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NEW EXHIBIT — The Scurry County Museum's second annual inmate art show opens Sunday with a reception slated from 1-3 p.m. Michele Presby of Sweetwater, a freshman at Western Texas College, is looking at one of the paintings in the exhibit, Regal Sunrise by Juan Pena, which will be on display through Oct. 31. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Annual Midwest membership meeting scheduled Thursday

The 60th annual membership meeting of Midwest Electric Cooperative has been set for Thursday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with registration and a barbecue meal. Entertainment will be provided by Cindy Nix.

A booth provided by Texas Cellular will be on hand with a special promotion during the meeting.

Also, representatives from the Roby and Snyder post offices will be on hand with a special commemorative postage cancellation to mark Midwest's 60th anniversary.

Pictorial cancellations are available Thursday, as well, at both post offices and at the annual meeting.

A business meeting, including the election of three directors, will conclude the 1998 membership meeting.

Running against incumbent Mickey Sterling of the Lake Thomas area for Place 5 on the board is John Short, who lives southeast of Snyder.

Bobby Gruben of the Rotan area is running unchallenged for Place 6, and Jerry Upshaw of the Roby area is running unchallenged for Place 7.

Midwest Electric Cooperative serves a nine-county area from West of Anson to Gail, from Sweetwater to Hamlin and from Roscoe to Post.

2nd annual inmate art show to open Sunday

The second annual Inmate Arts and Crafts Show opens Sunday at the Scurry County Museum. The public is invited to the opening reception from 1-3 p.m.

There is a variety of art work and crafts to see among the over 200 items. Inmates have supplied art in oil, watercolors, pencil, pastels and acrylic.

Around 40 inmates have entered the art show.

Crafts consist of leather, wood carving, matchstick inlay, silver and horsehair items.

The museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College campus. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other times available by appointment.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The key to wisdom is to create problems for which only you have the answers."

Snyder residents didn't escape the summer heat, but folks can be grateful that they missed this Little League controversy.

Near Chicago, a 14-year-old Little League baseball player was suspended for the season after refusing to wear a uniform emblazoned with the name of a local bar.

The player used duct tape to cover the name of the bar on the jersey. League officials ruled the teen was out of uniform and ordered the tape removed.

A seven-year veteran of the local little league program, the kid refused and was suspended for the remainder of the season. Officials cited regulations that require all players to wear uniforms that are indentical in color, trim and style — a policy that includes any words or pictures.

The local school board was also sucked into the debate. The teen's parents asked the school district to investigate whether allowing teams sponsored by bars to play on school property is legal.

Little League International said rules prohibit ads that directly advertise alcohol, such as a specific brand, but places that sell spirits are not excluded.

Fortunately, that's one issue that isn't likely to surface in Snyder.

And Amarillo's Stanley Marsh is at it again.

The eccentric millionaire, famous for building the Cadillac Ranch, has a new project.

Marsh got national attention when he displayed 10 vintage Cadillacs buried nose first in a wheat field.

This time, he's planning a giant flower farm, designed to produce constant rainbows across the horizon.

He hopes to erect a series of structures, at least 50 feet high, that he describes as giant hula hoops on a stem with water running through them.

The plans call for the structures to spray a massive cloud of mist over the field. During the day, the mist will refract sunlight to create a series of rainbows. At night, a set of strobe lights will fill in for the sun.

One skeptic has asked for the city council to consider zoning rules with regard to rainbows.

Hayes, Trevino, Seals...

Country music stars to perform in Snyder

Mark your calendars for Oct. 10, as that is the night Scurry County Coliseum will be rockin' with country music stars Wade Hayes and Rick Trevino along with special guest Dan Seals.

ATM productions, headed by Tom Miles of Peck, Kan., is presenting the show and tickets, priced at $19 and $21, are scheduled to go on sale next week.

Tickets will be sold at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Video 1.

Wade Hayes was the only 1995 Nashville Newcomer whose debut album went Gold that year. "Old Enough to Know Better" and "I'm Still Dancin' With You," both of which he co-wrote, became back-to-back No. 1 hits.

Other Top 10 hits for Hayes include "Don't Stop" and "What I Meant to Say."

Rick Trevino's self-titled debut album went Gold and Top 10 hits to his credit include "She Can't Say I Didn't Cry," "Bobbie Ann Mason," and "Learning As You Go."

This appeareance will make Dan Seals' second stop in Snyder as he played a concert in 1992 in conjunction with the White Buffalo Days festival.

Just a few of Seals' number one hits include "Bop," "Everything That Glitters," "Meet Me in Montana," and "One Friend."



HAPPY CROWD — The home stands of Tiger Stadium were full Friday night as the Snyder Tigers opened the 1998 football season with a victory over Monahans. Umbrellas were prevalent in the third quarter as a light rain fell. The start of the game was actually delayed some 15 minutes due to lightning in the area. (SDN Staff Photo)

Plans for 2nd annual 'Taste' event underway

Plans for the second annual "Taste of Scurry County" to benefit the Scurry County Museum are well underway as the event is set for Thursday, Sept. 10.

While food samples from several restaurants will be the main feature for the event set in Scurry County Coliseum, there will be enough events going on for a fun-filled evening for everyone.

Door prizes will be given away and there will be a silent auction, as well as a bid auction on several nice items.

There will also be entertainment throughout the evening.

Raffle tickets will also be available for a doll house which was assembled by local craftsman John Bailey.

The following restaurants plan to participate in the event: Snyder County Club; Spanish Inn; The Ritz Diner; Golden Corral Steakhouse; McDonald's; Pizza Hut; Subway; Taco John's; The Shack; Dairy Queen; Lawrence IGA; Long John Silver's; Lota' Burger; Burger King; Grandy's; and Great Western Dining.

Tickets are $12.50 each and are available at the museum and from any volunteer member.

The Scurry County Museum is located on the southwest corner of Western Texas College's campus.

To adopt budget...

Commissioners will convene Monday

Scurry County Commissioners are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Monday with three items of old business and three items of new business facing them.

In two items of new business, the court is expected to approve the budget and set the tax rate for 1999.

Excluding Cogdell Memorial Hospital's operating budget, the total amount budgeted for county operations is $5,603,429 with a proposed tax rate of 51 cents per $100 evaluation.

The hospital has budgeted $14,995,721 in operating expenses for 1999.

In one other item of new business, John Voller with Hibbs and Todd of Abilene is scheduled to attend the meeting to close out documents with the Texas Community Development Program.

The contracts concern the water supply and distribution improvements for Hermleigh Water Works, which have recently been completed.

In the three items of old business, the court will open bids on long distance service, for the sale of a lot located just northeast of the Diamond M building, and for the sale of an elevator chair which is currently installed in the Diamond M building.

ASK US

Q—Has United's groundbreaking been scheduled.

A—Tentatively for this week. Grimmett Bros. will begin site preparation Monday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 90 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Saturday, 71; .07 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, less than 20% chance of storms, otherwise partly cloudy. Low, mid 60s. Light wind. Sunday, partly cloudy. High, lower 90s. E-SE wind 5-15 mph.



Kristen Miller
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:18 a.m.
Of 240 days in 1998, the sun has shone 238 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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Thomas Edison

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What started out as a job has become a career, Sharon said. And, though new to Snyder, she said they have already discovered that "the people here are wonderful and super friendly. Everyone has made us feel very welcome."

She noted that Christy Thompson had found them a house before they arrived in Snyder.

They have become active members at Colonial Hill Baptist Church and are involved with youth activities. Sharon described herself as "family-oriented" and a "strong Christian. That's one of the reasons I chose St. Mary's because this job will allow me to stand up and be the Christian I want to be."

Sharon loves music and calls singing a "big passion."

Originally from Houston, Sharon moved to New Boston near the Arkansas-Oklahoma-Louisiana border 16 years ago when she and John married. They relocated from New Boston two months ago.

Psychiatric exams ordered for boys charged in girl's murder

CHICAGO (AP) — The 7- and 8-year-old boys charged with killing an 11-year-old girl will undergo independent psychological exams to determine whether they are competent to stand trial.

Judge Andrew Berman ordered the tests Friday, setting aside a prosecution request for evaluations of the boys' ability to understand their rights and assist their attorneys at trial.

The children did not attend the hearing.

Dr. Bennett Leventhal, a University of Chicago child psychiatrist, will perform the exams. His report is due by Oct. 2, with the boys' next hearing scheduled for Oct. 15. The boys have been ordered to remain under 24-hour adult supervision.

The young defendants are accused of beating Ryan Harris, suffocating her with her panties and molesting her — all for her shiny blue bicycle. Ryan's partially naked body was found hidden in brush in the South Side neighborhood of Englewood.

R. Eugene Pincham, an attorney for the 8-year-old boy, protested the judge's order for an exam, insisting instead on going to trial immediately. He said a finding that the children are incompetent to stand trial would give prosecutors an excuse to dismiss a shoddy case.

"The children will live the rest of their lives with a stigma over their heads that they committed a murder," Pincham said. "The reality is (prosecutors) don't want to prosecute because they don't have a case."

Pincham said the boys are too small to have caused the severe head injuries described in an autopsy report. Police said the boys admitted to throwing rocks at Ryan that hit the back of her head and caused her to fall off her bike.

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DONATES FLAG — Loraine Bruns Treadway, far right, donated this American Flag to Snyder Oaks in memory of her first husband, Lester Bruns. Bruns, who served in the U.S. Army, died in November of 1993 and was buried with full military honors. The military presented the flag to Loraine. Accepting the donation, were Nelda Kruger, administrator, center; and Deanna McClure, activities director. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

No-kill shelter may have to put some animals to death

BIG SPRING (AP) — Whether worn and woolly or just too doggone mean and surly, no animal that has had the misfortune to end up at the Howard County Humane Society has ever been put to death unless it was mortally wounded or deathly ill.

The small-town shelter had become more than a place to get rid of unwanted animals, it had become a permanent home for the animals nobody could love.

There was the fat-cheeked boxer that drooled too much and the matted greyhound that was so burly it intimidated most pet shoppers; every animal was given sanctuary.

Apparently, not everyone liked the 15-year-old shelter's spirit of benevolence.

Complaints about overcrowding and unhealthy conditions at the shelter led to an order from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, limiting the number of animals it can house. Now the animal lovers who run the shelter are being forced to consider what was once unthinkable: euthanasia.

"In cases where the animals are too unsociable and can't be helped, when they can't be taught to let people pet them or be made to stop barking; euthanasia will be considered," said shelter worker Fran Turrentine.

"We are not ever going to put down healthy, adoptable animals," Ms. Turrentine said. "We'll take them home first."

Critics of the shelter say the facility is mismanaged and has become dangerously unsanitary.

"It's hard to imagine how the word 'humane' could be in the name of the shelter," said Melanie Gambrell, a local petstore worker. "An order like this has been needed for a long time. The community needs a humane society, but it needs a humane society that is run properly."

At one time, the small shelter housed over 300 pets. SPCA officials said the organization would file charges of animal cruelty against the shelter unless it cuts that number by half.

SPCA chief investigator Bobby French, who called conditions at the shelter "deplorable," said that he has had shelters shut down for less.

"My suggestion would be to change the no-kill policy and change policy on how they take animals in," French told the Big Spring Herald.

The shelter keeps animals in dozens of outdoor chain link cages that sit on the ground. French said the pens, which house between six and eight animals, are probably only large enough to house three.

Ms. Turrentine said the shelter's problems have been caused by negligent pet owners.

"We just can't get people to have their pets spayed and neutered," Ms. Turrentine said. "If people won't do that there is always going to be too many stray animals. We take care of every animal that comes through here but that is usually too late."

The shelter has been an alternative for people who don't want to turn unwanted pets over to animal control, which kills all animals after 72 hours.

"We have people who threaten to drown their pets if we don't take them," Ms. Turrentine said.

Historic neighborhood to start again

DEL RIO (AP) — Just four months ago, new life had been breathed into the historic plaza that was the heart of Del Rio's San Felipe neighborhood.

New bricks had been laid in the square. Fountains were built on either side of the gazebo, which was freshly painted in a festive pink and mauve. Local families donated park benches. Store fronts were repainted.

The work was finished just in time for the neighborhood's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. This year, it had seemed, there was more to celebrate than usual.

Then the floods struck.

When the people returned to their plaza to view the devastation, they could only stare in stunned silence and remember back to the better times.

The brick was buckled. The fountains were crumbled. The gazebo's freshly painted railings had crashed to the ground in a splintered mess.

"We used to dance in the streets. Now everything is all gone," said 53-year-old Sylvia Hernandez, a former homecoming queen at San Felipe High.

"But the people are strong. They have a lot of willpower and a lot of faith," she said. "Everyone will come together. They will rebuild."

The tropical storm-fueled floods seemed particularly unforgiving. San Felipe Creek roared through the historic heart of Del Rio to the Rio Grande, killing at least seven people and demolishing one of the city's most picturesque neighborhoods.

In tranquil times, the creek flows clear from seven springs that have been an oasis in this dry country for centuries. Spanish missionaries are said to have named the springs and the winding green watercourse for St. Phillip after finding them on his feast day.

The San Felipe area is one of the poorest in this city of 34,000. Many of the 3,000 or so people who live here are elderly. Most are laborers: blue-collar workers who cross the border daily to work in U.S. factories on the Mexican side, migrant farmworkers who travel north during the year just to make a living.

Some here speak no English. Almost none have insurance.

Rebuilding seems an impossibility. But this neighborhood, with its poor and uneducated, is full of pride and determination. God willing, they will overcome the impossible.

"The people there are nice, loving, working people that enjoy life. I'm sure a lot will want to stay there," said Del Rio Mayor Robert Chavira. "But it's going to take some time. Just like an illness, it's going to take us some time to get well."

The neighborhood was founded in the late 1860s along the San Felipe Creek after an agricultural company offered the waterfront land to its employees as wages.

When rail lines reached the town in the 1880s, more houses cropped up. Brown Plaza, just a block from the creek, was dedicated on May 5, 1908, and quickly became a gathering spot for the townspeople. There were concerts, political rallies and social gatherings.

In modern times, the plaza remained a spot where people congregated for weekend bazaars, festivals and class reunions.

"There were always people roaming around," said 27-year-old Ernest Araujo, whose home just off the plaza was demolished by the floods. "Everything was here, always here."

The nearby springs — which gurgle up gallons of water used by the locals for drinking — are a popular picnic area. On weekends, families spread out their blankets and eat and swim.

In the mid-1980s, city officials dreamed of turning the site into a tourist destination similar to San Antonio's Riverwalk, but their plans fell through.

Nevertheless, the area remained a beautiful spot — until a week ago.

Now debris litters the parks and patches of grass along the water. Clothing clings to trees and drifts downstream. Vehicles rest precariously along the banks of the creek.

In Brown Plaza, entire buildings collapsed when the floodwaters roared in without warning late Sunday night. The cultural center, where children learned to dance and play guitar, is gone. The old Plaza Hotel, which had been under renovation, crumbled under the weight of the water.

"It's unrealistic," Araujo said as he viewed the damage with his mother, Ernestina. "It's like the whole neighborhood is gone."

City officials have estimated that nearly 1,000 homes and businesses were damaged in the floods. Of those, at least 625 were destroyed, leaving those who already had little with nothing.

The devastation winds for miles through the narrow streets of the neighborhood, amid its churches, laundromats and tortilla factories.

"It's real sad," Araujo's [illegible] as she [illegible] the plaza. "It would be a whole lot better if everything was put back the way it was."

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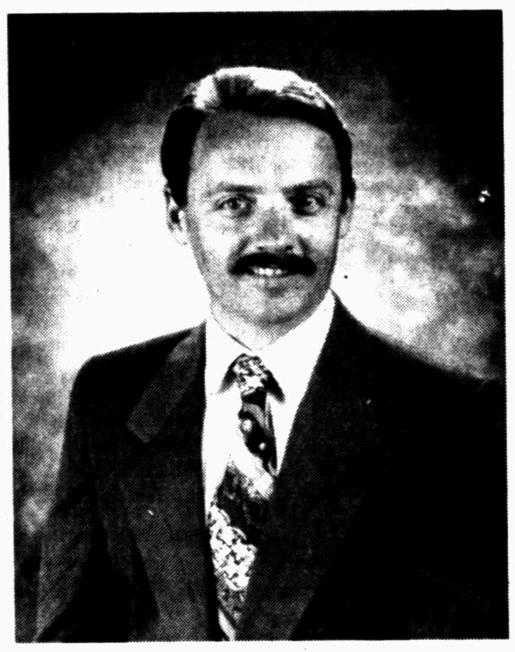
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LAST DAY TO register, add, or change class Wednesday, September 2		1 SGA 10:55 a.m.	2 Last Day to register, add change CLASS Deadline for cheerleader and mascot sign-ups	3 PTK Executive Board 10:45am SC-105 Mascot & Cheerleading try-out Clinic 1-4	4 Friday Night at the Movies 10:00 p.m. in the Dorm Lobby	5
6	7 CLOSED	8 Cheerleading & mascot try-out Clinic 1-4 SGA meets 10:55 am	9 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm Cheerleader & mascot Try-outs 3:00	10 PTK sc-105 TASTE OF SCURRY COUNTY 6:30 P.M. Coliseum Movie in Dorm Lobby 8p.m.	11	12 SGA CAR WASH 11am-3pm Wal-mart
13	14 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. WTC Board Room 12th class day Movie in Dorm Lobby 8p.m.	15 Meet WTC Athletes Ice Cream Supper 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria SGA Meets 10:55 a.m.	16 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm at the BSU Baptist Student Union	17 PTK New Member SC-105 10:45 a.m. Texas Workforce Grand Opening 1:30-3:30 p.m. SCURRY COUNTY FAIR	18 SCURRY COUNTY FAIR	19 SCURRY COUNTY FAIR
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Movie Night Monday, September 21, 8:30 p.m. Student Center

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Last Day to Sign-up for try-outs
Wednesday, September 2
See Alisha Cooper in the Student Activities Office located in room 110 in the Student Center

CAR WASH
Saturday, September 12
11am-3pm Wal-mart

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Saturday, September 26
watch for more information!!

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Sharon is the practice supervisor at St. Mary Healthcare Center. John is self-employed.

Though new to St. Mary, Sharon has some 15 years experience in the medical field. Previous jobs have included emergency room receptionist, billing, Medicare and Medicade and administration for five years.

What started out as a job has become a career, Sharon said. And, though new to Snyder, she said they have already discovered that "the people here are wonderful and super friendly. Everyone has made us feel very welcome."

She noted that Christy Thompson had found them a house before they arrived in Snyder.

They have become active members at Colonial Hill Baptist Church and are involved with youth activities. Sharon described herself as "family-oriented" and a "strong Christian. That's one of the reasons I chose St. Mary's because this job will allow me to stand up and be the Christian I want to be."

Sharon loves music and calls singing a "big passion."

Originally from Houston, Sharon moved to New Boston near the Arkansas-Oklahoma-Louisiana border 16 years ago when she and John married. They relocated from New Boston two months ago.

Psychiatric exams ordered for boys charged in girl's murder

CHICAGO (AP) — The 7- and 8-year-old boys charged with killing an 11-year-old girl will undergo independent psychological exams to determine whether they are competent to stand trial.

Judge Andrew Berman ordered the tests Friday, setting aside a prosecution request for evaluations of the boys' ability to understand their rights and assist their attorneys at trial.

The children did not attend the hearing.

Dr. Bennett Leventhal, a University of Chicago child psychiatrist, will perform the exams. His report is due by Oct. 2, with the boys' next hearing scheduled for Oct. 15. The boys have been ordered to remain under 24-hour adult supervision.

The young defendants are accused of beating Ryan Harris, suffocating her with her panties and molesting her — all for her shiny blue bicycle. Ryan's partially naked body was found hidden in brush in the South Side neighborhood of Englewood.

R. Eugene Pincham, an attorney for the 8-year-old boy, protested the judge's order for an exam, insisting instead on going to trial immediately. He said a finding that the children are incompetent to stand trial would give prosecutors an excuse to dismiss a shoddy case.

"The children will live the rest of their lives with a stigma over their heads that they committed a murder," Pincham said. "The reality is (prosecutors) don't want to prosecute because they don't have a case."

Pincham said the boys are too small to have caused the severe head injuries described in an autopsy report. Police said the boys admitted to throwing rocks at Ryan that hit the back of her head and caused her to fall off her bike.

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DONATES FLAG — Loraine Bruns Treadway, far right, donated this American Flag to Snyder Oaks in memory of her first husband, Lester Bruns. Bruns, who served in the U.S. Army, died in November of 1993 and was buried with full military honors. The military presented the flag to Loraine. Accepting the donation, were Nelda Kruger, administrator, center; and Deanna McClure, activities director. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

No-kill shelter may have to put some animals to death

BIG SPRING (AP) — Whether worn and woolly or just too doggone mean and surly, no animal that has had the misfortune to end up at the Howard County Humane Society has ever been put to death unless it was mortally wounded or deathly ill.

The small-town shelter had become more than a place to get rid of unwanted animals, it had become a permanent home for the animals nobody could love.

There was the fat-cheeked boxer that drooled too much and the matted greyhound that was so burly it intimidated most pet shoppers; every animal was given sanctuary.

Apparently, not everyone liked the 15-year-old shelter's spirit of benevolence.

Complaints about overcrowding and unhealthy conditions at the shelter led to an order from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, limiting the number of animals it can house. Now the animal lovers who run the shelter are being forced to consider what was once unthinkable: euthanasia.

"In cases where the animals are too unsociable and can't be helped, when they can't be taught to let people pet them or be made to stop barking; euthanasia will be considered," said shelter worker Fran Turrentine.

"We are not ever going to put down healthy, adoptable animals," Ms. Turrentine said. "We'll take them home first."

Critics of the shelter say the facility is mismanaged and has become dangerously unsanitary.

"It's hard to imagine how the word 'humane' could be in the name of the shelter," said Melanie Gambrell, a local petstore worker. "An order like this has been needed for a long time. The community needs a humane society, but it needs a humane society that is run properly."

At one time, the small shelter housed over 300 pets. SPCA officials said the organization would file charges of animal cruelty against the shelter unless it cuts that number by half.

SPCA chief investigator Bobby French, who called conditions at the shelter "deplorable," said that he has had shelters shut down for less.

"My suggestion would be to change the no-kill policy and change policy on how they take animals in," French told the Big Spring Herald.

The shelter keeps animals in dozens of outdoor chain link cages that sit on the ground. French said the pens, which house between six and eight animals, are probably only large enough to house three.

Ms. Turrentine said the shelter's problems have been caused by negligent pet owners.

"We just can't get people to have their pets spayed and neutered," Ms. Turrentine said. "If people won't do that there is always going to be too many stray animals. We take care of every animal that comes through here but that is usually too late."

The shelter has been an alternative for people who don't want to turn unwanted pets over to animal control, which kills all animals after 72 hours.

"We have people who threaten to drown their pets if we don't take them," Ms. Turrentine said.

Historic neighborhood to start again

DEL RIO (AP) — Just four months ago, new life had been breathed into the historic plaza that was the heart of Del Rio's San Felipe neighborhood.

New bricks had been laid in the square. Fountains were built on either side of the gazebo, which was freshly painted in a festive pink and mauve. Local families donated park benches. Store fronts were repainted.

The work was finished just in time for the neighborhood's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. This year, it had seemed, there was more to celebrate than usual.

Then the floods struck.

When the people returned to their plaza to view the devastation, they could only stare in stunned silence and remember back to the better times.

The brick was buckled. The fountains were crumbled. The gazebo's freshly painted railings had crashed to the ground in a splintered mess.

"We used to dance in the streets. Now everything is all gone," said 53-year-old Sylvia Hernandez, a former homecoming queen at San Felipe High.

"But the people are strong. They have a lot of willpower and a lot of faith," she said. "Everyone will come together. They will rebuild."

The tropical storm-fueled floods seemed particularly unforgiving. San Felipe Creek roared through the historic heart of Del Rio to the Rio Grande, killing at least seven people and demolishing one of the city's most picturesque neighborhoods.

In tranquil times, the creek flows clear from seven springs that have been an oasis in this dry country for centuries. Spanish missionaries are said to have named the springs and the winding green watercourse for St. Phillip after finding them on his feast day.

The San Felipe area is one of the poorest in this city of 34,000. Many of the 3,000 or so people who live here are elderly. Most are laborers: blue-collar workers who cross the border daily to work in U.S. factories on the Mexican side, migrant farmworkers who travel north during the year just to make a living.

Some here speak no English. Almost none have insurance.

Rebuilding seems an impossibility. But this neighborhood, with its poor and uneducated, is full of pride and determination. God willing, they will overcome the impossible.

"The people there are nice, loving, working people that enjoy life. I'm sure a lot will want to stay there," said Del Rio Mayor Robert Chavira. "But it's going to take some time. Just like an illness, it's going to take us some time to get well."

The neighborhood was founded in the late 1860s along the San Felipe Creek after an agricultural company offered the waterfront land to its employees as wages.

When rail lines reached the town in the 1880s, more houses cropped up. Brown Plaza, just a block from the creek, was dedicated on May 5, 1908, and quickly became a gathering spot for the townspeople. There were concerts, political rallies and social gatherings.

In modern times, the plaza remained a spot where people congregated for weekend bazaars, festivals and class reunions.

"There were always people roaming around," said 27-year-old Ernest Araujo, whose home just off the plaza was demolished by the floods. "Everything was here, always here."

The nearby springs — which gurgle up gallons of water used by the locals for drinking — are a popular picnic area. On weekends, families spread out their blankets and eat and swim.

In the mid-1980s, city officials dreamed of turning the site into a tourist destination similar to San Antonio's Riverwalk, but their plans fell through.

Nevertheless, the area remained a beautiful spot — until a week ago.

Now debris litters the parks and patches of grass along the water. Clothing clings to trees and drifts downstream. Vehicles rest precariously along the banks of the creek.

In Brown Plaza, entire buildings collapsed when the floodwaters roared in without warning late Sunday night. The cultural center, where children learned to dance and play guitar, is gone. The old Plaza Hotel, which had been under renovation, crumbled under the weight of the water.

"It's unrealistic," Araujo said as he viewed the damage with his mother, Ernestina. "It's like the whole neighborhood is gone."

City officials have estimated that nearly 1,000 homes and businesses were damaged in the floods. Of those, at least 625 were destroyed, leaving those who already had little with nothing.

The devastation winds for miles through the narrow streets of the neighborhood, amid its churches, laundromats and tortilla factories.

"It's real sad," Araujo's [illegible] as she [illegible] it would be a whole lot better if everything was put back the way it was."

