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The high school football season kicks off in less than a week, and local fans can get a peek of what's in store for the upcoming season in this weekend's special Snyder Daily News football edition.

The annual publication includes previews of four local high school squads, schedules for the NFL and Big 12 Conference and a glimpse at the modern-day technology utilized by football teams.

Among the local teams, the Snyder Tigers are on a mission to find postseason success in the Class 3A ranks.

Second-year head coach Chad Rogers believes his squad is poised for a banner year.

The Ira Bulldogs have reloaded following last year's stellar 11-1 campaign. New head coach Don Jones takes on the task of reviving the Hermleigh Cardinals, and the Borden County Coyotes are primed for a return to six-man prominence.

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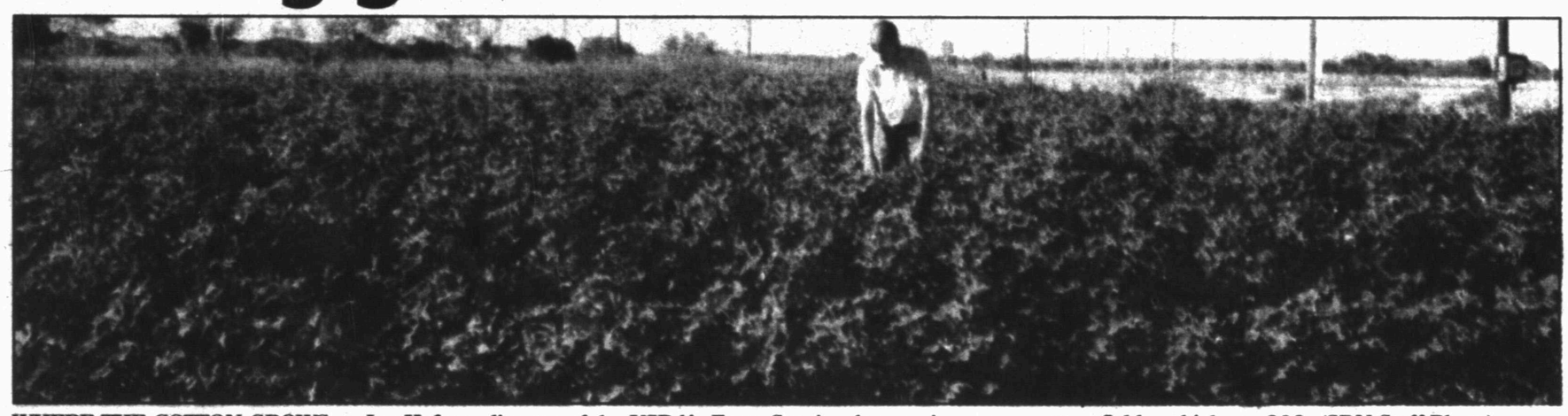
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Looking good...



WHERE THE COTTON GROWS — Joe Hefner, director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency, inspects a cotton field on highway 208. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cotton crop prospect is bright

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Early rains and timely scattered showers have sustained a cotton crop that is looking to be average to above average throughout the county for the first time in several years.

"Our average is one-half bale, and we haven't made the average here in about 3 to 5 years," Scurry County extension agent Greg Gruben said. "It's going to be varied throughout the county. One field may look good and a mile down the road another may not."

Gruben said farmers southeast of Snyder will be in good position for this season's harvest. "Hermleigh and Inadale will have good crops," he said. "It won't be a bumper crop, though, because we missed some rains."

Joe Hefner, county executive director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency, said Scurry County could use additional rainfall this year to keep up the good feeling following early rains before planting season.

Snyder received .35 inches at the water treatment plant Thursday, with other areas around the county getting only trace amounts of moisture during Thursday night's electrical storm.

"The rains have been spotty lately," said Hefner. "We need a good general rain over the entire area."

Gruben said Fluvanna and areas east and west Snyder have missed some valuable rains during the isolated thunderstorms that have roamed the county.

"It comes down to being lucky enough to be under a cloud," he said.

Hefner said the heat also has been detrimental to area crops this year.

"The three-digit temperatures are starting to show on all the crops," he said. "And cotton is starting to show stress."

He said hay crops are beginning to wilt and yellow, but that hay was made in parts of the county earlier in the year.

"The early rains and showers have kept it going as long as it has," he said.

Gruben said pests also could present a problem for this year's crop. He said Lubbock has had an influx of fall army worms this year. "They can wreak havoc," he said. "We haven't heard of any here, but we're in a danger zone for another three weeks."

Hefner said the promise of the early rains might evaporate. "As the old-timers say: 'West Texas can promise more and deliver less, and promise less and deliver more than any country on earth.' That may hold true this year."

Still, Hefner said he wants to remain positive.

"I don't want to be pessimistic — we've got the potential to make record production. But, we need the rain."

Producers meeting on farm bill slated Wednesday at WTC

The Scurry County Farm Service Agency (FSA) will conduct a producer meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

"There are several significant changes to farm programs brought about by new legislation," said Joe Hefner, county executive director of the FSA.

"One of the changes includes an opportunity for farm owners to update their crop acreage bases and payment yields based on an average of the 1998 through 2001 farm history," said Hefner.

Hefner said farm owners and operators have been mailed a summary acreage history report that shows the acreage of covered commodities reported to the FSA for that period.

Hefner added that if the acreage on the report is correct, no action is necessary at this time.

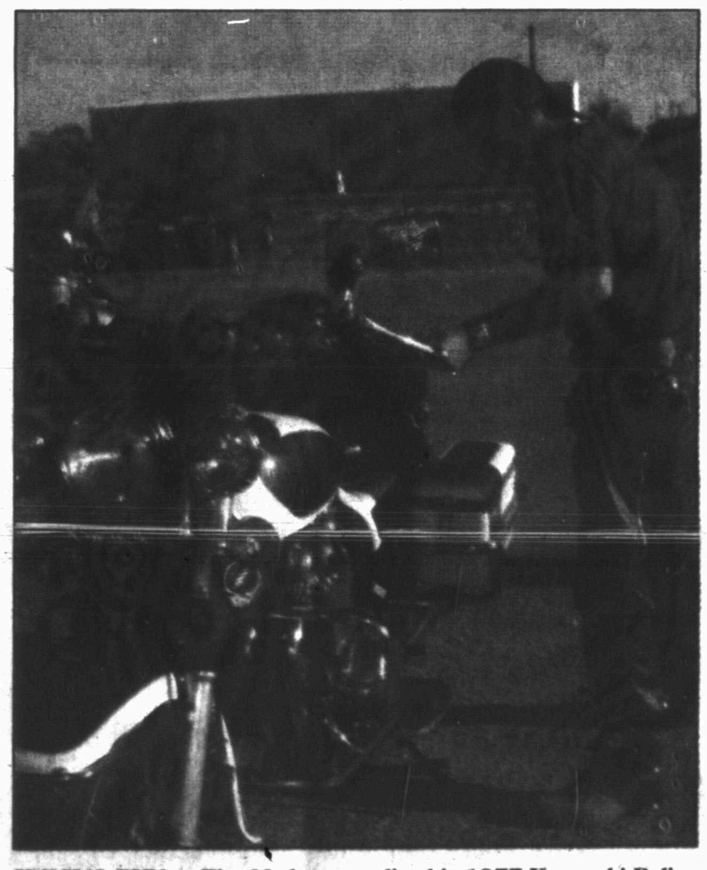
"But if any eligible commodity was planted and not reported to the FSA office, or the summary acreage history report is in error, then an acreage report for history purposes may be filed at this time," said Hefner.

Producers will be required to furnish evidence to the FSA office that support both the existence and disposition of the crop.

"These late filed acreage reports and supporting evidence must be provided by Aug. 31," emphasized Hefner.

This will allow the FSA county committee an opportunity to review and possibly approve and update the official office records, Hefner said.

Hefner said other changes to the farm bill would be covered in the Wednesday meeting.



SPECIAL RUN — Tim Matheny readies his 1977 Kawasaki Police Special for the Area 14 Special Olympics benefit poker run at Winston Park Saturday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC starts classes for 32nd year

Western Texas College will be in full gear Monday as classes get underway for the fall semester.

WTC students registered for classes Thursday and college officials expect record enrollment.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said contact hours also would rise significantly.

"The dorms are almost full and those are the type of students who take full loads, rather than just enrolling in a single class. We expect our enrollment to rise, but the biggest change will come in our amount of contact hours."

WTC receives state funding based on contact hours, the total number of hours students spend in the classroom per semester.

Another source of contact hours is WTC's virtual college program, which now reaches 44 area school districts utilizing Internet and interactive TV.

Dr. Williams said official enrollment figures would be available after the 12th day of classes, the final day to drop or add a course.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Mistakes are made. Others make foolish mistakes."

Dr. Don Newbury, the second president of Western Texas College (1980-85), is now the retired chancellor of Howard Payne University — and now published author.

Don Newbury called the house early one Saturday morning. Obviously he had forgotten that non-educators still have to work on Saturday.

Dr. Newbury maintains a quick wit. "Is this Saturday? Since retirement, everyday seems like Saturday."

Don's book, "When The Porch Light's On," is a collection of stories about "people, popcorn and parasails."

Newbury called himself "The Popcorn President" by having the treat available to students each Friday.

A mutual friend, the late George Dolan (long-time front page columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) said of Newbury, "He refuses to take himself or his world seriously for more than a few minutes at a time."

Newbury was already on the rubber chicken circuit when he became WTC president. In retirement, Dr. Newbury continues his work as an after-dinner speaker.

Some of the stories in his book are about his days in Snyder, and include a "confession" when he nearly got the entire board of trustees wiped out.

The trustees and their wives joined Don and Brenda Newbury on a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend a national junior college conference.

En route, emergency lights came on, oxygen masks dropped. The pilot made an emergency landing in Oklahoma City. On the return trip, Don drove the college van filled with trustees and their spouses from the DWF airport to Snyder. Don had a near miss with a gravel truck.

That may be the same trip when long-time regent R.C. Patton almost had a heart attack — over the price of a hotel breakfast in the nation's capital.

R.C., an original WTC trustee, believed that funds should be spent on students — not board members.

After learning that a breakfast buffet would cost in excess of $20, R.C. insisted that Dr. Newbury find a small coffee shop that served bacon and eggs for under $5. Even in Washington, Dr. Newbury was able to fulfill a board member's directive.

Anyone who would like a copy of Newbury's book ($19.95), can call him at 817 423-8675.

We had to threaten to get R.C. Patton to negotiate a deal for us in order to get a few copies avilable for sale at the SDN office.

ASK US

Q—When is the city going to release the results of its customer survey?

A—The results were released in May and reported in the paper on May 8. A copy is available at city hall.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 97 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Saturday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear; low mid 70s; S winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, high near 100; S winds 5-15 mph. Sunday night, low near 70; S winds 5-15 mph.



Eddie Herrera
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:15 a.m.

Of 235 days in 2002, the sun has shone 228 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People see God every day; they just don't always recognize Him.

—Pearl Bailey

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Demo Sharp touts backing of GOP senator

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic lieutenant governor nominee John Sharp is touting the words of support he received from a Republican state senator, but the lawmaker didn't say he is endorsing Sharp.

Sen. John Carona of Dallas has kept silent since he was first quoted Wednesday in the Austin political newsletter the Quorum Report. Carona said he wholeheartedly supports the Republican ticket, but that he believes Sharp is "the better choice" for lieutenant governor.

Other publications since have reported his comments.

Sharp is running against Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst. The lieutenant governor presides over the Texas Senate.

"John Carona and I share the belief that Texas is more important than partisan politics," Sharp said in a prepared statement. "I appreciate Senator Carona's support, and I appreciate him saying publicly what many Republicans, Independents, Democrats and just-plain Texans are saying privately — that we have to work together to solve Texas's budget crisis and give our children the future they deserve."

But Dewhurst's spokesman, Nick Voinis, who called Carona's comments "interesting," noted that Carona contributed $2,500 to Dewhurst's campaign in September 2001.

"We appreciate his $2,500 contribution towards the defeat of John Sharp," Voinis said.

Carona did not return telephone calls Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from The Associated Press.

Rob Allyn of Dallas, Carona's political consultant who also does consultant work for Dewhurst, said Carona did not dispute the published remarks but said they do not amount to an endorsement.

"I have spoken with him (Carona) several times over the past couple of days and he has made it very clear that he is not endorsing John Sharp for lieutenant governor," Allyn said.

Sharp often suggests that Texans ask their local state senator whom he or she supports for lieutenant governor.

A Republican senator endorsing a Democrat for the post isn't unheard of given the state's tradition of bipartisanship, said Tony Proffitt, longtime aide to the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"Bullock got endorsed by Republican senators all the time. It's a matter of their own personal perspective," Proffitt said.

Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, said of Carona: "The senator is entitled to his own opinion — 99.9 percent of Texas Republicans are going to support the real conservative in the race, and that's David Dewhurst."

Republican Gov. Rick Perry on Friday launched a new 30-second television ad focusing on education. In the ad, Perry says: "Texas schools are working. Test scores are rising. Our children are learning."

He goes on to say he wants to improve pre-kindergarten and head-start programs, reduce the dropout rate and create mentoring programs. The ad is based on education proposals Perry has rolled out the past few months.

On Thursday, after Perry revealed another part of his education plan, the campaign manager for his Democratic opponent, Tony Sanchez, said Perry has had 20 months in office to tackle education issues.

"Now weeks before the election, he has begun releasing a new policy a week," said campaign manager Glenn Smith. "Once again, it's too little, too late for Rick Perry."

Smith noted that Sanchez is supported by the Texas State Teachers Association and the Texas Federation of Teachers.

Twin recovering from third surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Guatemalan girl surgically separated from her twin earlier this month was in serious condition Friday as she recovered from a third operation to remove blood accumulated on her brain.

Maria Teresa Quiej Alvarez was on a ventilator and was being eased off sedation, UCLA Medical Center spokeswoman Roxanne Moster said.

Maria Teresa underwent a 90-minute operation Thursday to remove blood that collected on her brain after the Aug. 6 surgery to separate her from her sister, Maria de Jesus.

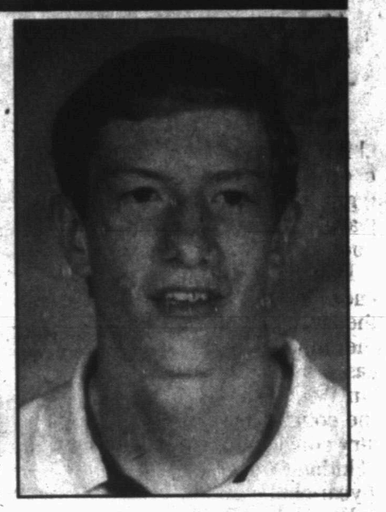
It was the third similar operation, but no more were planned.

Maria de Jesus also was in serious condition and continued to be alert and active.

The girls' parents have been playing with them at the hospital and were pleased with their progress, doctors said.

The girls were born joined at the head and shared bone and blood vessels, but not brain tissue. Cases like theirs occur in fewer than one in 2.5 million live births.

On the Net:
Mattel Hospital: http://www.healthcare.ucla.edu/conjoined—twins/index.asp



Jason Guynes

Jason Guynes in Who's Who for the second year

Jason Guynes, a senior at Snyder High School, will be recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for the second consecutive year.

Guynes was also named an All-America Scholar in 1999 by the United States Achievement Academy.

He is the son of Lynn and Pat Guynes and the grandson of Walter Guynes and Shirley Miller.



Shelley Fisk

Shelley Fisk in Who's Who

Shelley Fisk, a senior at Snyder High School, is featured in the 2001-2002 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

This is her third year to be recognized. Fisk plays varsity softball and volleyball.

She is the daughter of Russell and Laura Fisk of Snyder. Grandparents are Rosa Fisk of Snyder, Wanda Lee of Lubbock and Dewey Lee of Snyder.

Stewart recognized

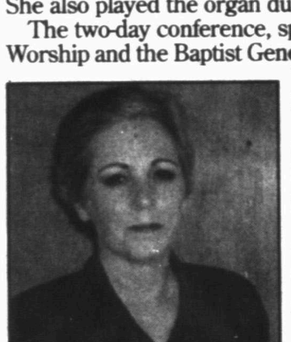
AUSTIN — Anna Stewart of Snyder has been named to St. Edward's University's Honorable Mention List for the spring 2002 semester. She is majoring in computer science.

To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more hours of credit and have met the academic requirements to be honored.

Reba Bailey teaches organ music at church conference

Reba Bailey of Snyder participated in the 2002 Church Music Conference in July, where she lead a workshop on church organs. She also played the organ during a concert.

The two-day conference, sponsored by the Office of Music and Worship and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was held at Wayland Baptist University July 26-27.



Reba Bailey

During the six sessions Bailey taught she shared practical ideas to help church organists learn to plan, practice and prepare for success.

Mrs. Bailey described the concert as "wonderful and awesome," adding that she was honored to be asked to participate.

She currently teaches music at Stanfield Elementary. Mrs. Bailey graduated from Howard Payne University in Brownwood in 1993, where she earned a bachelor of music degree with a double major in organ performance and interdisciplinary elementary education.

She has been associated with church music all of her life and began accompanying in churches as a youth on both organ and piano. She began serious organ studies in the fall of 1989 with Dr. Allen G. Reed, organ professor and dean of the School of Music at HPU.

Bailey and her husband, Robert, have served on staff of several churches as accompanist and music minister vocationally and bivocationally from 1970 to December 2001. They are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bailey has also been assisting Jent's House of Music with demonstrating Rodgers organs since July 2000.

Robert teaches language arts and math at Snyder Junior High School.

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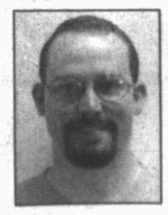
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San Diego boy remains missing

SAN DIEGO (AP) — One child was abducted from her bedroom in the middle of the night. The other vanished from a playground on a weekday afternoon.

Danielle van Dam's disappearance in February sparked one of the largest manhunts and one of the most sensational criminal cases in the history of the city. On Wednesday, a crowd outside the courthouse cheered when a jury convicted David Westerfield of kidnapping and murdering his 7-year-old neighbor.

But the case of another San Diego child, 2-year-old Jahi Turner, has largely faded from public attention since his disappearance was reported on April 25. After an exhaustive search, police say they have run out of leads and have no suspects.

"We haven't forgotten him," San Diego police spokesman David Cohen said Thursday. "There's just nothing new to go on."

Jahi was reported missing from a playground in San Diego's Balboa Park. His stepfather, Tieray Jones, 23, said he left the boy to walk to a soda vending machine and that the boy was gone when he returned.

Investigators later discounted his story and evidence technicians did not find Jahi's fingerprints at the playground, The San Diego Union-Tribune reported. Jones has not been named as a suspect.

Police found no signs of Jahi despite an investigation that included searching through 5,000 tons of trash at a city landfill.

Jahi's disappearance received less news coverage than Danielle's, as Westerfield's trial captivated much of San Diego. Local TV and radio stations had gavel-to-gavel coverage.

Danielle's case may have resonated more with parents because she was taken from her home. She was abducted after her father put her to bed on Feb. 1.

"Your home is supposed to be your haven, your place of safety," said Dawn Davis, a coordinator with the Laura Recovery Search Center Foundation who worked on both cases. "And for someone to disrupt that peace is everyone's worst nightmare."

Rumors that Danielle's parents were swingers surfaced early on, but police quickly eliminated Damon and Brenda van Dam as suspects. Suspicion has lingered, however, around Jahi's family.

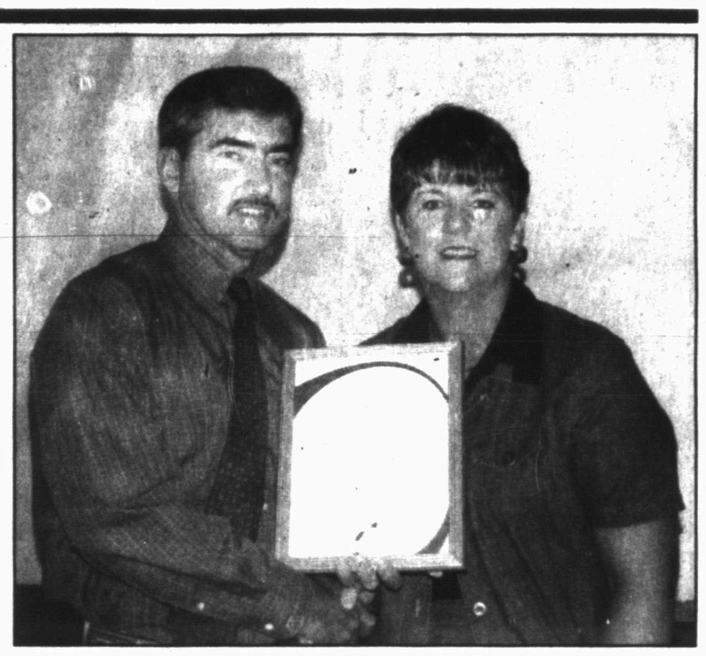
Jones gave inconsistent statements about the boy's disappearance, and judges in Frederick, Md., have issued two warrants because he missed court appearances on marijuana and paraphernalia possession charges.

"If you can't eliminate the family as the source for the disappearance, where do you go as a community? Where do you go in the search effort?" asked Rick Roberts, host of a radio talk show that has focused on the cases.

The Joneses have an unlisted phone number and could not be located for comment.

Federal authorities say family abductions accounted for most of the 262,000 child abductions in 1999.

There were only 115 of the most serious types of stranger abductions — those in which a child was kept overnight, held for ransom or killed.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE — Theresa Connor, right, office manager for the Snyder area office, is being presented a certification of service from Bill Hale. Connor, a five-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for her longevity during the August supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, Connor received a 5-year service pin and a fold-up clock. Hale is the Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Oregon girls remain missing; rape suspect's home searched

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — FBI agents were given authority to search the home of a rape suspect for evidence related to the disappearance of two neighbor girls.

Ward Weaver, a 39-year-old single father who knew both Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, has previously identified himself as a suspect in their disappearance.

The two 13-year-old girls, friends who lived in the same apartment complex near Weaver's home, vanished within two months of each other last winter.

Police quickly erected a chain-link fence with yellow police tape around Weaver's house late Friday. FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said the search would begin Saturday morning.

She did not specify whether authorities would dig up a concrete slab Weaver poured in his back yard soon after the girls disappeared. Weaver said he poured the concrete as a base for a hot tub. Family and friends of the girls had asked the police to dig it up.

Weaver was evicted from the single-story house after his arrest July 13 on an unrelated rape charge. He has pleaded innocent to charges he raped his son's 19-year-old girlfriend.

Don Martin, Ashley's grandfather, said his family was shocked by Friday's announcement. "We're nervous wrecks now," he said.

"At least now, we will know one way or another," he said.

Ashley disappeared Jan. 9. She was last seen eating breakfast with her younger sister and was to walk about eight minutes to a bus stop near Weaver's home. Michelle Duffey, Miranda's mother, last saw her daughter in a bathrobe eating breakfast on March 8.

