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Brad Maule...

SHS grad to receive Buddy Holly Walk of Fame honors Thursday

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Snyder native Brad Maule may be best known as Dr. Tony Jones on the soap opera, *General Hospital*, but his musical talents will be honored this week when he will be inducted into the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame.



Brad Maule

Created by Civic Lubbock Inc., the Walk of Fame recognizes area musicians, artists and actors — within 150 miles of Lubbock — who achieve national as well as international fame.

The induction ceremony is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame, which circles the statue of Buddy Holly located at the intersection of Ave. Q and 7th Street.

Helen Wagner, who has played Nancy Hughes on *As The World Turns* for 46 years, also will be inducted.

Maule said Monday morning, via a telephone interview, that when he received a phone call "out of the clear, blue sky" telling him that he had been chosen for the Walk of Fame, "I couldn't believe it."

He considers himself in very good company with the 33 other inductees, including Buddy Holly inducted in 1979; Waylon Jennings in 1980; Roy Orbison in 1989 and the Maines Brothers Band in 1993.

As Maule informed his family, he said his 14-year-old daughter, Lily, told him, "Dad, this is much cooler than you know."

Though they never met, Maule said he was a big fan of Buddy Holly and grew up in the same area he did.

After graduating from high school, Maule played the guitar and landed a job at the Country Squire dinner theater in Amarillo. After hours, he used the theatre's tape recorder to record his own songs.

A few months later, a new sound system was installed and one of Maule's tape was used to check the acoustics. Norman Petty, a music producer who lived in Clovis, heard the tape and contacted Maule.

Over the next few years, Maule recorded two albums at Petty's studio. During the first album, *Living It Up*, Maule said he used the same microphone Buddy Holly did.

Maule's other album is *Chameleon*. He has also recorded songs for compilation albums including two songs on *The Music of General Hospital*.

Maule noted that Lloyd Maines of the Maines Brothers Band has always played the guitar on all of Maule's albums, dating to the demo tape. He said he has a lot of respect for him and would consider it a great honor to one day be included on a Walk of Fame for Lloyd Maines.

He has written songs for another album, but hasn't recorded them yet. He said he writes songs in spurts and then six months or so may go by before he returns to writing.

Music is Maule's first love, but he admits that he's never made any money at it. But he doesn't care, he does it mainly for himself. It's what he likes to do.

That's why getting inducted into Buddy Holly's Walk of Fame means so much to him. He said some people tend to consider him just a "soap guy." Most people don't know that he also writes and performs country and western songs.

Maule's acting career followed in later years. Besides working on the soap opera, he has also guest starred in several television series and theatre productions, performing a variety of characters including Hamlet.

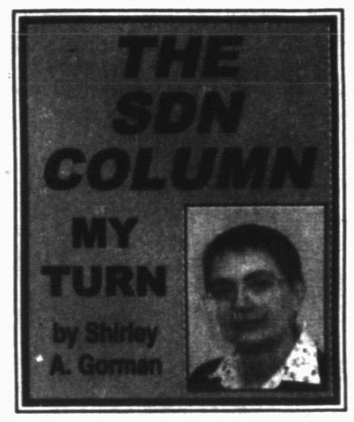
Maule's creativity is also expressed through his acrylic paintings, which he began when he was 16. He said a friend calls his style "country/beach." About six months ago, he began selling his paintings.

Maule grew up on a farm near Camp Springs. His parents, George and Josie Maule, still live there.

Maule graduated from Snyder High School and studied drama under the late Jerry Worsham. Throughout his career, Maule also found time to contribute to the community. In recent years, he co-hosted the annual West Texas Rehabilitation Telethon in Abilene. The fund-raiser helps bring in more than one million dollars for the victims of stroke, heart disease and other medical problems that require physical therapy.

Maule is married to Laverne. Besides Lily, they have a son, Hunter, who is 16. Maule also has a grown stepson, Michael Bullard.

Maule also has two sisters living in Texas. Charlotte Carey of Fort Stockton is the county auditor and Linda Halder lives in Fort Worth.



How time flies. Another summer is gone and a new school year is underway. When May's mega month of school activities ended, we breathed a collective sign of relief.

The Snyder Daily News extensively covers public school news in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh.

We take a "zillion" photos each school year, especially during peak months like May. The other day we did an informal search through the August through May issues and counted about 999 pictures — excluding sports.

An SDN staff member took many of the pictures, but some were e-mailed to us, and others were brought in on a disk or as a scanned photo.

We counted 40 pictures in August; 51 in September; 141 in October; 92 in November; 43 in December; 79 in January; 185 in February and March; 285 in April and May and 83 in June. After the school year ended, we still had a huge pile of photos leftover and it was well into June before they all ran in the paper.

While it's true the SDN takes lots of school pictures, we do it with the cooperation and assistance from various school personnel. We're not going to try to list individuals, there are too many (Besides, they will know who they are). But we would like to say "thank you" to:

- Administrators for keeping us informed;
- Department heads and office personnel for gathering information for the back-to-school issue;
- Teachers for letting us know what their students are doing, allowing time for "Kodak moments" and for writing down all those their names in order, left to right, row by row;
- Custodians and maintenance workers who let us snap away while they scrub, shine, wax, and dust each campus;
- Teachers who let us photograph them while they are working to get their classrooms ready for a new school year (even though they are not dressed in their Sunday best);
- Secretaries and other office staffers who are always courteous when we call or drop by and try to help us no matter how busy they may be. Countless times a day we're calling to set up pictures, verify the time, date and location of a photo or (as is often the case) checking on the correct spelling of a student's name.
- To the school personnel that provides us with pictures they have taken. It's appreciated (sometimes we get spread pretty thin) but by no means required. After all, taking school-related pictures is a big part of our job.
- We didn't want to start naming individuals but there are three exceptions. Debra Brown and Becky Hudgins at Ira School have always been a big help for several years. Debra, sets most of the picture appointments, calls students, lines them up and identifies them. One of Becky's jobs is to take pictures for the school annual. She has always shared her photos with us, and when needed, she'll take pictures when we can't make it.