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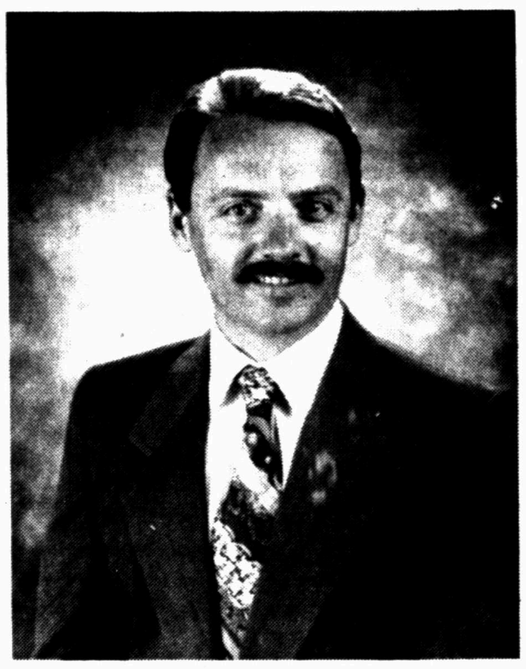
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LAST DAY TO register, add, or change class Wednesday, September 2		1 SGA 10:55 a.m.	2 Last Day to register, add change CLASS Deadline for cheerleader and mascot sign-ups	3 PTK Executive Board 10:45am SC-105 Mascot & Cheerleading try-out Clinic 1-4	4 Friday Night at the Movies 10:00 p.m. in the Dorm Lobby	5
6	7 CLOSED	8 Cheerleading & mascot try-out Clinic 1-4 SGA meets 10:55 am	9 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm Cheerleader & mascot Try-outs 3:00	10 PTK sc-105 TASTE OF SCURRY COUNTY 6:30 P.M. Coliseum Movie in Dorm Lobby 8p.m.	11	12 SGA CAR WASH 11am-3pm Wal-mart
13	14 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. WTC Board Room 12th class day Movie in Dorm Lobby 8p.m.	15 Meet WTC Athletes Ice Cream Supper 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria SGA Meets 10:55 a.m.	16 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm at the BSU Baptist Student Union	17 PTK New Member SC-105 10:45 a.m. Texas Workforce Grand Opening 1:30-3:30 p.m. SCURRY COUNTY FAIR	18 SCURRY COUNTY FAIR	19 SCURRY COUNTY FAIR
20	21 Movie 8:30 p.m. SC	22 SGA Meets 10:55 a.m.	23 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm at the BSU	24 PTK Meeting SC-105 10:45 am.	25 Movie in Dorm Lobby 8 p.m.	26 SGA Garage Sale
27	28	29 SGA Meets 10:55 a.m.	30 BSM Free Meal 11am-1pm			

Movie Night Monday, September 21, 8:30 p.m. Student Center

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Last Day to Sign-up for try-outs Wednesday, September 2

See Alisha Cooper in the Student Activities Office located in room 110 in the Student Center

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Colorful Texans help make radio show

By BRYAN WOOLLEY
The Dallas Morning News

FORT DAVIS — About 30 years ago, Bob Lewis got fired from his radio station job in Big Spring. So, with typical West Texas optimism, he turned his misfortune into opportunity.

"I had always wanted to do something on my own, and getting fired prepared me for it," he says. "I decided, well, hell, I don't want to work for anybody anymore. It's too hard on the system."

So he recorded five brief radio shows and mailed the tape to 65 West Texas radio stations.

"I called the program 'Tumbleweed' because the tumbleweed is such a strong symbol of West Texas," he says. "I ended each show with: 'This is Bob Lewis reporting for 'Tumbleweed.' And I made a sale! The Littlefield station, KZZN, bought my show. Then a station in Big Spring — not the one that fired me — bought it. So I had a network, man!"

Three months after he syndicated himself, Lewis was airing on five stations and, a few months after that, 10. On April 1, 1970, he went statewide. Now he has about 40 stations, all of them small.

"Every now and then I get a big station," he says. "I was on KLIF in Dallas for awhile, and WBAP in Fort Worth, and KPRC in Houston. But I know it's going to be a short run. They'll eventually say, 'What do we need in Dallas from Big Spring?'"

The nearest stations to Dallas now broadcasting the show are the PBS stations in Commerce and Killeen and a commercial station in Mineola.

In 1970, Lewis changed "Tumbleweed" to "Tumbleweed Smith" because people were forgetting his name and calling him by the name of his show. So he decided what the heck. But he didn't like the sound of "Tumbleweed Lewis."

"Smith is my middle name," he says, "And I thought 'Tumbleweed Smith' had a better rhythm than 'Tumbleweed Lewis.' So that's how I became who I am."

The show is simplicity itself. It's 2½ minutes of some Texan just telling a story about something that happened once or some guy he used to know or explaining some unusual hobby he has, such as popping bullwhips. Tumbleweed introduces the storyteller and keeps the story moving along with a question or comment now and then. But mostly he just listens and laughs.

There's Pecos Pate Boone, for instance, a thirsty cowboy who used his boot as a bucket to get water out of a well and drew up a rattlesnake. When he shot the snake, his bullet severed the rope that he had tied the boot onto, and the boot fell into the well, with spur attached. And then some other interesting stuff happened.

Or there's O.C. Proffit, who claims he once caught a catfish that was "66 feet and 13 inches long." He invited all the residents of two counties to the fish fry. Or James Wheat, who busted his Rolls Royce herding a heifer with it. Or Hence Barrow, who remembers a norther so cold it froze all the thermometers and the cattle died standing up.

Or Lela, proprietor of a cafe, who has had so many last names, she says, that "it doesn't make any difference what you call me." She has been a bride "half a dozen times, more or less," but all her husbands are dead. "I killed them all," she says. "I just loved them to death."

She made nice tombstones for them out of cement and beer cans.

Tumbleweed's favorite story is about a boy who stuck his head into a churn and couldn't get it out. It was told years ago by Corbet Akins, then sheriff of Panola County. Sheriff Akins' account of the family's efforts to remove the churn, and his own odd laughter while he's telling it, bring tears of hilarity to every eye in every audience.

Starting out, Tumbleweed compiled 1,000 ideas into a folder. Then he hit the road.

"I was looking for people with a gleam in their eyes who liked to talk," he says. "As I traveled around Texas trying to sell my program, people at the stations would tell me about unusual characters and people who did unusual things. Pretty soon I had about seven folders. I divided the state into about 13 districts and explored one area at a time."

Tumbleweed figures he's driven about a million and a half miles. "That's the equivalent of two or three trips to the moon," he says. "I've used enough audiotape to wrap twice around the borders of Texas."

On a recent weeklong trip to East Texas, he hit Jacksonville, Crockett, Rusk, Athens, Malakoff and Kaufman. He averages about five interviews a day, but has done as many as 14.

Tumbleweed seems an easygoing sort, soft-voiced for a radio man, almost shy, but ready to smile or laugh out loud. Despite his white hair, he looks younger than his 63 years. "The time we spend laughing is added to our lives," he says.

He has recorded some 7,500 people and kept the tapes. He believes they constitute the nation's largest privately owned oral history archive.

He recycles his material, too. He converts some of the interviews into weekly newspaper columns, which run in about 25 small-town papers. The show and the column have made him a popular speaker on the luncheon and banquet circuit. He also uses his tapes there.

"At first I just told Texas jokes and stories," he says. "It was old, boring stuff." Then he incorporated excerpts from his tapes into his speech. "It was so successful I stopped telling jokes and used the actual voices of the people instead."

Now Tumbleweed is wrapping up the fourth season of a stage show he performs every summer weekend in Fort Davis, where he has a second home. He has installed a rustic front-porch set in a corner of the old Union Mercantile building on the town square, and lined about 40 folding chairs into rows. He stands with his mike in front of the set and, with his wife, Susan, working the tapes and sound equipment, does an hour-long version of his radio show, an audio anthology of Texas folk humor.



RECOGNIZED — Congressman Charlie Stenholm recently was named a "Champion of Property Rights" by the League of Private Property Voters. (Contributed Photo)

Stenholm receives LPPV recognition

WASHINGTON , D.C. — Congressman Charlie Stenholm recently was named a "Champion of Property Rights" by the League of Private Property Voters.

Stenholm scored a perfect 100 percent from the group in their 1998 Private Property Congressional Vote Index which rates members of the House of Representatives and the Senate on actual votes that affect private property rights, regulatory burdens, access to Federal land and resource issues.

The 1998 Vote Index scored the House on 12 key roll call votes, which included the Endangered Species Act, biosphere and world heritage program, forest service roads funding, national monument designations, United Nations Land Designations, private property rights, local land use decision appeals and garazing fees.

The League of Private Property Voters and the Congressional Vote Index are non-partisan. The League was formed in 1990 to track congressional votes on property rights issues.

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Crop prices trigger rush on program

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Now, thanks to a federal program that kicks in when commodity prices fall to very low levels, Dufault has also claimed a $2,600 government subsidy on that grain.

Many farmers had never heard of the program before this summer. But with commodity prices plunging because of the Asian economic crisis and a worldwide grain glut, producers are packing some Agriculture Department offices to collect the checks.

The payments have already reached $180 million nationwide, and the total is certain to go much higher as farmers bring in the rest of their wheat and bumper crops of corn and soybeans.

The money couldn't come sooner for farmers reeling from drought, crop disease and the extraordinarily low commodity prices. The program will "allow you to free up some cash and pay some bills," said Dufault, who farms 1,000 acres in Polk County, Minn.

However, critics say the biggest beneficiaries won't be the farmers who need the money the most, but growers who are financially stable enough to play the commodity markets.

That's because farmers in the worst shape may have to forgo the payments and instead take government loans on their crops to pay off creditors, said Paul Thomas, who advises North Dakota farmers. "It's going to provide the least help to the most needy."

The program is triggered when commodity prices fall below the support prices that the government sets for each county. When Dufault claimed his payment last week, the local wheat price had dipped to $2.64 — 13 cents below the support price.

The program is designed to guarantee farmers a minimum income for their crops. But some savvy farmers are pocketing the subsidy, known as a "loan deficiency payment," and storing their grain to sell when prices go back up. Others, like Dufault, put their grain under contract when prices were higher and are now taking advantage of the downturn to claim the subsidy.

Farmers in Minnesota have so far collected $2.4 million in deficiency payments, mostly on wheat. When the corn and soybeans are harvested, "it could go just crazy," said Linda Hockert, an official in USDA's state office.

Nationally this week, USDA has been making $10 million in deficiency payments a day.

In Kansas, farmers have collected $34 million in this year's wheat crop. In Texas and South Dakota, claims have topped $9 million. In North Dakota, USDA has paid $5.1 million, and the agency is running two to three weeks behind in issuing checks because of the demand.

In Ochiltree County, Texas, USDA filled 500 claims by wheat farmers at a rate of about 5 cents a bushel. Now the corn crop is ripening, and the subsidy for that is nearly 50 cents a bushel. "Anytime you can get a little bit of extra money with the prices we've got, it's going to be a popular program," said Jim Bellman, who runs the local USDA office.

"It's significant in that it helps cash flow," said Bruce Knight, vice president of public policy for the National Corn Growers Association. "It's a portion of what's necessary to help out in the kind of distress we're feeling throughout the country."

But Democrats in Congress say it's far too little. "That's like providing a safety net two inches from the floor. ... The net is so ridiculously low that it's not going to save anybody," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Senate Democrats failed to dramatically boost the subsidies by removing a congressionally imposed cap on support prices, but are vowing to force another vote in September. USDA estimates net farm income will fall $5.2 billion this year from 1996.

Armed student arrested at school

HILLIARD, Fla. (AP) — A tip from a parent led police to arrest a 16-year-old student who allegedly threatened to kill an assistant principal and arrived at school with loaded weapons in his car.

A parent overheard his daughter talking about Brian Thompson's plan Tuesday night and called a school official on Wednesday morning, Sheriff Ray Geiger said.

Thompson, who was not in class that day, was spotted standing beside his vehicle at the Hilliard High School parking lot at the end of the school day. The weapons were found partially covered by a towel under the back seat.

The parent's tip "averted what could have been a major tragedy," said school superintendent John Ruis, whose wife teaches at the school and daughter is a student.

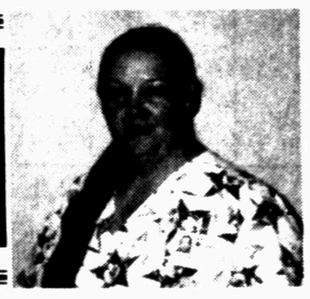
Thompson was armed with a semiautomatic rifle and .357-caliber Magnum revolver when he was arrested. He was charged with possessing weapons on school property, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was ordered held without bond.

"Was he going to carry it out?" Geiger said. "We don't know, but you can't take chances."

Will the Cycle Be Unbroken?
How Churches Face the 21st Century

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10:30 a.m. — God's Use of History: The Necessity of Knowing Our Past
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She was born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, and attended Snyder Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1973.
Sherry has two children and two grandchildren. Her son, Rusty Clayton, lives in Amarillo with his family; her daughter, Sabrina Davidson, is a junior at Snyder High School.
She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Sherry included: a hard worker... very dependable... knowledgeable about her job... flexible... willing to accept additional responsibility... efficient in performing her assigned duties... has a good attitude and is a joy to be around.
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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 30, 1998

The coming year may offer opportunities to tap new earnings in areas you never previously considered. There's a good chance you could profit handsomely as a result.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Circumstances might unravel in a way that enables you to close up a lingering endeavor today. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you decide to drop in uninvited on an old friend today, your presence will be welcomed. Keep an eye on the clock and don't overstay your visit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Several sequential opportunities may come your way today. One relates to finance, and the others to the fulfillment of your ambitions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have a marvelous faculty for saying things that uplift the spirits of others today. You may not be aware of your impact — making you all the more charming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People who are fond of you will be sensitive to your needs today, doing things for you without being asked. Keep this in mind before requesting favors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An answer you've been seeking might come to you in an unusual way today. It could be a chance remark from a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pisceans are blessed with superb imaginations — giving you an edge over competitors today. Let your mind run unfettered, and utilize your quick thinking to your advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associate with individuals who are optimistic and love life today. Their ideas work well in conjunction with yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have an idea which will benefit you and your family, make a test run today. You may be able to improve your plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're a fast thinker with superb judgment today. The decisions you make and put into action will be to your benefit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't discount the clever ways to increase your earnings you may devise today. Make this opportunity count!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spontaneous activities are likely to be the most fun today. Keep a loose schedule, so you'll be able to go where your spirit takes you.

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pose. There's a possibility your tactics may seem unattractive to others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Making premature assessments may have a low-quality yield today. Hunches can't be relied upon; only facts will give you the answers you're seeking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19 Be realistic in situations where you hope to gain personally. Building your expectations beyond reasonable probabilities will lead to disappointment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your self-reliance and independence are admirable traits, but today you'll be able to achieve more by working with others. Seek allies as competent as yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial dealings are lucky today, but be prepared to work for what you hope to get. Rewards are proportionate to efforts expended.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If your judgment is faulty today, you could become involved in an unproductive liability. Before plunging into new endeavors, be sure all the parts are working properly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not make unnecessary changes in your course of action today regarding a matter that's doing okay on its own two feet. Any alterations could be counterproductive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You must be careful not to ask others to do things for you if they feel you could do them yourself today. This is a tricky area — don't try to take advantage of people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Material gains through established channels are a good possibility today, but you're not apt to fare well in situations where your risk increases.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 31, 1998

Lady Luck is likely to treat you favorably in the year ahead, but she could be fickle where joint ventures are concerned. Be careful of getting involved in situations where you depend heavily on someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A domestic infraction might develop today, and your first impulse could be a harsh one. However, if you react with tolerance and forgiveness, it can be resolved quickly. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This should be a rewarding day for you, but there's also a possibility you could plant obstacles on your own path. Make life easier for yourself, not harder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you find yourself in need of financial or business advice today, seek expert counsel. Forego the opinions of people who know less than you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Once you set your mind to something today, you'll be capable of achieving your pur-

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Grounded grain raises many questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wheat fills Kansas elevators and is piling up on the ground. The corn harvest is just around the corner and expected to be the second-biggest ever. Rail car delivery is backlogged.

"We're bracing ourselves," said Linda Donovan, co-manager of the Norton County Co-Op in northwest Kansas.

Sound familiar? In farm country, the memory of the congestion that choked shipping throughout the West is only too near.

But this is not the rail crisis of 1997, when gridlock driven by Union Pacific Corp.'s takeover of Southern Pacific Rail Corp. stranded Midwestern grain crops, clogged California ports and forced the temporary idling of some Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, with an economic toll estimated as high as $4 billion.

The biggest difference is that in many cases, the grain has nowhere to go. Abundant global supplies and sagging exports to financially troubled Asia have beaten down already-low prices, forcing farmers to stockpile back-to-back, bumper wheat harvests. The storage shortage appears worst in Kansas and parts of Iowa, Minnesota and Oklahoma.

"The point is, if we moved every car that we had to market, there isn't a market for all of it. That's the problem," Union Pacific Railroad spokesman Ed Trandahl said.

Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad, was under orders to cooperate with competitors from last Oct. 31 until federal regulators ruled last month they could no longer force UP to keep giving business to other rail carriers. Most agree that while service has not returned to normal, the emergency is over.

"Even if the railroads perform most admirably, there still will be grain on the ground this year," said Bill Brennan of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's transportation and marketing division. "Major export markets are shut down in the midst of a huge economic crisis right now."

Price and lack of export markets are factors, concedes Rep. Jerry Moran, who is in the home stretch of a tour through the 66 counties he represents in western Kansas.

"But every elevator operator tells me he or she has a place to go with the grain, if they could just get the railroads to move it," said Moran, a Republican. "We continue to get calls from shippers saying they can't get any cars."

Kansas as of Tuesday recorded 430,200 wheat bushels on the ground or in temporary storage. The state agriculture department said the number may soar to anywhere from 75 million to 100 million — more than triple the 31 million bushels Kansas farmers dumped last year.

Corn growers in neighboring Missouri are apprehensive too.

"We have almost no confidence that the railroads are going to be able to provide the type of service that we've had in the past," said Gary Marshall, executive director of the Missouri Corn Growers Association. "With more wheat already in bins, we think it's going to force more grain into the market pool."

Moran, who serves on the railroad subcommittee of the House Transportation Committee, is among a handful of lawmakers who have proposed legislation designed to minimize the chance of another meltdown. Trouble is, Congress plays a peripheral role.

"What it comes down to is the ability of the railroad to operate properly," said Tom White, a spokesman for the Association of American Railroads. "It's hard to see what legislation can do about that."

Congress is not likely to act this year on related legislation, said Moran, who sponsored a measure nudging the federal Surface Transportation Board to make the industry more competitive. Competition has been a rallying cry of shippers and some lawmakers, who blame the STB along with the railroads for OKing the mega-merger in the first place — and for refusing last month to extend the emergency remedies.

Moran wants Surface Transportation Board Chairwoman Linda Morgan to visit the Wheat State to see the railroad woes firsthand. "The lack of rail service could be devastating for the Kansas farmer," Moran wrote in an Aug. 25 letter to Morgan. "The STB needs to see the situation in Kansas."

Union Pacific Railroad has a backlog of a few hundred rail cars, while car delivery from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. is several days behind. But the railroads offer evidence that service has improved.

BNSF had loaded 26,895 grain cars in Kansas through last July, spokesman Jim Sabourin said, compared to 43,989 through July of this year. "Just the fact that we are keeping up with demand and handling more grain tells you that there's some improvement there," Sabourin said from company headquarters in Fort Worth.

Trandahl, a UP spokesman at the railroad's headquarters in Omaha, Neb., said the railroad should be running smoothly by next month.

"We are a few hundred cars backlogged, which is a big improvement over the first half of August, and we think that by mid-September, we basically will not have any backlog," Trandahl said.

Meanwhile, at the Norton, Kan., co-op, grain isn't yet piled on the ground and shipping has been regular, Donovan said. But she plans to have to pile grain on the ground this fall at another location.

Man pleads guilty to stealing papers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A researcher pleaded guilty to stealing about 200 Lincoln-era documents, two of them signed by Lincoln when he was a lawyer, and trying to auction several off.

Sean Brown, 29, could get up to seven years in prison at sentencing in October.

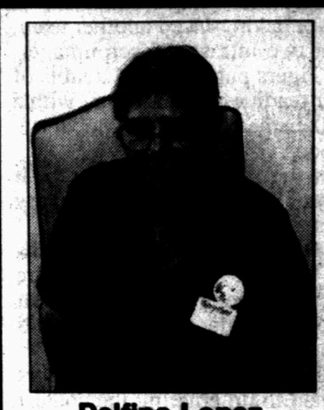
Brown, a former researcher for the Abraham Lincoln Papers Project, sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, admitted Thursday that he took the documents in 1995 from the archives of the University of Illinois at Springfield.

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Man We Introduce..



Delfina Lopez

Delfina has been employed at Snyder Healthcare Center for 27 years.

She has eight children: five girls and three boys.

In her spare time, Delfina enjoys singing in a choir.

Delfina says of her work, "I really like to work at Snyder Healthcare. After all this time, it seems like home to me".

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SPORTS

Tigers pound Loboes in grid season opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Snyder football coach David Baugh may never schedule another scrimmage.

Not having faced another team, after two intrasquad scrimmages, the Tigers put to rest all doubts of their readiness Friday night with a 30-0 dismantling of the Monahans Loboes.

In the season opener for both clubs, Snyder dominated every facet of the game.

"This is a good confidence builder," Baugh said. "I know we're still not as good as we can be, but we executed the game plan and did the things we wanted to do."

The main things the Tigers wanted to do entering the contest were establish the run on offense, and stop it on defense. The numbers show Snyder did both — well.

The Tiger ground game produced two 100-yard rushers in Cheyenne Robinson and Paul Camp as Snyder ran over and around the Loboes, to the tune of 314 yards.

Meanwhile, a suffocating Tiger defense held Monahans to only 26 yards rushing and 70 yards of total offense, while forcing three turnovers.

"Every single guy played good on defense tonight," SHS defensive coordinator Joe Granato said. "Our young kids made a few mistakes, but that happens. You can't beat the effort these guys gave."

Following a 15-minute delay due to lightning, Snyder pounced on the Loboes immediately.

Jamie Hoyle secured a Monahans fumble at the Lobo 47-yard line. Four plays later Andy Parker connected on a 32-yard field goal for a 3-0 Snyder lead, with less than five minutes gone in the game.

Just two plays into the next series, Jacob Hodges grabbed another Monahans fumble and the Tigers were in business at the Lobo 19.

Junior fullback Paul Camp, who finished the night with 104 yards, plunged in from three yards out to cap the short drive. Parker booted the PAT for a 10-0 Tiger advantage.

The two teams continued to trade posessions until the Tiger defense came up with another big play late in the first half.

Two plays after a Brady Cobb interception and 60-yard return for a touchdown were called back due to a penalty, senior free safety Rad Eicke picked off a Lobo pass at the Snyder 31-yard line with 2:05 left before halftime.

With just 15 ticks left on the clock and facing third down and 10 at its own 45, Snyder called what it thought was a safe play. It ended up being a Lobo killer.

Robinson, who carried 12 times for 151 yards in the contest, took the tall on a draw play up the middle, side-stepped one defender at midfield, then outran the others for 55-yard touchdown. Parker's 23rd consecutive successful PAT sent the Tigers into the locker room with a 17-0 lead.

"We've made good yardage on that play before and we thought it was a good, safe play to call," Baugh remarked. "But anytime you can get a good back the ball in open field, good things can happen.

"We almost didn't get a chance to run it though. With about 17 seconds left, the referee said he might have to stop the game for a while because of lightning. I'm sure glad he didn't."

Snyder picked up right where it left off to begin the third quarter.

After snuffing out a Lobo drive, the Tigers saddled up their workhorse fullback once again.

Camp got the call on four straight plays, using his combination of speed and power to move the ball from the Snyder 33-yard line all the way to the Monahans 1.

Robinson plunged in from there, extending the margin to 23-0 with just over four minutes left in the third.

"We changed our set a little in the second half," Baugh said. "The guys were playing kind of tentatively at times in the first half and the change really opened things up.

"I was very pleased with the job Paul Camp did. He helps our offense tremendously. Cheyenne will have more chances to make big plays because teams have to respect Camp up the middle."

On the point after, a false start penalty backed the Tigers up five yards and Parker's kick sailed wide right, ending his streak at 23. The senior kicker was true on all 21 of his PAT attempts in '97.

The Tiger maintained its domination of the Loboes in the final quarter.

Snyder capped the scoring when McNair finished a 66-yard, eight play drive with a QB sneak from a yard out. The Parker kick ran the tally to the 30-0 final score.

McNair split equal time under center with junior Sonny Cumbie.

"I've decided on who I like at quarterback — both of them," Baugh quipped following the contest. "Even though we didn't throw the ball that much with Sonny in there, they complement each other so well that it works out to play them both."

The Tigers will look to move to 2-0 on the season Friday when they visit Littlefield for an 8 p.m. kickoff.

Game Summary

Monahans	00	00	00	00	— 00
Snyder	10	07	06	07	— 30

First Quarter
Snyder — Andy Parker 32-yard FG, 7:45.
Snyder — Paul Camp 3-yard run (Parker kick), 5:06.

Second Quarter
Snyder — Cheyenne Robinson 55-yard run (Parker kick), :07.

Third Quarter
Snyder — Robinson 2-yard run (kick failed), 4:20.

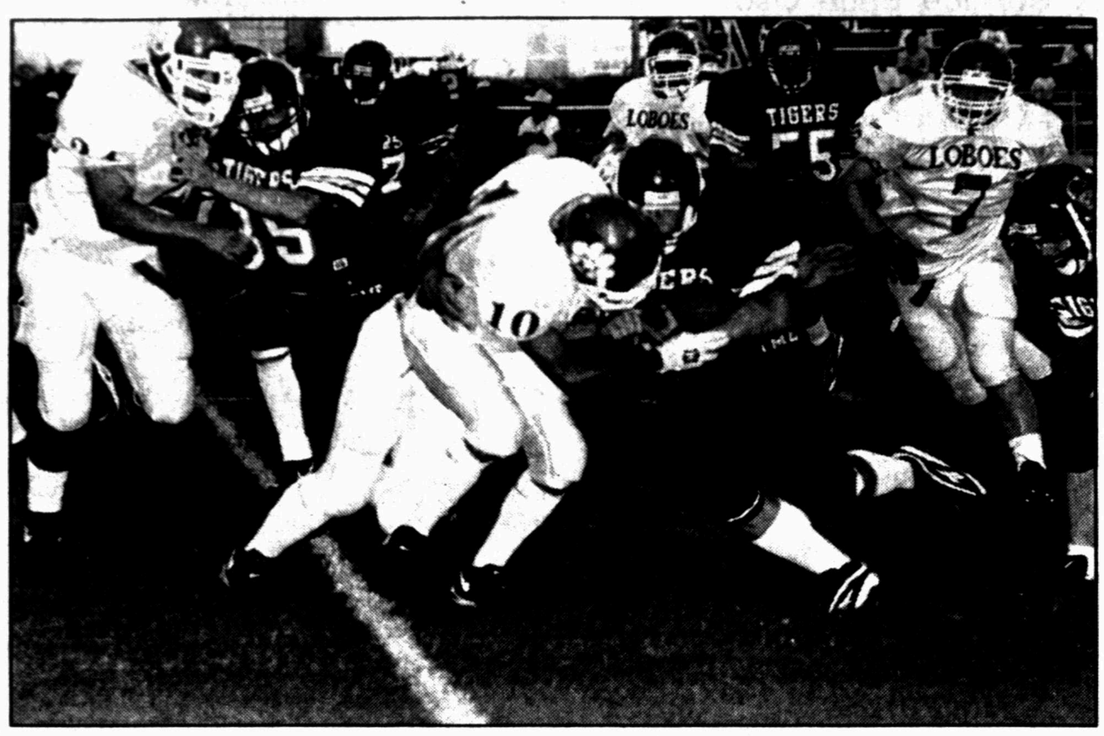
Fourth Quarter
Snyder — Justin McNair 1-yard run (Parker kick), 10:42.

	Mon	Sny
First downs	6	16
Rushes-yards	25-24	39-314
Passing yards	46	7
Comp-Att-Int	4-10-1	2-7-0
Punts	6-35	3-35
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	8-61

RUSHING — Monahans: Hinojos, 11-27; Rodriguez, 8-22; Cordova, 2-minus 5; Thomas, 4-minus 20. **Snyder:** Robinson, 12-151; Camp, 14-104; Josh Arizmendi, 3-35; Covey, 4-17; Hodges, 2-15; Cumbie, 1-1; McNair, 3-minus 9.