Mom gets life in son's fatal beating

DALLAS (AP) — An Irving woman who had admitted biting, beating and burning her son has been convicted of capital murder in the 18-month-old's death.

The 21-year-old was convicted of capital murder Friday. After three days of testimony, Dallas County jurors took less than an hour to return the guilty verdict, prompting an automatic life prison sentence for Yesenia Hernandez.

The fatal beating of 18-month-old Roy Aguilera occurred last summer in their Irving apartment.

Hernandez will not be eligible for parole for at least 40 years. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

Jose Guadalupe Aguilera has yet to stand trial for serious bodily injury to a child, a first-degree felony, for not seeking medical help for his son's injuries. If convicted, he could be sentenced to five to 99 years in prison. Aguilera called paramedics to his apartment when the boy had trouble breathing.

Senior Center News

We set a record this last Wednesday with the sum total of meals-on-wheels and the congregate meals at 301. The only time we have exceeded 300 meals in a day would have been a holiday meal or the day of our recognition banquet.

The attendance of each senior is of vital importance to the support of the Scurry County Senior Center and we appreciate each of you. We are here to serve seniors and add quality to their lives through nutritious meals, activities, and fellowship.

Many of our activities and services are possible because of the donation of time and energy by faithful volunteers, many of them senior citizens themselves. For further information visit us at 2603 Avenue M. or phone 573-4035.

Valerie Drum has planned a craft project for Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. We will be making cloth pumpkins. Each month we will make a different project in order to build an inventory for our craft booth at Mayday. Please join us for this activity.

MONDAY — Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Juanita Ellington will lead the mild daily exercise program at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY — The craft project begins at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area. Eighty-eight is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and continues until noon. Seniors are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis at noon every Tuesday for lunch and their meeting.

WEDNESDAY — Ladies enjoy a game of pool beginning at 9 a.m. A volunteer is available to assist newcomers. Ladies who cannot attend this special time are welcome to play pool at their own convenience. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. This is a great game and easy to learn. Join us. Line dancing begins at 1 in the dining room, followed immediately by clogging.

THURSDAY — Exercise is scheduled for 11 a.m.; however, dominoes, pool, and quilting are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

FRIDAY — Bridge and the blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 11 a.m. The sing-a-long begins at 11:30.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Cookie
TUESDAY
Ham & Cheese Stuffed Potato
Chopped Broccoli
Apple/Celery Salad
Spice Cake w/Cream Cheese Frosting
WEDNESDAY
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Pickles/Peppers/Onion
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon
THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Spinach
Three Bean Salad
Peach Cobbler
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Parslied Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Cabbage Slaw
White Cake w/Strawberries & Whipped Topping

Appeals court upholds racketeering convictions

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former Gov. Edwin Edwards may be one step closer to jail.

A federal appeals court upheld Edwards' racketeering and fraud convictions on Friday, along with those of his son and three other men.

Edwards, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison, has been allowed to remain free while he continues appeals. He was convicted in May 2000 in what prosecutors said was a scheme to benefit from awarding lucrative riverboat casino licenses. The scheme began during his fourth and final term and continued after he left office in 1996.

Convicted along with Edwin and Stephen Edwards were longtime Edwards associates Cecil Brown and Andrew Martin, who are now serving prison time for convictions in separate cases, and businessman Bobby Johnson.

In upholding their convictions in the riverboat case, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected arguments that U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola was so desperate to avoid a mistrial that he threw the lone holdout for acquittal off the jury during deliberations.

Also rejected were arguments that the wiretaps and electronic bugs used to gather evidence in the case were illegal and that Polozola should not have kept the identities of jurors secret.

Edwards, 75, could not be reached Friday for comment.

Acting U.S. Attorney Jim Letten, chief prosecutor in the case, praised the ruling.

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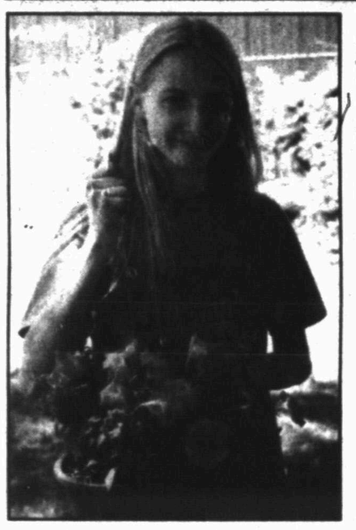
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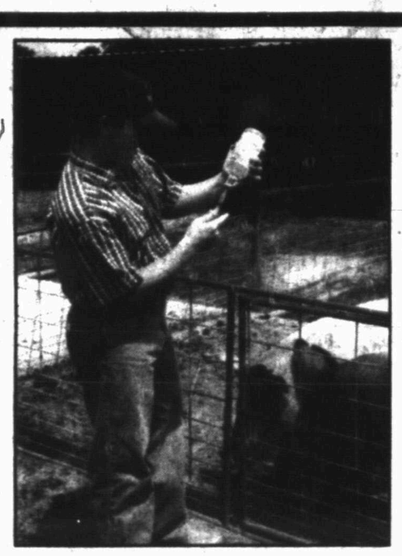
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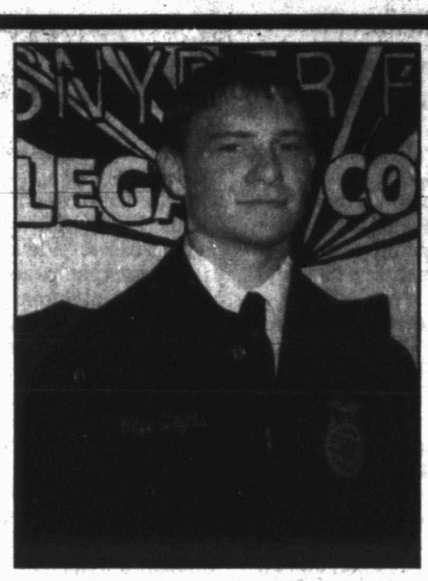
STATE WINNER — Amanda Greenwood spent countless hours in the nursery operations by working part time for Cullifer's Flowers in Ira. Her work in this area earned her the state title. (Contributed Photo)



DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK — Taking care of the family's livestock earned Chance Tatum the state title in the diversified livestock production proficiency award. Chance has worked with goats, horses, cattle and swine. (Contributed Photo)



FLORTICULTURE — Working part time for Friendly Flower's enabled Cassie Callaway to win the state title in the florticultural area. Besides a plaque, all state winners were given a $125 cash award and a $1,000 scholarship from the Texas FFA Foundation. (Contributed Photo)



SCIENCE PROFICIENCY — As state winner of the equine science proficiency award, Cliff Beights will now represent Snyder FFA at the national competition where he will compete against state winners from across the nation. (Contributed Photo)



BEEF PROFICIENCY — Morgan Miller was the state champion in the beef proficiency area. Her efforts earned her many awards over the years in FFA and 4-H. Among those were this 3rd place steer at the Houston Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder's FFA chapter garners state awards

Snyder FFA members recently attended the state FFA convention in Fort Worth, where they were honored as state champions. Among those recognized were five students who were named state winners in various proficiency areas.

Each of the state winners was presented a $125 cash reward from various sponsors and each received a $1,000 scholarship from the Texas FFA Foundation.

Representing Snyder FFA as state proficiency champions were:

- Cliff Beights in the equine production placement area.
- Morgan Miller, beef production.
- Chance Tatum, diversified livestock production placement.
- Amanda Greenwood, nursery operations placement award.
- Cassie Callaway, florticulture placement proficiency award.

The five students will now advance to the national contest, where they will compete for a spot in the final four and eventually for the national championship.

Snyder's FFA program also was recognized for the accomplishment of members in the superior and national chapter-rating program. This award recognized FFA chapters based on their participation in all area of the FFA's program of activities.

Snyder FFA was chosen as the state-winning chapter in this category and will advance to the national level competition to where they will compete against other chapters from around the nation.

Snyder FFA also received the Golden Horizon Award which recognizes the most active and successful FFA chapters in the state. Snyder FFA was chosen as the top chapter in the state of Texas.

Individually, several Snyder FFA members were awarded their Lone Star FFA Degrees which is the highest degree that a student can receive from the state FFA Association. This honor is based on supervised agricultural experience programs as well as participation in all phases of the FFA program.

Among those receiving their Lone Star degrees were Joe Bishop, A.J. Frizzell, Jacinda Judah, Shane Kitchens, Cindy Nachlinger, Jenna Neff, Justin Pechacek, Austin Rinehart, Zach Rollins, Tara Trammell, Kasey Wemken and Jennifer Williamson.

Snyder also was honored to have several students who were chosen as members of the 2002 State FFA chorus. They include Ricky Early, Paige Anderson, Daniel Burton, Sarah Carpenter, Amanda Greenwood, Michael Parsley, Logan West and Jennifer Williamson.

Two area FFA members were also selected for the state FFA chorus. They are Candace Sanchez of Ira and Krystal Sanchez of Loraine. Three students represented Snyder FFA in the Stars of Texas Program, which recognizes students for superior accomplishments within different supervised agriculture experience programs.

The finalists, all from Snyder, included Ricky Early, Star Greenhand in placement; Michael Parsley, Star FFA Greenhand in Entrepreneurship; and Amanda Greenwood as the Star FFA Degree in Placement. Each of these students advanced to the state finals by winning both the district and area contests.

Amanda Greenwood competed in the soil stewardship prepared public speaking career development event. As one of the 10 state finalists from across the state, Greenwood received a $500 scholarship from the Soil and Water Conservation Service. Greenwood, who gave a speech entitled, "The Gift of Trees, ended her quest for a state title with fourth place.

David Frazier, adviser said, "Overall, the Snyder FFA had a very successful year and students want to thank all supporters from the community and all teachers and administrators who helped them become the best they could dream of being."

Utah has the highest rate of bankruptcy filings

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah residents are more likely to file for bankruptcy than residents of any other state, according to a financial research organization.

During the year ending March 31, roughly one of every 35 Utah households filed for bankruptcy, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute, a Virginia-based research organization. That far outpaced the national average of one for every 69 households.

And the numbers aren't improving: July saw a record 1,915 filings and 2002 is on pace to set a state record with more than 20,000 filings.

There's no simple explanation, financial experts say.

Some point to obvious factors: Utah's per-capita income ranks 45th in the nation. Its families, many of them part of the Mormon faith, are larger than those in other states. The job market is weak. The cost of living is relatively high.

The state is also the nation's youngest — the median age is 27.1, compared to 35.3 nationally — and its birth rate is the highest. That means fewer workers are supporting more people.

Experts say it may be that people in Utah are living closer to the financial edge, so they struggle when hard times or a crisis arrives.

"Most of the time, the problem arises not because of wild consumerism, but because something really bad happens," said Darren Bush, an economist and law professor at the University of Utah.

Attorney Kevin Whatcott agrees. He files as many as 300 bankruptcies each month at his Salt Lake City law firm. The people who come to see Whatcott usually have one of three stories: sickness, divorce or loss of a job.

"People are always living on the edge," Whatcott said. "As soon as there's one little hiccup, the interest starts building. In every single case, if people were paying cash rather than buying on credit, they'd probably be able to weather the storms."

Still another factor may contribute to Utah's spate of bankruptcies. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, headquartered in Utah, counts 70 percent of the state's residents as members — and observant followers donate 10 percent of their income to the church.

Utah may be hardest hit, but it is hardly alone. A record 1.5 million people filed for bankruptcy in the United States the past year. Filings for the second quarter of 2002 were also a record: more than 400,000, the most ever, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Bush noted that irresponsible spending and over-reliance on credit cards contribute to financial distress.

"Utahns don't save, just like the rest of the nation doesn't save. The first line of defense is credit cards," Bush said.

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Town president and 6 others are found guilty of corruption

CHICAGO (AP) — The top official in Cicero was convicted with six others of plotting to steal $12 million from the community through a bogus insurance scheme tied to organized crime.

Town President Betty Loren-Maltese declined to comment as she left the court.

"It's a big shock and she's reeling from it," defense attorney Terence P. Gillespie told reporters. He said she would "continue to fight, she hasn't given up. We intend to stay with this and fight as hard as we can."

Loren-Maltese was convicted along with Michael Spano Sr., the man prosecutors say is the boss of organized crime in Cicero, just west of Chicago.

After 12 days of deliberations, each defendant was convicted of racketeering conspiracy except Bonnie LaGiglio, who was convicted of tax fraud. Former town treasurer Joseph DeChicio was acquitted of all counts.

The maximum sentence for racketeering is 20 years in prison, but most of the defendants were also convicted of mail fraud and tax fraud, counts that carry five-year sentences.

Still to be settled is how much money the defendants will have to forfeit. That phase of the trial begins Monday.

At the center of the scheme was Specialty Risk Consultants insurance, a firm prosecutors said was founded in 1992 by John LaGiglio, Bonnie's husband and a defendant.

Prosecutors said financing for the insurance company came from Spano, who had been guaranteed that the company would be able to take town business away from Travelers, a well-known company that sells insurance nationwide.

According to witnesses, the guarantee came from the husband of Betty Loren-Maltese, Frank "Baldy" Maltese, the late Cicero town assessor.

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Financial Focus

Are You Hanging On To Expired Savings Bonds?

You can lose track of the time. You can lose track of your car keys. But you'd never lose track of your investments. Or would you?

Actually, many people do just that — at least when it comes to their U.S. Savings Bonds. In fact, owners failing to redeem their Series E, H and HH bonds are losing an estimated $300 million a year in interest from matured bonds, according to the Bureau of Public Debt.

While you may not be sitting on $300 million yourself, you may well have a few savings bonds sitting around the house. These bonds have long been popular as gifts, but, over time, people misplace them — or forget about them altogether. On the other hand, some people deliberately hold onto their savings bonds, believing that they'll keep earning interest forever.

However, that's not the case: Once your bonds mature, they're not going to pay you any additional interest, no matter how long you hold them.

Even so, you might think that it's no big deal to hang onto your bonds. After all, they're issued by the Treasury, so you know that you will be able to get your money someday. And that is true, of course, because the U.S. government is the most reliable borrower in the world. As one of its bondholders, you can be sure that you'll get your money.

But that's not really the point. By holding on to your matured bonds, you're depriving yourself of the interest that's due to you. And by not taking this money, you're missing out on the opportunity to invest it elsewhere. Remember, even though your bonds are safe, they no longer earn you any interest. They now have a zero percent rate of return — and you don't have to look too hard to find investments that can probably do better.

Even if the money from your savings bonds doesn't add up to a great deal, it can still be a valuable asset. Before you invest it — in fact, before you invest any money, from any source — consider your individual needs, your risk tolerance and time horizon. Then, if you decide to keep the money in a fixed-income investment, you might want to consider an investment-grade corporate bond. While the value of this type of bond will fluctuate, it will likely earn a considerably higher rate than a savings bond. Or, if you already own some stocks, but you want to further diversify your portfolio, you might use the proceeds from your savings bond to buy a few shares in a high-quality company.

The point is to do something with the money. If you're going to achieve your long-term objectives, you'll need to maximize your resources.

So, get out those old savings bonds, bring them to your bank and cash them in. If you're not sure if your bond has stopped paying interest, visit the Bureau of Public Debt's Web site at www.savingsbonds.gov. In short, wake your bonds from their slumber — and put them to work for you.

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Many individuals donated supplies at the various locations. We don't know who you are, but thank you on behalf of the children in our community.









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4-H holds workshop for Scurry County girls

4-H girls and friends of 4-Hers enjoyed a day-long clothing/personal development workshop last week. The girls learned tips in enhancing their appearance by using colors, lines and designs; and the art of sandpaper art and salt dying.

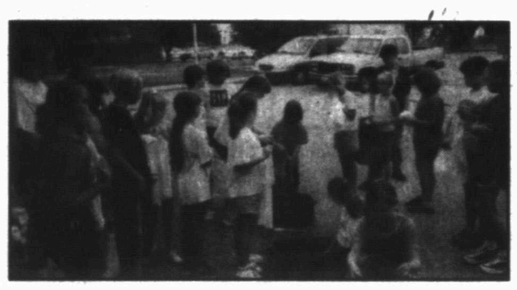
Evette (Gruben) Peterson, hair stylist, taught the girls how to identify their face shape and what hair styles are the best for them. Kathy Bloom, nail tech, shared ideas on nail care.

Girls participating in the workshop were: Brittany Scott, Amy Fogleman, Lindsey Reston, Sarah Parmer, Makinzee Dingman, Taylor Tyrrell, Mariah Dingman, Rachael Dupree, Ashleigh Jenkins, Whitney Jenkins, Susan Lee, Krystin House, Stacey Elan, Danielle Phillips, Kaycee Westland, Jordan Derryberry, Jada Bilano, Kira Bilano, Macy Bilano, Jacie Eveland and Annie Stribling.

4-H moms assisting with the workshop were Clinta Lester, Michele Jenkins and Becky Phillips.

Youth wanting to join 4-H are invited to the annual 4-H kick off at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. If unableto attend, parents may come by the Extension Office located in the Senior Citizens Center at 2605 Ave. M. and sign up.

4-H is open to all youth, grades 3-12, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



Critics: California proposition raid on state budget monies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A coalition of land developers and environmentalists is asking Californians to bypass the Legislature and give it $1 billion in state tax money to spend each year on roads and public transportation.

The voter initiative, known as Proposition 51, comes as the state struggles with a multibillion-dollar budget crisis, and it's attracting a storm of criticism.

If voters approve Proposition 51 in November, they will be allotting about $1 billion — roughly 1 percent of the entire state budget — to priorities designated by the Planning and Conservation League. The Legislature will have no say, and the funding will continue until voters say stop.

The PCL, which claims 10,000 members, says it would put the money into improving California's physical infrastructure, something it says the Legislature has failed to do.

"You can't maintain society by not investing in what you've built," said PCL head Gerald Meral.

While environmental groups and other interests commonly put state bond measures on the ballot to fund parks, wildlife and transit, Proposition 51 is the first voter attempt in California to shift a specific dollar amount of the state budget to numerous, detailed year-by-year "line items."

Critics call it another example of a 911-era initiative process becoming increasingly dominated by special interest groups.

"Here you have a case where no member of the public had a chance to say, 'Here's a project that ought to be funded,'" said Jean Ross, director of the California Budget Project.

"It almost means we need the Legislature and the citizens to break the lock of special interests on the initiative side," said David Abel, who chaired the Speakers Commission on the California Initiative Process this year.

But a national authority on the 24 states that allow the initiative process, M. Dane Waters, of the Washington-based Initiative and Referendum Institute, said the proposal is appropriate.

"The initiative is there to be used by groups when the Legislature doesn't give them what they want," Waters said.

There are no recent polls to show how California voters feel about the proposition.

But some voters said they like the prospect of having a say in how public funds are used.

"I think it's a good idea," said Melinda Rodriguez, an employee at a mental health foundation in Los Angeles. "I'm for anything where we can give our idea."

The PCL lists nearly 200 supporters including environmental groups, businesses, developers and farm groups. It says the measure's aim is to reduce traffic congestion by funding more transit options and pedestrian trails, upgrading freeway interchanges and buying land for open space to compensate for landscapes lost to highways.

Opponents, however, say many of those projects reflect the interests of PCL's contributors, who gave $2 million to get the measure on the ballot. Among them:

— H. Ross Perot Jr.'s Dallas-based Hillwood Development Corp., which contributed $120,000 to the effort and is building a cargo facility near a part of San Bernardino that is being promised railroad underpasses.

— The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, which gave $125,000 and hopes for promised new rail service from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, where it operates two casinos.

PUC approves price increases sought by the utilities in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Many Texans will pay more for electricity after the Public Utility Commission on Friday approved requests by several utilities to raise prices because of higher costs for natural gas.

The price increase will affect customers who are eligible to participate in electric deregulation but have not chosen to switch their electric providers.

The commission had little choice in its decision, PUC Chairwoman Rebecca Klein said before ruling.

Travis County District Judge John Dietz ruled this month that the regulators were wrong when they delayed a decision on the requests last month so they could further study a PUC rule. The utilities had sued the commission over the delay.

"I think this judge has pretty much boxed us in," Klein said at the meeting.

Consumer advocates argued, however, that commissioners could have rejected the rate hikes. They said the utilities failed to justify the price increases.

"Two summers ago, electricity bills went up significantly because natural gas prices increased significantly, but today the commission just approved another big increase without the same cost justifications," said Janee Briesemeister, a senior policy analyst for the Austin office of Consumers Union.

The increases vary by company. The average customers of Dallas-based TXU will pay about $4.05 more per month for electricity, increasing the average September bill to about $90.40. TXU said the increase will take affect Saturday.

The PUC also approved increases for Reliant Energy, CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy and First Choice Power Inc.

The state's deregulation law froze rates for the formerly regulated monopolies, such as TXU or Reliant, until 2005, but allows new companies to set their rates so they can compete in the market.

However, the formerly regulated companies can ask to adjust their price twice a year if natural gas prices rise at least 4 percent for a 10-day period.

The approval to raise the rates was the first since electric deregulation began for most of Texas in January.

In approving the rate increases, PUC chairwoman Klein said she wanted to study that rule to find a more accurate measure of wholesale electricity prices.

Briesemeister said that many of the issues that Klein wants studied were issues consumer advocates had raised earlier.

TXU spokesman Chris Schein said the approval was good for the Texas electric market.

Flight schools recovering slowly from stigma of training terrorists

VENICE, Fla. (AP) — Rudi Dekkers is still waiting for business to rebound after his Huffman Aviation flight school was linked to two of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

The only things keeping Huffman afloat are fuel sales and plane maintenance jobs.

"We have no students, period," said Dekkers, who closed another flight school in Naples last December after it lost $1 million following the attacks.

It is a lament across the industry. The Sept. 11 terrorists trained at flight schools in Florida, Arizona and Minnesota, learning some of the skills they needed to carry out the attacks. Some of those schools are still carrying that stigma — and business has suffered as a result.

Mohamed Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi, who were believed to be at the controls of one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center, took flying lessons at Huffman from July 2000 to January 2001.

Just down the road from Dekkers is the Florida Flight Training Center, where Ziad Samir Jarrah trained. Jarrah died aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

Owner Arne Kruithof said he has lost about 30 percent of his business, which pre-Sept. 11 brought in about $750,000 a year.

"Every flight school, every airline, everybody in the aviation community is in survival mode," he said. "We all balance our books at the end of the month and have zero. If you close the month and paid all your bills then you're doing good."

In Minneapolis, the Eagan flight school has similar problems. Accused hijacking accomplice Zacarious Moussaoui trained at the school until a suspicious instructor tipped the FBI.

Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, is charged with six counts of conspiracy for his alleged involvement in the plot to kill Americans. Prosecutors believe he was training to be the 20th hijacker.

The school, run by Miami-based Pan Am International Flight Academy, opened a new building in January. It houses three new flight simulators that were supposed to cement the school's future.

But the government passed legislation after Sept. 11 that prohibits flight schools from training inexperienced pilots on heavy aircraft. Only seasoned crew members who want additional training can use the simulators, and only after a thorough background check by the Justice Department.

