hi Fellow Snyderites!



"IF WE DON'T MOW, SNYDER"

The first complaint we hear from visitors to our town or from newcomers who come to live in our city is "How do you all stand living here, it's so ugly". Now this is not what I want to hear, especially since I spend 24/7 trying to get folks to move here, visit here, or open a new business here. I am always shocked and say things about how we're trying to tear down old eye sores and fix up the Deep Creek corridor and build pretty new gazebos etc., and how friendly every one is-yada, yada, yada! I got very upset last week when dealing with a New Mexico firm interested in building a really nice chain store here, and he called back and told me they had decided to put it in Lamesa, "Because Snyder was so run down and ugly". LAMESA??? I defiantly and protectively ran out and got into my car to prove that my wonderful hometown is prettier than other places, including Lamesa.

As I angrily drove down College Avenue, starting at the 84 underpass and proceeding to the square and then the exit towards Big Spring, I tried to look at our hometown through the eyes of a newcomer seeing it for the first time, or a tourist passing through town and gazing out the car window. My friends, our town is ugly. Not sort of ugly-really really ugly. Weeds and tall grass on our main street, weeds covering all the curbs and corners and empty lots. Trash everywhere, broken windows and blinds on the square, (the center of our business community), beer and coke cans and bottles in parking lots and empty lots and buildings that haven't been cleaned up or around or painted in years.

Then I drove out the Sweetwater highway. Old cars, and junk are stacked everywhere, including torn up road signs, broken pieces of metal and trash, old farm implements that haven't moved in years and more old junky car parts along that major highway than in most big city junk yards. Way-beyond ugly-now why don't we have pride in our town anymore? Remember Sparkle City?

If I were driving into Snyder, I'd probably make my husband turn around too. I know many doctors' wives looking to move here, haven't "Because it's ugly", Well I'm kinda like Merle Haggard, "When your talkin' bout my city, well you're walkin' on the fightin'side of me." But what about when it's true?

I was talking with Helen Feinsod at the Purple Sage Motel and she hears that comment "Your people are so nice but your town is so ugly" and she said "What can we do?" My simple answer is "I don't know." I'd like to say "Please clean up around your businesses, your yard (front and back) and your ally. It's yours, please take care of it. But the truth is, most people who live with junk and let it be ugly, just simply don't care, and the rest of us have to look at it! So, let's blame the city for the curbs and main streets, and the county for the country roads looking so bad, but the truth is they can't legally clean our private property. The property owner is expected to do that. How shocking! We can't blame anyone-but ourselves.

I hope I don't make anyone mad but here's the simple truth. We stand around and blame everyone else because Snyder's business is bad-gloom and doom-no crops, no rain, no oil, no stores, bad leaders and yet when we do get folks to come and try us out, they won't move here because we don't even care enough to help ourselves. We are ugly! If your neighbor's yard or business is ugly-tell him to please mow. "If we don't at-least mow-Snyder won't grow." It's our responsibility. (Thanks for the slogan Helen.)

Throw away the junky cars and broken down tractors or put a fence around them. Haul off the trash; mow the weeds, le's put the "pride" back in our hometown. Let's clean it up! If "cleanliness is next to Godliness," my friends we have a problem.

Some of you are doing an excellent job. Your businesses and houses look extra pretty and the rest of us should do like wise.

Please "brighten the corner where you are!" Together, we can make Snyder brighter!

Love, Donna

DEEP CREEK PROJECT "ROLLIN' WITH THE FLOW"

It seems when you start a project it's always a "hurry up and wait" situation, and I've learned over the years that progress takes time. I've also learned that the reason few people tackle problems like this is, that once you get into it, it's always a lot harder than you planned. It's like painting, you mean to paint one wall, but once you get started you've not only had to do the other three, but the ceiling, woodwork, and hall too!! Well, that's sort of where we are on the Deep Creek project.

The plan was to begin with cleaning out deep creek from the bottom up. The inmates cheerfully attacked the brush and trees at the 37th street bridge and started down the creek bed, with amazing progress. Folks came and hauled off the logs we cut and chips we chipped and everyone was excited because it looked so pretty. Then the weather got cold, and the chipper broke again, so we waited for summer. Then the rains came and the obvious problem of standing water made us wait a little longer. Meanwhile, we had to buy new mowers because now that the rains have come, the weeds and brush are back and have to be maintained in the meantime and our small yard mowers just aren't getting the job done.

