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Home of Hayley Gray



GETTING IT TOGETHER – Clockwise from top left, Mark Kelley, Joe Louis Wilson, Tammy Tucker and Mike Tucker, welders with Ondalay Pipeline in Midland, make a tie-in weld on a section of the Kinder-Morgan CO2 line. (SDN Staff Photo)

Other work discussed...

Hermleigh ISD reviews plans for gym update

Hermleigh school board members agreed unanimously in a meeting Tuesday night to engage McLarty-Baker Associates to help build and subcontract an expansion of the school gymnasium.

John Baker, construction administrator for the Tahoka firm, presented a base plan for reconstructing the north end of the gym. A food court, concession stand, officials' dressing room and ADA-standard restrooms are all included in the plan. Supt. Marvin Beaty said that the plan presented was by no means a final drawing, but would give the board a general idea of what could be done.

There is not an estimated figure on the cost of the gym, but Baker said that a recent project his firm had done in Lorenzo ran $50 per square foot. That would come to $113,750 for Hermleigh, but Beaty said that they are planning to use a lot of in-kind and volunteer services to lower that number.

The architectural fee is six percent of the bid cost. After agreeing to contract with Baker, board members decided to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday for a workshop to discuss details and costs for the expansion.

Ron Griener, a representative for Government Capital in Fort Worth, discussed the issuance of maintenance notes for the gym and other construction that the school is interested in, including a new ag barn, a baseball and softball field, and a new track and football field. Griener reported that interest rates are currently at 4.9 percent.

He also noted that maintenance notes couldn't be issued for new construction, but that a time warrant could be used for financing. A motion was made to table the issue until a time warrant resolution and reimbursement letter could be drawn up and an amount to issue the notes for isdetermined.

Ag teacher Joe Campbell presented ideas for new ag barns and the ag program.

Teachers Brenda Kuss and Joyce Lionberger presented a program on Breakfast in the Classroom, which would allow grades K - 2 to eat free.

Principal Clarence Speiker presented student of the month awards to Amy Botts and Aaron Jernigan. He also gave a principal's report on the abstinence program, WAIT (Why Am I Tempted), made possible by a grant from the Fisher County hospital district.

Beaty finished up the meeting with the superintendent's report, noting he had not yet received a hard copy of the Coca-Cola contract, that the school now has a new airless sprayer for striping the field, and a new dishwasher is needed for the cafeteria.

He also said that he would be polling the students for UIL activities they are interested in.

Tim Dacus presided at the meeting, with all members being present to include Alan Culp, David Higgins, Sherene Digby, Roy Gill, Jim Lionberger and Larry West.



NEW GYMNASIUM PLANS – John Baker, construction administrator for McLarty-Baker Associates, holds up a working plan for expansion of the Hermleigh school gym. The school board agreed to engage the firm for architectural planning of the gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Early vote ends for amendments

After early voting for constitutional amendments ended yesterday, 381 ballots had been cast in person, and seven mail in ballots were received.

Polls will open Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the regular election day.

Some voting precincts have been combined for Saturday's vote on 22 propositions.

Boxes 5, 6, and 7 vote at the Scurry County library; Boxes 8, 9, and 10 vote at the Snyder school administration building; Boxes 11, 12, and 13 vote on the south side of the Scurry County Coliseum; and Boxes 14 and 15 vote on the north side of the coliseum.

Musical planned at SHS

The SHS fine arts department will unveil the musical, *Anything Goes,* Thursday night at Worsham Auditorium. Written by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse, the production features music and lyrics by Cole Porter.

Performances at Worsham Auditorium will be at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Reserved tickets are on sale for $8 and can be purchased by calling 573-6301. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for students.

The setting of the musical is an ocean liner called the USS American, as it sails from New York City to England in the 1930s. The story focuses on the interactions between the colorful passengers and crew of the ship as it sails.

The musical features 14 songs with seven large chorus selections including well-known tunes such as *Blow, Gabriel, Blow, I Get a Kick Out of You, You're the Top, It's Delovely, Friendship* and the title song *Anything Goes.*

Several of the large chorus selections have been choreographed by student dancers at the high school. This musical has a cast and crew of more than 50 choir and drama school students and blends comedy with romance. The musical is under the direction of Michael McQuerry, drama director' and Ronda Haire, choir director.

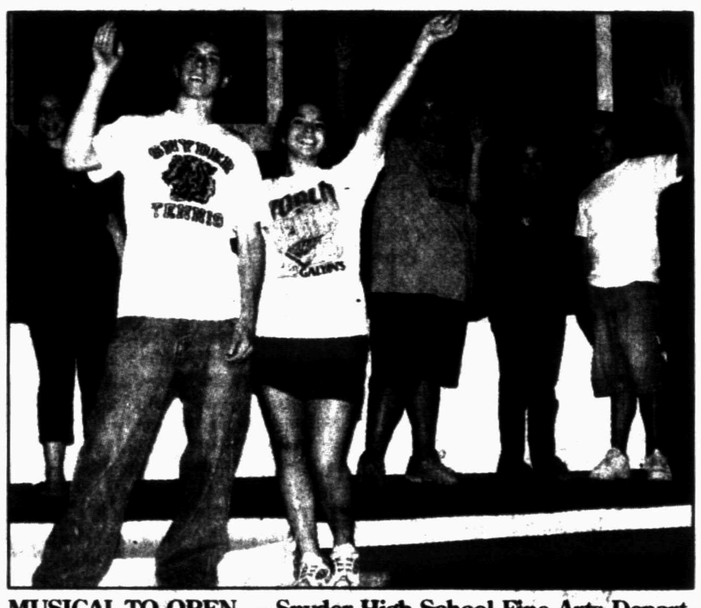
The cast includes Elisha J. Whitney, portrayed by Paul Whitney; steward, Adrian Brooks; reporter, Blake Robertson; reporter understudy, Devin Chandler.

Camera persons, passengers and dancers are Kerissa Shipp, Anna Henson; Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, Michael Nelson; Mrs. Wadsworth T. Harcourt, Sarah Crawford; Mrs. Harcourt's understudy, Blake Robertson; Hope Harcourt, Corie Hernandez and Temi Thompson; Bishop Henry T. Dobson, Lance Turner; Reno Sweeny, Molly Haire and Stephanie Parmer.

Others include Billy Crocker, Logan Martin; Moonface Martin, Coleman Welch; First Chinese (Ching), Tyler Price; Second Chinese (Ling), Corbin Smith; Purser, Alex Neal; Bonnie, Stephanie Parmer ans Molly Haire; Captain, Jason Hook; Chastity (angel), Sarah Carpenter; Virtue (angel) Allie Brewster; Purity (angel), Alexis Dupree; sailor No. 1, Jason Cave; sailor No. 2, Ramsey Herrera, girl No. 1, model, Marisa Munoz; girl No. 2, model, Megan Crisp; girl No. 3, model, Samantha Moyers; drunk and electronics, Nathan Graves.

Chorus, passengers and dancers include Ryan Ward, Jere-

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MUSICAL TO OPEN — Snyder High School Fine Arts Department will open *Anything Goes* at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. In this *Bon Voyage* scene, characters setting sail from New York City to England are from left, Devon Chandler, Brent Tyler, Marissa Munoz, Levi Stahl, Mechelle Renfro and Ramsey Herrera. Additional performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

For Oct. 12...

Progress edition photos wanted

A special progress edition is planned by the Snyder Daily News on Oct. 12 in conjunction with White Buffalo Days.

Fifty years ago, Snyder was beginning to grow rapidly and many of the buildings were built in 1953.

Anyone with pictures from that era is invited to submit them for publication. All photos will be returned after publication.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



A political cartoon depicts the devil holding a pitchfork and dangling a man over the fires of hell. "Ah, another suicide bomber... Welcome to paradise," the caption reads.

Unfortunately, that cartoon is just as applicable today as it was when it was first published a couple of years ago.

In an article I recently read on the Internet, Ellis Shuman tackled a question I have often asked myself: "What Makes Suicide Bombers Tick?"

Accompanying the article, was a picture of a man holding a picture of his son, then a recent suicide bomber, who killed 20 young Israelis when he blew himself up outside a discotheque in Tel Aviv.

The article quoted the father as saying he was very proud of what his son did and hoped others would follow suit. From my persepective, it is sad that they both valued the son's life so little.

Shuman referred to a report on MSNBC about the suicide bombing attack in Netanya that occurred last May.

Unnamed sources from Hamas were quoted as saying, "suicide bombers undergo a process of indoctrination that lasts for months.

"The bombers believe that they are sent on their missions by God, and by the time they're ready to be strapped with explosives, say the sources, they have reached a hypnotic state. Their rationale: That by blowing themselves up in a crowd of Israelis, they are forming their own gateway to heaven."

Shuman also referred to a BBC report that said, "According to Islamic tradition, "He who gives his life for an Islamic cause will have his sins forgiven and a place reserved in paradise."

Shuman noted though that Christine Huda Dodge in *About's Guide to Islam* said that suicide is forbidden in Islam. "...Harming innocent bystanders, even in times of war, was forbidden by the Prophet Muhammand."

A fatwa (religious edict) issued last April by Sheik Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah al Sehik, the supreme religious leader of Saudi Arabia, "equated suicide bombings with suicide, which therefore is not allowed in Islam."

Another article, "Why We Have Suicide Bombers" by Dr. Eyad Sarraj, focused on trying to understand Palestinian terror.

He said, "I believe it is an act of absolute despair and a very serious stage of the seemingly perpetual conflict (with Israel)."

Sarraj makes some very good points (too long to list here) as he recalls various events over the past decades that ultimately lead to the suicide bombings. But I do not see suicide and increased violence as the answer. The carnage must stop on both sides or there will never be peace in the Middle East.

The suicide bombings and retaliatory strikes also affect the United States because we are caught in the middle as we try to draw a roadmap for peace.

The most chilling thing I have read, however, is an AP article in May of 2002 that quoted FBI Director Robert Mueller, "Walk-in suicide bombers .....will hit the United States eventually."

He also said, "there will be another terrorist attack. We will not be able to stop it..."

I pray he is wrong on both counts.

ASK US

Q—Has Lake Colorado City been restocked since it was hit with the golden algae?

A—It recently received 151 brood channel catfish weighing 10-20 pounds, and 80,000 channel catfish fingerlings.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Sharon Sumruld...

...is a life-long resident of Snyder. She is the assistant director at the Scurry County library. Her aunt and uncle, Pat and Leland Moffett, are also long-time Snyder residents. Sharon's hobbies include reading, gardening and painting craft.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All our lives we are preparing to be something or somebody, even if we don't know it.