Previously, anyone with a pilots' license and the money could use the simulators following a less-rigorous background check.

The new policy has caused enrollment to dip significantly at the Eagan flight school. A Pan Am official declined to cite specific financial losses but said profits had been cut "tremendously."

Though many flight schools are still struggling, some in the industry say things are improving.

"As time has progressed, most of the flight schools are coming back to levels that are reasonably close to where they were before," said Warren Morningstar, spokesman for Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Frederick, Md.

Morningstar said the most significant effect at the approximately 500 U.S. flight schools is the decline of foreign students, due to tougher visa standards.

"It's unfortunate, because the vast majority of people who come to the United States for flight training aren't terrorists," Morningstar said.

Under new rules, foreign pilots will be subjected to background checks and be required to show they understand written and spoken English before being issued U.S. licenses to fly.

The Federal Aviation Administration has in the past automatically granted U.S. certificates to pilots from the 188 countries that are members of the United Nations aviation group, known as the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Under the new rules, all foreign pilots must submit applications, including a photo ID, to the FAA. The agency will verify the identity of the applicant, check the name against various watch lists and make sure the foreign license is valid.

Foreign pilots wishing to fly commercial planes must pass the appropriate tests after obtaining their U.S. certificate.

Financial woes first struck all flight schools when restrictions kept their planes on the ground after the attacks. It took up to two months after the attacks before flight schools fully reopened, said David Kennedy, spokesman for the National Air Transport Association.

But even after the restrictions were lifted, the damage was already done — students stopped applying and business ground to halt for some schools.

A year ago, Dekkers had 20 full-time foreign students a month, each paying up to $20,000 apiece. Today, he's down to one.

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Texans, Dolphins set to christen Reliant Stadium

HOUSTON (AP) — David Carr can't imagine what the noise will be like when the first game is played at Reliant Stadium on Saturday night between the Houston Texans and Miami Dolphins.

Just for a practice this week, more than 38,000 fans showed up, some with their faces painted, to show how noisy they can be. As if that wasn't enough, the sound system was blaring and the scoreboards were flashing.

"I can't believe these fans," Carr said. "I had to go to a silent count because the announcer was so loud. That was great even though we were just doing 7-on-7s."

The atmosphere inside the $449 million, retractable roof stadium will be even more raucous Saturday night with a full house of 69,500 and a real game being played.

To the Texans and their eager fans, everything is exciting and new with football returning to the city for the first time since the Oilers left to become the Tennessee Titans after the 1996 season.

"They've never seen us on the field and we've never seen them in the stands," Carr said. "My first pass might be going 100 mph it's going to be so exciting."

Texans owner Bob McNair, who paid $700 million for the NFL's 32nd franchise, is beginning to see his dream unfold.

"People come up to me and say, 'Thank you, Bob,'" McNair said. "It's been so exciting, people running around with their faces painted, getting tattoos. It's great for the city."

Miami coach Dave Wannstedt knows what to expect, and he expects his Dolphins to make the most out of it.

"It is going to be an exciting time with everything going on down there," Wannstedt said. "It will be good for us to go down there and have to concentrate in front of a full house.

"We'll find out a little bit more about our football team."

The Texans pleased coach Dom Capers in their first two preseason games by playing almost mistake-free. That fell apart in last week's 19-9 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs when the Texans drew 19 penalties and Capers' ire.

He expects a more alert performance against the Dolphins. He's also looking for more cohesion in the offensive line, regardless of the number of injuries. Starting tackles Tony Boselli and Ryan Young are out.

"The guys who have stepped in have done a good job," Capers said. "But we're anxious to move forward and get these guys a feeling of working together."

Carr and the first-team offense will play into the third quarter. The playing time of backup quarterbacks Kent Graham and Mike Quinn will be watched closely. One will likely be gone soon because Tony Banks was signed this week. He's not expected to play against Miami.

"It would be hard for him to come in and do much of anything this week if he doesn't know the snap count," Capers said.

Wannstedt is looking at this second-to-last preseason game as the most important before the regular season.

"It's a game that we'll spend the most time preparing for," he said. "We need to go out and make improvements over last week. We need to clean up some of the mistakes."

It also will be a return to Texas soil for Dolphins running back Ricky Williams, a former Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Texas.

The biggest tailgate party likely will be thrown by Mike and LuAnn McKinney, who have sons playing for both teams. Seth McKinney is the Dolphins' third-round draft pick and a backup center. Steve McKinney is the Texans' starting center.



NEW BACKSTOP — Several volunteers work to install a new backstop at the Snyder High School baseball practice field. Doing the work are, from left, Ray Hill, Walt Cave, Darrell Neal and Ralph Ramon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Defending champs roll over Panthers

By The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady finally found the end zone. The Carolina Panthers are still seeking their first win in nearly a year.

Brady threw his first touchdown passes of the exhibition season to New England newcomers David Givens and Christian Fauria as the Patriots shut down the Panthers 23-3 Friday night.

Adam Vinatieri, whose 48-yard field goal on the last play won the Super Bowl last February, added three field goals and is 10-for-11 in exhibition games.

The Patriots (2-1) struggled to move the ball in the first half and led only 6-3. Then Brady threw touchdowns on their first two series of the second half as Carolina (0-3) lost its 18th straight game since winning last year's season opener Sept. 9 at Minnesota.

In the last game of the regular season, the Patriots beat the Panthers 38-6 as Carolina finished at 1-15.

While New England's offense improved in the second half, Carolina's kept sputtering. Through three quarters, the Panthers punted seven times, threw one interception and turned the ball over on downs once.

All that came after they took a 3-0 lead on their first possession on Jaret Holmes' 41-yard field goal.

Panthers quarterback Chris Weinke played into the fourth quarter and finished with 14 completions in 26 attempts for 112 yards and one interception. He was replaced by Rodney Peete after Carolina's first series of the final period

Brady ended up with impressive statistics, 16-for-25 for 203 yards, two touchdowns and one interception in three quarters before Damon Huard took over in the fourth.

Vikings 14, Titans 10

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Randy Moss Moss had four catches for 76 yards and a touchdown, leading Minnesota to victory over a diluted version of the Tennessee Titans in the teams' second-to-last exhibition game.

Guiding the Vikings' first-team offense for a full half, Daunte Culpepper had a few overthrows mixed in with a 10-for-15, 137-yard night. But a perfectly thrown 67-yard pass to Moss on the first snap of the second quarter showed he's not far off, either.

Beating Dainon Sidney deep, Moss — to whom Minnesota has pledged throw 40 percent of its passes — was tackled just inches from the goal line. Culpepper's sneak two plays later gave the Vikings a 7-0 lead.

With 1 minute remaining before halftime, Moss capped a 10-play, 75-yard drive against mostly second-stringers with a wide-open, 4-yard TD reception on a quick slant pattern that made it 14-3.

Titans quarterback Billy Volek, playing the entire second half, completed 15 of 23 passes for 123 yards and an interception. He threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to John Simon with 2 seconds left to pull Tennessee within 14-10.

Cornerback Samari Rolle was one of three Tennessee regulars who didn't even dress because of injuries, and the Titans held out six other starters who were slightly hurt — including quarterback Steve McNair, running back Eddie George and tight end Frank Wycheck.

The first-teamers who were healthy played well into the second quarter, but No. 2 quarterback Neil O'Donnell looked a little out of synch despite completing eight of his first 10 passes and finishing 9-for-14 for 119 yards.

Ravens 13, Eagles 12

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For the second straight week, Philadelphia missed a two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter.

Tim Hasselbeck's 1-yard TD run with 1:19 left in the game got the Eagles (1-2) within a point, but Rod Smart dropped a pass from Hasselbeck on the two-point attempt.

Jeff Blake threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Javin Hunter and Matt Stover kicked two field goals to lead the Ravens (2-1).

Last week, A.J. Feeley threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Sean Morey with 50 seconds left to get the Eagles within a point of New England. But Feeley's pass for a two-point conversion went incomplete off the hands of Corey McIntyre as the Patriots held on for a 16-15 win.

Trailing 13-6, the Eagles got the ball at Baltimore's 43 after Paul Grasmanis recovered a fumble by Dameon Hunter with 5:26 left.

Hasselbeck, competing with Feeley for the No. 3 quarterback spot, completed 12-yard passes to Sean Scott and Brian McDonald before he dived in from the 1.

Neither team got much out of its starters on offense.

The Ravens scored just one field goal while first-year starting quarterback Chris Redman was in the game. Redman completed 9 of 15 passes for 150 yards and one interception. He might have trouble holding onto his job because he hasn't led Baltimore into the end zone in three games.

A&M athletic director turns in resignation

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M athletic director Wally Groff resigned Friday to allow new university president Robert Gates to install his own choice.

Groff, a 1964 A&M graduate who joined the athletic department two years later, told Gates of his decision in a letter.

"After much consideration and discussion with you (Gates) this week I wish to relinquish my duties as athletic director at Texas A&M University, effective Dec. 31, 2002," Groff told Gates in the letter. "I am making this decision now in order to allow you the opportunity to begin assembling your own management team."

Gates responded with a letter in which he accepted Groff's decision to step down "with regret."

Groff, who has been athletic director since 1993, resigned after a Friday meeting with Gates, the San Antonio Express-News reported on its Web site.

Groff, 60, said he was approaching retirement in the next few years anyway and wanted to give Gates a chance to select a replacement.

"Why not offer that opportunity to bring his person in now instead of a couple years from now?" he told The Associated Press.

"Frankly I've had several meetings with him, and it really was a mutual decision to do what's best for A&M. We really work at the pleasure of the president," he said.

He said that because he has time left on his employment contract, he will discuss with Gates what role he'll assume to fill out his remaining time at the school.

Groff also said he has agreed to stay on as athletic director past the end of the year if a replacement has not been found.

Texas A&M's athletic facilities underwent major changes during Groff's tenure, including a huge addition to Kyle Field and the long-overdue construction of a new basketball venue, Reed Arena.

NFL Preseason

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	50	22
New England	2	1	0	.667	58	40
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	38	48
Miami	0	2	0	.000	17	38
South						
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	62	54
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	38	32
Houston	1	2	0	.333	39	63
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	37	59
North						
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	51	36
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	41	52
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	40	51
West						
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	36	23
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	72	48
Denver	1	1	0	.500	34	15
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	20	44

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	110	71
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	39	22
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	80	72
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	47	42
South						
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	59	37
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	34	10
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	34	20
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	49	79
North						
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	53	58
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	42	41
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	38	68
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	29	36
West						
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	45	46
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	33	62
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	24	52
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	53	78

Thursday's Game
San Diego 31, St. Louis 10

Friday's Games
Minnesota 14, Tennessee 10
New England 23, Carolina 3
Baltimore 13, Philadelphia 12
Jacksonville 24, Chicago 16

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Monday's Game
Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Game
San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.
New England at Washington, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 30
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

The Lady Tiger volleyball booster club meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS gym. Parents of all high school volleyball players are urged to attend.

Bowling league

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a rules meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. For more information, call 573-6761.

Snyder booster club

The Snyder Tiger football booster club meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the SHS film room.

Meet the Cardinals

Hermleigh cheerleaders host Meet the Cardinals at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school cafeteria. A hamburger supper will be served for $5 and door prizes will be awarded.

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

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


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SPORTS

On the diamond...

Preparation continues year-round

Baseball and softball seasons are months away, but work for the sports continues year-round.

Western Texas College is preparing for its inaugural campaign on the diamond, and Charlie Bollinger is giving the Snyder High School practice facility a facelift prior to his first season in charge of the Tigers.

WTC, which will compete this spring in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, has 40 players available for baseball workouts and 30 lined up for softball preparations.

The local college adopted the sports last spring and is in the process of building an on-campus practice facility.

Until the practice site is completed, James King and his WTC baseball squad will conduct workouts at Ira High School, while Rodney McNeill's softball squad will hold practice at Gates Field.

"We're glad to get to practice, no matter where it's held," said King. "We've been eager to get started, so it just feels good to get on the field."

McNeill felt the same way.

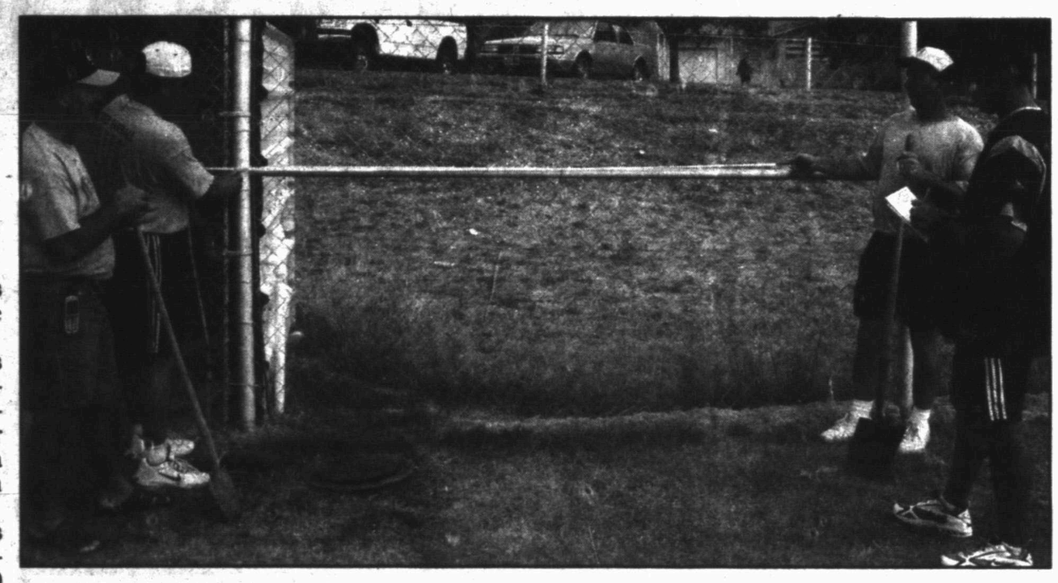
"We have a lot of work to do, but we're excited about it," McNeill said. "We plan on doing everything we have to do to be the best team possible."

On the high school front, the SHS practice field will have a new look come spring as Bollinger and a band of volunteers continue to renovate the facility.

The infield has been leveled and grass has been replanted. The backstop was taken down and will be moved back so that the practice field and Moffett Field will have the same distance behind home plate.

Fans will enjoy a cement walkway around the stands and a new roof that will be installed over the bleachers.

The old batting cages down the right-field line will be removed and new cages will be built adjacent to the field where the old tennis courts now stand.



GETTING IT RIGHT — Volunteers take measurements for a new fence surrounding the SHS baseball practice field. Lending a hand are, from left, Larry Price, Charlie Bollinger, Steve Grimmett and Reagan Key. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cowboys face improved QB

IRVING (AP) — The last time the Dallas Cowboys saw Michael Vick, he was an erratic rookie quarterback who ended up splitting snaps after halftime for the Atlanta Falcons.

On Saturday night, the Cowboys can expect to see a calmer and more under control Vick, now No. 1 in his second NFL season.

"I have leadership skills because I believe in my teammates and I know they believe in me," Vick said. "Regardless of how a game goes, I'm always going to be confident because I'm the starter. I'll never let the guys see me with my head down or doubting myself."

Vick, whose NFL starting debut came last November against the Cowboys in a game the Falcons won, will play the first half. Doug Johnson will follow, with the Falcons also planning to use rookie Kurt Kittner.

Like Atlanta, the Cowboys are 2-0 this preseason and have settled on their No. 1 quarterback — even if second-year starter Quincy Carter will come off the bench Saturday.

The Cowboys are giving Chad Hutchinson, a 25-year-old rookie who spent four years playing professional baseball, an opportunity with the first-team. He hasn't started a football game since his sophomore season at Stanford in 1997.

"Obviously, Quincy is the starter," Hutchinson said. "They wanted Quincy to come back after a half and play. I'm just the one allotted the first quarter."

The plan is for Carter to play the second and third quarters. Campo and offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet want to see how Carter handles making halftime adjustments in the new West Coast-style offense.

"We didn't want Quincy to have to play three quarters to get that done," Campo said. "He's making great progress and we feel comfortable with him. It's also a great opportunity to get Hutchinson in because there are not very many seasons you go through without using the backup."

Carter, 21-of-27 passing for 177 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the preseason, missed half his rookie season with injuries.

The quarterback switch won't have any bearing on the first NFL-mandated cuts that have to be made next week. But the Cowboys have several other issues that have to be worked out in their last two preseason games.

Receiver Raghib Ismail is out for the year after neck surgery Wednesday. The Cowboys have to find out if rookie Antonio Bryant can take over his spot, or if second-year player Ken-Yon Rambo deserves the starting nod.

None of the team's eight cornerbacks have distinguished themselves. The only solidified starter is Mario Edwards.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	46	.638	—
Montreal	64	64	.500	17½
Philadelphia	62	65	.488	19
Florida	61	67	.477	20½
New York	58	69	.457	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	71	55	.563	—
Houston	68	60	.531	4
Cincinnati	63	64	.496	8½
Pittsburgh	56	73	.434	16½
Chicago	53	73	.421	18
Milwaukee	44	83	.346	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	46	.641	—
Los Angeles	74	54	.578	8
San Francisco	70	57	.551	11½
Colorado	61	67	.477	21
San Diego	55	73	.430	27

Friday's Games

Houston 6, Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 10, N.Y. Mets 4
San Diego 18, Florida 2
Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Los Angeles 4, Atlanta 3
Montreal 7, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Haynes 12-8) at Houston (Miller 11-3), 1:15 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 6-2) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 8-13), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 16-6) at Los Angeles (Ashby 9-9), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-9) at Arizona (B.Anderson 6-8), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 11-11) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-9) at Colorado (Hampton 7-13), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 12-8) at St. Louis (Benes 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 8-10) at San Diego (Lawrence 11-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Florida at San Diego, 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	47	.627	—
Boston	73	53	.579	6
Baltimore	63	63	.500	16
Toronto	53	73	.421	26
Tampa Bay	43	85	.336	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	77	53	.592	—
Chicago	59	69	.461	17
Cleveland	55	72	.433	20½
Kansas City	52	77	.403	24½
Detroit	49	79	.383	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	78	51	.605	—
Seattle	77	52	.597	1
Anaheim	75	52	.591	2
Texas	56	70	.444	20½

Friday's Games

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

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 12-6) at Cleveland (Baez 9-10), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 11-9) at Boston (Burkett 10-7), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Walker 6-3) at Baltimore (Driskill 8-6), 1:35 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Loaiza 5-7) at Baltimore (Bauer 6-4 or Douglass 0-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Radke 5-3) at Kansas City (Byrd 14-9), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Myette 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-4), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 10-9) at Detroit (Lima 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-8) at Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 8-11), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Oakland at Detroit, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.

Palmeiro, Rangers down Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez might be the best player in baseball, but he looks up to his teammate Rafael Palmeiro.

Palmeiro hit two of Texas' four homers off Mike Mussina, leading Chan Ho Park and the Rangers over the New York Yankees 6-2 Friday night.

"He is a model of consistency that I and a lot of young players can follow," Rodriguez said. "He looks like a 30-year-old."

Palmeiro, who will be 38 next month, hit leadoff shots in the second and fourth innings, giving him 483 career homers, 20th all-time. It also gave him his 30th career multihomer game, and first this year.

Palmeiro needs 12 more RBIs to complete his eighth straight season with more than 30 homers and 100 RBIs. It would be 10 in a row if not for the strike-shortened 1994 season when he hit 23 homers and drove in 76 runs in 111 games.

Herbert Perry hit a solo shot in the fourth and Carl Everett added a two-run drive in the sixth as the Rangers handed the AL East leaders their third loss in five games. Texas has 177 homers this season, second in the majors to the Yankees' 188.

Park (5-6), activated from the disabled list earlier in the day, scattered seven hits in six innings. He gave up an RBI double to Jason Giambi and Derek Jeter's 15th homer of the season.

WNBA Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York 2, Indiana 1
Indiana 73, New York 55
New York 84, Indiana 65
New York 75, Indiana 60

Washington 2, Charlotte 0
Washington 74, Charlotte 62
Washington 62, Charlotte 59

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 2, Seattle 0
Los Angeles 78, Seattle 61
Los Angeles 69, Seattle 59

Utah 2, Houston 1
Utah 66, Houston 59
Houston 83, Utah 77, 2OT
Utah 75, Houston 72

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 22
Washington 79, New York 74, Washington leads series 1-0
Saturday, Aug. 24
Washington at New York, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
Washington at New York, 5 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 22
Los Angeles 75, Utah 67, Los Angeles leads series 1-0
Saturday, Aug. 24
Utah at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
Utah at Los Angeles, 7 p.m., if necessary

FINALS
(Best-of-3)
Thursday, Aug. 29
TBD, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 31
TBD, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 1
TBD, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

Astros topple Reds, trail by four games

HOUSTON (AP) — Brian Hunter believes he made the right decision in the off-season and the Houston Astros agree more every day.

Hunter went 2-for-4, including a two-run double, and again made a dazzling catch playing center field to help the Astros defeat the Cincinnati Reds 6-4 Friday night.

Hunter was a free agent last winter. He had several offers from which to choose.

"When I was looking at the teams I wanted to go to, there were a couple of things I looked for," he said. "I wanted to go somewhere I could win. The next thing was I wanted to go somewhere I thought I would have an opportunity to play a lot.

"The Astros have some big fellows in the outfield, so I thought my speed would fit in well here. And I saw (manager) Jimy (Williams) when he was in Boston and he had guys playing in the outfield I didn't even know were in the major leagues. So I knew he'd give me a chance."

Hunter has gotten plenty of chances, except during a 35-game stretch he spent on the disabled list after having an appendectomy. He has started only 15 games, but he has played in a total of 66, mostly as a late-inning defensive replacement.

He has started two of the three games since returning from the DL, making spectacular running catch to help beat the Cubs on Wednesday night. His big night Friday improved his average to .298 and Williams likes what he sees.

"He certainly had a big double with the bases loaded tonight," Williams said. "We really like the way he has played. He had that appendectomy and had to wait a while. But he has come back and played very well."

Hunter has even surprised himself with his hitting.

"It's always a plus any time I do anything offensively," he said. "I have spent a lot of time concentrating on improving my swing and it has paid off."

Pete Munro (4-2) took the win for the Astros. And Billy Wagner came in to pitch the ninth for his 29th save. Wagner struck out two and his fastball registered 100 mph on the scoreboard gun several times.

"How many guys do you see in baseball who can do that?" Williams asked. "He had multiple hundreds up on the board. He felt strong to say the least."

Actually, Wagner said he didn't feel that strong.

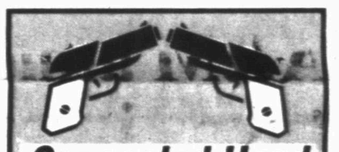
"Those radar gun numbers don't mean much to me," said Wagner, who gave up a single to Adam Dunn, which was the first hit for the Reds all-star in his last 28 at-bat. "If I throw it 100 and they hit a home run, the speed doesn't mean much.

