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Home Of Doris Rivers

Elementary students will begin registering Tuesday for fall term

Registration for Snyder ISD's five elementary schools will be held Tuesday - from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. - on the respective campuses.

Registration is for all students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade six.

Pre-kindergarten registration will be at the Stanfield and Northeast campuses, while bilingual pre-kindergarten will be conducted at Central Elementary.

Regular first grade students will register on the school campuses in the student's attendance zone.

Bilingual first grade students will register at Central.

Second grade students will register at Stanfield, while third grade students will register at Central.

Fourth grade students will register at East Elementary, while fifth grade students will register at Northeast Elementary. Sixth graders will register at West Elementary.

To be eligible for a pre-kindergarten class, a child must be four years of age as of Sept. 1 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, or from a family whose income is at or below subsistence level.

To be eligible for enrollment into kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1.

All students who are entering Snyder schools for the first time must bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and a record of immunization.

All students registering must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Surnames beginning in A-D will register from 8-9 a.m., and students E-H will register from 9-10 a.m.

Students whose names start with I-L will register from 10-11 a.m., and students M-P will register from 11 a.m. until noon.

Students whose names start with Q-T will register from 1-2 p.m., and U-W will register from 2-3 p.m. Names beginning with X-Z will register from 3-4 p.m.

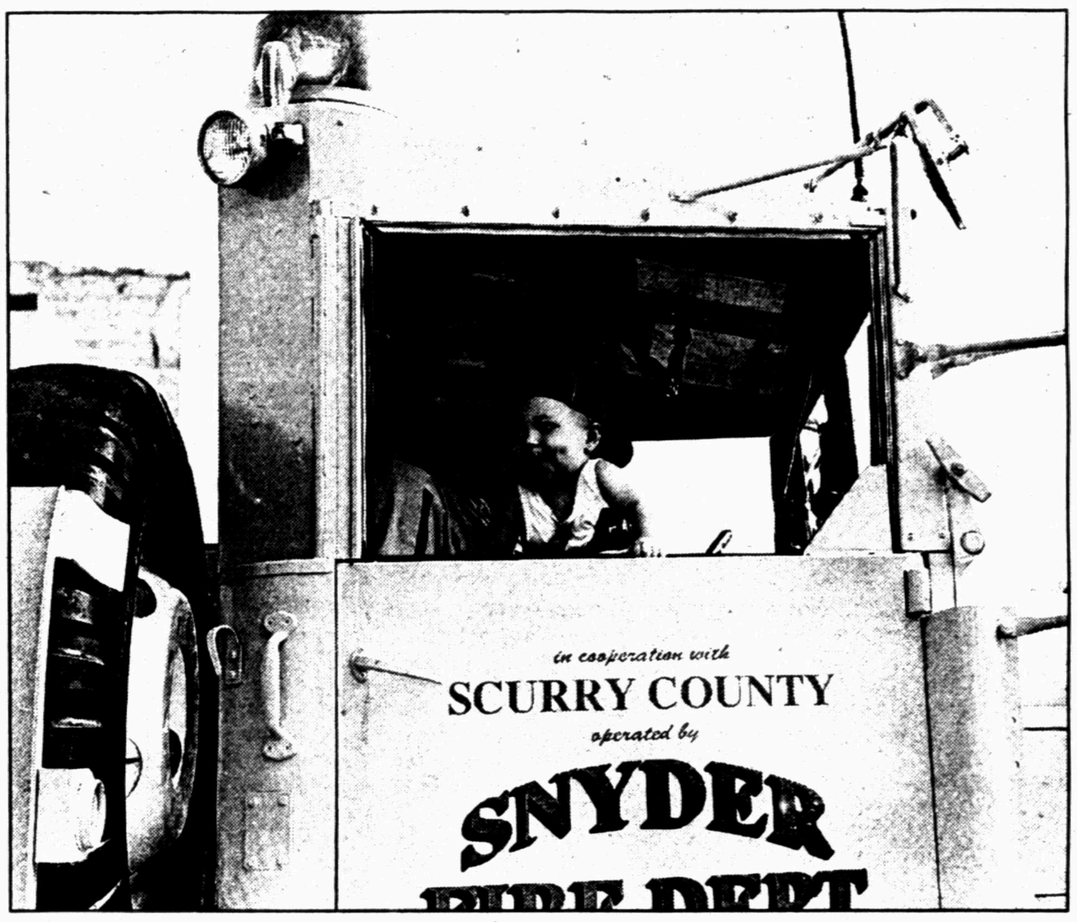
Students who attended Snyder High School or Snyder Junior High last year are pre-registered and need not attend registration. Junior high students who have recently moved to Snyder are asked to register between now and Aug. 11 at the junior high school campus.

Students must bring grade records, Social Security card, birth certificate and immunization records.

Students new to Snyder High School will register on July 27. Grade records and immunization records will be necessary to register. New student and ninth grade orientation will be 1:30 p.m. on July 28 at Worsham Auditorium on the high school campus.

The offices at the high school are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4 p.m.

The first day of school for all Snyder students will be Wednesday, Aug. 11.



PARADES ARE FUN — Fourteen-month-old Keagan Parham had a fun time and a big smile for spectators in the Scurry County Rodeo parade Saturday. He was held by his dad, Marcus Parham as they rode the county's yellow tender fire engine used for extra water supplies. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Police offer tips on stopping vehicle thefts this summer

A rash of car burglaries has prompted the Snyder Police Department to issue a list of precautions citizens can take to prevent a break-in.

"Some of the precautions are really quite obvious," said Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner.

"First of all, don't leave items in your vehicle in plain sight. If a person can't see any valuables in your vehicle, they probably won't take the time to bust a window looking for something," said Pitner.

Pitner said purses or billfolds in the front seat or floorboard are the most obvious targets for thieves.

"Cell phones are popular targets, too," said Pitner. "A thief may get only $10 for each one, but if he gets a dozen a night, he may feel like its worth it to commit the crime."

Pitner also urges citizens to park vehicles in locked garages, or provide a lighted parking area where possible.

"Don't forget to lock toolboxes in pickups," he added.

Pitner urged all citizens to contact the dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center if any suspicious activity is noticed.

"If your dogs are barking out of the ordinary, if you see any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood-call 573-2611, or 911," Pitner said.

Pitner warns that the vehicle thefts are not occurring only at night.

"Don't leave valuables in an unlocked car when you go into a store for only a short time during the day," Pitner added. "It doesn't take long for a thief to steal a purse from a vehicle."

Pitner said the recent thefts have been in an area west of College Avenue and south of 37th Street.

Workers continue efforts to cap Borden County blowout

Some 30 people remain at the scene of an oil well blowout some 35 miles southwest of Snyder as efforts over the weekend failed to cap the well on the Reinecke lease operated by UNOCAL.

Company spokesperson Christine LeLaurin said workers with Cudd Pressure Services of Odessa attempted to shut the well down Saturday by pumping water into it, but were unsuccessful.

This prompted workers Sunday to begin installing a valve which will allow more water to be pumped into the well in hopes of curtailing the flow of gas.

In addition to representatives of UNOCAL and Cudd, officials from the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas Department of Transportation and the Borden County sheriff's department and EMS were also on the scene this morning.

Two Cudd employees who were injured while trying to lay lines to the well site have been released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

Odessa resident Cary Christenson was treated and released Friday, while Trampus Poldrack of Midland was released after spending Friday night in the hospital.

No one has been evacuated from their homes since early Friday morning, but electricity has been rerouted, or cut off entirely to some homes to lessen the chance of an explosion.

Diesel generators have been provided to the homes where electricity has been cut off.

UNOCAL reservoir engineer Craig Vanhorn said Friday the well was being brought back on production when the blowout occurred in the early morning hours on Friday.

At that time, several homes were evacuated in the Sour Dough Addition at Lake J.B. Thomas, but residents were allowed to return to their homes a short time later.

There have been no fires at the scene, and the danger to residents in the area would come from the escaping gases.

The company has placed hydrogen sulfide monitors and flammable substance monitors in the area in an effort to safeguard residents' safety.

Court tables jail cooling bids

Scurry County Commissioners this morning tabled action concerning a new air conditioning system for the county jail.

The court received two proposals — one from The Bosworth Company of Midland and one from Howard's Mechanical of Amarillo.

Sheriff Darren Jackson it would be in the best interest of the county and more fair to bidders if detailed specifications were presented to bidding companies.

"I believe we need a more specific list of what we want so we are comparing apples to apples," Jackson said.

He also suggested the possibility of hiring an engineering firm to assist in drawing up the specifications.

"One option is to get an engineering firm to come down and look at it."

The jail recently replaced its outside air conditioning unit. Jackson said what he hopes to do now is to improve the efficiency of the inside delivery system which includes controls, valves and blowers.

"We are trying to get all of those where they are efficient," Jackson said.

He said the facility does meet Jail Standards, but there is a problem in keeping the kitchen area cool.

"We are not able to adequately cool the kitchen. We have a problem cooking in the heat of the day and keeping it cool."

Jackson said fans are now being used to help improve the conditions.

At this point, Jackson said he would contact local companies about repairing the kitchen unit and contact engineering firms for estimates.

He said he believed an engineering firm is necessary because he did not "have the expertise to say what we need to do."

"I don't think any of us do," Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer added.

In other action, the court approved one line-item transfer for the juvenile probation department to transfer $971.85 from maintenance and repairs into communications.

One budget amendment was also approved for the Scurry County Airport, adding $5,000 to part time.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey presided and those present included Limmer, Chloanne Lindsey and Roy Idom. County Judge Ricky Fritz was absent.

Divers make plans to search two areas for Kennedy plane

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Divers loaded supplies onto boats and a high-tech vessel with side-scan sonar scoured the bottom of the ocean today to find out what happened to the plane that carried John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister.

Divers planned to search at least two locations pinpointed by the Rude, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel (pronounced Rudy).

Ten state police divers in gray shirts and blue shorts loaded oxygen tanks and dive suits onto three 28-foot Coast Guard boats about 11 this morning at Menemsha Harbor in Chilmark, on the west end of Martha's Vineyard.

State police medics loaded cases of bottled water onto the boats. State police said the divers were expected to leave the harbor shortly.

"We're on our way out," said state trooper Blake Gilmore, a dive team leader.

The search for Kennedy's missing plane, which has covered almost 9,000 square miles, on Sunday produced no major finds but authorities were focusing on "a couple of targets," Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee.

"These are simply potential targets and don't necessarily represent an aircraft or part of it," he said Sunday. He said the targets were in water 60 to 80 feet deep. The Coast Guard wouldn't comment this morning on whether the Rudy had found anything else overnight.

At 7 p.m. meeting...

WTC trustees will continue budget work

Budget talks continue this evening for Western Texas College trustees when the board meets at 7 o'clock in the college administration building.

The board met last Monday night but came to no decisions on where the administrative staff should head in preparing the 1999-2000 budget.