PASSING — Monahans: Thomas 4 of 10 for 46 yards, 1 int. **Snyder:** McNair 1 of 2 for 9; Cumbie 1 of 5 for minus 2.

RECEIVING — Monahans: Adams 2-22, Rodriguez 2-24. **Snyder:** Cobb 1-9; Camp 1-minus 2.



BRUTE FORCE — Snyder fullback Paul Camp collides with Monahans' Frank Vela during season-opening action Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Playing in his first varsity game, Camp rushed for 104 yards on 14 carries. (SDN Photo by Christy Wells)

Cowboys offer explanations

DALLAS (AP) — What can you say about a winless preseason?

Dallas Cowboys coaches and players had plenty of explanations after they lost to Jacksonville, 42-20, to complete their 0-5 exhibition record.

Troy Aikman's suggestion? Don't freak out.

The Cowboys' quarterback projected his usual cool when asked about the preseason whitewash.

"Are we concerned that we're 0-5? No," Aikman said. "I could sit here for an hour and tell you why we didn't win some preseason games. That's not important."

What is important, Aikman said, is what happens a week from Sunday, when the Cowboys open the regular season against the Arizona Cardinals.

"No one can sit here at the end of next Sunday and say, 'We were playing younger players and working on things we weren't going to be using in the regular season.' It's over with, and now we get ready to go," he said.

Few of the other Cowboys seem outwardly bothered by the preseason whitewash, either.

They pointed out that the Cowboys' trinity of Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin ran just nine plays together before the backups took their places.

Aikman was 2-of-4 passing for 27 yards. Smith rushed for three yards in three carries. Irvin caught one pass for 14 yards.

Offensively, the Cowboys had a total of 80 yards rushing to the Jags' 176. Dallas had 150 yards passing to Jacksonville's 269.

The Cowboys roster was still 60 on Friday. Team spokesman Rich Dalrymple says the team won't trim to the league-required 53 until shortly before the 3 p.m. Sunday deadline.

The most important personnel decisions remaining are who will be the other starting receiver alongside Irvin, and who will start at free safety.

The Cowboys hoped Billy Davis would grab the receiver spot, but he didn't make a catch against Jacksonville. His main competition, Ernie Mills, had one 13-yard catch.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preseason
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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	4	0	0	1.000	75	56
N.Y.Jets	3	1	0	.750	80	78
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	64	62
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	74	101
NewEngland	2	2	0	.500	54	62
Central						
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	89	26
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	81	67
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	114	82
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	75	86
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	77	90
West						
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	71	54
Seattle	4	1	0	.800	117	108
SanDiego	3	1	0	.750	129	93
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	50	65
KansasCity	2	3	0	.400	69	105
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	61	68
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	42	69
N.Y.Giants	1	3	0	.250	63	82
Washington	1	3	0	.250	77	90
Dallas	0	5	0	.000	59	121
Central						
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	129	50
TampaBay	2	3	0	.400	103	54
GreenBay	2	3	0	.400	117	113
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	52	70
Chicago	0	4	0	.000	54	87
West						
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	64	59
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	62	62
St.Louis	2	2	0	.500	72	81
SanFrancisco	2	3	0	.400	99	103
NewOrleans	1	3	0	.250	51	80

Thursday's Games
Jacksonville 42, Dallas 20
Indianapolis 20, Detroit 17

Friday's Games
Miami 21, Green Bay 7
Buffalo 27, Washington 17
Atlanta 17, Cincinnati 0
Minnesota 42, San Diego 28
New Orleans 10, Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 14, New York Giants 6
New York Jets 24, Chicago 7
St. Louis 10, Kansas City 6
Seattle 21, San Francisco 20

Saturday's Games
Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

SHS junior varsity netters control Colorado City, 20-11

Powered by dominating play from its girls squad, Snyder High's junior varsity tennis squad posted a 20-11 victory Thursday over Colorado City.

The Lady Tigers dropped just one match to their opponent, while recording 15 wins.

C-City controlled the action in Anjela Quiros claimed two boys competition, capturing 10 of 15 matches.

singles victories, while the duos of Tiffany Sutter-Natalie Hill, Cynthia Fennell-Marci Kruger and Brenda Ornales-Quiros did the same in doubles play.

Snyder 20, Colorado City 11

Boys singles: Alex Best lost to Josh Silva, 1-8; Jason Hall lost to Patrick Bell, 3-8; Charlie Gorman lost to Oscar Rodriguez, 0-8; Chris Lee lost to Chris Meyers, 1-8; Best def. Simon Moreno, 8-3; Pace Millhollen lost to Jeremy Raymond, 2-8; Austin Haire lost to Justin Gross, 1-8; Tommy Gladden def. Phillip Thompson, 8-0; Tyson Kubena lost to Johnny Morales, 6-8; Trace Dennis def. Brek Taylor, 8-0.

Boys doubles: Millhollen-Gorman lost to Silva-Rodriguez, 4-8; Lee-Hall lost to Bell-Meyers, 5-8; Haire-Dennis lost to Moreno-Raymond, 4-8; Gladden-Kubena def. Gross-Thompson, 8-0; Gladden-Kubena def. Morales-Taylor, 8-4.

Girls singles: Anjela Quiros def. Tosha Williams, 8-5; Cynthia Fennell def. Lacy Rankin, 9-8; Sarah Pilgrim def. Shamika Lewis, 8-5; Brenda Ornelas def. Williams, 8-2; Tiffany Sutter def. Becky Luera, 9-7; Marci Kruger def. Shari Lentz, 6-2; Emily Vinson def. Candi Jackson, 6-4; Quiros def. Samantha Maberry, 6-2.

Girls doubles: Ornelas-Quiros def. Strain-Lewis, 8-6; Vinson-Pilgrim lost to Rankin-Jackson, 2-8; Sutter-Hill def. Wilkins-Luera, 8-4; Fennell-Kruger def. Williams-Wilkins, 8-4; Fennell-Kruger def. Hall-Overby, 8-4; Vinson-Pilgrim def. Luera-Maberry, 8-2; Sutter-Hill def. Calloway-Chavez, 8-4; Ornelas-Quiros def. Merket-Sanderson, 8-1.

DISTRICT 5-AAAA STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	0	0	1	0
Andrews	0	0	1	0
Lake View	0	0	1	0
Sweetwater	0	0	0	0
Ft. Stockton	0	0	0	0
Big Spring	0	0	0	1

This week's results: Snyder 30, Monahans 0; Plainview 34, Big Spring 18; Andrews 42, EP Eastwood 13; Lake View 27, Abilene Wylie 6.
Next week's games: Snyder at Littlefield; Sweetwater at Brownwood; Big Spring at Frenship; Kerrville Tivy at Lake View; Crane at Ft. Stockton.

Grid scores

Abilene 20, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Andrews 42, EP Eastwood 13
Bonham 25, Little Elm 14
Borger 21, Clovis, N.M., 14
Brownsville St. Joseph 23, Lyford 0
Brownwood 48, San Angelo Central 31
Canyon 7, Amarillo Caprock 0
Cooper 21, Pottsboro 15
Denton Liberty Chr. 28, Irving Cistercian 27
Granbury Oak Trail 40, Lewisville Temple Christian 0
Hallsville 26, Lindale 0
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 22, Van Vleck 21
Houston St. Pius 48, Galveston O'Connell 7
Houston Second Baptist 35, Houston St. John's 14
Holliday 40, Iowa Park 37 (2OT)
Irving McArthur 28, Dallas Adams 7
Italy 27, TC-Cedar Hill 10
Jacksonville 14, Sulphur Springs 3
Kerens 28, Timpson 21
Kilgore 42, Bishop Lynch 0
Leonard 20, Lake Dallas 9
Mount Pleasant 10, Denton Ryan 7
Odessa 37, EP Socorro 0
Plainview 34, Big Spring 18
PA Lincoln 12, PA Austin 7
San Angelo Lakeview 27, Abilene Wylie 6
SA Holmes 24, CC Ray 21 (2OT)
SA Jay 21, CC Moody 0
Santa Teresa, N.M., 20, San Elizario 15
Snyder 30, Monahans 0
Van Alstyne 36, S&S Consolidated 6
Victoria 58, Austin Anderson 7

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day beginning at 9 a.m. Format will be most net fours on back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play. Couples play will be held Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Flag football registration

Snyder Flag Football Association's season will begin Oct. 3. Anyone wishing to put together a team should contact Kirk Herrley at 573-3204.

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SPORTS

Rangers, Sox blast 14 HRs in doubleheader

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Cameron, Ray Durham and Mike Caruso each homered in the eighth inning for Chicago Friday night, leading the White Sox to an 8-7 victory and a split of their doubleheader with the Texas Rangers.

Will Clark homered in the 10th inning and was part of the Rangers' spurt of three-straight homers in the fourth for a 6-5 win over the White Sox in the first game.

The two teams tied an AL record by combining for 14 homers in the doubleheader. It was also done on May 22, 1930, when New York hit nine and Philadelphia hit five in a doubleheader.

Texas is now three games behind AL West-leading Anaheim, which beat Boston 7-6 Friday. Between games, Rangers manager Johnny Oates was asked if he was scoreboard watching.

"You're five months too late for me," he said. "I started watching on March 31. That's when the games started to count."

In the second game, Cameron hit a two-run homer off Danny Patterson in the eighth to close the gap to 7-6. Durham greeted Eric Gunderson (0-2) with his 16th home run and second of the day to tie it 7-7 and Caruso followed with his fifth homer.

Bryan Ward (1-1) picked up his first major league win by getting two outs in the eighth. Bob Howry pitched the ninth for his first career save.

Rusty Greer, Roberto Kelly and Royce Clayton homered for the Rangers.

Kelly hit his 13th home run with one out in the first. Robin Ventura answered in the Chicago second with his 16th home run to tie it 1-1.

Clayton led off the Rangers third with his second home run and Greer hit a three-run shot, his 13th, to go ahead 5-1 and chase starter Scott Eyre.

Durham hit a run-scoring groundout and Albert Belle added an RBI double in the Chicago third to close to 5-3.

Todd Zeile hit an RBI single in the Texas sixth.

Belle hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Jaime Navarro hit Kelly with the bases loaded in the eighth to give Texas a 7-4 lead.

Clark led the Rangers in the first game, posting his first multihomer game of the year and 12th of his career.

"We've talked about him being an impact player," Oates said. "Will Clark is plenty good as he showed today."

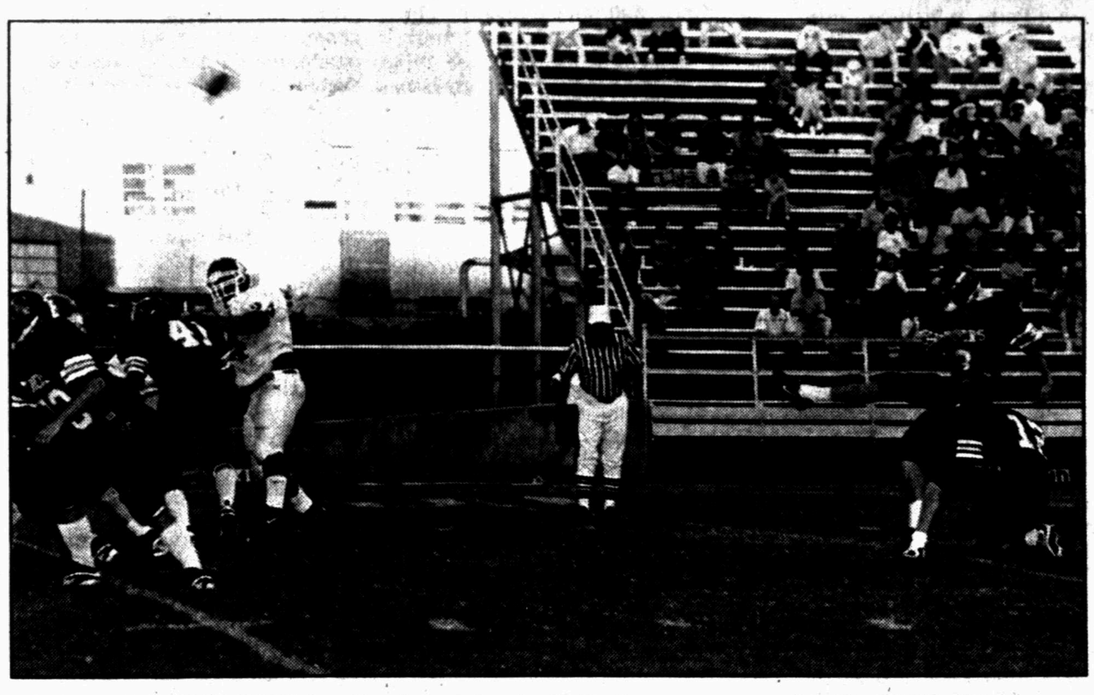
Juan Gonzalez, Clark and Ivan Rodriguez hit consecutive home runs in the fourth, with Gonzalez raising his major league-leading RBI total to 135 with his two-run shot.

"I get a lot of fun out of winning the game in general," Clark said. "Now, in the last month of the season, it's pressure packed. You've got to win every game. But this is also the fun part. You've worked six, seven months to be in this position where it's a lot of fun."

Clark's game-winning shot, his 21st homer, came off Bob Howry (0-3) with two outs in the 10th.

Xavier Hernandez (6-3) pitched two hitless innings. John Wetteland pitched the 10th for his 37th save.

Luis Alicea led off the fourth with a triple off John Snyder. One out later, Gonzalez hit his 38th home run, Clark followed with his 20th, and Rodriguez hit the next pitch for his 13th to make it 5-2.



BOOTING IT THROUGH — Snyder senior Andy Parker connects on his first PAT of the season, out of the hold of Justin McNair, Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Parker's streak of consecutive successful extra points came to end at 23 in the Tigers' 30-0 victory. (SDN Photo by Christy Wells)

Johnson fans 16 Pirates in shutout

HOUSTON (AP) — Randy Johnson is getting comfortable in his new surroundings. That's making things uncomfortable for Houston's opponents.

Johnson struck out 16 for his third shutout — all in the Astrodome — since joining Houston as the Astros snapped Pittsburgh's nine-game winning streak Friday night with a 2-0 victory.

"Of all the games I've pitched for the Astros I was the most comfortable in this one," Johnson said. "It's easier to keep your focus later in the game when you have a 2-0 ballgame."

The Astros got only four hits and scored both runs on close plays at the plate, but Johnson went after the Pirates to pass Sandy Koufax for the top spot on the career list of 10 or more strikeout games by a left-hander.

Johnson has 98 games with 10 or more strikeouts. Nolan Ryan is the overall leader with 215.

Johnson had 15 strikeouts in three games this season with Seattle before he was traded to Houston on July 31. His career-high strikeout total is 19, which he has accomplished twice.

"I felt like for whatever reason, my fastball is back," Johnson said. "It's comforting to know that my velocity is back up. Maybe the extra day gave me a chance to regroup, but as long as we win it doesn't matter if I'm pitching hard or not."

Johnson (5-1), who allowed seven hits, tied a franchise record for strikeouts in a game by a left-hander. He had 12 strikeouts in seven innings at Pittsburgh on Aug. 2 in his first start after joining the Astros.

Johnson also ended Pittsburgh's string of success against left-handers. In their nine-game streak, the Pirates were 5-0 against left-handed starters.

"He just overpowered us," Pirates manager Gene Lamont. "He was better than he was against us in Pittsburgh. He was throwing harder. He was throwing as hard tonight as he was in the AL when I saw him in 1992 and 1993."

Adrian Brown went 3-for-4 for the Pirates, but he was impressed with Johnson's effort.

"He threw real hard, harder than anybody I've ever faced," Brown said.

Monahans rallies to top Snyder JV

MONAHANS — Until they face Littlefield in their next game, Snyder JV may be talking about the one that got away.

Snyder held a 22-8 lead over Monahans with nine minutes remaining in the contest, before the Loboes rallied to steal a 26-22 victory Thursday in Monahans.

The Tigers had grabbed the advantage with their running game.

Jared Thornhill posted Snyder's first score on a 14-yard run, with Norris Williams adding the two-point conversion.

Williams then found the endzone himself from 10 yards out, but the conversion failed.

Daniel Hackfeld later scampered 16 yards and Thornhill added the two points for the 16-point Tiger lead.

The Loboes used a Snyder turnover, an onside kick and a 70-yard touchdown pass to complete the comeback.

In addition to the defeat, the Tigers lost the services of Leroy Mills who suffered two breaks in his right arm.

Snyder will be back in action Thursday night at 6 o'clock against Littlefield at Tiger Stadium.

SJHS 8th grade falls to Lamesa

Snyder's eighth grade volleyball squads battled Lamesa to three games Thursday, before falling in both matches.

Snyder A captured the first game of its match, 15-9, before Lamesa answered in the final two, 15-4, 15-6.

Chaelyn Robinson led the Lady Tigers with eight service points, while Wendy Profitt added seven more. Shelly Fisk and Shastade Hill accounted for three points apiece, with Afton Schwertner and Jessie Keller serving up two each.

After dropping the first game of its match, 12-15, Snyder B rallied with a 15-7 decision to even the contest. However, the Lady Tors posted a 15-3 win in the deciding game to claim the victory.

Katie Kerley paced the Snyder effort with six points. Kayla Beck and Valerie Hernandez posted five points each, with Kellie Dodson and Ashlee Grantham adding four apiece. Olivia Barrera and Tiffany Gomez both served up three points, with Cindy Nachlinger recording one.

Snyder will be in action again Sept. 10 at 5:30 when it hosts Big Spring.

Seventh grade topped by Tors

Snyder A seventh grade volleyball team gave Lamesa a run Thursday before falling by a narrow 15-10, 15-11 tally.

Kelsi Johnson recorded seven service points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Dominique Braziel posted four. Laura Arellano added three more points, with Sharday McKinney and Ashley Martinez accounting for two apiece. Jessica Sollis, Missy Vasquez and Erin Burleson chipped in one each.

Lamesa came out firing in B game action, grabbing a 15-3, 15-4 victory.

Three service points from Amanda Martinez paced the Snyder effort, with Laura Calmes, Acee French, Katie Chandler and Gerrico Greenly recording one point apiece.

Next on the Lady Tigers' schedule is a home date Sept. 10 against Big Spring, beginning at 5:30.

At the U.S. Amateur...

Defending champ bows out in quarterfinal round

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — After a four-year struggle, Tom McKnight quit trying to make a success of pro golf when he dislocated his elbow in a winter basketball league in 1980.

"They told me I might not ever play again and I wouldn't be the caliber I used to be," he said. "So I applied for my amateur status back."

McKnight's hard-luck tumble might produce a fairy tale ending after all. He advanced into today's semifinals of the U.S. Amateur championship, ousting Sean Knapp of Oakmont, Pa., 5 and 3 in match play Friday at Oak Hill.

To get into Sunday's final, the 44-year-old gasoline distributor from Galax, Va., will need all the guile he can muster — and probably some luck — to get past Sergio "El Nino" Garcia.

"I know he's got a great reputation," McKnight said. "I heard about him a couple of years ago — 'Look out for this kid, he's going to be great.' And obviously he is."

The 18-year-old Spaniard toppled defending champion Matt Kuchar 2 and 1 in the quarterfinals, keeping on course for a rare trans-Atlantic double in amateur golf. He won the British Amateur in June.

"If I was to lose, that was the way I wanted to go out," Kuchar said after a dramatic duel sprinkled with seven hole-winning birdies.

Just four golfers have won the British and U.S. Amateur titles in the same year — Harold Hilton in 1911, Robert T. Jones Jr. in 1930, W. Lawson Little Jr. in 1934 and 1935, and Robert B. Dickson in 1967.

Hank Kuehne of McKinney, Texas, a recovering alcoholic who survived a scary car crash in 1995, met Bill Lunde of Henderson, Nev., in the other semifinal.

Garcia drew first blood on the second hole, sinking a 10-foot putt for the first of four birdies to go 1-up.

Kuchar leveled the match by holing out from a bunker on the fourth, then sank a 25-footer on the seventh to grab the lead. He lost it on the 12th when he hooked his drive and caught a tree branch with his approach shot.

Garcia almost reached the green with a 300-yard drive on the narrow par-4 14th, chipped to 5 feet and regained the lead. But Kuchar surged right back again with a birdie on the par-3 15th.

The 16th hole proved decisive. After a wayward drive, Garcia hit a high wedge over trees and sank an 8-footer. Kuchar then missed from 7 feet.

On the 17th, Kuchar landed in a bunker behind the green, then hit his ball 12 feet past. After Garcia barely missed a 25-foot putt for birdie, Kuchar's final putt drifted left. He was already applauding his opponent as it slipped by.

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Boston	78	54	.591	18½
Baltimore	69	65	.515	28½
Toronto	69	66	.511	29
TampaBay	51	81	.386	45½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	73	60	.549	-
KansasCity	62	73	.459	12
Chicago	60	74	.448	13½
Minnesota	59	74	.444	14
Detroit	51	82	.383	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	75	61	.551	-
Texas	71	63	.530	3
Oakland	62	73	.459	12½
Seattle	61	72	.459	12½

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 3
Oakland 6, Boston 3
Seattle 10, Cleveland 4
Toronto 11, Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Anaheim 5, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore 4
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Texas 6, Chicago White Sox 5, 10 innings, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 8, Texas 7, 2nd game
Anaheim 7, Boston 6
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 3
Oakland 14, Cleveland 6
Toronto 7, Minnesota 6
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 10, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games

Oakland (Haynes 9-6) at Cleveland (Gooden 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 15-10) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 12-12), 1:15 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-8), 1:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springer 2-11 and Rekar 1-6) at Detroit (Thompson 10-11 and Greisinger 3-7), 2, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 10-12) at Toronto (Stieb 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (McDowell 3-2) at Boston (Martinez 17-4), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Barber 1-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 12-7), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim (Juden 1-2) at Boston (Wakefield 15-5), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 11-11) at Detroit (Powell 3-4), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 12-6) at Cleveland (Nagy 11-9), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Rodriguez 4-2) at Toronto (Clemens 16-6), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Haney 5-6) at Baltimore (Guzman 8-13), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Swift 10-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 11-6), 1:35 p.m.
Texas (Stottlemyre 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Fordham 1-2), 2:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	89	46	.659	-
NewYork	74	61	.548	15
Philadelphia	65	70	.481	24
Montreal	51	85	.375	38½
Florida	47	88	.348	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	84	51	.622	-
Chicago	74	61	.548	10
Pittsburgh	64	69	.481	19
Milwaukee	64	71	.474	20
St.Louis	63	71	.470	20½
Cincinnati	63	72	.467	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	88	47	.652	-
SanFrancisco	72	63	.533	16
LosAngeles	67	68	.496	21
Colorado	62	74	.456	26½
Arizona	51	85	.375	37½

Thursday's Games

San Diego 8, Philadelphia 1
San Francisco 11, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 12, Florida 3
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 4
Chicago Cubs 11, Colorado 10, 10 innings
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 0
Los Angeles 10, Montreal 9
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

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

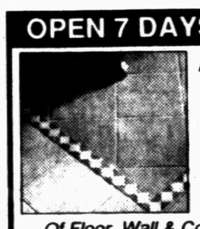
Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 17-5) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 4-5), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Loewer 6-5) at San Francisco (Gardner 10-5), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 12-5) at Los Angeles (Bohanon 6-8), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 10-9) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-9) at Houston (Lima 13-8), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 7-12) at Colorado (Jones 6-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 9-9) at Arizona (Telemaco 5-8), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 11-10) at San Diego (Hitchcock 8-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Los Angeles, 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.

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Clinton's censure may be another option

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr submits a report to Congress, some politicians are reviving a historical option for condemning President Clinton's behavior: congressional censure.

Far less severe than impeachment, a censure resolution would simply scold the president. It's only been used once, 164 years ago.

There's more public support for that sort of symbolic action than for impeachment or for Congress doing nothing to chastise Clinton, recent polls suggest.

The only president ever censured was Andrew Jackson. In 1834, the Senate approved a censure resolution after Jackson removed the nation's money from a private bank in defiance of the Whig Party, which controlled the Senate.

The resolution, which had no legal impact, was expunged from the Senate record in 1837 after Jackson's party, the Democrats, regained a majority in the chamber.

Robert Remini, a University of Illinois historian and Jackson biographer, said the policy dispute that led to Jackson's censure was far different from the allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice being investigated by Starr.

If Congress does find evidence of crimes, Remini said, a censure vote would be "kind of a fake response."

"The Constitution is clear: If this man has committed high crimes and misdemeanors, then the resolution is impeachment," he said. Censure would be "like sending a child to his room rather than giving him a sound licking."

Starr is investigating whether Clinton lied about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky in a sworn deposition for a sexual harassment lawsuit or took other steps to cover it up. Starr is expected to detail his evidence with a report to the House, perhaps in a few weeks.

One recent poll found 41 percent of Americans favored a congressional resolution scolding Clinton, while 24 percent favored impeachment and 32 percent wanted no formal action at all. That CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, was taken last Friday through Sunday.

In an ABC News survey Sunday, 55 percent favored censuring or reprimanding Clinton, while 40 percent opposed such a step. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Impeachment is the only sanction outlined in the Constitution for a president. But the Constitution says the House and Senate can punish their own members through censure. The Senate has done so nine times and the House 36 times, according to their historians.

It is not clear whether one or both houses of Congress would vote on any censure resolution against Clinton.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., in March raised the possibility of a presidential censure as a "lesser option" to condemn Clinton's conduct if "it's not serious enough for impeachment."

But House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who called for Clinton's resignation, has criticized the censure idea as unsupported by the Constitution and too weak a response if crimes were committed.

A Democrat, Rep. John LaFalce of New York, said censure might be a good idea "if that would bring the matter to a close."

Congressional aides say some Republicans are reluctant to embrace censure before they know the seriousness of any offenses Starr may uncover. Democrats, meanwhile, are wary of publicly supporting censure now for fear it would establish a minimum punishment that could be surpassed only by impeachment.

Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, where any impeachment proceedings would start, said it's too early to discuss censure.

"Members of Congress shouldn't make excuses for what the president has done," Meehan said. "But we can't automatically make a leap from being extremely disappointed with the president to impeaching him, unless there is supporting evidence that the president has committed treason, a high crime or a misdemeanor."

Date Book

Aug. 29, 1998

Today is the 241st day of 1998 and the 70th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1957, Senator Strom Thurmond set a U.S. Senate filibuster record by talking for 24 hours and 18 minutes.

On this day in 1958, George Harrison joined John Lennon and Paul McCartney's group, the Quarrymen.

On this day in 1977, St. Louis Cardinal Lou Brock broke Ty Cobb's record by stealing his 893rd base.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Locke (1632-1704), philosopher; Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894), poet-essayist; Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982), actress; Charlie Parker (1920-1955), musician; Richard Attenborough (1923-), actor-producer-director, is 75; Dinah Washington (1924-1963), singer; Elliott Gould (1938-), actor, is 60; Michael Jackson (1958-), singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves knocked in his 100th run of the season, making it the 11th season in which he had 100 or more RBIs, a National League record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is one thing to show a man that he is in an error, and another to put him in possession of truth." — John Locke

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, the remnants of Tropical Storm Debra spawned a tornado in Memphis, Tenn., injuring 26 people and causing $4.6 million damage.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Aug. 30).

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Aug. 30, 1998

Today is the 242nd day of 1998 and the 71st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, Frances Cleveland gave birth to a baby girl, Ester. She was the first baby born to a president's wife in the White House.