"I didn't feel especially strong. I felt normal. It was just one of those nights when the hitters didn't see me that well. My job is to get three outs and that's just the way I do it."

Reds pitcher Shawn Estes (4-10) started his second game for the Reds, both against Houston, since being acquired from the Mets on Aug. 15. Estes, who got a no-decision is his last start, gave up six runs, seven hits and five walks in five innings.

Estes said he felt strong, but lamented a four-walk second inning when the Astros scored four runs to take a 4-1 lead.

"Those walks really hurt me," Estes said. "I wasted a good night of some of the best stuff I've had all year."


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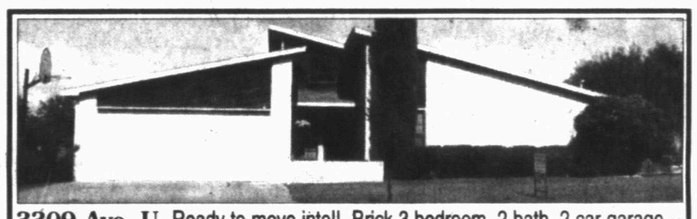
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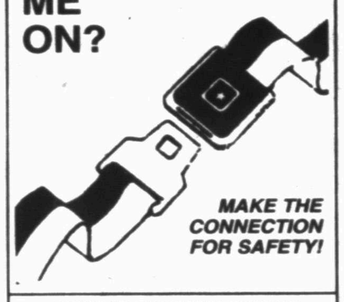
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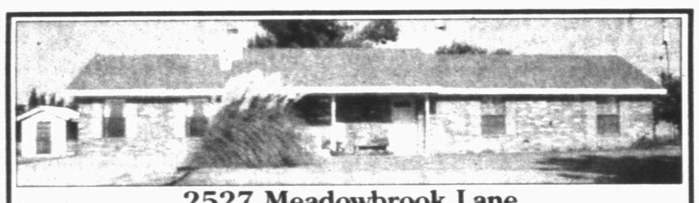
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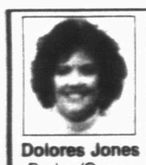


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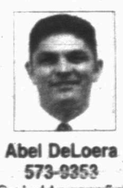
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Dr. Gott
By Peter Gott, M.D.



Medical consensus is vital

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle a disagreement between my internist and my rheumatologist, both of whom are on staff at a teaching hospital. I have lupus and, for two years, have been treated with Plaquenil and low doses of prednisone. I am much improved. However, here is the problem.

My rheumatologist told me that my kidneys are functioning at only about 60 percent (judging from blood tests), and he doesn't believe this is caused by the lupus because my urinalysis is normal, and I've never had high blood pressure. He has repeatedly urged me to see a kidney specialist to find out what's wrong. In contrast, my internist says that I don't need a nephrologist and since a referral must come from him, I haven't insisted on it yet. I'm due to see him in about a month, at which time I'll question him about his reasons. What do you think?

DEAR READER: As I have repeatedly written before, patients shouldn't have to put up with contested medical decisions. In my opinion, you need more than your internist's reasoning; the doctors should confer and reach a consensus, then present a unified approach to you.

Inasmuch as lupus notoriously and seriously affects the kidneys, I fail to understand what possible harm there is in consulting with a kidney specialist. It seems to me that you have everything to gain and nothing to lose from such an approach. If your declining renal function is, in fact, related to the lupus, the nephrologist can advise proper therapy. On the other hand, if lupus is not to blame, the nephrologist can diagnose the problem and work with your doctor to find a solution. What you don't need is a macho-ego issue, an inane disagreement that will serve only to affect your health and undermine your confidence in the physicians.

In my practice, I frequently refer patients to specialists. The patients are better off, I learn something in the bargain and I've never had a dissatisfied person who objected to a referral. My willingness to get help does not make me a rotten, stupid doctor; rather, it allows me to admit my limitations and put good medical care at the top of my list of priorities.

Talk to your internist and urge him to resolve this disagreement with your rheumatologist. Then you can receive the care to which you are entitled.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with an overactive parathyroid gland. I'm concerned that I might do something to aggravate the condition and would welcome some guidelines.

DEAR READER: The four parathyroid glands, which are buried within the thyroid gland in the front of the neck, secrete a hormone that regulates calcium metabolism. Hyperparathyroidism is the disorder resulting from over-secretion of the hormone, and leads to elevated levels of calcium in the blood. In turn, this causes accelerated bone-loss, kidney stones, renal damage, increased thirst, frequent urination, nausea, and constipation that can progress - if not treated - to confusion, stupor, coma and death. Early or mild hyperparathyroidism, however, causes no symptoms.

This disorder is diagnosed by blood tests. The diagnosis of which parathyroid gland(s) is to blame must be determined by special radiographic scanning techniques, because the affliction can be corrected only by surgery.

I can offer you no guidelines for therapy because nothing you can do - short of getting medical assistance - will affect your hyperparathyroidism. You should follow your physician's or surgeon's advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent article you seemed to favor ignoring an elevated PSA test, because prostate cancer is slow-growing. Were the thousands of men who have ignored the obvious problem and died from it given the same advice?

In my case, I had biopsy-proven prostatic cancer that my urologist believed could be "watched." He seemed uncomfortable when I questioned him about radioactive seed implantation. I had a fellow Navy pilot (circa WW II) who had the procedure and his PSA dropped to below 4! What do you think?

DEAR READER: First of all, I am neither a urologist nor an oncologist; therefore, I would never intend to counsel my readers (or my private patients) to "ignore" a cancer anywhere in the body. That would not only be an irresponsible act, but a dumb one, to boot. I have, however, written in the past that in general, prostatic cancers do grow slowly, a feature that gives many victims (and their urologists) additional valuable time to make a sensible decision about how to address the problem.

Were you, for example, a 98-year-old nursing home resident with multiple medical problems, the chances are good that you would be better off monitoring the situation if your physician discovered a small area of cancer in your prostate gland.

On the other hand, if you were 46 and your biopsy indicated a high level of prostatic malignancy, I'd recommend aggressive therapy.

Also, if your exam (or blood test) showed unmistakable progression during the monitoring period, I would certainly address the situation in an active manner.

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, in some men prostatic cancer can be relentlessly malignant, the reverse of the rather indolent growth that is the general rule. In such cases, multiple therapies are indicated.

As to this last part of your question, radium-seed implants are a recognized and commonly used effective treatment for many types of prostate cancer. Although I have several patients who have successfully undergone this therapy, I would be overstepping my level of competency to endorse (or discourage) this option. Again, such decisions must involve specialists.

If you are concerned about the recommendations given you by your urologist, seek a second opinion. This tactic is always appropriate in the medical field, when confusion, conflict or communication problems may lead to patients who feel abandoned and uncertain about how to proceed.

I suggest that you sit down with your urologist for a strategy session that should include the following:

— How extensive is your prostatic cancer? Is it confined only to the gland itself or does it involve adjacent structures, such as lymph nodes?

— How malignant is it? If the biopsy showed a few scattered cancer cells, your approach would be different than in the situation where sheets of highly malignant cells literally fill the biopsy specimen.

— What therapy would be appropriate? At present, there are five basic approaches to this problem:

a. Do nothing and monitor the situation. We've discussed this.

b. Consider anti-hormone therapy, such as Lupron. These regular injections, although expensive, appear to stop certain prostatic cancers in their tracks.

c. Use radiation. Administered in a variety of ways, radiotherapy (including radium seeds) is basically painless and safe. It is, however, a nuisance (because of the daily or weekly commutation to a medical center), a discomfort (if seeds are used) and a common cause of side effects, such as colitis and bladder irritation from the radiation itself.

d. Weigh the possibility of chemotherapy. Although, in my limited experience, this option is not especially successful, it does seem to help some patients.

e. Resort to surgery. There are several procedures to be considered, ranging from a limited removal of the prostate gland to full excision.

Your urologist should be able to advise you about which therapeutic option would be appropriate. If not, as I indicated (or if I've answered an alternative), seek a second opinion.

Let me know what you decide.

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

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It is no secret that God heard and answered all of the prayers that came to Him on John's behalf, and by His grace and mercy John is here with us today!

God Bless each and everyone of you!
John & Mary Hardin

Drummer marries

DEIA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands (AP) — Caroline Corr, drummer of the four-member sibling Irish pop group The Corrs, married longtime boyfriend Frank Woods in a candlelit church on this Balearic island.

The ceremony took place Thursday evening in Deia, a village on the rugged western shore of Mallorca, a hotspot for the European jet set.

Among the guests were Bono and The Edge, lead singer and guitarist of the Irish rock group U2.

Corr, 31, arrived in a Rolls-Royce accompanied by her brother, Jim. She wore a white dress into the church, which was lit by candles after a heavy rainstorm caused a power failure, the Spanish news agency Efe reported.

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Palestinians nix U.S. election proposal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians clashed with Israeli soldiers on the outskirts of Nablus Saturday after the Israeli army prevented a joint Arab-Jewish peace coalition from delivering food to Palestinians living under curfew for more than two months.

The army fired tear gas and Palestinian youths threw stones, according to witnesses in the West Bank city. No injuries were reported.

Also Saturday, the army demolished three Palestinian houses near the site of an attempted infiltration into a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip, the army and Palestinian witnesses said. Military officials said the houses were regularly used for launching attacks on the settlement, and had been abandoned months earlier.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, the Israeli army entered a Palestinian police station and arrested a man, whisking him away blindfolded and handcuffed in an armored personnel carrier, witness said.

No details were immediately available on who the suspect was or why he was arrested.

The army said it was investigating both incidents, which underscored the tensions that reign in the West Bank amid the current wave of attacks and counterattacks between Israelis and Palestinians.

Palestinian leaders have denounced a U.S. proposal to create a new governmental post to dilute the power of Yasser Arafat, and an official said such disagreements could threaten upcoming Palestinian elections.

Arafat is likely to be re-elected in that vote, despite attempts by the United States to sideline him. U.S. officials accuse him of stoking Israeli-Palestinian violence, and they are calling for elections as part of efforts to persuade the Palestinian Authority to undertake sweeping reforms.

As an alternative to the 73-year-old leader, Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice — in a meeting in Washington with Palestinian officials two weeks ago — proposed that the Palestinian parliament choose a prime minister, said Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat.

In a report Friday to an international task force in Paris on Palestinian reform, the Palestinian Authority said it would not agree to changes in the electoral system used by Palestinians in 1996 to confirm Arafat as leader.

"We told them (the United States) that this is not your business," Erekat said. "We were shocked during the discussions that the American side is speaking about changing the law of elections."

The United States, he said, is trying to delay the balloting.

A U.S. official contacted Friday declined to confirm the disagreements over the election process.

Raanan Gissin, adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, confirmed the United States proposed a parliament-chosen prime minister as a way of sidestepping Arafat.

Michigan, New York deaths may be related to West Nile

NEW YORK (AP) — West Nile virus is suspected in the deaths of an 81-year-old man on Long Island and a 65-year-old man in Michigan, health officials said Saturday.

If confirmed, the two cases would bring the number of deaths from the disease this year to 18.

So far this year, more than 370 human cases of West Nile have been confirmed in the country's worst out break since the virus first appeared here in 1999. Seven people died in New York that year, and the virus has since spread throughout the East and Midwest.

Officials in Louisiana, the hardest hit state with 171 case and 8 deaths this year, expressed hope Friday that new cases there were tapering off. The 24 new human cases it reported this week is less than half the increase of the week before.

"We may be beginning the end," state Health and Hospitals Secretary David Hood said. But he emphasized, "We still need to keep doing all the things we've done for the last two months."

People have been diagnosed with West Nile in 20 states and the District of Columbia, but nearly 80 percent of the cases this year are in three states: Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Friday denied requests from Mississippi and Louisiana to fight the virus, saying assistance was best left to health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has given Louisiana $3.4 million and other help.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said he was deeply disturbed by the decision, and noted that FEMA had given New York and New Jersey disaster money during the 1999 outbreak.

"Louisiana is ground zero of this epidemic and we have an emergency on our hands, whether FEMA wants to admit it or not," Breaux said.

In New York, preliminary blood tests indicated that an 81-year-old man from Melville died of the virus on Monday, said Mildred Dinda, a Suffolk County Health Department spokeswoman. She said the man had been ill for about 12 days with symptoms consistent with the virus, including muscle pain, a rash and fever.

The Michigan victim died Tuesday after becoming ill about a week ago, and a test indicating that he probably was infected with the mosquito-borne virus was given after his death, according to David R. Johnson, the chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Most people bitten by an infected mosquito never get sick, and most of the rest see only flu-like symptoms.

Law officers arrest 4 people

Arrests

Officers arrested a 20-year-old woman at 11 a.m. Friday in the 3900 block of Avenue O on a county warrant for misdemeanor theft by check.

A 29-year-old man was arrested at 4:11 p.m. Friday in the 1900 block of Avenue R for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A clerk at Allsup's reported a fight in the parking lot just after 11 p.m. Friday. A 20-year-old man was taken into custody for minor in consumption of alcohol.

Troopers arrested a 41-year-old man at 12:48 a.m. Saturday on highway 208 for misdemeanor DWI.

Funny money

Julian Gutierrez requested police to Auto Zone in reference to receiving a possible counterfeit bill. Police did take the phony $100 into evidence.

Burglary

Brian Dean reported at 6:57 a.m. Friday a vehicle burglary at Key Energy Services.

Attempted burglary

Tom Machen at 9 a.m. Friday reported damage to a window and attempted burglary sometime Thursday night at Tom's Marine.

Gas drive offs

Just after 1:30 p.m. Friday, a clerk with Handi-Mart reported a gas drive off worth $30.01.

A clerk at Town and Country east reported a gas drive off of $7.01 at 4:11 p.m. Friday.

A gas drive off of $17.01 was reported from Town and Country north at 1:15 a.m. Saturday.

Obituaries

Ora Ussery

1912-2002

Ora Ila Ussery, 90, died Friday, Aug. 23, in Snyder Oaks Care Center where she had lived the past 13 years.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ussery is set for 3 p.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Randy Gressett and the Rev. Charles Day officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Ora Ussery

Born May 21, 1912 in Brownfield, she married Paul M. Ussery on March 24, 1951 in Colorado City.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

Her parents, James Claudius and Nellie Annie Williamson, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Hoyle Dean and Pauline Strickland of Snyder; four daughters, Mary Beaver and husband Roy Lee of Brady, JoAnn Everton of Houston, Loyce Hayes of Snyder and Joyce Weber and husband Ronnie of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Randy Davis, Marcus Parham, Mark Strickland, Bart Hailey, Ronnie Boley and Josh Gonzales.

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Librada Ramos

1921-2002

Librada M. Ramos, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 22, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Ramos, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, officiated by Fr. Leo Moras, pastor of the church. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary, led by Frank Ortegon, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Born Dec. 7, 1921 in Sabinal, she married Gilberto Ramos in 1940 in Sabinal.

Mrs. Ramos, a resident of Snyder since 1949, was a housekeeper.

Survivors include her husband, Gilberto Ramos of Snyder; six daughters, Elodia Ramos of Abilene, Sonia Ramos of Seguin, Emma Rodriguez of Liberal, Kan., Elisa Montez, Eudelia Garcia and Erminia Terrazas, all of Snyder; four sons, Margarito Ramos, Henry Ramos, Felix Ramos and Danny Ramos, all of Snyder; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harold Warneke

1934-2002

BIG SPRING — Harold Lee "Pappy" Warneke, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Aug. 23, in a local hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Warneke, 68, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long, retired minister, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Gardens under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.



Mr. Warneke

Born July 7, 1934 in Anson, he married Lorene Eunice Roemisch on May 28, 1969 in Snyder.

A resident of Big Spring, Mr. Warneke was general manager of Robinson Drilling of Texas for the past 20 years and he had worked for the company for 45 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene Warneke of Big Spring; two sons, Eric Lee Warneke of Big Spring and David Scott Warneke of Lakewood, Calif.; a brother, Bill Warneke; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Ruby Smith

1935-2002

Ruby Jewell Smith, a nurses' aide, died Friday, Aug. 23, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the St. James Baptist Church in Colorado City with Sammy Contreras and Terrilyn Faye Green-Gonzales officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born April 16, 1935 in Milam County, she was married to Henry Smith who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Smith.

A resident of Colorado City, Mrs. Smith was a member of the St. James Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, David Smith, Danny Smith and Douglas Smith, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Brenda Smith and Shirley Smith, both of Colorado City; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Green of Colorado City; a brother, Sylvester Rogers of Dallas; and three grandchildren, Kim Russell of Denton and Dustin Smith and Diesha Smith, both of Colorado City.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder FFA turkey shoot

Snyder FFA is holding a turkey shoot fundraiser until dark Saturday at the Canyon Gun Club range.

Snyder Wheels cruise night

Snyder Wheels will have its cruise night at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic. Everyone is welcome.

Tigers Lair yearbook arrives

The SHS yearbook will be distributed at the high school from 8–8:10 a.m. and 3:30–4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring receipt.

Band booster club meeting

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS band hall for parents of all high school, junior high and sixth grade band students.

Snyder Tigers baseball boosters

Snyder Tigers baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the athletic film room. Parents of all high school players are urged to attend.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

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.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Journey We'll All Travel," followed by "The Way of Truth."

4-H Kickoff

The annual Scurry County 4-H Kickoff will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. Hot dogs will all the fixin's will be served. Bring own soft drink. Parents and youth, third through 12th grades, are encouraged to attend.

Adult basic education classes

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

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 starting Tuesday through Monday, Sept. 9. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Gateway Family Services

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

Adopt- a- school brunch

The back-to-school brunch for SISD adopt-a-school partners will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the boardroom.

Genealogical meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library to plan the coming year. Visitors are welcome.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

2002 Ira annuals

The 2002 Ira Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to the students. There are a few extras available for $22 each.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. next Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 each and the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50. Children under nine eat free.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Monday, Sept. 2, at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

SISD family literacy

SISD's Family Literacy Program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 3. Classes will include ESL, beginning computers and basic reading. Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 for more information.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office has rescheduled regular trips to Snyder. Reps will next be at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 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.

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Mother of drowned children sues owners of Longview motel

LONGVIEW (AP) — The mother of three children who drowned in a Longview motel swimming pool is suing the owners of the inn, claiming the pool was unsafe.

Blaza Bustemante Garcia, 41, who was jailed for leaving seven children in the care of their 13-year-old brother, has since been deported to Mexico.

Her 17-page lawsuit naming Palace Inn owners Vithal and Bhanamati V. Patel was filed Thursday in Gregg County.

"Defendants were under a duty to know and reasonably should have known that the Palace Inn pool facility was not properly protected, not properly maintained and contained dirty water which posed an unreasonable risk of harm," the lawsuit says. "Defendants breached the duty to warn plaintiffs of such danger. "

The Patels could not be reached for comment, the Longview News-Journal reported in Saturday editions. A man who answered the phone at the motel late Friday told The Associated Press that they weren't there and couldn't be reached.

Police arrested the mother of 10 after three of her youngest children — ages 6, 8 and 10 — drowned in August 2001 at the motel, where the family had been living.

Investigators said water in the 20-foot by 35-foot pool was so murky that rescue crews had to use poles to search for bodies.

Searchers found the body of Israel Martinez Garcia, 8, in 9 feet of water.

Maria Martinez Garcia, 10, and 6-year-old Marvin Corona also died while swimming in the pool while the older brother was in charge of watching them.

The pool has since been drained and filled with dirt, and the city of Longview has adopted maintenance standards for public swimming pools.

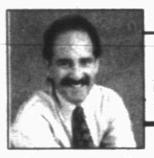
Garcia's rights to her surviving children were terminated in May, and guardianship was awarded to her oldest daughter and the daughter's husband.

Garcia, arrested a day after the deaths, was initially charged with three counts of felony child endangerment.

After about four months in jail, she pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of deadly conduct and was sentenced to time served. She was released in December and sent to Mexico.

Her lawyer in the criminal case said she had gone to get food for her children at the time of the drownings.

"She was out there trying to earn a living, trying to keep food on the table," said Thomas Mosele of Houston, a different lawyer who is representing her in the suit against the motel owners.



On Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Does food affect children's behavior?

Dr. Blonz: I'm a registered dietitian working in an acute psychiatric facility. Parents, staff and allied health professionals often believe that hyperactivity and behavioral issues in children are associated with foods. There has been no clear clinical evidence that food causes behavioral issues in children. I am interested in your comments. — **N.D., Nashville, Tenn.**

Dear N.D.: The role of food allergies in childhood behavior remains controversial, but it is not unreasonable to at least consider this possibility when other avenues have been unproductive. It is essential, however, that one proceeds cautiously, calling upon a clinician experienced in this area. One issue is that the connection between the behavior and the offending substance(s) might not be readily apparent. You have to consider what happens if the wrong substance is blamed, or if one relies upon generalities, such as thinking that all food additives make one ill. Such cases can give rise to changes in parental behavior that can then be learned by — or should I say foisted upon — the child. ("You shouldn't eat that, it will make you sick.") It can turn into a march down an unproductive road with ever-growing limits placed on the child's ability to eat and enjoy life.

The irony is that a parent might observe improvements in a child's behavior even if the wrong substance is identified. Such changes, however, might be taking place because they are expected. This is the essence of the placebo effect. If the underlying problem is not allergy-related, though, it would remain. If the symptoms resurface at a later date, other foods or food categories might get added to the "banned" list, further restricting the child and the parents.

Granted, this is only a possible scenario, but I bring it up because it highlights the importance of an accurate diagnosis. The parents can assist the process by maintaining a diary of foods consumed and reactions observed, which can aid a trained health professional in compiling a list of likely suspects for further testing.

Once suspects are identified, testing in a controlled clinical environment is essential to eliminate the possibility of bias influencing the results. A gold standard often relied upon is the double-blind, placebo-controlled food challenge. I encourage you to discuss this with the physicians on staff. An excellent review article, titled "Manifestations of Food Allergy: Evaluation and Management," appeared in the January 1999 issue of American Family Physician.

Dear Dr. Blonz: I have heard that drinking a mixture of 1 teaspoon of vinegar and 1 teaspoon of honey in a glass of water helps promote fat binding so that it is passed out of the body as waste. Is there any truth to this? — **W.W., Atlanta, Ga.**

Dear W.W.: Nope. The "fat binding" and "passing out of the body as waste" are unsupported nonsense. There is nothing dangerous or wrong with this regimen, but the only way that vinegar and the 20 calories in a teaspoon of honey could promote weight loss is if you ingested them in place of higher-calorie foods.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read in a national magazine about magnesium. This article extolled the virtues of taking 400 to 600 milligrams of magnesium glycinate or magnesium citrate every day. I have seen magnesium supplements, but none contain glycinate or citrate. What is so special about this form, and what is your opinion of these types of supplements? — **Y.R., Toms River, N.J.**

Dear Y.R.: The word "glycinate" signifies that the mineral is combined with the nonessential amino acid glycine. The glycinate (or citrate) is not that significant. The way magnesium is formed can affect the ease with which it is absorbed, but, in the end, magnesium is the key. Taking it with a meal can provide an acid environment to facilitate absorption. Magnesium is an essential element needed for normal bones (half of the body's magnesium is in our bones), but it's also required for normal nerve transmission, muscle relaxation and normal heart rhythm. The Daily Value for magnesium is 400 milligrams per day. Good dietary sources include avocado, nuts, bananas, legumes, whole grains, dark, leafy greens, milk and oysters. As a supplement, magnesium can be found in several forms, including gluconate, chloride, carbonate, citrate, hydroxide, lactate, orotate, sulfate and, as you mentioned, glycinate.