Last month, the administrative staff presented trustees with two budget options for funding the priority items which fall into four categories: salary adjustments, new programs, technology advancement and instructional program/plant maintenance.

The projected cost of all the items totals $370,000. This leaves the college short some $237,800 as only $132,200 in net funds are available after calculating projected revenue and previously committed expenses.

Three options have been discussed, including eliminating the men's golf and women's basketball programs, raising taxes or taking the needed funds from reserves.

ASK US

Q—Has the unemployment rate reached 10 percent in Scurry County?

A—Not yet, but it's close. The lastest survey was in June when the rate was 9.8 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 93 degrees; low, 70; high Sunday, 91; low, 69; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1999, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; less than 20% chance of storms. Low, upper 60s. SE-S wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. High, lower 90s. SE-S wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy; widely scattered storms.

Brent Bollinger
Sunny

Sunset: 8:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Of 199 days in 1999, the sun has shone 190 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."
—Francis Bacon

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Anthrax shots cause less of a stir in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Anthrax shots that have prompted protests among U.S. troops that the medications are meant to protect have caused less of a stir in Texas, where at least one commander is encouraging his soldiers to ask questions.

Concern about the vaccine's safety has spawned a protest movement, resulted in dozens of disciplinary actions against troops and caused an unknown number to quietly leave military service.

"The flu shot knocked me out worse than that," Maj. Gary Richards, an Air Force C-130 pilot, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

He said the worst outcome was a knot on his arm for a couple of weeks.

"And the knot was only for the first shot," he said. "The second two didn't bother me at all."

Military officials say that no one at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, where Richards is stationed, or Dyess Air Force Base at Abilene has declined to take the shot. Only a half-dozen soldiers at Fort Hood have refused.

However, that number is likely to rise since most servicemen and women have not had to line up for anthrax shots yet.

"No one has refused yet, though that's not to say it won't happen in the future," said Maj. John Boyle, a spokesman for Dyess, where about 25 percent of base personnel have received at least one shot.

But more than 200 service members, both active-duty and reservists, have balked at taking the vaccine. They include 23 sailors who were about to ship out on the USS Theodore Roosevelt carrier and 14 Marines stationed in Hawaii.

Refusing the shot is considered disobeying an order and subjects a person to a demotion, prison time, a dishonorable discharge and a loss of benefits.

So far, at least one of the shots — one of a series of six that must be taken over an 18-month period — has been received by more than 312,000 men and women in uniform. A Defense Department spokesman said so few have refused that they do not actively keep track of the numbers.

Last year, the Pentagon began inoculating service members against anthrax, responding to a belief that a number of countries either had the biological weapon or could get it easily. The goal is to immunize all 2.4 million Americans in uniform by 2003.

A person breathing the odorless, tasteless anthrax spores gets a fever and grows fatigued and can bleed to death internally within 24 to 36 hours. It is more than 95 percent fatal, experts say.

Although an attack has never occurred and anthrax is considered a real threat only in Southwest Asia and the Korean area, the military wants every service member inoculated so that everyone is deployable.

The Food and Drug Administration and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have approved the vaccine as safe. It has been used since the 1970s, including for some troops who fought in Desert Storm.

But some in the service's rank-and-file have questioned the vaccine's long-term effects and whether it would even protect them against the disease. The worries are fueled largely by information and personal stories on the Internet and a suggested link to what is known as the Persian Gulf War illness.

The only company that produces the vaccine said earlier this month that it is perilously close to bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to tell anyone they can't be concerned about the vaccine," said Col. Bill Tyra, who has taken three of the shots and commands 1,500 Marines at the naval air station. "These Marines are asking good hard questions. And if they (Pentagon officials) want to get this through successfully, they'll answer them. Sometimes just giving an order isn't enough."

Farmers facing lower prices and fruit and vegetable glut

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Maria and Ted Bobola grow sweet corn.

But with little corn to harvest because of a plant-withering drought, the Bobolas were forced to buy corn from Georgia to supply their produce and flower shop just outside Dover.

And most years, the strawberry picking season runs three to five weeks, but not this year, store manager Dee Chambers said.

"It was so hot and dry that even though we irrigated, we had only two weeks in the season," she said.

They did not recoup $70,000 they paid for strawberry plants last year in this year's harvest.

"It was just a hard growing season."

Similar stories are being told by farmers across the Delmarva peninsula this year.

The drought and record high temperatures in late June and early July in the mid-Atlantic region has lowered the yields of corn and soybean — the two most important field crops in Delmarva. Meanwhile, farmers in the Midwest and the South are enjoying a bumper crop. The plentiful supply has lowered prices across the nation.

Anticipating low prices, many Delmarva farmers switched this year to fruits and vegetables such as watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, potatoes, peas, beans. That also has turned out to be a bad move, farmers and agricultural officials say.

The unusually warm temperatures have sped the growing season in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, so the Delmarva market is experiencing a glut. Translation: Rock-bottom prices for local growers.

"You're going to lose farmers to bankruptcy; there's no way else to say it," says Turp Garrett, the agricultural extension agent for Worcester County, Md. "It's not very pretty."

And if bankruptcy doesn't do them in, many farmers will likely quit because the financial stress is simply too much, he said. This is the second year in a row that Delmarva farmers are experiencing a less-than-stellar growing season.

Consumers most likely will not see lower prices in the grocery stores.

"It's not being passed on to the consumer by any means. The middleman always makes money in these situations," said Francis Breeding of the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Office in Queen Anne's County, Md.

Normally, the growing season is staggered along the Eastern seaboard, which helps stabilize prices and supply, Breeding said.

This year, ideal weather in the South led to longer growing and harvesting seasons and unusually warm weather ushered in the season earlier up north, Breeding said.

Delmarva farmers are finding themselves squeezed.

"This is the absolute worst year in history. There's absolute nothing ... that's making the economics work out," said Ray Wolf, who owns the 70-acre Cornerstone Farm in Hurlock, Md. "At today's grain prices ... somebody's going to go hungry."

How bad are the grain prices? Growers normally need about $2 per dozen ears of corn to break even, but this year they'd be lucky if they could they could get $1.10 per dozen from grocery stores, Wolf said. At his own stand, he was able to sell a dozen ears of corn for $3 in previous years, but is charging only $2 this season to stay competitive.

Fruits and vegetables are faring no better. A 20-pound watermelon usually fetches about $2 wholesale, but now the same fruit is going for about 60 cents, Breeding said.

New rifle capable of firing bullets at varying speeds

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — It sounds like something from a science fiction tale — a rifle that can be adjusted so its user fires bullets at varying speeds, such as "stun," "disable" or "destroy."

Now researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory say they have made the first step toward building such a weapon.

A prototype rifle equipped with an electronic firing mechanism and guided by a laser rangefinder is still about a year away. But researchers say they already have developed an aluminum-based gunpowder replacement that can control the speed of a bullet.

Government officials, including Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, witnessed a test firing of the technology in May.

Enthusiasm for the design is said to be high at the Energy Department and the Pentagon, where the search for nonlethal weapons to guard nuclear installations or arm peacekeeping missions abroad is a priority.

"I can tell you why we are interested with this technology," said John Busic with the Defense Department's Joint Nonlethal Weapons Directorate.

"Right now with rubber bullets, you set a range where they are effective. If you get outside of that range, they are not effective at all. And if you get too close, you risk permanent damage or even death if you hit someone in the wrong place."

The technology is being developed by Dr. Rusi Taleyarkhan and his team in Oak Ridge, based on what scientists know happens when molten aluminum comes in contact with water. The aluminum oxidizes, releasing hydrogen and explosive energy — potentially four times greater than TNT.

"It has always been on the wish list of people for the past 100 years to be able to utilize the power of this particular reaction," Taleyarkhan said.

He declined to discuss technical details, citing pending patents.

For his May demonstration, Taleyarkhan created four revolver-type chambers in a regular 12-gauge shotgun cartridge, then placed different amounts of the firing propellant in each chamber.

By controlling how much of the propellant fires at a time, Taleyarkhan can control the velocity of the bullet. With electronics, he figures he can obtain virtually a continuous variation.

A key advantage to the technology is that the aluminum-water propellant can be greatly diluted and still work; gunpowder won't.

Taleyarkhan's propellant also makes it possible to fire fragile projectiles, such as paint balls or tear gas for crowd control, farther and with more precision than with gunpowder.

Busic said the Pentagon finds the technology appealing because it is the first variable-bullet design to come along that could be used in existing weapons.

Where could it be used?

"Mainly for peacekeeping and humanitarian-type missions where you are under restricted rules of engagement but you need to be able to defend yourself," Busic said. "It gives you some tool between doing nothing, just a show of force and lethal force."

Other potential uses are in local law enforcement applications such as security in schools.



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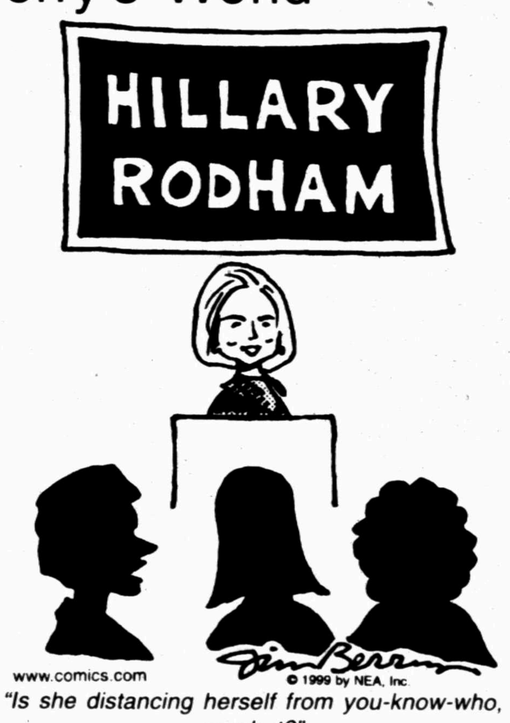
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Oil Patch News

Fisher County

ACT Operating will drill the No. 5604 Butler, a 7,000-foot wildcat located six miles southwest of Longworth. Drill site is in Section 56, Block Y, T&P survey.

ACT Operating will drill the No. 5605 Butler, a 7,000-foot wildcat located six miles southwest of Longworth. Location is in Section 56, Block Y, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Lytle Creek Operating will drill the No. 1 Colyer, a 6,300-foot wildcat located 12 miles south of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 101, Block X, T&P survey.

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Date Book

Monday, July 19, 1999

Today is the 200th day of 1999 and the 29th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1553, Lady Jane Grey was deposed as queen of England after ruling for nine days.

