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Home of Carol Trulock

For city, county and others...

Reserve funds are necessary for emergencies

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Taxing entities in Scurry County need some padding in their pocket books just as private citizens do...just in case.

A "just this case" occurred at Cogdell Memorial Hospital this summer when the hospital did not receive Medicare or Medicaid payments for a two-week period due to glitches in the federal government making disbursements.

"We try to keep a healthy balance for cases just like this," said hospital CEO George Parsley.

Parsley said his latest figures indicate the hospital has $1,849,000 cash on hand. This translates to 44 operating days.

"Ideally, we would like to have 90 days of operating funds in our reserves," said Parsley.

Parsley said he has seen hospitals with zero reserves.

"That can't be fun. One week they try to make payroll and the next week they're hoping for enough income to meet operating expenses."

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recommends school districts have a fund balance amount equal to three months operating expense, said Karen Waller, Snyder Independent School District's assistant superintendent for business.

The local school district's undesignated, unreserved fund balance of $1,158,659 at the end of August represents about one month's operating expenses, said Waller.

The district has $419,745 in designated funds. TEA says designated funds represent tentative plans for the future use of a district's financial resources. The designation requires board action to earmark the fund balances for bona fide purposes that will be fulfilled within a reasonable period of time.

Hermleigh ISD has a designated fund balance of $150,000, with an unreserved balance of between $85,000 and $90,000, according to Supt. Jerry Church.

"Our unreserved fund balance represents about one month's of operation," said Church.

In Ira, the school district has $346,283 in its undesignated fund balance and some $245,000 in designated funds.

Supt. Jim Rumage said his district tries to keep more than the minimum recommendation from TEA and right now has about four months of operating expenses in its undesignated fund balance.

Western Texas College had $826,041 in its unrestricted funds

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PAYDIRT — Snyder senior Jammall Pruitt (21) bursts through a trio of Littlefield Wildcats as he crosses the goal line Friday night in the third quarter of the Tigers' 28-7 victory. Helping lead the way is Wade Pinson (24). (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Commissioners to select legal counsel

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will convene at 11 a.m. Wednesday with only two agenda items – both related to a lawsuit against the court filed by the Snyder Daily News.

The court will consider employment of legal counsel in the suit for injunction sought by the newspaper. The second agenda item is to meet in closed session with the attorney.

The Snyder Daily News filed a writ of injunction in 132nd District Court on Aug. 24 to mandate the commissioners' court compliance with the Texas Opens Meeting Act.

Roy McQueen, publisher, said the unusual action was taken after repeated objections to open meeting violations were ignored related to decisions made by the court that were never discussed in a posted, open meeting.

The suit on behalf of the newspaper was filed by Don Richards with the Lubbock law firm of McWhorter, Cobb and Johnson.

McQueen said progress in getting the suit on the court docket was delayed because only the court's presiding officer was initially served. " Then our attorney, Mr. Richards, was in a trial in Toronto. Since that time, all members of the court have been or are in the process of being served.

"It is my understanding that the defendants have approximately 20 days after the last service is made to file an answer to the original petition. After that time, the court will set an informal hearing with all parties present to consider the newspaper's request for an expedited hearing for a permanent injunction."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The person good with excuses is seldom good for anything else."

We have read Vanity Fair. Usually, it's a dated edition while caught in a doctor's waiting room.

But thanks to DCOS executive director John DeLille, we were given an editorial in the magazine's current issue. DeLille didn't explain why he was reading it.

Perhaps they are now targeting both genders, since the magazine's editor is a man named Graydon Carter. It was the editor's letter, writing about the 'phone thing,' that caught John's attention.

Perhaps you can identify with some of the magazine editor's gripes. He wrote:

"...almost nobody places their own phone calls anymore. They have the assistant dial the number, get you on the phone, make you wait, then pick up the phone themselves.

"Here's another way of looking at it: I'm coming over to your house. Unannounced. I have one of my people call you to say I'm just about there and could you be waiting for me at the door.

"There are people in Southern California...who 'roll' calls. This is when a person in a position of high importance sets aside a parcel of time each day to phone business associates or return calls. While the executive is still on the phone with one person, the assistant, armed with a long list of numbers, gets the next call on the line and basically puts the person in a holding pattern until the executive is finished with the current party."

Telephone calls can be an irritation, especially when one finally gets home. It was the final suggestion for revenge that really catches your attention.

The magazine editor offered a way to get even – not with the poor tele-marketer who is likely working for peanuts and who needs the job. The idea is to get even with the executive who condones such calls to people trying to relax at home or have dinner.

Here's the plan:

"Every time you get one of these calls, don't be angry with the person on the other end of the line. It's not his or her fault. Pick up the phone and dial the person's boss."

To make it easier, the magazine editor included the office numbers of the CEO of both Sprint and MCI.

We called the numbers listed, but had to talk to an assistant.

Fiesta to be fun-filled event

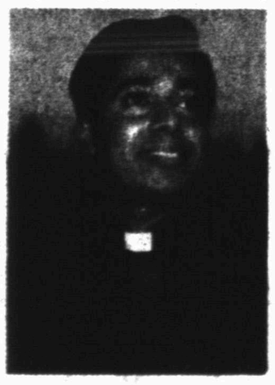
While this year's Diez y Seis de Septiembre Jamaica Mexican holiday will be one day only, it promises to be a fun-filled event reflecting the significance of Sept. 16 to Mexico's heritage and to Americans of Mexican descent.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, the festival will feature a variety of food booths and entertainment.

"For Mexican nationals in the U.S., it is a holiday away from home. For Mexican Americans, the 16th of September is a time to reflect on Mexican history, pass on the culture and tradition, and enjoy the celebration of freedom," said Leo Moras, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

"The 16th of September in 1810 marked the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain," said Fr. Moras. "This day is similar in many ways to the American Fourth of July."

"Miguel Hidalgo, a Catholic priest, is known as the Father of Mexican independence," said Fr. Moras, "He proclaimed Mexico's independence from the balcony of the Parish of Nuestra Senora de los Dolores (Our Lady of Sorrow).



Fr. Leo Moras

Hidalgo rang the church's bells to call the Indians for mass, but he also rang the bells on that day for the people to unify and to march for freedom."

He took the banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe for armor and marched with his constituents toward the Spanish artillery. Thus began the revolutionary war for freedom. It took 11 years of ward, decades of despotic political unrest for the real freedom to arise, but every year on Sept. 16 at midnight, "El grito de Dolores, "Mexicanos, Viva Mexico" resounds in everyone's ears.

"This is an opportunity for all nationalities of our community to come together as one entity and enjoy ourselves as equals in all the festivities," said Fr. Moras.

And there are a lot of events at the festival to enjoy.

Food booths will open early in the morning at 8 o'clock, and the volleyball tourney starts an hour later.

There will be DJ music by Joe Hernandez – the Music Man – from 9 until 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 10 a.m.

From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., there will be live music, and from 1 until 2:30 p.m., Ralph Hernandez will provide DJ music.

Following Hernandez until 4 o'clock will be another session of live music.

The talent show begins at 4 p.m. and there are tow categories – kindergarten to sixth grade and seventh grade to 12th grade.

The Folkloric Dancers will perform at 5 p.m. and there will be live music from 6-7 p.m.

Raffle prizes will also be given throughout the afternoon

The festival will close promptly at 7 p.m.

ASK US

Q—When are the terms up for the commissioners' court?

A—The county judge and Precincts 2 and 4 commissioners' terms are up in 2002. Precincts 1 and 3 commissioners' terms expire in 2004.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 100 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Saturday, 64; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, increasing clouds, 20% rain chance, low 50-55, winds becoming N 10-20 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy, cooler, 20% rain chance, high 70-75, NE wind 10-20 mph.



Roy Mojica
Cooler

Sunset:
8 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 250 days in 2001, the sun has shone 238 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Compared to what we need to know or should know and someday will know, we are like children playing blind man's bluff.
—Earl Nightingale

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Black mold is being removed; nursing home to reopen soon

The black mold that forced the evacuation of 48 residents and temporary closure of Snyder Healthcare Center in July is being removed and the nursing home could reopen within the month.

Administrator Gloria Mann said Friday that cleaning efforts at Snyder Healthcare, located on the Big Spring Highway, are going well. The absence of patients has also allowed other maintenance chores to be completed, including repainting all patient rooms.

"We're taking this time to paint all of the rooms and do some maintenance that would be much more difficult with residents in the building," Mrs. Mann said. "We will definitely have a very clean building when we open back up."

Mann is hopeful that Snyder Healthcare could be ready for residents to return by the end of September, but she said that the re-opening date depends entirely on the timeliness of contractors and cleaning crews.

Crews were removing asphalt behind the building Friday to correct water flow away from the facility. Mold spores thrive and grow where it is damp and moist.

Officials from Snyder Healthcare and its parent company, Senior Living Properties of Dallas, began notifying residents' family members about their decision to vacate the facility July 16. All 48 residents were relocated by the end of that week.

A letter sent by regular mail to family members at the time indicated that the mold was believed to be isolated to one area, the administrative offices.

Mrs. Mann said Friday that turned out to be true. "We did not find mold anywhere else in the building. "Just in the administrative offices in the back hallway of our building."

She said no patient's health was adversely affected by the mold.

Also affected in the closure of Snyder Healthcare were the facility's almost 50 employees. Most of the workers were used at other nursing homes in nearby communities.

Mrs. Mann said she expects to have most of them back.

"Optimistically, I'd like to say the majority of our employees will return," she said. "But, I'm sure there have been some changes."

Mrs. Mann said anyone interested in locating a family member at Snyder Healthcare when the nursing home re-opens may contact her at 573-6332.

Inmate decline forces closure

MC ALLEN (AP) — A decline in inmates has forced the owners of a South Texas prison to close the facility.

The Albert Snead Correctional Facility, a privately owned and operated prison in La Villa, will shut down by the end of the month, Eric Gray, president of Texson Management Group, said Friday.

The prison's closure would mean the loss of 129 jobs.

Gray said the decision by state and Hidalgo county officials to place prisoners in Brooks and Freer counties instead of in La Villa has made it financially impossible to remain open.

Texson Management Group, formerly based in Austin, hasn't been controlled the original owners since the company went into bankruptcy, he said.

Gray said the escape of a prisoner in June caused Texson to make changes to the prison that it thought would satisfy state and county demands, he said.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-14-26-28
Bonus number 24
Estimated jackpot $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-2-12-15-36

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-0-8

Jaimes picked Teacher of Year



TEACHER OF YEAR — Magadalena Jaimes, third grade teacher at Central, has been named Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year. Making the presentation were employees Carol Perez and Lavida Baker. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Magdalena Jaimes, the Snyder Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001, has taught bilingual third grade at Central Elementary for 12 years. She received her degree at Angelo State University and Central is her first teaching assignment.

She and her husband, Pablo Jaimes, have a five-year-old daughter, Roselia, who attends kindergarten.

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Teacher of the Year is a program designed to recognize local teachers who are doing an outstanding job teaching, leading and mentoring today's youth.

Teacher of the Year is designed to recognize a teacher who has gone above and beyond the normal expectations based on nominations received from customers and associates.

Each Wal-Mart location will select one recipient. The selected teacher will receive a vest and a $500 grant for the school where she teaches.

The Miss America Organization has agreed to share in the recognition of the Teachers of the Year.

Mayor of Lubbock says city should have been more open

LUBBOCK (AP) — Mayor Windy Sitton called Friday for new openness between City Hall and residents, acknowledging the city should have been more candid in releasing information about a July 13 SWAT-team incident in which a police officer was killed by friendly fire.

Police Sgt. Kevin Cox was killed when gunfire erupted as tactical officers attempted to enter the home of Richard Robinson, 47, who had held police at bay for several hours after a domestic dispute.

Robinson eventually surrendered and was charged with capital murder. Several days after releasing a flurry of information identifying Robinson as the person who had shot and killed Cox, police determined that Cox died from another officer's bullet.

Robinson was released, and a near news blackout ensued; Sitton and other city officials declined to answer questions from the media.

"In looking back at the way I handled things, maybe I was a little bit overly cautious, taking legal advice and not saying anything," Sitton told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in a story reported on the newspaper's Web site Friday.

The city is hoping to avoid lawsuits and to reach settlements with Robinson and with police chief Ken Walker, who was suspended with pay two days after the incident.

"When the attorneys told me, 'Whatever you say may cost the taxpayers millions and millions of dollars, ultimately,' those words rang loud and clearly to me," she said.

The only reason officials refused to give details about the shooting stemmed from a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers. Releasing information could have compromised legal strategy, she said.

"I think I probably should have been more open with the people about what I could say and what I couldn't say," Sitton said.

Sitton said she has met with City Manager Bob Cass, City Attorney Anita Burgess and other attorneys, telling them the city needs to change the way it imparts information to residents. A "more cooperative spirit" will be seen at City Hall, she said.

In the mayor's first extended interview since the July 13 shooting, Sitton told the Avalanche-Journal she was surprised at the tone of a letter in which Walker was placed on paid administrative leave.

Cass signed the letter, in which he said he had lost confidence in Walker's professionalism and ability to lead the police department. He told Walker to surrender his badge and gun and not enter the department building.

"It was a very strong letter, and I will admit when I read it I cringed," Sitton said. "But our legal experts felt like it was the thing to do, and we followed their advice."

The mayor said the city's liability could have been enhanced if the city failed to take remedial steps to avoid a repeat of the SWAT-team incident. She said it was necessary to suspend Walker to avoid appearing to condone reckless behavior.

"We've got something that's out of control out there, and we cannot as a city organization ratify that kind of behavior," she said.

The harsh letter to the police chief, Sitton said, let "any future judge know and future jury pool know that we do not ratify that kind of out-of-control behavior."

Sitton said Cass expressed dissatisfaction with Walker dating to before the SWAT-team incident.

Steve DeWolf, Walker's attorney, said the letter referred only to the SWAT shooting and not to any other incidents.

Aguilar enters medical school

HOUSTON — Jorge Aguilar of Snyder is a first-year medical student at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

Aguilar is among 200 students in the class of 2005 who received white coats during a ceremony on Aug. 8 to mark the first milestone in their quest to become physicians. Classes began Aug. 13.

UT-Houston Medical School is one of six schools that comprise the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and is one of four medical schools in the UT system.

Aguilar received a bachelor of science degree from Baylor University during Aug. 11 commencement exercises.

Man is arrested at border of Mexico

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — A man who escaped into Mexico after allegedly killing three teen-agers was arrested at the border while trying to re-enter the United States, authorities said.

Alfred "Wizard" Flores, 21, was found Thursday among a group of illegal aliens who had entered the United States near the border city of Tecate.

He was jailed without bail Friday in San Bernardino, said sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson.

Flores is suspected of the March murders of Ricardo Torres, 15; Jason Van Kleef, 18; and Alexander Ayala, 17, in Rialto, as well as a murder in Los Angeles County last November, Patterson said.

Sheriff's deputies believe the three teens were killed because they refused to join Flores' gang.

He was to be arraigned Monday.

New sci-fi film is Western in disguise

VENICE, Italy (AP) — John Carpenter says his new sci-fi film, "Ghosts of Mars," is a Western in disguise.

Carpenter, director of 1978's "Halloween," told reporters at the Venice Film Festival that science fiction is taking over the territory once occupied by Westerns and adventure films.

"Ghosts of Mars" recently opened in the United States to withering reviews, but young fans of Carpenter's dark, campy style have given it a warm welcome in Venice.

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COUNCIL — Members of the Head Start and Early Head Policy Council include from left, Chanel Luera, Cecilia Lara, Stephanie Hernandez, Martha Neves, Greg McQuirk, Veronica Fajardo, co-chairperson; Denise Fuentes, Bonnie McGuire, secretary; Dava Robbins, Estella Gutierrez, chairperson; Dana Welsh, community representative; Brandy Burleson, Amelia Rosas, community rep.; Misty Torres, Bob Moore, board rep.; Melissa Alvarado. Members not pictured include Melissa Castro, Michelle Hernandez, Amy Gutierrez, Sandy Nguyen, Diana Benbo and Mary Reyes, community reps. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU

Monday
Donut
Juice

Tuesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Juice

Wednesday
Hot Breakfast Pocket

Thursday
Fruit Muffin
Juice

Friday
Blueberry Toaster Pastry
Juice

BREAKFAST OTHER SCHOOLS

Assorted Dry Cereal, Toast w/Jelly and Juice are an option on the menu each day except Thursday.

Monday
Pancakes

Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup

Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit

LUNCH

Monday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Chicken Pattie on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Baked Beans
Chilled Fruit

Tuesday
Steakfingers or
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Wednesday
Burrito Grande or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Pinto Beans
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Apple Cobbler

Thursday
Beef Lasagna or
Soft Taco w/Salsa
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Garlic Bread
Chilled Peaches

Friday
Ham, Macaroni & Cheese or
Oven Fried Chicken
Waffle Fries
Broccoli w/Ranch
Strawberries & Bananas

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Sausage-Biscuits

Tuesday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

Wednesday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast

Friday
Juice
Kolaches

LUNCH

Monday
German Sausage
Au Gratin Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Apple Cobbler

Tuesday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup

Wednesday
Enchilada Casserole
Refried Beans
Salsa Sauce
Tortilla Chips
Sopapillas

Thursday
Swiss Steak
New Potatoes
Glazed carrots
Hot Rolls
Blonde Brownies

Friday
Sausage Pizza
Tossed Salad
Buttered Corn
No Bake Cookies

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Cheese Toast
Juice

Tuesday
Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Juice

Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice

Thursday
Cereal
Toast
Juice

Friday
Cinnamon Roll
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Pizza
Salad
Peas
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Tuesday
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Hot Roll
Jell-O w/Fruit

Wednesday
Taco Salad
Corn
Peaches

Thursday
Turkey Ala King
Mixed Vegetables
Toast
Peanut Butter Chewies

Friday
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Applesauce

Probation revoked in brawl killing

AMARILLO (AP) — A man convicted of killing a teen-age rival in a case that gained national attention was sentenced to eight years in prison Friday after a judge determined that he violated his probation.

Dustin Camp, now 20, was originally sentenced to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine for manslaughter in the 1997 death of Brian Deneke, but the sentence was suspended pending Camp's successful completion of his probation.

Camp's probation violations included consuming alcohol, being in a place where crimes are in process, breaking curfew and fleeing from police, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its online edition Friday.

Defense attorney Warren Clark told state District Judge Abe Lopez that Camp's 62 days in the Potter County Detention Center were enough punishment for the violations.

"I'm asking — I'm unabashedly begging you — to find there is still hope for Dustin Camp," he said. "This is not a throwaway kid."

Prosecutor John Coyle wasn't impressed.

"I think we are just a little sick of the finger being pointed at everyone but Dustin Camp," he said. "The time has come to accept responsibility, and the time has come for this court to enforce the judgment of the jury."

Camp was arrested on the probation violations in June.

During his trial, Camp testified that, in a 1997 clash between the "punks" and the "preps," he hit Deneke with his Cadillac to defend a friend during a fight between two groups of Amarillo youths.

At least 12 water systems in Texas may be contaminated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — High levels of a chlorination byproduct that's been linked to cancer, miscarriages and neural tube defects have been discovered in at least 12 Rio Grande Valley Texas water systems, according to a report in the San Antonio Express-News.

Last month, Alamo residents were sent letters from the city's water system alerting them that the city's drinking water contained amounts of trihalomethanes that exceeded federal regulations, the newspaper reported in Saturday's editions.

Trihalomethanes are chemicals that are produced in the water chlorination process.

The letters said that studies have shown the chemicals may cause miscarriages in the first trimester of pregnancy. It also noted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warns the chemicals may cause liver, kidney and central nervous system problems, as well as cancer.

Three studies have linked the chemicals to neural tube defects.

The EPA proposed regulating trihalomethanes in 1977 and, starting in January, will require large water systems to keep their levels to a maximum of 80 parts per billion.

Smaller water systems that serve fewer than 10,000 customers will have until January 2004 to comply.

Texas' standard is 100 parts per billion, but the rule, enforced by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, is limited to large water systems. Utilities serving small communities aren't regulated.

"Out of proactiveness, (we) have been getting some data from all of the systems," said TNRCC spokeswoman Jean Pieper Voshell.

Voshell said the agency has begun testing small systems to help them prepare for compliance with federal regulations. At least 10 systems in the Rio Grande Valley haven't been tested, she said.

In La Feria, where water supplies exceed the state's maximum level for trihalomethanes, officials plan to reduce levels with ammonia or chlorine dioxide, said City Manager Sunny Philip.

The city plans to improve the water before a 2004 federal deadline, he said.

"If it was an immediate danger or something, (the EPA) would have issued a warning right away," Philip said. "Our water is safe to drink, and we've never had any violations of water guidelines."

Activists, who blame environmental causes for the high level of birth defects on the U.S.-Mexico border, said they have suspected trihalomethanes for years.

In 1990 and 1991, 33 Cameron County children were born with neural tube defects. That's three times higher than the national average.

Also, the rate of neural tube defects inexplicably increased in 1998 after steadily dropping for six years.

"This doesn't surprise me at all," said Dr. Carmen Rocco, a Brownsville pediatrician. "These trihalomethanes go back to the issue about solvents, and we know that that's a big exposure for this community."

Frank Bove, the scientist who conducted a New Jersey study published in 1995 linking trihalomethanes to neural tube defects, said there may be evidence to suggest the chemicals may be involved in Valley birth defects.

"I think the data is strong enough," said Bove, a senior epidemiologist with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. "It's strong enough to say that we suspect it, and that should be a strong reason for it to be looked into in Texas."

2 schemers are indicted

DALLAS (AP) — Two men have been indicted on fraud charges in what authorities say was a scheme to take advantage of homeowners desperate to keep their property from being foreclosed upon.

Rami Ezzeddine Kaddoura, also known as Sean Benware and Peter Wahlberg, and Derrick Brion McBay, were each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud and 36 counts of mail fraud and wire fraud.

Kaddoura, 37, of Los Angeles and McBay, 45, of Dallas are accused of operating a bankruptcy fraud operation in the Dallas area from August 2000 until July of this year. A federal grand jury in Dallas handed up the indictments this week.

The indictments allege that the men persuaded people to contact "McBay Financial" and later "Foreclosure Solution" in Grand Prairie to prevent foreclosure on their homes. Potential clients came from monthly home foreclosure lists purchased from Dallas area counties.

The two claimed they could stop foreclosures for a one-time fee of about $300 and a monthly payment of $585, according to a news release.

AT&T plans LD fee each month

DALLAS (AP) — AT&T Corp. is implementing a $1.95 monthly fee for its Texas customers.

The long-distance company said Thursday the fee is needed to make up for the high cost of making in-state long-distance calls. The monthly fee goes into effect Sept. 15.

AT&T said the access charge it pays Southwestern Bell to connect in-state long-distance calls is higher than in other states. The charge is about 5.7 cents a minute.

AT&T has asked the Texas Public Utility Commission to lower the fee. SBC Communications Inc. of San Antonio is challenging the request, saying only the Legislature can lower the fee.

Access charges for out-of-state calls, which are set by the Federal Communications Commission, average less 1 cent a minute.

"If the access charges are reduced, we will reduce or eliminate this new connection fee," AT&T spokesman Kerry Hibbs said. "We would like for it to come down to at least the interstate level."



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Asthma study was not closely watched

BALTIMORE (AP) — Johns Hopkins University did not sufficiently monitor an asthma study in which a healthy research volunteer died, according to a report released Friday by the Food and Drug Administration.

The federal report said researchers did not give all necessary documents to the Hopkins review board overseeing the study, and consent forms signed by participants did not identify which procedures were experimental.

When review board members submitted written questions about the experiment, researchers sometimes did not provide similarly documented responses, the report said.

The FDA investigation was one of several into the June 2 death of Ellen Roche. The 24-year-old woman died after inhaling hexamethonium, which restricts airways, in a study designed to help doctors learn how healthy lungs fight asthma-like conditions.

Financial Focus

Long-term Care Policy Can Protect You and Your Family

All of us hope to grow old gracefully, enjoying good health, living independently and never burdening our families. And many of us will be able to do just that, thanks to advances in medicine and a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles.

Nonetheless, the possibility exists that any of us could someday need some type of long-term care, such as that provided by a nursing home.

Consider these facts:

- The odds are one in three that a man over 65 will need long-term care; for women over 65, the odds are one in two.
- The average cost for one year in a nursing home is approximately $50,000 — but it can be close to $100,000 in some major metropolitan areas.
- Medicare will pay only a small portion of long-term care costs.

If you ever have to come up with this type of money, you may end up jeopardizing the financial security in retirement that you've worked so hard to achieve. Even worse, you could lose your financial independence — and force your family to step in.

You can avoid these scenarios by transferring the risk of long-term care to an insurance company. Many insurers now offer long-term care policies that cover the costs of extended nursing home stays, home health care providers and other type of long-term care.

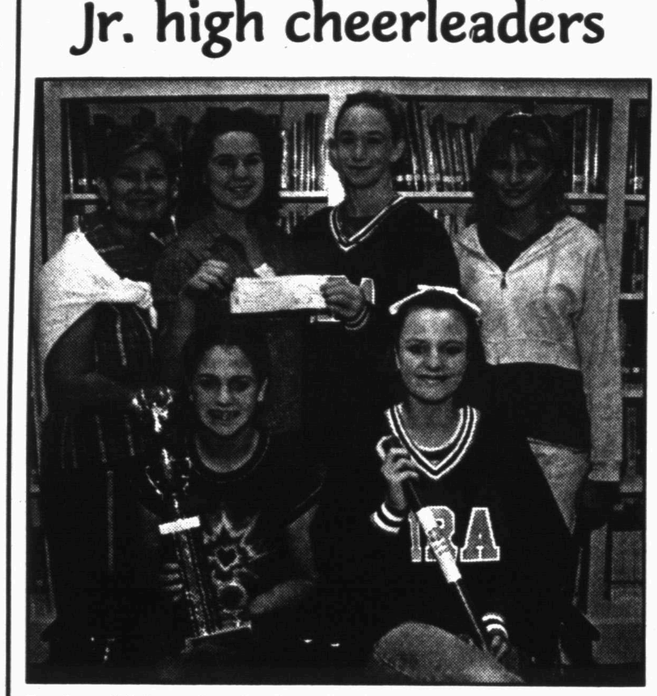
An investment representative can help you find the right long-term care policy to meet your individual needs. But there are some general guidelines to keep in mind as you consider long-term care coverage.