—Katherine Anne Porter

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Central Baptist Church revival

Hermleigh's Central Baptist Church revival concludes this evening at 7. Evangelist Murlyn Keller and his family uses chalk art and music in the services. Call 863-2305 for transportation.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High school pictures will be taken today and Thursday. Students must pay for pictures at the time they are taken. Students not wanting to order pictures must still have their picture taken for the yearbook.

Trap shoot fundraiser

A trap shoot fundraiser, sponsored by Lighthouse Assembly of God, will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 1.3 miles east on U.S. 180. Look for signs on right. Cost is $25 and targets will be provided. For more information call Chris Thomison at 207-3520.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

Girl Scout fundraiser

Snyder Girl Scouts are taking orders for their fall sale of nuts and calendars. To order, call Judy Martin at 573-7556.

Youth group car wash

First Asembly of God youth group will have a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Donations are from $5 up.

County, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The buffet meal will include an entrée of turkey and dressing or ham. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4.25 for children under 10. Call Sandra Brace at 573-3427 for reservations. Proceeds help maintain the clubhouse, located just south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder Saturday. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

Guest speaker

David Feese will be the guest speaker at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The public is invited.

TSA Booster Club

The Technology Student Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop building. All parents and industry leaders are invited.

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Drivers license office

The drivers license office is closed for vacation and will reopen next Wednesday.

Fajita dinner

Snyder High Band Boosters will sponsor a fajita dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, in the cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Midland Greenwood game. Tickets can be purchased from any band student for $5.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens at WTC is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 573-4035.

Band fundraiser

SHS band boosters and students are spray painting Tiger Paws on sidewalks and driveways for donations. For information, call 573-5061.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College resume today. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

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



FIRST PLACE WINNERS — The Snyder Junior High School band won first place in the 3A high school division of marching bands at the West Texas Fair Parade Saturday in Abilene. Several parents and high school students accompanied the band, directed by Kay Kennedy. (Contributed Photo)

Stowaway rides from New York to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A stowaway shipped himself from New York to Dallas and startled his parents and a deliveryman by crashing out of a cargo crate, leaving federal officials scrambling to figure out how he eluded airport security.

Charles D. McKinley, 25, a shipping clerk from New York, was arrested Saturday on unrelated warrants after an overnight odyssey to his parents' home near Dallas while packed in a crate said to contain a computer, monitor and clothes.

Federal officials are considering whether to file new charges against the man. A federal stowaway law makes it illegal to board or hide on a plane or ship without the owner or pilot's knowledge.

Authorities believe that McKinley, with help from at least one co-worker at the warehouse where he works, loaded himself in a box measuring 42 by 36 by 15 inches and followed a roundabout path to Texas.

The box was trucked from Kennedy Airport to Newark, N.J. From there, said FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey, the stowaway flew on Kitty Hawk Cargo to Niagra Falls, N.Y., Fort Wayne, Ind., and finally on to Dallas.

When the crate got to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Saturday morning, it was picked up by Billy Ray Thomas, a driver for Pilot Air Freight's Grapevine office. He delivered it to McKinley's parents' house in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto.

Thomas went to unload the 350-pound crate from his truck, and saw a pair of eyes inside the box, and believed there was a dead body inside.

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound McKinley then broke open the box and crawled out, police said. The deliveryman, shaken by the turn of events, went to a nearby shopping center and called police.

McKinley's mother told KDFW-TV in Dallas she was stunned to see her son emerge from the box.

"My husband asked him, 'Man, what are you doing in this crate?' He said he was coming home," she said.

In broadcast and newspaper interviews, McKinley said that he made the unusual trip because he was homesick and a friend thought he could save money by flying cargo. McKinley said he took no food or water on the 15-hour trip, just a cell phone, which didn't work.

"I'm sitting there thinking, 'Oh God, I don't know why I'm doing this,'" McKinley said. "I'm sitting there thinking like any minute somebody will notice that there's somebody sitting inside this crate ... No one did."

Man with AIDS who fought for right to attend school dies at 23

GRANITE CITY, Ill. (AP) — Jason Robertson, whose battle to attend school as a boy with AIDS in the 1980s helped other children with the virus overcome its stigma, has died. He was 23.

Robertson died this past Thursday in his mother's home in Granite City.

"Until the end, he was more concerned for our feelings than for himself," said Tammie Robertson. "He told me, 'Mom, I'm sorry I made you cry so many times and that I was such a burden.' ... But he was never a burden."

Robertson was diagnosed with the virus that causes AIDS when he was 5 years old. He contracted the virus through blood products used to treat his hemophilia.

At his mother's suggestion, the Granite City School District designated a special classroom in a trailer to shield him from controversy.

But he was lonely without contact with other children, so she asked the district to let him attend regular classes. The district refused, siding with parents who feared, contrary to medical fact, that their children could become infected through casual contact.

A federal judge ordered the district in 1988 to admit the child to regular class.

Tammie Robertson said on the first day of classes, her son had to walk past angry parents shouting "Back to the trailer!"

"Jason forgave them, and I forgive them," she said. "They didn't know any better. It was the early days of AIDS."

When Robertson was 8, his family moved to South Roxana, Ill. There, he once again faced placard-waving demonstrators on his first day of school.

"He was a tough little fella. He showed a lot of courage," said the school's then principal, Dorothy Stickels.

Robertson's struggle made him a symbol of the fight against AIDS discrimination. But to his family, he was a boy who dreamed of living a normal life, who loved baseball, comic book superheroes and wrestling.

Robertson became close friends with Ryan White, an Indiana boy with AIDS whose legal struggle to attend a grade school in his state became a national story in 1985.

When White died in 1990, Robertson "ran off and locked himself in his room and cried," his mother said. "To him, it was like losing his big brother."

Today's chuckle

Inmate's lawsuit says spiders infest prison

DAVISBORO, Ga. (AP) — An inmate is suing the prison where she is serving a 10-year sentence for burglary and aggravated assault because she says the facility is infested with spiders.



Marcia Wall's lawsuit in federal court in Atlanta says she and other inmates at the Washington State Prison in Davisboro have been bitten repeatedly by spiders and that medical officials have denied them proper treatment.

"They live here with us," Wall said. "We've got to share this place with them. But it's getting crazy."

Department of Corrections spokeswoman Scheree Lipscomb would not comment on the lawsuit, but said the 1,000-bed prison is fumigated once a month by a pest control company.

"We don't want anyone to get bit by spiders," Lipscomb said. "We're responsible for their health as well as their well-being. Any time they let us know, we try to correct the problem that is happening."

Wall's lawyer, McNeill Stokes, said inmates have sent him envelopes filled with dead spiders as proof of the infestation.

Wall and other inmates want prison officials to seal faulty window screens, clean up webs around the prison grounds and take their medical claims seriously.

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-22-24. Bonus Ball: 29.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $675,000.

Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: $1,776.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 33. Prize: $73.

Number matching three of four: 1,465. Prize: $22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 981. Prize: $21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,352. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,138. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $200,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-7-26-28-36.

Number matching five of five: 0

Matching four of five: 148. Prize: $448.

Matching three of five: 4,626. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 48,732. Prize: $2.

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Today is the 253rd day of 2003 and the 82nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, a Baptist minister in Yokohama, Japan invented the rickshaw.

On this day in 1953, Swanson sold its first "TV dinner."

On this day in 1977, France used the guillotine as a means of execution for the last time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Fay Wray (1907-), actress, is 96; Arnold Daniel Palmer (1929-), golfer, is 74; Roger Maris (1934-1985), baseball player; Jose Feliciano (1945-), singer, is 58; Guy Ritchie (1968-), director, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1858, John Holden hit the first recorded homerun.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is a rare and difficult attainment to grow old gracefully and happily." — Arnold Palmer

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Sept. 10).

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THE OLD AND THE NEW — Matthew Kerr, a junior who plays the trumpet in the Snyder High School band, is wearing a new uniform. His nephew, Mark Strelecki, is wearing an old uniform. (Contributed Photo)

Music downloading suits could hurt industry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The recording industry has taken its piracy fight directly to music fans, suing more than 200 people this week alone. Now comes the hard part: Persuading the very people it has threatened with legal action to revisit music stores or sample legal downloading services.

That might prove difficult, some observers say, because the industry's lawsuit campaign could spark a consumer backlash spurred by the discontent many music fans already feel over soaring CD prices and the shrinking number of retailers offering varied music titles.

"The real hope here is that people will return to the record store," said Eric Garland, CEO of BigCampagne LLC, which tracks peer-to-peer Internet trends. "The biggest question is whether singling out a handful of copyright infringers will invigorate business or drive file-sharing further underground, further out of reach."

Jason Rich, of Watervliet, N.Y., said the record companies' campaign prompted him to stop downloading music from file-sharing networks, but he called the issue "disconcerting."

"I think it's kind of silly to go after individuals," said Rich, 26. "There are so many Web sites out there, people don't know necessarily they're doing anything wrong."

Some of the music fans caught in the piracy net cast by the recording industry took steps Tuesday toward settling the copyright infringement lawsuits levied against them for sharing song files over the Internet.

The industry sued 261 people on Monday and has promised to sue hundreds more in coming weeks as it strives to stamp out music piracy it blames for a three-year slump in CD sales.

The Recording Industry Association of America settled the first of the suits Tuesday for $2,000 — with the mother of a 12-year-old defendant, Brianna LaHara of New York. Brianna was accused of downloading more than 1,000 songs using Kazaa.

RIAA Vice President Matt Oppenheim said he was not surprised to see young and old alike caught in the industry's snare.

"We know that there are a lot of young people who are using these services and we totally expected that we would end up targeting them," Oppenheim said. "As we have said from the beginning ... there is no free pass to engage in music piracy just because you haven't come of age. We're not surprised and we're not deterred."

Consumers already think so little of the music companies, that the lawsuits likely won't make much difference, said Josh Bernoff, an analyst with Forrester Research, Inc.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Triangle of love, friendship is broken apart by betrayal

DEAR ABBY: My heart is broken. I am a 21-year-old college student. Today was supposed to be my wedding day. My twin sister, "Diana," my ex-fiance, "John," and I were always very close. John and I have dated since high school. Last week, Diana told me she is three months pregnant with John's baby. She said that when I was studying for exams, she and John had a one-time fling while both of them were drunk. The two people I am closest to in the world have betrayed me. I no longer speak to either one.