Our main contact person at Hermleigh School is Bertha Lambaren. She has coordinated picture requests with the SDN for years, set up the photo sessions, gathered all of the students and identified each one.

As school activities pick up, we'll get our roller skates ready.

Bobby Allen named SDN sports editor

Bobby Allen, an SDN staff writer since May, has been named sports editor of the Snyder Daily News.

He will fill the sports slot held by Eric Drennan who plans to join the sports department of the Abilene Reporter-News.

Allen, a graduate of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, has been a general assignment reporter for the SDN – covering police, courthouse and city hall.

While attending New Mexico State, Allen's news beat was the Aggie football team for the student newspaper, the Roundup.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English after serving five years in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic. While in the military, he was stationed in Virginia, Texas and Germany.

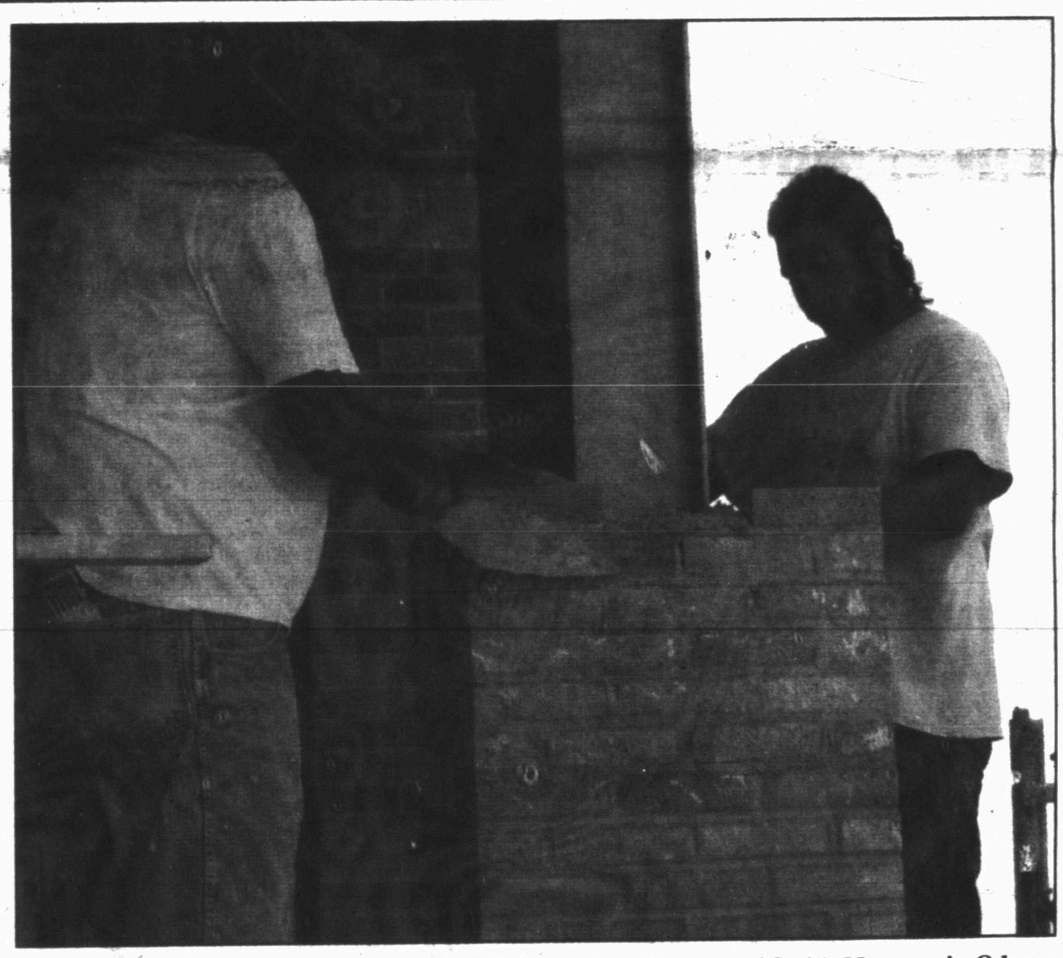


Bobby Allen

Allen's wife, Korie, is a native of El Paso and is a radiology student. The couple has two-year-old twin sons, Trevor and Trenton.

SDN Publisher Roy McQueen said the newspaper is delighted to have someone with Bobby's ability and interest in athletics to take the sports editor's job.

"Bobby has a passion for sports and he is as excited about the challenge as we are to have him on our staff to cover the youth of Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Borden County."



FINISHING TOUCHES — Sam Rodriguez (left) and Jose Tarango of Smith Masonry in Odessa were busy this morning laying the final bricks for Cogdell Hospital's renovation project. More than 30,000 bricks were laid during the project. (SDN Staff Photo)

Harleys and Indians...

Last chance for museum exhibit

Ready to Roll enters its last week of display at the Scurry County Museum. The exhibit features 30 Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters. All of the bikes are owned by Scurry County residents.

In addition to the vehicles, clothing, collectibles, posters and an array of mementos lent by bike owners and motorcycle enthusiasts are displayed.

Photographs about the companies and their founders provide an historical overview. The exhibit is open free to the public.

There are special hours for viewing *Ready to Roll* on Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

The Scurry County Museum is located on the Western Texas College Campus. For more information, call 573-6107, Monday through Thursday.

Home health administrator on Cogdell board agenda

The appointment of an administrator for Cogdell Memorial Hospital's home health unit is among the agenda items for Thursday morning's board meeting.

The board also will review the accreditation status of the hospital, and review the monthly financial reports and certify the accounts payable.