- **Look for a stable company** — You may not actually need to use your long-term care coverage for several decades — so you'll want to go with a company that will be around. To make sure your potential long-term care provider is financially stable and secure, consult research from reputable independent rating agencies, such as A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poor's, Duff & Phelps and Moody's Investors Services.
- **Don't wait too long for coverage** — Consider buying a policy before you turn 60 or, at the latest 65. Long-term care premiums typically increase sharply between ages 60 and 70.
- **Look for the best features** — Not all long-term care policies contain the same elements. The best policies pay for care in a nursing home, assisted living facility or a private home. You'll also want to find a policy that offers inflation protection, especially if you're under 65 when you purchase coverage. And you'll want a policy that offers a waiver of premium, so that you won't have to pay additional premiums once you start receiving benefits.

By starting early, taking your time and shopping around, you can find a good, solid long-term care policy that fits into your overall financial picture. And once you've got this coverage in place, you should be able to enjoy your retirement years much more fully. You'll have gone a long way toward protecting yourself and your family from an unforeseen — but potentially catastrophic — event.

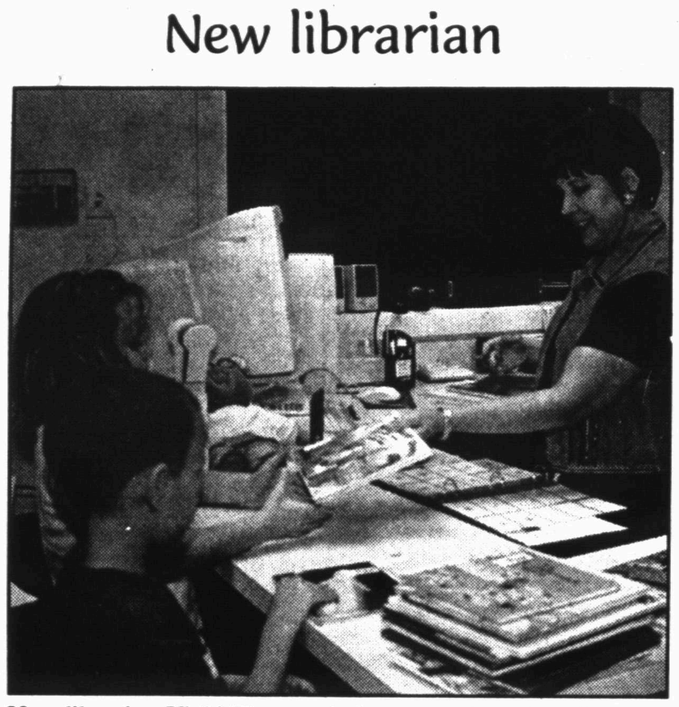
Ira School

Jr. high cheerleaders



Junior high school cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are standing from left, Kim Allen, sponsor; Jessica Odom, Whitney Payne and Krissie Roberts; seated, Kate Wall and Brittany Dickerhoff. They recently attended an NCA camp at Howard College where they won a trophy and spirit stick. To raise money to attend the camp, cheerleaders held a giveaway with the $100 won by Dahlenda Roberts.

New librarian



New librarian Vicki Flowers helps second graders Brandee Pinkerton and Gabriel Patterson check out books.

Annual staff



Annual staff members for the 2001-2002 school year include standing from left, standing, Kayla Krop, Josh Gutierrez and Bea Aguinaga; seated, Jessie Green, Kendra Krop and Amy Strong. Green and Kendra Krop serve as co-editors.

SDN staff photos by Shirley A. Gorman

Fed regulators approve acquisition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The only remaining barriers to Chevron Corp.'s $39 billion acquisition of fellow oil titan Texaco Inc. is a nod from shareholders — and a hefty sale of assets that federal regulators made a condition of their approval Friday.

The Federal Trade Commission voted 4-0 to approve the merger, which would create the second-largest oil company in the nation and the world's fourth-largest. Chairman Timothy J. Muris recused himself from the vote.

San Francisco-based Chevron agreed to buy Texaco in October 2000 in a stock deal now valued at $39.3 billion, plus the assumption of about $6 billion in debt. Chevron will be renamed ChevronTexaco Corp. and will trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the new ticker symbol CVX.

Holders of Texaco stock will receive 0.77 shares of ChevronTexaco for each share of Texaco they own.

Chevron shares closed Friday up 65 cents to $92.40 on the NYSE, where shares of Texaco rose 58 cents to $70.68.

Now-No. 3 Chevron had $48 billion in revenue last year. The No. 2 White Plains, N.Y.-based Texaco posted revenue of $51 billion last year.

Still, the combined company will lag far behind the so-called "super" majors — Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch/Shell Group and BP PLC, which have muscled up through huge mergers in recent years.

Chevron plans to take control of Texaco Oct. 9, the same day the two companies' shareholders are to vote on the deal. The FTC also will decide on that day, after receiving public comment, whether to make its merger approval final.

European regulators have already granted approval, and the companies announced in a statement they also have negotiated a consent decree with the attorneys general of 12 states.

"Today marks a critically important milestone as we move to establish a premier energy company with the world-class assets, talent, financial strength and technology to achieve superior results," said Chevron Chairman and Chief Executive David J. O'Reilly, who will lead the new company in the same capacity.

To satisfy the FTC's concerns that the merger, as originally proposed, would violate antitrust law, Texaco agreed to divest its U.S. refining and marketing affiliates. Texaco refines crude oil in the United States under two separate affiliates, Equilon Enterprises and Motiva Enterprises. The company owns a 44 percent interest in Equilon, with the rest belonging to Shell Oil Co. Texaco and Saudi Refining Co. each own 35 percent of Motiva; the rest is owned by Shell.

Texaco also will sell its one-third interest in the Discovery natural gas pipeline system in the Gulf of Mexico, a Texas plant, and its general aviation businesses in 14 states, the FTC said.

"In markets where competitive concerns were identified, those problems have been addressed, with the result being a continuation of the competitive balance that existed in the pre-merger environment," said Sean Royall, the FTC Bureau of Competition Deputy Director.

Texaco Chairman and Chief Executive Glenn F. Tilton said the companies will comply with all the conditions of the consent order with the FTC. Tilton, along with Richard H. Matzke, vice chairman of Chevron, will serve as vice chairman of ChevronTexaco.

Though the divestiture requirements were expected from Day One, they threaten to drag the company down by forcing it to focus on completing the deal while it needs to put all its energy toward succeeding in a cutthroat competitive environment, analyst Fadel Gheit, with Fahnestock and Co. in New York, said.

"They are getting married. The wedding date has not changed. But now unfortunately it is cloudy, it is not as sunny as everyone would have liked," Gheit said.

However, consumers will benefit from the new company's economies of scale and strengthened ability to compete, he said.

Analysts regard Chevron and Texaco as a good fit because they have many complementary operations internationally, including in West Africa and Brazil, home to some of the world's largest new oil fields.

Although rivals, the two companies have a long business relationship. For the past 65 years, they have co-owned a joint venture called Caltex Corp., which sells 1.8 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products per day and operates in 55 countries.



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Houston Madison 49, Aldine 27
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Houston Westbury 18, Houston Jones 0
Humble 25, Spring Westfield 16
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La Joya 34, Alice 0
Laredo Nixon 28, SA South San Antonio 21
Leander 21, Austin Reagan 0
Lewisville 33, South Grand Prairie 0
Longview 33, Midland 17
Lubbock Coronado 21, EP Montwood 13
Lufkin 17, Beaumont Central 7
Mansfield 16, Irving MacArthur 6
Mayde Creek 21, Clements 3
Mesquite 36, Lake Highlands 20
Mission 45, Weslaco 18
North Mesquite 14, Plano 12
Odessa 17, San Angelo Central 0
Odessa Permian 21, Carrollton Turner 18
PSJA North 14, PSJA 7
Pasadena 14, Spring Woods 0
Pearland 28, Angleton 14
Plano East 7, Duncanville 3
Rio Grande City 14, Roma 0
Rockwall 3, Carrollton Smith 0
RR Stony Point 22, Killeen Shoemaker 6
SA Clark 28, SA Churchill 6
SA East Central 24, Eagle Pass 0
SA Harlandale 27, SA McCollum 21
SA Jay 45, SA Lee 26
SA Madison 35, SA O'Connor 13
SA Southwest 15, Laredo Cigarroa 15 (tie)
SA Taft 17, SA MacArthur 7
Schertz Clemens 42, SA Holmes 12
Seguin 17, SA Edison 0
South Garland 16, Lincoln 0
Spring 28, Pasadena Dobie 14
Temple 18, Brownwood 14
The Woodlands 21, Humble Kingwood 3
Tyler John Tyler 33, FW Wyatt 13
Tyler Lee 34, Eldorado (Ark.) 14

Class 4A
Amarillo Palo Duro 30, Levelland 0
Azle 28, Red Oak 0
Bay City 20, Victoria Memorial 14
Beaumont Ozen 32, West Orange-Stark 28
Boerne 18, SA Sam Houston 15
Borger 7, Andrews 0
Brenham 31, El Campo 7
Brownsville Lopez 25, Brownsville Porter 20
Brownwood 18, Temple 14
Burleson 34, Midlothian 0
CC Calallen 49, New Braunfels Canyon 0
CC Flour Bluff 23, CC King 17
Calhoun 28, Crystal City 27
Canyon Randall 27, Lubbock 7
Carthage 10, Nacogdoches 0
Cedar Park 28, Bastrop 14
Columbia 40, Wharton 39
Conroe Oak Ridge 13, Channelview 10
Corsicana 3, Greenville 0
Dallas Sunset 12, FW Poly 6
Del Valle 40, SA Lanier 0
Denton 23, FW Boswell 20
EP Parkland 29, EP Cathedral 8
Edcouch-Elsa 15, Edinburg 13
Ennis 21, Rowlett 9
FW Arlington Heights 39, Granbury 31
FW Trimble Tech 21, Dallas Adamson 3
Fabens 42, Deming (N.M.) 0
Fredericksburg 26, Marble Falls 16
Frenship 33, Canyon 6
Gregory-Portland 30, Lar. United South 6
Hallsville 24, Mount Pleasant 19
Harker Heights 31, Dripping Springs 14
Hays 61, Lake Travis 20
Henderson 35, Crockett 7
Hereford 14, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Hewitt Midway 23, Round Rock McNeil 17
Highland Park 40, Coppell 7
Houston Scarborough 14, Stafford 7
Jacksonville 23, Kilgore 20
Justin Northwest 42, Bridgeport 41
Katy Taylor 20, Cypress Springs 14
Kerrville Tivy 19, San Angelo Lakeview 14
Kill. Harker Heights 31, Dripping Springs 14
LC Mauriceville 27, Santa Fe 2
Lampasas 37, Llano 12
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 27, Santa Fe 2
Lockhart 48, Austin Travis 13
Longview Pine Tree 16, Paris N. Lamar 13
Los Fresnos 32, Brownsville Pace 20
Lubbock Estacado 13, Pampa 7
Lumberton 28, Hardin-Jefferson 16
Magnolia 20, Caney Creek 0
Medina Valley 21, Bandera 14
Montgomery 19, Livingston 7
North Dallas 20, Dallas Wilson 8
PA Jefferson 35, Jasper 31
PA Lincoln 14, Newton 13
PSJA Memorial 38, Port Isabel 10
Palestine 21, Huntsville 0
Paris 21, Dallas Samuell 14
Pleasanton 12, Devine 7
Port Lavaca 28, Crystal City 27
Richardson Pearce 34, Dallas Spruce 14
SA Alamo Heights 30, SA Brackenridge 13
SA Burbank 15, Poteet 13
Saginaw Boswell 23, Denton 20
San Marcos 34, Austin LBJ 20
Sharyland 24, Raymondville 10
Sherman 10, Wichita Falls 7
Snyder 28, Littlefield 7
Southlake Carroll 45, Haltom 6
Stephenville 24, FW Dunbar 21
Sulphur Springs 20, Athens 12
Texas City 29, Houston Forest Brook 12
Uvalde 35, SA Fox Tech 12
Vidor 14, Pasadena Rayburn 7
WF Hirschi 24, Denison 16
Waco University 22, Marlin 14
Waxahachie 19, Dallas Skyline 0
West Mesquite 26, Dallas Adams 22
Whitehouse 28, Kaufman 7
Wylie 31, Breckenridge 7

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 31, Breckenridge 7
Aledo 35, FW Brewer 23
Alvarado 10, Cleburne 0
Amarillo River Road 33, Tucumcari 7
Aransas Pass 12, Rockport-Fulton 7
Atlanta 10, Texarkana Texas High 7
Austin Akins 41, Austin McCallum 21
Ballinger 26, Sonora 7
Barbers Hill 35, Willis 14
Bellville 16, Caldwell 15
Bonham 27, Clarksville 14
Bowie 19, FW Castleberry 18
Brady 27, Mason 6
Bridge City 30, Liberty 16
Brownfield 21, Kermit 0
Bullard 23, West Rusk 17
Cameron 27, Lorena 3
Canton 12, Tyler Gorman 0
Carrizo Springs 33, SA Antonian 16
Center 30, Linden-Kildare 6
Childress 21, Quanah 20
China Spring 61, Glen Rose 16
Commerce 14, Dallas Pinkston 12
Crandall 21, Brownsboro 17
Crane 23, Colorado City 13
Cuero 21, Columbus 7
Decatur 38, Boyd 0
Denver City 23, Post 14
Diboll 31, Cleveland 8
Early 27, Cisco 12
Elgin 77, Austin Johnston 0
Eustace 18, Kerens 8
Everman 17, FW Eastern Hills 12
FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 42, FW N. Side 12
Falfurrias 35, Robstown 0
Ferris 21, Royse City 0
Forney 72, Dallas White 23
Fort Stockton 32, Pecos 8
Gatesville 34, Waco Robinson 12
Gilmer 41, Hooks 3
Goliad 20, Karnes City 6
Gonzales 36, Floresville 6
Graham 42, Mineral Wells 20
Guymon (Okla.) 31, Dalhart 6
Hallettsville 64, Yorktown 6
Hamshire-Fannett 35, Beaumont Kelly 34
Industrial 26, Louise 0
Ingleside 51, Cotulla 0
Iowa Park 32, Burkburnett 25
Kennedale 26, Kemp 7
La Feria 10, Mercedes 3
La Grange 17, Giddings 14
La Vernia 21, Hondo 2
Lake Worth 45, FW Nolan 3
Lamesa 45, Lubbock Cooper 14
Liberty Hill 21, Troy 20
Lindale 32, Wills Point 12
Lubbock Cooper 34, Quinlan Boles 27
Lubbock Roosevelt 8, Hale Center 0
Luling 19, SA Memorial 2
Lyford 10, Edinburg Economedes 7
Manor 32, Austin Akins 0
Mathis 29, Refugio 28
Merkel 21, Hamlin 14
Mexia 18, Mabank 13
Mineola 14, Malakoff 7
Monahans 20, Seminole 12
Odem 49, Bishop 19
Orangefield 22, PA Austin 15
Perryton 29, Dumas 13
Pittsburg 6, New Boston 0
Presidio 26, Marfa 0
Queen City 35, Omaha Paul Pewitt 0
Quitman 28, Hawkins 0
Rains 34, Edgewood 7
Rio Hondo 41, La Villa 0
Rockdale 20, Smithville 7
San Diego 44, Benavides 0
Sanford-Fritch 12, Stinnett West Texas 7
Sealy 35, Brookshire Royal 21
Sinton 28, CC Tuloso-Midway 6
Somerset 30, SA Southside 25
Sweetwater 24, Greenwood 21
Tatum 19, Rusk 17
Taylor 21, Burnet 14
Venus 38, FW Carter-Riverside 7
Vernon 14, Gainesville 3
Warren 13, Shepherd 6
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Yoakum 21, Ganado 6
Zapata 42, Hidalgo 7

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Abernathy 34, Plains 27
Albany 23, Dublin 7
Alto 13, San Augustine 6
Amarillo Highland Park 34, Shamrock 6
Axtell 34, Parkview Christian 6
Bangs 20, Eldorado 0
Banquete 41, Agua Dulce 6
Big Sandy 44, Harleton 0
Blanco 35, Ingram 14
Blue Ridge 18, Quinlan Boles 6
Brackett 21, Sabinal 7
Brazos 15, Boling 14
Bruceville-Eddy 21, Jarrell 7
Caddo Mills 46, Prosper 14
Callisburg 33, Blooming Grove 6
Canadian 27, Gruver 0
Coahoma 42, Shallowater 23
Comfort 35, Pearsall 0
Community 21, Scurry-Rosser 12
Como-Pickton 62, Simms Bowie 7
Crawford 59, Dawson 0
Dilley 42, Nueces Canyon 0
East Bernard 13, Needville 6
East Chambers 14, Buna 0
Electra 34, Jacksboro 7
Elkhart 35, Frankston 0
Elysian Fields 35, Timpson 6
Farmersville 48, Bells 7
Flatonia 34, Granger 6
Florence 29, Valley Mills 15
Floydada 56, Ralls 6
Franklin 22, Academy 0
Freer 20, Hebbronville 12
Friona 33, Tulia 0
Garrison 10, Madisonville 7
Grand Saline 27, Van 6
Hardin 48, Colmesneil 0
Hemphill 44, Grapeland 0
Henrietta 6, Whitesboro 0
Holliday 21, Cache Okla 20
Hubbard 24, Moody 0
Hull-Daisetta 22, Huntington 7
Hutto 41, Bartlett 27
Idalou 20, Slaton 2
Jim Ned 58, Rotan 0
Junction 28, Rocksprings 0
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Memphis 12, Wellington 7
Millsap 8, Ranger 6
Moody 24, Hubbard 0
Natalia 41, Medina 0
Navarro 49, Thrall 0
New Deal 20, Vega 0
Olney 15, Seymour 14
Olton 26, Sudan 6
Ozona 43, Grape Creek 0
Poth 43, Falls City 0
Pottsboro 17, Gunter 7
Premont 27, Progreso 21
Randolph 41, Three Rivers 13
Riesel 18, Salado 0
Riviera 13, George West 7
Rogers 7, Waco Reicher 0
Rosebud-Lott 36, Lexington 20
SA Cole 28, SA St. Anthony 7
San Saba 22, Johnson City 10
Skidmore-Tynan 24, Runge 6
Spearman 35, Hooker Okla 0
Stamford 19, Clyde 0
Stanton 20, Reagan County 7
Stockdale 8, Jourdanton 6
Tahoka 48, Kress 8
Trinity 19, Palestine Westwood 13
Valley View 21, Anna 17
WF City View 48, Argyle 21
Wall 34, Coleman 0
Weimar 18, Thorndale 6
Whitewright 28, Lone Oak 14
Winters 27, Goldthwaite 0

Class 1A
Anton 28, Smyer 13
Bosqueville 58, Itasca 20
Bovina 24, Lorenzo 0
Bronte 20, Santa Anna 7
Bruni 53, La Pryor 8
Celeste 35, Honey Grove 7
Charlotte 57, SA Texas Military 7
Chester 46, Prepared Table 6
Christoval 14, Roby 7
Collinsville 55, Aubrey 20
Crosbyton 17, Whiteface 7
Cross Plains 31, Eden 13
Garden City 21, Forsan 16
Harper 20, Miles 7
Hart 42, Morton 16
High Island 46, Sabine Pass 0
Iraan 41, Irion County 7
Knox City 14, Anson 10
Muenster 7, Nocona 6
Munday 6, Haskell 0
Nazareth 53, Lubbock Christian 0
O'Donnell 13, Midland Trinity 6
Paducah 27, Wheeler 8
Perrin-Whitt 42, WF Notre Dame 19
Petersburg 21, Farwell 0
Petrolia 32, Archer City 0
Rankin 39, Sterling City 14
Rice Consolidated 43, CC West Oso 0
Robert Lee 67, Water Valley 0
Roscoe 55, Baird 0
Saint Jo 18, Crowell 17
Shiner 35, Schulenburg 21
Springlake-Earth 20, Dimmitt 14
Sundown 21, Lockney 14
Throckmorton 35, Spur 6
Valley 47, Wellman 14
West Sabine 25, Cushing 0
White Deer 54, Boys Ranch 0
Wortham 20, Palmer 6

Six-Man
Aquilla 42, Bynum 27
Blackwell 64, Highland 14
Follett 37, Happy 22
Gordon 58, Walnut Springs 18
Groom 54, Amherst 0
Guthrie 62, Samnorwood 38
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Lohn 58, Star 24
Meadow 27, Motley County 6
Miami 60, McLean 12
New Home 68, Loop 20
Newcastle 42, Chillicothe 12
Novice 78, Benjamin 36
Paint Rock 48, Angelo Christian 7
Panther Creek 44, Strawn 33
Patton Springs 60, Southland 14
Richland Springs 64, Mullin 0
Sanderson 56, Sands 50
Sidney 45, Brookesmith 0
Silverton 44, Cotton Center 16
Trent 29, Borden County 8
Trinidad 49, Penelope 0
Westbrook 42, Aspermont 30
Whitharral 50, Balmorhea 17
Woodson 56, Lueders-Avoca 6

WTC rodeo squads set lofty goals



Shayne Pickard

"This year we're looking to win it all. That's why a lot of us came to WTC. We didn't come here to finish in second or third place."



Joseph Gernentz

"There is a lot of new talent on this team. For each person that we lost last year, we have two good people in their place. Our goal is to win it all."



Chevis Howell

"We should have a shot at every saddle. That's the reason I picked Western Texas. Here you have a chance to be the best cowgirl you can be."



Sam Spreadborough

"I didn't realize the rodeos over here would be as big as they are. Now I just have to get used to driving on the wrong side of the road."



Jennifer Freeland

"I feel like we're going to have a strong team. The new girls are confident and strong. We have a lot of talented people, so we have high goals."



Justin Foltyn

"I think we're ready for the first rodeo. With so much talent around you, it gives you confidence to perform. Here, everybody's good."

The Western Texas College rodeo program has experienced its share of success over the past few years, but Coach Greg Rhodes and his teams aren't about to rest on their heels.

WTC's men's and women's rodeo squads will be gunning for return trips to the national finals when the collegiate rodeo season gets underway Sept. 13 at Lovington, N.M.

Both squads finished last season strong, and have added a slew of talented recruits to go along with six returning cowboys on the men's side and four on the women's.

"I'm like all coaches. I like to think we have what it takes to win it all," said Rhodes. "But you never know exactly how things are going to work out at a rodeo. I know on paper we're definitely deeper in all of our events."

That depth comes from the 12 new members on the men's squad, and four rookies on the women's team.

Heading up the list of WTC recruits is Justin Foltyn of El Campo. Foltyn is the reigning Texas High School Rodeo all-around champion and the National High School Rodeo bareback champion.

He'll be joined in the bareback event by Lane Morrow who hails from Red Bluff, Calif. Morrow claimed the California state bareback and team roping titles a year ago, while earning state reserve all-around honors.

Rhodes also grabbed state champions from Missouri and Louisiana.

Sean Prater captured the Missouri state all-around and saddle bronc buckles, while Jonathan Cogar took home the Louisiana state steer wrestling title.

Also from Louisiana are Jarvis LaTour, the reserve champion in calf roping, and Trent Courmier who was fifth in the state in bull riding.

Other Texas cowboys new to the team are bull rider Cody Ackel of Hamshire, and calf ropers Clint Cooper of Childress and Reg Cully of Athens.

Ackel won the state high school bull riding crown in 2000, while Cooper was the top roper at last year's AJRA finals.

Three new members came quite a distance to be part of the WTC program. Sam Spreadborough of Australia and Nathan Reid of New Zealand were last year's top bareback riders in their native lands, while Dalton Kraft was the Canadian PRCA permit winner in the saddle bronc event.

The 12 recruits join six returning Westerners including two-time collegiate calf roping champion Houston Hutto.

Also back for the Westerners are Tyson Thompson, J.W. Todd, Cimarron Boardman, Joseph Gernentz and Sean Willingham.

"The guys we have coming in are proven winners, and that fits right in with the rest of the team," Rhodes said. "All of our competitors have proven they can win at some of the highest levels."

The Lady Westerners bring on board four new members, headed up by Randus London from Freedom, Okla. London is the reigning Oklahoma state all-around champion, after earning second place in breakaway roping, third in barrels and fifth in goat tying.

She's joined by fellow freshman Chevis Howell who earned the goat tying state title in Florida. Howell was also the reserve champion in breakaway roping.

Ashley Ryan of Talpa also figures into the barrel racing and goat tying competitions, while Tasha Stevenson should be strong in the goat tying after taking home last year's Wyoming state crown.

The lady Westerners' experience on the collegiate level will come from returning cowgirls Kassie Mowry, Jennifer Freeland, Margaret Ann Jameson and Shayne Pickard.

"I really like the mentality of both the men's and women's teams," said Rhodes. "They're a bunch of winners, and that's the type of people you want to have in your program."

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SPORTS

Tigers stay on track with 28-7 victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In a contest billed as their first "real" test of the season, the Snyder Tigers provided the same answers as last week — a stellar running game and stifling defense.

Snyder rolled up 360 yards on the ground and frustrated the Littlefield Wildcats for most of the night en route to a 28-7 victory in the home opener at Tiger Stadium.

Coming on the heels of their 49-0 shutout of Monahans in the opener, the win pushes the Tigers' mark to 2-0 on the season.

"I think we looked really good early," said Snyder head coach Chad Rogers. "But then it looked like we relaxed some. Then they tied it and when we took the lead again, I think we let down again.

"I thought our kids' effort was there all night, but their intensity level wasn't always where it needed to be."

It looked early on as if the Wildcats would give Snyder the challenge it was expecting.

After it took the Tigers only four plays to score their first touchdown of the night on a 16-yard pass from T.J. Jones to Riki Dorsett, Littlefield came storming back.

The Wildcats methodically marched 76 yards in 11 plays with quarterback Matthew Vaught carrying it the final three steps to even the game at 7-7.

However, the very next play from scrimmage would be the beginning of the end for Littlefield.

With 1:59 left in the opening quarter, Snyder senior Wade Pinson took a handoff heading left, turned the corner and out ran the Wildcats 70 yards to paydirt.

The long run put the momentum back on Snyder's side, and the Tigers were in danger of losing it only once.

Littlefield's best chance to turn the tide came in the second quarter. After turning back a Snyder drive near midfield, the Wildcats embarked on another march into Tiger territory.

Power running by tailback Matthew Hock, combined with short, accurate passes from Vaught, moved the ball to the Tiger 20-yard line.

Facing third-and-11, Vaught completed a short pass to Tyler Kirby but suffered a shoulder injury that ended his night, and all but finished the Wildcats.

Back-up signal-caller Eric Mendez was sacked on the fourth-down attempt, and the Tigers put the nail in the Wildcats' coffin only two plays later.

After Josh Montoya got Snyder out of the shadow of its own goal post with a 20-yard run, Clay Williams burst through a crease in the Littlefield defense and raced 61 yards to the endzone. Isaac Ramon's kick made it 21-7 with under three minutes left in the half.