I plan to return to college to finish my senior year. Do you think I can ever repair these relationships? Should I forgive John and marry him? Please help me. **— UNHAPPY IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR UNHAPPY: Can you repair these relationships? Possibly, with the passage of time. Should you marry John? Not unless you want your niece or nephew to also be your stepdaughter or stepson. That's a lot to swallow, but only time will tell — lots and lots of time. In the meantime, enjoy your senior year. Participate in school activities and work on expanding your circle of friends.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a college freshman in a city six hours from home. I miss my family, but I've been fortunate to have already made some wonderful new friends.

Lately, however, I've been concerned about the way I feel mentally, so I made a list of my feelings and behaviors that cause me concern. I then explored the Internet for advice. A number of credible Web sites indicate that my symptoms could be liked to clinical depression.

This has me worried. I don't want my new friends to think I'm "weird." Also, my parents are old-fashioned and could very well insist I return home.

Above all, I don't want anyone to overreact. This is all based on my own suspicions. Sometimes I get scared that something may happen to me because I didn't seek help. Who should I turn to, Abby? **— DEPRESSED STUDENT (NO LOCATION, PLEASE)**

DEAR DEPRESSED STUDENT: The student health center on your campus is the place to express your concerns. Many first-year college students become anxious in their new surroundings when faced with academic challenges. If you suspect that you have a problem that requires counseling or medication, you are wise to face it squarely and not put it off. Depression is a disease. It is treatable and curable, and those who have it are not weird, so please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I am only 13, but I have a big problem. I love both of my parents, but I don't like the way my dad treats my mom. Dad drinks a lot and abuses Mom. Not by hitting, but with words. Mom wants to leave, but she doesn't want to break up our family.

Lately, my older brothers are beginning to copy Dad. They mouth off at Mom and it makes me angry. I don't know how to help my parents without hurting one or the other. They both need help, but Dad refuses to get it. What can I do? **— ANGRY DAUGHTER/SISTER IN KANSAS**

DEAR ANGRY DAUGHTER: Remind your mother that words can hurt as much as physical blows, and your brothers are already imitating their father's behavior.

Ask your mother how she will feel when her sons marry and abuse THEIR wives. Deep in her heart she knows that the time to put an end to this cycle is now. Continue encouraging your mother to do what she knows she should — leave your abusive father for the sake of her children.

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By Phillip Alder

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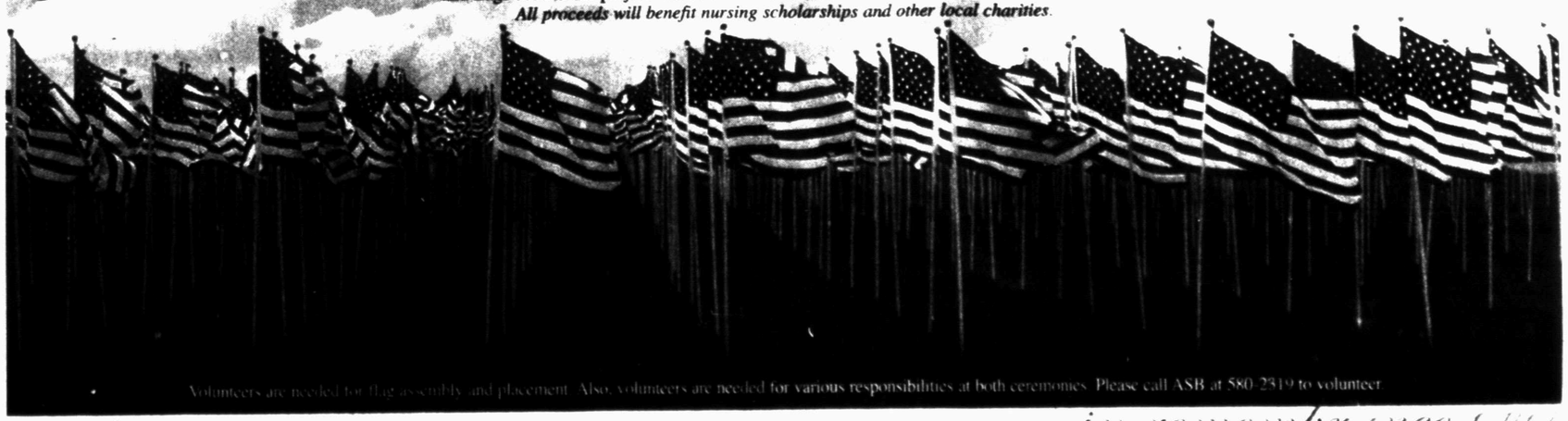
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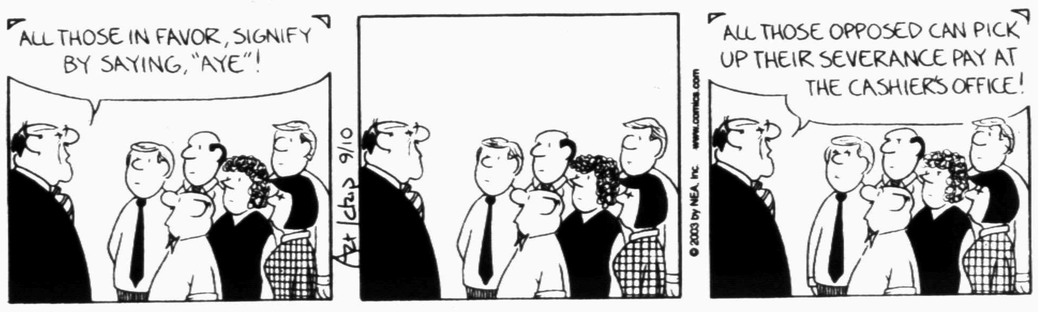
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10 Hockey player
12 Make certain
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16 Blyth or Sothern
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25 Nightclubs
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32 Trail user
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38 "The final frontier"
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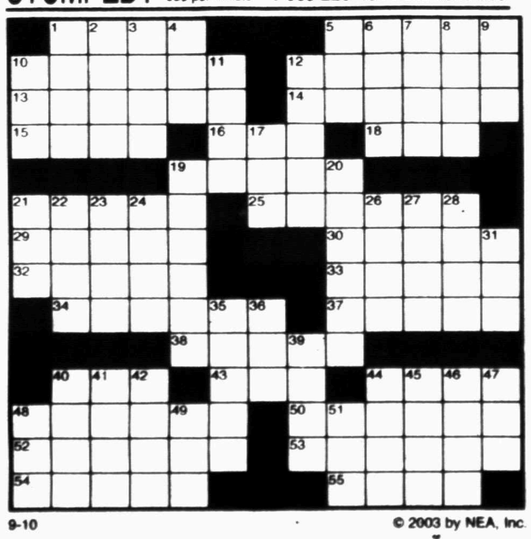
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10 Hair-styling goo
11 Jacob's twin
12 Total indifference
17 Actor — Beatty
19 Milk purchases
20 Getaway
21 "Phooey!"
22 Needing irrigation
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24 Warning, perhaps
26 "— and get it!"
27 Hodgepodge
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35 In pieces
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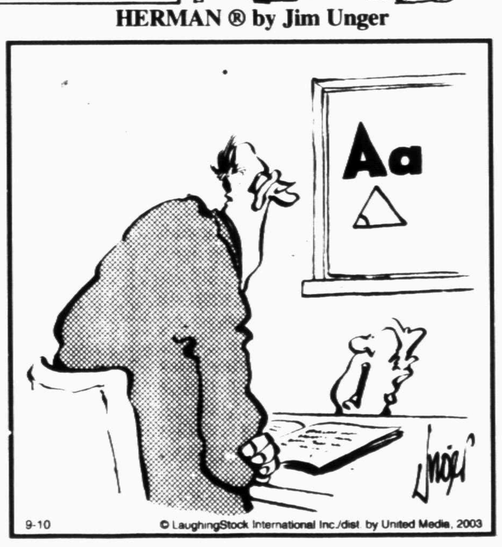


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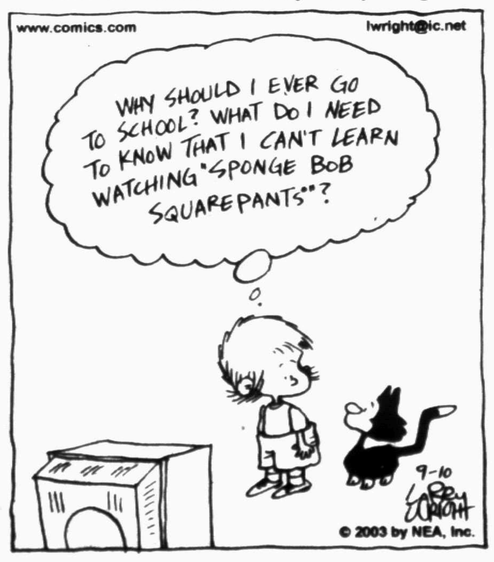
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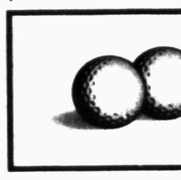




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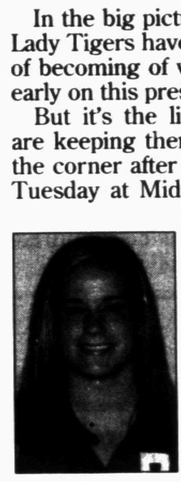
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SPORTS

Spikers hang tough in defeat

In the big picture, the Snyder Lady Tigers have shown flashes of becoming of very good team early on this preseason.

But it's the little things that are keeping them from turning the corner after a pair of losses Tuesday at Midland, according to head coach Laura Moses.



Cox

"All the girls are working hard, but it's little stuff that pops up," she said. "Our power has to get better and our passing game needs to be more under control to run our offense."

The Lady Tigers came up on the short end of a three-game match to start things Tuesday, falling to third-ranked Monahans, 21-25, 17-25 and 19-25.

Sarah Crawford had four kills and two blocks, Kelbi Drum added four points and eight digs, while Courtney Cox contributed seven digs.

Newcomer Erin Hackfeld added two digs.

The spikers played an even closer three-game match with Midland Lee, scoring 20, 21 and 21 points in the three games.

Moses said Crawford had a big match with Midland Lee, recording three kills and six "big" blocks.



Henson

"She's smart, she adapts well and she tries to read (the opposing team)," Moses said. "She had two big digs from the back. We've had good digs from her after her serves."

Teddi Crenwelge and Cox each had three kills, another area in which Moses would like to see some improvement before the district schedule begins Tuesday.

"If we can step up the kills, that will help," she said.

Sarah Henson and Emily Jones added two blocks apiece in the match with Midland, while Drum had six blocks. Heather Holmes had two blocks, while Hackfeld contributed three of her own in the second match.