Hospital CEO George Parsley will give his monthly report to include an update on the emergency department renovation, professional liability insurance and employee health insurance.

The meeting is at 8 o'clock in the hospital boardroom.

ASK US

Q—Has a date been set to move the RS&P engine from Towle Park?

A—Plans are to move the locomotive Oct. 12 to kick off White Buffalo Days.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 103 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday; 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 70-75; SE winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; high 95-100; E winds 10-15 mph. Thursday night, low around 70.



Kassidy Henderson
Rain chance

Sunset: 8:12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:18 a.m.

Of 239 days in 2002, the sun has shone 232 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A little rebellion now and then is a good thing.
—Thomas Jefferson

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Texas judge faces sanctions

AUSTIN (AP) — A South Texas judge faces sanctions ranging up to removal from the bench after a disciplinary panel concluded that he made inappropriate advances toward three women who accused him of sexual harassment.

State District Judge Terry Canales of Alice has 15 days to decide whether to protest findings of a panel of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Canales' attorney, Augustin Rivera of Corpus Christi, expects an objection to be filed. That could lead to a hearing before the full 11-member board. Tuesday's decision came from a six-member panel, which heard testimony earlier this month.

Rivera expressed disappointment with the decision, believing that compelling evidence had been presented that the events couldn't have happened as alleged.

The decision released Tuesday didn't include a recommendation for punishment. Punishment could range from private sanctions to public censure or removal from the bench. The full board could also decide to dismiss the charges.

"There are a lot of options available at this point and it's far from over," Margaret Reaves, executive director of the commission, said in a story today in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

If removed from office, Canales could appeal to the Texas Supreme Court. That court would appoint a seven-member "review tribunal" of appellate judges to consider the evidence and make its own decision about whether to remove him from office, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.





DONATIONS — Snyder firefighters accepted two donations recently for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. In the top photo, Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and firemen Kyle Cox and Darrell Craig accept a check from Sheila McCormack and Pauline Walton of the Texas Extension Education Association Stargazers. In the bottom photo, Fire Marshal Cy Posey accepts a check from Kinder Morgan as presented by Marsha Lovelady and Jerry Martin. (SDN Staff Photos)



events
LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY
RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers:
Pick 3 (Day) 4-1-5
Pick 3 (Night) 0-5-3

Cash Five: 2-6-13-16-19
Texas Two Step

Numbers: 26-31-33-35
Bonus ball: 8

END-OF-SUMMER SAVINGS

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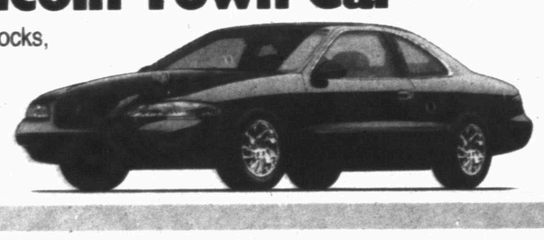


1996 Ford Windstar LS Van
Green, power windows/locks
$5,900



1995 Buick Regal
White, power windows/locks, A/C, #C4492A
$5,350

1997 Lincoln Town Car
Black, Tan leather, power windows/locks, A/C, #C4236B
$7,250



1992 Ford Explorer XLT $4,400
Blue two tone, 4X4, power windows/locks, A/C

1997 Ford Explorer XLT $8,800
Prairie tan, tan leather, power windows/locks, CD player #CS4322B

1989 Jeep Cherokee Sport $4,000
Red, 6 cyl, A/C, runs great, #TC3912A

1998 GMC Jimmy $7,850
White, 4 dr., power windows/locks, V-6, A/C

1989 Dodge Ram Charger $3,500
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LA board extends ban on soft drink sales to schools

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The board of the nation's second-largest school district voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend the ban on carbonated soft drinks to all its schools in an effort to combat childhood obesity.

An audience of about 100 people burst into applause as the ban was adopted after 21/2 hours of debate. It will take effect in January 2004.

Board member Julie Korenstein, who co-sponsored the measure, said it was needed to fight obesity among students. But a soda industry official complained that banning drinks isn't the solution.

"Physical education and physical activity are by far, more important in combating obesity than banning soft drinks from students' diets," said Sean McBride, a spokesman for the National Soft Drink Association.

He added: "In the end, this is really about the couch and not the can."

Los Angeles Unified District, which has 748,000 students on its 677 campuses, already prohibited carbonated drink sales at elementary schools. The new measure extends the ban to the district's approximately 200 middle and high schools. It only takes effect during school hours.

Still permitted during school hours are water, milk, beverages with at least 50 percent fruit juice and sports drinks with less than 42 grams of sugar per 20-ounce serving.

Many Los Angeles Unified schools rely on soda sales to fund student activities such as sports and field trips.

CDC prepared for terrorist threats

ATLANTA (AP) — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says it is better prepared to handle the threat of terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks.

CDC director Julie Gerberding said Sept. 11 changed the world. Then, less than a month later, the nation was thrust into the height of the anthrax scare.

"The world changed for all of us, including the CDC," Gerberding said at a conference Tuesday on terrorism preparedness. "We learned a lot of lessons last fall. We have been scaling up ... and streamlining our operation. We're better prepared than we were a year ago, but we are not done yet."

According to officials, $918 million will be used next year for improvements to state and local health departments. The West Nile virus outbreak, now identified in 20 states and the nation's capital, has been an opportunity to practice public health response and implement operations, communications and leadership strategies similar to those that would be used in terrorist attacks.

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002

Today is the 240th day of 2002 and the 69th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1955, Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African-American, was murdered and mutilated by two white men while visiting family in Mississippi.

On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to an audience of over 200,000.