"I thought the long runs helped us keep the momentum," Rogers said. "It seemed like whenever Littlefield was on the verge of stealing the momentum in the first half, our defense would get us the ball back, and we would turn it into points."

Littlefield's final threat of the night came only seconds before the break, but was halted when Pinson picked off a Mendez pass and returned it 80 yards for an apparent touchdown.

A penalty negated the score, but the interception kept the tide on the Tigers' sideline.

Leading by 14 points, Snyder turned the game over to its defense, which responded to the challenge.

Littlefield, which had chalked up 174 yards of offense in the first half, was held to only 27 yards over the final two quarters.

The Tigers' second-half success defensively was attributed to halftime adjustments, according to Defensive Coordinator Buster Mabrey.

"We made a few changes at halftime that allowed our guys to play more aggressively," Mabrey said. "We moved our linemen back a little bit so they wouldn't get cut-blocked. And we changed up our coverage in the secondary.

"It also helped that we weren't scoring in one or two plays. Our defense was on the field a long time in the first half."

The Tigers had managed to score their 21 first-half points, despite holding the ball for less than five minutes.

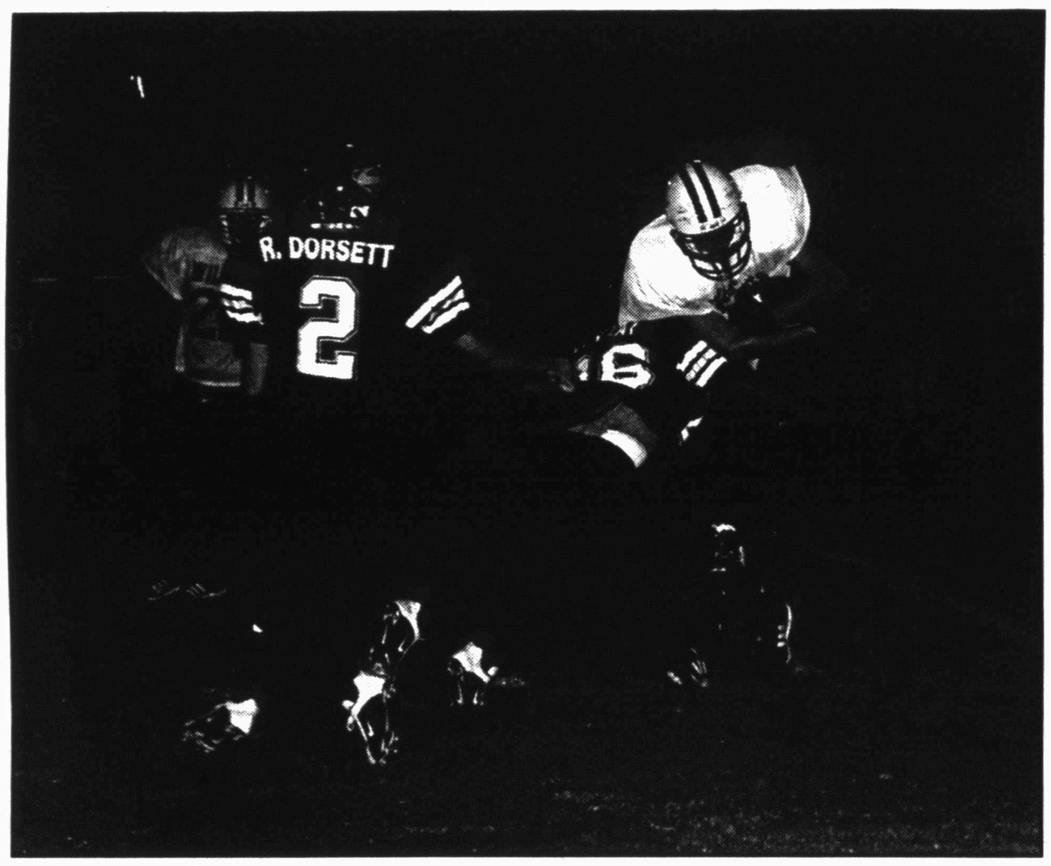
In the second half, Rogers opted to march the Tigers down the field and chew time off the clock.

"There were times in the second half when we could have thrown the ball with some success," Rogers remarked. "But I didn't figure there was much need with the game in hand. We just wanted to run the clock and get the victory without getting anybody hurt."

After Snyder's first drive was killed by a fumble on the eighth play, the Tigers turned their next possession into points when senior Jammall Pruitt ran in from 10 yards out to cap the scoring.

The Wildcats managed only one yard of offense in the third quarter, and Justin Pechacek picked off another Mendez aerial.

The Tigers' put their unblemished to another test Friday when they visit Class 3A state-ranked Abilene Wylie.



DEAD IN HIS TRACKS — Snyder senior strong safety Corey Clay (26) brings down a Littlefield runner, while teammate Riki Dorsett moves in to help Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The Tigers held the Wildcats to only 27 second-half yards in their 28-7 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Game Summary

Littlefield	07	00	00	00	— 07
Snyder	14	07	07	00	— 28

First Quarter

Snyder — Riki Dorsett 16-yard pass from T.J. Jones (Isaac Ramon kick), 8:01.

Littlefield — Matthew Vaught 3-yard run (Russell Jephcott kick), 2:25.

Snyder — Wade Pinson 70-yard run (Ramon kick), 1:59.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Clay Williams 61-yard run (Ramon kick), 2:32.

Third Quarter

Snyder — Jammall Pruitt 10-yard run (Ramon kick), 2:29.

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First Downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	42-131	39-360
Passing yards	70	17
Comp-Att-Int	7-12-2	2-4-0
Punts	3-36.0	1-14.0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	2-10	5-40
Time of poss.	28:14	19:46

RUSHING — Littlefield: Matthew Hock, 22-76; Joe Rudd, 7-49; Thomas Reyes, 1-24; Matthew Vaught, 4-8; Tyson Reed, 1-1; Eric Mendez, 7-minus 27. **Snyder:** Jammall Pruitt, 11-80; Wade Pinson, 1-70; Clay Williams, 3-62; Josh Montoya, 7-49; Billy Pena, 7-47; T.J. Jones, 5-31; Chance Greenwood, 5-22.

PASSING — Littlefield: Matthew Vaught, 5 of 6 for 46 yards; Eric Mendez, 2 of 6 for 24 yards, 2 int. **Snyder:** T.J. Jones, 2 of 4 for 17 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING — Littlefield: Tyler Kirby, 4-39; Joe Rudd, 2-21; Nathan McKinnon, 1-10. **Snyder:** Riki Dorsett, 2-17.

District 4-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	0	0	2	0
Frenship	0	0	1	0
Estacado	0	0	1	0
Big Spring	0	0	0	1
Levelland	0	0	0	1
Plainview	0	0	0	2
Andrews	0	0	0	2
Lake View	0	0	0	2

Friday's results: Snyder 28, Littlefield 7; Borger 7, Andrews 0; Kerrville Tivy 19, Lake View 14; Amarillo High 10, Plainview 9; Estacado 13, Pampa 7; Frenship 33, Canyon 6; Palo Duro 30, Levelland 0. Open — Big Spring.

Next week's games: Snyder at Abilene Wylie; Carlsbad, N.M. at Andrews; Estacado at Canyon Randall; Lamesa at Frenship; Levelland at Littlefield; Canyon at Plainview. Open — Lake View.

Dallas could be easy pickings for Bucs

IRVING (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers couldn't have picked a better team to open the season against than the Dallas Cowboys.

How's this for a gift from the league office to help the Bucs build some early momentum:

—Warrick Dunn faces a defense that in December he ran over for a career-best 210 yards, part of the club-record 250 rushing yards Tampa Bay gained that day.

—Brad Johnson, the $28 million new starting quarterback, makes his Bucs debut facing two first-time starters at cornerback.

—Warren Sapp begins his quest to break the NFL record of 22 sacks against a rookie quarterback, Quincy Carter.

—The Bucs play only one of their first nine games against a team coming off a losing season. That would be this one.

Throw in the fact Tampa Bay is considered a Super Bowl contender and Dallas is ranked near the bottom of the league and the game looks even more lopsided.

The Bucs are downplaying their advantage, trying to respect the rebuilding Cowboys by calling them "America's Team" and saying they fear a loud crowd — even though fan interest in Dallas is way down.

"The main thing is to get a win — if we win ugly, we'll take it," Dunn said. "We have 15 others to go."

Tampa Bay's next game, at home against Philadelphia, the team that eliminated the Bucs from the playoffs last year, will be a better barometer. The Dallas game provides a nice transition from the preseason into a season in which the Bucs have the NFL's second-toughest schedule.

"As long as we're going out and being fundamentally sound in what we're doing, that's the good start we need," Sapp said.

The Cowboys would be the first to say the opener can set a tone for the season.

Last year, they failed to recover an onside kick by Philadelphia on the season-opening kickoff. That led to a 41-14 loss, which turned into a 5-11 season, Dallas' worst since going 1-15 in 1989.

"Murphy's Law was in full effect last year," tight end Jackie Harris said. "It seemed like after that onside kick everything just went downhill."

An offseason overhaul resulted in Troy Aikman's departure and Carter's arrival.

Carter will be the fifth rookie QB starter in team history, joining Aikman, Steve Walsh, Kevin Sweeney and Don Meredith. That group went a combined 3-16, with two wins coming from Sweeney during the 1987 games with replacement players.

"He's going to be like all the young quarterbacks when they first start playing — he's going to have some decision-making issues, some things that don't look exactly clear to him," Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said. "But he's got the ability, the arm strength, the mobility and the awareness in the pocket to get away from things and create some good plays when nothing is there.

"You'd rather play him Week 1 than Week 16. We played Donovan McNabb in Week 2 of his first year and he had a tough time. But by the time we played them in the playoffs a year later, he was the possible MVP of the league."

Carter's game plan is to avoid Sapp and to get the ball to Emmitt Smith and receivers Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail.

National Football League

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Arizona

Monday's Game

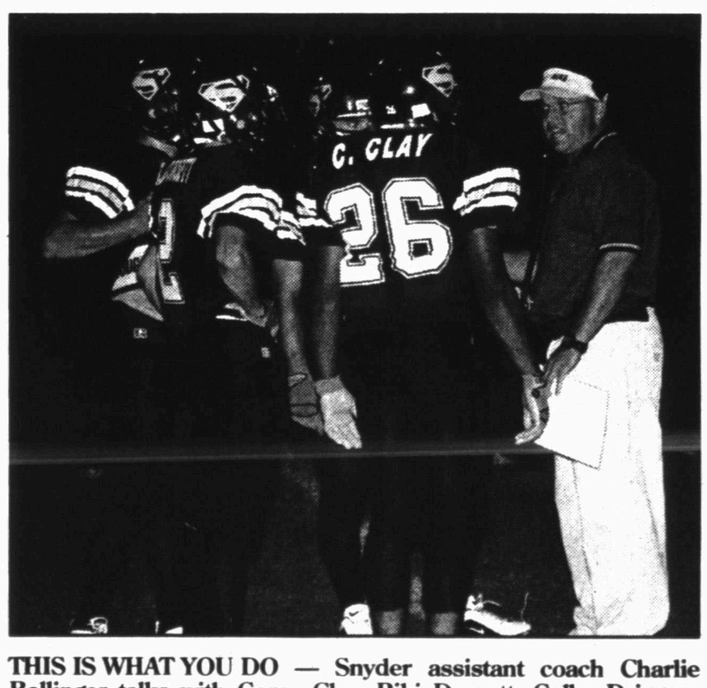
N.Y. Giants at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Denver at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.
Open: San Diego

Monday, Sept. 17

Minnesota at Baltimore, 9 p.m.



THIS IS WHAT YOU DO — Snyder assistant coach Charlie Bollinger talks with Corey Clay, Riki Dorsett, Colby Driggers and Wade Pinson during the Tigers' 28-7 victory Friday night over Littlefield. The win pushed Snyder's mark to 2-0 on the season. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

Ira guns down Falcons in six-man opener, 64-12

IRA — Ira senior Nathan Smith went to work early and the Bulldogs made short work of the Veribest Falcons in Friday night's six-man season opener.

Smith rushed for 165 yards and three touchdowns as Ira pounded Veribest, 64-12, in only two quarters of action at Bulldog Stadium.

The game was halted at halftime on the 45-point rule.

"I thought our kids played really well," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "Expectations are kind of high this year, so there's a little more pressure.

"But the kids were focused, and they kept their intensity even when we got ahead."

Smith, the Bulldogs' leading rusher a year ago, picked up where he left off. The senior scored on runs of 38 and 33 yards early in the first quarter and the rout was on.

Ira stretched its lead to 24-0 midway through the period when Cade Tucker grabbed a 2-yard scoring toss from Eric Dickerhoff, and Jerry Jamison booted his third extra point of the game.

On the next play from scrimmage, senior Jase Olvera picked off a Veribest pass and sprinted 40 yards to paydirt. Jamison's kick pushed the margin to 40-0.

The final minute of the first quarter saw 24 points scored, 18 of them by the Bulldogs.

Ira's Josh Gutierrez plunged in from a yard out for another Bulldog touchdown. Cade Tucker followed up with a tackle in the endzone for a safety, before hauling in a 13-yard scoring pass from Dickerhoff.

Veribest finally found the endzone in the final seconds of the period for a 50-6 tally.

Smith got back in the scoring act to start the second quarter, racing in from 17 yards out.

Ira capped its touchdown barrage only a minute later when Olvera hit Gutierrez with a 17-yard strike.

A Veribest touchdown with 31 seconds left in the half finished off the scoring.

"You alway want to win that first one," said Goodwin. "It makes practice a lot more fun the next week."

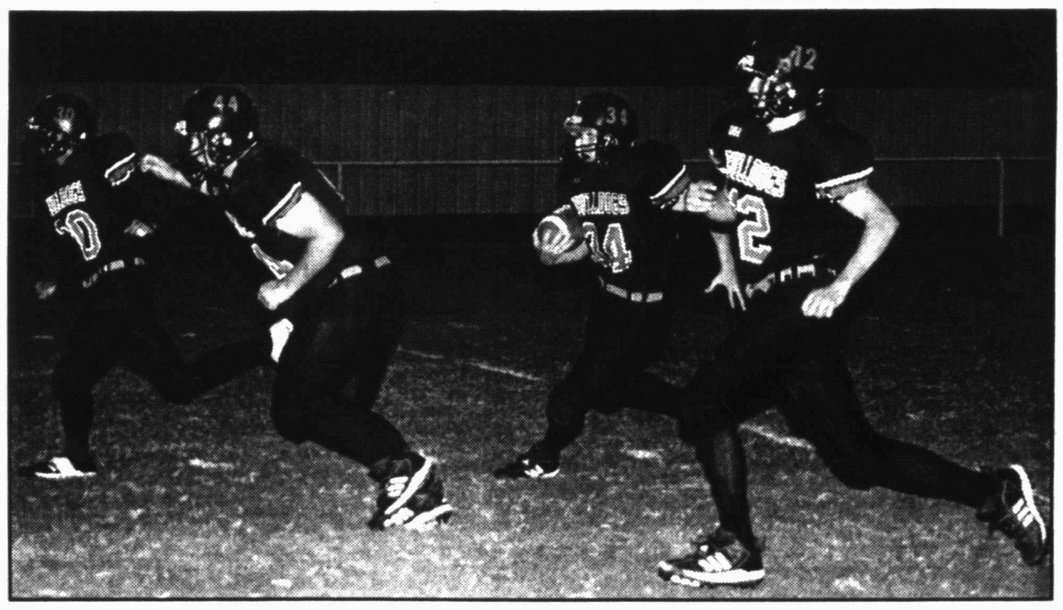
Ira churned out 311 yards on the ground and another 65 through the air, while holding the Falcons to only 241 total yards.

Smith posted his 165 yards on only eight carries. He also registered five tackles.

Dickerhoff was the Bulldogs' leading tackler with eight, while going 4 of 8 through the air for 48 yards and the two scores.

Gutierrez ran for 73 yards and made seven tackles.

Ira will put its 1-0 record to the test Friday when it visits Klondike.



CONVOY — Ira's Jase Olvera (30), Case Hardy (44) and Eric Dickerhoff (12) lead the way for Michael Allen (34) Friday night during the season opener at Bulldog Stadium. The Bulldogs made short work of the Veribest Falcons with a 64-12 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Borden County bows to Trent Gorillas, 29-8

GAIL — Coming off a 1-9 season last year, the Borden County Coyotes were hoping to get things off on the right foot Friday night. Unfortunately, the Trent Gorillas weren't sympathetic to their needs.

Trent's standout running back, Bo Simpson, carried the load for the Gorillas Friday in a 29-8 victory over Borden County in the six-man season opener at Coyote Stadium.

Simpson toted the ball 15 times for 98 yards, 15 of them coming on a touchdown run.

The Gorillas padded their lead with a pair of scores through the air before Borden County broke onto the board.

Senior Dale Grant sprinted in from six yards out for the Coyotes' lone touchdown of the evening. Junior T.J. Sharp booted the extra points.

Borden County, now 0-1 on the season, hits the road Friday to face Ropes at 7:30.

Time expires on Cards' quest for first victory

GAIL — Last year, the Hermleigh Cardinals ran out of players before they could post their first victory. This year, they simply ran out of time.

Hermleigh was only 11 yards from paydirt when the final seconds ticked off the clock Friday night in its 27-26 setback to Borden County junior varsity in the six-man season opener at Coyote Stadium.

With Borden County's varsity squad scheduled to host Trent following the Cardinals' contest, officials let the clock run in the final frame and it cost the Cardinals.

"Our game took longer than expected, so they kept the clock running in the fourth quarter," said second-year Hermleigh coach Harley Ethridge. "It hurt us, but I'm still extremely proud of the way our guys performed, especially on offense."

The Cardinals' new "Jaybird" attack struck early when sophomore Billy Duck sprinted in from the six for a 6-0 Hermleigh lead.

After the Coyotes knotted the tally, Duck put Hermleigh up again with an 8-yard sprint midway through the second quarter.

The Cardinals used big plays to pad their lead in the third quarter.

Jimmy Luna hit Blaine Minton with a 51-yard scoring strike, before Luna broke loose on a 47-yard touchdown run that gave Hermleigh a 24-12 lead heading into the final period.

However, the Cardinals only points of the fourth quarter came on a Jeremy Roemisch safety.

The Coyotes managed two touchdowns and a couple of conversions to pull out the 27-26 victory.

"We still have some things we need to work on defensively," said Ethridge. "We need to be stronger at the ends, and we need to work on our extra points. We got off all four kicks, but they were all wide."

Luna paced the Cardinals' offense with 116 yards on 17 carries. He also completed the one 51-yard scoring pass.

Duck ran for 66 yards, and Justin Williamson rushed for another 24.

Roemisch registered six tackles and a fumble recovery, while Minton tallied four tackles and also hopped on a fumble.

Terrell Culp was 1 for 3 for 14 yards through the air, and accounted for six tackles.

Hermleigh will look to even its record Friday when it hosts Aspermont.

Rodriguez breaks own record

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is more interested in helping the Texas Rangers develop young talent and momentum for next season than he is in records.

Rodriguez broke his own American League mark for homers by a shortstop with his career-best 43rd Friday night as the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 8-2 .

"The records are nice, but I haven't really been thinking about them all that much," Rodriguez said. "I'm focusing on the way we're playing, the way our young guys are playing. We're playing with good energy and I'm excited about that."

With the Rangers trailing 2-0 in the first inning, Rodriguez hit a solo drive off rookie Kris Wilson (6-5) into the left-field seats for the 10th homer in his last 22 games. He set the previous mark for shortstops with Seattle in 1998 and matched it the following year.

Sports Briefs

Hunter education class

A course in hunter education will be held next Saturday and Sunday. All hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must complete the course.

Students 12 years of age or older will receive a hunter education certificate. Students under 12 receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

Cost of the course is $10 and class size is limited. For more information, or to pre-register call Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

Volleyball tourney

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Ministry will host a co-ed volleyball tournament next Saturday. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format is best poker hand.

Alabama charged with violations

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — For the second time in seven years, the University of Alabama's football program has been hit with NCAA charges of major rules violations, just as a new season unfolds.

University officials said the NCAA did not charge Alabama with lack of institutional control, which can bring the stiffest penalties.

But the NCAA charged that Alabama violated rules through the actions of a booster during recruiting and the actions of two former assistant coaches. The NCAA said the violations occurred during 1995-2000.

It remained uncertain if the new NCAA charges will be as severe as those in September of 1994, which led to a three-year probation and the loss of more than two dozen scholarships.

Yanks' catcher suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada was suspended for six games for his confrontation with an umpire earlier this week.

Posada also was fined $3,500 by Frank Robinson, the vice president of the commissioner's office in charge of discipline.

Robinson said Posada was penalized for "aggressive arguing, making contact with umpire Andy Fletcher on multiple occasions and throwing equipment onto the playing field."

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	64	.543	—
Philadelphia	73	68	.518	3½
New York	70	72	.493	7
Florida	65	76	.461	11½
Montreal	61	80	.433	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	83	58	.589	—
Chicago	77	63	.550	5½
St. Louis	76	64	.543	6½
Milwaukee	62	79	.440	21
Cincinnati	57	84	.404	26
Pittsburgh	54	87	.383	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	79	62	.560	—
Los Angeles	78	63	.553	1
San Francisco	78	64	.549	1½
San Diego	70	71	.496	9
Colorado	62	78	.443	16½

Friday's Games

Atlanta 3, Chicago Cubs 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 2
Houston 5, Milwaukee 3
Los Angeles 7, St. Louis 1
Colorado 3, San Francisco 2, 12 innings
San Diego 4, Arizona 3

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles (Baldwin 2-3) at St. Louis (Benes 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 12-11) at Colorado (Jennings 3-0), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 13-7) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 9-11), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 4-3) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-9), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Chen 7-6) at Florida (Dempster 15-11), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 6-10) at Montreal (Ohka 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 9-11) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-16), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-2) at Houston (Villone 6-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	57	.596	—
Boston	72	67	.518	11
Toronto	69	72	.489	15
Baltimore	55	85	.393	28½
Tampa Bay	50	91	.355	34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	80	61	.567	—
Chicago	73	68	.518	7
Minnesota	73	68	.518	7
Detroit	56	84	.400	23½
Kansas City	56	85	.397	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	101	40	.716	—
Oakland	84	57	.596	17
Anaheim	73	68	.518	28
Texas	65	76	.461	36

Friday's Games

Toronto 2, Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 7
Texas 8, Kansas City 2
Anaheim 7, Minnesota 3
Seattle 10, Baltimore 1
Oakland 9, Tampa Bay 3

Saturday's Games

Boston (Cone 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 14-11), 1:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 1-3) at Oakland (Mulder 17-7), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 3-1) at Detroit (Murray 0-4), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 15-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 2-5) at Texas (Oliver 11-8), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 2-3) at Anaheim (Rapp 5-11), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bauer 0-1) at Seattle (Pineiro 4-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.

District 6 Six-Man Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Ira	0	0	1	0
Westbrook	0	0	1	0
Hermleigh	0	0	0	1
Brdn County	0	0	0	1
Highland	0	0	0	1
Loraine	0	0	0	1

Friday's results: Ira 64, Veribest 12; Borden County JV 27, Hermleigh 26; Westbrook 42, Aspermont 30; Trent 29, Borden County 8; Blackwell 64, Highland 14; Klondike 77, Loraine 46.

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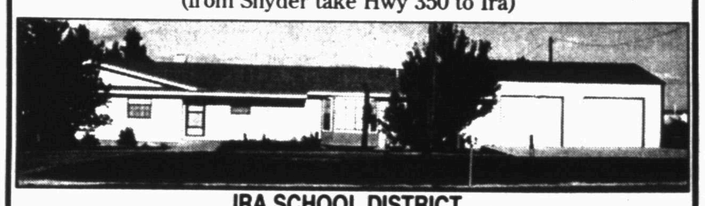
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Mary Kay targets teen-agers in bid to remain young

DALLAS (AP) — Mary Kay Cosmetics' cheerful, well-scrubbed representatives sold more than $2 billion worth of skin-care and cover-up products last year, but they face a nagging reality: The customers are growing older, and so is Mary Kay's image.

"I usually think of older women using it, like housemoms who go to Tupperware parties and Mary Kay parties. I don't think of it as a teen brand," says Jody Shervanick, a 21-year-old student at Southern Methodist University.

"Are they the ones who have the pink Cadillacs?" asks Kristin Finan, referring to the cars Mary Kay gives its best saleswomen.

"It seems like more of a middle-aged makeup," the 21-year-old University of Texas student said.

Mary Kay apparently reached the same conclusion. After looking in the mirror, the Dallas company recently rolled out lip gloss, nail polish, facial cleansers and fragrances aimed at girls and women from 14 to 22.

The company's first-year goal for the new line, called Velocity, is $35 million in sales — a modest target compared with Mary Kay's wholesale revenue last year of $2.4 billion.

Seventeen magazine estimates that teen-agers spend $9.3 billion a year on cosmetics and skin-care products, a wad of disposable cash that has drawn the interest of many makeup companies.

"I'm not surprised Mary Kay is doing this," said Julie Kofman, Seventeen's beauty editor. "Teenagers are buying more cosmetics than ever. They've got more spending power, and they're always looking for the next best thing."

Cover Girl and Bonnie Bell have long aimed directly at the youth market, and they've been joined by Estee Lauder's jane, Revlon's Streetware and other brands with names like Hard Candy and Urban Decay. Adult-oriented department-store lines such as Clinique are popular with some young women, and Avon Products said last month it will launch a teen line in 2003.

The youth market could provide a challenge to Mary Kay's direct-sales method in which representatives go door-to-door or meet with small groups of customers in their homes.

Melissa Martin, 21 and a self-professed "makeup girl," said she wasn't likely to try Mary Kay because it's not sold in department stores, where she and her friends buy cosmetics.

"When I want to buy something, I have to have it now," said the Texas Christian University student. "I'm not going to wait for someone to show up at my door, or order through a catalog."

But Mary Kay is confident in its sales system, and unlike Avon, the largest direct-seller of cosmetics, it has no plans to sell its cosmetics in stores.

"Girls like to dabble in things and try things, and direct selling is great for try-before-you-buy," said executive vice president Myra Barker. "Word-of-mouth is very important for them. They give more credence to someone in their peer group than a corporate spokesman."

The Mary Kay name is inconspicuous — or completely missing — on Velocity packaging. The products come in colors that might cause a baby boomer to blanch, such as Violet Vroom and Grape Balls of Fire. But then, that's exactly the point.