Moses said this weekend's matches with Veribest and Colorado City are pivotal for her team after Tuesday's losses sent the club's record to 6-16. She said she feels like the season could go in two wildly different directions this year.

"We have to get it together," she said, noting that in the close games, either the offense or the defense would play well, while the other unit would be spotty. "We are still working. We could easily lose to less talented teams, and we could just as easily be at the bottom or right at the top."

The team will host Veribest and Colorado City Saturday, with an 11 a.m. start time at the high school gym.

The junior varsity played a tough, three-game match with Monahans, falling 9-25, 25-21 and 14-25, before being swept by Midland Lee, 18-25, 15-25.

Coach Darren Pool said Erica Little and Heather Zajicek had good serves, and that Zajicek showed plenty of hustle in the matches.

He said the team got good hits from Morgan Bilderback, Jacy Beccue, and Wendy Reed, who Pool said had good net play and sound backcourt defense.

The freshmen faced some outstanding servers from Monahans in losing 11-25 and 13-25, but hung tough against Midland Lee, 13-25, 25-27.

Moses said the frosh got some good performances.

"Sarah Covington has been a hustler all year. She is a main cog on the team," the varsity coach said. "Courtney Tyrrell and Kaitlyn Greenlee have been doing a really good job, and Tana Sullenger has provided good defense."

The junior varsity will compete in the Lamesa tournament Friday and Saturday, while the freshmen will be at home with the varsity to tackle Veribest and Colorado City.

Vanderbilt eliminates athletic department

NASHVILLE (AP) — Vanderbilt will eliminate its athletic department in a major shakeup designed to curb the ills of big-time college athletics.

Vanderbilt will continue playing intercollegiate sports, but the reorganization merges the departments that control varsity and intramural athletics, putting sports under the central university administration, the school said Tuesday.

"There is a wrong culture in athletics, and I'm declaring war on it," Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee said at a news conference.

No NCAA sports programs or jobs will be eliminated, but just about everything else will change at a school that has run one of the country's cleanest programs in the last half-century. That includes the elimination of the athletic director position, which Todd Turner has held for seven years.

Turner has been offered a job as special assistant to the chancellor for athletic and academic reform, a position in which he would advance "a national agenda for the reform of intercollegiate athletics."

"Let there be no misunderstanding of our intention: Vanderbilt is committed to competing at the highest levels in the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA, but we intend on competing consistent with the values of a world-class university," Gee said.

Vanderbilt's sports programs have had mixed success in recent years.

The football program has lost 18 straight Southeastern Conference games and 27 of its last 28 SEC games. The women's basketball team went to the NCAA regional tournament last year and lost in the second round while the men's basketball team finished 11-18. The men's tennis team was second in the nation.

Vanderbilt's move comes at a time of much debate in college sports about how schools run their programs, and follows numerous scandals across the country.

Gee said the traditional structure for collegiate athletics was "broken."

"At least (Vanderbilt) has a chance for success because it has athletes and academics in the same enterprise," he said.

Last season, Georgia and Fresno State withdrew their men's basketball teams from postseason play because of academic fraud, while St. Bonaventure forfeited two games when players boycotted after a player was declared ineligible.

At Missouri, school officials have appointed an engineering professor to oversee a probe into allegations a basketball player received improper academic and financial help. At Baylor, former coach Dave Bliss is accused of attempting to cover up the finances of a slain basketball player, Patrick Dennehy, by portraying him as a drug dealer.

Another high-profile basketball coach, Larry Eustachy, resigned from Iowa State earlier this year after the Des Moines Register published photos of him drinking and partying with students from another school.

At Ohio State, star running back Maurice Clarett was suspended indefinitely and charged with lying to police about items stolen from his car.

Houston rallies in ninth, keeps Central lead

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino gave Lance Berkman a chance to win the game for the Houston Astros.

Berkman doubled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the ninth inning as Houston rallied to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6 on Tuesday night.

The Astros tied it on Vizcaino's three-run homer in the eighth, then went on to their fifth win in six games. Houston remained tied with Chicago for the NL Central lead. The Cubs beat Montreal 4-3.

"It was a good night," Houston manager Jimy Williams said. "Anytime you can have a guy that sits on the bench all night go up there and hit a three-run homer, it's big. We battled all night and got key hits to win it."

With two outs in the ninth, Dan Kolb (1-2) walked Jeff Bagwell. Jeff Kent followed with a single and Berkman doubled.

"You've got to go out there and get people out," Kolb said. "It's frustrating. The bullpen hasn't been doing very well lately. We've got to pick it up or we're going to struggle all year."

Brad Lidge (6-3) pitched the eighth for the victory and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his team-record 40th save.

"I'm not really thinking about that right now," Wagner said. "Maybe after the season, I will sit back and cherish it. I hope there's a couple of more saves out there for me. If the team wins, that's all that matters."

Rangers play spoiler, top M's

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners had the best record in baseball earlier this season. Now, they're having a serious meltdown.

Mark Teixeira's RBI single in the 10th inning lifted the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 win over the Mariners on Tuesday night and snapped a four-game losing streak.

Alex Rodriguez drew a one-out walk off reliever Shigetoshi Hasegawa (2-2) and later scored the go-ahead run. Rodriguez reached third on a one-out single by Rafael Palmeiro, whose three-run homer tied it at 4 in the eighth.

The Mariners led 4-1 after seven innings before Palmeiro spoiled everything. Seattle fell 2½ games behind Oakland in the AL West and 2½ games behind Boston for the AL wild card.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	56	.608	—
Boston	84	60	.583	3½
Toronto	72	72	.500	15½
Baltimore	66	78	.458	21½
Tampa Bay	58	84	.408	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	78	66	.542	—
Minnesota	76	68	.528	2
Kansas City	73	70	.510	4½
Cleveland	63	82	.434	15½
Detroit	37	106	.259	40½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	85	60	.586	—
Seattle	82	62	.569	2½
Anaheim	70	75	.483	15
Texas	65	79	.451	19½

Tuesday's Games

Boston 9, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 6
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 6
Texas 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings
Oakland 8, Anaheim 1

Today's Games

Boston (P.Martinez 11-4) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-6), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 3-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 17-8), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hendrickson 8-9) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 5-9), 6:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 12-8) at Kansas City (B.Anderson 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 9-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 11-10), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 12-12) at Seattle (Pineiro 13-10), 9:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 10-13) at Oakland (Lilly 9-9), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	91	54	.628	—
Florida	80	65	.552	11
Philadelphia	80	65	.552	11
Montreal	72	73	.497	19
New York	62	82	.431	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	77	67	.535	—
Houston	77	67	.535	—
St. Louis	75	70	.517	2½
Pittsburgh	65	78	.455	11½
Cincinnati	62	82	.431	15
Milwaukee	62	82	.431	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	87	55	.613	—
Los Angeles	77	66	.538	10½
Arizona	73	72	.503	15½
Colorado	66	79	.455	22½
San Diego	58	85	.406	29½

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, Montreal 3
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 1
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Parcells shows patience with inexperienced club

IRVING (AP) — When Quincy Carter tried turning a broken play into a big one and wound up throwing an interception, he knew he'd violated one of coach Bill Parcells' biggest rules. He also knew a stern reminder was awaiting him on the sideline.

Parcells indeed gave Carter an earful. But when the quarterback walked away, the coach patted him on the back.

No, three years out of coaching didn't make Parcells turn soft. It's simply a case of a coach who realizes his new team has a long way to go.

The image of Parcells as a raging, scowling menace was formed when the cameras were on him most: when his teams were championship-caliber. As he's admitted, he's toughest on those teams, his best ones, because he's trying to make them live up to their potential.

He wants this year's Dallas Cowboys to do the same. Difference is, they probably don't have playoff potential.

Parcells said that by the end of training camp he'd figure out his expectations for the team, then try exceeding them. His relatively tame demeanor during a 27-13 loss to Atlanta in the opener indicates the bar is set pretty low.

Using footage from a camera locked on him all game, a savvy editor could've put together a minute's worth of clips of Parcells barking at Carter, Larry Allen and others. (You also wouldn't have seen him and Jerry Jones within 10 yards of each other on the sideline; read into that however you'd like.)

Despite having reason to berate his offense, defense and special teams, Parcells was mostly expressionless. His body language was limited to crossed arms or hands either pressed to his hips or clasped behind his back.

Parcells surely made plenty of biting comments during and after the game. They'll continue all season. Those who don't "get it," as he likes to say, will wind up unemployed.

But he won't cut anyone just to use them as an example — not even Billy Cundiff, who missed a short field goal and an extra point.

OSU ready to cut ties...

Clarett charged for false report

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Clarett was charged Tuesday with lying about items stolen from his car, and Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said the school is ready to cut ties with the star running back.

Clarett was charged with misdemeanor falsification, city attorney spokesman Scott Varner said. If convicted, Clarett would face up to six months in jail and a $1,000 fine. But probation is likely the harshest sentence a judge would impose, city prosecutor Stephen McIntosh said.

Tressel said he does not expect Clarett to return this season to the defending national champion Buckeyes. He would recommend that Clarett be released from his scholarship if the request was made by Clarett, the coach said.

Clarett has already been suspended indefinitely from the team, and probably will not play for the Buckeyes this season. He is also being investigated by the NCAA.

Tressel was asked if it was time for Clarett to move on.

"I think that he needs to make, along with his family, whatever decision he thinks is best for him," Tressel said.

If Clarett's career at Ohio State is over, the running back's last carry would rank among the most memorable in school history. He scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime in a 31-24 victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, giving the Buckeyes their first national championship in 34 years.

Alan C. Milstein, the Clarett family attorney, said he wasn't surprised by Tressel's comments or the misdemeanor charge.

Milstein declined to comment on whether Clarett would consider transferring.

If Clarett transferred to another Division I-A school, he would have to sit out a year in addition to any suspension or ineligibility handed down by the NCAA. He could transfer to a Division I-AA, II or III and be immediately eligible to play, but any possible penalties would also pertain.

NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes would not speak about the Clarett case, but did say that if a suspended or ineligible player transferred, the athlete's new school would first have to declare him ineligible, and would then seek his reinstatement through the organization.

Ohio State has been working for more than two weeks on a response to "several pages" of allegations sent by the NCAA to the university.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger wouldn't comment Tuesday on the progress of the response, and said he didn't know when it would be finished.

Hawes said the NCAA had not received Ohio State's formal response.

Ohio State and the NCAA have been looking into Clarett's finances since springtime. Clarett acknowledged earlier this summer that he filed an exaggerated theft report after his car was broken into in April. The car, a Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was borrowed from a local dealer.