On this day in 1918, Nikolain Lenin survived an assassination attempt in Moscow.

On this day in 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur became the first foreign conqueror to step onto Japanese soil in more than 2,000 years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Huey Long (1893-1935), U.S. politician; Roy Wilkins (1901-1981), U.S. civil-rights leader; Fred MacMurray (1908-1991), actor; Ted Williams (1918-), baseball great, is 80; Deborah Kerr (1921-), actress, is 77; Jean-Claude Killy (1943-), skiing great, is 55; Tug McGraw (1944-), baseball star, is 54; Robert Parish (1953-), basketball star, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league batting debut, playing for the Detroit Tigers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As always, victory finds a hundred fathers but defeat is an orphan." — Count Galeazzo Ciano

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1839, a hurricane moved from Cape Hatteras, N.C., to offshore New England, causing snowfall in the Catskill Mountains and in Salem, N.Y.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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More diverse economy brings new era to Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A decade ago, when oil prices tanked, so did Alaska's economy. House values dropped by half in Alaska's largest city and unemployment shot up.

Oil prices are down again, but the state is setting employment records and the economy is cruising along.

This time, new technology has sharply cut the cost of producing oil. And Alaska's economy has become a little less dependent on oil and a little more like the rest of the nation in creating larger retail and service industries.

About four years ago, the Anchorage area, with about half the state's population, began a retail building boom that hasn't eased yet. Kmart, Wal-Mart, Costco and Home Depot all have opened stores in the state in the past five years.

This month, The Gap opened its first Alaska store, in Anchorage. Longtime Alaskans pointed to that as a sign that the old Alaska, where Sears passed for a fancy store, was gone forever.

Lifestyles clearly have changed in the Last Frontier.

"People didn't used to get outdoors in the winter time," said Jack Roderick, who moved to Alaska in 1954 and was Anchorage mayor during the 1970s. "That was a big deal. You'd sort of hunker down. People who could afford it would go to Seattle, and people who couldn't would stay and shoot their moose" to fill the freezer.

Alaska's economy has been based on its vast wealth of natural resources since the United States bought the territory from Russia in 1867. That has meant sharp boom-and-bust cycles, pegged to the price of gold, fish, timber and finally oil.

But the state, especially Anchorage, has changed in the past decade, said Neil Fried, an economist with the state Labor Department. The cost of living, while still high compared with standards in the lower 48 states, has moderated, he said.

Unemployment dropped to 5.2 percent in July, a record low for the month. It was down from 6 percent in June and 6.7 percent for July 1997. The nationwide rate for July was 4.5 percent.

A raft of rosy news this month, in Alaska's oil patch and elsewhere, has helped cushion the blows of a weak Japanese economy and two years of poor salmon runs in Bristol Bay.

— Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt cleared the way for broader oil exploration in part of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an Indiana-sized patch of land near oil-rich Prudhoe Bay that could hold billions of barrels of crude.

— Arco Alaska Inc. and four partners said they would spend up to $100 million during the next four years to study whether a natural gas pipeline should be built from the North Slope to the ice-free port of Valdez.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Martyred Mother Must Make Up Her Own Mind to Change

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Feeling Worthless in New Hampshire," I grew up in a home where my father called my mother stupid, illiterate, fat, and a host of other degrading things. He embarrassed her publicly and often scolded and yelled at her as though she were a child. My parents are both retired now.

By not acting on her own behalf, my mother has chosen to remain a victim and martyr. We, her children, tired long ago of her detailed complaints about how mean Dad is to her. We have heard the same broken record for years.

We have reminded her repeatedly that Dad is not going to miraculously change, and all her walking on eggshells, trying to read his mind and keep him happy, is sucking the life out of her. It's up to her to make the changes that will make her happy. She should let Dad be responsible for his own happiness for a change.

I, too, had a marriage in which my husband showed me little consideration or respect. It took me years of therapy and support groups to realize my worthiness. We separated for a year. My husband and I now attend an excellent marriage counseling program. We have reconciled and our marriage is flourishing.

"Feeling Worthless" should find a support group, counselor or therapist who will help her learn to command the respect she deserves. Through the therapy process, she'll realize that although she can't change her husband at this late date, she can change the way she reacts to him.

Kudos to you, Abby, for pointing out the monetary value of a woman who works inside the home. However, I'm convinced that "Feeling Worthless"'s husband will find another way to invalidate his wife's value because it interferes with his arrogant and selfish agenda.

WORTHY OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT, SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR WORTHY: You and your mother appear to share a pattern of spousal abuse. Unfortunately, when your mother was younger, marital counseling wasn't as available as it is today. I commend you and your husband for seeking help when you needed it. It would be wonderful if your mother followed your example and sought professional help, but you cannot compel her to; she must find within herself the strength to go.

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DEAR ABBY: In our society, many people listen to music, but so few seem to appreciate the joy and other benefits of singing. When I was in Italy, I heard a group of men on a public bus break into song.

Many of my students have thought they were tone-deaf because someone told them so when they sang off-key as children. Thereafter, they felt discouraged and afraid to sing. Thus they were deprived of years of the natural freedom found in expressing their joy through song. Nobody who can speak normally is tone-deaf, and no one should tell a child that he is.

Parents should encourage children to sing, and should sing to them. Some of my sweetest memories are of my mother singing to me. She even made up songs for us. Pets love to hear their masters sing, too.

The Bible admonishes us to sing. It says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." You don't have to be an expert or even sing in tune. Singing, like laugher, can be healing.

To paraphrase a verse I've seen in your column:

"Richer than I you will never be,
"For I had a mother who sang to me."

RALPH EMERSON, TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR RALPH: I agree that singing frees the anchored spirit, and the performance doesn't have to be of Carnegie Hall quality. To discourage anyone from giving voice to his or her emotions is hard-hearted.

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DEAR ABBY: "Steve" and I have been dating for about seven months. I'm head over heels in love with him. I knew the moment we met that he was for me — and I think he feels the same way. I'm 28, he is 38, and we're happy with each other.

My question: How do I let go of my anger at his ex-wife? Steve and "Jolene" were married for one year and had a child together. I know Jolene will be around for a lifetime; my problem is learning to deal with her. She's hateful, self-centered and a user. She actually told Steve she married him for his money, and only had his child to get more money out of him.

Steve has their 2-year-old daughter, "Lynette," every weekend. Since Mother's Day is on a Sunday, she was with us. Jolene didn't ask to pick up Lynette and spend Mother's Day with her, but she did call to ask what Lynette was getting her for Mother's Day. On Valentine's Day, she asked Steve to send her roses from her daughter. She pulls this kind of stuff all the time, and it drives me crazy. Jolene has a full-time nanny to care for Lynette during the week, and Steve takes care of his daughter every weekend. Jolene has it made.

It breaks my heart that Jolene treats Steve this way. He's a kind, intelligent, gentle, wealthy man, but she manipulates him, and he doesn't know how to say no to this woman. She berates him and tells him he's a terrible father if he wants to spend time with me.

Abby, I know I have Steve, and that should be all that matters. However, it angers me that there are people out there as coldhearted as Jolene. She has a beautiful child, but she sees her daughter only as a way to pry more money out of Steve.

How should I deal with such a selfish, vindictive woman?

SICK OF HIS EX-WIFE

DEAR SICK: Be gracious and above reproach in your dealings with her, and refrain from harping on your ill feelings about her to Steve. To do otherwise will only cause discord. Realize that Jolene will never be a friend, encourage Steve to take his daughter whenever possible, and do your best to create a happy, tension-free environment. You cannot change Jolene, but you can change the way you react to her.

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DEAR ABBY: I saw a prayer in the June issue of Guideposts magazine that you might like to share with your readers, if you agree that it is appropriate and helpful. Many accidents claim victims during the holiday weekends. Please consider printing it.

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Rupturing a ganglion

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the best way to treat a ganglion? Some say: "Slam a book on it! Be sure it's the Bible so you won't cuss." Some have surgery.

DEAR READER: A ganglion is a cyst on a nerve or tendon. This harmless lump rarely causes symptoms unless it is large or grows on a pressure point, such as a beltline.

Most ganglions can be ignored. When they cause symptoms, they can be removed. The old treatment was to squash the cyst with a heavy object, such as the family Bible. However, once the ganglion was ruptured, it often appeared again. Therefore, surgery is the most effective remedy. If you have a ganglion that is not painful, leave it alone.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 85 and have a full can of beer with my evening meal. Can I also use Tums or other antacids if I have heartburn? I will discontinue the beer until I hear from you.

DEAR READER: One can of beer a day will not harm you, nor will it react badly with antacid medications.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a prostate problem that has not been helped by Proscar or Hytrin. I want to try saw palmetto. Any problem with this?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion. This herbal remedy has been shown to reduce the symptoms of prostate enlargement, with few (if any) side effects. While it is generally less effective than prescription drugs, many consumers have experienced improvement from it. Try it if you like — but check with your doctor first.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What happened to you? You're no longer carried in our Arizona paper. You've been replaced by some local guy who isn't nearly as entertaining. Why wasn't the change explained to us readers?

DEAR READER: Beats me. I'm at a loss to explain such editorial decisions. Some newspapers drop my column (too controversial, I guess), while others scramble to pick it up. Usually, this is accomplished without any explanation.

My advice to readers is: If your newspaper discontinues my column, write a letter of complaint to the editor. In some cases, the public outcry has led to a reversal; newspapers do, in the final analysis, print what their readers want to read.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 48-year-old woman with vein disease in my legs. This causes swelling and discomfort, despite diuretic therapy, elevation, support stockings, a low-salt diet and exercises. Should I try liposuction?

DEAR READER: No, you shouldn't. Liposuction is a method to remove unwanted extra fat beneath the skin. It is not appropriate for treating the fluid retention and dilated veins that are causing your problem. In fact, it is contraindicated.

Perhaps you could be helped by surgery on the veins. Ask your doctor to refer you to a vascular surgeon for an opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Sexual activity should be confined only to marriage. Your advice to the impotent man who could not perform should have taken into account his marital status. If he were unmarried or homosexual, he shouldn't be prescribed Viagra or any other product to assist him. In such an instance, he should remain celibate and should not even masturbate. Rather, he must obtain counselling from the church, because moral guidance is the option preferred by our Creator. Read your catechism.

DEAR READER: It is outside the bounds of this medical column to make judgments about the morality of sexual expression or to presume to be an agent of the Creator. In my view, this is a risky interpretation of Scripture, nothing more.

If you believe that sexual activity is appropriate only in heterosexual marital relationships, I respect your opinion and will not criticize it. However, it may be in the minority.

From a medical standpoint, an unmarried impotent man is just as entitled to information that may help him as is a married man with erectile dysfunction. While you are entitled to your beliefs, don't impose them on others. There is far more harm in this world stemming from people who profess to know God's will than from the millions of individuals who simply endorse the underlying teaching of most religions: Be kind to one another. Do you expect me to withhold information about nutrition and disease-prevention merely because some of my readers may object?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument. A male member of my family says you can only be an alcoholic if you drink something that is 86 proof, such as vodka or whiskey. I tell him that beer and wine are just as bad. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think you're right. Alcohol is alcohol; it does as much damage in the form of "light" beer as it does in the form of "white lightning," a virtually 100-percent alcohol beverage.

Alcoholism is a disease of denial; it's a disease that tells its victim that no problem exists. One of the alcoholic's favorite ploys is "controlled drinking"; this may include substituting beer and wine for hard stuff. The chemical and health results are the same in a wine-alcoholic as they are in a patient addicted to liquor.

I hope the male member of your family is holding an opinion based on ignorance, rather than taking a position that sounds like a justification for continued drinking. Show him my response to your question; his reaction may tell you a lot.

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12-year-old wows festival

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Look out, Hollywood. There's a new kid in town.

Robin Licht, 11, was scheduled to be honored Saturday night at an Academy Awards-style banquet to celebrate her win Friday at the second National Children's Film Festival.

Robin's three-minute film "Spring ..." netted her $1,000 and the respect of her colleagues — 225 other extremely independent filmmakers. Robin wrote, directed and edited the video collage of flowers from her front and back yards.

"It's about how life passes you by," she said. "If you don't make each event a memorable one, you'll regret it."

About 2,000 kids are expected to attend this weekend's film festival at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, with free public viewings of 40 films whose topics include domestic violence, race relations and a dog's revenge.

While the themes are complex, the rules of entry were simple: Films could be no longer than 20 minutes and had to be wholly created by kids aged between 9 and 18. Content was more important than style or technique.

"This festival is about kids expressing their vision," Woods said. "It really makes us feel confident about the future."

Clinton, IMF ask Russia not to backslide on reform issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Russia's plunging economy causing tremors from Wall Street to Buenos Aires, President Clinton and other Western officials are trying to convince Russian leaders that swallowing bitter economic medicine is the only way out of the crisis.

The United States, backed by officials at the International Monetary Fund, insisted that full compliance with the IMF-endorsed reform program was the only way to restore confidence and halt a disastrous slide in Russia's currency and stock markets.

Clinton, who is scheduled to leave Monday for a summit in Moscow with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, said Friday he would urge Kremlin leaders to "be strong and do the disciplined, hard things they have to do to reform their country, their economy and get through this dark night, and we'll be with them."

But aides acknowledged that Clinton would not be taking any new funding with him or any new ideas on how to stabilize the Russian economy, which in recent days has seen its currency, the ruble, go into a free fall.

"Clearly, there are no short cuts, no silver bullets, no quick fixes," Gene Sperling, the head of Clinton's National Economic Council, told reporters.

IMF officials were even more blunt, warning that unless Russia quickly gets back in compliance with its economic overhaul program, it won't see any more of the $22.3 billion rescue package that the international agency assembled only last month.

A $4.3 billion second installment of those loans was scheduled to be made on Sept. 15, but IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus told reporters Friday that this would occur only if Russia's parliament passes a package of reform measures that it has balked at approving.

Indeed, Russia seems headed in the opposite direction. Yeltsin fired the last two economic reformers in his cabinet on Friday. And acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin negotiated with the Communist-dominated Duma — the lower chamber of Parliament — on a package of Soviet-style measures to boost state control of the economy. Russian news reports said this package included price and currency controls and the printing of more money.

Camdessus said he told Chernomyrdin during a meeting Wednesday that actions along these lines "would lead to disaster," including the return of hyperinflation.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, who will accompany Clinton on next week's trip, told reporters at the White House that the administration would view any move back toward Soviet-style centralized planning as a "serious policy error and very unfortunate with respect to Russia's economic prospects going forward."

Russia's economic difficulties gained new urgency this week when investor concerns with the falling ruble triggered a rout in global financial markets.

Satellite customers allowed to keep receiving programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two television networks, bowing to consumer and congressional pressure, say they will allow at least 1 million satellite TV customers to continue to receive their programs for about three more months.

The customers were supposed to be cut off from CBS and Fox signals by Oct. 8 under a nationwide preliminary injunction the networks obtained in July from a federal court in Miami.

But the National Association of Broadcasters announced Friday that CBS and Fox told the court Thursday they won't enforce the injunction until Jan. 1, to give viewers sufficient time to find other ways to receive network programs — via cable television or an antenna.

The networks' cutoff decision had touched a raw nerve in Washington.

Congress' top communications lawmakers — Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairmen of the Senate and House Commerce committees — asked federal regulators if there was any action they could take to prevent customers from losing network programs. Satellite TV groups, meanwhile, mobilized a lobbying campaign among their customers.

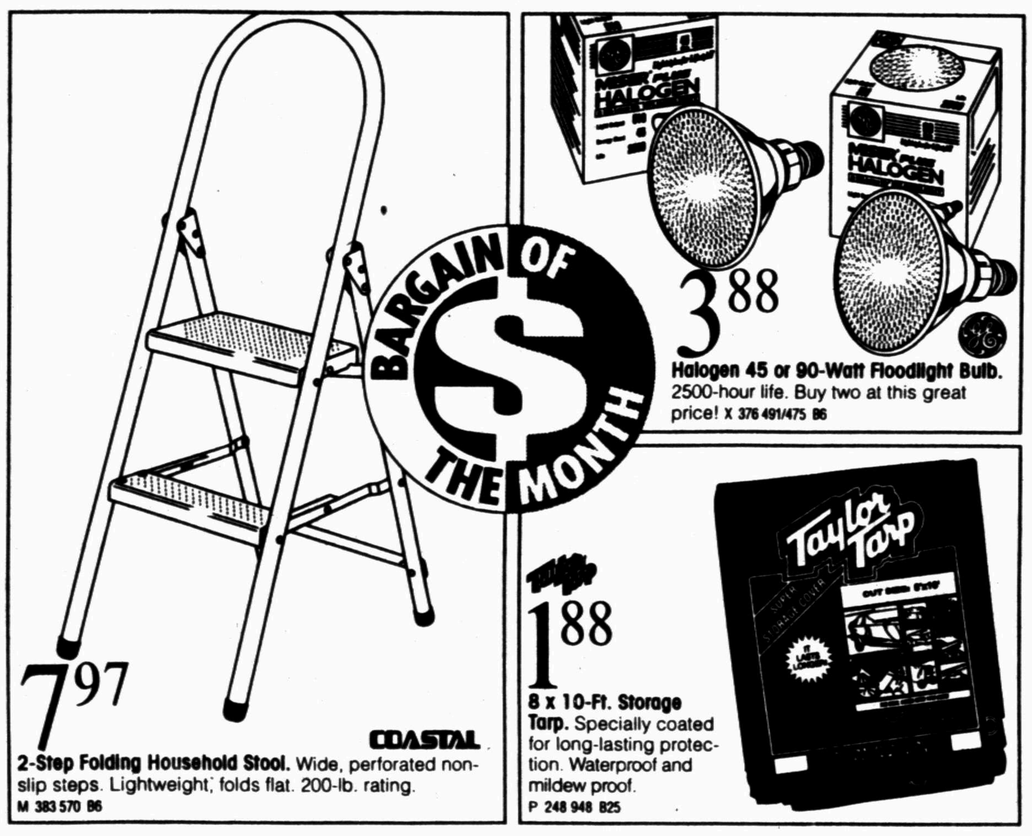
"The key motivation here is ... given the fact that there seemed to be a groundswell of consumer concern over these disconnects without having adequate information, it seemed only appropriate to the plaintiffs that some additional time be granted," said Jeff Baumann, NAB's executive vice president of legal and regulatory affairs.

U.S. District Judge Lenore Nesbitt of the Southern District of Florida had issued the injunction against satellite TV distributor PrimeTime 24 on behalf of CBS and Fox. The networks contended the company was violating copyright law by selling the network programming to satellite viewers.

The injunction covers all satellite customers who signed up for CBS and Fox programming after March 11, 1997.

The court has not decided whether PrimeTime 24 actually violated the copyright law.

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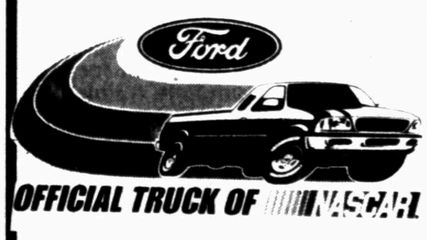


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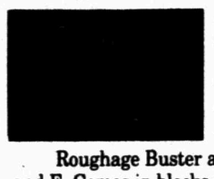
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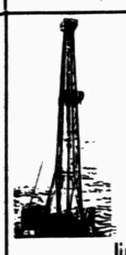
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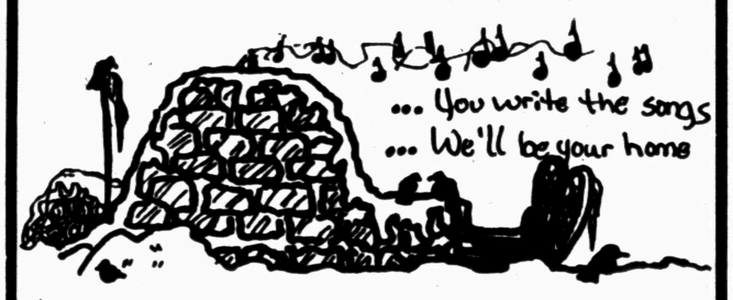
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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DATE OF SALE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1998
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: NORTH STEPS OF THE SCURRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SNYDER, TEXAS

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
TRACT I - 80 acres being the W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 57, Block 3, H&GN Ry. Co. Surveys, Scurry County, Texas.

TRACT II – 120 acres being the S/2 of the NE/4 and the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 57, Block 3, H&GN Ry. Co. Surveys, Scurry County, Texas.

These two tracts will be sold separately. Both tracts are located about 6 miles northeast of Snyder on County Paved Road #146. Both are 100% cultivation. "Such minerals as are covered by the deed of trust, if any, will be conveyed."

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Please furnish a proposal for painting all existing ceramic tile wainscot, door frames and other exposed metal, as well as the installation of vinyl wallcovering above ceramic tile and other areas for the first floor shaded areas, as designated on the plans. Reference the Wallcovering Legend and finishes notes on Sheet IF.1 for specfications of materials/ products to be installed. Also included in the work would be the removal existing wallcovering,filling allholes/cracks in the ceramic tile wainscot, and wall prep for the installation of the scheduled finish(es).

Please submit Proposal to Joe D. McKay, Architect's office, 1402 Ave. N, Lubbock, Tx 79401 by 4:00 PM on Thursday, September 10. 1998, 806-744-4490.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SCURRY COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BID PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER SELLING ELEVATOR CHAIR.

Notice is hereby given that Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 31, 1998. Any bids received after bid closing time will be returned to bidder unopened. Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open all sealed and properly marked bids during Special Session on Monday, August 31, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

MARK ENVELOPE
Bid No. 1003
Elevator Chair
THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT CLAIMS ITS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
THE SCURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY TEXAS.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SCURRY COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BID PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER SELLING OF LAND, NORTH 80 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 6, WILMETH ADDITION, CITY OF SNYDER.

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Bid No. 1002
Selling of Land
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MARK ENVELOPE
Bid No. 1001
Long Distance Services
THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT CLAIMS ITS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
THE SCURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY TEXAS.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS ‹
COUNTY OF SCURRY ‹

By virtue of a Default Judgement dated May 18,1998, rendered by the County Court at Law Number One of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. CCO9268 styled "Charles R. Qualia vs. Robert J. Zonne" in favor of Charles R. Qualia against Robert J. Zonne in the sum of $15,000.00, together with prejudgement interest at the highest rate allowed by law, post-interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from date of Judgement, attorney's fees in the amount of $1,500 and costs of court, a writ of execution issued out of the County Court at Law Number One of Midland County, Texas, on July 10, 1998. As a result of said writ of execution, I have on August 11th, 1998, seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in September, 1998, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the courthouse door of Scurry County, Texas, in the City of Snyder, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of Robert J. Zonne, in and to the following described oil and gas leases levied upon as the property of Robert J. Zonne, the same lying and being situated in Scurry County, Texas, to wit:

That certain Oil and Gas Lease dated December 20, 1943, recorded in Volume 25, Page 39, Oil and Gas Lease Records of Scurry County, Texas, from, E.G. Browning, et ux, Lessor, to O.B. Price, Lessee, insofar and only insofar as such Lease covers the SW/4 and SE/4 of Section 541 and the SW/4 and East 123.37 acres of the N/2 of Section 574, both in Block 97, H & TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, below a depth of 3,000 feet below the surface.

Upon the written request of Charles R. Qualia, the oil and gas lease described above shall be sold to satisfy the herein described judgement, interest, attorney's fees and costs and the proceeds from said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1998.
(s)Darren Jackson, Sheriff
Scurry County, Texas
by (s) Bobby Goodwin, Deputy

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Estray Record No. 108
Case No.: 9800182
Date: 8/21/1998

On the 20th day of August, 1998, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal:	Cow
Breed:	Charlais/Brahma Cross
Color	Mottle Faced Light Yellow
Sex	Female
Age	2-4 years
Size	Approximately 900 pounds
Brand, Marks, & Identifying Characteristics	Flying W brand on left hip, S brand below W, S brand left shoulder

and, on the 21st day of August, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Scurry County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Scurry County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 5th day of August, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at the Colorado City Livestock Market at 148 West 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas, 79512.

WITNESS my hand this 21st day of August, 1998.

Darren Jackson
Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas

Steven Schwirtz
(Designee of Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas)

N. Carolina eyes damage from Bonnie

SWANSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Most of eastern North Carolina's crop of tobacco, sweet potatoes and peanuts seemed to have survived the brunt of Hurricane Bonnie's blast without major problems.

Not on Don Sweeting's land.

"Here we go again," Sweeting said Friday as he gloomily scanned his 53 acres of withered, wind-beaten tobacco in eastern Onslow County. "We just had this two years ago. So it's been tough."

As Gov. Jim Hunt and other officials tramped through his fields during a tour of the storm damage, Sweeting, 37, said he had completed just one harvest run before Bonnie hit. Fortunately, his crop was insured, he said.

"It's kind of a bad life," Sweeting said. "But it's what I've done all my life and it's what I know. I've got so much in it now I would hate to get out."

From wind-raked fields of tobacco to flooded basements, North Carolina residents assessed the toll on their property and their emotions.

Bonnie didn't pack the wallop that Fran or Bertha delivered in 1996 — Fran plowed through the middle of the state and caused $5.2 billion in damage and 24 deaths.

Bonnie, which did between $1 billion and $2 billion in damage, stalled and delivered drenching rains. Jacksonville got 10 inches.

Several feet of water flooded low-lying streets in Elizabeth City and hard-hit Outer Banks towns when Bonnie's 115 mph winds and lashing rain blew ashore Wednesday afternoon.

"I made out pretty good," said Almey Gray, 63, who rode out the storm in his 116-year-old house in Stumpy Point. "I've been here so long I'm used to it. What made this one so bad was it lasted so long."

Down the road, Jay Ross was picking up the pieces of his seafood business. His tubs for producing soft shell crabs were gone and his driveway was washed out.

"We have a dock that's gone, but I think every dock is gone," Ross said.

At Topsail Beach, 4 feet of sand was piled along a street. Windows in some homes were plastered with so much sand it resembled spray-on Christmas snow. The worst property damage appeared to be washed-out stairs, battered boat docks, stripped roof shingles and ripped siding.

"I hate Bonnie," said Surf City resident Hoyt Bradshaw, who returned to his home and found that the storm had ripped the solar panels off his roof. "But I don't hate Bonnie as bad as I hated Fran."

Pastor Don Horn was counting his blessings. Bonnie only blew a gable off his Surf City Church.

"Fran was a big, terrible bulldog compared to what Bonnie is," Horn said, his feet squishing in the soggy carpet behind the last row of pews. "Bonnie was just like a little kitty cat."

Still, some savvy North Carolina residents weren't ready to unpack just yet. Another potential visitor, Hurricane Danielle, is churning just a few hundred miles off the coast.

"I'm not putting everything back until I see what Danielle does," said potter Ellen Roberson, whose gallery was still soaked with about 42 inches of saltwater.

Northwest Airlines grounded by strike

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — By the time Northwest Airlines' 6,100 pilots went on strike, most of their passengers were already gone.

Announcements echoed in the nearly deserted main terminal of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, which is dominated by the airline. Its bars and shops were nearly deserted Friday night and most of the baggage carousels were still.

Northwest, which accounts for 80 percent of the flights into and out of Minneapolis-St. Paul, had been warning of the strike possibility and earlier this week canceled 400 flights scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

There was no indication Saturday when talks would resume, although sides had said they were ready to negotiate.