"When all my friends come over to the house, they see the stuff and it's like, 'What's Velocity?'" says Jordan Helou, a 17-year-old in Charlotte, N.C. "It doesn't even recognize as Mary Kay. It's fresh and cool and different."

Jordan has a steady supply of Mary Kay products because her mother, Kathy Helou, is a long-time star sales representative. As a newborn, Jordan rode home from the hospital in a pink Cadillac.

Mary Kay is counting on the daughters of its saleswomen to introduce the brand to a new generation. Jordan, her mother and her 14-year-old sister, Sidney, have been eagerly drawing up plans to sell cosmetics at cheerleader parties, bridal fairs, college events and coffee shops.

"Before Sidney goes to a slumber party, I say, 'Here, take the (eye color) and the fragrance and spray it on everything. Then take orders,'" Kathy Helou said.

Girls at a Dallas-area shopping mall who looked at a Velocity brochure said the items are more expensive than the drugstore products they often buy, but not prohibitively costly. They range from $5.50 eye shadow and $11 lipstick to $28 for a 1.7-ounce bottle of perfume.

In addition to youth-oriented colors, Velocity products tend to be heavily scented, unlike the fragrance-free skin-care products preferred by Mary Kay's older customers.

Sally Dessloch, an analyst with J.P. Morgan, said taking a brand familiar to older customers and selling it to teens is not easy.

Whitehall-Robins settles lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The maker of Denorex dandruff shampoo has settled a civil suit that claimed the product had too much coal tar, a potential cancer causing substance.

Whitehall-Robins agreed to a payment of $427,500 and to lower the coal-tar content of the shampoo by 72 percent.

"We are going to formulate a new product," Whitehall-Robins spokesman Fran Sullivan said. "It will be out nationwide by mid-December." The company is a subsidiary of American Home Products.

The suit was brought by Occupational Knowledge International, a nonprofit organization that has similar suits pending against 20 other manufacturers of coal-tar shampoos. The suits are based on a successful California ballot proposition.

"Proposition 65, which was passed by voter initiative in the late 1980s, meant that anyone exposing others to a carcinogen must notify them," said Perry Gottesfeld, executive director of San Francisco-based Occupational Knowledge International.

The other suits include manufacturers such as Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Neutrogena, which makes T/gel, and Reedco, which manufactures Tegrin. Those cases are scheduled for trial in January.

Gottesfeld said he filed the suits in January 1999, and the California Attorney General's Office joined shortly afterward.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Spaghetti w/meatballs, whole kernel corn, spinach, tomato wedges, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday
Braised ham, sweet potatoes, chopped broccoli w/cheese, Waldorf salad, white cake w/cream cheese frosting

Wednesday
Chicken patty w/cream gravy, cottage fries, green peas, tossed salad, cherry cobbler

Thursday
Taco salad, red beans, Spanish rice, sopapilla, chips & salsa

Friday
Fried fish, tater tots, stewed squash, creamy coleslaw, peach crisp

Senior Center News

Seniors are encouraged to mark their calendars on Sept. 21 for special entertainment. Santiago Jimenez, a conjunto accordionist, will be a guest in Snyder and Dorothy Kayser has scheduled him to entertain in the dining room at 11:30 a.m. He is sponsored by Texas Folklore.

Ways to support the center include attendance, memorial fund, volunteerism and fundraisers! The senior cookbook, *Tasty Traditions*, is also for sale. The center will participate in the White Buffalo Festival, Oct. 26-27. The candy sale is set for December.

There is no membership fee for seniors to participate at the Senior Center. Scheduled activities are available as well as dominoes, eighty-eight, pool, bridge, quilting, volunteering, and use of the exercise equipment on a daily basis. If you attend the noon meal, the cost is a suggested donation of $2.50 per person for seniors and $4 for citizens under 60. Everyone is welcome.

Monday
Seniors may participate in bridge or a domino tournament at 9:30 a.m. Line dancers will perform at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 9 a.m. Kitchen Band members will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Barbara Tune will perform in the dining room at the center at 11:30 a.m. The advisory board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will present a western program at 11 a.m. All seniors are invited to wear western clothes complete with hats and boots. Swimnastics for senior citizens is from 1-2 p.m. at Western Texas College. The Senior Center will open at 6 p.m. for game night.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a sing-a-long.

Saturday
The community sing begins at 6 p.m. at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M. Volunteers provide the music and everyone is invited.

California homebuyers line up for chance to buy expensive homes

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — For two days, Maria Chrys camped out in front of an Orange County real estate development office for a chance at her dream home.

On Friday, she still had seven days to go before she would even get a chance to bid.

"I've never stood in line for anything in my life. But I want that house and I'm here 24-7 until I get it," said Chrys, 49, who is camping out for a chance at a home in an upscale development where houses begin at about $900,000.

For the past two decades, California hasn't been building enough homes to keep up with its growing population, prompting a housing crunch that has people like Chrys going to such extremes. The price tag is often steep: The median price of a single-family residence reached $267,810 in July, a record according to the California Association of Realtors.

Potential homeowners in the San Francisco Bay area are faced with high-priced bidding wars. In Sacramento, hundreds show up to view floor models of new developments.

But in Orange County, where oceanfront property is at a premium and much of the county is built out, residents have gone as far as camping out to claim lots and showing up by the thousands for "dusty shoes" tours at construction sites.

It's a combination of availability and affordability, say housing specialists.

California's home-building industry has lagged behind the state's population growth for 20 years. Every year it builds about 140,000 new places for people to live. And every year that's 80,000 short, housing officials say.

As a result, the median price of an existing single-family home in Orange County rose 13.9 percent in July compared to July 2000, the realtors association said. That is greater than the state average of 10.6 percent, but lags behind such areas as Santa Barbara County, which saw home prices soar 69 percent in the same period.

The robust demand isn't occurring in every area of the state, but it is quite common in popular areas like Orange County, said Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist at the California Association of Realtors.

"It's a phenomenon of supply and demand. There just aren't enough new homes in desirable locations to accommodate people," said Phil Yasskin, vice president of sales and marketing for Christopher Homes.

FBI drops investigation into abduction

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The FBI has called off its investigation into the alleged abduction of an Oklahoma City doctor from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Lara Theobald-Nasr reported that she was kidnaped from the parking lot of the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute on Aug. 6 and driven to Laredo, Texas, where she was released later that day, said Richard A. Marquise, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oklahoma.

But on Friday, Theobald-Nasr's attorney told the FBI that she did not want the FBI to continue its investigation, Marquise said.

The FBI as well as other law enforcement agencies investigated the alleged abduction in Oklahoma and Texas. The probe revealed no evidence of a federal kidnaping violation, Marquise said.

Theobald-Nasr reported that she had been approached by a man in the parking lot of the institute and was kept prisoner inside his car as he drove south into Texas and stopped near the U.S.-Mexico border.

She told authorities that she escaped from the trunk of the car in Laredo, Texas, about 11 hours after she was kidnapped. She was kept overnight in a Texas hospital for observation and was questioned by federal investigators on Tuesday.

Theobald-Nasr, 28, is a first-year resident at the institute who has a medical degree from OU's department of ophthalmology. Her alleged abduction prompted OU Medical Center authorities to evaluate safety procedures.

Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, Ph.D

What's the story on vitamins

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I was wondering about the origin of the idea of vitamins and where the name comes from. What makes a vitamin water-soluble? I know vitamins A, D, E and K are not water-soluble, but B and C are. Is it because we do not store these vitamins in our body? — **T.H., Kankakee, Ill.**

Dear T.H.: Thanks to the landmark work of Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) and Robert Koch (1843-1910), the scientific community of the 19th century finally came around to the concept that germs could be responsible for disease. Following that development, scientists went to work trying to find the bugs behind every illness. Many believed that good sanitation could help eliminate bacteria and therefore reduce the incidence of illness. This approach wasn't always successful because some ailments persisted even when the germs were under control.

Because the "germ theory" ruled the day, the idea that the answer might lie with diet was not a popular concept. Nevertheless, as time went on more scientists turned their attention to what we ate (or failed to eat) for their answers. The usual way to establish the essentiality of a nutrient is through an investigation of what happens when it is absent. Because vitamins are present (and needed by the body) in relatively small amounts, it was not until researchers had the ability to purify foods that they could know exactly what it was people were eating.

The stage for scientific breakthroughs was set when experiments began using diets composed of pure protein, fat and carbohydrates. Only then did it become evident that these substances, by themselves, were not sufficient to support life. Young animals failed to grow when fed such "pure diets," and mature animals failed to maintain their body weight. Eventually, it became clear that vital substances were absent from the purified diet.

One by one, the mysteries of the essential micronutrients were unraveled. As time passed and analytical procedures improved, more and more substances were found. (We are probably not through yet.) When the first was discovered, it contained the element nitrogen, in the form of an amino (uh-MEEN-oh) group. It was initially thought that they all would have a similar structure, so scientists referred to new group of substances as the vitalamines, or vitamines — a word coined in 1911 by a Polish scientist named Casmir Funk. It was later determined that not all were built the same way, but seeing as the name had already become part of scientific jargon, it was retained but shortened to vitamin.

An adult is about 60-percent water by weight, and water enters and passes through the system, serving as a medium for biochemical reactions and a vehicle to help eliminate metabolic byproducts. Fat, by contrast, tends to be retained because it's the body's most concentrated source of metabolic energy.

When the vitamin discoveries began, it became convenient to classify these substances according to the medium in which they dissolved: water or fat. This simple method of classification was not based on where the vitamins were stored, as that information was not known at the time. The system, however, has stood the test of time. Fat-soluble vitamins, it turns out, tend to be stored in the body, while water soluble vitamins are not stored to any appreciable degree.

The fat soluble vitamins include A, D, E and K, and the water soluble vitamins include thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), pantothenic acid (B5), pyridoxine (B6), vitamin B12, folate, ascorbic acid, choline and biotin.

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Defense attorneys want time to review secret recordings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Defense attorneys for former police officers accused in a drug trafficking scheme have been given more time to review secret tape recordings and transcripts of conversations between an FBI agent and his supervisor.

A federal judge has sealed the tapes and barred attorneys from talking about them. The transcripts were turned over to attorneys several weeks ago.

The San Antonio Express-News reported in Saturday's editions that the material included discussions of entrapment and promises of "big payments" to confidential police sources.

John Convery, an attorney for Sgt. Conrad Fragozo Jr., told the judge in a hearing last week that he would "like the government to write to any FBI agent involved and, in fact, to the supervisors of the agency and ask them: What were the discussions concerning the defensive entrapment?

"What were the discussions with the source? ... In these tapes, it says, 'We told this person to lie.' What was the lie? Who told that person to lie? What did they tell her to say? How was she given that direction? Who gave her the direction? Why was the direction given?"

Robert Grant, FBI assistant special agent in charge, defended the FBI undercover investigation last week.

"We are extremely confident of the case, regardless of the smoke that's been surfacing," Grant said.

Ten local law officers and two civilians were arrested in March. Seven of the 12 were accused of conspiring to protect what they believed were cocaine shipment in exchange for money. The shipments were supplied by FBI agents posing as drug smugglers.

Five of the defendants have entered guilty pleas. U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado reset the trial to Oct. 22 for Fragozo, his uncle, Ed Fragozo, Patrick Bowron, Arthur Gutierrez Jr., and former officer Peter Saenz.

The Express-News said FBI officials and others close to the investigation declined to comment on why Special Agent Manny Rodriguez was secretly taping his supervisor, Tom Rocco.

Defense attorneys want to question the agent and his supervisor.

Defense attorney Albert Rodriguez said at the hearing last week that the transcripts include references to payments made to sources in exchange for information.

"There is also conversation between (the) special agent and his supervisor about how sources will bring you more information if there is more money to give them," he said.

Several defendants have challenged the sting as entrapment. Prado rejected that argument July 31, but attorneys raised related issues after reviewing the transcript.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Counts said the evidence will show the officers were not entrapped, but willingly committed the crimes.

"The defense has all the tapes, and they'll just have to make a determination whether or not their clients would fare better after a trial, or by pleading guilty," Counts said.

Ronald Guyer, who represents Bowron, asked that the court review whether there was an attempt to keep from the defense the amount paid to confidential sources.

Pier 1 warns it will miss full-year earnings mark

FORT WORTH (AP) — Home furnishings retailer Pier 1 Imports Inc. says it will fall short of expected full-year earnings because of disappointing sales.

The Fort Worth-based company said Thursday it expects to earn 79 cents to 85 cents in its current fiscal year, which ends in February. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call had expected 93 cents per share.

Chief executive Marvin Girouard blamed the lowered outlook on the slowing economy, which he said has caused consumer confidence to wane.

Despite the dimmed full-year outlook, the retailer said it would meet expectations of 14 cents per share in its just-concluded second quarter.

Pier 1 said sales in the quarter that ended Sept. 1 rose 5.7 percent but same-store sales fell 0.2 percent. August sales rose 6.3 percent from a year ago, to $110.1 million, and same-store sales last month rose by nearly 1 percent, the company said.

All North Texas teachers will have to pass computer tests

DALLAS (AP) — It's either pass or no pay for teachers in a North Texas school district.

About 400 teachers in the Northwest Independent School District will be required to master certain computer skills, including how to surf the Web and how to build a spreadsheet, under a new rule adopted by the school board.

Once they do, they will become eligible for additional classroom technology tools. But if they don't, their salaries won't be increased.

"We felt if we had a salary freeze, that would make it clear to everyone how beneficial it would be to comply with the standards," said Kim Nelson, a sixth-grade teacher at Samuel Beck Intermediate School and chair of the committee that created the new policy.

"It definitely caught everybody's attention," she told the Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

Teachers have plenty of time to gain the skills they need; the salary freeze won't kick in for five more years. But the policy shows how serious schools are about technology.

"We're all professionals, and professional development is part of any career," said Sunnye Murdock, executive director for technology for the district, which is in Tarrant,Denton and Wise counties.

The district has defined four levels of computer knowledge, from the most basic — knowing how to send e-mail, for instance — to advanced photo editing and database structuring.

Teachers will be required to demonstrate they have mastered up to Level 3, which includes creating Web pages and using scanners.

They'll also have to demonstrate their knowledge by completing a series of tasks.

Teachers will receive training for skills they lack.

They'll have five years — starting this fall for current teachers or from the date of hire for future teachers — to master the skills and complete all the tasks.

The district also plans to create similar technology skill requirements for other employees, such as librarians, administrators and school nurses.

The technology plan, approved at last month's board meeting, replaces a rule that required 12 hours of technology training each year for most teachers and 24 hours for first-year teachers.

District officials said the move was prompted in part by the large role technology has in the state's curriculum standards, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

The standards include computer-related tasks for nearly every grade level.

"If students are going to be expected to master these skills, then certainly teachers should be able to master them as well," Murdock said.

3 arrested in park standoff

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Two suspected fugitives wanted for assaulting a Minnesota couple were arrested Friday evening, six miles from a popular campground that was evacuated during an search and standoff with a SWAT team, park officials said.

Park rangers and the SWAT officers had surrounded a stolen truck near the campground about 6 a.m. and watched it for seven hours, thinking the men and an unidentified woman were inside.

After waiting most of the day, police approached the truck to find it empty.

The two men and a woman were arrested about 6 p.m., park spokeswoman Marsha Karle said. She did not have details.

"They were on foot, so they went cross-country, maybe five or six miles," Karle said.

Park officials reopened Fishing Bridge campground and small businesses in the area on the shore of Yellowstone Lake. Several hundred visitors and employees had been evacuated and the east entrance of the park had been closed.

Authorities believe the men are Patrick J. Engelbrecht, 18, and Thomas J. O'Flanagan, 19, both of Superior, Wis. They are wanted for a string of burglaries in that state in which police say they stole at least a half-dozen guns, including assault rifles. The woman was not identified.

The men also are suspects in the assault of an elderly couple at their home in New Brighton, Minn., Wednesday. Police say the men beat the husband and wife, then stole the pickup truck from their driveway.

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8 foreign workers plead innocent

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Eight foreign workers on trial for preaching Christianity in devoutly Muslim Afghanistan pleaded innocent Saturday, in their first appearance before the Taliban's highest court.

The Taliban have issued an edict making the punishment for a foreigner caught proselytizing jail and expulsion. The punishment for an Afghan Muslim who either converts to or preaches another religion is death.

The workers said they were not guilty.

"We have heard we were accused of all these things. It is simply not true. We have not converted anybody," said George Taubmann, a German. "We are shocked about all the accusations. We have not had a chance to defend ourselves."

Chief Justice Noor Mohammed Saqib told the eight aid workers — two Americans, four Germans and two Australians — they have the right to a lawyer, who can either be Afghan or foreign, Muslim or non-Muslim.

His comments suggested the trial, in its fifth day on Saturday, could last at least several more days.

The aid workers were driven to the Taliban Supreme Court in a white van accompanied by a truckload of gun-toting Taliban soldiers. Six of the aid workers are women, all of whom were draped in giant shawls in accordance with Islamic custom.

"Please leave me alone," one of two jailed American women, 29-year-old Dayna Curry, said when reporters asked whether she was afraid.

The other American, Heather Mercer, 24, clutched her father's hand through most of the one-hour proceeding. No date was set for a return appearance but the court reconvenes Sunday to continue considering evidence.

Curry's mother, Nancy Cassell, of Thompson's Station, Tenn., and Mercer's father, John Mercer, of Vienna Va., were united with their children at the court.

Cassell was also wearing a large black shawl, her taut and worried face barely visible. John Mercer, Heather's father, held his arms around her to help her through crush of journalists into a room in the courthouse where their daughters were being held.

The proceedings were held in the stark office of the chief justice, his walls adorned with verses from the Muslim holy book, the Quran, two swords and a leather strap used for public beatings, which are carried out by the Taliban for a number of lesser offenses.

Ex-Columbian drug boss arrives in Miami to face fed narcotics charges

MIAMI (AP) — Alleged drug kingpin Fabio Ochoa arrived in Miami early Saturday to face prosecution on charges he belonged to a gang that sent 30 tons of cocaine a month to the United States, a federal official said.

Ochoa, a former top leader of the notorious Medellin cartel, was being held at the federal detention center in Miami and will face a judge at the U.S. Magistrate Court next week, Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Joe Kilmer said Saturday.

The handover is seen as a victory for U.S. officials who have long sought the extradition of Colombian drug lords who are flooding the United States with cocaine and heroin. Ochoa becomes the highest-profile Colombian sent to justice in the United States since Colombia revived extraditions in 1997.

Ochoa was put on a DEA plane in Bogota, Colombia, late Friday after a Colombian judge lifted an order suspending the handover.

Ochoa's extradition comes four days before Secretary of State Colin Powell is to visit Bogota. President Andres Pastrana, who signed Ochoa's extradition papers last month, was kidnapped by the Medellin cartel in 1988 when he was running for mayor of Bogota.

Ochoa's family fought bitterly to stop his being sent to stand trial in the United States.

"Justice did not triumph, and all Colombians have lost," Martha Nieves Ochoa, Fabio Ochoa's sister, told reporters from the family's home in Medellin.

In Washington, the State Department warned Americans in Colombia to take extra security precautions following Ochoa's extradition.

In a statement released Friday night, the department noted "the past history of narcotics traffickers conducting bombings in public areas as a reprisal for or deterrent to extradition."

In 1990, Ochoa was the first major Colombian trafficker to surrender in return for a promise that he would not be extradited. But U.S. prosecutors say Ochoa resumed trafficking cocaine after leaving a Colombian jail in 1996.

Ochoa was arrested in October 1999 along with dozens of other suspected traffickers.

Democrats use lone vote to push through a defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats used their one-vote majority on the Senate Armed Services Committee to push through a defense bill Friday that cuts $1.3 billion from President Bush's request for financing his prized national missile shield and restricts his freedom to conduct missile defense tests.

All 12 Republicans on the committee voted against the bill authorizing Bush's budget request for $343 billion for defense in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The bill also would authorize another round of base closings, unpopular in Congress where lawmakers fear the disruption caused by the loss of a base.

But it was the restrictions on Bush's ability to conduct missile defense activities that would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, not the base closings, that prompted the 13-12 vote on a measure customarily approved without dissent.

"The intensity of the feeling among the Republicans was so great that we voted unanimously not to report the bill out," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the committee's top Republican, said of the work done behind closed doors.

Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said he was "somewhat disappointed" at the partisan vote, saying there was bipartisan agreement on much of the bill.

The restrictions the Republicans oppose would require a special vote by Congress before any money could be spent on an activity that the president tells Congress would violate the ABM treaty, even if the United States is no longer a party to that treaty. That vote would occur within 30 days of notification of the upcoming violation.

Births

Shane and Belinda Compton of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Alec Shane Compton. Born at 5:41 p.m. on Sept. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital, he weighed seven pounds, four ounces. A brother, Derek Compton of Snyder, and a sister, Toni Compton of Odessa, also welcomed him.

Paternal grandparents are Eddy and Pat Compton, and Pauline Compton, all of Snyder. Beverly Griffith of Colorado City is the maternal grandmother.

Family disturbance call results in arrest of two

•Arrests

Two men, ages 32 and 23, were taken into custody in the 1900 block of Coleman early Thursday morning for public intoxication. Officers responded after one of the men reported his ex-girlfriend messing with his vehicle.

The officers made contact with both men and the ex-girlfriend and advised that an offense report would be filed for Class C assault, family violence.

At 10:43 a.m. Thursday a DPS trooper arrested a 24-year-old man at the driver's license office on outstanding warrants for no driver's license.

Three juveniles were taken into custody Thursday afternoon after police received a call from a man in the 3700 block of Austin Ave. reporting two boys and a girl attempting to break into a vacant garage.

•Theft

Sharlot Sparlin requested an officer at East Elementary Thursday morning in reference to the theft of a CD player. An officer responded and advised a report for Class B theft would be filed.

•Criminal trespass

A woman requested an officer at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in reference to a man harassing his ex-wife. Two officers responded and advised no assault had occurred, but a criminal trespass warning was issued to the man. He was ordered to stay away from her residence and workplace and not to phone her at either location.

•Assault

A woman requested an officer in reference to an assault at 6:40 Thursday morning. An officer responded and filed an offense report for Class A assault, family violence.

•Criminal mischief

Jerry Owen requested to speak with an officer in reference to another broken window at the old IGA building.

•Tornado reported

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Edwin Parks reported to dispatchers that there was a tornado touching down at the Polar Community. The fire department was dispatched and advised everything was in order.

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balance at the end of 2000, and when 2001's final tallies are in, this is expected to drop to around $500,000 said Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services.

The highest the college's unrestricted fund balance has ever been was in 1993 when it had $1.7 million.

Scurry County had a total of $2,680,824 at the beginning of this fiscal year on Jan.1 in its general fund.

County Auditor Charlie Bell said these funds can be spent anywhere they are needed, but special accounts such as road and bridge can't be spent for anything else.

At the beginning of the year, the road and bridge fund totaled $164,269, Hermleigh Water Works $51,304, and the Board of County Development had $51,304 in its account.

The City of Snyder has $1,078,706 budgeted for this year in its general fund.

City finance manager Jeanne Johnson says the Texas Municipal League recommends cities have four months of operational funds in their coffers.

The city presently has 3.92 months.

"I'm not real comfortable with this amount because catastrophes do happen," said Johnson, adding that the city has $1,328,629 in its self-insured insurance fund.

The city operates differently in one respect from other taxing entities because it also has enterprise funds that are operated like a business. These are the water and sewer funds, said Johnson.

These funds currently have $3,328,832 in them, and the sanitation department has $2,620,850.

"You have to remember too, that we budgeted $3,372,000 in expenses for just the water and sewer departments," said Johnson.

"And we always have unanticipated expenses in these departments," said Johnson.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce has $297,000 in reserves, with $34,961 in the coliseum fund, $9,166 in hotel-motel tax funds, and $33,933 in the Western Swing account.

The Development Corporation of Snyder has about $350,000, or one year's working capital, in its reserve account.

The DCOS' only source of income is generated from sales tax.

"That amount, $350,000, may sound like a lot," said executive director John DeLille. "But when you're competing for business with cities with millions in their accounts, it doesn't really go far."

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Ira Baptist Church roundup

Ira Baptist Church will have a Sunday School roundup from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the church. There will be panning for real gold, an air castle, face painting and much more.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner at First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

Headstart registration

Scurry County Head Start, 2800 2nd Street, will conduct registrations from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday for new classrooms that begin in October. To qualify, children must be three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have diagnosed disability. Space is limited. Bring proof of income, letter from former employer, certified birth certificate, current shot record and child's social security card.

Blood drive

A blood drive in honor cf Becky Stewart will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Tiger Health and Fitness Center in Snyder Shopping Center. For an appointment, call Alene Martin at 573-2510. Bring picture ID and list of medications.

AARP board meeting

A meeting of the board of the AARP will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Senior Citizens Center.

UW board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at the United Way offices, 2311 Ave. T.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Providentially Led Christian," followed by "The Gospel is Good News."

Gateway support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a support group for victims of family violence from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday at the facility. Call 573-1822 in advance to reserve a place.

Retired teachers association

All retired teachers and their spouses are invited to a homemade ice cream and cookie social at 7 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church. Leon Manley, District XIV president, will address the group.

Baseball booster meeting

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room at the high school.

Speech team boosters

There will be a Snyder High School Parent Speech Team Booster Club and team member meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in room 109 at the high school. Topics to be discussed will be upcoming tournaments, fundraising and orientation.

Alzheimers' support group

A video, "Creative Intervention for the Alzheimer Patient," will be shown at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the meeting of the Alzheimers' support group at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

4-H horse club meeting

The first meeting of the year for the 4-H horse club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the East Elementary cafeteria. All members and prospective members are invited.

Palette Club

Snyder Palette Club will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the airport terminal building. Artist's videos will be viewed and anyone interested is invited.

Lions to meet with UW

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but will attend the kickoff luncheon Thursday for the Scurry County United Way at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Northeast school pictures

Northeast Elementary school pictures will be taken Friday. Pictures must be paid in advance.

GED testing

GED testing will be held at Western Texas College Friday and again on Friday, Sept. 28. For more information call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2513.

St. Jude's bike-a-thon

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital bike-a-thon will be from 10 a.m. until noon on next Saturday at the Ira School track. Come by 5722 FM 1606 to pick up sponsor form. Contact Pam Mauldin at 574-1817 for more information.

Cosmorama Club

The Cosmorama Club will meet at 11 a.m. next Saturday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The Hawaiian Aloha Festival will feature foods, fads and fun.

Jamaica Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will host a Jamaica Festival from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Sunday at the church campus. Activities include a volleyball tournament, live music from a variety of bands, Folkloric dances, talent shows, games, raffle, and a variety of foods.