Clarett said he lost more than $10,000 in items in the theft, including $800 in cash, $300 in clothing, hundreds of CDs and thousands of dollars in stereo equipment.

Clarett has until Oct. 10 to enter a plea and won't have to appear in court to plead innocent, McIntosh said. If he pleads guilty or no contest, he can be sentenced the same day.

The university does not have a set punishment for athletes charged with misdemeanors, Geiger said. The charge will not factor into the length of a suspension the university will recommend to the NCAA, he said.

Sports Briefs

Alumni hats

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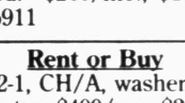
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More U.S. Marines have malaria symptoms after being in Liberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy doctors are investigating what one official called an incredibly high rate of malaria among Marines and sailors who were briefly in Liberia last month on a peacekeeping mission.

Forty-three patients have been evacuated from their ships off the West African shore to hospitals in Germany and the United States, 13 confirmed with one of the most common types of the mosquito-borne illness, falciparum, said Capt. Greg Martin of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The 43 represent almost 20 percent of 225 Marines and Navy personnel who went ashore last month. Officials are closely watching the rest, an unknown number of whom also are reported to have complained of symptoms, Martin said.

"There are a lot of questions about this," he told a press conference Tuesday in the Washington suburb of Bethesda, to where most were taken. He said doctors are uneasy because the cases represent "an incredibly high attack rate" among those deployed.

Doctors are looking into three possibilities, he said: That type of malaria has become resistant to the drug the Marines have been taking; troops didn't take it correctly; the drug had gone bad or there was a flaw in its manufacture.

All going ashore are being switched to another antimalarial in case resistance is the problem, doctors said.

In addition to the confirmed cases, seven Marines tested positive in initial blood tests but have not been confirmed as having the disease, officials said.

Five are of the cases are serious, including two patients with cerebral malaria, but all are expected to recover, said Lt. Cmdr. David Blazes, who is caring for those brought to Bethesda.

Martin said the Marines and sailors started taking the antimalarial drug mefloquine in late June or early July in a regimen that requires troops to begin dosing two weeks in advance of a deployment, then take the drug once a week thereafter for a month until they have been out of the risk area for a month.

The military also gives troops a repellent cream containing DEET and mosquito netting.

The 40 Marines and three naval officers who fell ill went ashore in Liberia from the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima and the amphibious landing dock USS Carter Hall, said Lt. Cmdr. Chito Peppler, a spokesman at the Bethesda center.

Col. Jay DeFrank, a Defense Department spokesman, said the Marines, members of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., were in Liberia in mid-August as part of a U.S. quick-reaction force of about 150 troops. They operated from an airport outside Monrovia, the capital, for about 10 days.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



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— Esophageal dysfunction (difficulty swallowing because of disordered muscular movements of the esophagus)

— Sclerodactyly (taut, shiny skin, particularly of the fingers)

— Telangectasia (permanent prominence of capillaries in the skin)

Many authorities believe that scleroderma is related to a class of disorders called mixed connective tissue disease, caused by an allergy that develops to normal tissues.

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Senate Dems block efforts to impose new overtime rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted today to bar the Bush administration from issuing new overtime pay rules that Democrats and organized labor said would take money from the pockets of millions of workers.

The vote was 54-45, and left the fate of the controversial new regulations uncertain. The House blessed the administration's proposal earlier this year, and congressional negotiators will have to untangle the disagreement In addition, the White House has raised the possibility of a veto if Congress tries to block the rules.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who led the effort to block the proposed rules, said the Department of Labor had acted in a "very heavy-handed manner" in crafting a proposal that would "wipe away the overtime protections" enjoyed by millions.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., said the vote was premature and the claims by labor and its allies were wildly inflated. The number of workers who would be cut off from overtime eligibility is more like 800,000, he said, and he noted that a different part of the proposal would have extended overtime pay to 1.3 million workers not currently eligible.

The vote occurred as the Senate struggled to complete work on a $137.6 billion spending bill for the year beginning Oct. 1 for health, education and labor programs.

In a series of votes, Democrats led an effort to add funds to a variety of accounts, but were turned back.

A call to add $300 million for low-income heating assistance was rejected on a vote of 49-46, 11 short of the 60 needed. As drafted, the measure includes $2 billion for the program.

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CenterPoint	9.17	9.05	9.06	— .09
ChevronTex	73.85	73.52	73.69	+ .27
Citigroup	44.25	43.85	43.95	— .33
CocaCola	45.04	44.48	44.93	+ .58
ColgatePal	56.59	55.85	56.53	+ .58
CmclMetals	19.49	19.23	19.36	— .19
ConocoPhill	57.14	56.81	57.07	— .01
Cooper Inds	50.17	49.27	49.35	— .91
DaimlrChry	37.53	37.20	37.49	— .75
DeltaAirl	14.51	14.24	14.50	+ .11
Dillards Inc	15.23	14.92	14.99	— .18
DowChem	33.65	33.05	33.08	— .56
DuPont	44.65	44.38	44.45	— .05
EastmanChem	35.86	35.52	35.56	— .43
EstKodak	28.19	27.87	27.92	— .27
EDS Corp	22.32	22.20	22.25	— .16
Entergy	54.15	53.76	53.93	— .22
ExxonMobil	38.20	37.96	38.07	— .04
FootLocker	16.28	16.22	16.22	— .05
GenDynam	85.06	84.26	84.40	— .66
GenElec	31.21	30.90	31.16	
GenMills	47.58	47.22	47.32	+ .07
GenMotors	41.80	40.46	41.18	— .43
GaPacific	24.29	23.68	23.84	— .41
Goodrich	24.78	24.17	24.20	— .80
Goodyear	7.58	7.38	7.54	— .08
GtAtlPac	9.49	9.18	9.19	— .31
Halliburtn	24.56	24.25	24.32	— .20
Hanson ADS	32.70	32.35	32.48	— .70
HarteHanks	19.16	19.00	19.06	+ .03
HomeDepot	32.39	31.70	32.03	— .12
Honeywellintl	29.00	28.46	28.54	— .57
IBM	89.28	88.44	88.58	— .84
IntlPaper	40.60	39.78	39.88	— .75
JohnsonJn	51.95	51.18	51.81	+ .56
KinderMorg	52.71	52.25	52.29	— .45
Kroger Co	19.13	18.87	18.91	— .19
LockheedM	52.18	51.25	51.27	— .93
Lowes Cos	52.15	51.50	51.74	— .18
Lubys	2.40	2.35	2.35	
LucentTech	2.22	2.07	2.10	— .12
MarathonOil	29.10	28.89	28.91	— .02
MayDeptStr	25.08	24.76	24.95	— .25
Medtronic	49.22	48.86	48.99	+ .13
Motorola	11.30	10.82	10.85	— .35
NCR Corp	29.93	29.44	29.48	— .52
Navistar	42.10	41.59	41.60	— .43
PNM Rescs	28.10	27.83	27.96	— .12
Penney JC	20.85	20.46	20.77	+ .07
PepBoys	16.94	16.60	16.75	— .11
PepsiCo	44.89	44.40	44.69	+ .30
PhelpDodge	48.67	48.15	48.30	— .36
PilgrmPrd B	13.52	13.11	13.26	— .36
Praxair	63.17	62.72	62.80	— .54
ProctGamb	93.79	90.99	91.58	+ .43
RadioShack	29.20	28.77	28.96	— .36
RoyalDut	45.89	45.60	45.79	— .08
SBC Comm	23.33	22.92	23.27	+ .35
Safeco	19.00	18.77	19.00	+ .19
Scripps EW	87.17	86.21	86.21	— .79
SearsRoeb	43.34	42.75	43.07	+ .18
Sherwin	30.28	29.90	29.93	— .37
SouthernCo	29.42	29.19	29.32	+ .11
SwstAir	18.48	17.96	18.13	+ .61
SprintFON	15.06	14.80	15.06	+ .23
SprintPCS	5.77	5.64	5.64	— .11
Sunoco Inc	40.80	40.36	40.40	— .18
TXU Corp	22.24	22.02	22.11	— .13
Templelnland	51.60	50.60	50.87	— .83
TexInd	25.90	25.19	25.30	— .62
TexasInst	24.71	23.69	23.78	—1.54
Textron	43.61	42.85	42.92	— .64
TrinityInds	26.95	25.51	25.79	—1.67
TylerTech	6.45	6.16	6.29	— .18
UnionPacif	60.21	60.00	60.03	— .10
USSteel	18.90	18.62	18.84	— .02
UnitedTech	78.90	78.30	78.69	+ .05
Unocal	31.99	31.75	31.81	— .06
VerizonComm	35.57	35.13	35.45	+ .30
WalMart	57.44	56.56	57.06	
WellsFargo	51.00	49.92	50.01	— .98
WstnGasRs	38.58	38.41	38.41	— .13
WinnDixie	10.90	10.62	10.63	— .29
Xerox Cp	10.71	10.50	10.59	+ .04
YumBrands	29.96	29.58	29.68	— .10

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for September, 2003

• Coleus and caladiums require plenty of water this time of year if they are to remain lush and attractive until fall. Fertilize with ammonium sulfate at the rate of l/3 to l/2 pound per 100 square feet of bed area, and water thoroughly.

• Rejuvenate heatstressed eraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering.

• Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.

• Some vegetables such as cucumbers or eggplants also become bitter if under watered during peak growing times.

• Remove weak, unproductive growth and old seed heads from crape myrtles and roses to stimulate new growth for fall beauty.

• Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

• Sow seeds of snapdragons, pinks, pansies and other winter flowers in flats for planting outside during midtolate fall.

• Prepare the beds for springflowering bulbs as soon as possible. It's important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.

• Continue a disease spray schedule on roses as black spot and mildew can be extremely damaging in September and October.

• Christmas cactus can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (55 degrees F) for a month starting in mid October. Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.

• Plan to plant wildflowers in early September and October. Check supplies now and order seed for planting in open sunny areas. Consider bluebonnet, Indian paintbrush, coneflower, firewheel, lackeyed Susan, evening primrose and many others. Soils should be lightly cultivated prior to planting.

• Divide spring flowering perennials such as iris, Shasta daisy, gaillardia, rudbeckias, cannas, daylilies, violets, liriope and ajuga.