"When it broke last night, everybody made sure everyone had everyone's phone numbers," Northwest spokesman Jon Austin said Saturday. But he said the company had not heard from the union, the Air Line Pilots Association.

The union was waiting to hear from Northwest, said spokesman Paul Omodt.

Bargaining had gone into a 10th straight day, and a last-minute offer was rushed to the union's executive council hours before the strike deadline of 11:01 p.m. CDT Friday.

Shortly before the deadline, Steve Zoller, the head of the council, said the offer was rejected.

The White House said President Clinton would not intervene and order a 60-day "cooling off" period as he did last year when a strike by American Airlines pilots was only four minutes old.

Rather, Clinton "urges the parties to stay at the table, work hard and resolve their differences," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. Another White House spokesman, Barry Toiv, wouldn't say what factors the president took into account in reaching his decision.

Northwest, based in suburban Eagan, is the nation's No. 6 airline in terms of passengers carried, with more than 54 million annually. It controls 75 percent to 82 percent of the airline seats into Minneapolis, Detroit and Memphis, Tenn.

Omodt had said earlier that two of the most contentious points were job security and compensation.

Northwest pilots say they earn an average salary of about $120,000 per year. The airline says the average salary is $133,000.

The pilots have been seeking a 15 percent raise over five years dating to Oct. 31, 1996, when their contract expired. Austin said the offer on the table would give Northwest pilots pay rates 4.5 percent higher than average rate earned by pilots at American, United and Delta by 2000, and 7 percent higher by the end of contract in 2002.

Northwest also was offering lump sum payments to pilots of 3.5 percent of annual pay, totaling $57 million. The pilots were seeking a stock and cash package that would be worth a total of $152.5 million.

The strike left Jeff Simon stuck halfway from Newark, N.J., to Seattle, where he had planned to visit family for the weekend. He was scrapping his trip and trying to fly back to Newark on a different airline.

"They've got their reasons for striking," Simon said. "I'm just sorry I got caught in the middle of it."

In Detroit, Army Spc. Daniel Osborne, 21, of Royal Oak, Mich., was trying to get information about his Sunday flight because he is scheduled to report back to an overseas base on Monday and fears being declared absent without leave.

"Here I am, dancing on broken glass. I just want somebody to help me out," Osborne said.

The airline had said a strike and the corresponding shutdown of its two Airlink regional feeder service would eliminate 2,640 daily departures at 223 airports in the United States and abroad, leaving nearly 672,000 passengers without alternative air service during the first 10 days. Northwest already halted its cargo service as of Thursday.

The hub airports had contingency plans, such as stocking coloring books for children, keeping restaurants open 24 hours and offering shuttles to nearby bus and train stations.

Other unions appeared to support the pilots. In Detroit, members of the Northwest machinists union cheered when they heard about the strike.

Northwest has open contracts with all six of its labor unions, although the pilots were the only ones to set a strike deadline.

Outside the airports in Minneapolis, Detroit and Memphis, 25 to 40 pilots walked the picket line as some observers cheered and some cars honked as they passed.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

How do you prevent lead poisoning?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: The outside of our house was recently sanded in preparation for repainting, and we subsequently found that the paint contained lead. Some of the lead dust unfortunately got inside the house, and we are now concerned about lead poisoning. We have taken steps to clean up, and we have a good air filter to help pull any airborne lead out of the room air, but I want to know what I might do from a nutritional/food angle to help my family out. I have two young children and I know that lead is very dangerous to growing bodies. I hoping that you might be able to offer some help with my unusual situation. — R.S., Berkeley, Calif.

DEAR R.S.: The dangers of lead are indeed a threat to growing children — it is the No. 1 environmental hazard they face — but it can play havoc with adults as well. Although leaded house paint is a principal danger, food and drink are also important ways that lead gets in the body. What's more, other nutrients in the diet can help determine how toxic that lead will be.

When this tasteless, odorless mineral enters the body, it enters the red blood cells, where it can interfere with the manufacture of hemoglobin — the oxygen-carrying substance in the red blood cells. Lead also can enter the brain, and it freely passes through the placenta to a developing fetus. The list of lead's health effects includes kidney damage, harm to the nervous system, high blood pressure, growth retardation and a permanent impairment of mental abilities. Lead is more toxic during periods of rapid growth: pregnancy, infancy and childhood.

I know this all sounds very alarming, but it is important to appreciate that lead is found everywhere, so it's not unusual for the body to contain small amounts. In fact, our system can eliminate this mineral, albeit slowly. Health problems begin when the intake of lead greatly exceeds the body's handling abilities. If you have identified the source of the problem and have quickly taken steps to eliminate the contamination, the danger will abate. I would encourage you to work with your health professional, as there are simple blood tests that can determine the amount of lead that has been absorbed.

Often overlooked in discussions about the dangers of lead is the role played by the other nutrients in the diet. Two in particular — calcium and iron — can decrease the amount of dietary lead the body will absorb. Having a diet that contains recommended amounts of these nutrients is another method of self-defense against dietary lead. Inner-city children, in fact, are considered to be at higher risk for lead poisoning because their diets tend to be lower in these essential nutrients.

While we are on the subject of lead, let's discuss the other potential sources:

— Older or imported ceramic bowls, plates or dishes may contain lead in their colors or glazes. Unless they've been cleared for lead content, avoid using them with foods.

— Leaded crystal is loaded with lead. Short-term mealtime use may be acceptable, but do not store foods or liquids in leaded crystal.

— Domestic wine producers have switched to tin or plastic bottle caps, but older vintages and some foreign wine bottles may still use lead foil. If there is any question, use a damp cloth to wipe off the top rim and neck of the wine bottle after you remove the cork. Be sure to wipe off the cork before you reinsert it into the bottle.

— Domestic cans are no longer made with lead, but many third-world countries continue to use the less-expensive lead solder for their canned foods. Until this policy changes, you should consider imported canned foods a potential source of dietary lead. Unfortunately, there is no reliable way to tell just by looking if the seams in a can are made from lead. If there's a foreign-canned food you treasure, test the seams with a lead test kit.

— Fish, especially shellfish, from contaminated waters can contain hazardous amounts of lead.

— If the water pipes in your house are made from lead or contain lead solder, your tap water can become a major source of dietary lead. Hot water is more a problem than cold, and soft water leaches more lead than hard, high-alkaline water. Use only cold water for drinking or food preparation. If you need water after taps have been idle for several hours, run the water for a couple of minutes, or until you feel the temperature turn cold, suggesting that fresh, outside water is now in your pipes. There are now inexpensive water filters that are designed to remove lead from your water.

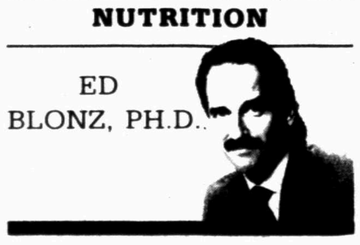
There are a number of lead test kits for use in the home from HybriVet Systems, 1-800-262-5323, or Frandon Enterprises, 1-800-359-9000. To test for lead in water, contact the National Testing Laboratory, 1-800-458-3330, or contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Service water safety hotline, 1-800-426-4791, for a list of certified laboratories in your area.

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

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Officers take four subjects into custody

Four subjects were taken into custody Friday.

Following a report of a fight at 3:56 p.m., officers arrested two people in the 2800 block of Avenue M, both for Class C disorderly conduct and Class B resisting arrest. Taken in were a 27-year-old male and an 18-year-old male.

At 7:59 p.m., a 43-year-old male was arrested by officers of the police department for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 20-year-old male into custody at 10:42 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. 84 and Avenue E for reckless driving.

In other activity, officers filed an offense report for Class B theft at 9:28 a.m. in reference to a senior ring having been stolen from Adrian Rodriguez.

An offense report for Class C assualt was filed at 11:20 p.m. at the sheriff's office.

TAAS, TEAMS test dates set October 27-29

The state-required Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered by the Snyder school district on Oct. 27-29.

Students in the eleventh and twelfth grades, as well as individuals who are out of school, are eligible to take any section of the exit level tests on which they have not yet met minimum standards.

Registration packets are now available in the counselor's office of Snyder High School.

TAAS out-of-school examinees and TEAMS examinees must register by the Sept. 16 deadline in order to take the test.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Charlene Light at the Snyder High School counselor's office at 574-6049, or Asst. Supt. Wendell Sollis at 573-5401.

Pleads innocent

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — The lead singer of the punk rock band Snot pleaded innocent to charges he took part in a lewd act during a concert last month.

James Lynn Strait, 30, was released Friday on $500 bail and is due back in court Oct. 5.

Strait is charged with exposing himself, a misdemeanor, and open and gross lewdness, a felony.



Happy Birthday
Grannie Lowery

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Clinton has anger, forgiveness on mind

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — As the Monica Lewinsky investigation grinds on, President Clinton says he has pondered anew the power of forgiveness and anger — lessons he says he first learned watching the civil rights movement unfold.

The president appeared to regain his stride Friday after a week and a half spent mostly in seclusion on Martha's Vineyard, interrupted only by a routine policy speech in Worcester, Mass.

This morning, the president turned to health care in his weekly radio address. He announced an executive order he said eventually could give to as many as 120 million Americans whose health-care plans are guaranteed by the federal government the right to appeal insurance company orders that conflict with doctors' advice.

But Clinton said millions of Americans still lack such rights and renewed his demand that the Republican-run Congress quickly "put progress over partisanship" and pass his patient's bill of rights.

"None of us want to see decisions made by insurance company employees trained to think like cost-cutting accountants, not caregiving physicians," the president said.

He said his bill will guarantee all Americans the right to emergency room care and the right to have medical decisions made by medical doctors and will hold insurance plans accountable if they are shown to have caused harm.

"Let's make quality health care every insurance company's bottom line," the president said.

In his speech Friday, quoting veteran civil rights leader John Lewis, a Democratic congressman from Georgia, Clinton said he wants to create an America in which citizens and policy-makers "respond with decency, dignity and a sense of brotherhood to all the challenges that face us as a nation."

White House aides hoped the business of these past few days — capped by his remarks on forgiveness — would begin to fade the controversy from the national consciousness. The president and his family are scheduled to return to Washington Sunday.

Clinton whiled away much of his 12-day island vacation in private. But as he slowly emerged publicly, he also stepped out socially.

For the second night in a row Friday, he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton ventured out — this time to attend an annual clambake of Martha's Vineyard glitterati.

The Clintons lingered for 4 hours at the oceanfront home of Mattel executive Bill Rollnick and his wife, Nancy Ellison, in the company of friends that included Vernon Jordan, film mogul Harvey Weinstein, humorist Art Buchwald and Katharine Graham, chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Co.

Obituaries

Flora Pherigo

1898-1998

Flora Orene Pherigo, 99, died Saturday morning, Aug. 29, at her home in Snyder.

Services for Mrs. Pherigo are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 14, 1898 in Delia, Tex., she married Thomas Melvin Pherigo on July 27, 1917 in Caddo, Okla. He died in 1977.

Mrs. Pherigo was a homemaker and was also preceded in death by a sister.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary McCarter of Snyder, Celeta Ainsworth of Lynnwood, Wash., Gaynell Greenfield of Slaton and Dola Fae Wood of Arlington; three sons, Tommy Pherigo of Snyder, Truman Pherigo of Coahoma and Wayne Pherigo of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and several step grand and great-grandchildren.

Fern E. Portis

1916-1998

Graveside service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Snyder Cemetery for Fern E. Portis of Snyder.

Mrs. Portis, 81, died Thursday, Aug. 27, in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor of First Christian Church, was to officiate and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Oct. 16, 1916 in Hermleigh, she married John Portis on Oct. 19, 1934 in Snyder. He died Dec. 29, 1991. A homemaker, Mrs. Portis was a member of the First Christian Church. She was active in genealogy and archeology societies and enjoyed hunting for arrowheads.

Mrs. Portis was also preceded in death by one grandchild, Whitney Craig, in 1990; and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Mickey Craig of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, Herbert and Pam Portis of Allen; a sister, Elsie Beck of San Antonio; three brothers, Bob Etheredge of Lubbock, Troy Etheredge of Midland and Wiley Etheredge of Llano; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Kremlin takes tough line...

Yeltsin will not step down

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's opponents appeared Saturday to be backing off on their demands for an immediate power-sharing agreement, and the interim government said there would be no return to the Soviet past.

Yeltsin vowed unequivocally Friday that he would not resign, and the government tried to reassure both Russians and international investors that efforts to build a market economy would not be abandoned.

"We have already joined the world economy, and there will be no return to the past," acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said on national television.

He reiterated that he would keep the ruble convertible and guarantee savings held in bank accounts, and that he would not stop the sale of dollars and other foreign currencies.

Yeltsin went on television Friday night to insist he would not resign and would serve out the rest of his term.

"I'm not going to resign. I will work as I'm supposed to for my constitutional term," Yeltsin said. "In 2000, there will be an election for a new president and I will not run."

Yeltsin's emphatic denial came after days of feverish speculation that he was about to resign or be ousted as his country plunged into a seemingly bottomless economic decline. He had not been seen in public since Tuesday, prompting reports that he had already stepped down.

The government had earlier indicated it would impose Soviet-style measures to cope with the mounting economic crisis, despite warnings from the International Monetary Fund that this would put all loans on hold.

Yeltsin's envoy to parliament negotiated with the opposition Saturday about its demand for a power-sharing agreement that would sharply limit the president's powers.

The opposition continued to insist on constitutional amendments to give parliament more say over key Cabinet appointments and government policies.

But they appeared to cave in on their main demand that these changes be implemented immediately as a condition for confirming Chernomyrdin, said Alexander Kotenkov, Yeltsin's envoy to the State Duma.

"In order not to fuel tension, we would not immediately consider specific amendments," Kotenkov said at a news conference Saturday. "We need a government now, and then we shall see."

The Duma, the lower house of parliament, is scheduled to meet Monday to consider Chernomyrdin's appointment.

As part of the compromise being worked out, the Duma would promise not to hold a no-confidence motion in the government for one year and Yeltsin would refrain from shuffling the Cabinet for the same period.

For its part, the Kremlin would agree to consider legal changes that would increase parliamentary control over the Cabinet.

Yeltsin also promised to accept lawmakers' proposals on Cabinet appointments — but only after Chernomyrdin is confirmed, Kotenkov said. That could mean the appointment of more communists to the Cabinet.

GOP...

Senate candidates attempt to steal SS issue from Demos

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The woman in the commercial doesn't say much. "Jim Bunning is somebody seniors can count on," she declares. And the man says only this: "Jim Bunning really cares about saving Social Security."

But the TV ad featuring gray heads and golden endorsements is enough to persuade lifelong Democrat Dorothy Kelley to vote for Bunning, the GOP candidate for Senate. "He's the Social Security man," the 69-year-old Kelley tells a visitor to a senior citizens center here. "He said it again, just this morning, over breakfast. Right on my TV."

Bunning is a rarity in Republican politics: He is trying to steal the Social Security issue from Democrats.

President Clinton cast the mold for his party's strategy in January, when he declared in his State of the Union address that any federal budget surplus should be used to "save Social Security first." Though he offered no plans to fix the Depression-era benefits program, the declaration alone was designed to make tax cuts politically painful for Republicans.

Eight months later, the GOP leadership in the House wants to split the budget surplus between tax cuts and Social Security. That sets the stage for a confrontation, and Democrats hope the clash will make Social Security a national issue in the fall campaign.

It's a trap Bunning says he won't fall into.

Finishing off a fried ham breakfast at the Kentucky State Fair, the Hall of Fame pitcher and congressman from northern Kentucky said, "What I've done is tell everyone within earshot that I've served eight years on the Social Security subcommittee and have made this a top issue for years."

Neither Bunning nor his opponent, Democratic Rep. Scotty Baesler, have aired their first TV ads. Bunning, however, is getting help from an outside pitch: The National Republican Senatorial Committee, chaired by fellow Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell Jr., paid for a TV ad through the state Republican Party.

Floods spread to Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — China's devastating summer floods have spread to Tibet, killing at least 53 people, destroying homes, and pushing the remote Himalayan region's major rivers to record highs, state media said Saturday.

Tibet has mobilized soldiers and civilians to build up dikes as water levels on its major rivers hit record levels over the past two months, the China Daily said. More torrential rains were forecasted.

With a new flood surge expected to arrive before Sept. 10, the government allocated $120,000 in emergency funds to repair old dikes and dangerous embankments and pay for flood-fighting patrols that were working around the clock, the China Daily said.

Flooding in the last two months has hit 40 of Tibet's more than 70 counties, affecting more than 80,000 people, destroying more than 2,000 houses, killing more than 4,000 livestock animals and inundating 32,851 acres of farmland, the newspaper said.

About 50 people have died in heavy floods and mudslides since mid-June, it said.

Some 100,000 civilians and soldiers have been fortifying dikes in the region, plugging breaches and evacuating flood victims, the newspaper said. Water levels on Tibet's Yarlung Zangbo and Lhasa rivers have risen to record highs.

While water levels on major Tibetan rivers began to fall Friday, they remained near danger lines and were expected to rise again as the latest forecasted rainstorms bore down.

Meanwhile, millions of soldiers and civilians who have been fighting devastating floods along the Yangtze River in central China and the Songhua in the northeast were told to remain vigilant even though water levels were falling, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Rain Reports

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ONGOINGS

School colors Sunday

"Show Your School Colors Sunday" will be held Sunday at First Baptist Church. Dress casually in your school's colors. Neckties are optional.

Varsity football Tiger moms

Varsity football Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder High School student center.

Friends Sunday

The Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church, 31st St. and Ave C, will have a praise and worship service at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the only service that day. Homemade ice cream will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

Pancake supper

The SHS Quarterback Club will sponsor a pancake supper Monday at McDonald's with proceeds going to support the high school football program. Tickets are available at Bar-H-Bar, Lota' Burger, school administration building, Thornhill's and all varsity football players.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Can We Know God's Plan?" followed by "Faith and Surrender."

Canyon Reef 4-H Club

The Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes will begin Tuesday in Room 209 in the library at Western Texas College. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and from 6-8:30 p.m. There are no Wednesday classes. For more information call 573-8511, Ext. 322.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a stated meting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are urged to attend.

Computer club meeting

The Mitchell-Scurry computer club will meet Tuesday in the Dunn Community Center. Everyone is invited.

SHS volleyball beanie baby

Tickets for a "Glory Bear" beanie baby are being sold by the SHS volleyball team for $1 each. Proceeds will benefit the volleyball program. The beanie baby was donated by Timber and Threads. Call 573-9416 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

A enchilada dinner to raise funds for Queen candidate Crystal Rascon will be held from noon until 7 p.m. Friday at the Latin American Center. Proceeds will go to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Chicken spaghetti supper

The Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will host a chicken spaghetti supper Sept. 11 before the Frenship football game. Tickets are being sold by tennis players for $5 each.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church will host a fajita supper prior to the football game with Wylie on Sept. 18. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for ages 12 and under. Order tickets by calling 573-6115 and leaving a message. Eat and walk to the homecoming game.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is selling $1 donation tickets for an oil painting by Jess Everett. The painting, "Caprock Country," will be given away Sept. 19 at the county fair. Proceeds will go to maintaining the Dodson House and Dermott School. Call 573-0538 or 573-0770 for tickets.

Therapy group for women

A therapy group just for women is being formed. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused or assaulted, this group may be what you're looking for. For more details call 915 236-6235. All calls confidential.

Band selling Tiger Paws

Snyder Band Boosters are painting Tiger Paws to show support for the Snyder Tigers. Call 574-1454 or contact any band student.

Pick 3

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

0-6-3

(zero, six, three)

Cash Five

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

17-22-32-33-39

(seventeen, twenty-two, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-nine)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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(eighty-five, sixty-six, forty-one, twenty-three)

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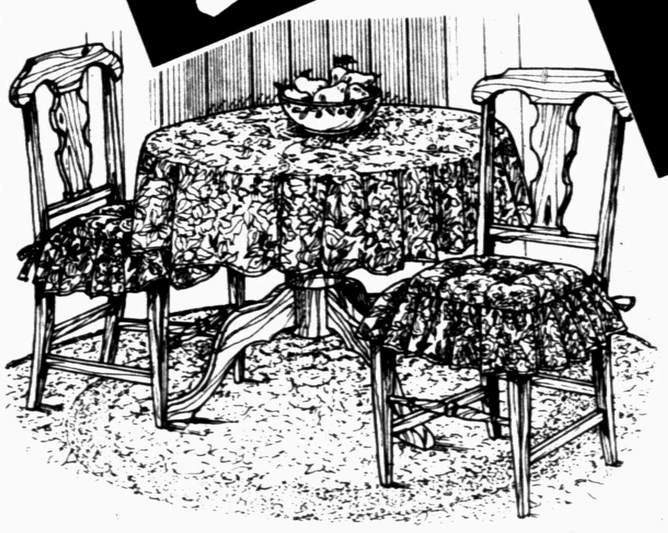
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Local men enjoy 1915 Steam Traction Engine

Brady Bynum's pride and joy is a little piece of history — a 1915 Case Steam Traction Engine, once the mainstay of early century farming.

Located at 30th St. and Ave. H, the antique tractor has been repainted and restored. It attracts a lot of attention and questions, especially from older men who like to talk, Brady said.

While Brady owns the tractor, K.S. Head did all of the restoration work. In spite of its age, the tractor was in good condition, Bynum said.

"The engine was very complete," Brady said. "I didn't have to spend much time hunting parts."

He did have to replace a few pipe nipples and valves though.

He noted that it was "simple and easy to clean out the locomotive-like boiler."

The tractor is 10 feet and 7½ inches tall and weighs some 22,000 pounds before the water is added.

The tractor does not operate with gas or diesel fuel. Instead, water up to 250 pounds is stored in the boiler. Mesquite or other wood or coal is burned in the fire box. When the water is heated, steam is formed and that powers the tractor.

The canopy shade helps deflect the sun's rays. However, when the boiler is burning wood and the water is heated to make steam it gets pretty hot, Brady said.

It has a 65 hp engine and operates at 150 pounds of steam pressure. It has been inspected by the state and can be operated at the full 150 pounds.

However, Brady said, they usually operate it at 120-125 pounds because "it's safer. And the engine is, after all, 83 years old."

The tractor can run for several hours, Brady said, before it has to be refueled. The ride is relatively smooth, he added because the tractor travels at 2½ hp and moves either forward or in reverse.

Rubber belting covers the steel wheels, enabling the tractor to be driven on pavement. Originally, it was fitted with cross angle irons to provide better traction.

Its worm gear steering system pulls one chain while the other slacks off.

The tractor has a clutch and when the engine is cut off it rolls to a stop.

In its heyday, the steam-powered tractor was a valued piece of farming equipment, used to pull thrashers and break the land. The engineer was the first to rise each morning. When he got the tractor fired up and steaming, he pulled the whistle cord which called all of the other farm workers, Brady said.

Throughout the day, wood and water had to be hauled to the fields so the tractor could keep running.

Though it is now out-of-style and more of a toy or a hobby, Brady said he loves to "steam up and play around with it." He also loves to pull the whistle cord.

A few weeks ago, K.S. Head even drove it to a car wash and washed it.

Brady grew up on a farm west of Snyder. He recalled that when he was a boy a Mr. Eoff had the only steam tractor in the county that he knew of.

Since he grew up in the era of the steam tractor, Brady said he has always wanted one.

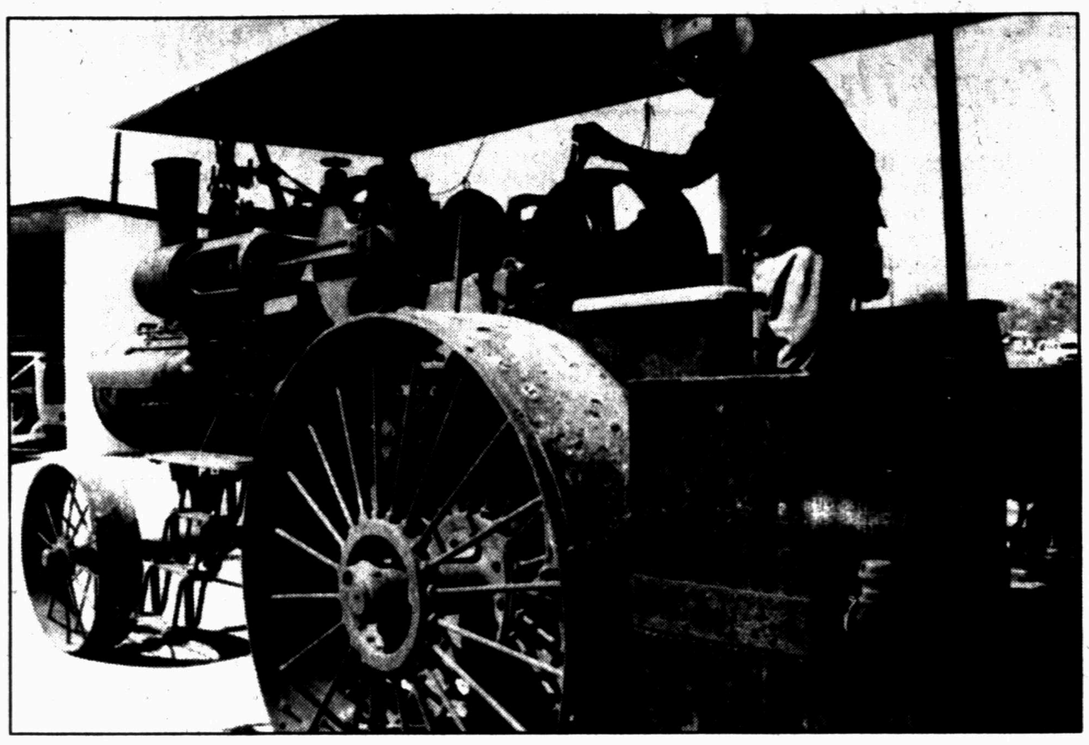
He said K.S. also grew up around steam tractors and was

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

STEAM TRACTION ENGINE — Brady Bynum, right, owns this 1915 Case Steam Traction Engine. K.S. Head, left, refurbished and repainted it. Both men grew up when tractors like these were used in farming. (Bynum photo by Shirley A. Gorman; Head photo was contributed)





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By Phillip Alder



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♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 6 5

West
♠ 10 6
♥ 7 6
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ K Q 10 8 4

East
♠ J 9 4
♥ A 8 4 3 2
♦ J 10 7
♣ J 9

South
♠ A Q 8 5 2
♥ J 9
♦ Q 5
♣ A 7 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

A mystery at Ruff's Club

By Phillip Alder

Let's end the week with another deal from Hubert Phillips' book, "Bridge at Ruff's Club." How would you plan the play in four spades after West leads the club king?

North might rebid one no-trump, but with the weak clubs, many experts would raise to two spades.

Declarer could see 10 tricks via five spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club. However, she — for it was Mrs. Niceways who sat South — was worried that if she drew trumps before knocking out the heart ace, the opponents might hastily cash three club tricks. Here, ducking the first trick would work, but Mrs. Niceways tried a different line.

After winning trick one, she immediately attacked hearts. East ducked his ace once, won the second heart trick, and "promptly led the diamond jack," which was covered by the queen, king and ace. Mrs. Niceways tried to cash dummy's heart king, discarding her diamond loser, but West ruffed and found the brilliant continuation of a low club. On winning with his jack, East returned another heart, which promoted a trump trick for the defense: one down. Any thoughts?

After winning trick four with dummy's diamond ace, declarer should have drawn trumps ending with dummy's king. Then she could have safely cashed her two heart tricks for 10 in all.

But what about East? Why didn't he return his lowest heart at trick four? Declarer would discard a minor-suit card, and West would ruff. Then a club to East's jack would permit another heart lead for the trump promotion.