Also we have put out "feelers" for landowners with rocks we could have. So for several weeks, the inmates went to the country and gathered rocks, large rocks, huge heavy rocks, by the dump trucks full. Then we had the problem of what to do with all the rocks until the creek dries out and we need them! Mountains of rock and more are needed! See I told you I had not anticipated many of the problems! Now I haven't even mentioned people not wanting you to drive over their land with a truck full of rocks, or fences to small to back through or a place that is close to the creek to store them that somebody will let us use, etc.

I would like to stop here and thank Bobby Kenner. Bobby runs the city barn, and hasn't answered a call from me in months that didn't start with "Bobbbbieeee, come now and hurrrrriiieeel:"

Well six months later, here's the progress report. Jady Gilbert is ready to start removing stumps, and Billy Grimmett is pumping water out in three to four foot areas and widening the creek path. Then lining it with rock to help keep the weeds down and the water path deeper. It's gonna be slow, but it's progress. Let me tell you the exciting part. There are two creeks under all the brush that form one! There are also several little springs that have been uncovered that have begun to bubble and trickle into the creek. The inmates and workers are fascinated by the old bottles and items of history that have been "unburied" and pulled out of the mud as the creek has made its trek to town for no telling how many years. They've discovered pine trees, crawdads, frogs, leeches, mud puppies and other water things as they are wading and cleaning in their rubber boots, but come in everyday with stories of new discoveries and finds of nature and items of the past.

So be patient my friends. We're going slow, but we're getting there. We hope when we're through we've turned an eyesore that runs through the middle of our town into a pleasant relaxing lazy creek that meanders for miles. We have to have money, time and lots of patience, but with the help of Jady, Billy, Bobby, the inmates and guards, Chris Smith, Warden Howard, the chamber, the city, the BCD, the DCOS and all of you who have donated money, rocks, cement and time, we'll get another project finished. In the meantime, like Beaver Cleaver used to watch them dig holes on his street, go down to the Higginbotham-Bartlett bridge and watch 'em dig! It's fascinating and the best part is, the rivers starting to flow again! Oh-and thank God for each pair of hands that are helping. Together, we're making Snyder brighter! "Ta dum de da and we keep on rollin' with the flow". Hmmmm

JULY 4TH A "BANG UP" GREAT TIME



Snyder folks once again proved home is a great place to be on July 3rd & 4th in Towle Park this year. Maybe Sandra and I are a little prejudice because we grew up here, and have been attending the 4th of July in Snyder ever since we can remember, but even though it's one of the hardest things we do, we love putting on July 4th in Snyder, Texas, USA!

The "color" is so exciting when you even think "4th of July". The carnival lights and music, the parade with all the costumes and floats and crepe paper, streamers and balloons, the vendors with smoke trails and great smells, the yellow corn, brown turkey, sausage on a stick, cotton candy, glow in the dark necklaces, the veterans in their crisp uniforms raising our beautiful red, white and blue flag, the breakfast with orange juice, flags and music, and all your friends smiling everywhere as little ones race happily through the park! I love it, and can still hear and smell it. - My hometown.

The fireworks are the icing on a delicious cake as everyone stops and watches. Full, sunburned, exhausted and at peace we watch---at peace we watch. That's the best part. I wonder what some child from those war-torn countries would think about our July 4th in Snyder, Texas?

Every year, I think about it and thank God that I can't even imagine July 4th in their countries. I just want to be home, safe, full, and happy watching all the friends and neighbors I love, having a good time. Oh, we get a lot of criticisms about spending $8,250 on fireworks. When those beautiful fireworks go up and way high and thousands of people in our town are bound together enjoying their beauty, and hear thousand of voices saying "ooooh"-that's food for my soul. Thousands of memories are being stored away by our children of happy family times, sharing something beautiful, being safe and at peace, in their hometown.

That makes all the hard work and worry worth it. God Bless America and Snyder, Texas.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you could pick up anything extra for the children in our area, in the way of brand new school supplies, could you please do so and drop it by the chamber office?

Do you remember the thrill of getting new crayons and pencils and paper, etc., and getting ready for school! New back packs, even socks, new clothes or a new pair of tennis shoes! I couldn't wait each year. It was part of the excitement of school starting. Everything was fresh and new!