Lubbock livestock report

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 534 head of livestock for the Thursday, Sept. 4, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 better. Calves and yearlings were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good

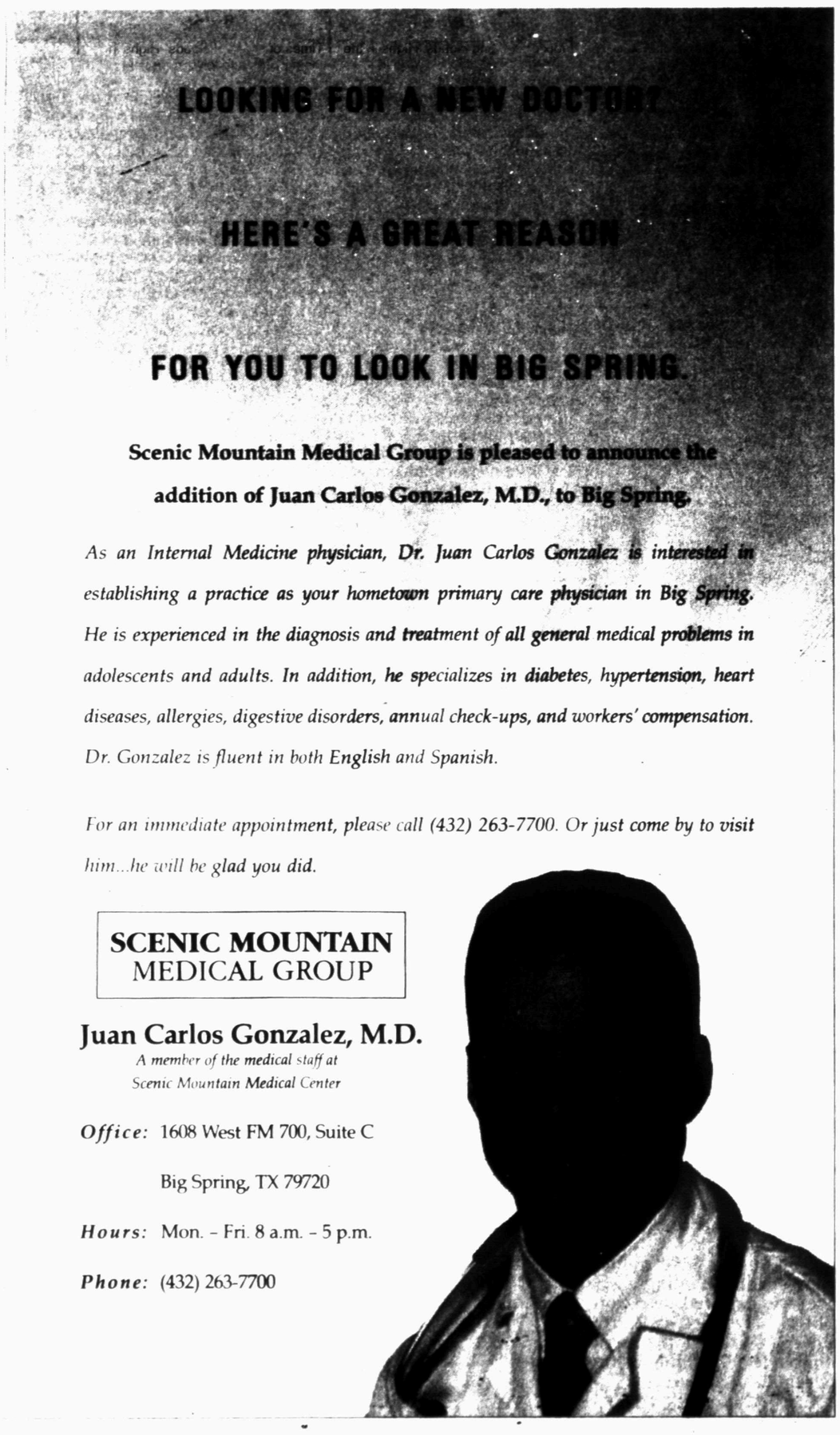
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Slaughter bulls: 52-60

Feeder steers:
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400-500: 100-115
500-600: 92-110
600-700: 90-102
700-800: 80-92.50

Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 92-105
500-600: 88-95
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 80-87

Feeder bulls – Good and choice
500-600: 90-102
700-800: 77-90

Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 850-1140
Grade: 600-825
Springers: 425-700
Baby Calves: 125-175
Doodlers: 150-235



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Scurrying Around Snyder

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Why Milk Matters NOW for Children and Teens

Good Nutrition is important for good health and can help protect against many diseases later in life.

However, one important nutrient many kids and teen don't get enough of is calcium, found mainly in milk and dairy products and in dark green, leafy vegetables and foods with added calcium. Calcium is a nutrient that helps to make bones and teeth strong and healthy. It is used in building bone mass and also helps to reduce the risk of bone fracture due to osteoporosis, a condition where bones become fragile and can break easily.

How Do We Build Strong Bones?

Our bodies continually remove and replace small amounts of calcium from our bones. If your body removes more calcium than it replaces, your bones will become weaker and have a greater chance of breaking. But by getting the recommended amount of calcium, you can help your bones stay strong.

Calcium needs are highest during the childhood and teen years, because bones are growing fast then and calcium must be added into bones to make them strong. Most of the calcium that makes bones strong is added by the age of 17. By eating and drinking foods that are good sources of calcium, children and teens can help store this important nutrient in their bones for later in life. As adults, we lose calcium. The more calcium that is in the bones when loss begins, the less likely it is that bones will become fragile and fracture easily.

How Much Calcium Do Kids Need?

Nutrition guidelines recommend that children ages 4-8 get 800 milligrams (mg) of calcium per day, or about 2 servings of Milk Group foods daily. Teens and young adults, ages 9-18, need more calcium because their bones are growing more than at other times of life. They should have 1,300 mg. of calcium per day, or about 3 servings of Milk Group foods daily. One 8-ounce glass of milk has about 300 mg. of calcium, so just a few glasses can go a long way towards getting the calcium needed each day.

How Do I Know How Much Calcium a Food Has?

Food labels can tell you how much calcium is in one serving of a food. Look at the % Daily Value (DV) next to the calcium number on the food label.

• Try to eat and drink foods with 20% or more DV for calcium (like milk). These foods are good sources of calcium.

• Foods with less than 5% DV for calcium only give you a small amount of what you need each day.

• For most adults, 100% DV = 1,000 mg. of calcium. But children ages 9-18 need extra calcium. This age group needs 1,300 mg. (130 DV), an additional 300 mg. of calcium each day. That means an extra 8-ounce glass of mild or extra servings of another calcium-rich food.

How Much Calcium Do Kids Get?

Unfortunately, most children and teens do not meet calcium recommendations. National nutrition surveys show that only 19% of teen girls and 52% of teen boys get the recommended amounts of calcium. In fact, teenage girls only average about 740 mg. of calcium per day, well below the amount needed for their normal growth and development.

Where is the Calcium?

Low-fat and fat-free milk and dairy products, such as cheese and yogurt, are excellent sources of calcium. In addition to having lots of calcium, milk and dairy products provide other essential nutrients, all necessary for good bone health and development. These include phosphorus, magnesium, and added vitamin D in milk. Other sources of calcium include dark green, leafy vegetables, such as kale, and foods like broccoli, soybeans, tofu processed with calcium, orange juice with calcium added, and other calcium-fortified foods.

What Kind of Milk is Best?

Fat-free (skim) and low-fat (1%) milk and dairy products are excellent choices because they make it easy to get enough calcium without adding a lot of extra fat and saturated fat to the diet. For example, a glass of whole milk contributes 25% (1/4) of your total saturated fat for the day, while a glass of low-fat milk contributes only 7.5% of the total saturated fat. There are now a variety of milk products available —including different levels of fat and even different flavors — but an 8-oz glass (1 cup) of any variety still contains about 300 mg. of calcium.

However, babies under one year old should drink only breast milk or iron-fortified formula. Children ages one to two should drink whole milk rather than reduced fat varieties because some fats are necessary for their early growth and development.

Between ages two and five, parents should gradually transition children to low-fat or fat-free milk. Beginning at age 2, children should get most of their calories from grain products: fruits; vegetables; low-fat dairy products; and beans, lean meat and poultry, fish, or nuts.

This column will be continued next week.

Ag-chemical conference set

LUBBOCK — The 51sT annual agricultural chemicals conference, sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, will begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street.

The conference is TDA approved CEUs — 5, CCA approved CEU's — 5-5, NMDA – 3 and OKDA — TBA.

For more information, visit WTACI's Website at: http://wtaci.tamu.edu.

Assault charges filed against 14-year-old

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Mo. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was charged with assault after he took another teenager's challenge to hit him on the head with a skateboard, leaving the boy in critical condition with a serious brain injury, police said.

Police said an unidentified 15-year-old boy hit himself on the forehead with his own skateboard at a carnival Saturday and bragged it didn't hurt. He then challenged five peers to hit him as well, saying he could withstand the blow.

The boy who took him up on the offer was charged with second-degree assault and was being held in a juvenile detention facility.

The older boy suffered a cracked skull and serious brain injury, police said.

? Weather Whys ?

Topic: Wind shear

Q: You hear the term "wind shear" a lot. What does it mean?

A: Wind shear is an abrupt change in direction or speed of the wind, and it can be deadly for aircraft, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "Wind shear can occur at just about any altitude," Odins explains.

"Wind shear can accompany a microburst, which is a strong downward wind usually associated with a thunderstorm and these can be very powerful and also deadly. On some days, the winds near the ground can be almost completely still, but just a few thousand feet above the winds can be very powerful.

When you have such rapid changes in wind speed and wind direction with height, wind shear can occur.

That's why many airports now have special equipment used to detect wind shear."

Q: How does wind shear affect an airplane?

A: Wind shear can cause havoc on airplanes in flight, especially during takeoff and landing, Odins adds. The abrupt change in wind direction can be extremely tricky even for experienced pilots.

"For example, when a plane is flying into a headwind, it tends to create extra lift on the wings, and the pilot will often compensate by decreasing power," Odins says. "But in just seconds, a wind shear can occur that results in a tailwind, and with the decreased power in effect, the plane can stall and crash.

On Aug. 2, 1985 at DFW Airport, a plane crashed on landing and the cause was directly tied to wind shear. The accident killed 135 people. Since 1980, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recorded 240 crashes caused by wind shear. Wind shear can occur anywhere in the world, but it is especially common in areas that have frequent severe thunderstorms."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS....

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the web at http://rev.tamu.edu/weather-whys/.