On this day in 1968, a Vietnam War demonstration turned into a violent clash between demonstrators and Chicago police.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), writer; Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), educator and religious leader; Charles Boyer (1897-1978), actor; Donald O'Connor (1925-), actor, singer and dancer, is 77; Ben Gazzara (1930-), actor, is 72; Scott Hamilton (1958-), figure skater, is 44; Janet Evans (1971-), swimmer, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 11-0. During the game, Dodger Steve Garvey hit three doubles and two home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: [illegible] dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal.'" — Martin Luther King Jr.

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

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Report: Enron had account at Sanchez' bank

DALLAS (AP) — About $50 million from an account Enron Corp. opened at a bank controlled by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez was used to pay executive bonuses at the now bankrupt energy company, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said the company opened an account with the Houston branch of the International Bank of Commerce, which is controlled by the Sanchez family, because the bank had no previous dealings with Enron.

In all, Palmer said Enron processed about $400 million through the bank, including $50 million to $55 million in bonuses for employees the company wanted to retain.

Palmer said Enron chose IBC and other banks with which it had no previous dealings as it prepared to file for bankruptcy last December to ensure that Enron would have full access to any funds it deposited.

"We were afraid that some of the banks that we had relationships with would use our deposits as offsets to what their claims would be" during bankruptcy proceedings, Palmer said. "It was entirely appropriate, and it's been disclosed. It was not a huge relationship in terms of Enron's bankruptcy."

The account eventually went dormant and was closed a few weeks ago, Palmer said.

Sanchez, a millionaire businessman from Laredo, has harshly criticized Republican Gov. Rick Perry for his dealings with Enron.

Former Enron executive Max Yzaguirre was appointed by Perry to chair the Public Utility Commission a day before Perry received a $25,000 campaign contribution from then-Enron chairman Ken Lay.

Yzaguirre later resigned. Perry has donated about $85,000 in his Enron political donations to scholarships for the families of laid-off Enron employees.

Sanchez spokesman Mark Sanders defended the Enron transactions with IBC, saying Sanchez had no involvement in the more than $400 million in Enron money that went through the bank.

Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said it was hypocritical for Sanchez to criticize Perry for Enron ties when Sanchez's bank also had dealings with the Houston company.

"At the very time that Mr. Sanchez's campaign was attacking all things Enron, Mr. Sanchez's bank was profiting by helping Enron executives get big pre-bankruptcy bonuses," Sullivan said.

IBC spokeswoman Winter Prosapio said Sanchez was not involved with the Enron account.

Palmer, of Enron, said he was unaware of any involvement by Sanchez in the Enron-IBC arrangements.

"As a board member, this is not the kind of daily business that a board member of the bank would say yes or no to," Prosapio said. "It's just a daily business decision that the manager or chief executive officer of these different banks make on their own. This was strictly a business decision."

It was unclear how much money IBC made through the account. IBC has assets of roughly $6.3 billion, according to federal filings.

IBC, which is part of International Bancshares Corp., was founded by Sanchez's father in 1996. As a board member of International Bancshares, Sanchez controls 7,941,253 shares, or just under a quarter of the company's outstanding shares.

Sanchez has had previous dealings with Enron. Laredo-based Sanchez Oil and Gas Corp. sold gas to Enron and signed a hedging contract with Enron in 1997.

In 1998, documents show that Sanchez, a University of Texas System regent, encouraged UT officials to meet Enron chairman Kenneth Lay and other executives to discuss taking over the University of Texas' power distribution business.

Scientists improve memory in mice

By The Associated Press

Scientists have boosted learning and memory in mice by blocking a brain enzyme, and they say the result could point to therapy for reducing forgetfulness in older people.

They said the work implicates the enzyme, called PP1, as a key actor in the brain's system for erasing memories.

Other scientists said it's unclear if the findings may lead to memory-enhancing therapies for older people, but they called the work important.

"This is going to make us think in new and different ways about forgetting," said James McGaugh, director of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory at the University of California, Irvine.

"It says here we have a molecule in the brain that is constantly making us forget, and when you block that, it slows down the forgetting."

The research is reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature by a team led by Isabelle Mansuy of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland.

The enzyme was thought to play some role in erasing memories, but its precise job wasn't clear, she said.

The researchers genetically modified mice so they could block PP1 simply by giving the animals food laced with a particular drug.

They found that mice in which PP1 was inhibited did better on learning and memory tests than other mice did. The animals were tested on whether they remembered seeing particular objects and whether they could recall the location of an escape platform submerged in a tank of opaque water.

Aged mice also did better when PP1 was suppressed, hinting at a possible approach to treating age-related memory loss, Mansuy said.

"This indicates that in the aged brain the molecular machinery is not completely deteriorated and that these functions can be restored if only one component — PP1 — is blocked," she said.

Dr. Eric Kandel, a Columbia University professor who shared the 2000 Nobel Prize for medicine for his work on the nature of learning and memory, said the research is an important step in science's understanding of the brain's constraints on long-term memory formation.

"This shows that if you remove these constraints you enhance the memory storage," he said. "The fact that this is also operative in older mice of course only enhances this work."

In a second Nature study bearing on brain biology, researchers in Scotland presented evidence that a gene variant linked to Alzheimer's disease might also impair mental abilities in people without the illness. Some prior studies had already suggested that.

They studied 466 people who'd taken a mental ability test at age 11 and again at age 80. Of the group, 121 carried the APOE E4 gene variant, which raises the risk of getting Alzheimer's.

Nobody in the new study had Alzheimer's or any other dementia. But while the test scores of the gene carriers and non-carriers were about the same at age 11, the average scores of the carriers were slightly lower at age 80.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Future father-in-law is flirting with danger

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Eduardo," and I have been a couple for nearly four years. We plan to marry in 2004.

Eduardo's parents ("Maribell and Guillermo") have had their share of marital problems but have remained together. My father died six years ago, and my mother raised my sister and me by herself. She is an attractive woman with high standards who chose not to date until last year.