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

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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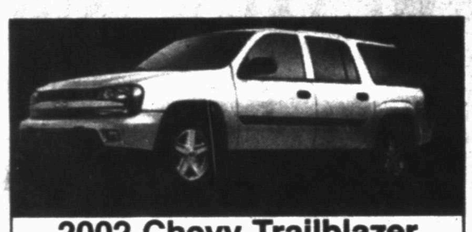
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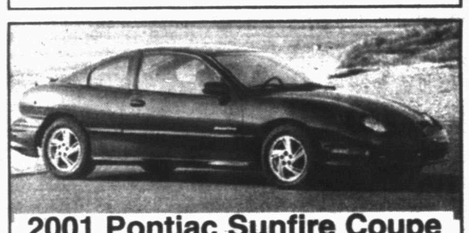
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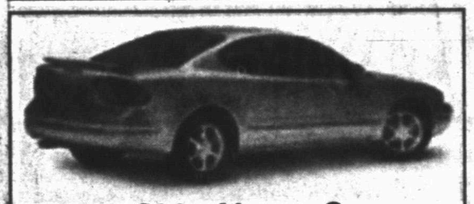
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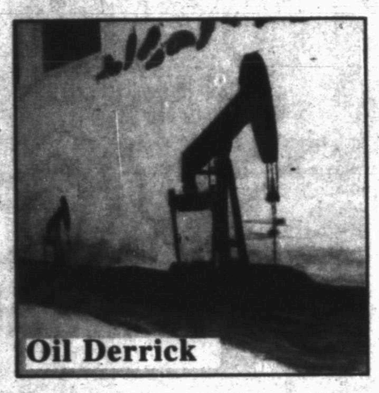
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Murals brighten Central's halls

Visitors to Central Elementary are in for a visual treat as they view more than 50 colorful wall murals.

Some of the murals include a map of Texas, a Corpus Christi bridge, the



Oil Derrick

San Antonio River Walk, an oil derrick, book jackets (on the wall nearest to the library), a locomotive, a chuck wagon (near the cafereria), portraits of Texas leaders, the Alamo, an undersea portrait, a pecan tree, the state's tree, and a NASA space suit and spacecraft.

While Phase I of the project is essentially completed, more murals may be added, especially the Texas quarter when it will be released.

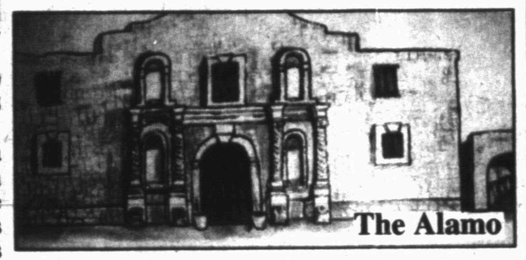
Liffin Molter and a handful of helpers have spent the past two summers working on the project. Helpers include Martha Floyd, David Miller, Landon Day, Rick Tiny and Kathy Spoor, who applied the acrylic sealing to each mural.

Molter didn't keep count of the hours worked but she estimates that it was "way more than 350."

The school provided the paint and other assorted supplies.

They used some 70 small jars of paint and 48 bottles of primary colors.

Molter conducted a great deal of research before she made the transparencies that the murals were painted from. The San Antonio River Walk mural was created from three different pictures, then Molter said she used architecture rendering to put them together.



The Alamo

She based the portraits of the leaders of Texas on actual drawings in history books. For authenticity, Molter also researched which pictographs best represent this area before she painted that mural.

The astronaut's suit in the NASA mural looks just like the one in the Smithsonian Institute. Molter noticed the similarity when she and her family toured the Institute this summer.

The project began with Pam Hart, principal, and Central's Parent Council who wanted to give the school a "facelift." They hired Molter, who has an art background.

Molter said they chose education as their theme because they wanted the students to have a visual recognition of historic events as they advance to the fourth grade.

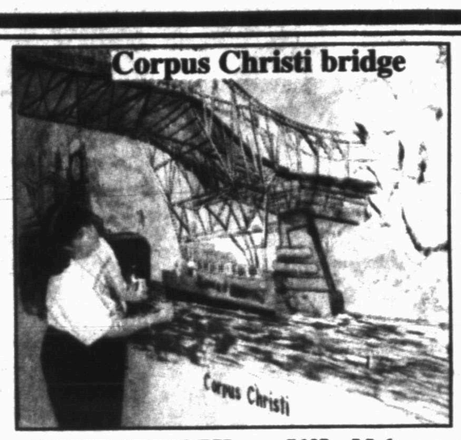
Molter said students last year seemed to appreciate the murals and made an effort not to mar the murals with hand prints.

When Molter first began painting the murals, she wasn't teaching at Central but she has since been added to the faculty and now teaches ESL students (English as a second language).

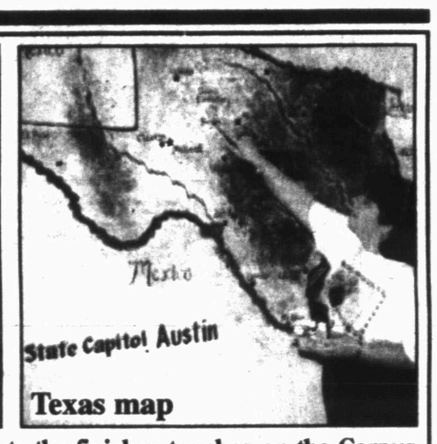
Molter's parents both paint and an aunt teaches art. Molter studied architecture at college and she taught art at Western Texas College's Kids College three years ago.



State Tree: Pecan

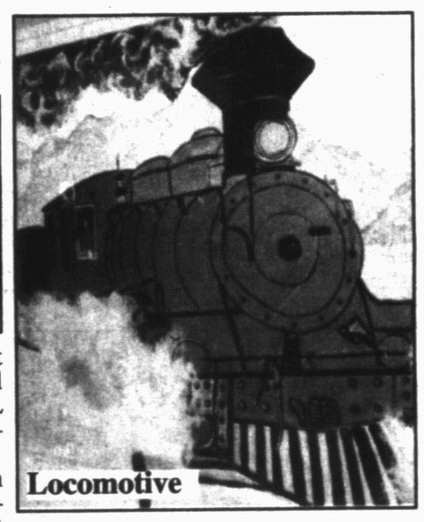


Corpus Christi bridge



Texas map

ARTIST AT WORK — Liffin Molter puts the finishes touches on the Corpus Christi mural at left and a map of the state of Texas at right.



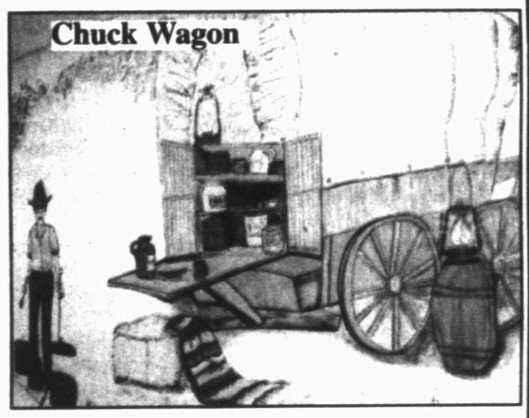
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♥ 10 9 3	
	♦ A K 7 4	
	♣ 8 5	
West		**East**
♠ 4		♠ 6 5 2
♥ A K Q 6 5 2		♥ J
♦ 9 8 3		♦ J 10 5
♣ A Q 3		♣ J 10 9 6 4 2
	South	
	♠ A K 10 8 3	
	♥ 8 7 4	
	♦ Q 6 2	
	♣ K 7	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002

A compendium of three from five

By Phillip Alder

This week, we have been studying how Dave Huggett's five-letter mnemonic device can be applied by the defenders. The first three, A is for Analyze the Opening Lead, B is for Bidding, and C is for Count Your Tricks, are more important than the other two: D is for Danger and E is for Entries. However, to end the week, here is a deal that features all five of these points.

Sitting West, you are defending against three spades. You lead the heart ace: three, jack, four. You cash the heart king: nine, club two, heart seven. How would you continue?

Analyze the Opening Lead: As you know(!), top of touching honors.

Bidding: North made a limit raise in spades. It was a game invitation, which South declined, presumably because he had a minimum. You were probably tempted to bid again, but you know that you are heavily outgunned, and the vulnerability is unfavorable. It is true that both four clubs doubled and four hearts doubled should cost only 200, but you can go plus by defeating three spades.

Count Your Tricks: You need five. You know there are three heart tricks available, but where are the other two? Clearly, from the ace-queen of clubs.

Danger: Declarer gets nine tricks from spades and diamonds.

Entries: You need to get partner on play so that he can shift to a club through declarer's king.

How do you get partner on lead? Right — at trick three, do not cash the heart queen. Instead, continue with the heart two. Partner will ruff and shift to the killing club. (If he doesn't, a jury of bridge players would find you not guilty of all charges!)

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Bridge Scores

Bridge games were played at the Snyder Country Club and directed by Monte West.

Friday, Aug. 16

A Group

1. Johnye Van Dever, Bettie Byrd.
2. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.
3. Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
4. Nina Nesbitt, Dora Blakey.

B Group

1. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.
2. Nina Nesbitt, Dora Blakey.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Vera McSpadden.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

A group

1. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Delores LeVier, Jerry Bruchell.

B Group

1. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
2. Delores LeVier, Jerry Bruchell.

Soccer star signs publishing deal

LONDON (AP) — British soccer star David Beckham has signed a multimillion dollar deal to publish his autobiography.

The 27-year-old Manchester United midfielder, who is married to Spice Girl Victoria Beckham, promised to reveal details of his career and private life. The book is expected to be published by HarperCollins next year.

"Although I have been involved in one or two book projects before, this will be my first autobiography," Beckham said Wednesday. "I reckon that I have had a pretty interesting career so far and am looking forward to telling my story in my own words for the first time."

School Menu

Snyder

All meals are served with milk; breakfast is served with juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

Monday
Ham & Cheese Biscuit

Tuesday
Breakfast Pocket

Wednesday
Donut Holes

Thursday
Pancake on a Stick

Friday
Cinnamon Roll

BREAKFAST
(Other schools)

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Ham & Cheese in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Waffles w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
Biscuits & Gravy
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
Breakfast Burrito
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Meatball Sub Sandwich
Or Chicken Nuggets w/Garlic Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Apple Crisp

Tuesday
Beef Tacos or
Taco Salad
Fiesta Corn
Lettuce & Tomato
Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday
"Fightin'Tiger" Cheeseburger
or Turkey & Cheese Sub
Green Beans
Tater Tots
Pineapple Tidbits

Thursday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Pork & Beans
French Fries
Applesauce

Friday
Green Chili Casserole
Or Frito Pie
Spicy Pinto Beans
Cucumber Wheels w/Ranch
Blueberry Cobbler

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk; breakfast is also served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pancake

Tuesday
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Ham
Toast

Friday
Cinnamon Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Potato Wedges
Frozen Fruit Cup

Tuesday
Roast Beef/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apricot Crisp

Wednesday
Chicken Rice Casserole
Parsley Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Mixed Fruit Topping

Thursday
Barbecued German Sausage
Potatoes in Cheese Sauce
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding

Friday
Fried Fish
Seasoned Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Cardinal Cake

Ira

Meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
French Toast Sticks
Juice

Tuesday
Blueberry Muffin
Juice

Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Fruit

Thursday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Cinnamon Toast
Juice

Friday
Breakfast Taco
Fruit

LUNCH

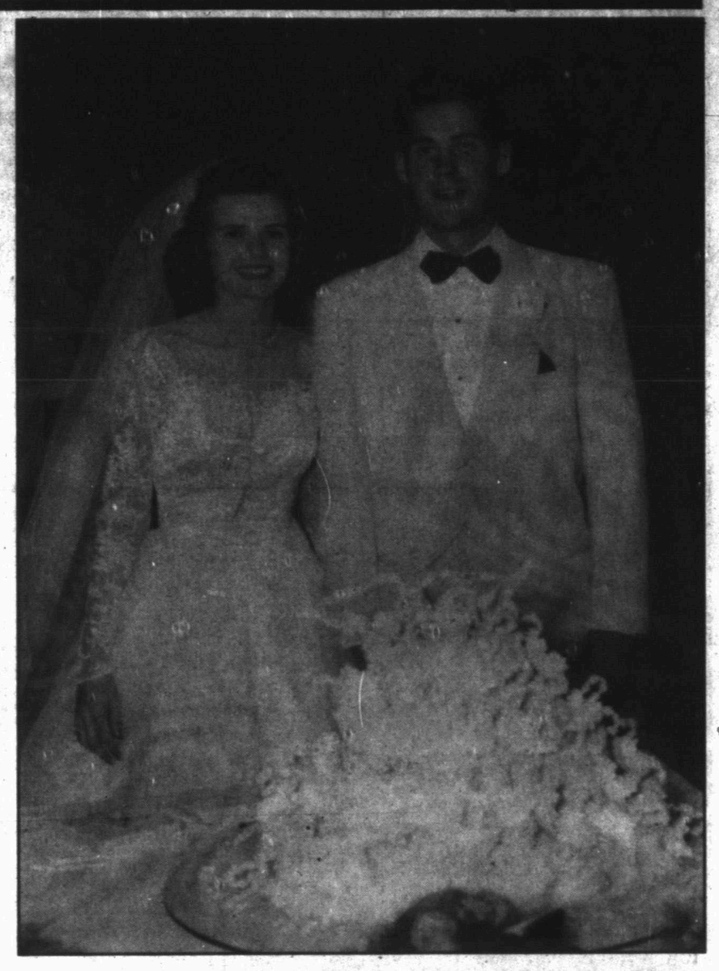
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Applesauce

Tuesday
Chicken Patties on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Corn
Cake

Wednesday
Fish Sticks
Mac & Cheese
Pork & Beans
Peaches
Bread

Thursday
Stromboli
Green Beans
Parsley Potatoes
Orange

Friday
(birthday meal)
Beef Fajitas
Bell Peppers & Onions
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Beans
Cinnamon Crispy





CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman of Snyder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Panama Canal Cruise and a family weekend in Ruidoso, N.M., hosted by their children. They are the parents of Jack Gorman II of Snyder and Richard Gorman of Post. Gorman and the former Durelle Stokes were married Aug. 22, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Snyder. They have five grandchildren. (Contributed Photos)

Father was shocked at news of quadruplets

SEATTLE (AP) — When Scott Hulford heard about the odds of his newborn quadruplets being two sets of identical twins, as it appears they are, his reaction was somewhat understandable.

"I kind of wish I had bought a lottery ticket that night instead," the Bellingham sheet-metal worker said.

Hulford's 28-year-old wife, Korie, gave birth to four girls Wednesday.

The odds of having quadruplets are low to start with, about one in 729,000 births. The odds of the four infants being two sets of identical twins are roughly 1 in 25 million, doctors say — though it happened to a Kansas couple in April. Neither couple used fertility drugs.

Doctors at the University of Washington Medical Center say they believe the four Hulford babies are two sets of identical twins, though there's also a chance the girls are identical quadruplets.

The girls, who ranged from 3 pounds 8 ounces at birth to 4 pounds, 6 ounces, won't go home for another six or seven weeks, which is probably just as well. With the sudden arrival of four daughters in addition to two older boys, the Hulfords find themselves moving into a bigger house and wondering how they're going to cope.

"We're scared," Korie said in a hospital interview. "I don't know what to expect with this. I haven't had time to think about it."

Her sons don't need much time to formulate their thoughts.

"I'm not going to change any diapers," said 6-year-old Chris.

More than 100 years ago, Jules Verne wrote a satire about life in the 1960s, in which he forecast the telephone, the computer and the fax. The name of the book is Paris in the 20th Century. Written in 1863, it was rejected by a French publisher, tossed into a trunk, and forgotton by Verne. It was published in 1994 after a Verne descendant happened upon the yellowed manuscript.

Winning isn't everything.
Wanting to win is.
—Jim "Catfish" Hunter

Flea problem found during house call

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Police summoned to a home where the front door was standing open found the house abandoned — except by thousands of fleas.

Sgt. Marc Dopp said the three officers discovered they were covered with the bugs as they left the two-story house on Tuesday.

"He sat down in the car and said it looked like his pants were moving," Officer James Yoder said of a fellow officer.

The infestation spread to five officers and five police cars. The Sixth Precinct substation had to be closed.

The officers were taken to University Hospitals East, where they were vigorously scrubbed down.

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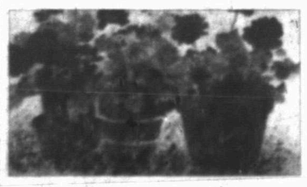
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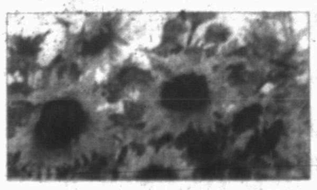
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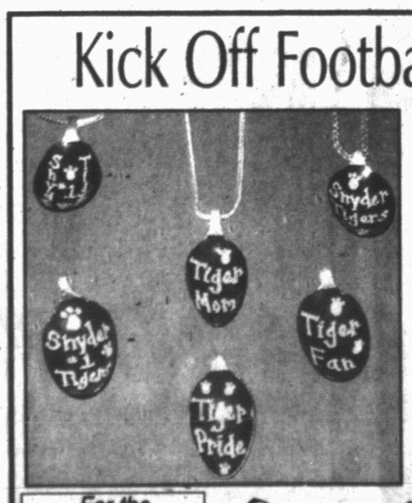
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Duke, Edwards wed in Ira gym



Mrs. William G Edwards
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Kimberly Kaci Duke and William G. (Bubba) Edwards were married July 13 in the Ira School gymnasium in Ira. Jim Green of Lubbock officiated. A reception followed in the Ira school cafeteria.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Jan Duke of Ira. She earned a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University. Kaci is the assistant girls' coach at Lockney High School.

The groom is the son of William G. (Bubba) and Linda Edwards of Jayton. He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. Bubba is the head boy's basketball coach at Lockney High School.

Maid of honor was Stacey Colbert of Weatherford and bridesmaids were Rochelle Duke, sister-in-law of the bride of Grand Prairie, Staci Lowrance of Fort Worth, Leanna Hanson of Arlington, Heather James of Fort Worth and Julie Swinnea of Dallas. Members of the houseparty were Celeigh Sterling of Ira, Jean Murdoch, Vartie Reeves, Nina Fincher, all of Jayton, and Jorene Richey of Breckenridge.

Best man was Michael Skelton of Odessa. Groomsmen were Steve Daniels of Round Rock, Jeff Baum of Lubbock, Toby Goodwin of Ira, Coby James of Fort Worth and Brent Elmore of Lubbock. Ushers included Rusty Duke, brother of the bride of Grand Prairie, Joey Fernandez of Big Spring, Jason Weese of Littlefield and Brian Schmucher of Lubbock. Flower girl was Tatum Richey of Gail and ring bearer was Zachary Goodwin of Ira.

Following a honeymoon trip to New York and Boston, the couple resides in Lockney.



LUNCHEON AND GAME DAY SET — After a summer sabbatical, the Martha Ann Woman's Club's fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day will resume. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon. The event is $7.50 and proceeds will go toward the upkeep of the facility. Serving begins early to allow working women to eat. Reservations should be made by Tuesday by calling 573-3427. Shown at the buffet table at an earlier luncheon and game day are, from left, Mary Ann Key, Coleen Duke, Durelle Gorman and Vera McSpadden. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

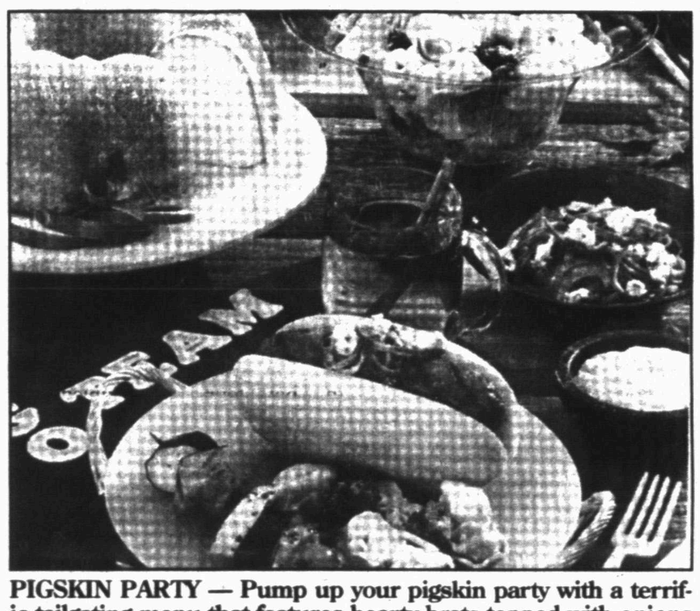
Tailgating is a part of football

Tailgating-it's becoming as much a part of football season as the sport itself. In fact, for many ravenous football fanatics, the tastiest part of the game is the cookout before the kickoff.

The fine art of dining on asphalt remains a mainstay of football fun, according to Mike Zeller, Corporate Developmental Chef at the Wisconsin-based Johnsonville Sausage. The fare can range from simple to extravagant.

Zeller suggests grilling fresh bratwurst-a subtly seasoned pork-based sausage of German origin-and serving it on a crusty hoagie bun. Add kick by topping the brat with a pungent relish of raw red onions and crumbled blue cheese-Roquefort, Stilton or any favorite blue-veined variety.

While you're stoking the coals, skewer up some veggie kabobs with harvest-fresh zucchini, yellow squash, cherry tomatoes and carrots. In the cooler, stash a chilled pasta salad featuring ricotta-filled tortellini and broccoli, and flavored with fresh thyme.



PIGSKIN PARTY — Pump up your pigskin party with a terrific tailgating menu that features hearty brats topped with onions and blue cheese, and paired with a tangy thyme-flavored tortellini salad.

BACKFIELD BRATWURST WITH ONION AND BLUE CHEESE

1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
1 cup (4 oz.) crumbled blue cheese
¼ cup olive oil
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 tbsp. steak sauce
1 tsp. fresh chives, chopped
1 tsp. parsley, chopped
½ tsp. garlic, minced
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
5 links Johnsonville fresh bratwurst
5 hoagie buns

In a bowl, combine the first ten ingredients; cover and refrigerate for at least two hours or overnight. Prepare bratwurst according to package directions; place in bun and top with two tablespoons of onion mixture. Yield: 5 servings.