Well unfortunately all our kiddos don't get to experience that thrill, that pride of ownership and equality. If you'd like to send a check, please send it to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 840, Snyder, Texas or drop supplies by our office daily. We are working with Snyder ISD Home School Community Liason, Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 to see that all supplies collected are distributed where the need is greatest.

Suggested supplies needed are:

#2 pencils, scissors, notebook paper
construction paper, crayons, rulers
school glue, plastic notebooks, back packs,
supply holders, tissues, ball point pens
school boxes, computer paper

Put a proud smile on a youngster's face. They can't learn without the proper supplies.

YOU'RE INVITED

Who: Sandra Barboza and Prudencio Salinas, Jr are getting married

What: Come and Go Wedding Shower

When: 5:30 p.m. til 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2002

Where: Snyder Chamber of Commerce

Why: To help them celebrate and wish them well

The wedding ceremony will be Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m. in the afternoon at Jack Greene's Place

Please come and help them celebrate.

August 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Snyder ISD Registration	6 Sandra's Bridal Shower	7	8	9 Ahntek Opening 10:30	10
11	12	13	14	15 Ira Schools Begin.	16	17
18	19 Hermleigh/Snyder ISD School Begins Charles Stenholm Reception - Museum	20	21	22 WTC Registration	23 IRA Bulldogs Scrimmage Sands & Patton Spring 6 p.m.	24 Sandra's Wedding Jack Greene's Place WTC faculity get together
25	26 WTC Classes Begin	27	28	29	30 Tiger's vs Frenship 7:30 p.m. Tiger Stadium	31

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BETTY ™ by Delainey & Rasmussen



HERMAN ® by Jim Unger



"Watch out! One of your peas is moving."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Endeavor
4 Cozy room
7 Whirlpool
11 Green parrot
12 Shade of color
13 Folk teachings
14 Fix a squeak
15 Remove from office
16 Operatic solo
17 Moves furtively
19 Slippery fabric
21 Wallace of "Cujo"
22 Hazard
23 Lady
26 Memo abbr.
28 Suitable
29 Mile., in Acapulco
31 "Forrest —"
35 Lawless role
37 Like Mr. Hyde
39 Average
40 Catches a crook
42 Mom's brother
44 — citizenship
46 Bikini half
47 Stage direction
49 Gets soft
53 Muse of history
54 TV actor Ken —
56 Pair
57 Physicist's study
58 Chirped
59 Boise's st.
60 Countless
61 Scout
62 Cartoon shriek

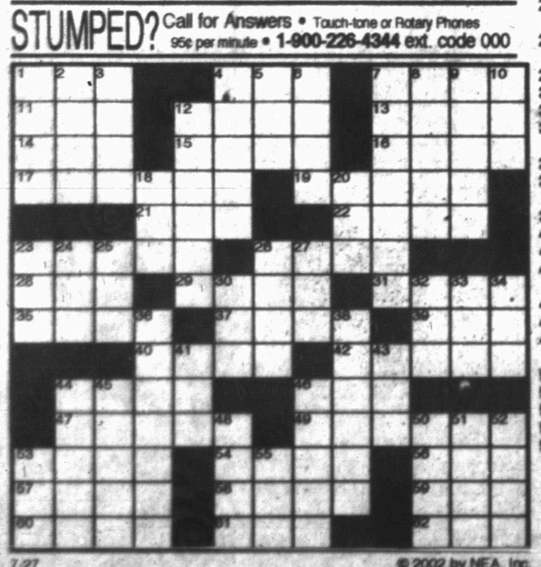
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3 Type of lock
4 Soak
5 Coast Guard off.
6 Seines
7 Making happy
8 "Pillow Talk" name
9 Lemonade or iced tea
10 Pro vote
12 Subway fares
18 Nabokov novel
20 Museum contents
23 Paraffin
24 Unseal, to a poet
25 Everest or Shasta (abbr.)
26 Off-road vehicles
27 — chi ch'uan
30 Soldier in gray
32 Checkout ID
33 Badly, for Pierre
34 Before (pref.)
36 Pre-med course
38 Enticing
41 Tavern fare
43 Forty winks
44 River-mouth deposit
45 Wedding
46 Like the ocean
48 Motown's Diana
50 Adams of pop
51 In the buff
52 Marinate
53 Motor part
55 Lick

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



"OUR COMPASS POINTED TO 'N', AND WE FIGURED IT MUST BE NOON, SO WE'RE HERE FOR LUNCH!"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 28, 2002