On this day in 1848, the first women's-rights convention in the United States convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y. The convention was organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

On this day in 1966, Frank Sinatra and Mia Farrow were married.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edgar Degas (1834-1917), artist; Lizzie Borden (1860-1927), acquitted of ax murder; Charles Mayo (1865-1939), surgeon; George McGovern (1922-), U.S. politician, is 77; Vicki Carr (1941-), singer, is 58; Ilie Nastase (1946-), tennis star, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Jose Meiffret of France set a world bicycle speed record in Freiburg, West Germany — 127.243 mph.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I play with my cat, who knows if I am not a pastime to her more than she is to me?" —Michel Eyquem de Montaigne

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (July 20).

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6 to 9; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Plainview Family Community Education Club (FCE); 2 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

Bush not riding on dad's coattails

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush is emerging from his father's shadow in his presidential fund raising, gleaning a smaller percentage of contributions in the last quarter from people who previously gave to his father's White House campaigns.

"It just shows that he's not riding on his father's coattails by any means," said Bruce Buchanan, political scientist at the University of Texas at Austin.

An Associated Press computer analysis found that 11.8 percent of the Texas governor's itemized individual contributions in the latest reporting period came from people who had given to his father in 1988 or 1992.

Supporters of the elder Bush gave $3.23 million out of the Republican front-runner's $27.5 million in the April-June quarter, according to records the governor filed with the Federal Election Commission.

In the previous reporting period, 15.4 percent of Bush's itemized contributions came from his father's supporters — or $1.06 million of $6.9 million. The AP analysis looked at individual contributions of more than $200.

Political experts see the shrinking percentage as a good sign for the younger Bush.

It's crucial for him to broaden his support beyond that held by his father if he hopes to emulate his successful presidential effort and not his losses, they say.

"You need only remember that his father got 38 percent of the vote in 1992 to realize that if he can't greatly broaden his father's coalition, he will simply not win," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Virginia.

Sabato said he had expected a higher percentage of Bush's contributions to come from his father's backers but said the smaller percentage is very good for Bush's candidacy. He suggested it would be good strategy for Bush to try to separate himself from his father.

"He's in this race, in part, because of his name, so he owes a lot to his father. Before this is over, if he is the nominee, he is going to pay for that connection," Sabato said.

"The Democrats will focus extensively on the shape of the economy at the end of the Bush administration versus the shape of the economy under the Clinton administration."

Dennis Goldford, chairman of the Department of Politics and International Relations at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, agreed that the smaller percentage of dad-related money is a positive sign for Bush.

"It suggests he's expanding his base beyond people who merely might have supported his father and therefore would support him," he said.

The elder Bush didn't demonstrate overwhelming popularity even when he won in 1988 with only 53 percent of the popular vote in an election against Michael Dukakis and that Democrat's "abysmally terrible campaign," Goldford said.

"His name isn't George Reagan, it's George Bush," Goldford said. "If his name were George Schleppermeyer, he probably wouldn't have had that initial stake from people. That certainly helped. But he's not a puppet or clone of his father."

For one thing, he said, the younger Bush appears to be a much better campaigner.

Karen Hughes, the candidate's spokeswoman, said it's unsurprising that people who supported the father would support the son. They're likely to be Republicans, many are friends, and a number may have worked with him during his father's campaigns, she said.

"I think what the number also says is, look at the 90 percent who contributed to Governor Bush who did not contribute to his father," she said.

Life Flight crews are undergoing counseling

HOUSTON (AP) — The Life Flight air ambulance service at Hermann Hospital remained suspended while crews received counseling in the wake of a weekend crash south of Houston.

"This was a voluntary decision made to allow crew members time to grieve and cope with the immediate impact of this tragedy," said James Eastham, chief executive officer of the hospital.

Meantime, federal investigators were trying to determine what caused the noontime accident Saturday that killed the pilot, a paramedic and a flight nurse.

The helicopter, one of three in Life Flight's fleet, went down near Fresno along the border of Fort Bend and Brazoria counties.

Immediately after the crash, Life Flight crews suspended operations to allow time to deal with the loss.

"Our main concern in the grounding is to allow the healing process to begin. Maintenance also had the chance to go over the helicopters," said Tom Flanagan, Life Flight's administrative director. "The team is a really well-oiled machine, and we have to allow them time to start the grieving process."

It was expected that flights would resume Sunday afternoon, but spokeswoman Lois Edford said the suspension would continue at least until a reassessment today.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, July 19, 1999

In the year ahead trust your insights and try to capitalize on them. Circumstances could be rather unique in as much as you could have opportunities to take advantage of things not apparent to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best not to let something in which you've been involved for some time dangle any longer. Do your best today to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Deal only with realities today and not suppositions, especially negative ones. Life is tough enough without anticipating and making trouble for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let indifference cause you to coast today, because you're probably going to be more adroit at handling important financial matters today than you will be tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a strong possibility that one day you're going to need those who assist you today, so make certain you properly acknowledge their present input.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Finding a secluded spot and spending time alone today will enhance your concentration and enable you to focus your thoughts on what's truly important, thereby increasing your productivity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your visionary abilities for future possibilities are excellent today. Reflect on what you'd like to do and how you'd like to do them and you'll be able to lay out a sound blueprint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Trust what you sense today, because your intuitive abilities to tune into the pulse of things can be a big asset in helping you attain a desired goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't let associates or companions dissuade you from trying out your ideas today. Have faith in them, because you're on the right track and you're moving in a good direction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) So far you haven't convinced yourself something that has been hampering your progress can be altered or changed. If you have the fortitude to do so, it can be done today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Instead of tuning out everybody who you deem frivolous or boring today, it might serve you to be attentive. Getting lost in the buzz of chit-chat could be of real value to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Under no circumstance should you lift your nose from the grindstone today. In fact, try to get a little ahead in your work if possible, because tomorrow you could fall way behind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Enjoy yourself today should some pleasant, unexpected social invitation come your way. It may be the only time you'll get to relax for the next couple of days.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Photos of Deceased Heal The Many Faces of Grief

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding the "pushy" sister-in-law who took photos of her deceased brother in his coffin against his widow's wishes: It's not all that unusual.

My weirdo aunt, now deceased, used to take rolls and rolls of film of every dead relative and put them in scrapbooks that she later showed off to people. She wanted to "capture the moment" — the flowers, the corpse, the whole event. I thought it was dreadful. Looking back, I assume she photographed other family events, but I don't recall seeing any pictures. She was a sad, negative, pessimistic person, and I swore she'd never photograph my dead father (her brother). As fate would have it, she's long gone and no one recorded her passing in pictures — and Dad is still kicking.

Several years ago, my mother-in-law received photographs of her late husband, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Her friend had secretly gone into the funeral home and snapped some. Weeks later, the friend offered them to my mother-in-law, saying that when her own husband died, photos of him in his coffin had been a comfort. My mother-in-law was grateful and the pictures meant a lot to her.

I guess my point is this: It takes all kinds.

NO PHOTOS, PLEASE

DEAR NO PHOTOS: I have a stack of letters on my desk a foot high that corroborate that statement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I work in a funeral home, and at times pictures are taken, especially for relatives who are too ill or elderly to attend the services or make a long trip. We have taken pictures, per the family's request, of infants — this is usually the only photograph they would have of a baby they lost.

The sister-in-law should not have broken her promise, but her statement of how much better he looked dead than alive could have meant that he had a long illness and suffered, which can affect the deceased's appearance. The embalmers are artists! They can do wonders for a deceased who was ravaged by a terrible disease or who was in an accident.

T.S. FROM L.L.

DEAR T.S.: Thank you for pointing this out. Many of those who wrote to me said they were greatly comforted to see their loved ones looking as they did before they were stricken, seemingly peacefully asleep. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my sister was married, in the same church as the one in which our father's funeral had been held, she and her husband had wedding pictures taken next to the marble name plate behind which our father's ashes now reside. When I first saw the pictures in the wedding album, I thought they were somewhat tacky. Later, I came to realize exactly what you advised "One Who Has Lost a Friend." Everyone grieves in his or her own way, and this was my sister's way to share her special day with our father.

CHARLIE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR CHARLIE: Right! Live and learn. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "One Who Has Lost a Friend": Who was the busybody who told the widow that the deceased's sister had taken the photos she promised she wouldn't?

If it eased the sister's pain, why not? She no doubt made her promise so as not to upset the widow. Ever heard of a little white lie? And then, there's also MYOB.

M.S.C. IN SHERMAN OAKS

DEAR M.S.C.: I learn from my readers every day. I now know that photos of the deceased were very common at the turn of the century, and in some parts of the country the practice is still thriving. To everyone who wrote — thank you for educating me.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North ♠ A J 4 ♥ A 9 7 5 3 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A 8	07-19-99
West ♠ K 8 5 2 ♥ J 8 4 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 10 6 5		East ♠ Q 10 9 6 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q J 9 2
	South ♠ 7 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K J 10 8 6 4 ♣ K 7 4 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	7 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Lots of ones and aces

By Phillip Alder

On May 13, for a moment, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 111.11 at 11,111.48. All those ones made me think of aces, so here is a deal in which dummy has all four. It comes from "Spotlight on Card Play" by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs (Gollancz 1982).

How would you plan the play in seven diamonds? West leads a trump, and East follows suit.

In the contrived auction, South opened with a weak two-bid, showing a good six-card suit and 6-10 high-card points. Note that although North had all four aces, he had to start Blackwood with four no-trump before proceeding to five no-trump. (An immediate jump to five no-trump is the Grand Slam Force, asking partner to bid seven with two of the top three trump honors.)

Unless you can produce an unlikely squeeze, your 13 tricks need to be one spade, two hearts, six diamonds, two clubs and two club ruffs in the dummy. However, the timing is important because after establishing dummy's heart nine, you need to be able to draw trumps. This is the right sequence: trump, heart ace, heart ruff, club to the ace, club to the king, club ruff, heart ruff, club ruff, heart ruff, draw trumps, cross to dummy's spade ace, and cash the heart nine, discarding your losing spade.

If you are feeling industrious, confirm that if you start trump, heart ace, heart ruff, club to dummy's ace, heart ruff, you will fail. After taking your second club ruff, you will be stranded in the dummy with only one way back to hand to draw the missing trumps: by ruffing the heart nine!