TIGHT END TORTELLINI 'N THYME SALAD

2 pkgs. (9 oz. each) refrigerated cheese tortellini
2 cups fresh broccoli florets
2 cups fresh cauliflower florets
1 cup fresh carrots, thinly sliced
1 cup bottled Italian salad dressing
1 tsp. fresh thyme, minced
Salt and pepper to taste

Prepare tortellini according to package directions; drain and rinse with cold water. In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Add tortellini; toss and refrigerate until served. Yield: 8-10 servings.

END ZONE TART APPLE TOPPING

To serve over pound cake

6 large tart apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
¼ cup butter
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
¼ cup pure maple syrup
¼ tsp. maple flavoring
Pinch of salt

Melt butter in a nonstick skillet; add sugar and syrup. Cook over medium-high heat for one minute. Add apples; cook and stir for 5-6 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve over pound cake.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC game day and luncheon will begin at 11:30 and games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife who married man of her dreams now lives a nightmare

DEAR ABBY: In 1982, I married the man of my dreams. In 1995, he had an affair with our son's fourth-grade teacher. In 1997, he moved our family 2,300 miles away from our relatives and friends. Early in 2001, he met a woman on the Internet and began an affair. Late in 2001, he walked out, abandoning his family physically and financially.

Abby, please answer these questions:

1. Do you think he will do the same to the woman he is with now?

2. Will he ever fully understand what he has done and what he has lost? (Our children are devastated.)

3. Do you think one day he will want to come home? (My friends think he will, but if he does, I wouldn't know what to do.)

Thanks for your advice. — **BETRAYED IN SALT LAKE**

DEAR BETRAYED:

1. Probably.

2. Probably not, since he appears to be without a conscience.

3. Only if his other relationships don't work out.

If your (former) husband should return, my advice would be to remain your emotional and financial independence, because he has proved three times that you cannot depend on him.

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DEAR ABBY: I was married less than two months ago. My husband, parents and I paid for everything. We had a tight budget, so my bridesmaids paid for their own dresses and hairstyles. My friend "Misty" was in the wedding. She was paired to walk down the aisle with one of my husband's best friends, "Stu." Misty and Stu hit it off, and as a result, they are being married in the fall.

My husband and I have not been asked to be in their wedding. We are very disappointed since we were the matchmakers.

Misty has now asked to borrow the very expensive crinoline that I bought and wore under my wedding dress. She claims her budget is tight and she can't afford one. The truth is, she's having a much larger wedding than mine, with all the extras I couldn't afford.

I want to tell Misty that she can't borrow my crinoline, but I feel pressured to come up with a good excuse. What do you think, Abby? Do you think I'm being selfish? — **NEW BRIDE**

DEAR NEW BRIDE: I understand you are hurt not to be in the wedding, but take the high road. Lend her your crinoline. The chances of your wearing it again are slim, unless there's a drastic change in fashion trends. When you get it back, it will be twice blessed, and you will be a bigger person for having lent it.

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DEAR ABBY: A year ago I had my name legally changed. I never liked the first name I was given, so I feel good about the fact that I did something about it.

My problem is people keep asking me why I changed my name, and I can't come up with a good response. I know why I did it, but I don't think I owe an explanation to anyone.

Abby, is there a simple answer for someone who asks without having to offer a long, drawn-out explanation? — **A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME**

DEAR ROSE: Simply say, "I prefer this one. I see myself more of a 'Betty' than a 'Laura'" — then change the subject.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-something female personnel recruiter. I have worked for the same company for many years. Once or twice a year, our employers host a party for all employees and their spouses. I love going because it gives me a chance to get to know the wives of the men I work with.

The problem is my husband, "Brad," hates going to these events. Brad claims he has nothing in common with my fellow employees — or their spouses — and doesn't feel comfortable mingling. I say he should be able to find something to talk about with someone. He has accompanied me for umpteen years and happens to be in the same profession as a number of the spouses. And then there's always sports — that's a subject he could talk about in his sleep.

When Brad has gone with me in the past, he has always complained afterward that I didn't pay enough attention to him and that he felt awkward being left alone. I do circulate, but always try to introduce Brad around and bring him into the conversation with people he's meeting for the first time.

This year, he's insisting I go alone, and I'm very disappointed. I would hate to have to lie to my employers and co-workers as to why I'm there solo, but I could never tell them the truth about why Brad didn't want to come.

What irks me is that I'm willing to go with him to his work parties, even if I feel uncomfortable and just stand around with a frozen smile on my face. At least I'm there for my husband. So why can't Brad do the same for me, Abby? Am I wrong to push this issue — or should I throw in the towel and go without him? — **TROUBLED WIFE IN RIVERHEAD, N.Y.**

DEAR TROUBLED WIFE: Your husband has "done the same for you" and it hasn't worked out. He's miserable. Out of the kindness of your heart, go solo this year. I'm sure he'll be grateful. If you are asked about his absence, tell your co-workers that "Brad has other plans." You don't have to say his plans include watching TV in his pajamas. And if anyone asks to be remembered to your husband — relay the message. Perhaps if he knows someone missed him, he'll feel more comfortable attending next year.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Tony," my 36-year-old never-married boyfriend, for two years. I am divorced with a teenage daughter, "Skylar."

Every summer Tony's entire family gets together at his parents' lakeshore home. Last year I went with him for a long weekend, but didn't take my daughter. This year, however, I've been invited for a week, and I'd like to bring Skylar along.

The problem is Tony's mother doesn't want my daughter to come. She says her three granddaughters need to bond with each other, and if Skylar were included in the visit, the "mix" wouldn't work.

Abby, those girls are the same age as Skylar. They have all met previously and they like each other. Naturally, I'm not going now. Tony will be leaving soon for the week-long stay, and he doesn't understand why I'm upset over this. Do you think my feelings are justified? — **MAD IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR MAD: Absolutely. The refusal of Tony's mother to accept your daughter is a veiled rejection of you. Even if you and Tony were to marry, his mother would still try to create a wedge between the girls, because she views Skylar as an outsider. Until Tony finds the backbone to stand up to his mother, you'd be wise to rethink the relationship.

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Marriage License

Shawn Thomas Riley and Aimee Ryan Schulze, both of Big Spring.

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Filed in District Court

Kinder Morgan CO2 Company vs. Jimmie Ken Spence and Janet Spence, petition in condemnation.

Kinder Morgan CO2 Company vs. Ona Mae Spence and Jimmie Ken Spence, petition in condemnation.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Levi Lynn Hill and Brenda Marie Hill, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Shannon Dee Mhoon and Richard Leamon Mhoon, divorce granted.

Richard Davies vs. G.W. Brantley, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Martha E. Moore to Stephanie L. Weaver-Martin, 15.474 acres in Sections 206 and 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Frankie Wall, individually and as executrix of the estate of Walter M. Wall, et al, to Alejandro J. Casarez and Rosa Alfaro, Lot 1 and the north 25 feet of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Martin Addition, Section 3.

Dorothy Lee Gill to Neil Rinehart, all the south one-half of Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Barry and Karen Rinker to Loyd Nichols, dba Nichols Insulation, a tract out of the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 6, Scarborough Addition.

Amy Amanda Garcia to Daniel R. Hernandez, a 100x150-foot tract out of the northwest corner of Block 92 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Lila Dea Boren Knight, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Hugh Boren II, and Lea Ann Boren Hilty to Billy Joe Wood and Don Wood, the southwest one-quarter and west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Shirley M. Stewart to Warren D. and Raylene R. Taylor, the east 75 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and all the north 40 feet of the east 75 feet of Lot 3, Block 16 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Sterling D. and Teressa Williams to Nelson and Nancy Brice, the east 58 feet of Lot 11 and the west 2 feet of Lot 12, both in Block 3 of the The Highland Addition.

Simon Quiros to Florentina B.Q. DuBois, Lot 5 in Block 13 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Charles F. and Kaila Bethel to Rent-N-Haul Inc., 6.555 acres in Blocks 62-64 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Bernice E. Featherson to Maria Iniguez, the north 50 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 22 of the Lundy Park Addition.

Marcus and Stephanie M. Parham to Connie Webber, an 0.18-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jack Nail to Dirk R. and Jodi Dunn, tract one being the west one-half of Section 73, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation survey; tract two being the west one-half of Section 64, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation survey.

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The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti- Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER for STUDENTS & PARENTS:

Algebra. Biology. German. Theater Arts. Computer sciences. With a new school year almost here, these are but a few of the topics that will face high school students. Unfortunately, the new school year will also expose some students to other subjects: zero tolerance, purchase, misrepresentation of age, public intoxication, consumption, and misdemeanor.

"Basically, we want Texas high school students to experience and excel at whatever academic subject they explore. But when it comes to alcoholic beverages, we want to remind them that it's an experience they can do without. It is illegal for a person under 21 to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages," says Enforcement Chief Greg Hamilton.

"Zero tolerance" means that it is illegal for a minor to drive while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. Penalties for a first offense include: a fine up to $500; attendance at an alcohol awareness course; 20-40 hours of community service; suspension of the driver's license for 60 days and 30 days ineligibility for an occupational license.

Fines, attendance at an awareness course, community service and denial/suspension of a driver's license are a high price to pay for underage drinking, but the bottom line is that illegal underage drinking is a dangerous, destructive and potentially deadly activity.

Adults who make alcohol available to a minor also face serious consequences in Texas, including a fine of up to $4,000 and a jail sentence of up to one year, or both.

Passing tough laws is only part of the solution. For these laws to be effective, they must be enforced. That's where you can help. Support strict enforcement of the state's underage drinking laws and refuse to condone or tolerate adults who help kids illegally obtain alcohol.

Call (888) THE-TABC to report violations of the state's underage drinking laws and take a stand to protect young Texans.

Did you know?

One in four Texas seniors admit they have driven after having a good bit to drink. That represents almost 80,000 impaired kids on Texas roads each year.

In 2001, Texas had the highest alcohol-related traffic fatalities among youth aged 15 to 20, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Dress code violators get special T-shirts at school

EASLEY, S.C. (AP) — Students who violate the dress code at Easley High School are given something new to wear: T-shirts with the words "Tomorrow I will dress for success."

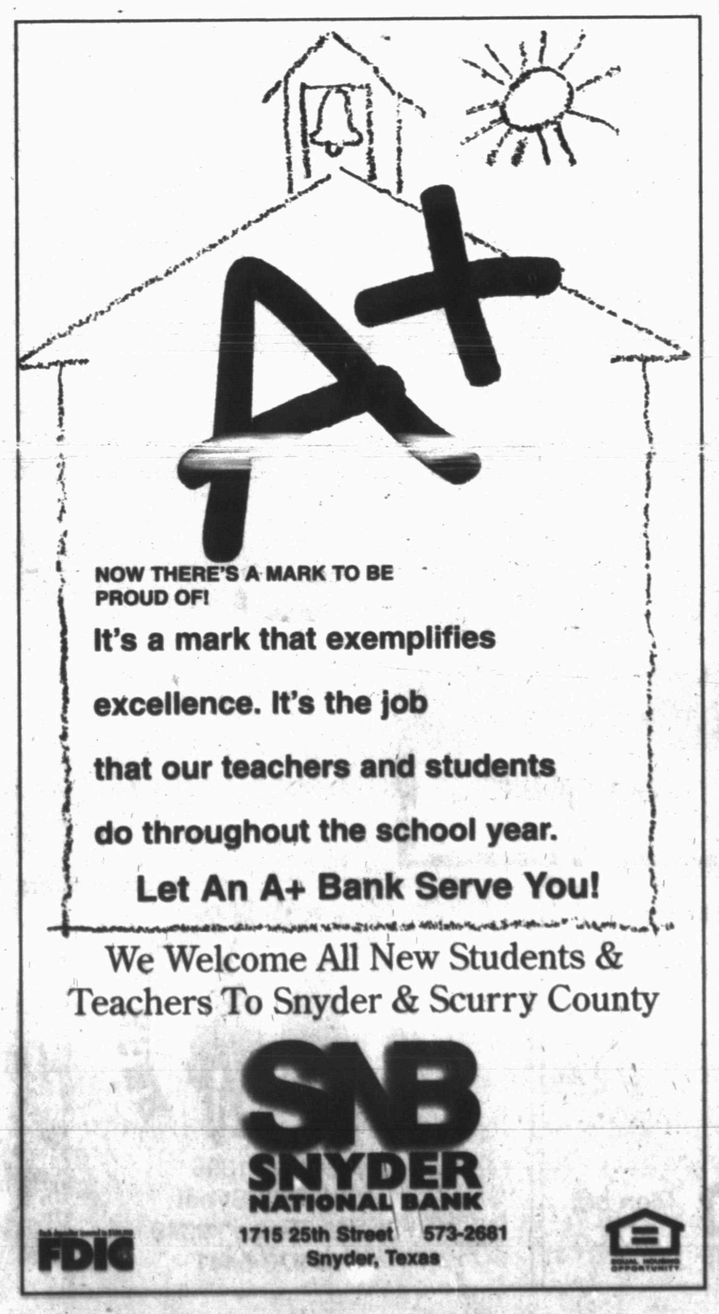
The other side of the shirt reads, "Today I did not meet the SDPC dress code policy for proper attire," with the letters standing for the Pickens County school district.

Easley High Principal Betty Garrison said the shirt saves time. Students who broke the code in recent years could wait up to an hour for parents to bring a change of clothes, she said.

Students can still call home for a change of clothes if they don't want to wear the shirt, Garrison said.

"To me, it's a very positive statement. The T-shirt is dull gray. It has black lettering. We intentionally selected something that would be low key," she said.

Many dress code violations involve clothing that features profanity or items illegal for students to have, such as beer or marijuana. Another problem area is the ban on midriff-baring shirts, tank tops and those with narrow spaghetti straps.



Date Books

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002

Today is the 236th day of 2002 and the 65th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 79 A.D., Mount Vesuvius erupted in southern Italy, burying the prosperous Roman cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii.

On this day in 1814, in the closing months of the War of 1812, British forces invaded and set fire to Washington, D.C., in retaliation for the burning of Canadian government buildings by U.S. troops.

On this day in 1992, Hurricane Andrew struck Miami, Fla. The storm and its effects killed 20 people and left about 50,000 homeless.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Yasser Arafat (1929-), Palestinian leader, is 73; Steve Guttenberg (1958-), actor, is 44; Marlee Matlin (1965-), actress, is 37; Reggie Miller (1965-), basketball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Los Angeles second baseman Dave Lopes set a Major League record by stealing his 38th consecutive base.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Silence is the last thing the world will ever hear from me." — Marlee Matlin

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 22) and last quarter (Aug. 30).

Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002

Today is the 237th day of 2002 and the 66th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1944, Paris was liberated from German occupation.

On this day in 1950, in order to avert a strike, President Harry Truman ordered the Army to take control of American railroads.

On this day in 1900, German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche died. He was 55.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bret Harte (1836-1902), writer; Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), composer and conductor; Sean Connery (1930-), actor, is 72; Anne Archer (1950-), actress, is 52; Elvis Costello (1954-), musician, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1922, the Chicago Cubs defeated the Philadelphia Phillies in the highest scoring game in major league history. The final score: 26-23.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time." — Leonard Bernstein

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 22) and last quarter (Aug. 30).

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Publicist pleads guilty in car crash that hurt sixteen

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Lizzie Grubman, a New York publicist with a star-studded roster of clients, pleaded guilty Friday in a hit-and-run crash that injured 16 people outside a Hamptons nightclub.

Grubman, 31, will likely receive two months in jail, 280 hours of community service and five years' probation under the plea agreement. She could have faced up to seven years behind bars if convicted.

Sentencing is set for Oct. 23.

According to witnesses at the Southampton club on July 7, 2001, Grubman became upset when a bouncer asked her to move her Mercedes SUV from a fire lane. The bouncer, Scott Conlon, claimed Grubman called him "white trash" before slamming her SUV into reverse and driving into the crowd.

With 16 people injured outside the Conscience Point Inn, Grubman was whisked away in another vehicle. Police later tracked her down.

Grubman, the daughter of entertainment attorney Allen Grubman, was one of Manhattan's highest-profile publicists, with clients that at times included singer Britney Spears, rappers Jay-Z and Wu-Tang Clan, and Sony Music Chairman Tommy Mottola.

In court Friday, she remained composed, providing only yes and no answers as she pleaded guilty to third-degree assault and leaving the scene of an accident.

She also was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor. Grubman has insisted she was sober and the crash was an accident.

Grubman left the courthouse Friday surrounded by bodyguards, family members and friends. She made a brief statement outside the courthouse, apologizing to her victims.

She still faces at least eight lawsuits seeking millions of dollars.

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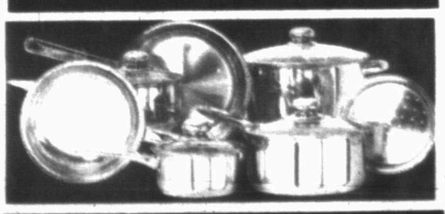
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Hi Fellow Snyderites!



Twinkle, Twinkle, Snyder's Stars-

I'm not sure if this falls under Chamber Chatter as it's not directly "chamber" business, but lets put it under the heading of "quality of life in Snyder" and let me share it with all of you and see if it hits a chord or a memory or two.

I had my 40th class reunion and having missed the last one, I hadn't seen some of those folks in 20 to 40 years! (You feel it coming don't you!) My job turned out to be name tags. Now do you know how embarrassing it is to have to ask someone their name when we were all as close as our class was. I learned the tactic of "how do you spell your last name, I can't remember" from some management course I took years ago. Well, you guessed it- "c'mon Donna, Smith". Even after they told me the right name, some just never "Jelled" in my mind so I went to the annual and sure enough, that white hair used to be red, and he was skinny and certainly didn't have that white mustache! He helped me pass math, how could I have forgotten!?! Then there were those with no hair, and I'd try to imagine him with the flat top that I am sure he had under that Tiger helmet 40 years ago!

Well, on to the story. Somehow, after we all decided who we were and as the weekend progressed, talk centered on Snyder, the changes, the memories and the now. Now, there were several things that were a surprise to me that I had never thought about. Lynn Mayo, now from Odessa asked me-"why didn't we know anything about the White Buffalo when we were growing up?" I'd never thought about that! John Best (our local dentist) and I decided we'd never thought about where Deep Creek started, or ended! It just ran under the bridge always has, always would. It also was discussed that it was 1952 when it was last cleaned out. (If that is true, no wonder I'm having such a hard time with my Deep Creek project) (The bottom, not the sides). We remembered skiing on Lake Thomas on weekends, and half the town had lakehouses right on the water. I'd forgotten.

We also remembered that we all used to sleep outside on weekends when we had sleepovers. We all had sleeping bags and slept in each other's back yards with no thought of that not being a perfectly safe thing to do. We'd tell ghost stories, talk about boys (and the boys, girls I'm sure) and always lying on our backs and looking at the stars and finding all the constalations. Well, immediately we all jumped up out of our lawn chairs and ran into the middle of the dirt road to see if the sky was still as beautiful as we remembered. Know what? It is. It hasn't changed a bit. Jan Vestal exclaimed - "Look, there's the Milky Way, I haven't seen it in over 20 years!" (Dallas lady now) and Jean Young, who now lives in Indiana, said "My goodness look at the Big Dipper, it's huge! I had forgotten how big it was!"

Here we were, the SHS class of '62, 40 years later, still remembering the glorious stars and sky over our little hometown. Still no smog, no pollution, quiet and still. Filled with a strong quiet and peace, and goodbye kisses and hugs and tearful eyes we parted for our cars parked along that dirt road, vowing to see each other back here in five years. We all were wondering in our hearts who wouldn't be among us five years from now. But somewhere we were content to know that the same sky would cover each of us every night, no matter where in the world we would be sleeping, after we all parted. God, who planned beauty on this earth blesses Snyder, Texas with the most gorgeous, most memorable sky in the universe. I was so thankful that I didn't have to go 'home" Sunday morning and leave all this. Where are "the stars at night as big and bright" and who would have thought that 40 years later those same stars could give so poignant a moment to a group who returned to try to find a bit of the child we all left behind when we parted on graduation night.

I'm content to know that even though we may never see each other again, that after this reunion, when each of us sees the night sky, we'll think of each other. You know Mrs. O'Rear always taught us "home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in" I hope they each felt that. Snyder, home, will always be here for them. Thanks Mrs O'Rear, Mr. Moffett, Mr. Stealy, Mr. Peek, Mr. Bostick, Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. Periman, Mrs. Favor, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gee, Mr. Clinton, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Parham, Mr. Parham, Mr. Kayser. Mr. Wiman , Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Margaret Weaver and all our other grade school and our high school teachers for making us be what we are today. And thanks to our parents (who almost all were teachers) for letting us be children, that were safe, loved and secure, with rules, curfews and standards.

It came up several times that I was the only one any one knew whose parents were divorced, and I remembered how hard that was for me at the time. Now it's rare to find a classroom with children with their original parents! Also in our class we have no super rich, or political figures, movie stars, hit recording artists or etc. Most grew up to be teachers. Just average nice, hard working folks, all with their own particular set of dreams and achievements. I'm glad I grew up in the '60s a time of innocence, of fun. I'm glad those "older kids" were my classmates and will always be an extended family for me. I'm glad for the times we shared and the memories that we still are able to laugh and cry about together. But most of all, I'm grateful for the love that binds us together to make folks come back "home" from everywhere just to stand out in a dirt road together and share the same star filled sky we shared so many years ago. Golly I love our hometown.

Love you too,
Donna

Did you know? . . . .

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3. The dings and scratches in your car can often be fixed . . . with a crayon!

4. Need to remove stains like wine or grape juice from your best table cloths?, Use salt!

5. Remove ugly oil stains from your garage or driveway . . . . use cat litter!

6. For prettier roses with bigger blossoms, toss them your used tea bags!

7. To remove your little artists fingerprints and pencil marks off your walls - use a piece of old bread.

8. Mildew in the shower or bathroom tile walls, use car wax to quickly take it off! Lasts a whole year!

9. Got ants or weevils in the pantry? Sprinkle bay leaves. Smells great and repels the insects!

10. Our favorite - can't get the garlic or onion smell off your hands no matter how much you soap them? Use a metal spoon and plain water.

More next month!



Did you think your tax dollars were going to the chamber?

No. We are a 501c6, a nonprofit agency. Our money comes from your membership dues, donations and a portion of the hotel/motel taxes collected by our motels here in the city limits of Snyder. You, the citizens of Snyder, don't pay hotel taxes, our overnight guests do!

Since our job is to attract tourism to Snyder, the hotels help us out by giving us a portion of each tourists motel bill to help bring large events, festivals and etc., to town where we can put more heads in their beds. It's a win, win for both of us, and is paid by folks who come to town to visit. You pay it when you sleep over in another town! That's why our Western Swing Event is such a blessing for our town. It fills our motels, restaurants, gas stations and shopping places and gives the chamber hotel/motel tax for the week, for next year's event. Wish we could figure how to get some help with July 4th. Everyone comes home, but not many stay in motels! Oh well, that's why we sell popcorn!

Wow! We're sparkling up!