Cowboy camp meeting

The Bull Creek Cowboy camp meeting is set for Sept. 22-23 at the Doyle and Shirley Newton ranch - 573-0968. The chuckwagon supper is at 5 p.m. on Saturday with the worship service following. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Sunday followed by the service at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow the service. Ronnie Trice will be the minister and leading the worship with be Mary Styer and family.

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37th Street C of C members visit Haiti in July

Imagine, if you can, a country where people have little or no electricity; there is no hot water for baths, showers or laundry; the food supply is meager; and students may not graduate from high school until they are in their 20s.

Such a place exists and this summer two representatives of 37th Street Church of Christ spent 10 days in Haiti, a country that is so poor that many consider it a Fourth World nation.

For Dale Huff, who became 37th's minister in March, it was his 10th trip. He also lived in Haiti during the year 2000.

However, this was the first trip for deacon Gary Moore who visited churches and communities as he conducted a survey of church activities. Joining them was Huff's son, Jimmy, who is a freshman at Hardin University at Searcy, Ark.

From July 16-July 26, Huff taught a course in *First Peter* at the Bible Training Center at Cap Haitien in Northern Haiti. The center serves as a preacher training school, Huff said. The average age of students is 30. Each day began with a service at 8:30 a.m., followed by morning and afternoon classes. Most were taught in Creole, the language spoken in Haiti, which Huff learned at Florida International University before he began his year-long stay in 2000. When an interpreter was available, he taught classes in English. The preachers studied during the week and preached on weekends.

Besides researching Church of Christ projects, Moore, a Snyder junior high teacher, also learned a great deal about the country, and he spent part of one afternoon listening to the students explain their country's early history. Moore said they know their history well and they are very proud of the fact that Haiti is the only slave nation to win its independence. They also appreciate it when foreigners respect the way they do things, Huff noted.

Yet there is still a residual effect from the slave era in that Haitians who meet foreigners wait to see if the foreigner will speak to them first. They hesitate, Huff explained, because they do not know if they will be treated like a slave or a freeman.

The students were pleased that Moore asked about their country's history and they were glad to have the opportunity to take both men on a tour of historical sites.

The Snyder men described the Haitians as "warm and friendly people who accepted us gracefully." They like to dress up to attend school and church and they wear ties, Huff added.

They also saw children who begged. The children also liked to shake hands with white people.

Cap Haitien, located in the northern part of Haiti, is the second largest city while Port-Au-Prince, in the south, is the largest city. Huff said the northern part of the country is very peaceful. Most of the violence reported in the media occurs in Port-Au-Prince.

Cap Haitien is more law abiding, Huff said, and they were never in any danger. The Haitian men often carry machetes; but they are more likely to be used to cut a sugar cane stalk rather than to hurt someone.

Still, Moore said it was a little unnerving when a man carrying a machete walked behind them one day. Another day, they said they became concerned when a woman they knew was walking on a road alone did not arrive when they expected her. They were afraid something might have happened to her. However, the Haitians reassured them that she was in no danger. They later learned the woman was delayed because she had stopped to render aid.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and the northern part is the poorest part of the country. Moore said the country is "strongly based in agriculture, well behind the United States." Huff said life in the rural parts of the country is comparable to what U.S. farm life was like in the 1920-30s. In some areas it's much more primitive. Life in the cities is comparable to the way Americans lived in the 1930-40s.

Income is descending rather than ascending and it's been cut almost in half within the past 12 years. The average income for a family of six is $150-$200 a year. Some 75 percent of the population exists in extreme poverty, which is hard for the Haitians to overcome. Foreign companies aren't allowed to own land in the Haiti, Huff said. Also, any company that sets up a business will most likely find it taken over by the government anyway.

Other factors, according to http://www.discipleship.net/stats.htm, includes the chaotic state the government is in, the economy is in shambles and lack of security provided by the police force.

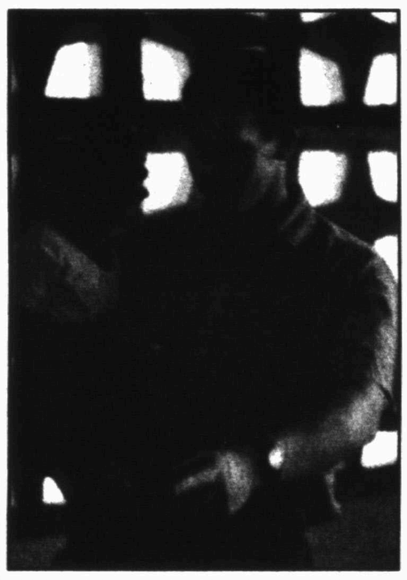
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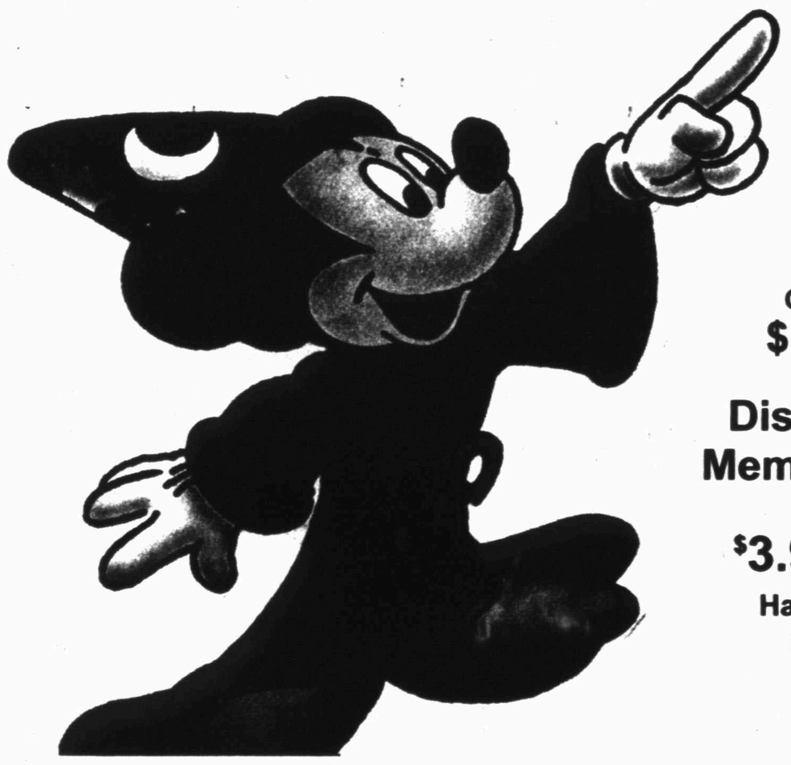
MISSION TO HAITI — Dale Huff, left top photo, taught a class in *First Peter* this summer in Cap Haitien, Haiti. Gary Moore, right top photo, accompanied him. In the bottom photo, Huff teaches a class in Creole with the held of an interpreter.



MAKING FRIENDS —Jimmy Huff's, the minister's son, also took part in the 10-day trip.



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Couple will celebrate 50th anniversary

Billy Earl Roach and Margaret Inez Payne married on Sept. 5, 1951 in Lovington, N.M., while on a delay en route from Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Korea where Roach served one year.

They will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at a later date with children and grandchildren.

Born Oct. 6, 1930 in Rush Springs, Okla., Margaret moved from Covington, Tenn., to Colorado City in 1949 and the couple met the next year.

Roach was born on Nov. 10, 1927 in Colorado City. He is a retired Scurry County Agriculture Agent. Margaret is a homemaker and they have lived in Colorado City, Tulia and in Snyder since 1959.

They are longtime members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Their children include Sharon Hanford of Lubbock, Sawanna Strain of Midland and Dr. Dee Roach of Colorado City. Their grandchildren are Ryan and Reese Hanford, Haylee and Larrah Strain, and Riley and Sara Roach.

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Parkerson, Robbins repeat solemn vows

Shana Janeen Parkerson of Ira and Michael Shannon Robbins of Snyder were united in marriage at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 23, in the Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the church, and Rev. Leroy Ochoa, pastor of Knapp Baptist Church, performed the double-ring ceremony.

Shana is the daughter of Melisa Kurklin and the late Dwight Parkerson. She is the granddaughter of Mickey and Joanne Sterling of Ira and Doris Parkerson of Lubbock and the late Glen Parkerson. She is the great-granddaughter of Loraine Tipping of Snyder.

Shannon is the son of Mike and Carolyn Robbins of Snyder and the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Harrison and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robbins.

Vows were pledged before a gold double branch tree candelabrum with votive candles, entwined with California ivy and millian star filler, flanked by pedestals with large basket arrangements of gladiolas, larkspurs, roses, delphenium, rubin lilies and millian star filler. A wood and glass table held their unity candle. Pews were marked with bouquets of matching flowers, tulle bows and lace mauve and white ribbon.

Piano music, favorites of the bride and groom, was played by Cole McLeod as the guests were seated.

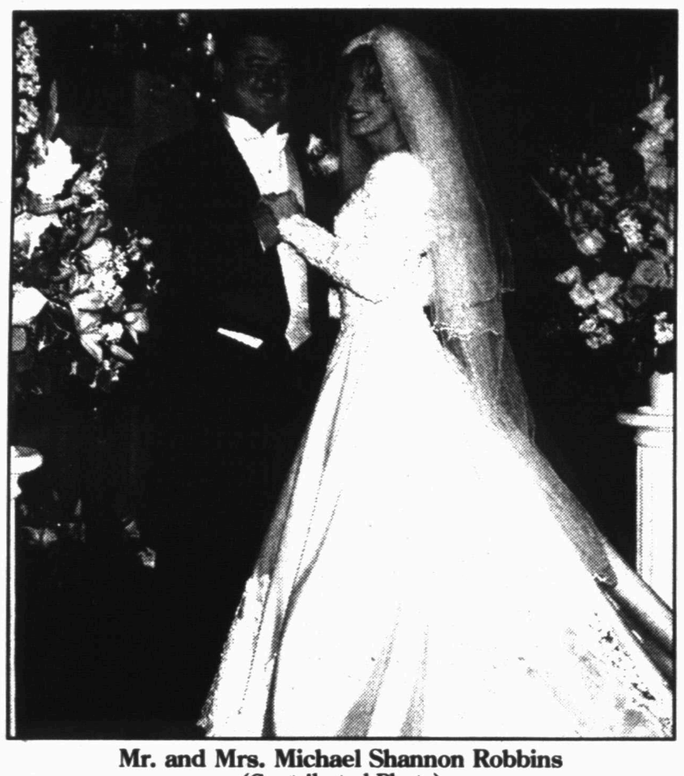
Candlelighter was Tyson Dee Sterling of Liberty City, cousin of the bride.

He wore a black Classic full-dress tuxedo, navy vest, white wing pleated shirt, navy bow tie and a vogue rose boutonniere.

The registration in the foyer was presided over by Elizabeth Cary, cousin of the groom from Hale Center. The round table was covered with a white floor-length cloth and decorated with the register book and a bride doll, gift of the bride's mother. Scrolls designed by the bride and groom were given to each guest.

Ushers were Cody Sterling of Liberty City, cousin of the bride, and Travis Goswick of Snyder. They wore black Classic full-dress tuxedos accented with navy vests, white wing pleated tuxedo shirts, navy bow tie, and a white vogue rose boutonniere. Cody Sterling escorted the bride's grandmothers and mother of the bride. The groom escorted his parents to their seat, kissing his mother and shaking hands with his dad.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her grandfather. She wore a gown of bridal satin and Alencon lace that featured a soft V-neck in front and an open-heart key hole in the back.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shannon Robbins
(Contributed Photo)

Her long-sleeved, long-waisted bodice was heavily covered with hand-sewn pearls and sequins, the ball-room skirt fell from the fitted bodice to a long wedding train, and was covered with Alencon lace. Pearls and sequins decorated all of the lace patterns.

She wore a pearl and rhinestone tiara, with a detachable rolled hem, chapel-length veil. She carried a bridal bouquet of pink and mauve spray roses and filled with satin, pearls, fern and ivy. All flowers and arrangements were designed and made by Glenda Glasscock, the wedding coordinator.

Shonnah Miller, sister of the bride from Plainview, was matron of honor. Angel Riggs of Colorado City was maid of honor. They carried two long-stemmed Anna roses.

Bridesmaids were Susan Robbins, sister of the groom, Beckey Moffitt of Sweetwater, the bride's college roommate, and Suzannah Parkerson of Idalou, sister of the bride. Each attendant wore a long, two-piece Montego satin shantung navy skirt, the matching bodice had a scoop neck and was covered with navy Casa lace. They each carried a long stemmed Anna rose with millian star filler, tied with mauve and navy sheer lace ribbons and pearls. They wore matching navy pumps. Their hair was styled by Yolanda Becerra and their dresses were designed and made by Joanne Sterling, the bride's grandmother.

Flower girl was Paige Nicole Sterling, cousin of the bride from Liberty City. She wore a white formal floor-length dress with hand-sewn pearls and sequins on the bodice. In her hair, she wore a circle crown of white spray roses with satin ribbon and pearls. She carried a white satin basket with ribbon petals.

The groom wore a black Classic full-dress tuxedo accented with a white vest, white wing pleated tuxedo shirt, white bow tie and a white double vogue rose boutonniere.

Chris Cary, cousin of the groom from Hale Center, was best man. Groomsmen were Daniel Sanders, Patrick Wardwell, cousin of the groom from Hamlin, Tim Miller, brother-in-law of the bride from Plainview, and Charlie D. Jinkins of Hamlin. They wore identical tuxedos, accented with a navy vest, white wing pleated shirt, navy bow tie and a vogue rose boutonniere.

Mason Tabor carried the Holy Bible and Logan Tabor was ring bearer. They wore matching tuxedos, navy vest, white wing pleated tuxedo shirts, navy bow tie and vogue rose boutonnieres.

The bride's and groom's attendants entered as Cole McLeod played "Cannon D Major."

Johnnie Marie Riggs sang "There Was Love" as the bride and groom lit their unity candle. Other music included "Keeper of the Stars," by Tracy Byrd, and the couple's special song, "From This Moment," by Bryan White and Shania Twain.

The reception, held in the fellowship hall, featured the bride's table covered with a floor-length gathered satin skirt and lace overlay, furnished by Nona Williams. The bride's three-tiered wedding cake featuring a fountain was made and decorated by Tori Thompson. The top was a crystal cross that held connected wedding rings and two doves.

The peach and strawberry slush punch was served from a Hob-nail glass punch bowl that belongs to the bride's great-grandmother, Loraine Tipping. Serving were Vanessa Freeman and Kristen Hull, cousins of the bride, and Elizabeth Cary, cousin of the groom.

The groom's table was covered with a floor-length lace and linen cloth furnished by Mrs. Wayne Eubanks. Decorations included a bride and groom wedding bears. Coffee was served from a silver service. The groom's two-tiered basket weave chocolate cake was embellished with white and chocolate dipped strawberries made and decorated by Tori Thompson. Serving were Marilyn Cary of Hale Center and Linda Wardwell of Hamlin, aunts of the groom.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at The Shack. Tables were decorated with flower arrangements and candles. The dessert table was decorated with miniature brides and grooms and the names and couple's wedding date.

On the morning of the wedding, the bride hosted a breakfast for her attendants at Rudy's.

Out-of-town guests registered from Agua Dulce, Austin, Hamlin, Hale Center, Hermleigh, Ira, Idalou, Lubbock, Denton, Kilgore, Plainview, Colorado City, Sweetwater and Carlsbad, N.M.

The couple departed under a rainbow of bubbles for a honeymoon in Cancun where they stayed at the Riviera Maya Copacabana, overlooking the Caribbean.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Snyder High School and attended Western Texas College. Shannon is employed as a correctional officer at the Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

They will reside in San Angelo where the bride is a senior at Angelo State University.

Scurry County Library News & Views

Janie Romine, Librarian

September is "Library Card Sign-up Month" in libraries across the United States. Do you have a library card?

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Not only does your personal library card open a world for you through books; it also opens an entire world of information on the computer. Thanks to the state of Texas and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and thanks to the fact that the Scurry County Library has maintained its Texas State Library membership, those of you with Scurry County Library cards are in for a real treat!

Because of our membership in the Texas State Library System, a new program allows our library cardholders to access from their home computers over 60 databases that until now were only available through the library computers. If you have a library card already, ask about this new benefit for county cardholders.

Come to the library and get a card for each member of your family and encourage reading and literacy in your home, in your neighborhood, in your schools and in your county. Cherish and protect your freedom to access information and ideas. Not everyone in the world has this freedom.

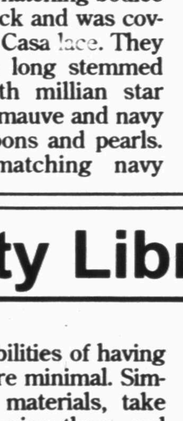
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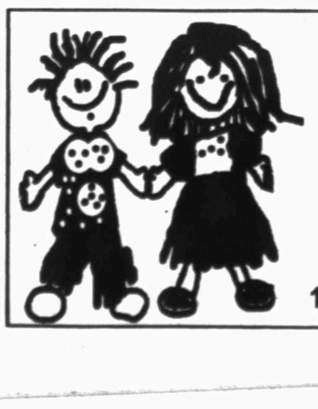
Florists give away roses across country

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — In towns across the country, florists gave away roses by the dozen, but with a caveat: The taker could only keep one and had to give away the other 11.

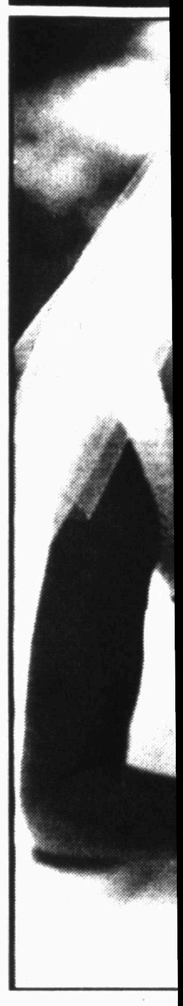
Florist Brook Jacobs started the "Good Neighbor Day" give-aways eight years ago in Jackson to improve personal relations in a busy world. This year's took place on Wednesday.

"It helps fulfill the number one need we all have, we need to have friends," Jacobs said.

The idea caught on. Florists nationwide were expected to give away millions of "Good Neighbor Day" flowers this year, an FTD spokeswoman said.



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DALLAS — Newman and Ste els, both of Dall in a Catholic ma 2 p.m. on June King Catholic C

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The groom's Martha Ockels, Jimmie Roy Oc canville.

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Mrs. Stephen Roy Ockels
(Contributed Photo)

Newman, Ockels united in marriage in Dallas church

DALLAS — Christine Ann Newman and Stephen Roy Ockels, both of Dallas, were united in a Catholic mass ceremony at 2 p.m. on June 16 in Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas.

Charles Newman, formerly of Snyder, and Jeanette Grossman Ender of Hermleigh are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Edna Newman of Stanford and the late A.C. Newman, Margaret Grossman of Hermleigh and the late C.J. (Duke) Grossman.

The groom's parents are Martha Ockels, and the late Jimmie Roy Ocklels of Duncanville.

The altar was covered with fresh flower arrangements of white calla lilies, white roses, purple orchids and hydrangeas, the unity candle and tapers used to light the unity candle. As Henry McDowell sang with his orchestra playing "Ave Marie" the bride's and groom's mothers were escorted to the altar to light the unity candle which was later lit by the bride and groom.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a traditional gown of white Italian satin. The fitted bodice, covered in beaded crystals, featured a scoop neckline front and back. The basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor featuring covered buttons down the full length of her gown.

To complete her ensemble the bride selected a pearl and crystal demi-band floor-length tulle veil embellished with crystals and sequins. She completed her attire with a pearl necklace and earrings given to her by her grandmother, Margaret Grossman. She carried a bouquet of assorted fresh flowers including calla lilies, roses, orchids and hydrangea tied with white ribbon and a handkerchief that belonged to her father.

Maid of honor was Holly Watson of Dallas and bridesmaids were Leslie Light of Hawaii, formerly of Snyder, Natalie Swanson of Dallas, Frances Ockels, the bride's sister from Duncanville. Flower girl was Megan Young of Dallas.

Best men were Charlie Matthews and Lester Young of Dallas. Groomsmen were Jason Ockels, brother of the bride, and Lloyd Schubert, both of Dallas. They wore black day tuxedos with rosebud boutonnieres.

The reception and buffet was held at the Hotel Crescent Court with Signed Sealed and Delivered Band providing the entertainment.

The bride's table, in the hotel's Garden Room, held a three-layer wedding cake filled with strawberries and raspberries, and was topped with fresh flowers. The groom's rocky road cake with chocolate icing was topped with broken pieces of chocolate.

The bride attended Highland Park High School and then continued her education at the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she obtained her degree in communications and journalism. She is currently in sales with Musac in Dallas. The groom graduated Duncanville High School and later received his degree in architecture from the University of Texas at Arlington. He currently has his own firm, Ockels and Associates Architecture in Dallas.

The couple spent a week in New Orleans and made their home in Dallas.

The first person to sail around the world alone was Joshua Slocum. In 1895, he set out from Newport, R.I., in a 36-foot sailboat and returned three years and two months later. He was 51 years old when he began the voyage.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	2 ♥
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001

A third bite from a big Bing cherry

By Phillip Alder

The present wisdom is that drinking two — but not three — glasses of red wine each evening is good for your heart. It appears, though, that this isn't an innovative idea. In the early 17th century, George Herbert wrote:

Drink not the third glass — which thou canst not tame
When once it is within thee.

I hope you aren't drunk as you get a third glass of this spade suit. This deal is identical to yesterday's, except that the red-suit queens have been switched. How does that affect the play in four spades? West leads the heart seven and dummy plays low. What now?

Yesterday, we learned that East had to start with three rounds of hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. Then, when South continued with the spade king, East had to win immediately with the ace and play a fourth heart. Not knowing West is out of spades, declarer would ruff in hand and try to draw trumps — and be disappointed.

To start with three top hearts here, though, East must win the first trick with his nine. He mustn't rise with the king. And how does he know to do that? He doesn't! West might have led from the doubleton 7-6 or 7-4. Then playing the nine would be a disaster.

However, if East assumes West has three hearts, which isn't unlikely given South's bidding, he knows West must have led from J-8-7 exactly. With, say, 8-7-5, he would lead the five, not the seven.

Next time, though, West will have J-8-4 and East won't know whether the 4-lead is from that holding or 8-7-4, 8-6-4 or 7-6-4. Bridge can be difficult at times.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course Monday and Tuesday 6 to 9 p.m.; Texas Savings Bank Community Room, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850.

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

American Legion Post 181 & Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Winners

Friday, Aug. 24

Monte West directed.
North-South
A group
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Louise Thompson, Durelle Gorman.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
B group
1. Peggy Hardin, Pat Floyd.
2. Margaret Presswood, Paula Gilbert.
3. LaVerne Hood, Vera McSpadden.
East-West
A group
1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Nonnie Ward.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Tizzy Hall.
B group
1. Dorothy Rosson, Tizzy Hall.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. Bobbie Taylor, ElWanda Nall.
Monte West directed at the Snyder Country Club.

Sunday, Sept. 26

1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott tied with Linda West, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

A group
1. Louise Thompson, Tizzy Hall.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
B group
1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Nonnie West, Martha Fagin.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Friday, Aug. 31

Jane Hinton directed.
A group
1. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Alta Cates, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
B group
1. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.
2. Paula Gilbert, Bobbie Taylor.
3. ElWanda Nall, Margaret Presswood.
4. Durelle Gorman, Nina Nesbit.

Sunday, Sept. 2

Jane Hinton directed.
1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard tied with Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Dora Blakey, Louise Thompson.
3. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, Sept 4

Monte West directed.
North-South
1. Johnye Van Dever, Mary Bast.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
4. ElWanda Nall, Durelle Gorman.
East-West
1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Nona Morrison.
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they are built on are very small and they have very little furniture in them. There are no beds, just mats or palettes. While the weather is hot the only "air-conditioning" is a gentle breeze flowing through small slots in the windows. Humidity is very high. It's like living in Galveston or Corpus Christi, without benefit of air-conditioning, Huff added.

Electricity, what little there is, is usually located only within city limits. Rural areas have none, unless it's from a generator.

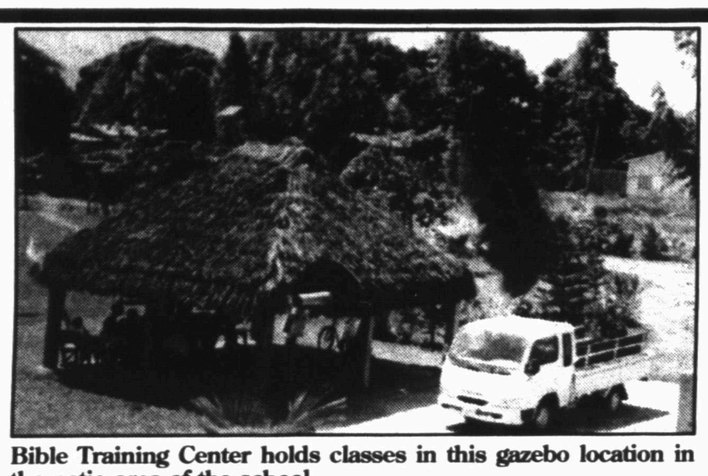
No electricity meant that when the Snyder men stepped outside at night everything was totally dark. They said the Haitians know their area so well that they can follow the trails in the dark. An occasional candle might be used but kerosene lamps are cost prohibitive.

There isn't much food to eat in Haiti. Some eat only one meal a day, usually rice or bean soup without very many beans, Huff said.

According to discipleship.net, many Haitians only eat every two to three days. Since the Haitian cultural order is based on strength, when food is available men eat first, as much as they want. Women eat next and then the children, starting with the oldest.

According to the site, this practice is one of many reasons why some 70% of Haitian children die before their fifth birthday.

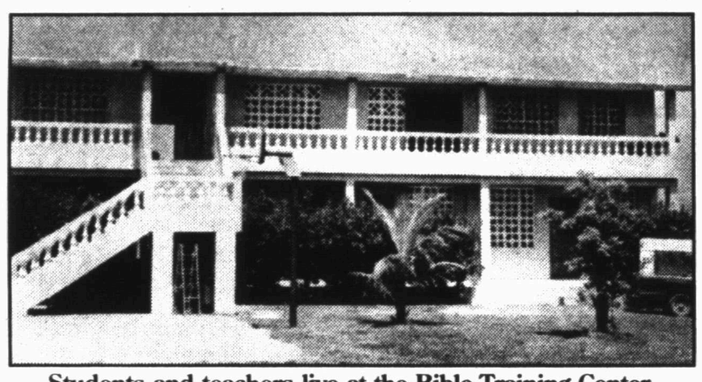
Even though most Haitians are poor they are hospitable and they willingly shared what they had with Huff and Moore. Some will also share with other Haitians. Huff related a story of a man who lived in a small mud house with a tin roof. Yet he took in a man and wife and their five children because they had no place to go. A political prisoner, the man's family had just paid for his release.