There's a chance you might be much more ambitious in the year ahead than you have been in the past. You're not likely to feel fully satisfied until you have achieved success in at least two areas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It may seem that you'll only have two choices available to you concerning your affairs today: bad or worse. This assumption could hamper you from handling things the way you should. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A problem at work with which you may have to contend today could be of your own doing. It will only contribute to the complications more if you attempt to pass the buck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be extremely cautious and careful today regarding your social involvements. This can be a critical area at this time and, if you act without thinking, it could lead to regrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone might bring up an issue today that conflicts with your basic views and opinions. Try to evade this person's thrust, so that it doesn't turn into a serious argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Trying to bluff your way through today by pretending you are knowledgeable about something you're not will backfire in your face. Be smart and say as little as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Conditions are a trifle touchy for you today where your financial concerns are involved. Attempt to limit your expenditures to real needs instead of frivolous fancies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Usually you are a rather independent individual who does things your own way in your own time. Today, however, you're mode of operation is apt to be determined by outside factors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is one of those days when you might have too many irons in the fire at one time to be effective. Quality of effort produces the pay offs; quantity of effort may count for little.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If asked to partake in an activity today that you know will not serve your best interests, don't even think twice about declining, no matter how much you're pressured by your peers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A domestic issue about which you are sensitive could flare up today, and you need to be careful not to lose your cool over it. Try to remain calm and not partake in the skirmish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Taking on the wrong attitude today may make things much harder on you than they need be. Get a hold of yourself fast and adopt a more cheerful mood, so you can have a happy day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be on guard today, or else there is a chance that you could be drawn into something financially complicated that is not of your own making. Get out of it as soon as possible.

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There could be big improvements in the year ahead, both in your work and in your social involvements. Positive changes to each area may come about in some extraordinary ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — An arrangement that may have recently been wrested from your grasps can be reclaimed today by using your wits and verve. This time when you take hold, hand on tight. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something beneficial can develop for you today through using a source upon which you seldom rely. One of your associates is waiting to open a faucet with a plentiful flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Experiment today with methods and tactics to make something that has eluded you work out well. You're up to the challenge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let this day pass without making an effort to improve your lot in life in some manner today. Your material well-being is trending in your favor at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you're feeling bold and self-assured, a calculated risk may be in order today to advance your self-interests. If you play your cards right, you could do yourself some good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You won't have any cause to be intimidated today by unexpected shifts in conditions. Chances are, you'll benefit in some manner, even if an outside force initiates the change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Usually you do quite well being independent and acting on your own. Today, however, you may be better off teaming up with someone who can offer what you lack.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The week could get off to a good start today if you're ready to go to work on something that could be beneficial for your financial well-being, as well as your status with your peers. Dig in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your best assets today are your natural friendliness and your ability to organize. Put the two together to develop a formidable sales team that no one can resist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let anybody set your agenda or rig your timetable today. Place your fate squarely in your own hands in ways where you won't have to be dependent upon others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — One of your greatest abilities is being able to talk with people from all walks of life. You can call upon this today to develop a rapport with someone in a large organization who can help you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There is no reason why you should look at yourself as the underdog today, especially if you find yourself drawn into a competitive situation concerning your work or career. You have what it takes.

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Pregnant women eating too much tuna fish may expose unborn babies to risks

BELTSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Pregnant women who eat too much tuna risk exposing their unborn babies' developing brains to possibly harmful mercury levels, but there is no need for the women to cut the highly nutritious fish out of their diets altogether, a government advisory panel said.

That was the message Thursday from the advisers as they grappled with exactly what the Food and Drug Administration should tell women.

The advice Wisconsin health officials offer pregnant women may be the right approach until the FDA gets better data, the panelists concluded: Two 6-ounce cans of tuna per week is fine if that's the only fish they eat, or a single can if other seafood, which also can contain mercury, is part of their diet.

"Nobody wants to tell people to stop eating tuna fish," said the panel chairman, Sanford Miller of Virginia Tech University. "We're trying to balance the very positive virtues of fish, including tuna fish, with the harms. It's a very hard balance to make."

Indeed, tuna provides high-quality protein for pregnant women who might instead choose higher-fat bologna, added panelist Joseph Hotchkiss, a Cornell University food scientist.