Thanks to all of you who have joined our "Let's put the pride back in Snyder" campaign. The streets are looking better every day, and the tall weeds are disappearing on our main streets.

I've seen several of you picking up trash around your businesses and even hauling off old cars, cans, pipes, trucks and debris. It really does make a difference-we're all noticing-I promise. Let's keep it up, remember "Brighten the corner where you are"! We can return the sparkle to Sparkle City if we all work together.

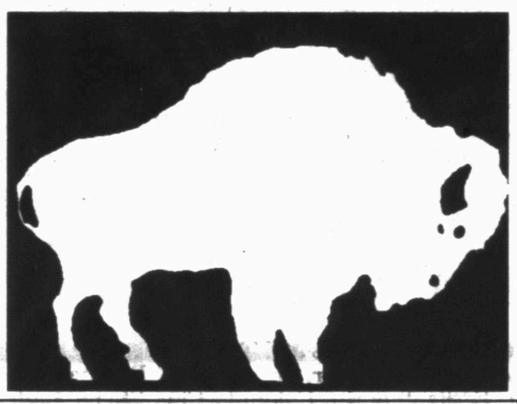
Deep Creek just keeps "Rollin' along"

If you drive behind the shopping center by the 30th street bridge, or stroll from there to the 37th street bridge, you're in for a surprise. Jady and Jeff Gilbet have done a fantastic job cleaning out the creek. It's georgeous and this is only the beginning. I didn't take before and after pictures like I should have but just look across the creek, on the private land, and you'll see how it all looked-before!

Thank you Billy Grimmett, Ralph Trevey, Wilhelmenia Howard, Price Daniel Inmates and Jeff and Jady! We're making progress! Progress, what a beautiful word and what a beautiful park!

White Buffalo Festival

The Scurry County Coliseum will be in charge of the White Buffalo Festival this year. The festival will be on Friday and Saturday, October 11th & 12th at the Scurry County Coliseum. They will be having 10 x 10 inside and outside booths at a cost of $50.00. There will also be live entertainment during the festival. In conjunction with the festival, a bull riding will take place on Friday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex and on Saturday, October 12th a team-roping event in the annex with Jodi Nix playing that night. If you need to reserve at booth or have any other questions, please contact Jackie at 915-573-9811.



September 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chamber office closed in observance of Labor Day	3	4	5	6 Tigers at Wylie 7:30 p.m.	7
8 Reception from 1-3 p.m. Palette Club Display (Local Artist) Scurry County Museum	9	10	11	12	13 Open	14 Barrel Racing and Team Roping Coliseum Annex
15 Barrel Racing and Team Roping Coliseum Annex	16 Chamber Board Metting 11:30 p.m.	17	18	19 First Snyder Opry High School Auditorium	20 Goldcoat Luncehon 12:00 Noon Tigers at Greenwood 7:30 p.m.	21
22 Autumn Begins	23 Shrine Circus Coliseum Arena	24	25	26	27 Homecoming Tigers vs Ft Stockton 7:30 p.m.	28
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GRADUATES — These nine students are now eligible to take the state board examinations to become licensed vocational nurses. Graduates pictured front row from left are K.C. Harrison, Snyder; Amy Sartain, Snyder; Jeannie Stephens, Snyder. Back row from left are Melanie Prather, Snyder; Brandy Burleson, Snyder; Denise Wood, Coahoma; Summer Barnes, Hermleigh; Kendrah Caffey, Hawley; and Sherry Whitley, Lamesa. (Contributed Photo)



PINNED — Pinning ceremonies honored students who have completed the first six months of their nursing studies at WTC. Students pinned during the ceremony Thursday include, front row from left, Jina Miller, Snyder; Kelli Pritchard, Hamlin; Teri Presley, Snyder. Back row from left are Eddie Tenorio, Colorado City; Sherri Budnaitis, Snyder; Jennifer Short, Snyder; Shanna Block, Snyder; Ashton Weatherly, Colorado City. Not pictured is Tammy Nowlin of Rotan. (Contributed Photo)

Nine graduate, nine pinned in WTC nursing program

Eighteen Western Texas College nursing students participated in graduation and pinning ceremonies Thursday at First United Methodist Church.

Graduation marks the completion of a 12-month cycle of instruction at the local college.

The nine graduates are now eligible to take their state board examinations to become licensed vocational nurses.

Graduates are K.C. Harrison, Amy Sartain, Jeannie Stephens, Melanie Prather, Brandy Burleson, all of Snyder; Denise Wood, of Coahoma; Summer Barnes, of Hermleigh; Kendrah Caffey, of Hawley; and Sherry Whitley of Lamesa.

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The program began with a processional. John Gibson, dean of vocational education at WTC, offered the invocation and WTC President Dr. Gregory Williams welcomed the graduates and guests. Following a song performed by Cindy Nix, Denise Wood, G.V.N. addressed the graduates.

The presentation of certificates and pins was conducted by nursing instructors Diane Beard and Carol Watkins, assisted by vocational secretary, Donna Robinson. The benediction was offered by John Gibson and was followed by a recessional and a reception for the graduates and their guests.

AT&T receives subpoena related to investigation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — AT&T has been subpoenaed by state investigators probing whether a top analyst for Citigroup Inc. upgraded his rating on the telecommunication giant's stock to help the bank land a role advising on a $10.6 billion deal.

AT&T spokeswoman Eileen Connolly confirmed Friday that the company received the subpoena from Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's office, and is providing documents to investigators. She declined to elaborate.

A source familiar with the matter said the subpoena focuses on whether telecommunications analyst Jack Grubman changed his rating on AT&T to help Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney investment banking division win the role underwriting AT&T's April 2000 deal.

The deal was to help set up an AT&T tracking stock to finance the company's wireless division, and the underwriters received tens of millions of dollars in fees.

Spitzer spokesman Darren Dopp said an investigation is under way, but he declined further comment.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that Spitzer is also investigating what role Citigroup chief executive Sanford Weill may have played. The Journal cited unidentified people familiar with the matter.

Salomon Smith Barney was selected as a lead underwriter for the deal after Grubman upgraded his rating on AT&T shares to "buy," the Journal said. Grubman had been bearish on AT&T stock for years.

The Journal previously reported that Weill, an AT&T board member, encouraged Grubman to give AT&T a fresh hearing before Salomon landed the underwriting role.

Salomon spokeswoman Susan Thomson denied that Weill pressured Grubman to change his AT&T stock rating.

"I can tell you Mr. Weill never told any analyst what to write and any suggestion he did is outrageous and untrue," she said.



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FBI raids San Diego firm to expose flaws

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The FBI raided a consulting firm's offices after a newspaper trumpeted the company's claims that it found security loopholes in U.S. military computers.

The FBI raided the offices of 4-month-old ForensicTec Solutions over the weekend after the claims were reported Friday in The Washington Post.

"Regardless of the stated intent, unauthorized entry into Army computer systems is a federal offense," said Marc Raimondi, spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command in Virginia.

ForensicTec identified 34 military sites where it said network security was easily compromised. It reportedly used free software to identify vulnerable computers and then peruse hundreds of confidential files containing military procedures, e-mail, Social Security numbers and financial data.

The company's president, Brett O'Keeffe, told The Post that its goal was to call attention to the need for better security and "get some positive exposure" for the fledgling firm.

A spokesman for ForensicTec did not immediately return a phone call Thursday.

The FBI confirmed the search, but a spokesman declined to discuss the case.

ForensicTec should have gotten permission from the military before probing its computers, said Mark Rasch, formerly the Justice Department's top computer crimes prosecutor.

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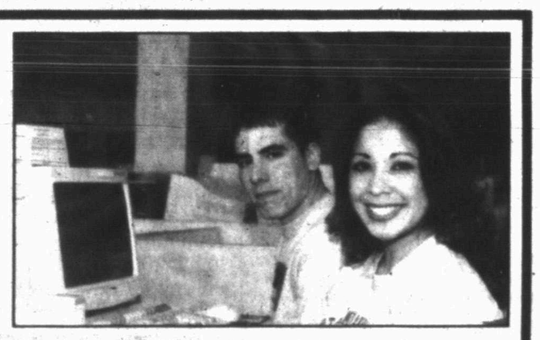
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Letters to the editor

Punish criminals

Dear Editor:

I think it is great that law enforcement officials have begun to catch the criminals that have been terrorizing Snyder. Could punishment for those convicted for the break-in at Northeast Elementary include being responsible for beautifying the campus?

I know that repairs and clean-up have been completed from the break-in. However, could they be sentenced to polish the floors, could they clean the restrooms with a toothbrush (or similar tool) pull weeds, trim trees, mow the grass, etc.

The tasks should be ones that won't cost the school district money but that will help beautify the campus. Those responsible should be taught that there are folks that clean and maintain buildings and what a hard job that can be!

These criminals should be held accountable for their destruction and their total disregard to property, their total disregard to fellow human beings, total disregard to those who work so hard to keep our schools clean and above all, their total disregard for the law.

Today, many people don't understand what hard work is. I think these criminals (regardless of age) should be taught that nothing in the world comes free and you don't just take something when you want it. For those of us who work hard to provide for our families and community, this whole rampage is a slap in the face and a violation of what our country stands for.

The challenge to each of us is to stay alert and keep Snyder safe.

Paula Hatfield

Garden is success

Dear Editor:

May I take this means to thank so many wonderful people who made the Community Garden a big success?

First, I would like to make it clear, the Community Garden is owned and sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and its purpose is not to allow just anyone to gather the food for their use.

The garden is operated by the churches affiliated with the Ministerial Alliance. Each has a coordinator who oversees the planting, hoeing and harvesting of the food. This is a labor of love designed to help those who receive food from the Food Cupboard, so actually not to mislead anyone the garden should be named Food Cupboard Garden.

You can go out just about anytime and see our Juanita Ellington working so diligently to see that a weed doesn't take over or gathering the food.

Phyllis McGinnis and Virginia Johnston help harvest the food nearly every Monday and Friday.

David Tate is so faithful each time I call him he brings his Work Force group and they do a great job of cutting weeds.

Also, the Star Program help when called. David Presley (who no longer lives here) was overseer of this group.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey is so helpful, on his days off he tills the land for us. BeBe Boren who heads the program and many, many more who give of their time in order to see the less fortunate given fresh vegetables.

Thus far this year we have given 2,910 pounds of fresh vegetables and the garden is still producing tomatoes, okra and peppers. The Lord has really blessed our garden.

To each church, I say "thank you" for the helpers you send out to help. With each one doing their part the garden has been a big success so I say Thank You workers for your labor of love.

Sincerely,
M.J. Merritt
Coordinator for
Colonial Hill
Baptist Church

'Spirit of Sharing'

Dear Editor:

The beginning of each school year becomes a financial burden to many families who don't have the means to purchase the school supplies required for their children to begin school.

This year's campaign, "The Spirit of Sharing," was a huge success. The Snyder Independent School District and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce gathered donations for school supplies for needy children.

The results were tremendous. The people of Snyder responded generously. Contributions made by our local churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals allowed the district to purchase a great majority of the supplies needed for more than 250 children. By the expression on the children's faces, it was obvious that they were thoroughly pleased.

It is difficult to adequately express our appreciation to all those who were so noble with their contributions to this campaign. So, please let me convey a special thank you to all of you for your generous contributions. Thanks, Snyder, once again for your support in helping the children in our community. That is what the "Spirit of Sharing" is all about.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Juarez

Clean up the mess

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to know how the citizens of Snyder can make sure our children are not introduced to all the profanity and graffiti written all over the slides at the Kiddie Park that is there now.

I went to the park last weekend with my children and was appalled at all of the language written on the slides. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

Also, the concrete bridge that you walk over to get to the playground had some profanity written on it with what looked like fingernail polish. I thought the Kiddie Park was a safe place to take my children and have some quality family time with them.

Who is in charge of cleaning the mess up?

Laurel Leuck-Sharp

Let's do the math

Dear Editor:

If you have a road and it has a 3-inch bump in it, and you seal-coat that road with the same size gravel all over, how tall will the bump still be?

Answer: Still 3 inches.

Private business would never waste money this way. Why should the city be able to? Let's all do better for our community.

Richard Dupree

Degrading to Aggies

Dear Editor:

It was unfortunate that the 12th Man magazine article regarding Texas Tech and Lubbock was reprinted in Texas A&M's football media guide.

As you stated, the media guide is traditionally a catalog of facts and figures for use of the media and recruits.

However, your clever article that degrades the Aggie community much more than the media guide in question degraded the Red Raiders, would make one wonder if the Texas A&M publication was indeed conveying a fact when it referred to Tech fans as "classless clowns."

Gig 'em,
John Purcell
SHS '96
Texas A&M 2000

Agree with complaint

Dear Editor:

I just want to say that I certainly agree with Norma Thompson and all of the others who have complained about Cox Cable.

It is hard to understand why the rates keep getting higher and the quality of the cable gets worse.

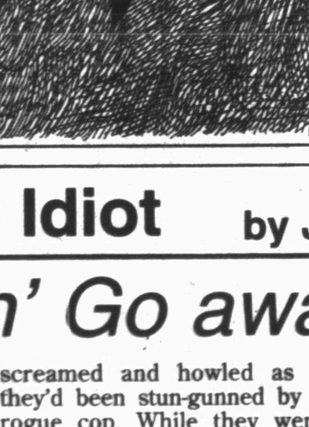
Surely something can be done about it!

Ruth Banks

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	8
Snyder ISD	5
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2





EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Perry-Sanchez race

Ron Kirk, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, and Tony Sanchez, the Democratic candidate for governor, both refuse to release their complete income tax returns to public scrutiny. They are not required by law to do so, but in recent years most candidates for the state's top offices, including George W. Bush, did, giving the public a pretty good idea of their personal financial interests and how that might influence their decisions in office.

Kirk's and Sanchez's refusals look particularly bad given that both of their Republican opponents have released their full income tax records for recent years. Attorney General John Cornyn, running against Kirk, and Gov. Rick Perry, challenged by Sanchez, deserve thanks for the voluntary release of their records. Asking candidates to release highly personal income tax records is asking a lot, but then the candidates are asking a lot, too.

Kirk and Cornyn are asking to become one of 100 senators who will help make laws for the entire nation for the next six years. That's a lot of power, and in wielding it they will directly affect the interests of millions of Americans and businesses. People intimately affected by the actions of Congress deserve a complete X-ray of those making the decisions.

Similarly, Perry and Sanchez are asking voters to give them the power of the governor's office for the next four years. From that office, they will appoint hundreds of commission and board members, as well as judges, who will make decisions about the use of state resources, contracts, programs and disputes. Whoever is selected governor also will have the power to help shape legislation and, as Perry has shown a particular willingness to do, veto bills they don't like. Those powers, too, intimately affect millions of people, who ought to know just what the governor's personal financial interests are.

It's noteworthy, perhaps, that in this case it is the Democrats who bring to the table relatively large personal wealth, particularly Sanchez, one of the richest men in Texas. And it is the Republican candidates who have apparently lived largely on state salaries that are considerably smaller than their opponents'. You can be sure that, if the situation were reversed and it was Cornyn and Perry who were personally wealthy but refusing to disclose their income tax returns, Democrats would be screaming that they had something to hide.

Houston Chronicle

Kmart Raid

There must be a number of different ways police could have handled complaints they received about drag-racing around west Houston neighborhoods and teenagers loitering in a nearby Kmart parking lot. Houston police officers apparently chose the second worst way of dealing with the situation — short of actually firing upon the several hundred young people congregating in the parking lot of the huge variety store.

Not long after midnight Saturday night, scores of police officers swarmed over the Kmart parking lot in the 8400 block of Westheimer and arrested 278 people, most for criminal trespassing, which is a misdemeanor. Apparently, the officers had been instructed to target drag racers who had been annoying area residents and business owners. When none was found, it seems that the captain in charge ordered officers to place everyone on the scene under arrest. A number of cars were towed.

Sure, there were probably scads of kids who were hanging out in front of the 24-hour shopping center, some playing loud music or perhaps engaging in underage drinking or drug use. The store reportedly is a social mecca for young people looking to see and be seen late at night. But the police should have given everyone an opportunity to leave of their own accord along with a warning that they'd be arrested if they did not promptly comply. They could have arrested those they saw engaged in obvious illegal activity.

What they did rather — given several reports that share the ring of truth — was to round up young people indiscriminately, including shoppers who happened out of the store at the wrong time, patrons of a nearby hamburger joint and at least one 10-year-old girl who became separated from her father in the law enforcement-induced melee. All were restrained in plastic handcuffs, forced to spend the night in jail or juvenile detention and post hundreds of dollars in bail.

Houston police can expect a slew of complaints from angry parents and young adults caught up in the poorly executed raid. The cost of any lawsuits filed will be borne by the innocent taxpayers. HPD owes them at least a pledge that this incident will be thoroughly investigated, as the police chief has called for. When completed, stern disciplinary action should be meted out — to those who deserve it.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Health insurance

Since its inception in 1997, the Children's Health Insurance Program has enrolled millions of youngsters from low-income families, providing coverage for those who had none. The program, funded through federal allocations and matching state money, has been an important tool in the quest to provide affordable health care for poor children.

But, according to a recent congressional report, some states may be diverting CHIP money to childless adults — with the approval of the Health and Human Services Department. Under a 1999 amendment to the CHIP law, states that do not use all of their annual federal allotment for the program must return that money so it can be redistributed to states that have more eligible children waiting for coverage.

However, HHS has allowed California to spend part of its money on coverage for parents of CHIP children, according to a study by the Government Accounting Office, the research arm of Congress. The department also approved an Arizona plan that proposed to spend $126 million in extra CHIP money to insure childless adults, GAO reported.

HHS argues that it can authorize the use of CHIP money in ways that aren't specifically directed at children. But the two top senators on the Senate Finance Committee are right to question whether the administration is thwarting the intent of Congress. "We agree that covering uninsured adults is also an important public policy objective, but that does not justify the defiance of Congressional intent. The use of funds dedicated by Congress to low-income uninsured children on childless adults is an inappropriate implementation of the ... statute," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee chairman, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the ranking Republican on the panel, wrote to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson on Aug. 6.

If CHIP funds are spent on childless adults, they said, "there will be less money to redistribute to states with robust programs for children. Our concern with limiting the availability of funds for redistribution is underscored by recent findings that nearly 5 million children who are fully eligible for low-income health programs are not yet enrolled and remain uninsured. These children should never have to compete with childless adults for the use of remaining "CHIP funds."



The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

Gas 'n' Go away

I ran into Gus at the Gas 'n' Go filling up his pickup. (Bumper sticker: "For a small town, there sure are a lot of jerks." Actually, the word was a lot stronger than jerks.) The entire time he pumped he complained about the price of gas, how it's all the government's fault and that they're in cahoots with the oil companies.

We went in to pay and all the while he kept complaining about how he's getting ripped off and how do they expect the little man to get ahead with the price of gas being what it is. As he's complaining, he picks up a $1 strip of buffalo jerky, a $1.50 cup of coffee, a 99-cent snack cake, a $5 pack of cigarettes, a $2 bottle of fancy water and $5 worth of lottery tickets. And he's complaining about the price of gas?

At $2 a quart, the bottled water is four times more expensive than gasoline. To make gasoline they had to find oil, pump it out of the ground, put it in a tanker and then refine it. The water came out of the tap. Which one should be four times more expensive than the other?

I've figured out that it's not the price of things that make people crazy, it's the change in the price of things that bothers us. As long as jerky is a dollar, nobody will say anything. If it were $1.40 one week and 85 cents the next, people would be outraged.

When I lived in the city, every time they raised the price of the subway a nickel people screamed and howled as if they'd been stun-gunned by a rogue cop. While they were ranting about the cost of public transportation, they'd be busy writing out a $2,500 rent check for a studio apartment half the size of an RV, as if that was the most sensible way to spend money in the whole world.

I thought I was getting a bargain when I only had to pay $250 a month for a parking space. "Who did I know to get such a deal?" my friends would ask. It was a front-page story when movie tickets in Manhattan inched up from $9.50 to $10 at some movie theaters. It was only a 50-cent jump but it crossed some imaginary mental price barrier.

I remember reading about it in a Starbucks while I drank a cup of custom Kona blend thinking, "Ten dollars for a movie? I'll pay ten dollars for a movie the day I pay three dollars for a cup of coffee." Oh yeah, I just did pay $3 for a cup of coffee. Obviously, I won't be missing many movies. At $3 a cup, coffee is running me $48 a gallon. It'd be much cheaper to drink gasoline. And then I'd have plenty of money left over for lottery tickets and cigarettes.

A Memoir of Life After the City" (Simon and Schuster, 2001). You can contact him at Jim_Mullen@entertainmentweekly.com

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WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Happenings on Campus

August 24
WTC Fun Day
Making College Count
10am
Fine Arts Theatre
Inflatable Games
(Bungee Run, Obstacle Course, Sports Arena)
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Baseball Scrimmage
1pm, Moffett Field

August 26
Fall Semester Classes Begin

August 28
Welcome Dance
9pm-midnight
Patio behind Student Center

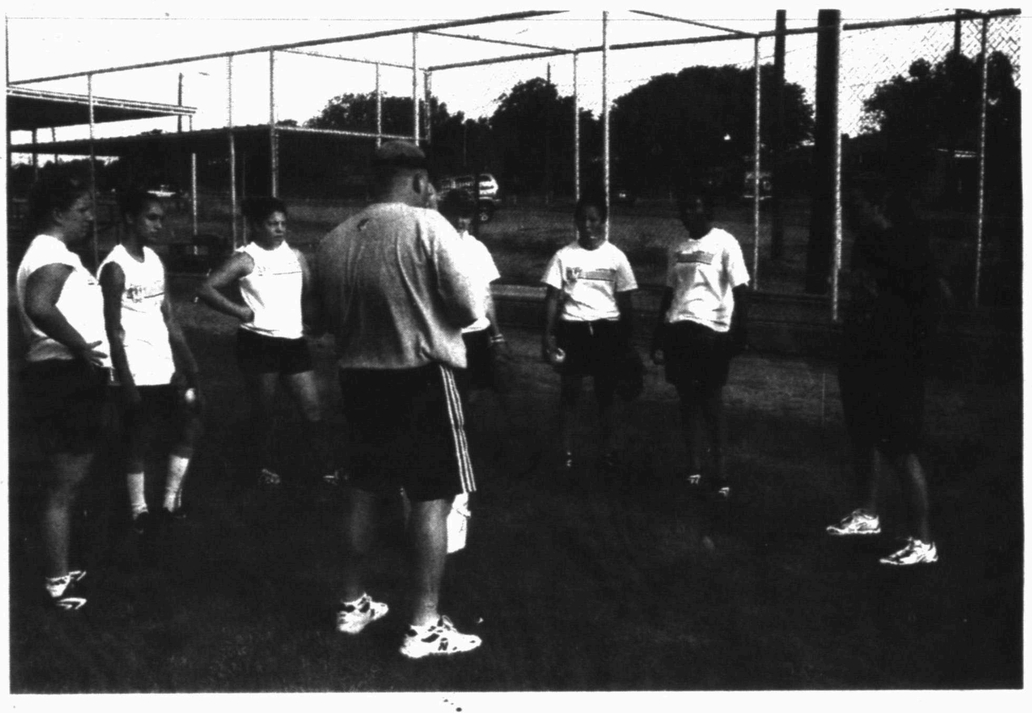
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Excitement Builds as the Fall Semester Opens

New Sports Teams Gearing Up and Dorms Nearing Capacity





Head Baseball Coach, James King, and Assistant Coach, Billy Hefflinger, meet with recruits and hopefuls for the inaugural WTC baseball team. Over 50 student athletes were on hand for the first meeting. Right: Head Softball Coach, Rodney McNeill, and Assistant Coach, Christy Cerecedes, visit with new recruits during practice at Cates Field. Coach McNeill says he has 18 signed players and has visited with 10-15 more who have expressed an interest in competing for a spot during tryouts scheduled for Monday.