Bible Training Center holds classes in this gazebo location in the patio area of the school.



This Voodoo luck bath takes place at a slime pit in Blaine Du Nord.



Students and teachers live at the Bible Training Center.

It's common for Haitians to chew on a sugar cane stalk throughout the day. They can take one stalk from a field that is not, theirs without the owner objecting, but if they tried to take a bunch the owner would object, Huff explained.

Everyone works hard and gets by on very little. The Snyder men saw young teens working in the fields or in some other capacity to help support their family. Water pumps are placed every three to four blocks so the people can fill containers to carry to their homes.

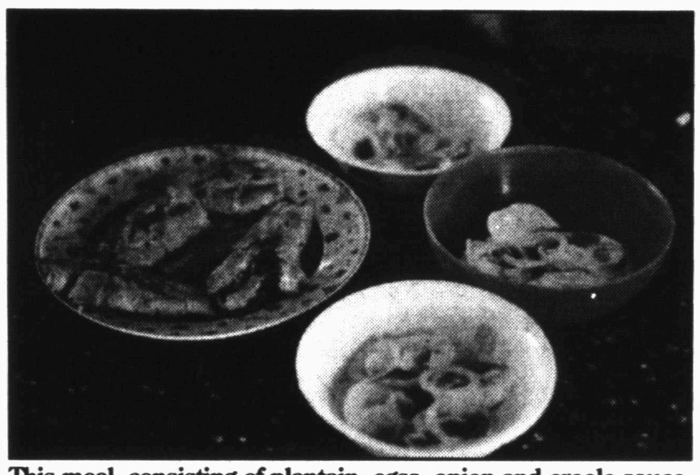
Forty percent of the Haitian population attends school. Some buildings are little more than shacks. About 10 percent are government run schools. The two or three schools the Snyder men saw are only operated when and if funds and teachers are available, Huff said. That's why it is not unusual to finish high school by age 25 or 26.

Most of the churches also have their own schools.

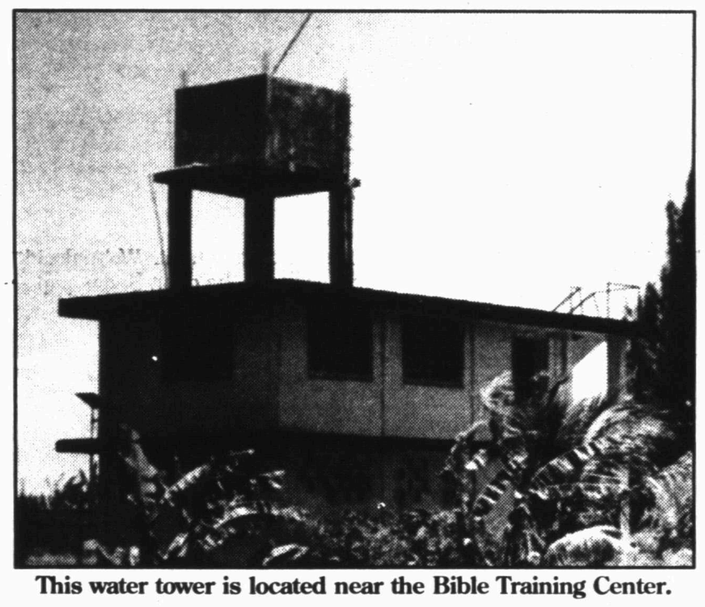
Huff and Moore also attended one of the largest Voodoo Festivals held in Haiti. The more rural the area, the more intense is the practice of Voodoo, which is considered both a religion and their culture, Huff said. While reports of Voodoo being used to turn people into zombies are exaggerated, they said Voodoo is practiced quite a bit and it does have a negative impact on the people because it fosters distrust among them. Everyone is afraid of offending someone and suffering the consequences. Moore said a voodoo site is identifiable by a tree trunk partially painted white.



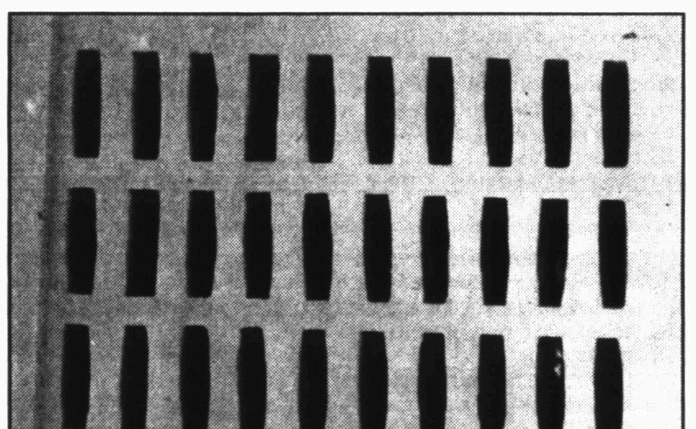
This altar to Satin is located 200 yards behind the Bible Training cenrter. Voodoo is practiced in Haiti.



This meal, consisting of plantain, egss, onion and creole sauce, is one Dale Huff and Gary Moore ate while in Cap Haitien.



This water tower is located near the Bible Training Center.



Windows with slots serve as the only "air-conditioning" Cap Haitien has.

Huff first became interested in Haiti several years ago while serving as minister of a Church of Christ in Haskell. A woman in the congregation started an orphanage in Cap Haitien and he visited the country to see the work being done there. He continued to make periodic trips and even lived and taught in Haiti for a year.

When he became minister of the 37th Street church, he expressed a desire for the local church to become involved also. Hopefully, Huff and Moore said, more members of the congregation will be able to make the next trip. Moore said one of the purposes of his going was to identify how the local church can help the people who live in Northern Haiti.

Huff loved the people, working with the preachers in the classes and visiting the churches. Those interactions were always good. "But interacting with the government was always bad," he said.

Moore's 10 days in Haiti "changed my opinion about a lot of things." Since the roads were like "cow pastures," he said he won't complain about potholes any more.

"What we have is so accessible," he noted. He recalled times when he became upset when the electricity was off for a while. Compared to most Haitians who have no electricity, he said that's not such a big problem after all. Also, Haitians only have cold water but considering how hot it was while they were there, he said a cold shower actually felt pretty good.

Boy charged with killing 4-year-old

NEW YORK (AP) — An 8-year-old boy was charged with criminally negligent homicide Friday in the stabbing death of a 4-year-old neighbor.

His friend, a 10-year-old boy, was charged with 2nd-degree assault, deputy police chief Joseph Resznick said. Both boys were charged as juveniles.

Emanuel Barima was stabbed in the neck Wednesday while playing with his 5-year-old sister, Abigail, in the hall outside their family's Bronx apartment.

A conflict had developed over the summer between the Barima children and the older boys, authorities said.

An autopsy showed that Emanuel was stabbed in the neck and died because his jugular vein was penetrated. A police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, has said that the weapon might be a pen that was found in the hall, but forensic tests on it were inconclusive.

The victim's mother, Elizabeth Ghunney, was baby sitting and had sent Emanuel and his sister to throw away a soiled diaper into a hallway chute. They played a few minutes, then Emanuel returned to the apartment and collapsed, bleeding from the neck.

"They opened the door, and I heard that they were screaming," Ghunney said Thursday. She called 911 and used a dish towel to try to stop the bleeding.

"I kept on praying and praying and then they told me he wasn't going to make it," Ghunney said. Her little boy died about an hour later.







Authorities arrest 24 people in gang-drug ring; seize cars

LYNWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Twenty-four people, including the leader of a Southern California street gang, were arrested for allegedly running a drug trafficking ring authorities say supplied dealers in several states.

Most of the arrests were made Thursday morning as officers from several law enforcement agencies delivered warrants on members and associates of the Santana Block Crips, a street gang believed to have nearly 200 members.

"They're not your typical gang. They're not out doing the drive-by shootings." said Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Willie Miller.

"They're strictly a for-profit organization."

The group, reputedly headed by Frederick Staves, brought large quantities of cocaine from Mexico and distributed it throughout the United States including Texas, Illinois and Ohio, according to U.S. Attorney John S. Gordon.

Over the course of a two-year investigation, authorities seized more than 70 pounds of cocaine, 40 pounds of marijuana, 27 illegal firearms and approximately $250,000 in cash. Also seized were seven customized automobiles totaling more than $500,000 in value.

Staves, 38, was arrested without incident Wednesday at his home in Compton on charges of conspiring to distribute cocaine.

His wife, Guadalupe Yanez-Staves, 29, was also taken into custody on charges of money laundering. Authorities said Yanez-Staves ran the couple's business — OG's Paging Network — and used the company to launder drug money and buy fancy cars.

Robert Suarez, 24, who resisted a search warrant, had held officers at bay and eluded capture for about eight hours Thursday until he was arrested next door to his Lynwood home, south of Los Angeles. Authorities said he was found hiding in the rafters of a neighbor's garage.

Man arrested in daughter's death

SAN ANGELO (AP) — An 18-year-old San Angelo man has been charged with capital murder in the drowning of his 1-year-old daughter.

Police arrested John Molina after finding Melody Gonzales lying face-up in a bathtub Tuesday night.

According to an affidavit filed at the time of Molina's arrest, police say he told them his daughter was crying, so he put her in the bathtub. She continued to cry and he pushed her head under the water about three or four times, the affidavit said.

He told police he then noticed the girl was not breathing.

Public Records

Marriage License

Guillermo Rascon and Rita Aguero Ramirez, both of Snyder.

Jackie Wayland Kincaid Jr. and Donna Kay Kincheloe, both of Snyder.

Jason Dwaine Grant and Amanda Jean Turnbo.

Action in District Court

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Ophelia Braziel to Larry Wayne Braziel Sr., Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

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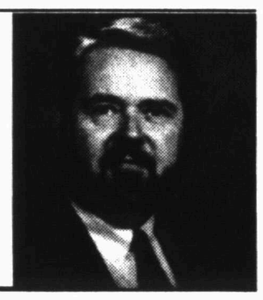
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



I'm walking out the door because you.

(Part One of a two part series)

Seldom do I write negative columns regarding the way I was treated by a business. I'm by nature not a vindictive person. I know it's difficult to run a small business successfully, so I cut everybody some slack.

If I get bad service occasionally, I assume someone was having an off day. If I get bad service frequently, I take my business elsewhere. Life's too short to spend it complaining and fussing because someone doesn't take good care of you.

Today, I'm making an exception. The incidents I am writing about in this column and also next week sent me into "I'm sick of lousy service" overload.

Let's go out to eat

One evening after work, my wife and I went out to eat. We picked a local sandwich shop that didn't look too busy. There were only three customers ahead of us, and three young people working. (Actually, one was working and two were talking.) The music was really loud, and was the type to which only teenagers can listen.

After waiting a couple of minutes the one working looked up to us and said, "I hope you like white bread." This sandwich shop usually offers several different breads. We interpreted "I hope you like white bread" as meaning, "We're out of everything else."

We waited; the line didn't move. The one working was slow. The music continued to blare. When the rap song came on, we decided to leave. As we left, I put my own words to the beat: "We came in here to get a bite to eat, but waiting in line sure ain't no treat. We've decided to wait no more, so watch our feet walk out the door. Boom, pupa, boom, pupa, boom, boom, boom."

We went down the street to choice number two. By this time I realized I needed to use the bathroom before I could eat in comfort. Yes, you guessed it; both restrooms were closed for repairs. How rare is that?

Now I'm not angry at these two businesses. But our little town has lots of places to eat. We proceeded to choice number three and enjoyed our meal.

On sale at regular price

The second incident happened at a national chain clothing store. They were having a big sale with coupons promising an additional 20 percent off sale items. What a bargain!

We went to the mall, and browsed the men's department. I found some pants I wanted, and assumed they were on sale because the price was considerably lower than what I had paid earlier. I computed the price with the additional 20 percent off. It was a good value.

At the checkout counter, the computerized cash register wouldn't accept my 20 percent off coupon. It rang the pants at the posted price, but wouldn't allow the coupon. Finally, the young clerk said, "You know what? These pants aren't on sale. That's our regular price. That's why the computer won't take the coupon."

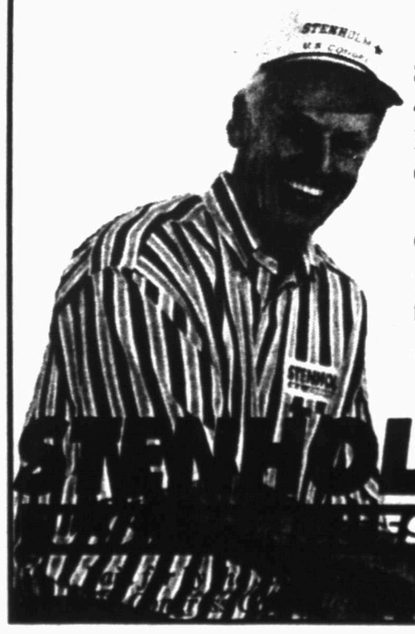
I didn't argue even though I knew the price had been higher not long before. I did decide to buy only one pair instead of three. The value was less than I had assumed.

As I left the store, I decided that this chain must be taking lessons from one of its big competitors. The following week I returned to the store for some casual shirts. Guess what? The pants had gone back up. I felt cheated.

To read about the third incident you'll have to catch next week's column. I'll also offer some proposed solutions for these problems. Don't miss "I'm walking out the door..." part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You can write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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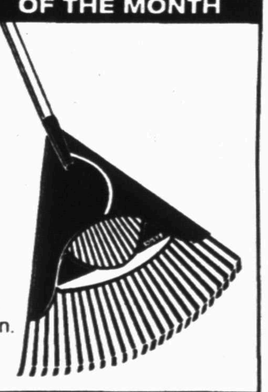
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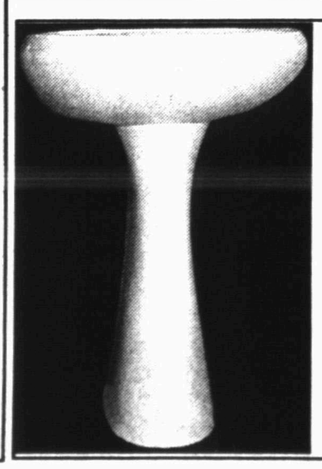


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Other Hispanics now seek new home in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — There's a neighborhood here where Honduran, Dominican and Salvadorian restaurants are kept busy, a marquee promotes an upcoming performance by a Nicaraguan ballet and customers line up at a deli that only sells products from Spain.

Welcome to Little Havana.

The heart of Miami's Cuban community is now a diverse cross section of Latin America as Cuban migration slows and scores of other Hispanics seek out Miami as a new home.

While Miami's Hispanic population was 90 percent Cuban about 30 years ago, latest census figures show nearly half of Miami-Dade County's 1.3 million Hispanics do not consider themselves Cuban.

"As Cubans got better jobs and made more money, they moved to other areas and newly arrived immigrants who are struggling have taken their place," said Cheryl Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center.

While Cubans remain prominent in Miami business and politics, growing numbers of Hispanics are making their mark on the city, bringing with them their tastes in food, music, dance and culture.

"You have a Latin and business sector here, a welcoming culture, and the possibilities of employment even if you don't speak the language," said Max Castro, a senior research associate at the University of Miami's North-South Center.

According to 2000 census data, Hispanics made up more than 1,291,000 of Miami-Dade County's total population of some 2,253,000. Cubans made up 650,600, while Central Americans comprised 129,000; South Americans were 154,000; Puerto Ricans at 80,000; Mexicans at 38,000; and Dominicans at 36,000.

Dulce Gomez said she left the Dominican Republic 10 years ago searching for prosperity. After five years in Puerto Rico, she moved to Miami and took over her cousin's restaurant, El Padrinito Cafe.

She said her business literally adds more flavor to the neighborhood, with cooking that uses heavier seasoning than traditional Cuban fare, including a fish soup "that will raise the dead."

She immediately noticed the mix of nationalities coming through the door.

"I would see six or eight tables and everybody was a different nationality," Gomez said. "That made me feel very good."

Non-Cuban Hispanics still have some difficulty fitting in with the more powerful Cubans, said Maria Eugenia Pinedo, a Colombian native who works as an immigrant advocate.

But other Hispanics tend to bond, even if they had differences in their homelands, she said.

"The Venezuelans and the Colombians — over there we don't get along because we've always had problems at the border, but here we are partners," Pinedo said.

The Cuban community is by no means moribund. The city and county mayors, the city manager, police chief and the majority of the city commission are Cuban-Americans.

That force was on display again last month when organizers of the Latin Grammys — many of them Cuban-Americans — moved the show to Los Angeles because they feared Cuban-exile protesters.

Joe Garcia, executive director of the Cuban American National Foundation, said Cubans in Miami are more powerful today than 30 years ago despite their declining numbers in the area.

"The Cuban community remains a strong voting block," he said. But he added, "We have a responsibility to act like those in power and that requires an ability to be inclusive ... When you are in power what you do is give participation to other voices."

Other Latin Americans in Miami hope to grab some of that political influence Cubans now enjoy.

"We are getting involved in politics. We are organizing ourselves," Pinedo said. "We want more participation, we are doing citizenship drives."

From his family owned flag shop on Calle Ocho, the main street through the neighborhood, Bill Ledlow has watched the transformation of Little Havana.

"We're the last of the Mohicans, so to speak," he said, noting that white business owners are very rare in the neighborhood. But it also means people from all over Latin America stop in to buy flags.

"You just missed an El Salvador," he said before turning and pointing at two other customers. "There's a Panama and a Mexico."

On the Net:
City site:
http://www.ci.miami.fl.us
Cuban Research Institute:
http://lacc.fiu.edu/cri
U.S. Census Bureau:
http://www.census.gov

Black woman recants story

LINDEN (AP) — A black woman has recanted her claim that two men with sheets or pillow cases over their heads abducted her, sexually assaulted her and carved the letters KKK into her chest, authorities say.

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Ronnie Fincher said investigators found inconsistencies in her story, and later she admitted she carved the letters into her chest with a pair of scissors.

The woman, 32, was charged Thursday with filing false information and fabricating physical evidence. Both charges are felonies.

An arrest warrant was issued, but deputies could not find her at her home in Bivins, an East Texas town about 40 miles from Texarkana.

Anthony Bond, founder of the Irving branch of the NAACP, said authorities questioned the woman without a lawyer and her family contends authorities coerced her into recanting.

The Texas NAACP is conducting its own investigation because of the area's history of racial incidents, state president Gary Bledsoe said.

"We're simply doing a due diligence to ensure there's no danger to African-Americans in the area," he said.

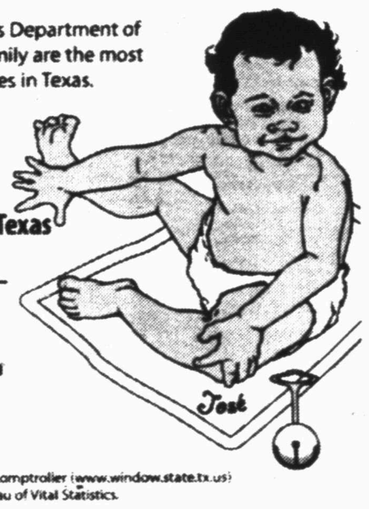
The woman had told authorities that she was forced into a pickup truck as she was walking home Aug. 29.

The woman was treated at a hospital for a bump on her head, cuts, bruises and other injuries.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

The top five

According to the latest Texas Department of Health statistics, José and Emily are the most popular boys' and girls' names in Texas.



Most popular names in Texas

	BOYS'	GIRLS'
1	José	Emily
2	Jacob	Alexis
3	Michael	Samantha
4	Christopher	Ashley
5	Joshua	Hannah

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Q & A

What is Family Day?

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse devote this column to current information about substance abuse.

What is Family Day?

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA)'s annual Teen Surveys have repeatedly found that the more engaged parents are in their children's lives and the more they engage in simple parenting activities, the less likely their children will be to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

"Family Day—A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" is a national effort to promote family dinners as a natural, effective way to reduce teen substance abuse risk. The goal of Family Day is not simply to promote family dinners on the day in question, but to symbolize the importance of regular family dinners and to encourage Americans to make family dinners a regular feature of their lives. Parent Power is the most potent—and underutilized—tool in preventing substance use. Like the Great American Smokeout, Family Day is meant as a reminder of the importance of spending time with your family every day. **Family Day will take place on the fourth Monday in September, the 24th in 2001.**

Since 1996, research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently shown that the more often a child eats dinner with his family, the less likely that child is to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

According to the CASA's 1998 Teen Survey, teens that ate dinner with their parents twice a week or less were four times as likely to smoke cigarettes, three times as likely to smoke marijuana and nearly twice as likely to drink as those who ate dinner with their parents six or seven times a week.

According to the 1999 Teen Survey, teens from families that almost never eat dinner together are 72 percent likelier than the average teen to use illegal drugs, cigarettes and alcohol, while those from families that almost always eat dinner together are 31 percent less likely than the average teen to engage in these activities.

The 2000 Teen Survey reveals that children who never eat dinner with their families are 61 percent more likely to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. Children who eat family dinners 7 nights a week are 20 percent less likely than the average teen to engage in these activities.

The 2000 Teen Survey also revealed that the number of children who eat dinner with their families most every night has risen over the past four years, a trend which may be partially explained by the increased attention to the positive impact of family dinners.

In addition to eating dinner together, CASA research shows that other family activities can reduce the risk that a teen will use drugs, alcohol and cigarettes:

Helping teens with homework.

Attending religious services with teens and making religion an important part of their lives.

Praising and disciplining teens when their behavior merits.

Monitoring teens' television viewing, music purchases and Internet usage.

Establishing curfews for teens and knowing where they are after school and on weekends.

Sending a clear message of disapproval to teens about the use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal drugs.

In short, CASA has found that parent power is the single most important weapon in the effort to give our children the will and skills to say no to illegal drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

Information provided by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University website.

Datebook

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001

Today is the 251st day of 2001 and the 80th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts Bay founded Cambridge College. Two years later, it was renamed after the Rev. John Harvard.

On this day in 1892, Francis Bellamy wrote "The Pledge of Allegiance."

On this day in 1974, President Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon for all federal crimes he may have committed while serving as president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard I (1157-1199), king of England; Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967), poet; Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933), singer; Sid Caesar (1922-), comedian, is 79; Peter Sellers (1925-1980), actor; Patsy Cline (1932-1963), singer; Sam Nunn (1938-), U.S. senator, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, Sandy Saddler won the featherweight boxing title by defeating Willie Pep.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To think justly, we must understand what others mean: to know the value of our thoughts, we must try their effect on other minds." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 2) and last quarter (Sept. 10).

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001

Today is the 252nd day of 2001 and the 81st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, Esther Cleveland, the wife of Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter. It was the first child to be born in the White House.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley appeared for the first time on the Ed Sullivan Show.

On this day in 1969, the U.S. government issued a postage stamp depicting astronaut Neil Armstrong stepping onto the moon from the Eagle lander.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Armand Jean du Plessis Richelieu (1585-1642), cardinal-statesman; William Bligh (1754-1817), British admiral; Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), writer; Cliff Robertson (1925-), actor-director, is 76; Michael Keaton (1951-), actor, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Los Angeles Dodger Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs. The Dodgers won the game 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Certain peace is better and safer than anticipated victory." — Livy

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Sept. 10).

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National Zoo Park celebrates Goodall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chimp conservationist Jane Goodall didn't have time to see this year's update of "Planet of the Apes," but said Thursday she enjoyed the 1968 original with Charlton Heston and its turn-the-tables-on-humans premise.

"I thought that was great," she joked. "Put the humans in cages and let them see how they like it."

The globe-trotting Goodall, her silver hair neatly pulled back in a ponytail, said she is now on the road 300 days a year and doesn't have time to watch new movies.

The Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park paid tribute Thursday night to more than 40 years of research by Goodall and her colleagues on the chimpanzees at Gombe National Park in northwestern Tanzania, the longest continuous study of any animal in the wild.

Goodall discussed some of her main worries, such as how commercial hunters across central Africa are selling chimpanzee carcasses for food. Chimpanzee and gorilla meat is commercially available for sale in central Africa and is on restaurant menus in Paris and Brussels, wildlife experts say.

Hunting and the destruction of forests have reduced the chimpanzee population in 21 African nations from 2 million a century ago to about 200,000 today, Goodall said.

But she doesn't believe in peddling doom and gloom.

"That's the main reason for Roots & Shoots," Goodall said, pointing to her organization's efforts to instill an environmental ethic among children. The Roots & Shoots youth program, which began in 1991 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, now has more than 1,500 U.S. chapters.

"It's easy to become hopeless," she said. "So people must have hope: the human brain, the resilience of nature, the energy of young people and the sort of inspiration that you see from so many hundreds of people who tackle tasks that are impossible and never give up and succeed."

On the Net: Jane Goodall Institute: http://www.janegoodall.org
National Zoo: http://natzoo.si.edu

Man sentenced to death for ethnic hate mass shootings

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A judge Thursday formally sentenced a man to death for fatally shooting five people and blamed the rampage in part on Internet hate mongers and lax enforcement of firearms laws.

A jury in May recommended five death penalties for Richard Baumhammers, who shot and killed his Jewish neighbor, two Asian men, an Indian man and a black man while driving through Pittsburgh suburbs looking for minorities to target.

Judge Jeffrey Manning agreed with the recommendations at Thursday's hearing. He blamed gun laws and Internet hate sites that Baumhammers frequented, but primarily Baumhammers himself.

"They and their families will forever suffer needlessly and senselessly because you decided that their only misdeed was that they were different from you," Manning said.

Baumhammers was sentenced additionally to at least 112 years in prison for 20 other charges, including ethnic intimidation. The death sentences were automatically appealed.