Our "combined family" has always enjoyed getting together on birthdays and holidays. However, recently Guillermo has been hitting on my mother! He stares at her, vies for her attention, and makes no secret of the fact that he loves to be near her.

My mother is not — and would never be — interested in him, especially since she and Maribell have become close friends.

I think the behavior of Eduardo's dad is out-and-out inappropriate, but if I mention it to Eduardo, he refuses to acknowledge there's a problem. He insists his father would never behave "like that." Eduardo won't discuss it with me anymore and refuses to bring it up with his dad.

Should I approach my future father-in-law myself, Abby? If so, exactly what should be said? I don't want to say anything to Maribell because if she hasn't already noticed her husband's behavior, it would only hurt her. Please share any suggestions you have. — **DISTRESSED AND DISTURBED**

DEAR D AND D: You say your mother is attractive and has high standards. I'm sure this isn't the first time since your father's death that a man has "put the moves" on her.

Rather than involving yourself in this delicate situation, let her speak up for herself in putting Guillermo in his place.

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DEAR ABBY: I surprised myself. I seduced a man not long ago, with the sole intent of having a one-night affair. We agreed that we didn't want to get seriously involved at the time.

Well, the one-night affair turned into six encounters in three weeks, and it is very enjoyable on a physical level. The problem is, the sexual aspect is all there is. I would like to go out and have fun, like the night I met him. I have brought this up, yet the subject remains unanswered.

How do I firmly express that I want more without him thinking that I'm looking for a relationship? — **ASKING TOO MUCH IN CHICAGO**

DEAR ASKING TOO MUCH: But you ARE asking for a relationship — you want to make plans, go out and have fun. That's a lot more than the one-night stand you indicated to him that you wanted. The irony is, you are getting more — and less — than you asked for.

Tell him straight out in plain English what you want. But don't be surprised if he's unwilling to cooperate. You're changing the rules after the game has started.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a new stepfather to two adorable girls, ages 4 and 7. I explained to them that I am their stepfather — but they call me Dad or Daddy anyway.

Their father heard them call me Daddy, and he's extremely upset. He is accusing me of "undermining his importance."

Abby, what should the girls call me — and how do I handle this overbearing father? — **INSTANT FAMILY IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

DEAR INSTANT FAMILY: The girls should call you anything they wish. However, ask them to come up with several new options, and you pick the one you like best.

When the girls and you have decided on a new name, your problem with their father should disappear.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Bridge books include the thoughts of writers past, which can help to guide the players of today and tomorrow. But if you do not think of the right play at the right time, you will not make it. That applies on this deal. Against your contract of six hearts, West leads the diamond ace. It is easy to ruff and draw the missing trump, but how would you continue?

After North recovered from the shock of his partner's opening bid, he bid what he thought South could make.

At first glance, you seem to need the club finesse to work. Your second thought might be that you can improve your odds slightly. You can eliminate the pointed suits, cash the club ace, cross to hand with a trump, and lead a club to the queen. You succeed whenever West has the club king, or when East has his majesty singleton or doubleton.

However, you need no luck. You should ruff the diamond, cross to hand with a trump, ruff your last diamond, return to hand with a trump, and play a spade to dummy's 10. East wins with an honor but is endplayed.

If he returns a club, you get two club tricks, and your third club goes on the spade ace. If East leads back a spade, you discard two clubs on dummy's jack and ace.

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If only one had the right thought

By Phillip Alder

William Morris, an English poet and artist, wrote, "Memory and imagination help him as he works. Not only his own thoughts, but the thoughts of the men of past ages guide his hands; and, as part of the human race, he creates. If we work thus we shall be men, and our days will be happy and eventful." And women too.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002

The contacts that will prove to be the most effective for you in the year ahead will be the ones with persons who are either older or more knowledgeable than yourself. You may establish these unions through non-vocational involvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Think big today and perform in accordance with those ideas. You're in a very productive cycle now and the only things that can hold you back are self-imposed limitations. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is an opportunity lurking around you today that may be somewhat veiled, but you can find it if you take care not to overlook anything, no matter how small the issue or matter is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Being a person with intense emotions and desires, you have a faculty for generating fervent action in others. Today, however, your presence will have a soothing, calming effect on your companions instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Completing a task today that you've been neglecting will not only get a monkey off your back, but will be the source that ends up generating a bonus or extra income of some sort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As long as you're socializing today, why not take advantage of those who are progressive and pick their brains a bit? It could be very worthwhile to exchange ideas and information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This could be an excellent day to go shopping for that expensive household item you need. Chances are great today for running into a genuine bargain that'll save you a bundle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your thinking may actually be superior to others today, so don't hold back your thoughts. Once in a discussion, everyone will sit up and take notice when you start voicing your opinions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make a concerted effort to acquire that luxury item you've been yearning for. There's a chance today that you could find the means to get it, either through some extra work or a bonus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do what you can for others today, but where you can really make the most progress is in spending your time on situations that can advance your own personal interests. Do something for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There is no need to paddle against the currents today. Things will have a way of working out to your advantage if you let everything run its natural course.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could be asked to take on more responsibilities or duties today, but, much to your surprise, what you are asked to do could turn out to be more of a pleasure than a nuisance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's just like you to take on something today from which associates have been shying away. To you the challenge will be very stimulating and you'll be able to rise to the occasion.