These misplays strike me as fictional in the extreme.

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Sunglasses: choose wisely

ST. LOUIS (AP) — If you "go Hollywood," do it right.

The most fashionable or expensive sunglasses won't protect your eyes if they don't offer UV protection, says Dr. Jay Pepose, Bernard Becker professor of opthalmology at Washington University.

"The most important thing is to buy sunglasses that limit your exposure to UV radiation, which can be damaging to your eyes and especially to your retinas," he says.

Here's the way to check them out:

— Are the glasses certified by the American National Standards Institute? That will mean that they've undergone some quality testing. The label should indicate how effectively the glasses block UV; look for a minimum wavelength screening of up to 400 nanometers.

— Tints don't necessarily mean protection. Your pupils will expand to look out through colored glass, thus letting in even more UV radiation. Also try the glasses on to make sure you can still tell one color from another. Think of the importance of being able to distinguish traffic lights.

— If you're in the high-risk category for UV damage, it's more important than ever to get top-quality protective eyewear. Risk factors include having had a cataract removed without a lens implant, or working outdoors, where reflections from snow, water or concrete can give you an extra UV dose. Also, if you're being treated for psoriasis or vitiligo, you may be taking drugs such as psoralen that sensitize you to UV absorption. Or you could have macular degeneration.

— When choosing sunglasses, consider models with side shields, since harmful rays can reach your eyes from the side as well as the front. Overexposure over the years can result in a corneal growth called a pterygium, which can impair vision and requires surgical removal.



PREPARING FAIR ENTRIES — Snyder Garden Club members Bonnie Fry and Betty Woods, from left, have begun grooming plants to enter in the upcoming annual flower show. The Scurry County Fair will be held Sept. 17-19 in the coliseum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

'Under Big Top' theme

"Under the Big Top" is the theme for the standard flower show at the Scurry County Fair.

The flower show, sponsored by the Snyder Garden Club, will be held in Room B of the Scurry County Coliseum and the public is encouraged to enter in the two divisions, horticulture and design.

Due to the lack of rain, flowering plants have not done well. The garden club urges everyone who has flowers to enter a speciman. These and container grown plants must be delivered between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sept. 16 at Room B, or between 8 and 11 a.m. on Sept. 17.

Rules for entering are to be listed in the Fair Book to be included in the Snyder Daily News in September.

Garden club members will be on hand to help classify plants and containers will be available for cut flowers. Judging will be by nationally-accredited judges at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17.

Billie Jean Sterling will host the first garden club meeting Thursday. All members are asked to bring a salad. A car pool will leave the woman's club at 11.

'Quadathon' day

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Delivering babies is all in a day's work for Dr. Ronald Thomas. Still, he was inspired to coin a new term for what happened in one workday: Quadathon.

Six boys, two girls and two new mothers were resting at Allegheny General Hospital on Wednesday evening, the shared birthday for two sets of quadruplets delivered at the hospital by Thomas.

The first set of quads was born to Veronica Murray, whose four sons were delivered by Caesarean section Wednesday morning. She hasn't named them yet.

A short time later, Rita Hyland went into labor. Around 5:15 p.m., her two daughters and two sons arrived by Caesarean section. First came Thomas Jr., followed by Samantha, Alexander and Rebecca.

"We have a new saying: Quadathon," a tired Thomas said. "It makes for a very long day."

The joys of fatherhood: Help be a role model for the person you want your son or daughter to become.

Nature center for children

PARIS (AP) — The city of Paris on Thursday announced plans to transform an old school in the heart of the capital into a nature center named after Princess Diana.

At the center, children will be able to discover different vegetables and plants and will be taught to respect nature.

The center will open next spring.

Mayor Jean Tiberi has expressed a desire to rename a street in Paris for Diana, who was killed in a car crash in a Paris traffic tunnel nearly a year ago. However, the procedure takes five years after a person's death.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Aug. 21

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

SUNDAY
Aug. 23

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY
Aug. 25

1. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Frances Stevenson.
3. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA; closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

Alpha Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; salad luncheon to be at Billie Jean Sterlings home; 11:30 a.m.

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper; 6 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Bridal Registry

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Somer Dennis and Mark Love
Jennifer Tovar and Martin Orosco
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Deana Schwarz and Rodney White
Micah Brown and Kelly Franks
Mary Ann Gonzales and Jonathan Patrick
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Christy (Strong) Nix and Billy Nix
Maribeth (Dillaha) Cumbie and Patrick Cumbie
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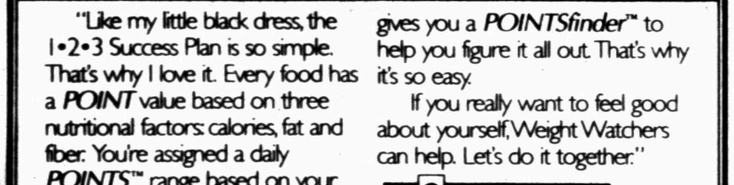
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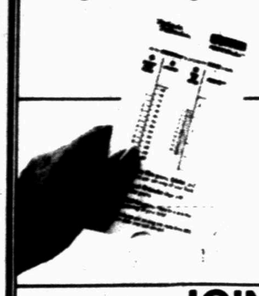
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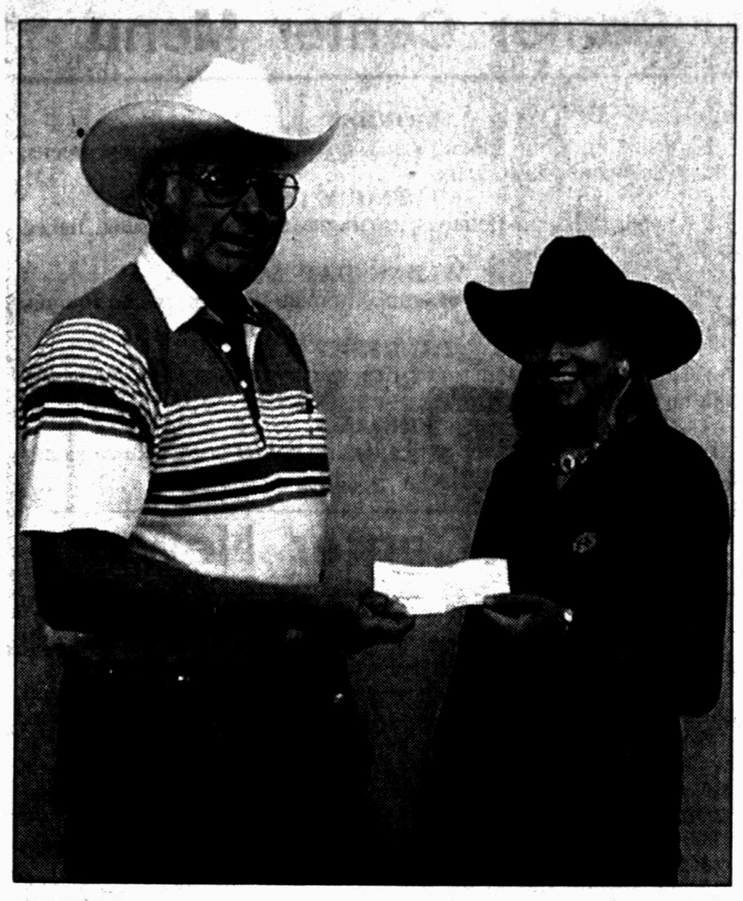
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RODEO QUEEN — Scurry County Rodeo Queen Darcee Purcell, 17, was given a $1,000 scholarship by the rodeo association, represented by board president L.J. Mueller. Billie Franks and Stacy Hirt were sponsors for the queen contest. The scholarship was made possible by donations to the Scurry County Rodeo Association. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County Library

News and Views

The Scurry County Library staff expresses appreciation to the presentors, those who gave programs and student volunteers who volunteered 205 hours of time to the Summer Reading Program for children.

Two-hundred-fifty-one students registered in the reading program and 148 earned certificates. A total of 1,923 hours of reading time was turned in.

Children earned T-shirts, book bags, student dictionaries and books based on the popular Wishbone television program. A bicycle was donated by Wal-Mart for a drawing; KTXS TV donated four tickets to Schlitterbahn; Snyder Daily News donated four books; Lulu's donated certificates for a free haircut; Nathalie's, A's Screen Printing and Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters each donated a gift certificate and Bar-H-Bar also gave a cap.

Other sponsors providing the library with incentives and coupons include Long John Silver's, Snyder Healthmart, Sonic Drive-in, Snyder Lanes & Grill, Video One, Burger King, Everybody's Thriftway, Scurry County Swimming Pool, Reef Chemical Co., West Texas State Bank, First American Bank, Pizza Inn, Big Country GM Autoland, Art Style Beauty Salon, Lang Tire Co., Grandy's and Lota' Burger.

Others included McD's 66, Taco John's, Subway of Snyder, Lawrence IGA, McCormick Marketing, Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, Pizza Hut, Wilson Motors, The Hair Station, The Pleasures Mine, Kubena Insurance, Snyder One Stop, Sno Ball Factory, Sno Ball Factory, Dairy Queens, Westerner Golfland and Blimpie Subs & Salads.

Reunion planners need addresses for class of '58

Information is needed by the Snyder High School class of 1958 reunion planning committee. They have lost contact with the following people — John Beall, Lucy Blacksher Merrill, Pat Busby, Louise Cates Eatman, Linda Cauble Jenkins, Jerry Chunn, Hollis Cox, Myrtle Craig, Janis Davenport Thompson, Pat Gage Hardee, Joann Hamblen Christy, Jo Hawthorne Eiland, Robert Lewis and Barbara Mahan Holder.

Others include John Maise, Dick Martin, David McIntosh, Betty McKinney Haase, Juanita Mitchell Reed, J.T. Myers, Lenora O'Bryan Harrell, Billy Mark Phillips, Bob Reavis, Leon Reed, Kenneth Rogers, Elizabeth Ann Silman, Irene Craig Skaggs, Sue Smith, Joyce Taylor, Nelda Thomas, Joyce Townsend May, Kay Lynn Wade, Shirley Watson Lofstrom and David Shepherd.

Anyone having information is asked to call Mary Williams at 573-7567 or Polly Wimmer at 573-9794.

Kid-friendly cooking contest

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — It isn't every day that French gastronome Jean-Michel Vienne gets to savor Hamburger Cookies or Fruit Pizzas, much less Slappy Dogs.

If they sound like culinary creations only a child could imagine, it's because they are. Each is an entry in a kid-friendly cooking contest celebrating the 35th birthday of the Easy-Bake Oven.

The plastic oven is heated by a 100-watt bulb. Pawtucket-based toy giant Hasbro Inc., which has sold 16 million of the ovens, is offering a $5,000 savings bond and enough cooking supplies for two years to the child with the best recipe using one or more Easy-Bake brand mixes.

Five youngsters will be chosen to go to the finals Oct. 9 in New York City.

Tasting honors in Thursday's semifinals went to four master cooks including Vienne, who is national chairman of the Euro Gastronome chefs' society and dean of culinary arts at Johnson and Wales University.

Among the 13 semifinalist dishes were sugary confections adorned with chocolate-chip frosting, marshmallow creme and gumdrops. Vienne gave the youngsters — ages 8 to 11 — high marks.

"They have some great ideas," he said. "They have some great presentation."

School Menus

Snyder

All breakfasts are served with assorted dry cereal and chilled juice, and all meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Cinnamon Toast

TUESDAY
Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cheese Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger of Spaghetti w/Mea Sauce
Lettuce & Tomato
Green Beans
Cookies
French Bread

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Sliced Carrots
Chilled Fruit
Dinner Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Chili & Cheese Hot Dog
French Fries
Baked Beans
Chilled Fruit

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Macaroni & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Sweet Peas
Applesauce
Sliced Bread

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Crispy Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn
Spanish Rice
Chilled Fruit

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

TUESDAY
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Cheese Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Burritos/Chili & Cheese
Tossed Salad
Crackers
Chilled Pears

TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Peach Crisp

THURSDAY
Grilled Pork Patties
Whole New Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Baked Apples

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
No Bake Cookies

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MONDAY
Chalupas
Vegetable Salad
Peaches
Plain Cookies

TUESDAY
Chicken Quesadillas
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Cowboy Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Rolls
Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY
Chili & Cheese Burritos
Shredded Lettuce
Corn
Cowboy Cookies

FRIDAY
Turkey w/Brown Gravy
Macaroni & Cheese
Sweet Peas
Rolls
Apples

Week's top video list

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Kids Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "The Black Cauldron," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Anastasia," FoxVideo.
3. "The Spirit Of Mickey," Walt Disney Home Video.
4. "Hercules," Walt Disney Home Video.
5. "The Little Mermaid: Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Melody Time," Walt Disney Home Video.
7. "An American Tail," Universal Studios.
8. "Fievel Goes West," Universal Studios.
9. "Elmopalooza!," Sony Wonder.
10. "Mulan: Sing Along Songs," Walt Disney Home Video.

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "Jackie Brown," Miramax Home Entertainment.
2. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax Home Entertainment.
3. "The Wedding Singer," New Line Home Video.
4. "U.S. Marshals," Warner Home Video.
5. "Sphere," Warner Home Video.
6. "Dark City," New Line Home Video.
7. "Wag The Dog," New Line Home Video.
8. "Hard Rain," Paramount Home Video.
9. "Great Expectations," FoxVideo.
10. "The Man In The Iron Mask," MGM/UA Home Video.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "The Black Cauldron," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Jerry Springer-Too Hot for TV!," Real Entertainment.
3. "Austin Powers," New Line Home Video.
4. "Pearl Jam: Single Video Theory," Epic Music Video.
5. "Spice World," Columbia TriStar.
6. "Grease: 20th Anniversary Edition," Paramount Home Video.
7. "As Good As It Gets," Columbia TriStar.
8. "Backstreet Boys: All Access Video," Jive/Zomba Video. (Platinum)
9. "Jerry Springer-The Best Of," Real Entertainment.
10. "Image Of An Assassination," MPI Home Video.

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Pigs deserve more

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Bert and Ernie taught the world that pigs are more than just a source of ham and bacon. Their reward is an escape from the slaughterhouse.

The pigs who once played computer games at Penn State University have relinquished the joystick and retired from academia to live at a sanctuary called PIGS.

They now enjoy a simple existence in Charles Town among 220 porcine pals, said sanctuary Director Dale Riffle. This time, Bert and Ernie don't have access to a computer.

Penn State professor Stanley Curtis taught the animals to use icons on a computer screen to relay their thoughts to humans. They were able to respond to voice commands and manipulate controls in their room to keep the temperature at a comfortable level.

"They have contributed greatly to educating the world that pigs are not stupid, unfeeling creatures," Riffle said. "Bert and Ernie are true ambassadors for advancing the humane treatment of animals typically used for food production."

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New Vehicle Registrations

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Michael D. and Michelle R. Martini, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Bob Harris, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lou D. and Donald R. Crowder, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Oscar J. Montemayor, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Yadira O. and Rafael H. Ruedas, 1998 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Pete and Sally Rios, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Jason and Selena Messenger, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Beverly Robertson, 1998 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Jerri L. and Joe Sisk, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Stefan Eli Dean and Lori Michelle Pace, both of Snyder.

Mark Alan Love of Dallas and Somer Rae Dennis of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Howard Smith vs. C.M. Mitchell, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Roy Shaw and Linda Joe Shaw, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Luther G. Bedwell to Verlene Bedwell, all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Parkview Addition.

Benito Ruiz Jr. to Albino and Eva Aguirre, all of Lot 10 in Block 48 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Abalina Gomez to Ladislao and Teresa Herrera, tract one being all of Lot 3 in Block 49 of the Wilmeth Addition; tract two being a 25 x 75-foot tract out of the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 49 of the Wilmeth Addition.

The Veterans Land Board of Texas to Kennith W. Hardin, 171.02 acres and 15 acres, both in Sections 643 and 644, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mobil Exploration and Production Inc. to Fluid Transports Inc., 8 acres out of a 10-acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patsy Ann Williams to Marlene Yone Holman, 2.56 acres in Sections 21 and 20, both in Block 3, H&TC survey.

Dell Ray and Bertie Joye Helms to Danny Ray Helms, the east 80 acres known as the east one-third of the north part of Survey 633, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Clara B. Buffington to Clara B. Buffington, trustee of the Clara B. Buffington Revocable Living Trust, 158.79 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 43, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Clara B. Buffington to Clara B. Buffington, trustee of the Clara B. Buffington Revocable Living Trust, Lot 4 and the west 5 feet of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Highlands Addition.

Billy Wayne Williams to Patsy Ann Williams, tract one being all of Lot 6 in Block 26 of the Winston Co. Inc. replat of the Colonial Hill Addition; tract two being 2.56 acres in Sections 21 and 20 in Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jerry Scrivner to Janice Scrivner, all of the north 40 feet of Lot 21 and the south 35 feet of Lot 2 in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Paul B. and Margaret E. Payne to Patrick A. and Susan S. Birkenfeld, all the north 45 feet of Lot 12 and the south 25 feet of Lot 11, both in Block 4, Scott and Browning Addition.

James R. Patterson Jr. to Homer Dill, all of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Parkway Addition.

Billy H. and Gay B. Kimmel to Kenneth Wayne and Janet Kay Scott, all of Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Correction of the Bassridge Addition.

Royce L. and June H. Hogue, trustees of the Hogue Living Trust, to Billy Max and Betty Gail Snider, 12.406 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 291, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Elouise C. Lambert to Loyd and Johnnie Faye Hatcher, all of Lot 24 in Block F of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

James Todd and Julienne A. Stewart to Barry K. Keller, all of the south 150 feet of the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 25 of the Grayum and Nelson Addition.

David Wayne and Beverly Diane Perkins to Thomas and Mary Ann Rocha, tract one being 10 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 5.984 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Randy Todd and Tracy A. Lewis to Paul and Amy Pharr, the south 15 feet of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2 in Block 52 of the Blakenship Addition.

Curtis R. Green, Elizabeth Ann Gernandt, Peggy L. Green and Benny Goines to Raymond Phipps, the east 100 feet of the south one-half of Lot 1 in Block 4 of the Cody Addition.

Wilma Erleene Scott, independent executrix of the estate of Charles Lee Scott, to Wilma Erleene Scott, all of Lot 40 in Block 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Reuben and Toni Valdez to Clara L. Denny, 17.42 acres in Section 254, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Addie Lucille Early, Thomas V. Early and Billy W. Early to Reuben and Toni Valdez, all of Lot 8 in Block 26 of the Winston Co. Inc. replat of the north one-half of Block 26 in the Colonial Hill Addition.

Keith Matthies to Darrell and Jana Carol Neal, all of Lot 20 of Royal Cedars, a subdivision of Lot 3 of the Windridge Addition.

Adam Lee Comer to Sandra V. Graves and Byron Dean Comer, 74.106 acres in the northeast part of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Myron Fenton to Carolyn Gulseth, the north 75 feet of the west 90 feet of Lot 3 in Block 39 of the Blakenship Addition.

Nelson A. Dressler, independent executor of the estate of Jane Dressler, to Nelson A. Dressler, one acre in the south part of Section 131, Block 3, H&GN survey.

A.T. Eicke, trustee for the Weston Properties Trust, to Barbara G. Eicke, all of Lot 4 in Block 47 of the Baze and Dodson replat of Blocks 45 and 47 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Lorraine Bruns Treadway to H.E. and Vivian Lewis, the west 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 12 of the Adams Addition.

Lorraine Bruns Treadway to H.E. and Vivian Lewis, the east 60 feet of the west 120 feet of Lot 1, Block 12 of the Adams Addition.

Dan and Jane Ann Cotton to John M. and Debra K. Duddleston, 5.5 acres in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Byron Dean Comer to Sandra V. Graves, 74.106 acres in the northeast part of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lorene R. Haygood Randal Layne and Vanda Gaylene Smith, an 0.534-acre tract in the west one-half of Section 32, Block Y, T&P survey.

Steam

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"very knowledgeable" about them.

This particular tractor had been stored in White City, N.M. for several years before Brady bought it in June of 1997.

This tractor was made by J.I. Case Thrashing Machine Company, located in Racine, Wis.

Tractors date to 1870s in U.S.

"Tractors were first used during the 1870s. These tractors, called traction engines, were large, four-wheeled machines driven by steam.

"They provided enough power to pull as many as 40 plows, but they were too awkward to be practical. Smaller machines with internal-combustion engines soon replaced them.

"But the new machine had only a kerosene engine mounted on a four-wheeled frame. Later, kerosene or gasolines engines were built as part of the tractor frame.

"The tractors could do almost all of the field work, but were too low to pull a cultivator through tall crops. Then, in the 1920s, the all-purpose tractor was developed.

"Early manufacturing companies usually made only one tractor model or size."

Source: Written by Gerald E. Rehkugler for World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 19.

Sinusitis

Sinusitis is one of the most common health complaints in the U.S., affecting as many as 30-50 million people a year.

A vicious cycle of nasal obstruction, excessive mucous production, blockage of secretions and recurrent infection characterizes this condition.

Treatment options are available and should be directed at the underlying cause. Decongestants and antibiotics can often control acute problems. Other methods are available to open the nasal and sinus passages, with and without surgery, for longer-term control. For details, consult an M.D. specialist with years of experience in treating "West Texas sinus."

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Copying 'Titanic'

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Even the biggest "Titanic" fans would have trouble pulling this off: sitting in a warehouse and watching the video of the Oscar-winning epic all day, every day.

That's what workers must do at Deluxe Video Services Inc., which since May has been making millions of copies of "Titanic" for Paramount to release on video next week.

Security is so tight that, at any time, the company knows where each copy is. Visitors leaving the plant are searched.

"I can guarantee we haven't lost a copy," Deluxe spokeswoman Sharon E. Green said.

Beyond rack upon rack of video duplicating machines, operators sit in a glass-enclosed room and watch "Titanic" on monitors — four larger, color screens above and hundreds of tiny black-and-whites below.

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Requests for more concrete squeezing state's tight supply

HOUSTON (AP) — Concrete is hot and the Texas construction boom has put a squeeze on concrete supply, forcing suppliers and manufacturers to expand plants and import cement from other states.

While an overwhelming demand meant up to a four-week wait for concrete on construction sites earlier this summer, the result is that for the first time in more than a decade, cement plants are expanding so they can meet the increased demand. Some even are doubling their production lines.

"Ten years ago, no one in the state of Texas would have thought of spending one penny in our business because the returns didn't justify investing in our business," said Steve Mayfield, vice president of cement marketing for Dallas-based Texas Industries.

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What a difference a better economy makes.

A quick industry primer: Concrete is what you walk on. Cement is concrete's main ingredient. So when construction's up, so is the demand for cement to make concrete foundations for office buildings, homes, roads and highways.

In the first half of this year, Houston had 22,768 residential building permits — a 54 percent increase over the first half of 1997. The nation's fourth-largest city is third in the United States (behind Atlanta and Phoenix) when it comes to total building permits.

Demand is so high that TXI and other cement makers are expanding and in many cases, doubling production capability.

At TXI, the company has requested a permit to expand its plant in Midlothian, south of Dallas, to accommodate another 1.5 million tons of concrete. It currently produces about 1.2 million tons annually. The company also has contracted with Dundee, Mich.-based Holnam Cement Co. to import more cement to Galveston, so it can reach eager construction crews faster.

Holnam also has requested a permit to expand its Midlothian plant capacity to double its 1 million-ton capacity.

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Barbecue on a bun, potato salad, onion & pickles, turnip greens, pineapple upside-down cake

TUESDAY

Pork chop, au gratin potatoes, asparagus, fresh spinach salad, baked apple

WEDNESDAY

Chicken salad on a bed of lettuce, tomato wedges, potato rounds, strawberry shortcake

THURSDAY

Meatballs w/mushroom gravy, rice, spinach, tossed salad, pineapple pudding

FRIDAY

Fried fish, broccoli-cheese rice, whole kernel corn, lettuce salad, apple cutie pie

Senior Center News

Monday's bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and Matt Cross will perform in the dining room beginning at 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, 42/88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday's activities include the Kitchen Band entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. and line dancing begins at 1 p.m. A new clogging class for seniors has been scheduled immediately after line dancing at 2 p.m.

The Tri-chem class will begin at 9 a.m. and the Sunshine Choir practice is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Friday's bridge and the blood pressure clinic will both begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Sing-along starts at 11:30 a.m.

The fair is three weeks away and seniors are encouraged to volunteer for the senior booth and manning the north entrance of the coliseum. Call 573-4035 to volunteer.

Swimnastics will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. beginning Tuesday.

The pool will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day and reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Seniors have inquired about the availability of the flu vaccine. The Scurry County Health Center has ordered the vaccine, but it may be October before it arrives. The date for vaccinations will be publicized once the vaccine has been received.

Center staffers are compiling a list of members of the Kitchen Band and Sunshine Choir. Any information about the earlier years of these organizations will be appreciated.

Back To Basics

By Debbie Duddleston



Residence halls are full and our campus is full of excitement. Many classes in speech, math, chemistry, English and government are closed because they are full and this is exciting too! There are still plenty of classes open and you can register through Tuesday.

Coming attractions to Western Texas College campus will be the opening of Career Stop, Texas Workforce Commission office and the Distance Learning Lab. The Career Stop and Texas Workforce Commission will assist people in accessing employment and/or training. They will offer many services including job boards, resume writing, career exploration, workshops, testing, typing tutorials, JTPA information and labor market information. The Distance Learning Lab will enable students to take upper level courses and work toward achieving advanced degrees. The first courses offered will be from Midwestern State University and Abilene Christian University. That's exciting!

Do you have Sunday lunch plans? Great Western Dining located in the cafeteria of the Student Center, will now be serving a Sunday buffet that is open to the public. Every Sunday they will feature "home cooking" all-you-can-eat at a reasonable price of $6 for adults. The cost for children under 12 is $4.50 and 3 and under will be free. The assorted cobblers, cakes, pies and ice ceram bar caught my undivided attention. Yum! now that's exciting!

But the best thing is YOU can be a part of all this excitement! Just give us a call at 573-8511 ext. 230 or call toll-free at 1-888-GO-TO-WTC and we will tell you how.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The college relations, admissions, financial aid and counseling offices are located in the Student Center.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



These are a few of my favorite things

As we make our journey through life, we tend to surround ourselves with tangible memories. For one it may be photo albums containing priceless family pictures. Another may have a collection of favorite books. Still another may collect art, furniture or antique automobiles.

As a writer, one of my favorite collections is the written wisdom of others. I enjoy great quotes, prose and short common-sense essays.

In the fifth column of the month, I want to share a few of my favorite written pieces. I hope you will find a few "keepers" to add to your collection of favorite things.

The essence of learning

•It's what you learn after you know it all that counts — John Wooden.

•What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight — it's the size of the fight in the dog. — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

•Everyone lives by telling something — Robert Louis Stevenson

•The plans of the dilligent lead to success — Proverbs 21:5

•If you think you can or think you cannot, you're right. — Henry Ford

•The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so with you ... we are in charge of our attitudes. — Charles Swindol

•Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak out and remove all doubt. — Abraham Lincoln

Author unknown

The following two pieces have been attributed to a number of different writers. I can find no accurate source for either piece. However, they are two of my favorite writings, so I share them as 'author unknown.'

The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for wealth,
And the world makes you king for a day.
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what the Man has to say.

For isn't your father or mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon you must pass
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the Man staring back from the glass.

Some people may call you a straight shootin' chum
And say you're the wonderful guy,
But the Man in the glass will say you're a bum,
If you can't look him straight in the eye

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the Man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world, down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you cheated the Man in the glass.