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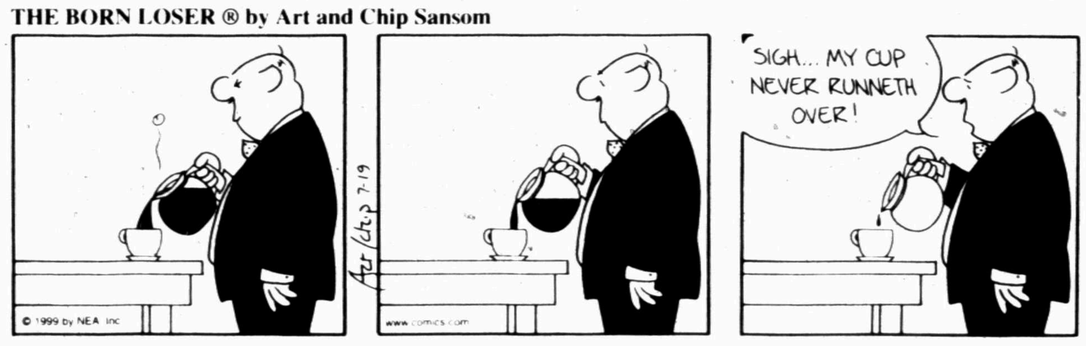
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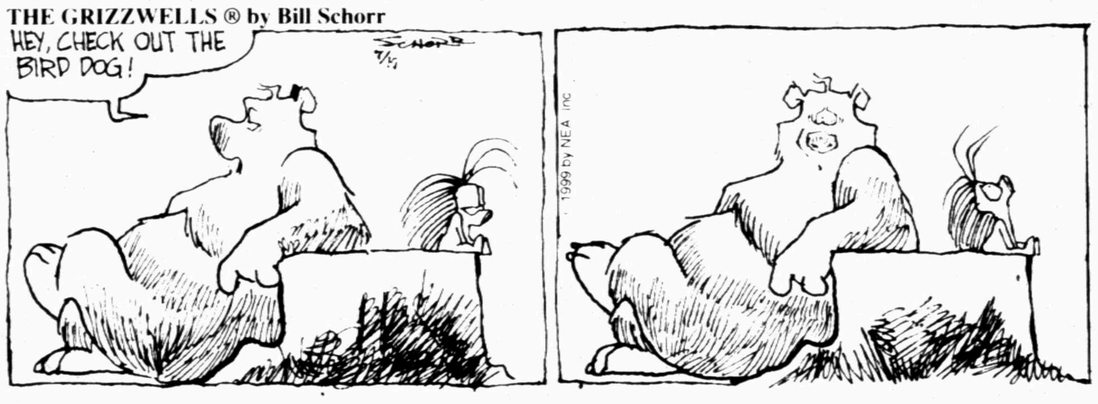
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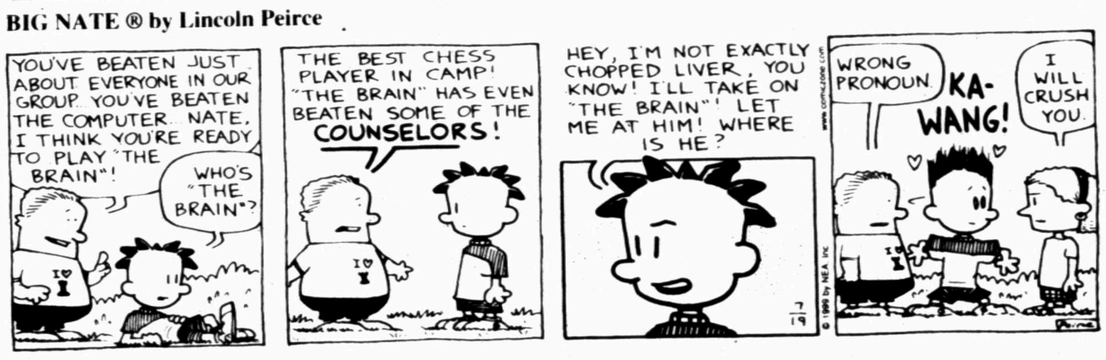
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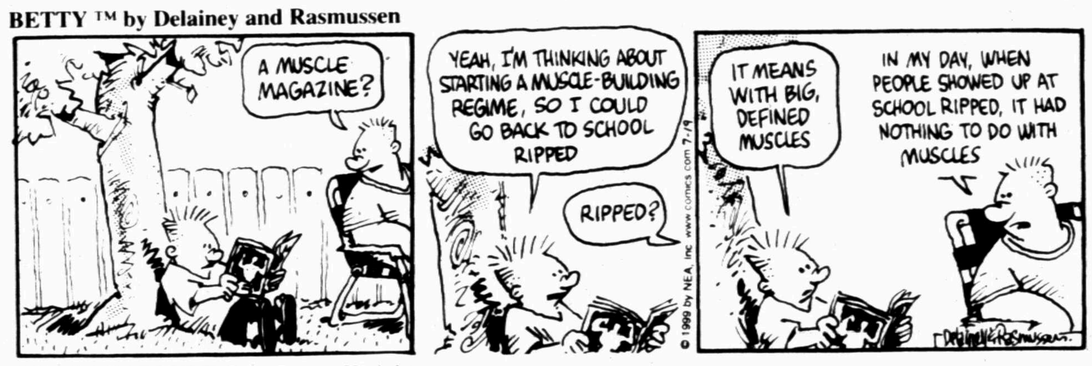
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mythical aviator
7 As a precaution (2 wds.)
13 Surgical stitch
14 Summer attire
15 Peaceful
16 Schedules
17 Transmitted
18 Type of cross
20 Use a keyboard
21 Crooked
23 Singing voices
27 Loving
32 Affixes one's signature
33 Scary
34 Affect with feeling
35 Flunks
36 Compel
39 Unexpected win
40 Court event
42 Kids
46 Med. spec.
47 Spigots
51 Big lizard
53 Frozen water column
55 Hip area
56 Kind of soup
57 Goddess of the moon
58 Prickly herb

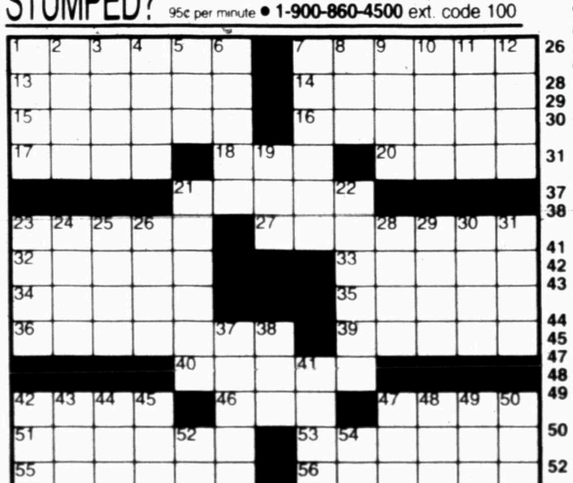
DOWN

1 Egyptian goddess
2 Remedy
3 Egyptian sun god
4 Smallest of the litter
5 Swiss canton
6 Cults
7 Published
8 Gretzky's former org.
9 Outerwear
10 Bohemian
11 Pace
12 Being
19 Alias (abbr.)
21 Claim
22 Pitiful
23 The caama
24 Delineate
25 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
26 Aware of (2 wds.)
28 Harvest
29 Eye part
30 Cleopatra's river
31 Adventurous deed
37 Fold
38 One, in Germany
41 Lopsided
42 Gratuities
43 Curved molding
44 Jethro —
45 Retain
47 Singer Turner
48 Play parts
49 Ballet movement
50 Trade for money
52 Author Anais —
54 Fair grade

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	R	N	E	L			S	H	E	A		
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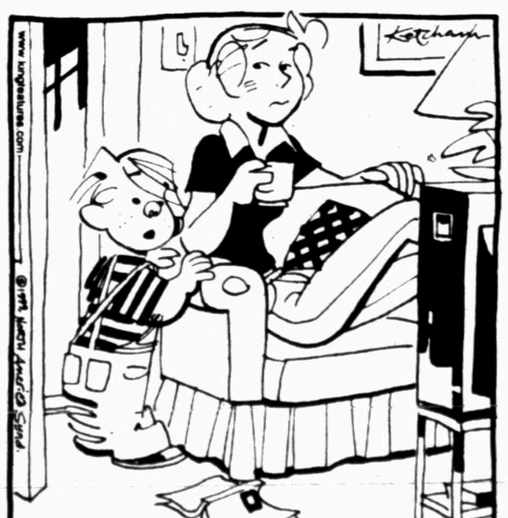
Fun Facts

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During World War II, on July 4, 1942, fireworks were not allowed in American cities near the sea, because the light might have helped enemy subs sink American ships.

The original Declaration of Independence is on display inside a humidity-controlled glass case filled with helium in Washington, D.C.

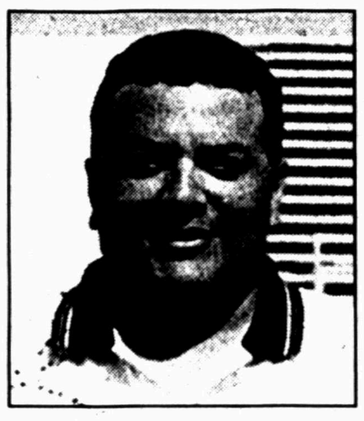
The Liberty Bell was rung on the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in July 1776, starting a tradition that was observed every year until 1846.



"HOW COME THEY CALL IT 'TALK TV', IF ALL THEY DO IS YELL?"

SPORTS

Pair of SHS coaches leave for Ft. Stockton



Matt Gutierrez



Vanessa Gutierrez

The search to fill Snyder High School's coaching staff will now be expanded to include two more positions.

Matt and Vanessa Gutierrez, the SHS husband and wife coaching duo for the past eight years, have accepted positions at Fort Stockton, effective immediately.

Matt, who was the Tigers' secondary coach and headed up the boys track squad, will be the offensive coordinator in Fort Stockton.

Vanessa, who served as head girls' track coach and assistant varsity basketball coach, will retain her hoop duties for the Lady Panthers, while also taking over the cross country program.

"We weren't even looking to leave, but Fort Stockton called us and we thought it would be a good move," Vanessa said. "We didn't even fill out our applications until after we interviewed and accepted the jobs."

The two coaches are natives of Ozona and will be closer to home in their new jobs.

"It will be nice to be closer to our families," Vanessa added. "But at the same time, it's hard to leave Coach (David) Baugh and the rest of the staff."

Matt echoed Vanessa's sentiments.

"We've been here eight years and it's been great," Matt stated. "They've been real good to us here, and we've enjoyed it. The Fort Stockton deal just happened to be good for both of us. But working in Snyder has been great."

The Gutierrez' exit runs the number of departing coaches in the Snyder system to seven this year. Already gone from SHS are Rick Archer, Carmen Bohannon, Primo Gonzalez and Robert Wood, while Snyder Junior High coach Clark Humphrey accepted a position at Fort Worth Western Hills High School.

In final holes of British Open...

Van de Velde lets title slip away

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Jean Van de Velde's name now is part of golf folklore. Paul Lawrie's name is on the claret jug.

And the British Open might never see such a bizarre finish again.

A British Open that no one seemed to want to win ended in the darkening rain of a Scottish summer evening with a native son holding the championship claret jug and the golf world wondering just what Van de Velde had been thinking.

Put a wedge in Van de Velde's hand on the last regulation hole, and he would be the Open champion, leaving Lawrie with nothing more to do than drive an hour down the coast to his home and accept the congratulations of his wife and neighbors for a nice Sunday finish.

Give him a 2-iron and thoughts of a glorious finish, though, and get out of the way.