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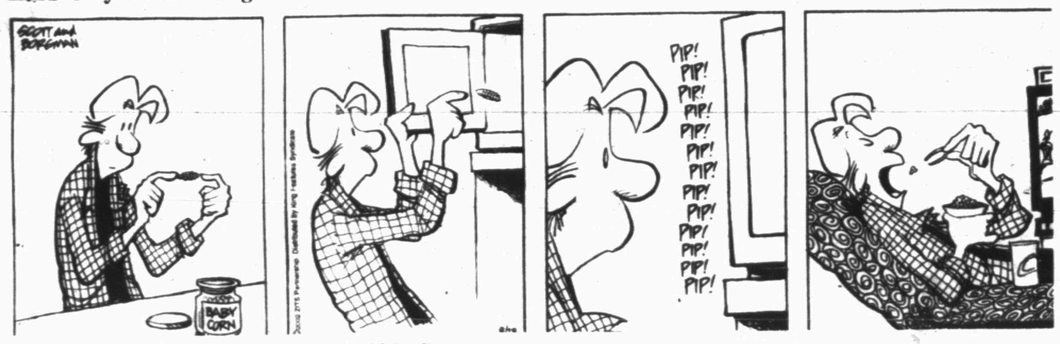


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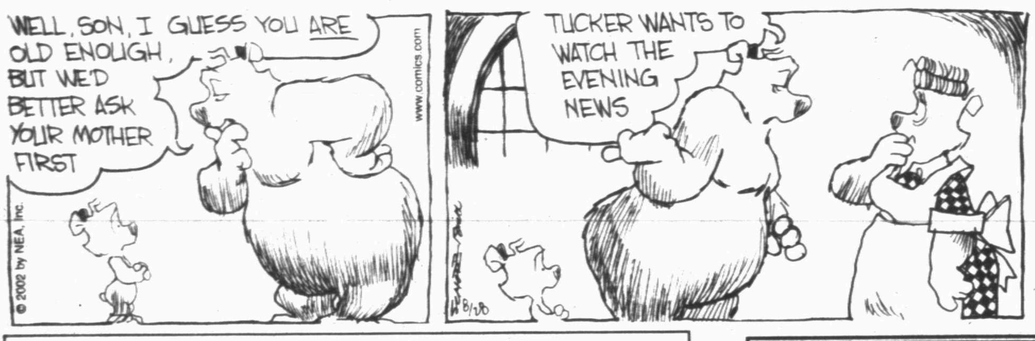
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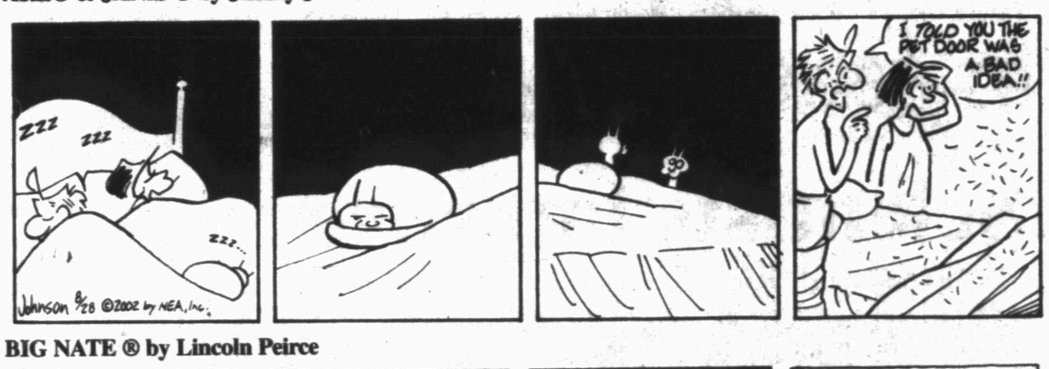
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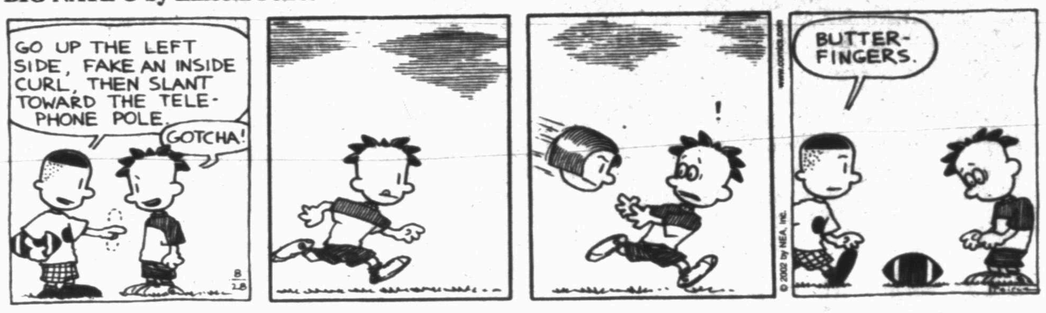
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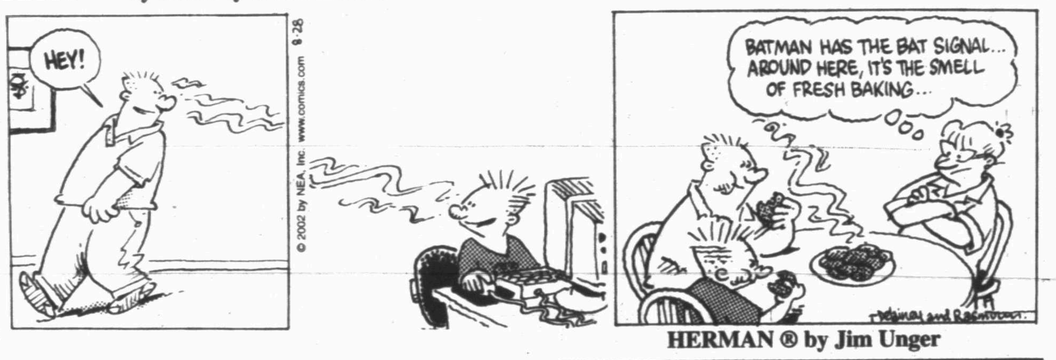
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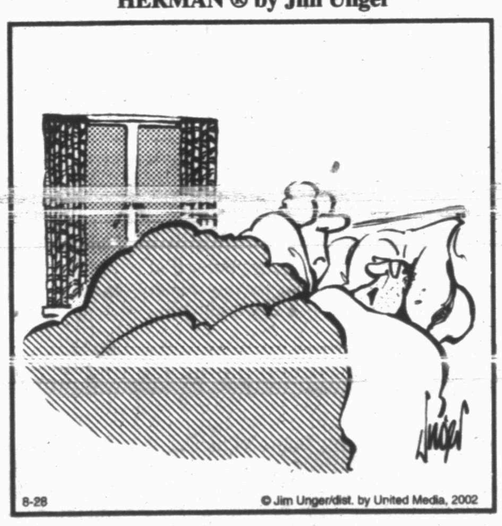
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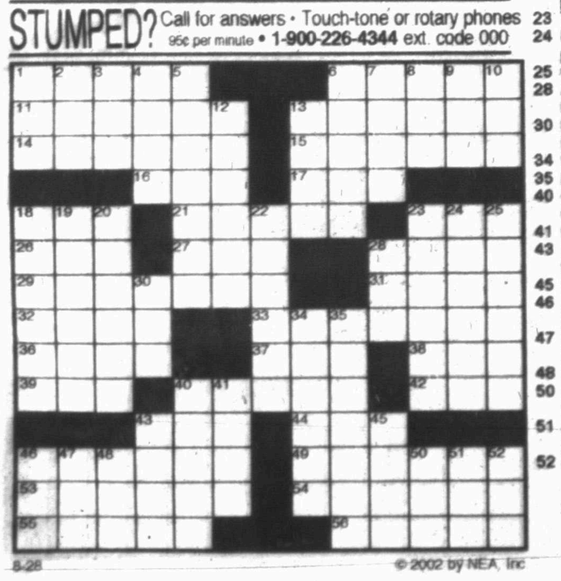
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SPORTS