For more information, contact Keith Randall at(979) 845-4644 or kr@univrel.tamu.edu. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to news@univrel.tamu.edu.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	9-8-02	9-1-03	9-8-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	16.83	17.63	18.43
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	17,401	18,962	20,616
PERCENT FULL	8.67	9.45	10.28
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		2.50	0.00
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*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	9-8-02	9-1-03	9-8-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	39.82	41.14	41.83
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	41,192	45,177	47,345
PERCENT FULL	7.96	8.73	9.15
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		3.30	0.25

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	9-8-02	9-1-03	9-8-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	28.55	26.18	25.90
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	221,682	198,476	195,854
PERCENT FULL	39.99	35.80	35.33
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

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INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 9-1-03 8-26-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 9-8-03 9-2-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 9-8-03 9-2-03
BIG SPRING	5,652,857	4,592,857	5,170,000
ODESSA	24,684,714	21,029,000	24,290,000
SNYDER	2,610,857	1,942,571	2,258,000
MIDLAND	26,211,714	27,614,143	29,732,000
SAN ANGELO	15,189,429	16,422,143	19,360,000
STANTON	347,286	281,286	359,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Enron executive pleads guilty

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. treasurer Ben Glisan pleaded guilty today to a federal charge related to the scandal that toppled the energy trading giant in 2001 and became the first Enron executive sent to prison.

Glisan, who earlier pleaded innocent to multiple charges of money laundering, wire fraud and conspiracy as part of a 109-count indictment against his one-time boss, former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, changed his plea to guilty to a single charge of conspiracy in an appearance before U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt.

Hoyt then sentenced him to five years in prison, the maximum term for the conviction. Once his sentence is complete, he'll be under supervised release for another three years.

"I think I would simply like to say I take full responsiblity for my actions," Glisan told the judge.

Twenty-three other counts against Glisan were dismissed.

He also agreed to forfeit nearly $1 million in profits from a partnership investment related to Enron and agreed to not seek a refund of $412,000 in income taxes he paid on that profit.

Glisan's lawyer requested his client be assigned to a federal prison in Bastrop, midway between Houston and Austin. Hoyt said he didn't know if the federal lockup there was a minimum security prison. If not, Hoyt said he would recommend Glisan be assigned to a federal prison in Beaumont, about 75 miles east of Houston.

Glisan, who became the second top Enron executive to plead guilty, was taken into custody immediately.

Despite the plea, however, federal prosecutors said Glisan was not cooperating with them in their investigation of Enron.

"We never were banking on him cooperating with us," Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department's Enron Task Force, said.

"He was viewed as one of the whiz kids at Enron," Caldwell said. "The fact that he now admitted he created a fraudulent way for Enron to hide things off its books I think will send a somewhat chilling message to other people."

At the hearing, Glisan admitted to conspiring to falsify Enron's financial results to show the company was more successful than it actually was.

The Justice Department, in a statement from Washington, called the scheme a "deliberate fraud designed to remove unfavorable information from its publicly reported financial results."

"Today's plea further demonstrates the increasingly elaborate — and fraudulent accounting games used by Enron to conceal what has now become apparent: Well before its ultimate collapse in 2001, Enron was a badly failing business," Christopher Wray, acting assistant attorney general, said.

Impact of terror attacks recalled

FORT WORTH (AP) — From airport workers to schoolteachers, many Texans who wanted to help when terror struck New York and Washington two years ago now are focusing on remembering the victims, rescue workers and their sacrifices.

Officials at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport are planning an elaborate ceremony dedicating a new fire station to the emergency workers who died during the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Representatives from New York City police and fire departments and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will lay a wreath at the new station. More than 300 people from the New York City Fire Department were killed after terrorists hijacked passenger airliners and flew them into the World Trade Center.

"I'm a fireman, I appreciate what those guys do," D/FW Fire Chief Alan Black told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

Some volunteers plan to bring ham and chicken to fire stations while others will paint houses, plant trees and perform other community service.

"I don't think people are ever, ever going to forget, and quite honestly they should not," said Glenn White, a New York-born Dallas police officer who lost two childhood friends when the Trade Center's twin towers collapsed.

The anniversary is especially meaningful in North Texas, which is home to American Airlines and to thousands of airline workers and ex-military personnel.

At Fort Worth-based American's headquarters, the anniversary "is a tough time for us, as you can imagine," said company spokeswoman Jacquie Young.

Play

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-my Rodriguez, Michael Mann, Levi Stahl, Chris Smith, Katherine Johnson, Ashley Pruitt, Amanda Orosco, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Nadia Chaidez, Jessica Calvert, Morgan Bilderback, KiKi Wofford, Megan McCormick, Temi Thompson, Corie Hernandez, Adrienne Garcia, Mechelle Renfro, Lacey Kincaid, Devin Chandler, Lico Castillo, Cade Simpson, Ricky Early, Michelle Miller and Lacee Early.

Also chorus, sailors, dancers are Calvin Nobles, Will Banks, Chris Smith, Ramsey Herrera, Cody Reed. Production manager, Justin Cox; house manager, Marissa Chaidez; stage manager, Jeff Stanfield; tech director, Jerry Ashley; assistant tech director, Daniel Burton; tech-crew, Brandon Robbins, Bryan Clifton, Chris Kuliga; choreographers, Allie Brewster, Sarah Carpenter, Alexis Dupree and Molly Haire.

Suicide car bomber strikes U.S. intelligence headquarters in Iraq

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck the U.S. intelligence headquarters here, killing three Iraqis — including a 12-year-old boy, a Kurdish security official told The Associated Press today.

The U.S. military in Baghdad said the bombing wounded four "Defense Human Intelligence Service" officers and a Kurdish peshmerga guard at the building.

The Kurdish official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said three of the wounded Americans suffered serious abdominal injuries from flying glass and were airlifted by helicopter to a U.S. military hospital.

The official said the attack was the work of al-Qaida. He gave no reason for that assessment, but said he was certain Osama bin Laden's organization was behind the attack.

The Ansar al-Islam terrorist organization, with suspected ties to al-Qaida, formerly was based near Sulaymaniyah, about 30 miles east of Irbil and near the Iranian border.

Ansar headquarters was bombed by American jets during the war and was captured by a joint U.S.-Kurdish force. Surviving members of the group were thought to have fled to Iran, but they now are believed to have returned to Iraq.

Forty-one Iraqis were hurt in the bombing, which destroyed several homes in the neighborhood, the Kurdish official said, adding that the vehicle was packed with TNT. The neighborhood was cordoned off by U.S. soldiers.

In west Baghdad, a U.S. soldier from the 1st Armored Division was killed today trying to detonate a roadside bomb, the military said.

Israeli air strike targets Hamas leader who survives; son killed

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli warplanes flattened the home of senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar with a half-ton bomb Wednesday, wounding him and killing his eldest son and a bodyguard, in retaliation for twin suicide bombings that killed 15 Israelis a day earlier.

The strike marked the first time a Hamas leader was attacked in his home, an escalation of Israel's campaign against the Islamic militant group. Several Hamas leaders went underground, and Hamas threatened to widen its bombing spree by bringing down Israeli high-rises and homes.

Hamas' military wing claimed responsibility for Tuesday's bombings in a statement faxed to The Associated Press.

"These two operations came as the beginning of our retaliation for the enemy's crimes against our people," the statement said.

In the West Bank, Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia accepted the job of prime minister after several days of wavering, his decision apparently rushed by fears that a continued power vacuum will tempt Israel to intensify military strikes. Qureia said he would form a crisis Cabinet of no more than eight ministers and seek parliament's approval Thursday.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cut short a visit to India.

State rests in Alfaro trial

The state rested its case against Javier F. Alfaro this morning in 132nd District Court.

Following the prosecution witnesses called to testify by District Attorney Dana Cooley, Alfaro's ex-common law wife took the witness stand at 9 a.m.

The two separated in January following his Sept. 28 arrest.

"We had prior problems," his ex-wife said.

At 10:45 this morning, Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab technician Angela Rodriguez took the stand. Rodriguez answered questions regarding state's evidence of clothing and blood samples from the alleged victim and the accused.

At 11:05, a Lubbock serology expert took the stand answering questions concerning DNA analysis.

Alfaro, 28, was scheduled to testify this afternoon in the felony indictment of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault charge.

Alfaro is represented by Norvert Morales of Midland.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

One arrested for parole violation

• ***Arrests***

Snyder officers arrested Dustin Olsen, 19, of 700 E. 37th, Apt. 117, at 9:17 p.m. Tuesday for parole violation.

At 4 p.m., deputies took an 18-year-old into custody at the sheriff's department on a motion to adjudicate guilt.

- At 2:46 this morning, officers arrested a 24-year-old male in the 1800 block of Huffman for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Family disturbance***

A 9-1-1 call was made at 7:46 p.m. Tuesday in reference to family violence. Officers filed a report for family violence.

• ***Accident***

Officers and DPS troopers responded to a vehicle-fixed object accident at 9:32 Tuesday morning as a truck-tractor ran into the west side of Pioneer Furniture.

Driver of the 1991 Kenworth truck-tractor was James Manley, 82, of 4002 Irving St. There were no injuries.

• ***Shoplifting***

Officers were called to Eckerd Drug at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday in reference to shoplifters. The subjects had left the store when officers arrived, but the police will contact them.

• ***Reckless driving***

Officers were notified of persons driving recklessly in the area of the Stanfield Elementary parking lot at 3:40 p.m., and on North College Ave. at 6 p.m.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers were notified at 7:46 p.m. Tuesday that juveniles were throwing rocks at the police radar trailer while parked on East 37th St. The subjects and their parents were notified.

An officer was requested around midnight Tuesday in the 2900 block of Avenue M as a woman reported coming home and finding her dog locked in a closet and items had been rearranged in her house.

• ***School problem***

An officer was requested at 9:16 a.m. Tuesday by a woman who said her six-year-old daughter had refused to go to school. The officer spoke with both subjects and then reported the two were en route to school.