"Strange things happen, especially around here," Lawrie said.

Nothing stranger than what happened to Van de Velde, a Frenchman who still held three strokes of the 5-shot lead he started the day with as he stood on the 18th tee.

A horror-filled 487 yards later, he was heading for a three-way playoff. Four holes and back-to-back finishing birdies later, the 30-year-old Lawrie was the new champion.

"Next time, maybe I'll hit the wedge and you will all forgive me," an unrepentant Van de Valde said. "I just hit a poor shot at a bad time."

The most stunning collapse in golf might also have been its most bizarre, shocking the thousands who filled the grandstands and lined the fairways to watch Van de Velde walk the 18th in triumph.

Instead, they watched as he hit one at them, hitting the grandstand, and thrashed another into the watery ditch known as the Barry Burn that threads its way around the 18th at Carnoustie Golf Links before crossing in front of the green.

They laughed as Van de Valde took off his shoes and rolled up his pants to go into the ditch to try and play out of the water. They cheered when he made an 8-footer for triple bogey to get in a playoff.

Then they went crazy with joy as Lawrie made back-to-back birdies on the final two playoff holes to become the first Scot to win an Open on Scottish soil since 1931.

"Obviously, Jean had the tournament in his pocket," Lawrie said. "I'm not here to criticize him. I feel sorry for him. He really should have won. Thankfully for me, he didn't."

The four-hole playoff with Van de Valde and Justin Leonard capped the biggest comeback in championship history, with Lawrie coming from 10 strokes off the lead on the final day with a 67 that was posted more than an hour before Van de Velde reached the 18th tee.

Rain fell and the skies darkened even further as spectators ran down fairways and jostled for position as three players who never expected to play past the 72nd hole tried to pull themselves back together enough to win.

"It was a circus," Lawrie said. "Everyone was inside the ropes and everyone was shouting your name out. It was really hard to try to focus."

Still in shock after his collapse, Van de Velde yanked yet another drive, this one dead left into a thicket of bushes on the first playoff hole, No. 15. Leonard and Lawrie nearly followed him there with drives of their own into the deep rough.

Van de Velde made double-bogey and never recovered. Lawrie and Leonard both bogeyed the first two holes. But Lawrie made an 18-footer for birdie on 17, then lashed a 4-iron to within 3 feet.

With two putts to win, this was a lead even Van de Velde couldn't blow.

Hewett, Word win SCC tourney in sudden-death

Jason Hewett and Bryan Word had to put in a little extra work to win the Golfers' Memorial Partnership on Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

Hewett and Word, who finished the 36-hole event tied with John Medlicott and Dave Sharrock, captured the title on the second sudden-death playoff hole.

Both teams fired matching rounds of 62 on Saturday, before carding 65s on Sunday. The two squads finished the tourney at 17-under par.

Taking third place in the championship flight were Larry Anderson and Billy Brock, while Stephen Mills and Brandon Hicks finished fourth.

Top honors in the president's flight went to Johnny Powell and Joe LaRoux who carded a 65-68—133. Just three strokes behind them was the duo of Kent Careathers and Randy May.

Third place in the president's flight, with a 69-72—141, was the Billy Wayne Harris-Pete Greene twosome. Harris and Greene edged out Shawn Ragland and Kelly Ragland in a scorecard playoff.

A six-under-par 138 earned James Caldwell and Brent Beck the top spot in the first flight, finishing two shots ahead of a pair of squads.

Rex Whitfield and Kenny Chandler secured a runner-up finish on a scorecard playoff win over Carter Wiggins and Doug Dugger. John Reed and Cloyce Talbott were fourth.

Monty Spann and Don Sasser teamed up to claim first place in the second flight with a two-round total of 143. Robert Patterson and Eric Springer finished two strokes back, in second place.

Reagan Key and Ricky Post turned in a 146 to come in third, with Jack Newberry and Phillip Scott taking fourth.

Wetteland saves Texas' 5-4 win over Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Wetteland seldom has had a save that was this satisfying.

After blowing three straight save chances, the Texes Rangers closer retired three of four batters in a 5-4 win over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

"That was no monkey," Wetteland said. "It felt like two gorillas off my back."

Wetteland, who got his 27th save in 34 chances, allowed four runs in 1 1-3 innings during Saturday's 8-6 loss to Arizona.

He stayed primarily with his fastball Sunday, allowing a one-out single to Scott Servais.

"I had the results tonight," Wetteland said. "What was frustrating was that for the most part I was throwing the ball well. But even if you are, there are no guarantees. There were some smiles out there tonight."

Wetteland needed just 13 pitches to retire the side.

"He bounced back tonight," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He needed a save, I needed a save and this ballclub needed a save."

Rangers starter Mike Morgan (10-6) won for the fourth time in five decisions and became Texas' first 10-game winner of the season. He allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out two and walked one.

The 39-year-old right-hander got 10 straight groundouts between the second and fifth innings and took a 4-0 lead into the sixth before J.T. Snow's two-run homer.

Astros win 7th straight

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton pitched a four-hitter to lead the Houston Astros to a season-high seventh straight win, a 2-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Hampton (12-3) went the distance for the third time this season. He allowed two walks and struck out eight. No Cleveland runner advanced past second base, as only two of the hits got out of the infield.

Jaret Wright (7-5) went five innings, allowed one run and three hits, struck out three and walked three. He retired 10 of the last 11 hitters he faced, including nine straight, before leaving the game with tightness in his right shoulder blade in the sixth.

Hampton didn't allow a hit until Kenny Lofton led off the fourth with an infield single. The Indians' second hit was a slow roller to third base that the Astros didn't field, hoping it would roll foul. It hit the base fair. Enrique Wilson's single up the middle with two outs in the fifth was the first Cleveland hit out of the infield.

SDN Sports Briefs

Couples golf tourney

The 25th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy golf tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee is $200 per team, not including cart.

Prizes, based on a full field, will be $500 for first place, $400 for second and $300 for third in each pre-flighted division. Free food and beverages will be provided on the course, with a dinner slated for Saturday night.

Only the first 60 paid teams will be accepted, and deadline to enter is July next Wednesday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College, beginning next Monday. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

The Snyder Tiger Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will begin next Monday for junior high through college-level athletes.

Allen Lee and selected instructors will train players in mechanics and strategies. Registration is limited to the first 40 entries. To register, contact Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WGA play day and couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill.

The WGA will also hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 7 at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	54	36	.600	—
Boston	51	41	.554	4
Toronto	49	45	.521	7
Tampa Bay	40	52	.435	15
Baltimore	39	52	.429	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	34	.626	—
Chicago	43	46	.483	13
Kansas City	37	54	.407	20
Detroit	37	55	.402	20½
Minnesota	36	54	.400	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	51	40	.560	—
Oakland	46	45	.505	5
Seattle	44	47	.484	7
Anaheim	42	48	.467	8½

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	36	.613	—
New York	53	40	.570	4
Philadelphia	49	41	.544	6½
Montreal	33	55	.375	21½
Florida	34	58	.370	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	54	37	.593	—
Cincinnati	51	38	.573	2
Pittsburgh	46	45	.505	8
Milwaukee	45	45	.500	8½
St. Louis	45	47	.489	9½
Chicago	43	46	.483	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	51	41	.554	—
Anzona	49	44	.527	2½
San Diego	46	44	.511	4
Los Angeles	41	49	.456	9
Colorado	41	49	.456	9

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2
Houston 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 11, Atlanta 4
Pittsburgh 13, Cleveland 10
Toronto 6, Florida 1
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Minnesota 8, Chicago Cubs 0
Seattle 9, San Diego 1
Philadelphia 11, Boston 3
Los Angeles 13, Anaheim 3
San Francisco 7, Oakland 2
Anzona 8, Texas 6, 10 innings
Baltimore 2, Montreal 1
Milwaukee 11, Kansas City 3
St. Louis 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Sunday's Games
Toronto 3, Atlanta 2
Boston 11, Florida 9
Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Montreal 0
Detroit 9, Cincinnati 8, 10 innings
Kansas City 5, Chicago Cubs 4
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Florida (Meadows 6-10) at Boston (Ohka 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 4-9) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Chen 0-1) at Toronto (Escobar 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
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Detroit (Weaver 6-5) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dotel 1-1) at Baltimore (J.Johnson 1-3), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 3-6) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 3-12), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Daneker 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peterson 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Langston 1-0) at Houston (Holt 1-9), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lincoln 3-9) at St. Louis (Mercker 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Brock 6-7) at Texas (Glynn 2-3), 8:35 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 5-8) at Anaheim (Hill 3-8), 10:05 p.m.
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Apollo 11 landed on moon 30 years ago

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thirty years after he blasted off on Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong said Friday he composed his "one small step" proclamation the day he became the first man to step onto the moon.

"After landing, actually having been somewhat surprised, the fact that we were able to make a successful touchdown, I realized I was going to have to say something," Armstrong said at his first news conference in years.

"But it wasn't anything very complicated. When you just think about stepping off, why, it seemed to follow."

On July 20, 1969, four days after liftoff, Armstrong and fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon. Nearly seven hours later, Armstrong emerged from the lunar module and into history, saying, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

As for whether he uttered an "a" before the word "man," Armstrong said the "a" was intended.

"I thought I said it. I can't hear it when I listen on the radio reception here on Earth. So I'll be happy if you just put it in parenthesis."

The normally reclusive Armstrong, flanked by Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, and two other Apollo astronauts, smiled and clasped his hands in his lap as he quietly fielded questions from dozens of journalists.

Would he choose privacy over being the first man on the moon?

"Never," he replied.

Does he think about his moon landing on a daily basis?

"Probably only when you guys remind me," he told reporters.

Should America return to the moon? Society should return, he stressed.

"Yeah, I left a few things up there."

The 68-year-old Armstrong said his "gut feeling" when he lifted off from Earth with Aldrin and Michael Collins is that they had a 90 percent chance of returning safely and that he and Aldrin had a 50 percent chance of landing successfully on the moon.

As for the legacy of Apollo, Armstrong said: "The important achievement of Apollo was a demonstration that humanity is not forever chained to this planet, and our visions go rather farther than that."

Later in the day, at a banquet in their honor, Armstrong and Aldrin received standing ovations from 1,000 guests, including fellow astronauts and retired space program workers. Collins, who circled the moon in the command module, did not attend.

Moonwalkers, space program workers and hundreds of others began gathering for the Apollo 11 anniversary festivities on Friday morning.

"It was probably the greatest singular human endeavor, certainly in modern times, maybe in the history of all mankind," said Gene Cernan, 65, who became the last man to walk on the moon, three years after Armstrong and Aldrin.

Cernan got goose bumps, just as he did on July 16, 1969, as he listened to a recording of the final 1½ minutes of the Apollo 11 countdown. The words boomed from loudspeakers, along with the roar of the colossal Saturn V rocket:

"10, 9, ignition sequence start, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, zero. All engines running. Liftoff! We have a liftoff! Thirty-two minutes past the hour. Liftoff on Apollo 11!"