Defense attorneys argued Baumhammers was psychotic and that his fixation on minorities resulted from delusions that he was being followed, shot with lasers and otherwise persecuted by often nameless, faceless entities.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Sept. 10, 2001

The year ahead may hold a number of chances for you to make important changes in your lifestyle that could benefit you and those you care about. Be ready to act on chances as they appear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you are too picky about how others are holding up their part of the workload today, you could end up being the only person marching in your parade. Strive to adjust to the ways of cohorts. 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful who you tell your good news to today and who may be in the shadows listening. A jealous associate might attempt to derail what you have going.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Doing business with a friend today might not be such a good idea. If you do and something goes wrong, don't allow finger pointing to take place. Instead, search to discover the cause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An agreement you're eager to reach cannot be accomplished today if balance doesn't exist. It's wiser to compromise something than to risk losing the entire deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're not going to get top performances out of people who are working with you today unless you let them function as independently as possible. Avoid looking over their shoulders.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be careful what you take on today or you could change something that is beyond your authority to do so. Take special care not to disturb the work of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be the first to kiss and make up should something disruptive occur between you and your one-and-only. You have the ability to turn things around very quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's not like you to scorn new ways of doing things, so don't start today. A clever twist on a procedure could be superior to the traditional technique and save you time and money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be reasonably fortunate today, but your luck does have its limitations. There's a chance you could have some wins, but you're not likely to make a big killing without working for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Since no one else is likely to protect your interests for you today, you had better be on your toes and tend to your own store. Failure to do so could prove costly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If someone tells you something unappealing about a friend today, don't take it as gospel. Someone who has it in for your pal could be imagining things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should a warning signal be shot across your bow today, quell it as quickly as possible, especially if it deals with money or a friend.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001

Success in the year ahead looks very promising when you operate along steady and traditional lines. Don't take risks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't waste your time on frivolous activities today, be they social or business-related. Nonetheless, there are big financial gains to be made if you put your mind to it. Trying to patch up a broken romance? **The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You cannot force success to happen for you today. You can try your best by working around obstacles using clever, sound and constructive ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Subdue inclinations today to take yourself and your involvements too seriously. When you relax and find fun in your activities, everything will start to go your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Demanding that others pitch in to your cause will go nowhere fast today. Instead, use your natural charisma to charm them into participation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just because someone involved in a team effort is adversarial today doesn't mean you should follow suit. Instead, set the example of cooperation. He or she will fall in line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Without establishing a game plan first, you're destined for frustration and failure today. Stop and take the time to lay out a blueprint and you'll turn things around.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — People who are needlessly aggressive could cause you problems today, so be discriminating regarding your companions and your social interests. Don't leave anything up to chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is not the time to get lazy if you hope to conclude a matter that is important to you. Get together with your counterpart and hammer things out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — So long as ideas are not presented as dictates today, you'll be responsive to constructive suggestions. Those who want to push you into something had better duck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't try to bribe or buy your way into a group endeavor today; it won't work. However, good, sound ideas that could help out everyone involved will be readily accepted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone who you thought was valuable in your planning might lack your cooperative spirit and end up more of a hindrance than a help. Find a way to make a quiet exit and go your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't just get angry if you see others messing up a job you're working on. It will be worth it to you if you take the time to show them how to do things right. They'll be willing to learn.

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Aaliyah's record is #1 on Billboard chart

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaliyah fans showed their appreciation for the late singer in the record stores, pushing her record to No. 1 on the Hot 100 Billboard chart.

Aaliyah's self-titled third album sold 306,000 copies in the week after her death, according to Soundscan, which monitors record sales nationwide.

The album was already certified gold, but had sold only 62,000 copies in the week before she died, Soundscan said.

The 22-year-old singer and actress was killed Aug. 25 when a small plane carrying her and eight others plunged shortly after takeoff.

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Saints and Sinners by George R. Pagenz

Making church a hospitable place

John Charles Thomas Jr., son of the famous Metropolitan Opera baritone, once delivered a terrible indictment of church hospitality in a letter to Dear Abby.

Incredible as it sounds, Thomas said he had visited 195 different churches in the previous three years and had been spoken to only once by someone other than an official greeter — "and that was to ask me to move my feet!"

What those churches need is a dog for a welcomer. Dogs and other animals are often more gregarious and companionable than their two-footed counterparts.

In his book on evangelism, Walt Kallestad, pastor of the Community Church of Joy in Phoenix, Ariz., recounts what happened one time when he walked into a Roman Catholic Church. "To my surprise, just inside the front door," he writes, "a large Irish setter belonging to the parish priest was vigorously wagging his tail, inviting me to stop and pet him. I could not get over how calming and comfortable this welcoming was."

I recall attending a church conference a few years ago at Kenyon College in Ohio. During one of the daily worship services at the Church of the Holy Spirit on the campus, a white cat wandered up and down the aisles. One man chased the cat around the church and put it out — only to have it come back in through a side door and lie down on the chancel steps.

Finally the minister got up and mildly censured the nervous ones in the congregation.

"It is a tradition in this church to let the animals in," he said. He told of the time when three visiting bishops were seated in the chancel behind him. Three dogs from the neighborhood walked in and went directly to the bishops and sniffed at their feet. Being satisfied that the strangers posed no danger, they walked out.

Another dog in the chancel can be seen at St. Rocco's Church in Cleveland — this one in a painting. It caught my attention as soon as I walked into the church.

The painting, which is just above the altar, depicts a man and a dog. The man must be St. Rocco, I said to myself. But why the dog?

When I got back to the office I looked up St. Rocco in the encyclopedia. He was a 13th-century French saint who tended the sick during a plague in Italy and effected miraculous cures. Then he himself fell ill of the plague and withdrew into the forest, where he would have perished had not a dog supplied him with bread.

This next story is not about a dog, but about the importance of showing hospitality to people who come to church and about the consequences that can result if we forget to extend the warm gesture of fellowship that comes naturally to dogs.

The woman who told the story was relating something that happened in the 1930s to her brother John.

He had been to reform school (as they called it in those days.) When he was released, he made an effort to straighten out his life. He went to church one Sunday, and when the minister announced the "altar call" at the end of the service, John went forward and knelt at the altar, along with several others.

It is the practice in evangelical churches at such times in the service for a member of the church to go up and pray with the kneeling penitent.

But nobody went and prayed with John. The people knew who he was. He was a bad actor. He had been to reform school. He was no good.

When John left the church that Sunday, he told his sister, "I will never go to church again as long as I live."

He never did.

The "road not taken" by John Dillinger that day was the road that could have redeemed the man who became the most notorious Public Enemy No. 1 in the annals of the FBI. But the church had missed its chance with John Dillinger as it had with John Charles Thomas Jr.

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Letters to the editor

Ignoring taxpayers

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Ralph Trevey, Howard Limmer and all those who attended the meetings of the commissioner's court and tried to keep the coliseum managed by the chamber of commerce.

You were trying to do what most of the people in Snyder, who I have talked to, are in favor of. Also thanks to the Snyder Daily News for stating the facts, if part of the commissioners' court gets tired of reading about it, that's tough. The rest of us have got a tough deal on the coliseum.

It is one of the things that most Scurry County people enjoyed and were willing for their tax money to help on it to bring us the things we enjoy like Western Swing.

I often heard " I whish we were having an election this week," so do I. We are tired of our tax money going to pay officials that don't care what our citizens want. If they had cared, they would not have voted as they did just because they had the right.

It doesn't make any sense to argue that the money for the extra subsidy was not available, when Ricky Fritz said the extra could be put in the park department budget according to the paper.

You had your way in your voting. You better hope you don't have any competition next voting time. Some people are waiting for that time. Please remember our two commissioners, who at one time might have felt one way, but listened to the people and changed their minds.

Betty Boyd

Looking for family

Dear Editor:

My name is Dorothy Evans and my father is Roy D. Evans.

I am writing to you in hopes you can help me to find my father's mother's family.

My father was very young when his mother died and he does not know anything about her. He wants to know about her and what kind of person she was before she died.

Her name was Cleone (Johnson) Evans and she was married to Benjamin Franklin Evans. She died in 1924 and is buried in Snyder.

I have been working on our family tree and would like to add the Johnson family to the family tree. I would be very thankful for any help you can give my father and me.

Thank you,
Dorothy Evans
1309 Victoria St.
Taylor, Texas, 76574

P.S. I am also looking for my grandmother's sister Katherine. My father thinks her last name was Keith. The last time he saw her she was in Abilene and was married to a man named Hal.





North of Forty by Red Green

The new economy

Everything in life is a trade-off. We used to have small owner/operator retail stores where we probably paid top dollar most of the time and didn't have a huge selection. Now we have the big box chain stores that have a little bit of everything, and all of it at the best possible prices. The small store didn't have so much stuff, but it also didn't have so many customers, so you became more important on a per capita basis.

You won't find that in a big box store. The reason it has a thousand toilets is because it has 10,000 customers. You and your needs are somewhat dwarfed by the marketing strategy. It's like being in a huge democracy. Every vote counts, but not so much. Yes, they have the best prices, but the quality of advice you get from the high school student who has seven other customers waiting may be somewhat less useful than what you used to get from the store owner who saw his future closely linked to your satisfaction. We formerly paid top dollar for the exact product we needed; now we pay bargain prices for the wrong thing. I'm a little embarrassed by the number of big box items I've purchased that don't do the job I bought them for. But, hey, look at all the money I saved.

THE PET PEEVE

Most people like pets — and who can blame them? A living thing that accepts you for what you are and doesn't have the ability to speak is a godsend to any middle-aged man. But before you choose a pet, you really need to do some serious self-evaluation. You don't have the patience or tolerance to introduce an entirely new life form into your world. What you really want is a pet that is, in many ways, just like you.

Don't assume a pet is going to change you. If you don't go on long walks now, a pet is not going to change that. You'll just have a very unhappy dog and a really big mess in the kitchen. So instead of picking a pet by its looks or the recommendations of friends, do an honest evaluation of yourself as a human being — your eating habits, your sleeping patterns, your various personality disorders — and then hand that description to the manager of your local pet store. He or she will have a pet suggestion that will save you a lot of time and aggravation. And whatever is suggested, try not to take it personally. Even if it's a plant. Even if it's a cactus.

STRONG ENOUGH TO SAY NO

As any experienced cardiologist will tell you, there are several opportunities for a show of strength in a man's life. You need to be aware of these and avoid them at all costs:

— Moving a hide-a-bed sofa up a flight of stairs.

— Pushing your own car out of somewhere that you put it.

— Lifting a size 20 bride over a size 12 threshold.

— Carrying a large mortgage with a small income.

— Lifting your head after your wife has realized that it's your fault.

— Carrying the conversation as your boss struggles to remember your name.

— Elevating the family name after everything you've done.

THE FREEDOM OF A LESS CONSUMING LOVE

When you've been married to the same person for a long time, there's a great liberation that can come only after years of passionate love. I'm talking about a level of satisfaction where the other person wants to be with you forever, but not all the time. I'm talking about "Yes, I love you, but let's give it a rest." That's what golf, fishing and poker are all about. They're no fun if guilt is involved. That's the beauty of a long marriage. It removes the guilt. Not only does your wife not mind your spending time on your own, she insists on it. She wants you to come home. But first you have to leave. It's the closest to heaven most of us will ever get.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Smiling is never completely wrong." - **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Amarillo Globe-News

Panhandle power play

Boiled down to its most basic element, the battle over redistricting deals with power — who keeps it and who loses it.

Accordingly, the struggle also is about regions within our vast state protecting their vested interests.

If the Legislative Redistricting Board's new Texas Senate boundaries stand, the Texas Panhandle stands to lose a good bit of its voice in the 2003 Legislature.

That must not happen — under any circumstance.

The LRB proposal has wiped Senate District 30 out of the Panhandle. District 30, which included much of the eastern Panhandle, had been represented by Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls. Haywood, however, died this summer of a heart attack.

The LRB redrew the boundaries in a way that splits the Panhandle between two districts, 28 and 31.

But here's the rub — which well might turn raw.

District 28, which would include 16 counties in the Panhandle region, is held by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. Duncan's base of support remains in Lubbock County and the rest of the South Plains.

District 31, which is occupied by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, also poses a potential problem for the Panhandle. The LRB boundary now includes all of Midland and Ector counties in the Permian Basin, where Bivins is much less well-known than he is in the Panhandle. Bivins recently announced his plan to run for re-election in 2002 and completed a get-acquainted campaign swing through the southern reaches of what might be his newly drawn district.

Bivins had expressed disappointment that his new district might no longer include Gray County (with its Pampa population base).

The point here is that the Panhandle — for the first time in history — stands at least an outside chance of having no one from this region speaking for it in the next Legislature, especially if the Permian Basin produces a strong candidate who could defeat Bivins next year.

All of this of course remains to be decided by court challenges, appeals and continued wheeling and dealing. The state is agonizing over how to draw these boundaries and finishing a job that by all rights should have been done when the Legislature was in session this spring.

As good a job as Duncan has done for Senate District 28, his loyalty remains tied to the South Plains, which is understandable. That is his home.

Houston Chronicle

Check charging policy unethical

When a person walks into a bank to cash a check drafted on an account maintained by that bank, the bank should not charge that person a fee. Yet many of Texas' largest banks not only charge noncustomers to cash checks on accounts held by the banks' own paying customers, but they are fighting to keep the state from enforcing a law that would prevent such fee collections.

Wells Fargo Bank, Texas, N.A.; Bank of America, N.A.; Bank One, N.A.; Chase Manhattan Bank; and Comerica Bank-Texas have sued the Texas banking commissioner over whether the state can dictate what fees they charge, contending that the National Bank Act pre-empts state law.

Texas banking officials counter that the state law in question does not ban banks from charging a fee, but requires banks to pay the full amount of checks cashed on their customers' accounts.

U.S. District Judge James R. Nowlin agreed last week to issue a temporary injunction to block the state law, which was to have gone into effect Sept. 1.

The courts will settle the legal issues. But the moral issue is clear: It is wrong for the banks to promise account holders to honor checks they write on their accounts, then turn around and charge those presenting the account holder's check for cash.

A person should not have to become a bank customer to avoid check cashing fees. That is impossible for people who do not earn enough money to maintain a checking account or even to pay for checks. Further, for those who live in predominantly minority or poor areas, there may not be a bank in their community, making maintaining an account unfeasible. Finally, presenting a check at the drafter's bank is a principal way to ensure that sufficient funds exist in an account to avoid paying a fine for attempting to deposit a bad check.

The Dallas Morning News

Economic uncertainty

The world's largest corporate recruitment firm recently dismissed 20 percent of its staff. When a corporate headhunter needs a headhunter, you know times are tough.

The downturn in job fortunes has been swift and steady. Forbes.com, the online business magazine, notes that companies on its Forbes 500 and Forbes International 500 lists already have handed out over half a million pink slips in the U.S. this year.

In manufacturing, job losses have averaged nearly 100,000 a month in the first six months of the year. About 40 percent of the 632,000 manufacturing jobs lost were tied to technology's tumble.

Until the technology shakeout began more than a year ago, employers had complained of too few skilled workers. Now, across all sectors, firms that had ramped up for orders that didn't materialize are dumping huge chunks of a bloated workforce and recalling job offers to talented young engineering and MBA graduates. It's only Labor Day, but retailers also are fretting about a sluggish Christmas.

Just as times seldom are as good as they seem, neither are they as bad. The national unemployment rate is only 4.5 percent, not all that much higher than its most recent low of 3.9 percent in October 2000. Also, the civilian labor force grew by 420,000 in July to 141.8 million. The labor force participation rate, which is the proportion of the population 16 years of age and older who are either working or looking for work, is at 66.9 percent.

What these numbers don't tell us is perhaps the most important factor in whether the economic downturn will worsen, or whether a rebound is over a not-too-distant horizon. The Ronald Reagan question "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?" is still relevant with a twist. It now should ask, "Are you more secure about your job today than you were four years ago?" The answer to that question will speak volumes about the severity of this downturn.

A recent ABC News/Money magazine poll reported that 52 percent of Americans say the economy is in bad shape, the weakest assessment since April 1997. Significantly, the negative assessment represents a 23-percentage point increase this year and a 32-percentage point increase since January 2000. Still, 48 percent rate the nation's economy as excellent or good despite the disturbing economic news around them, evidence that the Federal Reserve's twin policies of low interest rates and low inflation have stemmed an even more precipitous decline in worker confidence.

There is also a glimmer of hope in the fact that housing sales are still steady as more people take advantage of tempting lower rates. As always, times that bring misfortune to some also bring opportunities to those who think ahead. A recovery will depend on those in our country who can think beyond this uneasy Labor Day.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Sleepwalking is puzzling

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes sleepwalking. Is it curable?

DEAR READER: Sleepwalking (somnambulism) is a relatively rare and poorly understood phenomenon, most often seen in children, and marked by the performance of complex acts during what appears to be deep sleep. The patient seems to be out of contact with his or her surroundings, while experiencing a vivid, hallucinatory drama. The eyes are usually open and the person may mumble repetitiously, walk aimlessly about and engage in a variety of activities.

The disorder is believed due to immaturity of the sleep/arousal system in the brain. There is no treatment (except to guide the sleepwalker back to bed). Above all, the patient must be protected against injury from falling into obstacles or down stairs. Most patients outgrow the affliction.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with mitral valve prolapse and a mild leak. What is the preferred treatment for my condition?

DEAR READER: Nothing.

Mitral valve prolapse is a common condition of unknown cause, marked by weakness or floppiness of one of the valves in the heart. This may lead to slight leakage that does not, in its mild form, require therapy. MVP occurs more frequently in women than in men, may be associated with a murmur (an extra sound in the heart), and can sometimes result in periodic bursts of rapid pulse. Some patients with MVP may require medicine, such as calcium-channel blockers, to prevent such attacks of tachycardia.

Authorities encourage people with MVP to have prophylactic antibiotic treatment at the time of dental work and cleaning (or any other procedure) that could release bacteria into the bloodstream and cause potential infection of the valve.

Although you may not need specific treatment for MVP, you should follow your physician's advice with respect to monitoring and follow-up.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic headaches. A CT scan showed calcium deposits. What causes this, and what can I do to cure my condition?

DEAR READER: From the limited information in your question, I cannot provide a definitive answer. A CT scan is a type of special X-ray examination. Apparently, yours showed abnormal flecks of calcium. Such deposits can be present in arteries, veins, the brain covering or brain tissue itself. Depending on their location, pieces of calcium may indicate past brain infection, head injury or advanced vascular disease.

On occasion, calcium deposits may interfere with the normal circulation of spinal fluid in and around the brain. Thus, before advising you, I'd have to know the location and size of the deposits.

Under the circumstances, I urge you to return to your doctor for clarification. He or she should inform you whether the calcifications are a likely cause of your headaches. They may be an incidental, harmless finding of no particular significance — or they may have to be removed surgically if they are causing a pressure build-up of spinal fluid.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: When my uncle was tested for a trivial complaint of palpitations, his bill was astronomical. Could you address this problem with a personal experience or one of your famous metaphors?

DEAR READER: I'll give it a shot.

One of my most treasured possessions is a fully restored 1954 black Jaguar XK120 roadster. Now, before you turn the page because this sounds like another boring car story, bear with me; I'm going to tie this into medical practice.

The Jag is uniquely special in ways even a non car-buff can appreciate. It has gorgeous curves and the unmistakable lines of the breed; in a million years you couldn't confuse an XK120 with any modern automobile. It is also very utilitarian: a simple but reliable six-cylinder engine (with which any trained mechanic would feel comfortable), functional gauges that tell you what you need to know and a four-speed gearbox. Elementary. It rides like a truck. But I love to drive it.

Unlike the (unnamed) car I use for work, the Jag has no power windows, air-conditioning, tinted glass, fuel injection or computer. Most of this stuff on modern autos is unnecessary fluff. For example, the on-board computer in my work car tells much more than I want to know: miles per gallon, average speed driven since day one, whether the parking brake is on, the outdoor temperature, and an array of other details I won't list. My work car is better — or at least has more conveniences — than the Jag. But it looks like every other car, a mere clone. To get from point A to point B with style and pizzazz, I prefer my antique auto.

Both cars are metaphors for the medical profession.

Let me illustrate by describing the following true situation. I have a lovely patient in her 70s who suffered heartburn, despite the use of antacids. After several weeks of discomfort, she agreed to an upper GI series, a type of X-ray test for examining the esophagus, stomach and part of the small intestine.

The X-rays showed considerable irritation and spasm of the lower esophagus; no ulcer was identified. In the past, I'd have prescribed medicine for my patient, drugs such as Tagamet or Zantac to reduce stomach acid and aid healing.

However, the radiologist's report concluded that the prudent physician should order endoscopy "JUST TO MAKE SURE" that no early cancer was the cause of my patient's symptom. Upper endoscopy means 1) A specialist must pass a flexible fiberoptic tube into my patient's stomach to take a look at the irritated area; and 2) The patient would need light anesthesia because endoscopy, although a useful test, is not fun, not like waiting eagerly for your tax refund check.

At this point, my patient and I passed from everyday medicine into high-tech healing, from the 1954 car to a more modern model. You see, I had no choice but to proceed because of the radiologist's comment. He covered his behind; I'd have to cover mine.

Thus, the patient was readied for endoscopy. As part of this ritual, she was required to undergo blood tests. As (bad) luck would have it, one of the routine tests was abnormal, seeming to indicate cardiac damage, maybe even a heart attack in progress.

Naturally, I immediately admitted her to the Intensive Care Unit for monitoring and further testing. Cardiograms were entirely normal. Repeat blood analyses were equivocal. Therefore, I took the next step and ordered a thallium stress test, at the time a sure-fire way to diagnose coronary heart disease.

The test was inconclusive. My patient's simple indigestion had mushroomed into an extravaganza of hospitalization, inconvenience, expensive testing — and still no endoscopy. I was stuck.

To resolve this issue, I referred her to a cardiologist at a teaching center elsewhere in the state. She was admitted to his hospital and had a coronary artery study that was, of course, perfectly normal. Finally, after almost two weeks of excruciating uncertainty and anguish, a double hospitalization, an uncomfortable and invasive cardiac catheterization, and heaven knows what other tests, my patient underwent endoscopy. The findings: Esophageal irritation from too much stomach acid.

Like the computer in my car, medical tests often provide too much information — or data that are faulty and inconclusive. Everybody in the health care profession — and I mean everybody: doctors, nurses and hospitals — are petrified of making a mistake. So we fool ourselves into believing that high-tech testing will show us The Truth. Further, the more tests we perform, the more certain we can be about situations that are, by their very nature, uncertain. We are kidding ourselves and, sadly, don't even realize it. In the medical profession, the tail is increasingly wagging the dog. No wonder many older physicians have difficulty abandoning this trusted principle: There are few alternatives that will improve on good medical judgment coupled with basic tests.

Please excuse me for bowing out of further discussion. I have a date to wax my Jaguar.

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Judge halts prescription drug discount plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily halted a Bush administration plan to promote private prescription drug discount cards under Medicare.

Drugstore chains filed a lawsuit in July, arguing the plan was "clandestine and unlawful," because federal officials don't plan to pay for the discounts. They also argue the plan doesn't clearly outline who must subsidize the lower prices.

The injunction, filed Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge Paul Friedman, will prevent the program from starting until he reaches a verdict.

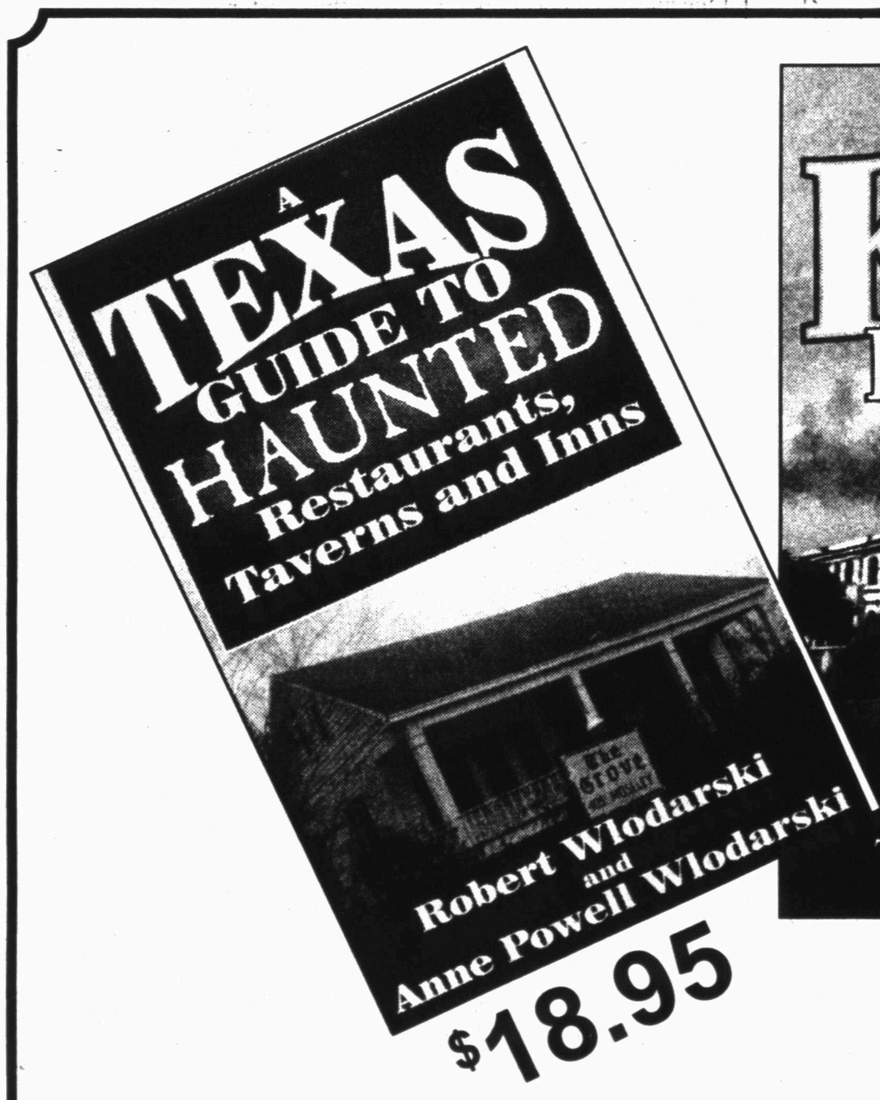
President Bush wants to encourage all older Americans to use the cards, now commonly sold by private companies, by giving some of the cards what amounts to a government seal of approval. The cards can lead to discounts of up to 10 percent on some drugs, company officials say.

Tom Scully, a Medicare official overseeing the plan, said the administration will consider contesting the injunction.