Varsity tennis beats Plainview in season opener

The Snyder Tigers varsity tennis team took its first team tennis dual meet Tuesday, defeating Plainview 12-7.

Snyder tennis coach Ted Phillips said he was happy with the play of his squad.

"We had a good day," he said. "They're tough. They have been practicing a lot longer than we have."

Snyder was reclassified to 3A this year, while Plainview is still 4A. Schools in the 4A class began practicing Aug. 1.

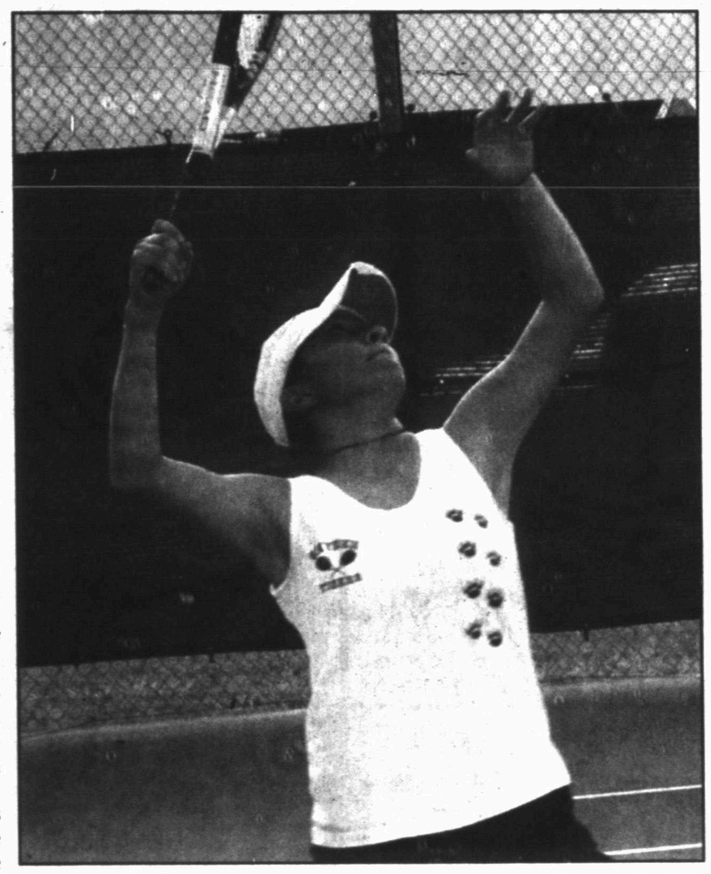
Adam Rogers, Curt Phillips and Tanner Reed helped Snyder split the boys' singles bracket, with all three cruising to straight set victories.

Pat Vargas, Cozy Jones, Jackie Beccue and Kara Brumley helped the girls win the singles bracket 4-2. All won in straight sets, with Brumley only losing 3 games on her way to a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

The Lady Tigers swept Plainview in the doubles play, with Jones and Brumley coasting to a 6-1, 6-1 win. Vargas and Andra Dunham took their match in two sets, as did Beccue and Afton Sutter.

The boys took two out of three in the doubles competition, with Phillips and Rogers teaming up to win 6-2, 6-1. Reed and Horatio Depaz also took their doubles match in straight sets.

In the mixed doubles match, Hale and Stephanie Williams succumbed to the team from Plainview in three sets after taking the first set.



WARM UP — Pat Vargas practices her serve before a single's match Tuesday against Plainview. Vargas won both her singles and doubles matches. (SDN Staff Photo)

Volleyball team splits dual meet in Monahans

Tuesday's dual meet in Monahans provided the Lady Tigers varsity volleyball team some needed experience heading into to this weekend's trip to Ft. Worth, and improved the team's record to 4-2.

"We're trying to get together as a team," head coach Laura Moses said. "We've got talent, we just need more playing time together."

The varsity team split its two matches, crushing Ft. Stockton 15-5 and 15-3, and losing both games to Monahans, 9-15 and 6-15.

"Monahans had some good hitters," she said. "They took advantage of some free passes that we gave them."