Five hundred people in a park in nearby Titusville cheered as — at zero — Cernan of Apollo 10 and 17, Wally Schirra of Apollo 7, and several other men pushed shovels into the sandy soil where a monument will honor the hundreds of thousands who worked on the Apollo project.

Apollo 11 launch commentator Jack King recalled what a beautiful morning it was — 85 degrees and hardly any clouds — as Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins embarked on their journey.

"There were more than half a million people lining Route 1, lining the causeways and the beaches," King remembered. "There were more than 3,500 of the world's top journalists. There were several thousand dignitaries from throughout the world. And most importantly, there was a majestic Saturn V launch vehicle sitting on Pad A with three calm and cool astronauts on board."

Schirra noted that in just four days, on July 20, the same date Armstrong and Aldrin stepped onto the moon back in 1969, NASA's first female space commander will be launched. Air Force Col. Eileen Collins arrived with her shuttle crew earlier in the morning; they will fly on Columbia, by chance the name of Apollo 11's command module.

The mood, for the most part, was jubilant, though several Apollo program retirees expressed disappointment over the abrupt end to what they considered NASA's finest hour.

"We haven't been back. We don't have a moon station. I think that's a crime," said Bert Engstrom, 78, who came from California for the celebration. "We proved something, but we didn't follow up."

Before marrying JFK, Jr.

Carolyn Bessette Kennedy had been a fashion publicist

NEW YORK (AP) — Carolyn Bessette Kennedy was a fashion publicist who catapulted to fame by marrying John F. Kennedy Jr. Her chic and penchant for privacy drew comparisons to his mother.

Bessette Kennedy was presumed dead, along with her husband and her older sister Lauren Bessette, after Kennedy's plane went down off Massachusetts. She was 33.

The six-seat, single-engine plane disappeared Friday night on its way to a Kennedy family wedding. The bodies weren't immediately recovered but officials said late Sunday there was virtually no chance the three survived.

Born Jan. 7, 1966, the lithe, blond Bessette Kennedy enjoyed a privileged upbringing as the stepdaughter of a surgeon in posh Greenwich, Conn. Not even that could prepare her for life in the Kennedy clan, a jet-setting existence complete with White House invitations and family weekends in Hyannis Port, Mass.

She was notoriously press-shy, rarely speaking with reporters. Even the details of how she and John Kennedy first met are unclear: One tale says they met while jogging in Central Park; another says they were introduced when he was shopping for suits at Calvin Klein's, where she worked as a publicist.

She drew incredible scrutiny after marrying Kennedy on Sept. 21, 1996. "Camelot's New Queen" trumpeted the Daily News after their secret nuptials on an island off Georgia — an event so exclusive that some family members were not invited.

After a honeymoon in Turkey, the newly minted power couple were greeted outside their Tribeca loft by a swarm of photographers.

People magazine, which had once dubbed her husband the "sexiest man alive," proclaimed Bessette Kennedy one of the year's 25 "most intriguing people."

There were endless mentions in gossip columns, relentless pursuit by paparazzi, inevitable comparisons to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

There were even reports she was unhappy about her husband's taste for flying. "Carolyn was the first person to fly with me after I got my solo license," Kennedy said in an interview two weeks ago.

Carolyn Bessette also brought along a bit of her own mystique when she joined the Kennedys' ranks. Even in high school, she made a big impression; her classmates at St. Mary's High School in Greenwich voted her "The Ultimate Beautiful Person."

She graduated from Boston University with a degree in elementary education, but wound up working in a marketing job for a nightclub consortium.

She landed a job at a Calvin Klein store in Boston, reportedly hired by a boss who spotted the stunning woman walking down the street. When she actually met Klein, the fashion designer was so impressed that she was quickly transferred to the New York headquarters.

"She knows how to handle men like practically nobody I've ever met," a friend of Kennedy, John Perry Barlow, told New York magazine. "She is very good at making people feel they are special and important, and largely because she means it.

"It was the same thing with Jackie."

The glamorous lifestyle came with some baggage.

Paparazzi photographed Kennedy and his bride-to-be arguing in Central Park in February 1996 — he reportedly pulled a ring off her finger — and a television newsmagazine aired a videotape of the fight.

Once they married, the new husband graciously asked photographers to cut his wife some slack: "This is a big change for anyone, and for a private citizen even more so. I ask that you give Carolyn all the privacy and room you can."

It didn't really work; even a mundane task like walking their dog would bring photographers running.

There were pluses, too: a White House invitation in February 1998 to dine with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, along with celebrity guests like Harrison Ford, Tom Hanks and Elton John.

Her clothes and her hair were endlessly studied.

Friends describe Kennedy's hopes for a child someday

By The Associated Press

John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife, Carolyn, dearly wanted children, but held back because of the media maelstrom that swirled around them, a friend wrote in a farewell piece published today.

Another friend, who shared a house with Kennedy in their college days and taught him to clean toilets, said that "we all agree that to know him is really to love him."

Writing today in The Daily Telegraph, journalist Christa D'Souza said she sat with the couple at the wedding in Italy last year of CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour and State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

Kennedy "told me that he very much wanted to have children," she wrote in the London-based newspaper. "He had even thought of a name if they had a boy (he was in favor of the name Flynn, but she wasn't)."

"However, they were holding back because neither of them could bear the idea of all the media attention," D'Souza said.

Kennedy, his wife and her sister Lauren Bessette were missing and presumed dead after their plane disappeared over the ocean en route to Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast.

D'Souza and Amanpour both met Kennedy when they were all students in the early 1980s.

Amanpour said Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes" that during those college days she and Kennedy were among several friends who shared a house in Providence, R.I.

Amanpour, speaking before the Coast Guard changed its "search and rescue" mission to one of "search and recovery," said she organized the household duties. "John used to laugh at me, and still does, you know. He says 'you taught me how to clean toilets. I never had before. And I probably never will again.' And he cooked, and he's a good cook. And he cleaned."

She said that when she and Rubin had dinner with the Kennedys several months ago, they discussed the scandal facing President Clinton and Kennedy said he wanted to speak out, saying "this is not serious, this is just going too far. This is not politics."

She said, "I think he knew that in today's climate of attack dog journalism, that even if he tried to say something smart, relevant, it would be torn apart and people would put the spotlight on his own family history, his father and that presidency."

She said and several other friends "all agree that to know him is really to love him. Because he's a good, funny, honest person, with all his flaws and his foibles like all of us has."

"And he loves you back," Amanpour said. "He's a good man. He loves his family. He's devoted. He's a joy."

D'Souza recalls a handsome, charismatic figure, often late and with a taste for risk. Once, she wrote, she drove with him from Providence to Boston "in a car that didn't belong to him and without a license."

D'Souza recalled her friend's annual birthday celebrations at his mother's "labyrinthine red-walled" apartment overlooking New York's Central Park.

"It was one of those truly coveted invitations, but you would hardly call them social affairs," she wrote, telling how the "fragile, elegant" Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis played hostess to her son's "motley crew" of college friends.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		70½	68 70½ ++ 2½
AT&T Corp s		55¾	55¾ 55 11-16+ 3-16
Albertsons		54⅞	54½ 54 11-16+ ⅜
AlldSignal		67 9-16	66¾ 66⅞ — 13-16
Alltel		71 7-16	70 11-16 70 11-16 — 11-16
AmOnline s		122⅛	119 11-16 119 15-16+ 3-64
Ameritech		76¼	75¾ 75¾ — ⅛
AndarkPtr		37	36¾ 36 13-16 — 7-16
Armcolnc		6	13-16 6¾ 6¾
AtlRichfld		92 13-16	91¼ 91⅜ — 1 5-16
ATMOS Egy		25¾	25½ 25 9-16 — ¼
Aviall		16	13-16 16¼ 16¾ — ½
BP Amoco		118¾	117 5-16 117¾ — 1½
BakerHughes		33	3-16 33 33 1-16 — ¼
Bank of Amer		76¾	75½ 75¾ ++ ⅛
BellAtl		66¼	65 11-16 66 — 5-16
BellSouth s		45	7-16 44 15-16 45¾ ++ 1-16
BethSteel		8	3-16 8 1-16 8¼
BurlNoSFe s		33	1-16 32 32 15-16+ 9-16
CBS Corp		46¼	45 15-16 46 3-16+ 7-16
Caterpillar		60	5-16 59¾ 59 15-16+ 1
CenSoWst		21	13-16 21¾ 21¾ — 1-16
Chevron		95¾	94¾ 94 7-16 — 1 3-16
Citigroup s		50	15-16 49¾ 49 13-16+ 13-16
Coastal		40	11-16 40 1-16 40 1-16 — 9-16
CocaCola		64	15-16 64 64 1-16 — 15-16
ColgatePal s		50	15-16 49¾ 49¾ — 1¼
ComclMetals		32	7-16 32¼ 32½ — ¼
CooperIn		54	5-16 54 1-16 54 1-16 — 5-16
CyprusAmax		14	13 13-16 13 15-16 — 1-16
DaimlrChry n		89	7-16 88 13-16 88 15-16 — ½
DallSemicn		54⅛	53 15-16 54 + ⅛
DeltaAirl s		61	7-16 59 7-16 61 5-16+ 2¼
Dillards Inc		35	5-16 34½ 35 — 5-16
DowChem		126¾	125 1-16 125¾ — 1 1-16
DuPont		71	11-16 70 70½ — 1¾
EastmanChem		53	1-16 52¾ 52¾ — 5-16
EstKodak		73¼	72¼ 73 1-16+ 15-16
EDS Corp		66	3-16 65¾ 65¾ — 1¾
Entergy		30	1-16 29 13-16 29 15-16 — ⅛
Exxon		79¼	78¼ 78½ — 13-16
FstBksAm			18¼ 18¼ 18¼
Flowers		17¾	17¼ 17 9-16+ 9-16
FordMotor		54	15-16 54 5-16 54 11-16+ ⅛
GTE Cp		78	77 7-16 77⅞ — ⅛
GenDynam		67⅞	66¾ 66¾ — 1¾
GenElec		119	118 1-16 118⅛ — ⅜
GenMills		84¾	84¼ 84 5-16+ 3-16
GenMotors		69	7-16 68¾ 69 — 1-16
GaPacGP s		51⅞	51¼ 51⅜ + 5-16
GlobalMar		16¾	16 11-16 16¾ — 1-16
Goodrich		42	41 9-16 41 11-16+ ⅛
Goodyear s		59	5-16 58¾ 58¾ + ⅛
GtAtlPac		37¾	37¼ 37 9-16+ 3-16
Halliburtn		46¼	46 1-16 46 1-16 — 7-16
Hanson ADS		46	7-16 4646 — ⅛
HarteHanks			26¼ 2626
HomeDepot		69	11-16 69 3-16 69¾ — ⅛
IBM s		138¾	13 136¾ — ⅜
IntlPaper		52	13-16 52¾ 52 11-16 — ⅝
JohnsonJn		97¾	96¾ 96¾ — ¾
K mart		16	3-16 15¾ 16¼ + ⅛
Kroger Co s		31⅜	30 9-16 30¾ — 5-16
Litton		72	3-16 70¾ 70¾ — 15-16
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MorganJP		139¾	136½ 138 7-16 + 1 1-16
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Navistar		46	13-16 46 9-16 46 11-16 — 5-16
Penney JC		46	13-16 46¼ 46 11-16+ 3-16
PennzEnrgy s		16	13-16 16¼ 16¼ — 5-16
PepBoys		19	1-16 18¾ 19 + 1 1-16
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TexUtil		40	7-16 40 40 5-16+ 1-16
Textron		88	15-16 88¼ 88¾ ++ 3-16
TriconGlbR		56	55 5-16 55⅝ — ⅜
TrinityInds		33¾	32 13-16 33¼ + ⅛
TritonEngy		11⅛	11¼ 11 7-16 — 1-16
TylerTech		6¼	5 15-16 5 15-16 — 1-16
US West Inc		61	3-16 59 11-16 59¾ — ⅜
USX-Marathn		32¼	32½ 32⅜ — ¼
USX-USS		29¼	28 15-16 28 15-16 — 3-16
UnCarbde		46	11-16 45¾ 45¾ — ⅜
UnionPacif		60	59 5-16 59 15-16+ ½
UnitedTech s		70¼	68 3-16 68 11-16 — 1 9-16
Unocal			42¼ 4242 — 1
Venator Grp		11¾	11¼ 11¾ — ⅜
WalMart s			48 9-16 47¾ 48
WellsFargo		43	1-16 42 9-16 42¾ — ⅜
WstnGasRs		16⅞	15¾ 16 5-16+ 5-16
WinnDixie		40	15-16 40¾ 40¾ ++ ¾
Xerox Cp s		59	57 1-16 57⅞ — 1 11-16