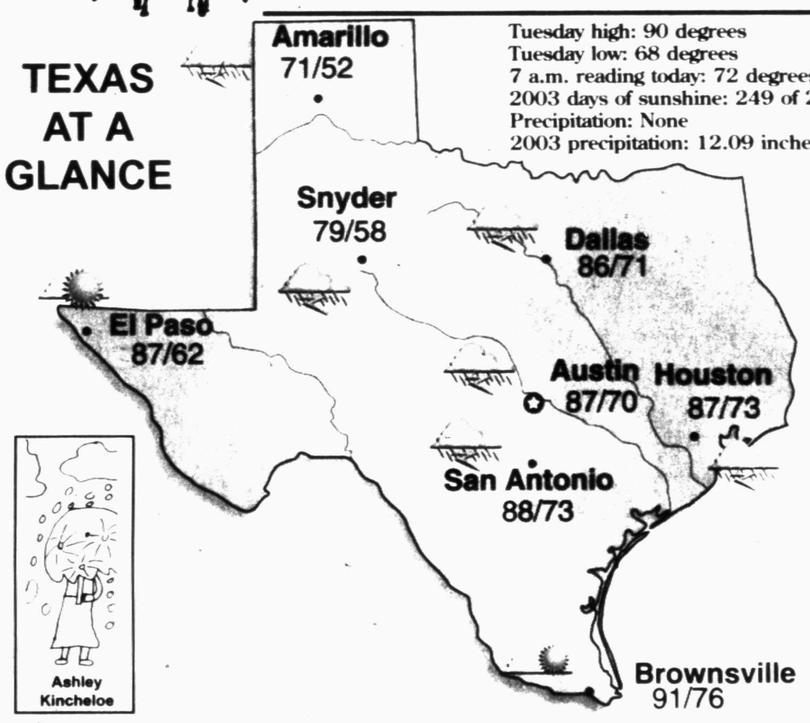
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 9/11	Fri 9/12	Sat 9/13
79/58	79/59	85/55
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms mainly in the morning. High 79F.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s
Sunrise 7:25 AM Sunset 7:55 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM Sunset 7:54 PM	Sunrise 7:26 AM Sunset 7:53 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Tuesday high: 90 degrees
Tuesday low: 68 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 72 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 249 of 252
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 12.09 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	63	t-storm	El Paso	87	62	mst sunny	Midland	82	60	t-storm
Amarillo	71	52	t-storm	Fort Stockton	84	61	rain	Raymondville	92	75	pt sunny
Austin	87	70	t-storm	Gainesville	84	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	87	72	t-storm
Beaumont	84	72	t-storm	Greenville	84	67	t-storm	San Antonio	88	73	t-storm
Brownsville	91	76	pt sunny	Houston	87	73	t-storm	San Marcos	89	71	t-storm
Brownwood	87	65	t-storm	Kingsville	91	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	66	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	76	pt sunny	Livingston	85	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	80	60	t-storm
Corsicana	86	69	t-storm	Longview	84	69	t-storm	Tyler	85	70	t-storm
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	Lubbock	76	55	t-storm	Weatherford	85	66	t-storm
Del Rio	91	73	t-storm	Lufkin	85	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	82	63	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	58	mst sunny	Houston	87	73	t-storm	Phoenix	96	74	sunny
Boston	72	56	pt sunny	Los Angeles	85	62	sunny	San Francisco	78	60	sunny
Chicago	85	64	mst sunny	Miami	86	75	t-storm	Seattle	66	53	rain
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	81	61	rain	St. Louis	86	68	pt sunny
Denver	64	46	pt sunny	New York	77	61	mst sunny	Washington, DC	79	62	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 2

UV Index

Thu 9/11	Fri 9/12	Sat 9/13
High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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USDA proposal would help consumers know dietary needs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's food guide pyramid would provide consumers with a formula to personalize their diets based on how much they exercise, their age, gender, weight and height under a new proposal by the Agriculture Department.

Eric Hentges, executive director of the department's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, said Tuesday that the agency's proposed revision for the pyramid would for the first time help consumers tailor their diets to address their own special needs.

The department also wants to focus its effort to promote healthy eating habits primarily at obese and overweight consumers, he said, noting that they now make up more than 60 percent of the population.

"The bottom line is we've got to do something to get a behavioral change," Hentges said. "Everyone recognizes that we do have issues regarding caloric consumption."

The proposal, to be published Thursday, is the first phase in the government's effort to make a new graphic or update the food pyramid, along with nutritional brochures and other educational materials. The food guide pyramid is a tool intended to help Americans eat well. Schools rely on it, along with the federal dietary guidelines, for planning lunches.

Recently, the White House Office of Management and Budget told the department to update its well-known graphic and dietary guidelines. The new proposal marks the first time the pyramid will be revised since it was developed in 1992. The guidelines, revised every five years, also are being updated.

Hentges said some of the pyramid's basic recommendations will remain the same. Consumers still will be encouraged to limit total fat intake to just 30 percent of all their calories and saturated fat to less than 10 percent. They should eat just 300 milligrams or less of cholesterol, and 2,400 milligrams of sodium and can eat some added sugars as long as they don't exceed their caloric intake.

The department plans to meet recommendations by the White House budget office to discourage consumers from eating trans fatty acids, which are found in many baked and fried goods and can be harmful for the heart. At the same time, consumers will be encouraged to eat foods that are high in omega-3 fats such as fish.



TICKET WINNER – Snyder Daily News staffer Jacalyn Lowrance, left, gives Jewel Roemisch tickets to the Texas Tech - New Mexico game last weekend. Mrs. Roemisch accepted the tickets for her son, Kevin Roemisch who won the tickets in the Sept. 4 drawing.

Baby among victims in molestation case

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An 8-month-old girl was identified by investigators Tuesday as one of the alleged victims of a couple charged with videotaping and photographing acts of child molestation.

It was not clear whether investigators identified the baby from the more than 100 videotapes that were seized from the home of David Shoutyh Hwang and his wife, Sheila Sikat, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

"Because of the media, we received information that led to the identity of the baby as a victim," he said.

The baby, identified only as living in Texas, brings to at least eight the number of girls Hwang and his wife are accused of molesting, Amormino said.

"We do fear that there will be more victims as investigators go through the tapes," he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003

Your Birthday

Opportunities will be made available to you in the year ahead through a change in direction your life might take. What you'll find in your new arena will be ways to capitalize in greater measure than you could before.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Nothing of substance will be gained today if you try to defend premises that have proven to be unproductive. Don't be too proud to change your mind when you realize you are wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't get down on yourself today simply because what you accomplish may not be totally ideal. Accept the fact that what you've done still represents improvement, with more to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try not to misdirect all your energy today in pursuit of goals that are of small significance. Regroup your thinking and channel it toward something of value and growth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you find that the most important thing in the world to you today is to convince those around you to come around to your views, it means you're stuck in a mental rut. Move on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may need a bit of time to yourself today to put your mental house in order, but do not be totally reclusive. It could leave you in a funk and more confused than ever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Focusing completely on your inner-self today could leave your social skills with a lot to be desired. Gain control over your psychological energies and be your congenial self again.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It might be time to re-evaluate your goals today, but use this introspection positively. A project upon which you've placed a high priority can be transferred into something far more significant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you resent having to change something that has a direct effect upon your work because you don't see it the same way others do, you could end up throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In order to make any progress today you may have to go along with a decision that isn't optimal. Instead of dragging your feet, get it over with so you can once again charge ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Being preoccupied today over one way of thinking closes your mind off to the point that nothing else can make an impression — and when something good comes along, you won't even recognize it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Compulsive thinking and trying to coerce others that you're right will bring you great frustration today, because you probably won't get your way no matter what you say. Be a joiner instead.

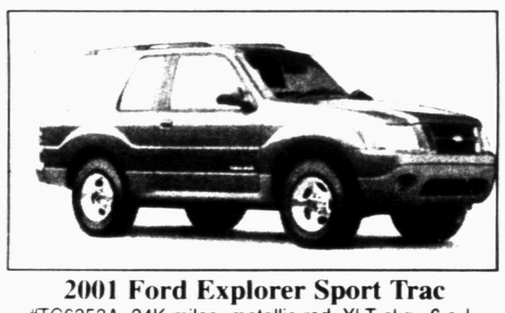
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It won't be the dollars that will get you in trouble today — you could nickel-and- dime yourself into poverty by spending small sums on a whole bunch of little things you don't need. Be careful.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

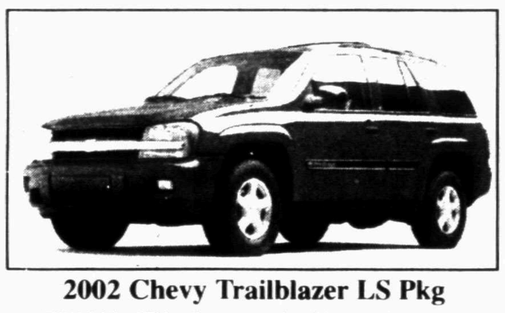
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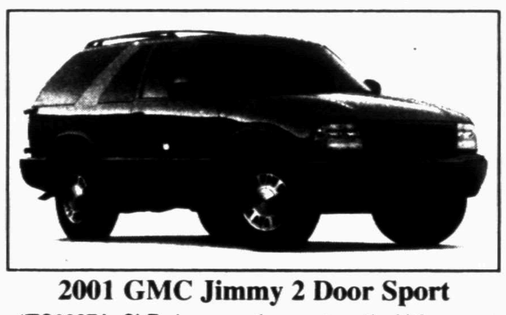
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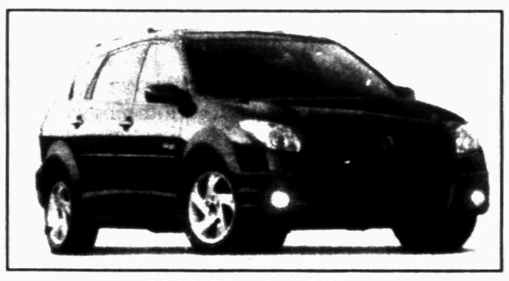
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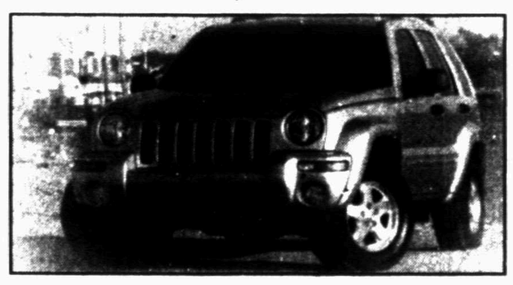
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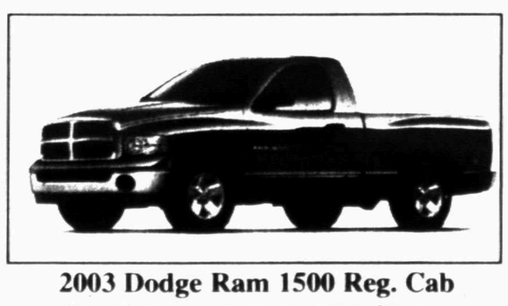
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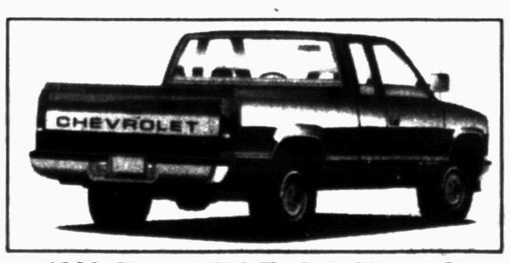


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