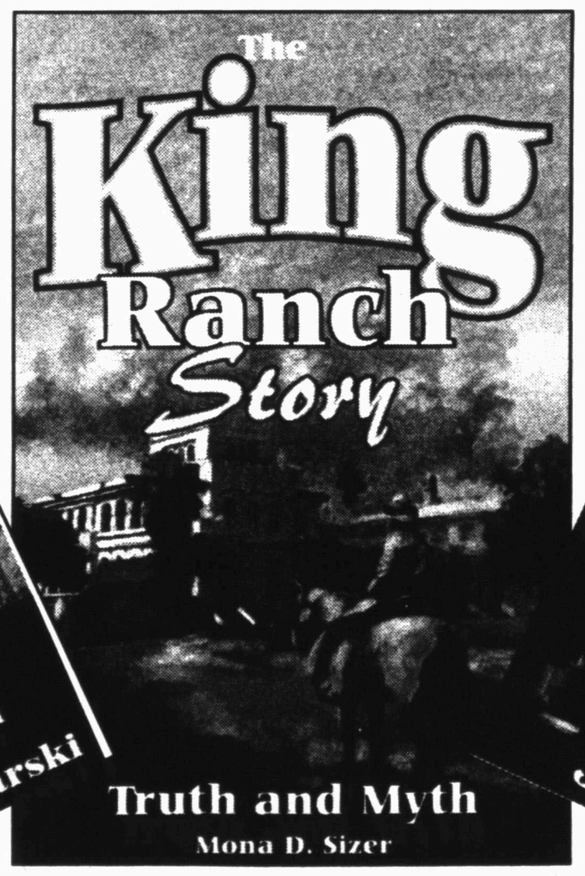
"We are disappointed in the injunction because it will delay the administration's efforts to provide immediate and necessary relief to the millions of Americans who are forced to pay full price for their prescription drugs," Scully said. "The decision intensifies the need for Congress to act quickly on the president's proposals for Medicare reform, including a prescription drug benefit."

Craig Fuller, president of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, said the drug program would only provide false hope to seniors.

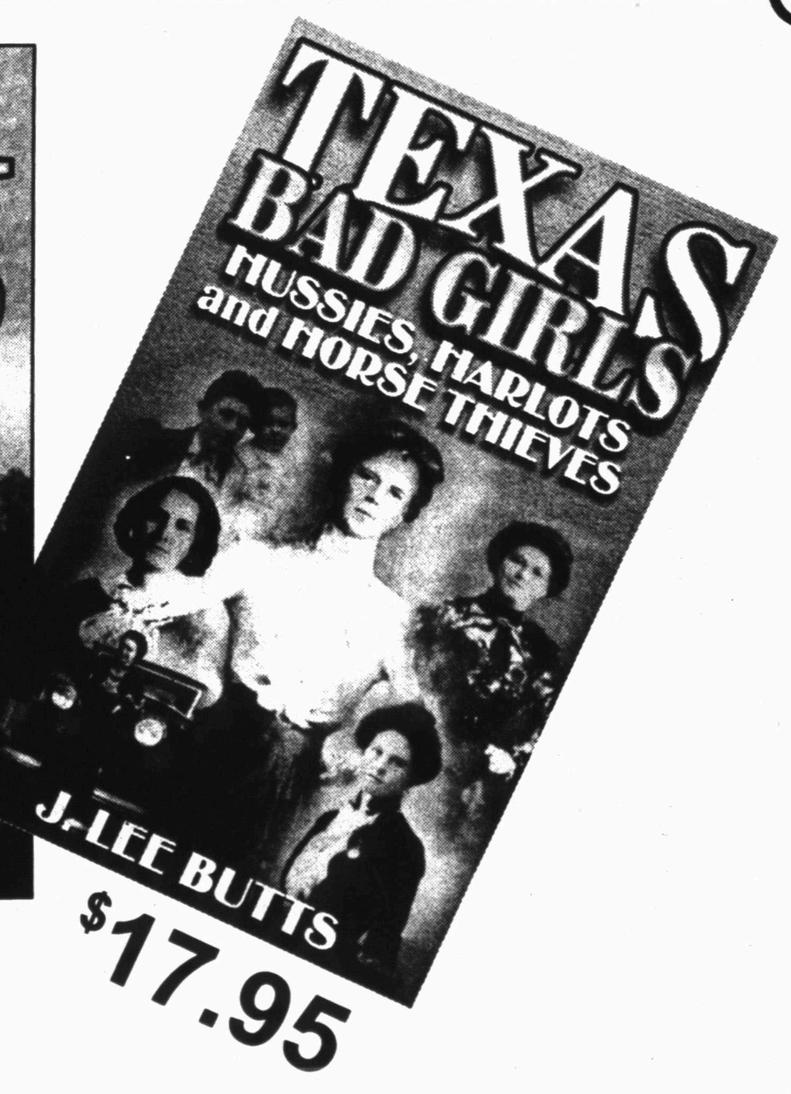
"In this program it's unclear what the savings would be and who would really pay the cost of selling drugs at a discount," Fuller said. "We believe strongly that the nation's seniors need a true prescription drug benefit."



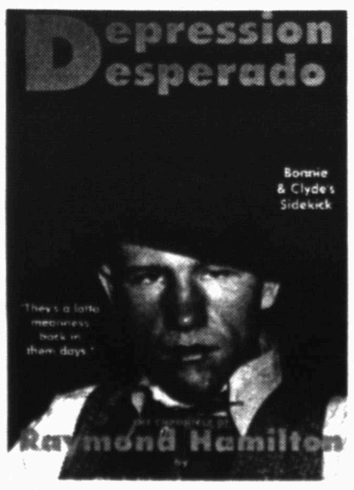
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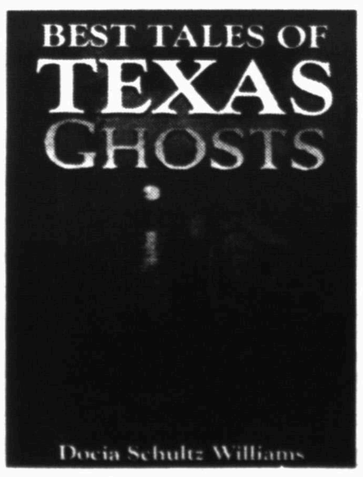


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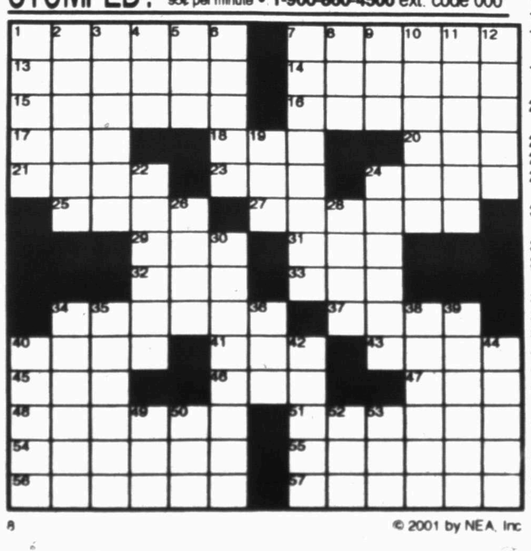
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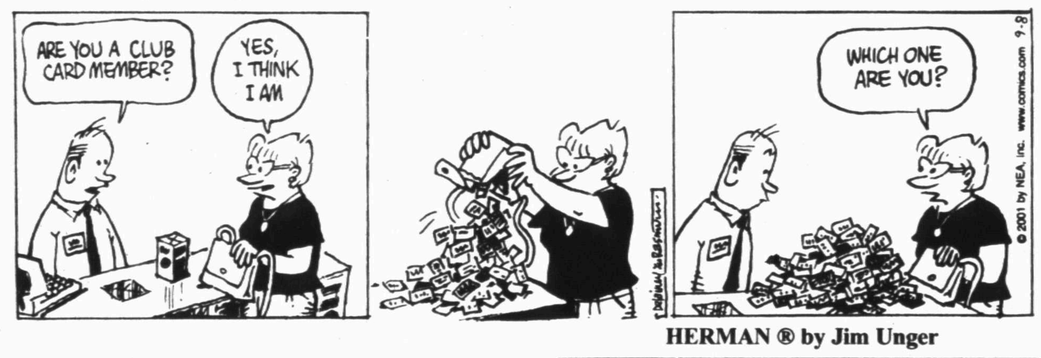
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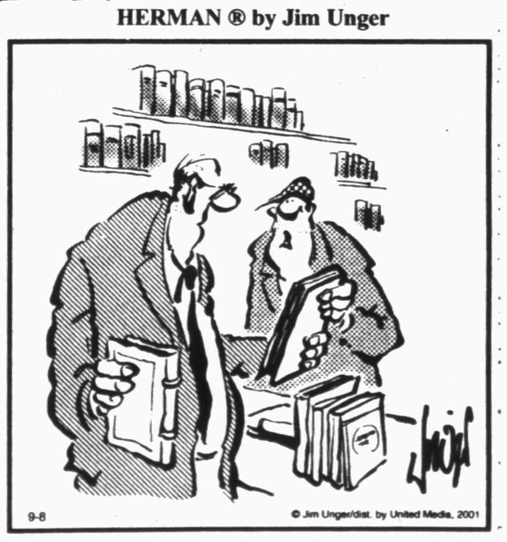
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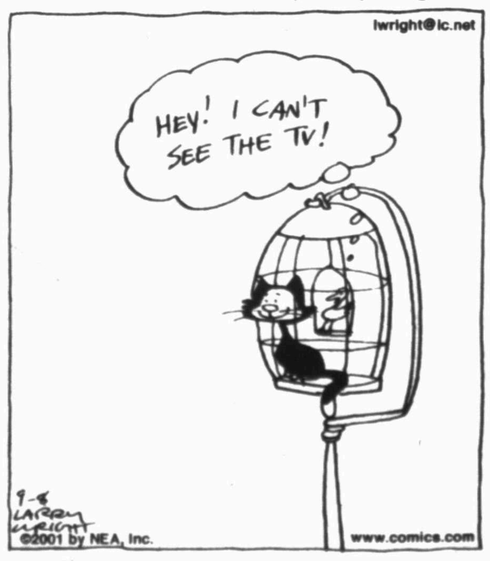
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Paper trail of names could lead to husband's cheating

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 17 years. I recently found slips of paper with women's names and telephone numbers among receipts my husband asked me to file. When I asked him who these women were, he claims he doesn't know and I should shut up.

He frequently leaves the house two to four hours at a time. Also, money is missing from our joint bank account.

Abby, he swears he is not cheating. Is he? — **WANTING TO KNOW THE TRUTH IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR WANTING: Only he can answer that. Whether or not the problem is another woman, something is up, and he's certainly not leveling with you. Offer him the option of talking things out with a marriage counselor. If he refuses, talk to a lawyer about protecting yourself before any more assets disappear from your joint account.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No Name, No Address, No Phone," the 15-year-old living in an abusive home with her dad and stepmother, hit me hard. I could have written that same letter verbatim 20 years ago when I was 15.

My mother, too, gave my father custody of my younger brother and sister and me. Our dad had also remarried. We lived with him and our stepmother. She was fixated on our behavior with regard to household chores, meals and neatness.

Unfortunately, our father thought we were lying when we described the beatings, severe punishments and emotional abuse that increased over the years — usually when he was absent. Our stepmother was a "yeller." Dad always took her directions and advice. We kids were too scared out of our wits to talk in detail to our natural mother or other relatives, who suspected what was going on but never took action.

It has taken years of therapy to recover from what happened to us. I had to forgive myself for being unable to protect my brother and sister, but I finally became the "fighter" in the house on a long crusade to get my father to wake up. At last he did — but not until serious damage had been done.

Please urge "No Name" to start talking and KEEP TALKING until someone listens! Her mother and grandmother also have a responsibility to step in without hesitation. They must be asked to act on behalf of her, her brother and sister. She should be specific about what is going on at home, even if she's scared to "tell." She was very brave to write that letter, and that's exactly the kind of courage it takes to get through stuff like this. — **ONCE A "NO-NAME" TOO**

DEAR ONCE A NO-NAME: Well said.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have never attended an opera, but we have always wanted to. We finally made plans to attend one this fall, but have no idea what would be considered proper attire.

We will be going to the Portland Opera Theater in Portland, Ore. Should I wear a long sequined gown, while my husband wears a tuxedo? We are clueless and don't want to look silly or out of place. — **OPERA LOVERS**

DEAR OPERA LOVERS: Play it safe. Wear a conservative street-length suit or dress. Your husband should wear a suit rather than a tuxedo. While you're there, observe what other patrons are wearing, so you'll know for next time how formally Portland patrons dress for the opera. Enjoy!

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DEAR ABBY: I am a genealogist who is working with my mother on a family history, and we're not sure how to handle a situation that has come up.

A relative, "Mary," had a child, "Jane," out of wedlock. Mary's parents raised Jane as their own, so everyone in the family refers to Jane as Mary's sister, rather than her daughter. My mother knows the truth — as do other relatives — but no one acknowledges this publicly. Mom thinks we should put the truth about Jane in our family history. However, I'm afraid if we do, it will upset my grandmother.

As a historian, I think we should print the facts. However, there has already been a great deal of feuding in that part of our family, so I hate to add fuel to the fire.

What's the best way to handle this? — **SKELETON IN THE CLOSET**

DEAR SKELETON: The most skillful diplomat in your family should approach your grandmother tactfully and assess her feelings. If she would be hurt or embarrassed by the revelation, perhaps those facts should be kept "private" for another generation. Announcements of this kind can be bombshells with reverberations that echo through the entire family. While it is important to have an accurate family tree, and people are more open-minded today than they were a generation ago, there is no reason to make public at this time a revelation that could further fracture your family.

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DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed the "Pennies From Heaven" letters and thought you might be interested in another one.

Back in the late 1800s, my father was visiting his grandfather who lived in a house that was built rather high off the ground, as houses were back then. My father was playing under the house and found a penny. He was so excited that he ran in the house hollering, "Grand-daddy! Grand-daddy, I found a penny!" His grandfather took the penny, rubbed it on his pant leg, looked at it real close and said, "Lord, son, pennies make dollars," then put the penny in his own pocket. My father said, "I never did like that old man after that." — **JACK V. LYBRAND, COLUMBIA, S.C.**

DEAR JACK: While I agree with your great-grandfather that pennies add up to dollars, that's no excuse for stealing from a child. I don't blame your father for feeling as he did.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter from a World War II vet who wrote that cigarettes were so cheap in the service, he couldn't afford not to smoke, I say, "Ha!"

I was in Korea as a Marine and never smoked — no matter how many others were smoking around me. I knew back then it was a filthy habit, thanks to my sixth-grade teacher in Minneapolis, who taught me the definition of a cigarette:

"A little bit of tobacco, rolled up in a little bit of paper, with a little fire at one end and a little fool at the other."

Abby, that little lesson has served me well all my life. — **DICK BAKKEN, SAN DIEGO**

DEAR DICK: Your sixth-grade teacher was an exceptionally wise educator. It is possible that the lesson you and your classmates were taught is the reason you are alive today to write this letter.

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Thirteen current and former Miami police officers indicted

MIAMI (AP) — Thirteen current and former Miami police officers were accused in an indictment unsealed Friday alleging they helped cover up wrongdoing in police shootings in which three people died.

All were veteran officers assigned to special enforcement teams at the time of the shootings, which resulted in three deaths and one injury during the late 1990s. At least three shootings involved police planting guns at the scene, and officers are charged with lying, prosecutors said.

Eleven were arrested or surrendered Friday on an indictment charging them in a plot to obstruct justice and violate civil rights. Two retired officers pleaded guilty at sealed hearings earlier in the week to conspiracy. They are cooperating with the investigation.

"These officers put a stain on the badge of every hardworking, honest, faithful, honorable police office who puts his or her life on the line every single day," U.S. Attorney Guy Lewis said.

Miami police responded by asking the Justice Department for a top-to-bottom review of departmental procedures. Similar investigations were launched after police came under scrutiny in Los Angeles, Cincinnati and the District of Columbia.

Court appearances were expected later Friday in downtown Miami.

The arrests expanded on a March indictment charging five Miami SWAT officers with conspiracy to obstruct justice for allegedly lying to investigators after a 73-year-old man was killed in a hail of 123 bullets during a 1996 drug raid.

Shots narrowly missed his 14-year-old granddaughter. Police said the man fired first. No drugs were found in the house, but some were found outside a window.

The FBI said the investigations also involved gun "throwdown" cases involving the fatal shootings of two young black men after a smash-and-grab purse snatching on a downtown expressway ramp, a fatal inner-city shooting and the wounding of a homeless man who officers said was holding a weapon to the head of a friend. It actually was a small radio.

Lewis said the indictments reveal the officers "planted weapons, they lied about their roles in the shootings, they lied about what they saw, they falsified reports, they tampered with crime scenes."

He also said the officers stole money, guns and other property from people in unrelated cases and later used the guns to plant as phony evidence at police-involved shootings.

Though the latest police scandal involved 13 officers, it pales in comparison to the "Miami River Cops" case that grew out of the drowning of three drug-boat guards in the early 1980s.

Two dozen Miami officers eventually were convicted of charges that police formed their own drug-ripoff ring, and as many as 100 officers were disciplined in a wider review as the department put its own under scrutiny.

Winner competes

RAEFORD, N.C. (AP) — The winner of "Survivor: The Australian Outback" has logged another adventure: her first tandem parachute jump.

Tina Wesson, winner of the $1 million prize on the CBS show, was a guest Wednesday of the Army's Golden Knights parachute demonstration team.

Wesson and her instructor, who was strapped to her back, had about 30 seconds of free fall before the parachute opened at 5,000 feet.

"It went so quickly, I didn't have enough time to think about it," she said. "The rush of wind was so fast, I could hardly breathe."

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Commander of U.S. Navy training center is stripped of his post for misusing funds

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — The commander of a Navy training center has been stripped of his post after being found guilty of misusing Navy money.

Rear Adm. David Polatty III, who commanded the Great Lakes Naval Training Center for about a year, also lost part of his pay.

The Navy said it determined at a hearing Thursday that Polatty wrongfully collected travel expenses and accepted gifts prohibited under Navy regulations.

The Chicago Sun-Times, citing unidentified sources, reported that Polatty misused thousands of dollars. The investigation was prompted by a tip faxed to a Pentagon hot line.

Polatty served in Operation Desert Storm and has received several decorations.

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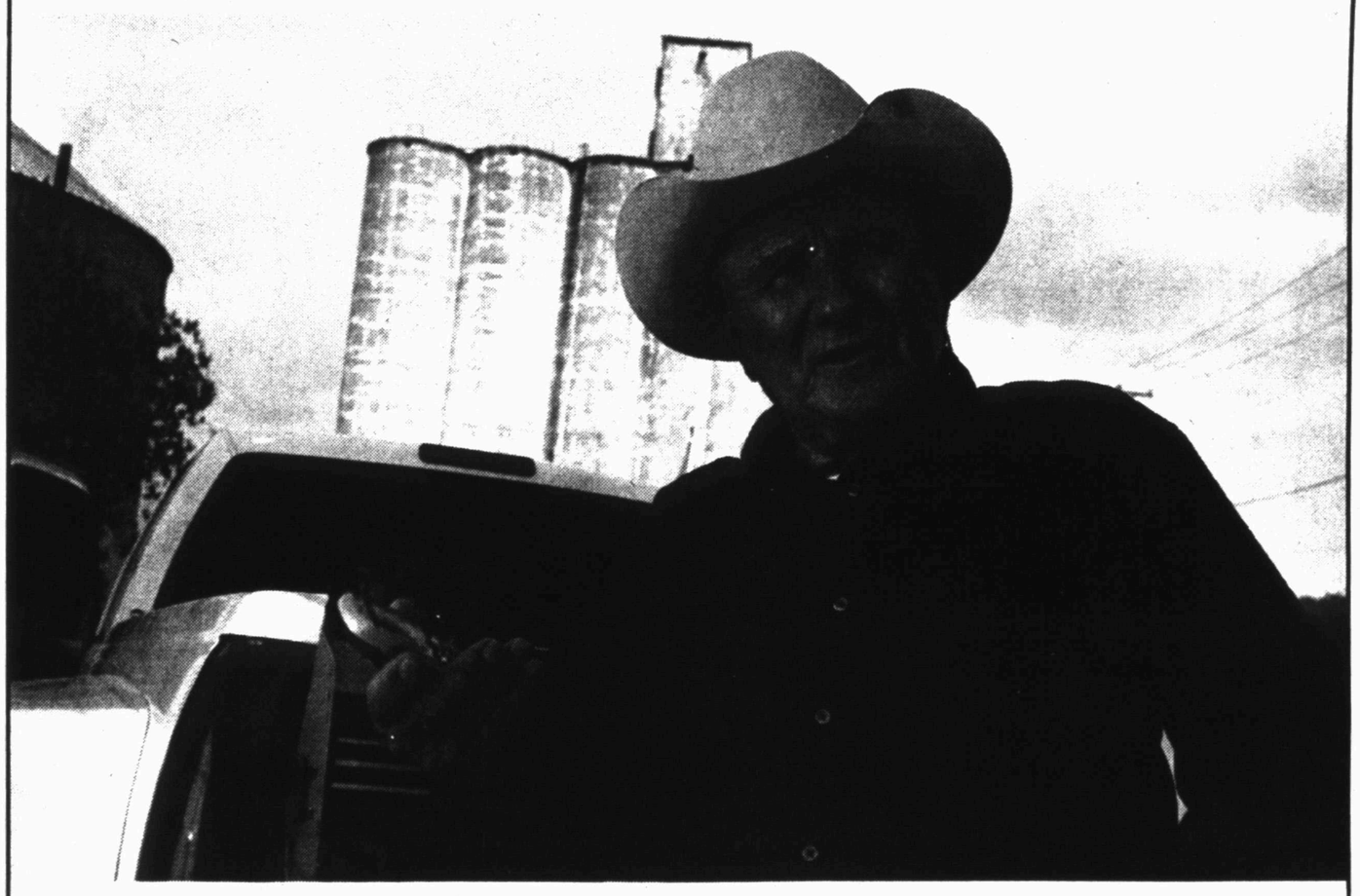
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Heirloom gardening becoming very popular

TOCCOA, Ga. (AP) — All Cynthia Jeffries wanted to do was find the little yellow pear-shaped tomatoes her mother grew in her garden, the sweet ones that hung in golden clusters.

That was six years and 350 kinds of tomatoes ago. Quickly enraptured by heirloom gardening, Jeffries now also grows heirloom squash, beans, peas and gourds and sells heirloom seeds on her Web site.

Heirloom gardening — growing old-fashioned plant varieties from seeds passed over a backyard fence or down through generations, not hybridized in a botanist's lab — has been practiced by gardening aficionados for years.

Now it's gaining ground among those who merely dabble in dirt.

"You go, like, 'Whoa! There are 3,000 varieties of heirloom tomatoes!'" Jeffries said. "I went crazy."

Not everyone agrees on what makes an heirloom. Some insist on a 50-year or 100-year pedigree. Others say a plant must be "true to type" — meaning that a seed taken from the plant would grow into an identical plant, something not often true of hybrids.

There is little disagreement, however, on heirlooms' growing popularity.

Seed Savers Exchange, an Iowa-based nonprofit that began in 1975 as a loose network of seed-swapping friends, now has roughly 10,000 members and produces a yearly directory of people who save and trade heirloom seeds.

The latest directory was 457 pages, with no pictures — just column after small-type column listing vegetable varieties, and names and addresses of people who sell seeds.

"It started out like a little newsletter and now it looks like a phone book," said Diane Whealy, the exchange's co-director.

The exchange works to save rare varieties and revive lost ones, and maintains Preservation Gardens, featuring 4,100 kinds of tomato, 3,600 types of bean, 1,200 different pepper varieties and 400 sorts of melon. A historic orchard contains 700 varieties of apples, about 20 percent of the number that flourished in the United States in the 1800s.

Meanwhile, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington is completing heirloom gardens surrounding the Museum of American History. Filled with hollyhocks, flowering tobacco and sweet peas, the gardens are scheduled to open in spring 2002.

"I tried to put in plants that people remember from their grandmother's garden," landscape architect Karen Swanson said.

Burpee, one of the oldest and largest plant and seed companies in the country, has always offered heirlooms, such as Golden Bantam sweet corn and the Brandywine tomato. In 1996, during the company's centennial, the company began offering a catalog listing only heirloom varieties.

"We were getting a lot of inquiries about it, asking for a special section in the catalog," said Don Zeidler, a spokesman for the Warminster, Pa.-based grower.

But Zeidler said heirlooms will never replace hybrids: "Heirlooms are like antiques. An antique table or bookcase looks great in your house, but do you want an antique refrigerator?"

Few commercial growers have adopted heirlooms because hybrids can be bred for long shelf life, resistance to bruising, and uniform shape and color. Often lost, though, are flavor, fragrance and variety.

Man who held police at bay for 12 hours kills himself

NEWMAN, Calif. (AP) — A man who held police at bay for 12 hours in the middle of Interstate 5 after being chased down for allegedly killing his wife and stepson three months ago killed himself Thursday night, authorities said.

SWAT team sharpshooters lay in a strip of dry grass alongside a rural section of Interstate 5 for hours before they heard gunshots and saw smoke come from the car. They had been negotiating with the man.

"He basically thanked them and said the negotiators did the best that they could," Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department spokesman Kelly Huston said about the suspect. Then negotiators "heard a pop and then a wheezing sound."

Police fired teargas canisters at the car after hearing the shots and moved in to find Joaquin Gutierrez, 40, laying with his head back inside the vehicle. Gutierrez had shot himself in the chest, Huston said.

With the car blocking the Interstate about 50 miles east of San Jose, Gutierrez had held a gun to his chest for most of the day and vowed not be taken alive. The standoff took place near the border of Stanislaus and Merced counties.

The double murder suspect led police on a 110 mph chase, before state Highway Patrol officers threw a strip of spikes in front of Gutierrez' car, puncturing the tires.

Four family members were brought to the scene to talk with the suspect. The standoff and chase were broadcast widely on national television.

Gutierrez was wanted for the June 23 killing of his wife, Guadalupe Gutierrez, 40, and a 15-year-old stepson. His two other stepchildren were present during the shooting.

Police in Milpitas began chasing Gutierrez early Thursday after receiving a call about someone sleeping in a car with no license plates. His identity was traced through the car's identification number, but he fled when he heard a police siren.

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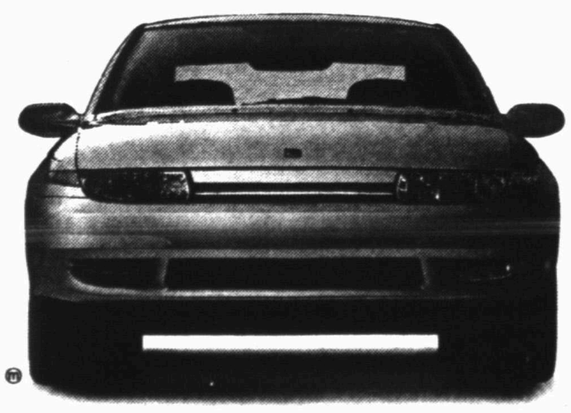
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