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CPQ	26 1/2	-13/16
ENE	84 5/8	+5/8
SRV	17 1/8	-1/2
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Kennedy's presumed death major news around the world

LONDON (AP) — The presumed death of John F. Kennedy Jr. grabbed international headlines for a second day today as newspapers recounted his life in the public eye.

"Another link between the Kennedy family and Ireland disappears," the Irish Times wrote. RTE, the state TV and radio channel, described it as a tragedy for "the Irish-American political dynasty."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern sent his condolences to Kennedy's relatives.

"Our thoughts are with the Kennedy family who have long and close ties with Ireland at this very trying time for all of them," he said.

Kennedy was traveling with his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, to a family wedding when their plane disappeared Friday night over the ocean on its way to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Searchers said it was unlikely they would be found alive.

Newspapers in Britain ran lengthy obituaries and accounts of the string of tragedies that have befallen America's most famous family.

The Sun, the largest-selling daily in Britain, led Page One with the headline "Rest in peace" and a photo of Kennedy as a toddler with his father in the White House's Oval Office.

"Grief and disbelief as U.S. mourns strange death of favorite son," said the front-page headline in The Independent.

Some papers played up Kennedy's relative lack of flight experience and his tendency to take chances. "Last fatal risk of a daredevil," said the headline in The Express.

All of Japan's major daily newspapers ran items today on the search, most accompanied by photos, including the famous image of the boy Kennedy saluting at his father's funeral.

The South China Morning Post in Hong Kong ran the Kennedy story under the banner headline "U.S. prays for Kennedy miracle."

Kennedy himself was not well known in all parts of the world, but most know the fabled Kennedy name.

"It's very sad how despite all the fame and riches, that one family can be followed by so much bad luck," said Giesela Braun, a resident of Frankfurt, Germany.

Eileen Firman, 49, a London nurse, said she was not nearly as affected by the loss of Kennedy as she was by the 1997 death of Princess Diana in a Paris car crash. "Mostly because I didn't know him as well," she said.

In Israel, Kennedy's disappearance was the top story on all radio and television reports and headlined most of Sunday's daily newspapers.

Israel's Channel 2 TV station interviewed a former schoolmate of Kennedy when he was at private school in New York in the 1970s.

"He insisted on being an ordinary kid. Every day, we took the bus from Fifth Avenue to the West Side and he insisted on taking the bus with us," said Daniel Diker. "He was a nice guy."

Pope John Paul II, vacationing in the Italian Alps, said he was praying for the whole Kennedy clan.

Australia's acting prime minister, Tim Fischer, sent a message of sympathy to the Kennedy family.

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi also expressed his "sorrow for the loss of John Kennedy Jr." He went on to castigate U.S. authorities for their failure so far to locate the lost plane.

Kennedy's disappearance was the main story on the front page of most major Mexican newspapers. La Cronica carried photos of Kennedy with his mother and father and a chronology of other tragedies to hit the family.

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GOP lawmaker switches to Democratic party

QUOGUE, N.Y. (AP) — A Republican lawmaker switched allegiance to the Democrats Saturday, the first such defection since the GOP took control of Congress five years ago. He drew praise from President Clinton for having the "courage to change" and scorn from the GOP for placing "ego ahead of principle."

Rep. Michael Forbes, who represents the eastern tip of New York's Long Island, told reporters at his home that the Republican Party "has become an angry, narrow-minded, intolerant and uncaring majority, incapable of governing at all, much less from the center, and tone-deaf to the concerns of a vast majority of Americans."

While he was first elected to the House in 1994 as a supporter of the conservative "Contract with America," Forbes clashed numerous times with the GOP leadership. His most prominent break came in 1997, when he refused to support then-Rep. Newt Gingrich for re-election as speaker, citing concerns over an ethics probe.

More recently, he found himself briefly near the center of power in the House when it appeared last year that Rep. Bob Livingston would succeed Gingrich as speaker. Livingston quit Congress unexpectedly, though, and Forbes political stock plummeted overnight.

The defection provides an important psychological lift for Democrats who hope to regain control of the House in 2000.

With Forbes' announcement, Republicans will hold 222 seats in the 435-member House, with 211 Democrats and an independent who usually votes with the Democrats. A seat is vacant because of the death Thursday of Rep. George Brown, D-Calif.

Forbes, who has shown a strong independent streak, said the GOP has become "a captive of extremists," and he said the Democratic Party is more open.

"The Republican Party over the last 41/2 years has been defined through the actions of its extremists in the House of Representatives," Forbes said.

"Sadly, there's no room in the Republican Party in Congress for moderates like myself," he said.

Clinton said he knew Forbes "made a hard choice, but ... the right choice" and is "joining a party that welcomes independent thinking and the courage to change."

From Vice President Gore, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, came recognition of Forbes as "a man of principle and integrity."

Praise flowed from the White House even though, as Republicans noted, Forbes recently endorsed Texas' Republican Gov. George W. Bush for president in 2000 and voted to impeach Clinton on all four of the charges brought by the House Judiciary Committee last year.

Some constituents criticized Forbes for the switch.

"Did Bill Clinton, the biggest liar in the country, make you promises?" asked Marianne Mathis as she confronted Forbes on his front lawn.

Forbes replied the president had not.

"I understand your anger, but the Republicans in Washington aren't reflecting your values or concerns," Forbes said. "I am the same person that I was yesterday and the day before that and the year before that."

To buttress their case about political opportunism, Republicans cited a Forbes campaign flyer from 1994 in which he said his election could "mean the end of Democratic control — 40 years of raising taxes for more pork-barrel spending and wasteful social programs."

Republicans believe Forbes is "obviously putting his personal ego ahead of principle and ahead of the interests of his district, which is solidly Republican," said Jill Schroeder, a spokeswoman for the GOP campaign committee.

Clinton won 51 percent of the vote in Forbes' district in 1996, compared with 36 percent for Republican Bob Dole. The vote four years earlier was 40 percent for President Bush and 38 percent for Clinton.

The head of the GOP campaign committee, Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, talked with Forbes last week, Ms. Schroeder said, and Forbes "lied to Tom" about his intentions.

Forbes' decision followed a series of private conversations over several weeks with Democratic House members from New York and the House's top Democrat, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

Forbes also met privately at the White House with Clinton at one point. The meeting with the president was unannounced at the time, and officials said the conversations with Gephardt occurred away from his Capitol office to avoid detection.

Gephardt, his senior aides and Forbes spent much of Friday in meetings in preparation for the switch. When the congressman left Washington for his district during the day, Gephardt dispatched an aide from the Democratic campaign committee to accompany Forbes.

In a Washington interview, Gephardt said Forbes' decision was "confirmation of what we've been trying to say: The leadership of the Republican party is leading from the right, and the leadership is dominated from the extreme right. ... They can come to the middle and do bipartisan bills, or they can stay on the right and get nothing done."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Add fiber to your diet

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm concerned about dietary fiber and have started to add miller's bran to my food. However, a friend told me that it is dangerous to introduce bran into my diet without gradually increasing the amount over time. Is unprocessed miller's bran important in a high-fiber diet? Are other foods just as satisfying? What's the relation between a high-fiber diet and diseases of the intestine?

DEAR READER: I am not aware that the sudden introduction of bran into anyone's diet is dangerous, provided the amount of fiber is not gigantic. If you notice digestive problems from your new, healthful diet, back off and use your own judgment.

Bran consists of indigestible vegetable fiber. Uncooked vegetables are also a good source of this fiber. So, rather than put all your eggs in the miller's bran basket, be creative; you will enjoy more dietary variety if you supplement your bran with salads. Oat bran is good, too.

In a 180-degree switch from previous dogma, doctors now recommend high-fiber diets for many intestinal disorders, including chronic constipation, irritable bowel syndrome and diverticulosis. Furthermore, it's possible that colorectal cancer can be prevented by high fiber intake. Some authorities have pointed out that serum cholesterol may be lowered by foods that contain bran and psyllium.

Current surveys indicate that Americans would be healthier if they consumed more fiber. How much of an increase is still under debate but, as a rule of thumb, two or three portions of vegetable fiber a day should suffice.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Whenever I eat dairy products, my face breaks out in acne. I was recently tested, and I am not allergic to milk. However, a friend with acne can control his affliction by avoiding milk, cheese, iced cream, butter and so forth. Are dairy products a common cause of skin problems? Should I limit my intake?

DEAR READER: Dairy products contain fats and oils that may encourage acne. This is not a usual pattern, but it can happen.

The cholesterol in cow's milk is the common culprit. Therefore, drinking skimmed or powdered milk may help. If that doesn't solve your problem, experiment by avoiding milk products altogether for several weeks. Your acne may tend to clear with age, and you may be able to enjoy dairy products once again. As another option, see a dermatologist for specific advice.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Three dead, five hurt in Lake Conroe accident

HOUSTON (AP) — Four people remained hospitalized Sunday night after being hurt in a Lake Conroe boating accident that killed two women and a child.