The FDA already tells pregnant women not to eat four fish species that contain the highest levels of mercury: shark, swordfish, king mackerel, and tilefish, also known as golden or white snapper.

But those women should eat up to 12 ounces a week of a variety of other cooked fish, including canned tuna, shellfish and smaller ocean fish, the FDA advises. Canned tuna and those other species contain far less mercury than types on the don't-eat list.

But the FDA's advice, issued last year, caused an uproar as consumer advocates charged that tuna should be limited, too — because as the nation's most popular seafood, women may eat enough to add up to risky mercury levels.

The U.S. Tuna Association declined comment on the panel's conclusion. But the food industry testified that very few pregnant women eat enough fish, much less tuna, today to absorb worrisome mercury levels. The FDA's advice last year was sound, said Rhona Applebaum of the National Food Processors Association.

Fish is very nutritious. The American Heart Association recommends people eat it twice a week to absorb heart-healthy fats; it also contains fats important for fetal brain development.

But different species also harbor different amounts of mercury, a metal believed harmful to the growing brains of fetuses and young children. Typically, the largest fish contain the most mercury.

About 8 percent of U.S. women of childbearing age have enough mercury in their blood to be at risk of having babies with subtle learning disabilities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates. Eating seafood is considered the main source.

Pregnant women would have to eat more than two cans of tuna a day for weeks to really be at risk, FDA scientist Michael Bolger argued Thursday.

But the FDA's advisory panel, ending a three-day inquiry into the controversy, countered that no one knows what proportion of the mercury in a woman's diet tuna actually contributes to.

In fact, women could absorb far more mercury if they also eat freshwater fish that friends or family catch in local lakes or rivers.

Shell donates $3.5 million to Rice University

HOUSTON (AP) — The Royal Dutch/Shell Group announced Thursday it was donating $3.5 million to Rice University to create a center that will find solutions to problems arising from the world's economic development.

The Shell Center for Sustainability will pool the knowledge of experts from a variety of areas, such as the business and academic worlds, and help find answers to various social, economic and environmental ills facing the world as the population continues to grow.

"Society faces tremendous challenges due to population growth, the growing chasm between the poor and wealthy ... unsustainable levels of consumption of resources," said Phillip Watts, chairman of Royal/Dutch Shell, the world's No. 3 oil and gas conglomerate.

Warrants had some factual inaccuracy

HOUSTON (AP) — Warrants that led to the March arrests of more than 80 people nationwide in an FBI computer pornography sting contained an "apparent factual inaccuracy," a federal prosecutor said in letters to each defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Wynne, in his July 15 letter, said that although the government is concerned about the inaccuracy in the search warrant affidavidts, prosecutors do not believe it invalidates the warrants or will lead to dismissal of evidence, the Houston Chronicle reported in Friday's editions.

The FBI sting was dubbed "Operation Candyman," referring to an Internet newsgroup set up by moderator Mark Bates, 33, of Palestine, Texas, about 100 miles southcast of Dallas.

Bates and five other defendants pleaded guilty last week and are scheduled to be sentenced in November.

Bates pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport child pornography and faces up to 30 years in prison. The others pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography and can be sentenced to up to five years in prison.

The warrant erroneously stated that "every e-mail sent to the group was distributed to every member automatically. Therefore, when an individual transmitted child pornography to the Candyman group via e-mail, those images were transmitted to every one of the group members."