Poem:

If you thnk you're beaten — you are.
If you think you dare not — you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't —

It's almost certain you won't

If you think you lose — you're lost,

For out in the world we find —
Success begins with a person's will
It's all in your state of mind.

Lottery...

Unused tickets worth more than prizes

HOUSTON — Every time the state of Texas inaugurates a new scratch-off lottery game, Dr. Alfred Ricks goes out and buys 200 or 300 tickets.

But he's never scratched the paint off one of them to see if he's won a prize.

Not one.

"My brother tells me that I've probably passed up a million-dollar winner on one of my tickets," the 48-year-old physician from West Columbia said recently. "But I'm still not tempted to scratch it off. I tell everybody I know that every ticket I buy is a winner."

Ricks is a lotologist, one of a growing number of people who collect, study and admire lottery tickets — not for the prizes they promise, but for their art and value as collectors' items. Though most of his tickets have yet to grow beyond their $1 face value, his mint condition Lone Star Millions, from Texas' first lottery ticket series, are valued at $225 each. He estimates his collection's total value at $30,000 to $40,000.

As the games proliferate worldwide, collectors' groups claim membership in the hundreds. They host conventions where people buy and swap tickets. And, of course, there are Internet sites devoted to the hobby (www.lotology.com is one example).

Unlike Ricks, lotologist Valerie Castrianni of Houston collects only lottery tickets that have been scratched off.

"I couldn't go to sleep at night not knowing if there was a big prize on one of my lottery tickets," she said.

Castrianni, 27, deals in all sorts of collectibles, and admits that tickets that have been scratched off are valued at a fraction of the pristine ones. But their throwaway quality is part of the attraction for her, she said, Unlike valuable sports cards or rare stamps, most of her lottery tickets are free.

A network of friends collects boxes of discarded tickets for her from convenience stores and other lottery outlets. Not all of those tickets are really losers, she has found.

"I always go through them to check for any winning numbers," Castrianni said. "Sometimes people don't know how to play the game or just don't notice that they've really won." She's won up to $20 on discarded tickets that way.

Castrianni saves the tickets that are in the nicest condition. She often sends sets of Texas tickets to collectors in other states to exchange for tickets from their states.

She also specializes in selling the voided sample tickets sent to dealers to be used for sales displays.

Lotologist Vladimir Parungao, 55, also of Houston, is a forensic pathologist by day. He has a technique that combines those of Ricks and Castrianni. He buys at least two of every new kind of Texas scratch-off lottery ticket. He scratches some to check for winners; others he saves in mint condition.

Parungao's collection got started in 1992 when his son gave him some tickets and a collector's album.

"This is not like collecting postage stamps which are on sale at post offices everywhere in the country."
—Lotologist Vladimir Parungao

"I like the artwork on them," he said. He also enjoys the challenge of collecting some of the tickets.

"This is not like collecting postage stamps which are on sale at post offices everywhere in the country," he said. "Some of these are issued in small states just for a very short time." In Pennsylvania, he recalled, certain lottery tickets have been issued only in a few select towns and cities.

Collecting things is a relaxing hobby that he has enjoyed since his childhood in the Philippines, Parungao said. His first collection, which he still treasures, was of different kinds of cigarette papers. Then he collected Johnny Mathis records — hundreds of them — enough to listen to for two days without repeating one.

"I don't play golf and my kids are grown," he said with a laugh.

Ricks, Castrianni and Parungao each boast complete sets, or samples from each of the 130 or so different ticket series issued in Texas. They have their favorites from other states as well.

Castrianni said she likes many of Louisiana's colorful tickets. "The Mardi Gras tickets are really colorful," she said. "And the wording on many of their tickets are really funny — wonderful puns." At Christmas they often feature a Cajun Santa bellowing, "Heaux, heaux, heaux" instead of "Ho, ho ho." One ticket featured a picture of a New Orleans streetcar with the title, "Streetcar named Retire." A fine arts series included a "Pica$o" and a "Money Lisa."

Castrianni said she was amazed to find that so many other people around the country are also collecting lottery tickets. One national organization claims about 700 members, another about 150.

Compared to the millions that collect stamps or coins, lotology "hasn't even scratched the surface yet," said collector Glen Faulhaber of Clearwater, Fla., using a favorite lotology pun.

Lotteries have long been used to raise money in the United States, he said. Many of the country's earliest governmental projects were funded by lotteries, he said.

The modern scratch-off lottery began in 1975-76 in states like Michigan and Illinois, he said. Today, 32 states and the District of Columbia issue tickets. One state, Alaska, issued tickets for a couple of years and then stopped.

Although his collection of 40,000 to 50,000 tickets features 8,000 different types, not even Faulhaber claims to have an example of every kind of scratch-off ticket issued in the country.

"There's just been too many," he said. Although most tickets originally retail for $1, some states have issued tickets costing up to $25, making it hard for collectors to buy very many, he said.

Most collectors concentrate on collections of tickets issued by their own state, as well as collections of tickets that have a theme. Faulhaber said he is especially fond of a set of 20 different tickets issued by Maine that had antique autos. Alaska issued sets that featured that state's birds and different kinds of animals.

Sometimes a ticket theme is used by more than one state. Seven states have issued tickets with Star Trek themes and five have issued sets featuring Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Texas sells more than $2 billion in scratch-off lottery tickets a year, said Texas Lottery Commission spokeswoman Gail Phillips. On average, she said, two new series are introduced every month. Some ticket types, such as the popular Lone Star Millionaire series, have been repeated several times in slightly different versions.

When one early ticket had a scratch-off area that was a Texas flag, some people pointed out that it was disrespectful to have to scratch off the state flag. A new ticket was quickly issued that had three stars in place of the flag.

Ideas for lottery tickets come from many sources, she said. The San Antonio company that prints them suggests some themes; others are based on tickets issued by other states. Texas has had contests seeking designs submitted by private individuals.

The individual games are usually kept open for about a year or so before being retired and declared closed, Phillips said. After that, no more prizes are given out for that ticket. Although many minor prizes are never cashed in, Phillips said few big-ticket prizes have ever gone unclaimed.

So far, Phillips said, collectors have been such a minority of the millions who buy Texas tickets that the commission hasn't really thought about them.

Ricks said that when he started selling his collectible tickets over the Internet, he got a call from the state lottery commission warning him that it is illegal to sell lottery tickets unless he's a licensed lottery dealer.

"You tell your lawyers to go to hell," he said he replied.

Phillips said the commission has since decided that it is not illegal for collectors to sell tickets from games that have been closed.

Ricks offers a special deal for people who want to start their Texas lotology collection in a big way — a complete set of mint examples of all 130 Texas tickets for $7,000.

So far, he hasn't sold a single set, but Ricks said he has 100 such sets squirreled away in safe-deposit boxes.

He knows that some day those unscratched tickets will be big winners.

Particles in diesel exhaust listed as toxic pollutants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a decision that could influence air quality across the country, California regulators said 40 chemicals found in diesel fumes must be listed as toxic air pollutants.

The decision Thursday by the powerful California Air Resources Board forces the state to come up with a plan to limit human exposure to the cancer-causing chemicals, which include benzene and dioxin.

California is the first state to declare that diesel engines spew chemicals that cause cancer and other diseases.

The 11-member panel is one of the most influential environmental regulatory agencies in the country. Its decisions often serve as a bellwether for stricter standards at the federal level, where regulators also are drafting standards for diesel emissions.

"The EPA is going to be giving increased scrutiny to diesel emissions from heavy-duty trucks," said Daniel Greenbaum, president of the Health Effects Institute, an independent air pollution research group. "People at the EPA and in Europe will be following this very closely."

The trucking industry, which supported the board's decision, says the decision could force aging, less efficient trucks spewing black soot off the roads.

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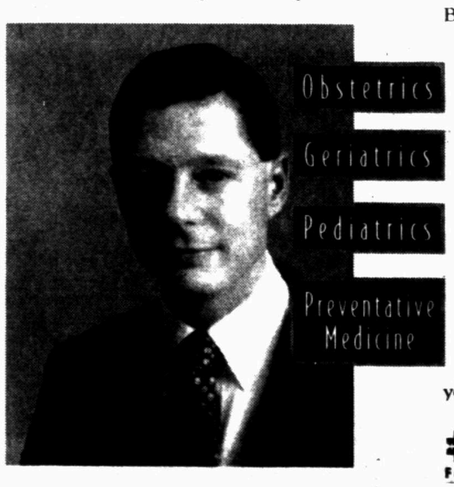
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Deanie Francis Mills

Help for the freshman parent

I was doing all right until Jessica burst into tears.

All day long, while we moved her into the dorm and picked up a few extras and goodies at the local super center and checked to make sure her fees were all paid and took her to lunch before saying goodbye ... all day long I'd told myself that I wasn't going to be one of these clingy mothers who can't let go and who embarrasses the kid with all the blubbering. Plenty of time to bawl, I thought, on the 450-mile drive home.

Kent took a picture of Jessica and me in front of a pine tree on the dorm grounds, and them I took a picture of Kent and Jessica. Kent hugged her, and then it was my turn.

And the moment I put my arms around her, she busted out bawling.

Of course that did it for me; I lost it, and the next thing I knew, Kent was misty-eyed.

I can't bear it, I thought.

From the moment that child was born, she has never been anything but a source of deep joy for us. As the years went by, we only grew closer, Jessica and I. I kept expecting her to find a sistuh-girlfriend, and though she had many, she was never as close to any of them as she was to me. We loved to hang out, to mall-hop, go to the movies, sit up talking.

And now, it seemed, the sand had run out of the hourglass, and it was time to leave her. I had always known how agonizing it would be for me to let go, but I had not considered how hard it would be for her.

For the past couple of years, especially, since her brother left home, her daddy and I have been a real safety net for our daughter, an emotional teddy bear always ready with loyal support and cheerleading. Unlike some teens who can't get away from their parents fast enough, Jessica enjoyed our company. We always understood her and believed in her, which is not always the case in the shark-infested waters of high school.

Now for the first time, she was on her own. We're still just a phone call away, but it's not the same as the ready hugs, the comfortable everyday presence. She did not even know her new roommate until she moved in.

Those of us who went to college — and many of us who did not — tend to idealize those years over time, and to believe that starting out in college should be nothing but exciting and fun. We don't remember being lonely or homesick, and if we do, we seem to remember it in a blur which quickly passed.

But according to an article in the October issue of "Psychology Today" (just out), the truth is that "students can experience profound grief well into the first semester of college."

College freshmen are undergoing a great many more changes than just leaving home. They are also leaving their childhoods behind, their network of friends and support systems, and entering a strange and intimidating new place. Everyone expects them to be happy and excited, which only makes them feel worse. It can get so bad, according to some experts, that they may drop out.

What we should be doing, it says, rather than invalidating their feelings by telling them how we think they SHOULD feel, is to simply to tell them that their sadness, confusion and fear is normal.

But I didn't need a magazine to tell me that. I've already had one child leave home for a campus many miles away. I picked up a few tricks that makes this transition easier on ALL of us, and I thought I'd pass them on to you.

1. Get an 800-number. It will be the smartest investment you ever made. You can get one just by calling your telephone company. The start-up and monthly fees are reasonable, and I'm telling you, it cut our phone bill IN HALF. Yeah, we tried telling our son to call us during the cheap times — after five p.m. on weekdays and weekends. It turns out they are seldom in the dorm during those hours, for starters, and for another, they like to call when their roommates are out of the room, say, during a break between classes. And that is the most expensive time.

2. I'm a Hallmark-card junkie. There are all sorts of hilarious little cards you can pick up and drop into the mail once a week or so. It lifts their spirits and lets them get something in the mail.

3. If you have a home computer, I strongly urge you to take the plunge and go online. All colleges have Internet access, and even if your child does not own a personal computer, they can set up e-mail accounts free of charge at their campus computer centers. The fees are included in their registration costs. To go online locally runs around $25 a month or so, and e-mail is much cheaper and more convenient that phone calls. You can send messages back and forth whenever the time is convenient to you, and keep up with them while sending your love.

That way they can still have the safety net they so need. And those of us who are left behind can indeed discover a way to bear it.

Editorial Comment

Texas' publishing niche

The Dallas Morning News

New York is to America what London and Paris are to Europe: the center of the nation's arts and letters scene. But that doesn't preclude Texas and other states from influencing the nation's literary life.

An opportunity actually exists for Texas to develop a publishing niche. Many people familiar with the book industry say that New York publishing houses want big-name writers and genre books: John Grisham. Tom Clancy. Romance and spy novels. They are as sure a deal for New York publishers as oil wells once were for East Texas wildcatters.

But what about new writers with different types of stories? Those authors who represent America's vast spread of cultures need somewhere to go.

One outlet is university presses, several of which are doing creative work in Texas.

SMU Press has become a respected fiction publisher. Major newspapers regularly review its works by new authors. SMU Press also has published writers like W.P. Kinsella, whose "Shoeless Joe" novel inspired the movie Field of Dreams. SMU Press will add novelist Alan Cheuse's "Lost and Old Rivers" to its list this fall.

TCU Press likewise produces fictional works, most of which have a Western or regional bent. And it publishes nonfiction works with a regional emphasis. TCU Press will soon release noted Texan James Farmer's "Lay Bare the Heart: An Autobiography of the Civil Rights Movement."

The University of Texas and Texas A&M University Press produce political, historical and regional works, too. They range from stories about Tejano culture to tales of life behind the Iron Curtain to biographies about such legendary Texas businessmen as Houston's Herman and George Brown.

Arte Publico Press, a nonprofit house on the University of Houston campus, focuses on Hispanic writers. Like SMU Press, it has drawn attention from the New York literary community.

Modern Texas' broad range of cultures represents the New World. The work of our presses transcends the borders of any region.

So what does Texas need to improve its publishing work? More agents would help. They could discover more of the exciting voices that a vibrant publishing industry requires.

Local branches of chain bookstores also need to include books with a regional slant or ones published locally. Some stores do that, but not all.

Venture capital could strengthen independent presses. For-profit houses like Dallas-based Three Forks Press produce strong, award-winning work. But more capital is needed to take such presses to the next level.

In publishing terms, Texas may not become the next New York. Yet. But there are many successes to note. Continued growth of the Texas niche would certainly put the state's stamp on the nation's literary life.

Small business red tape

The Dallas Morning News

Doing business in Texas can seem an endless bureaucratic maze to many small business owners. Too many regulations, not enough help, and too few interested voices championing small business issues to the state Legislature.

That's why small business groups across the state again are gearing up to push the Legislature next year to create a special state-level office to advocate for the needs of small businesses. In a previous session, an attempt to attach the small business advocate to the governor's office was rejected.

On the surface, the idea of special advocate has merit. Small businesses cross myriad industries and often lack resources to review mountains of regulations. But Texas doesn't need a small business lobbying advocate as much as it needs to ensure that small businesses, lawmakers and state agencies continue to address the most basic tax and other free-enterprise issues that encourage entrepreneurial success.

The Texas Department of Economic Development, through the Office of Small Business Assistance, already provides small business information and regularly reviews pending legislation for potential adverse impacts on small business. Many state agencies also operate small business programs.

Moreover, a recent study of business climates across the nation shows Texas already may be addressing the most critical needs for small business.

Texas is the sixth-best state in the nation at fostering a favorable climate for small businesses, according to the third annual Small Business Survival Index. The only states ranking ahead of Texas are South Dakota in the top spot followed by Wyoming, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Washington.

Economist Raymond Keating, author of the study for the Small Business Survival Foundation, a Washington-based advocacy group, says states like Texas that have a favorable tax climate and moderate regulations score well. States with overbearing tax structures and complex regulations score the poorest. California is 42nd, followed by New Jersey at 43rd and New York at 44th. The District of Columbia is dead last.

Still, Texas small businesses say the deck is stacked against them, a signal that state government and small businesses aren't speaking the same language. Texas has done a lot right to foster a favorable business atmosphere. But the state still needs to better communicate with small businesses, hopefully without creating a special advocate to do it.

Russian turmoil

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There may be more method than meets the eye to Russian President Boris Yeltsin's seemingly impulsive firing of high-echelon government officials.

Yeltsin has sent a mixed signal by firing Premier Sergei Kiriyenko and two of his deputies and reinstating Victor Chernomyrdin. Yeltsin obviously knows that and has done it for political effect.

He can justify his dismissal of Kiriyenko on the grounds that the premier promised, when he was appointed five months ago, that there would be no devaluation of the ruble. Although Yeltsin joined Kiriyenko in that commitment, the Russian president can assert that it was Kiriyenko's job to take charge and prevent that from happening.

The reappointment of Chernomyrdin, however, does not mean that Kiriyenko's policies will be reversed immediately. The reality is that Kiriyenko did reluctantly what had to be done in devaluing the ruble, declaring a temporary moratorium on foreign debt repayments and restructuring domestic debt.

Letters to the Editor

Hats off to EMS

Dear Editor:

I want to commend Perry Westmoreland and his staff of Snyder EMS on their quality professional service.

We have had several occasions to use them due to health problems. We have had several different drivers and paramedics. They have all been really great.

I think we are so lucky to have this wonderful service in Snyder. My hats off to them.

Sincerely,
Doris Beard

Stop the rumors

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to the rumors going around about the Polynesian Garden Restaurant.

I'm so proud to be hometown but sometimes I get pretty aggravated about people that gossip and spread lies without checking facts before speaking.

I understand that gossip is just a part of small town living but do those of you who are keeping this rumor alive understand the damage you are doing? Do you care? You should as this sort of talking not only makes the restaurant look bad but also makes Snyder look bad as well.

I don't think any of us want people to refer to Snyder as the town that "slanders their own." Why would anyone want to open a business here knowing they are vulnerable to the same type of attack of their own character?

There is NO truth to these rumors or the restaurant would be shut down which they are not and never have been. According to Cindy Nix, Scurry County Health Unit Food Service Inspector, Polynesian Garden receives high ratings and there is a copy of these ratings hanging on the wall of the restaurant for public viewing.

Let's help stop this rumor before anymore damage is done by remembering to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Cindy Sharp
Snyder

Enter the fair

Dear Editor:

I would like to encourage Snyder and Scurry County residents to enter our fair this year. The fair has gotten smaller in recent years, and it needs our help!

This will be our 33rd consecutive year for the Scurry County Fair, and as always, there will be lots of categories to enter. Our lack of rainfall this year will no doubt affect the flower show and agricultural exhibits, but there are many other divisions to enter.

Even if you've never entered before, even if you're very busy, even if you think what you have isn't good enough to enter, do it anyway to show your support and help keep our fair going.

There are many, many talented people in our community, and it's rewarding to both participants and fair visitors to see the handicrafts, clothing, baked goods, canned goods, photographs, paintings and all the other entries. If your hobby is making things, please consider entering some of them in our fair.

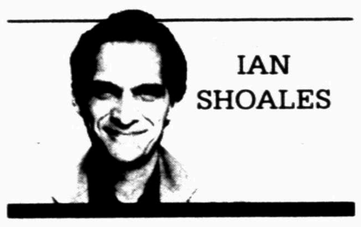
In past years we've had great art shows with lots and lots of entries from school children as well as adults. Some of our older artists aren't able to paint any more, but no doubt there are some new ones in our community, and it would be great if everyone who paints (or even tries) would participate this year.

Maybe with school starting so early, teachers will have enough time to help students get something ready to enter.

We don't want our fair to dwindle down to nothing, but we have to support it and participate in it to keep it going. The dates are Sept. 17, 18 and 19, so please start planning now to make this a good fair.

Thanks to all who have worked in the past, and to all who will work this year for this important community event.

Sincerely,
Mary Westmoreland



IAN SHOALES

When I was a kid, one Saturday each August was set aside for local merchants, so they could move goods from inside their stores to tables on the sidewalk. Clerks would move outside too, and put on clown noses, or set their hair in zany pigtails, or paint big red freckles on their cheeks. Prices were marked down, of course. In small town America, when clown-white meets retail it means bargains.

Even though it only occurred one Saturday per year, this pseudo-holiday was called "Krazy Daze." A plea of insanity is often used by merchants to entice customers. Guys named "Crazy Eddie" want us to come in and buy a stereo. Car dealers inform us that their prices are so low, they're INSANE!

In America, insanity is a relative thing. Calling a criminal defendant insane is an insult (and hard to prove), but calling a comedian insane is the highest compliment. Robin Williams, for instance, if called "insane," must reply, "Why, thank you!

When we call other family members a "nut," it doesn't usually mean we want to institutionalize them. Daffy Duck's daffiness is part of his eternal appeal. We like our heiresses kooky, our hatters mad as March Hares, and our bedbugs crazy as loons.

In August, especially, there seems to be a kind of hysteria in the still, humid air. Ads for the (insane?) "Something About Mary" claim, "You're going to hurt yourself laughing." A good time in August is painful, and may involve an HMO. We're in the dog days, sweating out the waning days of summer, panting for the first day of autumn. Other than sidewalk sales, nothing ever quite happens in August. Something is always threatening to happen, but it never quite makes it all the way to occurrence.

Weaselish behavior is the norm in August (and insanity of course), I'm writing this before President Clinton's videotaped testimony, but I think it's pretty safe to say that Krazy Daze is (are?) upon us.

Whatever he says, pundits from coast to coast will offer up their "I told you so's." Discussions of what does and does not constitute sexual relations will continue.

Our insane media (and I mean that in a good way) will continue to act like counselors, chiding us for not caring aout peccadilloes as much as they do. "It's not about sex," we're told. Sorry. It IS about sex.

And I frankly don't know what's sleazier, a president who uses his office to obtain sexual favors (or nonsexual favors, depending on your lawyer), or a prosecuting body spending millions of dollars and man-hours trying to expose this swarmy little episode. But don't get me started. It's too hot for disgust.

And again, morality, like insanity, is relative. We may have achieved something this August after all. With our incessant stream of bad Monica Lewinsky jokes, busybody voyeurism, adoration of rumor, embrace of innuendo and smarmy finger-pointing, we have succeeded in turning America into something resembling junior year in high school.

Who got caught at the keg party, and with whom? Who beat up whom after the football game? Who was seen with Marcia, when he was supposed to be pinned by Jan? Why, we even have a stained prom dress! We even have the class clowns — David Letterman, Jay Leno, Linda Tripp.

Let's whisper in the hallway. Let's sneak a smoke in the boy's room.

Let's pass some notes. Let's cut class and go shopping. It's Krazy Daze!

Don't let Principal George Will catch you though. Remember, America may be high school now, but it's a high school with lawyers.



A&M bison expert: Bison carry cattle genes

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas A&M University professor's belief that some bison may be less than 100 percent has earned him the wrath of the industry.

The debate of bison purity centers on James Derr, assistant professor at Texas A&M University. The molecular geneticist claims that some bison are, in fact a hybrid, part buffalo, part cattle. the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The genes, he says, are probably the legacy of a turn-of-the-century breeding experiment by ranchers to mix bison and cattle to see if they could raise better meat.

But his ideas have rocked the industry where bison owners fear Derr's claims could send prices spiraling downward for U.S. bison, including the 3,000 or so being raised in Texas.

"It's the public perception that matters," said Paul Jonjak, chairman of the National Bison Association board and a challenger of Derr's work. "We're not beefalo. We're not cattalo. We're bison."

Jonjak points to last fall's auction of bison in South Dakota's Custer State Park. Prices at the auction fell 23 percent after Derr spoke about his findings at two bison seminars. Park officials say the comments may have cost them at least $50,000 on 100 buffalo.

It was as if Derr "yelled fire in a crowded theater when there is no fire," Jonjak said.

The dispute has become so heated that the South Dakota's attorney general dispatched a letter last October to Derr and Texas A&M President Ray Bowen demanding Derr not speak publicly about his findings in South Dakota until state officials reviewed his notes.

State officials note that South Dakota has an agricultural-product slander law, similar to one in Texas, that would allow ranchers or Custer Park officials to sue for damages if they can prove Derr's comments hurt the market for their animals.

The bison at Custer State Park are "taxpayers' critters," said Larry Long, South Dakota's deputy attorney general. "And they're defaming our critters."

That's not the only complaint. Custer officials allege Derr stole the DNA he used to test their animals. Derr concedes he obtained the genetic material without Custer State Park permission. But he says he got the DNA fair and square from a California graduate student he was helping with a thesis, who obtained the DNA from Custer officials for genetic testing.

"They always knew it was for genetic studies, and I'm doing genetic studies," Derr said. "There's no deception in it."

He added that he notified Park officials about his results, and they did not complain until after he spoke publicly.

Critics further allege Derr's true intent in speaking publicly about the animals is to generate a market for his testing expertise. So far, he has tested about a half-dozen private herds in Texas, but he says he did not charge for the services and has no intent to do so in the future.

"I'd rather this wasn't true, too," Derr says. But to preserve bison purity, he said, "it's important to raise animals that are in fact true and pure bison."

Derr discovered the cattle gene during an ongoing three-year, $120,000 study funded by the National Science Foundation. The study is designed to see what could be learned from bison herds to help conserve dwindling populations of other animals.

Cattle DNA has appeared in about 6 percent of the more than 400 bison he's studied so far from herds around the United States.

Last fall, Derr found the cattle gene in four animals in a 32-bison herd maintained by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Caprock Canyon State Park between Amarillo and Lubbock.

As a result, Parks and Wildlife officials, who paid $10,000 to Texas A&M to cover expenses for the testing, have separated the animals from the herd while they decide what to do with them.

One option is to slaughter the animals and sell them for meat. Another is to keep the animals in the herd, but not allow them to breed.

Derr stressed that the cattle gene is rare and its presence should matter only to those trying to preserve the purity of the species, but not if the animals are sold for meat. Bison typically sell for more than comparably aged cattle.

Earth's deepest ice age helped evolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what may have been the Earth's coldest era, the oceans were sealed with 300 feet of ice, temperatures stayed at minus 20 degrees and the land was dry, frigid and lifeless.

That ice age started about 750 million years ago, researchers say today in the journal Science, and may have played a key role in the evolution of plants, animals and eventually even people.

"Without these ice events, it is possible there wouldn't be any animals or higher plants," said Paul F. Hoffman, a Harvard University researcher and co-author of the Science study.

He said the research supports a 6-year-old theory that the Earth was a "snowball planet" during a Precambrian era that ended about 570 million years ago with the sudden appearance of complex new life forms.

This bloom of new species is considered by many to have been a key event in the long sweep of evolution that helped create a temperate planet and led, millions of years later, to the appearance of humans.

Chemical and isotopic analysis of rocks laid down along the coast of an island that later became part of Africa shows that, between 750 million and 570 million years ago, the Earth went through at least four deep ice ages, each lasting millions of years, Hoffman said.

He said the ice ages occurred because of the breakup of a supercontinent that contained all of the Earth's dry land. The rock samples showed, said Hoffman, that organic matter collected in huge amounts along seashores created by separation of the continents. These organics were then covered by slumping soil.

This meant that all of the carbon in the organic matter was sealed away and unable to cycle through the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, a gas that helps the planet hold the warmth of the sun, said Hoffman.

During those periods of ice — perhaps the coldest the Earth has ever experienced — the oceans froze, creating a planet-wide surface of white. This icy glare reflected the sun's heat back into space, causing the planet to get even colder.

Continents, said Hoffman, probably were in a dry, cold soak.

"Once the seas froze over, there was no more evaporation," he said. "There was no more snow or rain." Glaciers on land disappeared. Continents became like dry and lifeless rocks in frozen seas.

The ancient ice ages ended when carbon dioxide, belched from volcanoes, became concentrated enough in the atmosphere — about 350 times the present — to create a super greenhouse effect. The carbon dioxide trapped enough solar heat to melt the frozen oceans and to break the ice age.