Witnesses reported hearing a crash around 10 p.m. Saturday, followed by the screams of the injured.

The Department of Public Safety and Montgomery County Sheriff's Department were investigating the accident, but were still sorting out which victims were in which boats.

The dead were identified as Jewel Brown, 30; Lonnie Godley, 26; and Ms. Godley's 1-year-old daughter.

The injured included Julia Hart, 59, and Fred Hart, 60, both of Montgomery; Kenneth Flemon, 39, whose residence was unknown; Greg Carlon, 40, of Magnolia; and Reginald "Dustin" Morris, 44, of Plantersville.

All were taken to Montgomery County Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

The Harts and Carlon were in stable condition at Montgomery County Hospital Sunday. Flemon was released after treatment.

Morris was later transferred to Hermann Hospital for treatment of facial injuries. He was listed in stable condition Sunday.

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Violent crimes show decrease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent crime fell 7 percent last year from 1997, with 8.1 million Americans falling victim, the lowest number reported since the Justice Department began tracking the figure in 1973.

A report released Sunday called the one-year drop "marginally significant," driven by a small but significant decline in aggravated assault rates.

"From 1997 to 1998, no significant changes in rates of rape or sexual assault, robbery or simple assault occurred," said this year's National Crime Victimization Survey. Rape and sexual assault were the only categories not to show a decline in 1997.

The general 1998 decline continued a downward trend that began in 1994, the survey said.

Attorney General Janet Reno said there is no one reason for the drop. But she gave Clinton administration policies credit for combining the effects of several strategies.

"It's because of more police officers on the streets, tougher sentences, more prosecutions, better prevention programs, a healthy economy and a new approach to crime fighting that involves a closer working relationship between communities and federal, state and local law enforcement," Reno said.

Republicans have said they are relieved over the decline but warn that crime rates remain unacceptably high. They also have pointed to passage of anti-crime legislation since the GOP took majority control of Congress in 1995.

Sunday's report said that from 1993 to 1998, rates of violent crime — rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault — fell 27 percent, from 50 per 1,000 Americans age 12 or older to 37 per 1,000.

"Every major type of crime measured, rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft decreased significantly between 1993 and 1998," the study said.

The annual survey of American households excludes killings, because it asks individuals about their own experiences.

But the report said preliminary figures released separately by the FBI have shown that the number of murders dropped about 8 percent between 1997 and 1998.

Each year the victimization survey analyzes data on nonfatal violent crimes reported to police and those not reported to police. "In 1998 approximately 43,000 households and 80,000 people age 12 or older were interviewed," the report said.

According to the report, attackers used a weapon in about a fourth of violent offenses in 1998. "About 40 percent of robbery victims faced a weapon, as did 9 percent of rape or sexual assault victims," the Justice Department said in a written statement. "Eight percent of all violent victimizations were committed by offenders armed with a firearm."

About half of all victims of violent crimes knew their assailants, Justice officials said. More than 70 percent of rape and sexual assault victims knew their attackers, and 50 percent of aggravated assault victims did.

"Almost half of all violent victimizations and about one-third of all property crimes were reported to police each year from 1993 to 1998," the statement said.

Routier's family, friends raise money for appeal

ADDISON (AP) — Dozens of family and friends gathered this weekend at a $50-a-plate fundraising dinner for convicted capital murderer Darlie Routier, who called from jail to thank her supporters and proclaim her innocence.

Mrs. Routier, 29, has been on death row since her February 1997 conviction for the stabbing death of her 5-year-old son, Damon. Her 6-year-old son, Devon, also was killed in the June 1996 attack.

Supporters at Saturday night's dinner at the suburban Dallas hotel participated in a silent auction to raise money for Mrs. Routier's appeal. She spoke via the hotel's public address system from her cell at Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas, where she has been held since late October so she could attend hearings related to her appeal.

"I get so many letters of support and encouragement," she said. "To know you are gathered around me, supporting me and out there fighting for me ... it's a tremendous help."

After she addressed the ballroom crowd — estimated at more than 60 people, she had brief conversations with her husband, Darin; her sister, Dana; her surviving son, Drake, who was 8 months old when his brothers were killed in their Rowlett home; and her mother, Darlie Kee.

Later, guests listened to featured speakers Kerry Max Cook, who spent two decades on death row, and author Barbara Davis, who no longer supports Mrs. Routier's conviction the way she did in her book, Precious Angels.

Organizer Saundra Kreeger said she expected to net about $1,000 from the event, entitled "Wrongfully Convicted." Mrs. Routier's attorney, Stephen Cooper, said the money probably will be used to fund additional investigative work.

Darin Routier said the event was important in his family's efforts to free his wife.

"This is not about taking her off death row," he said. "The issue is innocence and being taken off death row."

Weekend is busy for local officers

The weekend was busy for local law enforcement agencies as 11 people were taken into custody and several miscellaneous offense reports were filed.

A 19-year-old male was booked into jail at 3:44 p.m. Saturday on a capias warrant for disregarding a red light.

Officers took a 19-year-old female into custody at 5:21 p.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of Hargrove on a warrant for Class A assault and physical contact.

At 6:08 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 24-year-old female in the 100 block of Browning for Class C assault/family violence. An offense report was also submitted.

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at 8:18 p.m. Saturday in the 3800 block of 38th Street for possession of marijuana, possession of tobacco and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Outstanding warrants for minor in possession of tobacco and failure to appear sent a 17-year-old male to jail Saturday. He was booked into custody at 8:47 p.m.

Deputies arrested a 41-year-old female at 11:20 p.m. Saturday on FM 1607 on an outstanding city warrant for expired motor vehicle registration.

A 51-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 12:32 a.m. Sunday in the 1300 block of Coliseum Drive for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 17-year-old male into custody at 2:12 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of 17th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A 17-year-old female was booked into jail at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on an outstanding warrant for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated sent a 28-year-old man to jail at 2 a.m. today. He was arrested in the 800 block of East 37th Street.

At 2:18 a.m. today, officers took a 30-year-old male into custody in the 3000 block of 25th Street on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

In other weekend activity, Wesley Marsch reported criminal mischief to the Pride building at 8:43 a.m. Saturday. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Robin Burney notified officers at 9:54 a.m. Saturday that her vehicle had been egged in the 100 block of 37th Street.

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $27.20 at 3:44 p.m. Saturday.

At 11:43 p.m. Saturday, Larry Thompson reported criminal mischief to his vehicle in the 400 block of 34th Street. Officers submitted an offense report.

Sgt. Patrick Coggins reported at 8:37 a.m. Sunday that his patrol car had been involved in a hit and run accident in the 2400 block of 42nd Street. Officers located the other vehicle involved at 11:15 a.m. and an offense report for failure to comply with requirements upon striking an unattended vehicle was filed.

Cynthia Valadez requested to speak to an officer at 6:32 p.m. Sunday in the 100 block of Milburn in reference to a stolen bike. Officers submitted an offense report for Class B theft.

At 9:19 p.m. Sunday, Welton Cobb advised officers of the theft of a VCR from his residence. An offense report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

Officers received a report of gunshots in the area west of the 2800 block of 25th Street at 12:46 a.m. today. Officers were unable to locate a source of the shots.

However, several juveniles were located in the area and began running from officers. The juveniles were released to guardians.

Obituaries

Ozelle Bonser

1916-1999

BANGS – Ozelle Bonser, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, July 17, in a Brownwood hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Bonser, 83, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Greenleaf Cemetery with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating.

Born in Fluvanna, she married Augustus Bonser on Aug. 4, 1936 in Glen Rose. He preceded her in death.

She moved to Comanche in 1918 and to Brownwood in 1938. She was a retired sales clerk and had been a resident of Bangs since 1975. She was a Baptist and a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, James Bonser of Bangs; a sister, Deana Evridge of Comanche; a brother, Dr. Dick Lane of Fort Worth; and one grandchild.

George Pliler

1927-1999

SAN ANGELO – George Pliler, the brother of Billie McCormick of Snyder, died Saturday, July 17, at his home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mr. Pliler, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Street Church of Christ. Calvin Warpula and Chester McCown will officiate. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 30, 1927 in Abilene, Mr. Pliler was a retired public school counselor.

Other survivors include his wife, Nona Pliler of San Angelo; a daughter, Gail Long of Abilene; two sons, David Pliler of San Angelo and Don Pliler of Flower Mound; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mary Hopkins

1942-1999

FREDERICK, Okla. – Mary Lee Phillips Hopkins, a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School, died Sunday, July 18, in a Frederick hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hopkins, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Jackson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Mountain Park Cemetery.

Born Feb. 21, 1942, she attended school in Copperton and Snyder. She married Floyd Hopkins on Feb. 25, 1962 in Vernon.

Mrs. Hopkins earned a degree in nursing in 1971 in Lawton, Okla., and she earned her nursing home administrators license from the University of Oklahoma. After working for Tillman County Memorial Hospital for 26 years, she became administrator of the Frederick Nursing Center in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Hopkins of Frederick; her mother, Dora Phillips of Frederick; three daughters, Alisha Roberts of Snyder, Susie Pendergraph of Mountain Park and Darla Bates of Frederick; a sister, Lillian Potts of Frederick; and five grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Cheerleader camp

Registration for the 11th annual SHS Cheer camp will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Stars-R-Us. Camp cost is $40 and includes camp T-Shirts and halftime performance. For more information call 574-1293 or 574-1993.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "A Father's Responsibility to His Children," followed by "Hope for Single-Parent Families."

Lions White Elephant sale

Snyder Lions Club has rescheduled its White Elephant sale for noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start will conduct registration from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. The program is for children three years old on or before Sept. 1 and for four year olds. Birth certificates, immunization records and proof of income will be required. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder Diabetes Support Group will have a cookout at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Pavilion. Cost is $2 per plate. RSVP to Stephanie Highfield at 573-2950 by Monday.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room Joye Loyd and Jacque Chorn will report on the National Parkinson Foundation meeting and a film, "Wonders of the Brain" will be shown.

Historical Commission

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Library to discuss plans for next month's unveiling of the new Santa Fe Railroad marker on the courthouse square.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Aug. 26 at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Midnight madness

Each Friday, the Boys and Girls Club will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight. Activities for teens Friday night include a block party, outside volleyball and sack races, three-legged races, a lock-in, spot and free-throw tournament, a 45-second drill, game-room tournaments, movies and refreshment.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Union Community Center, sponsored by the Road Back Ministries.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the 1989 SHS class reunion to be held Saturday. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day Out and Discovery School at First United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 27 at the church. The program is for ages one through four.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support groups

Three different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, and grief support group. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

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

8-3-0

(eight, three, zero)

Lotto Texas

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket, worth an estimated $37 million, was sold in Harlingen.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

21, 22, 27, 28, 31 and 35.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.