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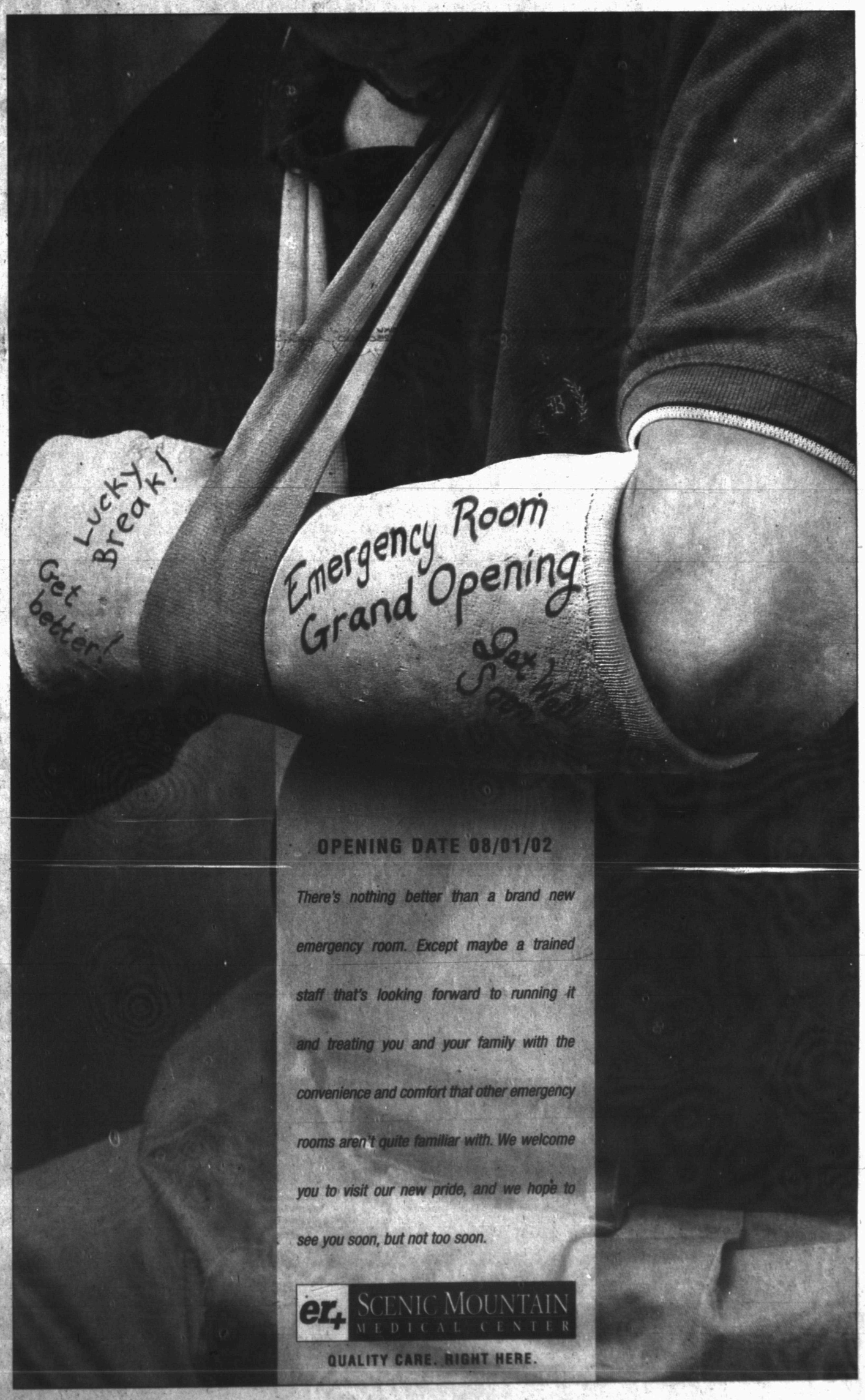
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Avoid over-use syndrome

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 80 and have had shoulder pain for 10 years. The problem probably originated when I started lifting weights in my local fitness center. My doctor shakes his head, suggests ibuprofen and forbids me from continuing my weight program. Predictably, my shoulder muscles are becoming atrophied, and I have noticed a significant loss of strength. Can I get cortisone shots for this condition? The inactivity is driving me batty.

DEAR READER: Strenuous exercise can lead to over-use syndrome, in the young as well as in the old. Running is commonly associated with knee, ankle and hip pain, for example, and weight training is a notorious culprit for upper body stiffness and pain.

The obvious answer to the problem: Stop the offending activity. However, for many sportsmen and sportswomen, this is an unacceptable option.

In similar situations, I ordinarily advise my patients to modify their workouts. If, for example, running causes pain, stop this activity and turn to biking or swimming. Or, if your shoulders are painful during bench presses or curls, switch to other upper-body exercise that is not painful. Experiment. Alter your program. Hire a trainer.

In my opinion, cortisone injections may relieve the pain of irritated tendons and muscles, but are not a cure; the shots treat only the symptom (albeit at some risk) without addressing the cause. Choose a program that is not painful (or is associated with only minimal discomfort).

The currently available weight machines offer an almost inexhaustible menu for conditioning. You can work on your arms, shoulders and chest in a variety of exercises. You can use free weights. You also have the option to emphasize cardiovascular fitness (stationary running, and so forth).