Former 'Big City'Student Offers a Fresh Perspective on WTC

By Debra Burke

Editor's Note: The following is the second in a series of articles written by current and former WTC students highlighting areas of growth and change during their time at the college. Debra Burke is the daughter of Social Science Division Chair, Lee Burke. She currently lives in Granbury, where she is an administrative assistant for the CEO and chief legal advisor at Brinks Security. She is a senior studying with the University of Phoenix, where she is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.



Making it to my senior year in high school was a monumental occasion. I wasn't a bad student. I just didn't like school. All my parents wanted was for me to graduate. For some reason, they had doubts about me, their teenage daughter. Can you imagine? Sixteen years have passed since that defining moment in my life and looking back on me as a teenager, no wonder they had doubts.

My parents were cool about not pushing the "college thing" on me. I greatly appreciated that because as worried as they had been about me graduating high school, I was just as thrilled about getting out of school and doing my own thing. Upon graduation, I quickly found a job as a secretary for a commercial security business making $7/hr. I also worked a part time job. Having both incomes and the initial help of mom and dad (THANK YOU, THANK YOU) I was able to acquire an apartment. The secretarial position turned into an amazing opportunity for me. This company trained me fully on all office software as well as the intricate operations of a multi-million dollar business. I truly loved that job and worked very, very hard. Within six months, I was promoted from secretary to office manager. I was nineteen and I had every one in that office coming to me for answers or help. I knew everything about that business and it felt great.

A couple of months passed and I had become very comfortable in my job. I was working at my desk getting ready to do some billings and that's when the realization came to me. All of a sudden I realized that I would never go any higher within that company without a higher education. I had worked hard and earned the position I was in but to attain the type of position that my bosses had would require a single sheet of paper declaring my completion of an upper education degree. I also realized that it wasn't just my company that would hold me back without a degree. It was a nation wide epidemic. Companies hire people with degrees. Companies pay more to people with degrees. Having a degree showed commitment to something and companies really liked that.

I knew I couldn't stay in Dallas alone, working 55+ hours/week and try to go to school. So, I called my Mom and asked for help. In my perfect world I had created in my mind, Mom had the perfect set up to accommodate my college dream and me. Her company had relocated her to Louisiana shortly after I developed my independence in Big D. She was living in a three-bedroom house all alone. I told her about my strong desire to want to go to college and how I knew it was something I had to do. (Okay, just to give some background, my dad, Lee Burke, had been a professor at WTC for 19 years at the time I'm talking to mom about wanting to go to college. I didn't even give WTC a second thought because I was a big city girl. There was nooooooooooooooo way I could live in a place called Ira, TX and go to college in Snyder. It just wasn't happening folks). Now back to my story. Mom was thrilled and told me to come on down. I packed my things and moved to Louisiana. (Another tidbit for those of you that are considering changing states of residence to try to go to college…RESEARCH FIRST!!!) I did not. I just knew I was ready for college and I was going to move in with Mom in Louisiana and being 21, I had all the knowledge I needed to make it happen. This was first part of May of 1992. By the end of May, I had exhausted all efforts to apply at the two big colleges near my mom's house. Being a non-resident of Louisiana, I discovered I had only two options. 1) Pay out of state tuition for the first year until I could obtain residency status, OR 2) wait a full year, become a resident of the state, and then enroll. When I made up my mind to go to college, I was so excited about it that I would have started that day if I could have found a school that would take me. There was no way I could wait a year and there was no way I could ask my parents to dish out double tuition because of my sense of urgency. I remember feeling physically sick to my stomach because nothing was going right and I wasn't going to be able to go to college. (Yes, I will admit to you all that even at that lowest point of despair, WTC never crossed my mind).

> ***'There was nooooooooooooooo way I could live in a place called Ira, TX and go to college in Snyder. It just wasn't happening folks.'***

I truly felt defeated and heartbroken. Well, to add to the pile…while I had been fighting desperately to get into school, I had also been madly searching for a job. I thought surely my previous job experience in Dallas would shine like a beacon off of my resume and impress at least one of the 30 prospects I forwarded my information to. The response I was receiving from prospective employers only darkened my mood. One would say, "Well, you appear to be over qualified for this position" and the next would chime in with "We were really looking for someone with a degree". UGH! There's that word again. People don't you know that's what I'm trying to do" The responses became a broken record. Bottom line…I couldn't find a job either. I remember feeling very guilty because Mom and I had made an agreement about me living with her. The agreement was based on me working at least part time to help offset some of the costs. So, my thoughts consisted of something like this…"Hmmm, Deb, nice going. In a time period of just a little over a month, you've moved 1,000 miles away from anything and everyone you know just so you can go to school. Now that's become a distant joke, plus you made a promise to your mother and you can't even keep that." Not a good day! Not a good month!

But then….THE PHONE RANG! Would anyone like to guess who it was calling? Yes, it was Dad. I talked (blubbered was more like it) about my bummer situation. He just listened quietly. Then there was a lull in my blubbering and he made his move. I'm going on a ten year memory of what he said to me that moment but it was very similar to the following: "Deb, I know how you feel about living in a small town. You don't want to. But, if you will just give me one semester at WTC, I won't ask anything else of you. Pack everything you absolutely need in that little car of yours, leave the big stuff at Mom's and come on. Please consider trying it for just one semester. You can enroll for the fall. No waiting here. If you hate it, I won't say a word because you at least tried and that's all I ask.". Another lull. My brain was going ninety to nothing. How would I survive in Snyder, TX? Would I be able to adapt to such a drastic lifestyle change? Wait a minute, thirty days ago, this wasn't even an option and now I'm asking myself could I do it for three months. (Another secret...my mind was already made up when he told me I could enroll in the fall. That's how badly I wanted to go to school). So, I accepted Dad's challenge, packed my car to the hilt and trekked off back to Texas, through Big D and on further out west.

Upon my arrival in Snyder, TX, Dad greeted me at the door of my new home with a big hug and a smile. I got a tour of the place and my new digs. I spent the next couple of days unpacking, organizing and trying not to think about the fact that there was nothing but pastures and cows right outside my window. I remember feeling kind of isolated and a little scared. What if this was a mistake? My first venture had been a total flop so why should I feel any different about this one. I'll tell you why I felt different. Because I knew that I would be enrolled in college in just a few weeks. That was the only true definite in my life at the moment and it was strong enough to keep me grounded about everything else I was trying to not have issues with (i.e., cows, country music, small town living).

Early enrollment for the fall semester begins and I'm there and I'm terrified. I was so grateful to Dad for his being there and helping me. But what I remember realizing very quickly was that he didn't need to be there. Everyone I came in contact with that day was genuinely kind and helpful and welcoming and friendly There was no way a stranger could feel strange for long because the hospitality was overwhelming. I couldn't stop smiling.

> ***'All of those things I had hated in high school didn't sound so bad now. They sounded like a lot of fun actually. I could do this. I could do it all. I wanted to do it all.'***

Enrollment wasn't the only thing going on in the Student Union. There was information available about all of the student organizations on campus. Sophomores involved in these organizations were available to answer any questions. This was about the time my head started spinning. I began reflecting on my time in high school and how miserable I had been. I didn't participate in anything because I didn't want to. Student Counsel, Honor Society and Cheerleading were a joke to me. My head stopped spinning and I had another realization. All of those things I had hated in high school didn't sound so bad now. They sounded like a lot of fun actually. I could do this. I could do it all. I wanted to do it all. It was at that moment that I knew I was going to spend a full two years at WTC. After only four hours on the WTC campus, my whole persona had changed as well as my plans for the next two years of my life. I wanted to be President of the Student Counsel. I wanted to be in the Honor Society. I even thought I might try out for cheerleading but that was a fleeting thought thank goodness. This body was not meant to do flying herkies, splits or anything of a gymnastic nature. I was okay with that. I accepted it and moved on.

I was a head-bangin', Dallas girl with a closed mind and a stereotypical mentality. I had already predetermined the lifestyle and pre-judged the people of Snyder, TX before I had even landed. I'm telling you this because WTC is a place that will change you; change you for the better and change you for good.

The following is a list of the things that WTC allowed me to accomplish in the two years I was a student. Take special note of the last item: President of Student Counsel, Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Who's Who Among American Jr. College Students, Academic All-American Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa Hall of Honor member, Institutional Effectiveness Committee member, Campus photographer, Brown belt in Aikido, Student Life representative, Stage manager for three semesters of drama productions, Lead actress in three plays, Brown belt in Aikido, Learned how to two-step.

WTC was the pivotal change in my life that made me the person I am today. Looking back on all that had to transpire in order to get me on that campus, well, I'd like to use a term taught to me by the coolest man I know, my Dad… "It's a God thing". It's an awesome experience that I challenge anyone to try; especially those of you who are like I used to be, (i.e., afraid of small town, country living). You won't regret it.

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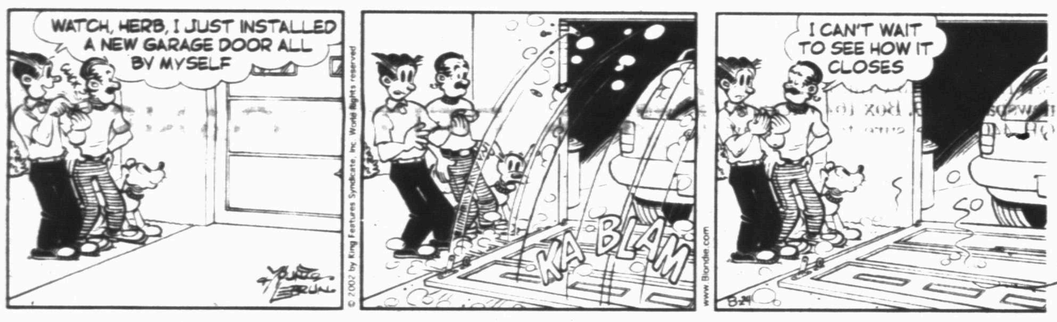
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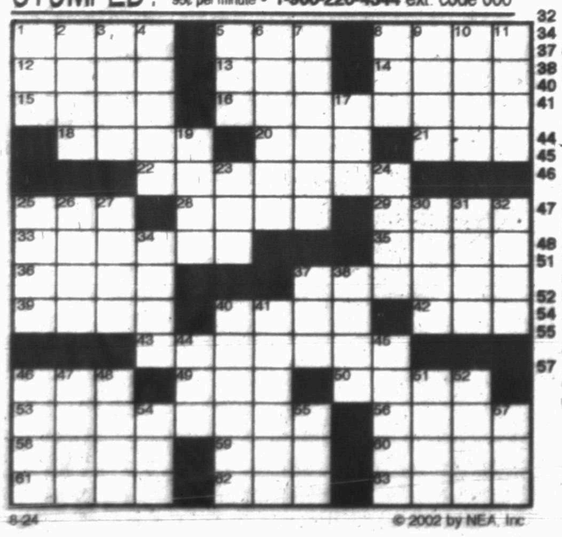
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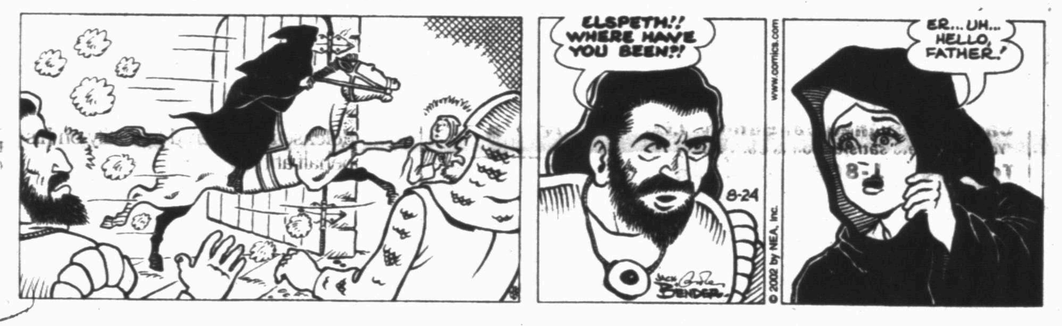
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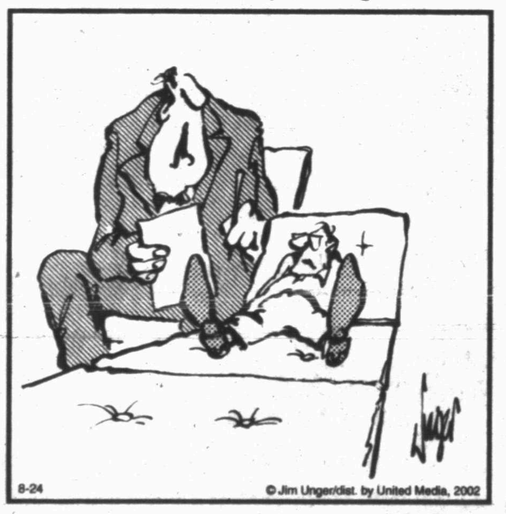
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"Repeat after me: I am six feet tall."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002

Although the year ahead may take some unusual twists from time to time, it should turn out to be a very gratifying one for you. Areas where you were previously unlucky could now prove to be your most fortunate ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Thoughtfulness you show today towards another will be so appreciated that it holds greater rewards than you can imagine. What you do will be reimbursed on a grander scale. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An influential friend may help you attain a desire you've been harboring that you couldn't fulfill on your own. What s/he does for you today will mean everything to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't be reluctant to be persistent in accomplishing an ambitious aim. That which thwarted you previously will not be present today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An involvement that has been pretty good for you is about to become even luckier today. It might have something to do with a social interest in which you're involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Something you have wanted to change isn't really as difficult to accomplish as you first thought. Events that transpire today may open the way for you to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A competent ally may help you accomplish something that you haven't been able to do on your own. It will make you realize that not everything has to be done alone.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you think in terms of being helpful and of service to others today, this can turn out to be a very rewarding day for you, more so than you would have ever expected. Be your generous self.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You should do rather well today in social elements or activities, especially if there are competitive components involved. You'll enjoy this carefree day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Whether you have direct control over things or not, most matters will have a way of working out to your ultimate advantage today. You can expect things to turn out successfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Friends could be lucky for you today, so most anything you do with your pals should turn out to be most pleasant. This is not a day to spend alone, make sure you share it with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — For those who have business dealings to conduct, try to make your transactions now instead of waiting until another time. It is a very propitious time to cut a deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Somewhere removed from you at this time a benefic development that will directly affect you may be taking place. You may get word of it today.

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In the year ahead it may be wise to look for ways to expand upon established foundations rather than to branch out into the unknown. Chances are you'll make more money with the former than the latter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is a strong chance today that when shopping, you may be attracted to the window dressing and ignore the worth of the product. Consider both before making a purchase. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you are not forthright today with a close associate, it will be construed as deceitfulness and complications will result. Be as honest and up-front as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Forego doing anything today that benefits you but not anyone else who is working on the same project. It won't be worth it to you once your acceptance is abolished.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be extremely careful not to get too carried away today on a pleasurable pursuit. The activity could take too large a slice from important responsibilities that must be taken care of now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your standing in the eyes of your peers today could be a bit tenuous. Watch your behavior and think before you act so that you aren't likely to make any faux pas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Owing to vagueness or poor tactics on your part today, your plans could go awry. Be very methodical regarding how you implement those things that are important to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you get involved today in a commercial arrangement with another, get all the facts before handing over your hard-earned cash. It could be more expensive than anticipated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Before getting too deeply involved with another today, get to know this person better in the way of character and what s/he has to offer the relationship. You may get led astray.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put away your rose-colored glasses today and handle the tasks at hand with the seriousness with which they deserve. Treating things too lightly could lead to bad mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you rely more on Lady Luck today than on your common sense, you could be in for a major disappointment. The end results will depend upon what you have to offer. There will be no free rides.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone you're close to may be getting some kind of break today that is intended solely for that person. Don't let jealousy or pettiness affect the way you behave. Be happy for him/her.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The only way you will ever get what you want in life is to stop dreaming and to start doing. Life doesn't just happen; you must make it happen. Don't feel sorry for yourself today, get cracking.

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Doctor returns to prison in old murder case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A doctor convicted of murdering a friend in 1976 so he could marry the man's wife, claiming the death was an accident, is back in prison after the state's highest court ruled that the delay in prosecuting him was his own fault.

Dr. Stephen Scher flew from North Carolina to Wilkes-Barre, where he turned himself in to waiting state police Thursday afternoon. He was taken immediately to the state prison in Waymart.

He was convicted in 1997 and sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole in the 1976 death of lawyer Martin Dillon. He had originally claimed that Dillon, 30, accidentally shot himself while chasing a porcupine on a skeet shoot.

He was freed on bail in 1999 when an appellate court ruled that prosecutors had deprived him of a fair trial by waiting 20 years to charge him. But the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned that ruling Tuesday, saying that Scher himself caused the delay by claiming the death was accidental and that the loss of evidence over the two decades was not significant.

"Although it took over two years for the courts to finally decide, I am certainly happy that he will be returning to prison. I fought as hard as I could to get him back," said Attorney General Mike Fisher.

Scher has additional appeals pending in state court, but must remain in prison while he waits for them to be heard, authorities said.

Two years after the death, Scher and Dillon's widow, Patricia, married. They later admitted that they had been having an affair at the time her husband died.

Prosecutors reopened the investigation in the 1990s after being pressured to do so by Dillon's father. Scher was finally charged in 1996, and, confronted with new evidence that cast doubt on his original account, admitted during his trial that he had made up the porcupine story.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Scher claimed that Dillon found out he was having an affair with his wife and became angry, and the gun went off accidentally during a struggle.

He admitted that he untied one of Dillon's shoes and placed the gun next to his head to make it appear that he had tripped, claiming he was afraid that if people found out about the affair, they wouldn't believe the shooting was an accident.

A jury didn't buy it and convicted him of first-degree murder.

His Wilkes-Barre attorney, John Moses, was traveling with Scher on Thursday and did not immediately return a phone call. Family members at Scher's home in Dallas, N.C., declined to comment.

Dillon's two children, Suzanne and Michael, contributed $65,000 from their father's life insurance police toward their stepfather's defense and offered to testify on his behalf at trial.

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NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The **Scurry County Commissioner's Court** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by **13.53%** Percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater of lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on **Monday, September 3, 2002** at **10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Scurry County Courthouse.**

For the proposal: **Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer, Chloanne Lindsey**
Against the proposal: None
Present and not voting: None
Absent: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

Average residence homestead value	$32,290.00	$32,338.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$8,017	$8,087
Average taxable value	$24,273	$24,251
Tax rate	0.4692/$100	0.5050/$100
Tax	$113.88	$122.46 proposed

Under the proposal, taxes on the average homestead would **increase** by **$8.58** or **7.53%** percent compared to last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would **increase** by **$0.0358** per $100 of taxable value or **3.14%** percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties)
The Scurry County Auditor certifies that Scurry County has spent $14,158.50 in the previous 12 months beginning January 1, 2001 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Scurry County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such cost.

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Hydroelectric generating plant is proposed for 'Medina' Lake

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Medina Lake dam, which was threatened during flooding that dumped more than two feet of rain on parts of South Central Texas, would have a hydroelectric generating plant under a Utah company's proposal.

The dam's operators learned this month of the plan to build the plant using the structure through a federal permit application. More than a dozen other Texas dams are also targeted for power-generating projects.

"We didn't know anything about it," Will Carter of the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 board told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions. "How can someone file a permit to conduct operations on something that they don't own? It's our dam."

A state report in July concluded that the dam on the Medina River 25 miles northwest of San Antonio was in danger during the heavy rains that fell across the region that month.

An engineer for Freese and Nichols Inc., in a post-flood report to the agency that oversees the state's dams, concluded that had the water breached the top of 164-foot-tall Medina Dam, the foundation "along the toe of the dam very likely would have eroded and very likely would have precipitated a sliding or an overturning failure."

The hydro plant permit application is one of scores pouring into the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission since last year from affiliated Utah-based firms. They are a partnership of Ecosystems Research Institute of Utah and Northwest Power Services of Idaho.

Under the FERC's two-part application process, the holder of a preliminary permit has exclusive rights for three years to study a site and seek a license to build a hydro plant.

"We've filed on as many of these as we can," said Hart Evans of Ecosystems, an environmental consulting firm, with more than 250 filings so far. "It's kind of a bartering chip for us."

Nineteen Texas sites, including Austin's Town Lake and several dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are targeted by applicants with names such as Medina Hydro LLC and Town Lake LLC.

Austin and Army Corps officials knew nothing of the applications when asked about them this week. Most of the power plants proposed by Northwest Power Services would generate 10 megawatts or less and cost under $10 million to build.

Brent L. Smith of Northwest Power said a 1.5 megawatt plant at Medina Lake would cost roughly $3 million and could power 1,000 homes.

Some dam owners are upset at being blindsided by the FERC permit application.

"They've offended a whole bunch of public interests that own these dams," said Mike Gershon, an attorney for two dam owners in Texas. "Who are these people? Give us the courtesy of a call."

But FERC's Celeste Miller says dam owners have 60 days upon receiving notice of the applications to file a competing claim for the federal permit.

"A preliminary permit does not authorize construction of any kind," she said. "It gives an entity priority over a site to study it and choose whether they want to develop it. If they want to develop it, they have to file another application for a license."

A plan for a hydro plant at Medina Lake dam was considered decades ago, but rejected because of irregular water flows, said Carter, the BMA board president.

Montemayor cuts title insurance rates by 6%

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on Friday cut title insurance rates by 6 percent.

Title insurance rates vary depending on the selling price of a home. The basic premium for title insurance rates on a $150,000 house now costs $1,306. The rate reduction will cut that by about $80.

"Title rates are the only line of insurance where I set exact rates, and I'm pleased to say that they are going down," Montemayor said. "This will be good news for anyone buying or refinancing a home."

The new title rates will take effect on Nov. 1.

The Texas Land Title Association had asked for a 5.1 percent increase, while the Office of Public Insurance Council had recommended a 10.1 percent decrease, the insurance department said.

Title insurance is used to protect policyholders against financial loss because of unknown defects, liens or encumbrances in the title to the insured property. The premiums usually are part of the closing costs that buyers pay just before taking possession of a home.

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