The Earth went through this cycle repeatedly as the continents drifted apart, Hoffman said. But such severe ice ages are unlikely to happen again for two reasons: The sun is about 7 percent hotter, and higher life forms continuously cycle carbon back into the atmosphere, maintaining the warming blanket of gas.

"Our friends the worms and snails keep this kind of ice event from happening now," Hoffman said. "They scavenge the organic matter on the sea floor and recycle it. There was no way to have this high a rate of organic burial once higher animals evolved."

Oklahoma man vows to fight conviction

MONTAGUE (AP) — Former high school homecoming king Randy Wood says he's not a killer — even though he's been convicted of capital murder in the shotgun slaying of a cheerleader.

"I don't understand how they can call me a murderer," Wood told the Wichita Falls Times Record News after receiving a life sentence in the death of 16-year-old Heather Rich. Both were students at Waurika High School in Oklahoma.

Wearing a white jail jumpsuit and "What Would Jesus Do?" bracelets on each wrist, Wood said he plans to appeal the guilty verdict.

"I'm going to appeal all the way to the Supreme Court, if that's what it takes," Wood said.

He faces 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

"Ain't nobody going to make 40 years in there," he said. "I still got a whole life ahead of me, but it ain't much of a life. In some respects, it would have been better to die that night. There ain't nothin' worse that can happen to me than that night."

Late Oct. 2, 1996, Miss Rich, 16, sneaked out to meet Curtis Gambill, Joshua Bagwell and Wood. Her body was found several days later in a North Texas creek.

"If I could ever go back in time, I would change it," Wood said. "And if anyone ever finds out how to do it, that is one thing that is going to change because she didn't deserve to die like that."

Gambill and Bagwell, already serving life sentences, claim Wood killed Miss Rich in a jealous rage after she refused to have sex. Wood claims Gambill killed her because he feared she would try to charge him with rape.

Wood said he doesn't want to be remembered as a murderer.

"I hope they just remember the person I was before I went in," he said.

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Town ravaged by 1965 flood remains secure behind dams

SANDERSON (AP) — Dudley Harrison looks toward flood-stricken Del Rio to the south and can easily envision the struggles of survivors coping with the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Charley.

Thirty-three years ago, the Terrell County judge was clinging to a roof of an adobe house, which he thought might topple at any minute, as he rode out a similarly deadly flood in this former West Texas railroad town.

"I'd say their problem is probably going to be a lot more," Harrison told The Associated Press Wednesday from the county seat of Sanderson. "They're more populous and the town covers a larger area. Ours is a small town."

The Sanderson flood struck early on June 10, 1965, when heavy rains caused a 15-foot wall of water to sweep down Sanderson Canyon. The water overflowed the normally dry creek bed at the western edge of town and knifed through the heart of the business district and into low-lying residential areas.

The raging flood overturned cars and trucks, washed out bridges and swept homes, motels and people down the winding, rocky creek bed and into the Rio Grande. Authorities said 28 people died.

Harrison said the rebuilding continues today and that the townsfolk are just beginning to regain their confidence about living in the town's low-lying areas.

Their sense of security is boosted in large part by a $34 million network of dams built after the 1965 flood to protect the town of roughly 1,100 from future tragedies.

The 11 dams, the last of which was completed in 1987, moderate the flow of runoff through tributaries feeding into Sanderson Canyon so there won't be another heavy rush of water coming into the town. The water is eventually allowed to empty into the Rio Grande.

Darrel Seidel, an official with the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, which oversees the dams, said the system has effectively protected the town several times in recent years.

"There would have been at least structural flooding" without it, said Seidel, who is based in Sanderson, about 100 miles northwest of Del Rio.

"We just wouldn't be here without it," added Harrison.

The system has not been needed so far this week, however.

The heavy rains that caused the flooding in Del Rio, killing six people and forcing thousands from their homes, have not extended upriver to Terrell County. Officials in Sanderson said the town has experienced only light drizzle, which has promptly been absorbed into the ground.

Facts about Sanderson, 1965 flood

By The Associated Press

Facts about Sanderson, Texas, and the devastating 1965 flood:

Location: About 100 miles northwest of Del Rio.

Population: 1,092, (1,360 in 1965)

Losses: 28 deaths, $2 million in damages. Floodwaters swept away houses and people and tore out railroad bridges, power lines, utility poles, concrete bridge pillars and fence posts.

Response: Federal authorities built a network of 11 flood dams at a cost of $34 million to slow runoff and prevent water from rushing into town. Local officials say the dams have prevented flooding on several occasions in recent years.

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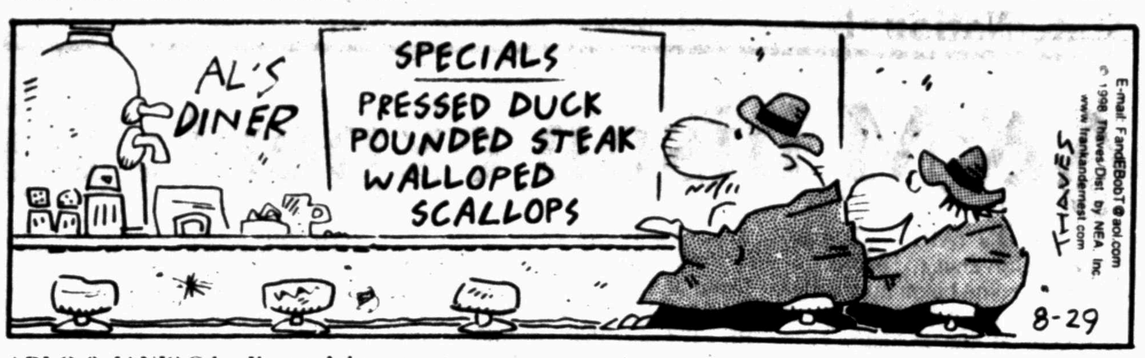
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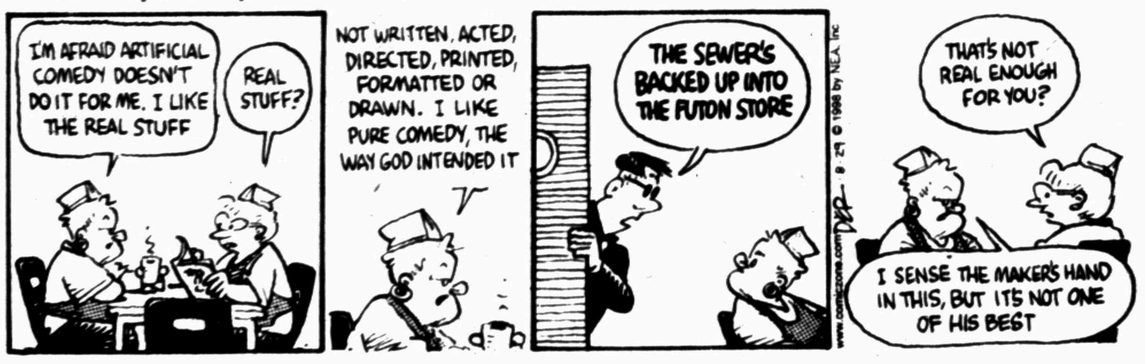
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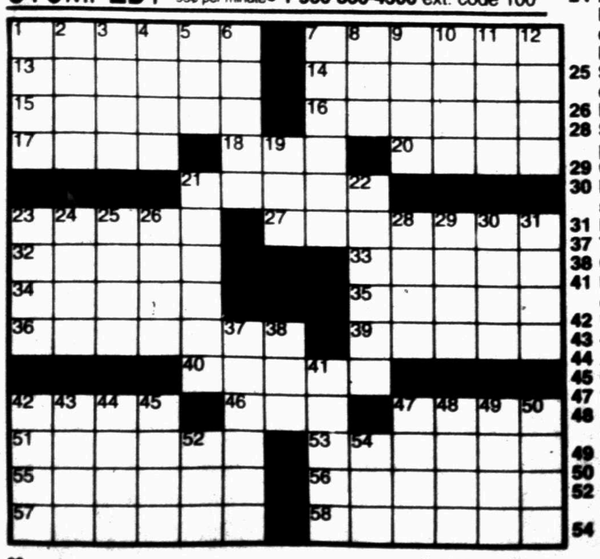
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Q&A

What is Gamblers Anonymous?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as Enabling, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Gamblers Anonymous, etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
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Worldwide in scope, Gamblers Anonymous, like other twelve-step programs, is a fellowship that encourages abstinence as well as spiritual and emotional growth. The underlying concept is that people with similar problems can help one another, and the only requirement for membership is the wish to quit gambling. The recovery program is based on principles of Alcoholics Anonymous but is not based on or affiliated with any religion (Berman & Siegel, Behind the 8-Ball, pp. 195-196).

Individuals may be classified as compulsive gamblers if they find they are chronically and progressively unable to resist impulses to gamble and/or if they find that their gambling behavior compromises, disrupts, or damages their personal, marital, family, or vocational pursuits.

Those who gamble compulsively will find they are chronically and progressively unable to resist their impulses to gamble. Typically, compulsive gamblers progress through four phases:

1. **Winning phase** ~ occasional gambling, fantasies about winning, increased amounts bet, big wins;
2. **Losing phase** ~ gambling alone, absence from work, heavy borrowing, non-payment of debts, bailouts, lying;
3. **Desperation phase** ~ reputation affected, separation from family, friends, remorse, blaming others, panic, loss of job and illegal acts;
4. **Hopeless phase** ~ a personal feeling of hopelessness, thoughts of and/or attempts at suicide, arrests, divorce, alcohol, emotional breakdown and withdrawal symptoms.

No addiction is more deniable or easier to hide than compulsive gambling. Compulsive gamblers are most visible in the "hopeless phase." Behavior changes drastically. Social acceptance of gambling hides the evidence that "gambling" is the individual's real problem. The term "hidden illness" is a true statement to describe compulsive gambling. The compulsive gambler is the last person to realize that a problem exists.

Few problem gamblers enter the Gamblers Anonymous program under their own power. Referrals from family, friends, and probation authorities are needed to encourage the gambler to attend his/her first (vital) Gamblers Anonymous meeting.

The National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc., disseminates information and education on compulsive gambling. For further information on membership, newsletters, and referrals to professional treatment programs, contact the following:

The National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc.
445 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
(212) 765-3833
(800) 522-4700

Beginning September 1, 1998, there will be a Gamblers Anonymous meeting held every Tuesday evening from 7pm-8pm at the Serenity Center on the campus of Texas Tech University. For more information, contact the Center for the Study of Addictions at (806) 742-2891.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Old Windows warning resurfaces in case

WASHINGTON (AP) — An on-screen warning of a "nonfatal error" that appeared when customers tried to use an early version of Windows with a rival's software is taking on new significance in light of the government's pending antitrust case against Microsoft.

The warning appeared in late 1991 in prerelease copies of Windows 3.1 when customers tried to load the software with an operating system known as DR-DOS, which competed directly with Microsoft's MS-DOS.

Microsoft's critics have long contended the company deliberately designed the warning to raise fear among consumers that DR-DOS was somehow incompatible with Windows and encourage them to buy Microsoft's own operating system.

It is unclear whether the government plans to resurrect the episode during next month's antitrust trial with Microsoft, when the Justice Department and 20 states will try to prove that the company engaged in a pattern of illegal behavior to stifle competition and hurt consumers.

As part of its current lawsuit, the government began questioning Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates Thursday at the company's headquarters near Seattle. The deposition was expected to last through late today.

Microsoft previously turned over to the Justice Department internal e-mail messages about the DR-DOS warning as part of the cache of documents subpoenaed by the government in its similar 1995 case against Microsoft, which was settled out of court.

The warning message is expected to be a key piece of evidence in a private antitrust lawsuit filed by Utah-based Caldera Inc., which bought the rights to DR-DOS in July 1996 from Novell Inc. and immediately sued Microsoft.

Caldera is suing Microsoft in federal court in Salt Lake City for designing early Windows software that allegedly was deliberately incompatible with DR-DOS. Caldera also claims Microsoft intentionally misled customers to believe that using Windows 95 replaced the need for computer users also to buy DR-DOS or MS-DOS.

"Microsoft was using its monopoly power to scare partners away from their competitors," said Bryan Sparks, Caldera's chairman. "There wasn't a real incompatibility, but it did have a very serious effect."

A book to be published next week, "The Microsoft File," quotes e-mail from Microsoft executive David Cole as saying: "It's pretty clear we need to make sure Windows 3.1 only runs on MS-DOS." The Wall Street Journal separately cited excerpts from the e-mail in an article Thursday.

Cole, head of Windows development, also wrote that if Windows detected rival DR-DOS as the installed operating system, rather than Microsoft's, it "should surely crash at some point shortly later."

Brad Silverberg, then a Microsoft senior vice president, wrote back to Cole: "What the guy is supposed to do is feel uncomfortable and when he has bugs, suspect the problem is DR-DOS and then go out to buy MS-DOS."

The book also cites another e-mail, sent by then-Microsoft vice president James Allchin, arguing that Microsoft shouldn't allow DR-DOS to make gains in the market.

The warning message about DR-DOS never appeared in shipping versions of Windows 3.1, only in the several thousand copies sent to "beta testers" in late 1991. And the message, though serious in tone, didn't affect how Windows worked with DR-DOS.

Dispute over California dam holds back flood controll bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flood-soaked North Carolina and Texas may get some federal recovery aid, but legislation before Congress to help states prevent future floods is in danger of sinking over a dispute involving one California dam.

The dispute threatens to hold up money for dozens of Army Corps of Engineers water projects around the country, including $282 million for flood-ravaged Grand Forks, N. D., $260 million for navigation improvements in Arthur Kill, New York Harbor, and $195 million for a Savannah, Ga., harbor expansion.

At issue is a disagreement between two House members from California on how to control flooding in Sacramento, the state's capital, from the American River.

Republican Rep. John Doolittle is a longtime advocate of building a large dam on the upper reaches of the river, while Democratic Rep. Bob Matsui, backed by the Sacramento flood control agency, supports a more modest plan to improve an existing dam and levees.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has approved its version of the Water Resources Development Act with money for Matsui's plan. But Doolittle, backed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has effectively blocked action on the bill in the House Transportation subcommittee charged with handling it.

"The speaker has made clear that he will not support a WRDA that includes the levee-raising proposals of the Matsui plan," said Doolittle's spokesman Richard Robinson.

Construction of the Auburn Dam on the American River in Doolittle's district was halted in the 1970s. Doolittle has championed its revival, but has met strong opposition from environmental groups and from lawmakers who said it was too expensive. Proposals to authorize funding for it were defeated in 1992 and 1996.

"That dam would be an environmental disaster and a taxpayer boondoggle, ruining up to 48 miles of the American River in the rugged foothills of the Sierra Nevada range and costing over $1 billion," the Sierra Club said in June.

But Doolittle, insisting that raising levees doesn't protect Sacramento from catastrophic flooding, this year pushed his proposal through the House Resources Committee, on which he is a senior member.

In June, Doolittle modified his plan, agreeing to a smaller flood-control dam on the upper American River and modifications to the aging Folsom Dam downriver. The Folsom Dam changes, also supported by Matsui, offer an area for possible compromise, although Matsui spokesman Jim Bonham said the two sides remain far apart. "Doolittle has said often that he will kill any proposal that does not support the Auburn Dam."

NTSB calls for new certification of planes after deadly 1997 crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending an overhaul of the certification process for propeller-powered airplanes in the wake of a commuter airliner crash outside Detroit last year that killed all 29 people on board.

The safety board said Thursday that the probable cause of the Jan. 9, 1997, accident was "the FAA's failure to establish adequate certification standards for flight in icing conditions" and to ensure that U.S. carriers implemented the proper deicing procedures.

It also criticized the Federal Aviation Administration for not setting minimum speed requirements for flying in such conditions.

The NTSB called on the FAA to revise its icing certification process for propeller planes, and to make sure such planes meet the new requirements.

An FAA spokesman said it was premature to comment on the NTSB's findings but added that the agency is in the process of taking several steps to beef up the certification process.

Among the other recommendations to the FAA:

—Require the installation of stall/warning systems in any plane certified to fly in icing conditions.

—Require pilots of propeller planes to turn off the autopilot system and fly the plane manually during icing conditions.

Had the pilots received a warning that ice had begun to tilt the plane, they would probably have had 10 seconds to take over control before the autopilot quit, said NTSB official John DeLisi. As it was, the autopilot quit without any warning, and by then it was too late to regain control.

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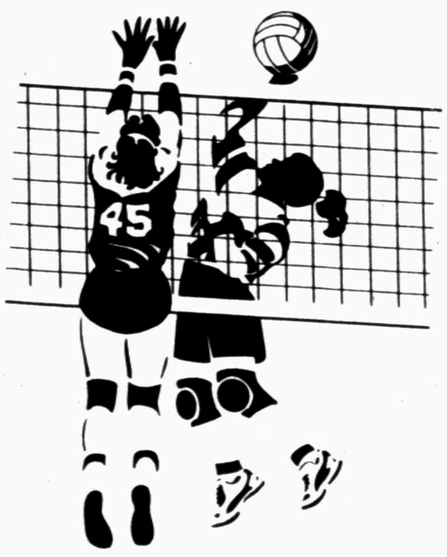
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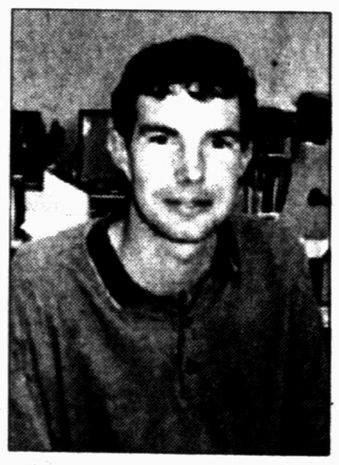








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Diet drug, Prozac combination might be risky

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

A new study of the diet drug phentermine suggests that combining it with Prozac — a strategy some tout as safer than the "fen-phen" combination — might be risky.

Phentermine was half the fen-phen combination, and the study's authors also say doctors would have avoided prescribing that combination if phentermine's label reflected information reported in the 1970s.

The study also suggests it might be hazardous to combine some over-the-counter medications for colds or obesity with Prozac or similar drugs like Paxil and Zoloft. But Dr. Richard J. Wurtman, one of the authors, said he suspected the risk with occasional use of the nonprescription medicines would be slight.

Wurtman said people taking the drug combinations his study suggested might be hazardous should discuss it with their doctors.

The study doesn't document any harm from the drug combinations and gives no direct evidence of risk. It focused only on the behavior of phentermine and the over-the-counter ingredients pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine and ephedrine.

Obesity experts were cautious about the study, and drug industry spokesmen said there's been no sign of harm from combining phentermine or the over-the-counter drugs with Prozac or its chemical cousins.

Medeva Pharmaceuticals Inc., which sells the phentermine product Ionamin, dismissed the study and said prior work actually indicated phentermine would not pose the hazard suggested in the new study. However, the company doesn't recommend combining Ionamin with Prozac-like drugs, a spokeswoman said.

Obesity experts said phentermine is being combined with Prozac for weight loss, but that it's hard to say how common the practice is. Prozac's maker, Eli Lilly and Co., said last year it doesn't support combining its drug with phentermine.

The new work is to be presented Wednesday in Paris at the International Congress of Obesity. The authors include Wurtman, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Timothy J. Maher of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

"Fen-phen" is the combination of phentermine with fenfluramine. Fenfluramine, known as Pondimin, and its chemical cousin dexfenfluramine, known as Redux, were pulled off the market last September after doctors reported heart valve damage in some people taking fen-phen. Previously, Redux and fen-phen had been associated with a rare lung problem, primary pulmonary hypertension.

Wurtman has a financial interest in Redux but said that didn't influence his new study.

The study's conclusions are based on how the body controls levels of the substance serotonin in the blood. It has two mechanisms, either of which can do the job by itself. Drugs called MAO inhibitors can block one mechanism, and Prozac or its "SSRI" chemical cousins impair the other. Mixing drugs from both of these classes might let serotonin levels rise enough to cause a medical emergency that includes fever and rapid heartbeat. So an SSRI isn't supposed to be taken with a MAO inhibitor.

Fen-phen may have made some people's blood serotonin levels rise dangerously too, because fenfluramine acts like an SSRI,

Hillary admired during current woes

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — The woman once lampooned as Saint Hillary for seeking "the politics of virtue" is gaining new admiration.

After her husband's public admissions, people now use words like "loyal" and "brave" to describe Hillary Rodham Clinton. Two years ago, common descriptions included "dishonest" and "rhymes with rich."

Americans praise the first lady not only for a private commitment to her marriage but for accomplishing the public show of an intact White House team.

"If she can get us through this whole ordeal, she's got a lot to bring to American families and American women. The country could learn a lesson," said Carol Chase, 50, a registered independent but Clinton supporter.

The mom from Scarsdale, N.Y., spoke as she sat with her family outside the Chilmark Store on Martha's Vineyard. The Clintons have been vacationing on the island ever since the president's television admission of an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Professing awe at Mrs. Clinton's fortitude and calling herself a "Hillary wannabe," Chase suggested she would put her own husband "through a meat grinder" if he were unfaithful.

Her growing respect for Mrs. Clinton is echoed by national opinion polls — and among White House aides grateful for the first lady's show of commitment to her husband.

One top Clinton aide never considered close to the first lady voiced pure admiration: "I would walk on hot coals for that woman — not her husband."

Asked to supply a one-word description of Mrs. Clinton, the top five responses in a national survey released this week were: strong, intelligent, brave, good and loyal. The top answers two years earlier: strong, dishonest, intelligent, smart and "rhymes with rich."

As soon as this island getaway ends on Sunday, the first lady's credibility and political clout will be weighed on both national and international scales.

Mrs. Clinton is to accompany her husband next week to Moscow, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, making separate speeches on education and women's empowerment at each stop.

She then plans a week of "back to school" U.S. appearances.

Tied with Vice President Al Gore as the Democratic Party's second-highest fund-raising draw after the president, Mrs. Clinton also is slated for at least 15 campaign stops before she represents the United States at a first ladies' summit in Santiago, Chile, and another women-in-democracy forum in Uruguay.

On personal grounds, public opinion stands with her. In a Pew Research Center survey released Thursday, 66 percent of Americans said they admired Mrs. Clinton's decision to stand by her husband and 63 percent had a favorable opinion of her. Her favorable rating had been as low as 42 percent early in 1996.

Still, other polls have found that an even greater majority — reaching 84 percent in a Newsweek survey — said they don't believe Mrs. Clinton's contention that she did not know of her husband's affair.

Back in Chilmark, 18-year-old Becky Chase said that, as the wronged wife, Mrs. Clinton gets a free pass even if she was lying when she defended her husband and blamed the Lewinsky investigation on a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

"He's the jerk. Of course it's humiliating for her to admit," Ms. Chase said.

Republican pollster Linda DiVall cautioned that efforts by some Clinton supporters to portray Mrs. Clinton as the victim of her husband's deception only play into the White House argument that the Lewinsky matter is a wholly private one — and not the stuff of impeachment.

Such a strategy could be ultimately destructive to the first lady's image, in DiVall's view.

"It's an enormous credibility problem," DiVall said.

6 charged in death of mentally impaired man

GALENA PARK (AP) — Six people are accused of capital murder for the death of a 59-year-old mentally impaired man fatally beaten for breaking a Mickey Mouse ornament.

Police Chief Johnny McDonald said a jogger Wednesday found the body of Louis "Buddy" Musso of nearby Jacinto City near a ditch in the suburb, east of Houston.

Two of the people accused in Musso's death lived with him. They were identified as Susan Basso, 44, who works as a security guard, and her unemployed

Investigators believe the beating was meant to be discipline after Musso broke a Mickey Mouse ornament of some sort, Assistant Police Chief R.C. Pruett said Friday.

"He had been beatened for three or four days prior to his death," Pruett said. The beating that killed him, began after the ornament or collector's type of item was broken.

Also charged with capital murder are Bernice Ahrens, 54; her son, Craig Ahrens, 25; her daughter Hope Ahrens, 22, and the daughter's fiance, Terence Singleton, 26. Police said all four were unemployed and lived in Houston.

Ms. Basso had reported Musso missing but police became suspicious and questioned her and her son. Musso's niece had called from out of state Tuesday night, worried because Ms. Basso had told her that her uncle was missing. According to the niece, her uncle had the mind of a 7- or 8-year-old.

McDonald said O'Malley told officers he and the others had beaten the man and dumped his body. The chief said Ms. Basso was seeking to become Musso's legal guardian in what may have been an effort to collect an insurance policy.

Police believe Musso, who previously lived in an assisted-living home in Cliffside Park, N.J., was beaten late Tuesday at a Houston apartment where he, Basso and her son had gone for a visit. The apartment is the home of the other four charged in the case and was where the ornament was broken.

"They kicked him, beat him with a belt, bats and open and closed fists," McDonald said. "They just beat him to death. I don't know what else to say."

McDonald said he was told that for the past months, the six routinely had been beating Musso when he broke something, moved too slowly for them, couldn't control his bladder or didn't do his chores.

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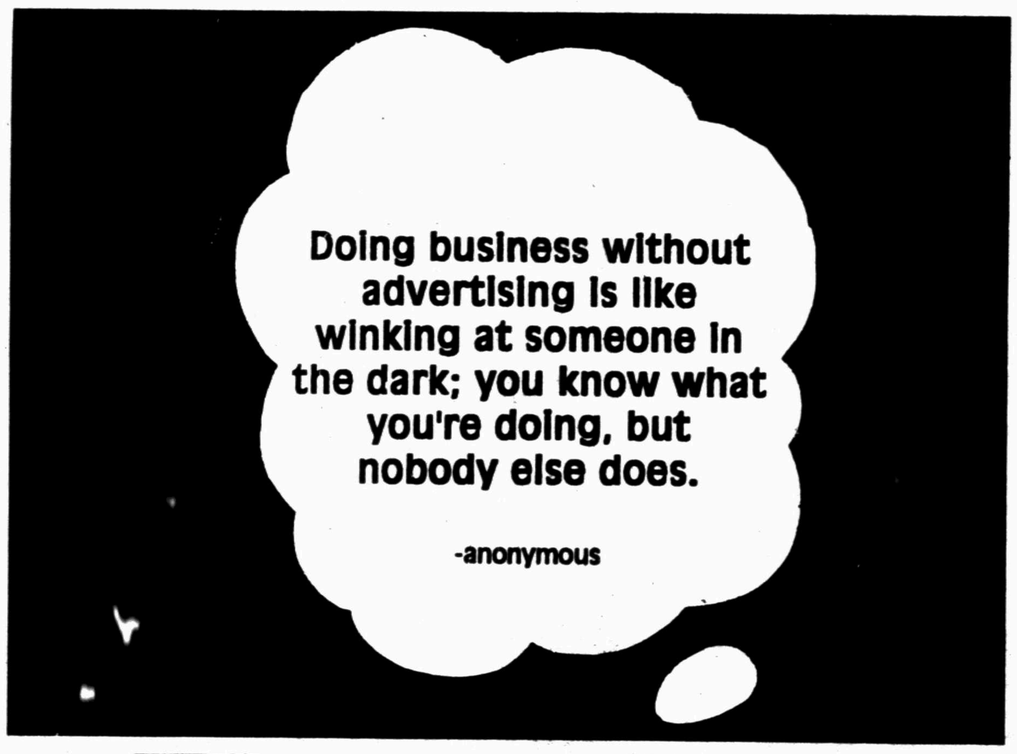
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