Remember that despite any sort of training, you are unlikely to achieve the "buff" appearance that you may have enjoyed as a younger man. Aging does take its toll on joints, tendons and muscles. Therefore, I suggest that you adopt a prudent approach. Exercise regularly. Engage in activity that is not significantly painful. Define your goals. Work with a trainer or physical therapist to achieve those goals. Be (mentally) flexible about your program. Use ibuprofen as needed. Avoid steroid injections if possible. Check with your doctor about specific recommendations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, 35, is moving into a new house with his cats and regular supply of cigarettes. Because he is very allergic to smoke and cat dander, I fear that he may be setting himself up for a major health catastrophe. Perhaps if he reads your response to my concerns, he will be motivated to stop smoking and keep the cats out of the house.

DEAR READER: Whether or not your son is paving the way to future health problems is difficult to predict. Tobacco smoke is clearly harmful and is best avoided. Cat allergies can certainly lead to respiratory difficulties and other consequences, so people with cat-dander hypersensitivity fare best when they accept this and take aggressive action to prevent exposure to feline dander.

Your son is probably intelligent enough to be aware of these observations, but he may not be inclined, as yet, to do something about them. If I were you, I'd express my opinion — and then back off. If he has difficulty with smoke and cats, he'll get the message sooner or later and will take action. However, for now, he is an adult and can make his own decisions.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My diabetic husband finally stopped smoking about two years ago, and changed to chewing tobacco — which, in some respects, is worse for the family. I now have "spit cups" in every room. He spits in sinks and toilets. I think he sleeps with a wad in his mouth. He claims that chewing isn't as dangerous as smoking. Please set him straight.

DEAR READER: Although chewing tobacco is statistically associated with an increased risk of mouth and throat cancer, it is safer than smoking, both to the user and to those in his environment. Nonetheless, it is an unattractive habit. I believe that the issue here is one of moderation. From your description, your spouse appears to be severely overdoing his habit. I think that he should limit his "chew" to a few hours a day and use nicotine gum or a nicotine patch as a supplement. Perhaps he will discover that his craving can be relieved by a safer and more acceptable substitute. Once he has had success with the gum/patch option, he might be inclined to discontinue tobacco products altogether. This would certainly be a welcome change from the standpoint of health and family acceptance. Show him my response to your letter and encourage him to consider the settlement I suggested.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother is 75 and lives alone. I am very concerned about her health and safety. She has pain, tingling, cramping and numbness in her legs. She frequently falls; the last time, she cracked two ribs. She is forgetful; stumbles when she walks and may not consume a well-balanced diet.

Her doctor, who told my mother that I was "a fanatic" about health issues, refuses to order diagnostic testing. Shouldn't my mother have a bone density to check for osteoporosis and other tests for her memory and nerve problems?

I believe that Mom is not getting adequate medical attention because she survives only on Social Security and Medicare. Am I wrong to be so concerned? How can I resolve this problem?

DEAR READER: This all-too-common situation is complicated.

First of all, I do not believe that your mother's financial status is playing a role. Medicare will pay for appropriate professional attention, and no doctor can ethically deprive a senior citizen of needed medical care.

Second, I thoroughly agree with you that your mother needs a meticulous physical (and mental) evaluation, in addition to testing. Given her history of falling, a bone density is appropriate — as are blood tests and (probably) CT scanning to diagnose her gait disturbance and failing memory. While the cause of her problems may be the normal aging process, I worry that a treatable condition — such as a thyroid disorder, anemia or vitamin deficiency — is being overlooked. Once a diagnosis — or diagnoses — is established, your mother would benefit from specific therapy. Her doctor should include consultations with specialists, such as neurologists and physical therapy professionals.

Third, I am extremely concerned about your mother's safety. Perhaps it is time for assisted living in a nursing facility, or maybe her home situation needs revision so that she can live on one floor; use railings, have a lifeline telephone to summon help, obtain Meals-On-Wheels, have someone do her shopping and prepare at least one nutritious meal a day, employ a certified nurse's aide to monitor her hygiene and check on her situation several times a week. Your local visiting nurse association should, on the doctor's order, be able to provide extensive assistance.

Finally, your worries about your mother do not seem to me to be fanatical. I sense your frustration and understand your need to help. I suspect that your mother's current physician is not a good choice. I advise you to search out a practitioner with whom you can work, a doctor who will address your mother's health requirements — as well as involving the family in important decisions.

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