Moses said the team needed work on some areas of its game. "We need to work on blocking — we haven't got it down yet. We need to work on getting our setters to work with our hitters."

She said she is pleased with the defense. "They picked up a lot of digs."

The JV team improved its record to 3-2 Tuesday, beating Monahans 17-15 and 15-0, but was defeated by Ft. Stockton in three games.

The ninth-grade squad fell to 0-3 after losing both matches at the dual meet. The freshmen lost to Monahans and Ft. Stockton by scores of 15-7and 15-12.

The team next goes on to play Justin Northwest in Ft. Worth at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Astros fall to Padres, 11-6

HOUSTON (AP) — San Diego manager Bruce Bochy couldn't ask for more from his Nos. 3 and 4 hitters.

The Padres beat the Houston Astros 11-6 Tuesday night, with Phil Nevin and Ryan Klesko doing the heavy lifting.

Nevin tied a career high with four hits and drove in two runs. Klesko hit his eighth career grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs.

"Those two had a big night," Bochy said. "That's what you're hoping for out of those spots. I think Phil is getting back on track finally after his injuries. We've been doing a good job of scoring with his help lately."

Nevin, who had four hits in a game four other times — most recently April 15, against San Francisco, has hit in six straight games and is 14-for-24 (.583) in that span.

"The hardest part has been getting my strength back," Nevin said. "All the way to the back of my shoulder, I haven't felt strong. But the last couple of weeks, I've started to finally let it go. I've got my timing back and I feel much better at the plate."

Klesko had his second six-RBI game at Houston, also doing it May 21, 2001, and improved his career average to .345 against the Astros.

"I don't really know why I've hit so well here," Klesko said. "I think it's just that I happen to be swinging the bat well when I come in here. The last couple of times I've been here, I came in on a hot streak.

"It's not the park, although it's a beautiful place. I see the ball well here. But it's mainly that I've been swinging the bat well lately."

Jeff Bagwell had three hits and two RBIs for the Astros, who fell 3½ games behind St. Louis in the NL Central.

With the score 4-4, the Padres broke the game open in the seventh. Bubba Trammell, Deivi Cruz and Wiki Gonzalez opened the innings with singles off Dave Mlicki (4-10) to make it 5-4.

After Mlicki hit Gene Kingsale with a pitch, Pedro Borbon came on and allowed a sacrifice fly to Mark Kotsay. Nevin's single made it 7-4 before Klesko's 24th homer off Nelson Cruz put the game away.

"You have to go after him," Cruz said. "He's going to play here every year and he's going to be comfortable here. I can't think too much and walk him with the bases loaded.

Players agree to drug testing

NEW YORK (AP) — Two days before players were scheduled to strike, baseball commissioner Bud Selig planned to leave Milwaukee and head to the talks.

The sides met three times Tuesday, holding two-on-two discussions instead of trading formal proposals among the full negotiating committees.

"The drug testing is a done deal," Los Angeles Dodgers player representative Paul Lo Duca said. "We agreed on that, and that's great. They're getting closer and closer."

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, wouldn't say if owners agreed to the testing plan.

"We made progress on the drug issue," he said. "Right now, I'm not confirming or denying any agreements, proposals or potential agreements."

While there were upbeat assessments, some teams made strike preparations.

The Chicago White Sox called off their Thursday charter to Detroit and said they would travel Friday only if there isn't a walkout. Boston rescheduled its charter to Cleveland for Friday, too, and Atlanta will remain in Pittsburgh an extra day. But St. Louis will travel Thursday for the following day's game at the Chicago Cubs, which would be the first game affected by a strike.

Selig didn't know when the last moment would be for a settlement that would enable the schedule to remain uninterrupted.

"The closer you get to the date, it's tougher," he said from his home in Milwaukee.

Negotiators met briefly Tuesday morning, and players held a conference call with the union staff. The sides, trying to avert baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972, held a long session in the afternoon and met late at night for about 45 minutes before recessing.

"They're trying to get the structure figured out as much as they can without making formal proposals back and forth and eliminating some of the unneeded red tape in the middle," said Arizona's Rick Helling, a member of the union's executive board. "It's more just informal talks to see if they can find a common ground."

Lo Duca said the drug agreement included a penalty phase for positive tests, and help would be available for players who have problems.

"They're going to have the random testing for steroids, marijuana and cocaine," Lo Duca said. "What they agreed on was once in spring training, and then random tests during the year, which I think is very good. Once you put the word 'random' in there, you don't know when it's going to happen, so I think it's going to keep guys off and I think that's good for the game."

Brandon Inge, Detroit's assistant player representative, said players agreed to random drug testing for two years. If 5 percent or more of those tests come back positive in either year, mandatory testing would be required for all players. Atlanta's Tom Glavine, the NL player representative, thought the sides were headed to a labor agreement.

"I think there are still going to be some ups and downs between now and Thursday," he said. "But ultimately I'm optimistic that we're going to get something done."

Some still expect a walkout.

"I plan on striking Friday," Red Sox pitcher John Burkett said. "I think it's going to be long. I'm just going by my experience in '94."

Manfred said no new proposals have been made since management's offer Sunday.

"We did, however, have conceptual discussions aimed at resolving the differences between us," he said, adding: "We have time to make an agreement."

Owners and players disagreed on how much to increase revenue sharing and on the level of a luxury tax on high-payroll teams that would slow salary increases.

Burkett thinks the players already have moved too far toward owners.

"They pretty much won the negotiation. They've pretty much got everything they wanted," said the pitcher.

Major League Standings

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	82	48	.631	—
Boston	74	56	.569	8
Toronto	57	74	.435	25½
Tampa Bay	43	88	.328	39½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	79	54	.594	—
Chicago	62	70	.470	16½
Cleveland	57	74	.435	21
Kansas City	53	80	.398	26
Detroit	50	82	.379	28½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	82	51	.617	—
Anaheim	78	53	.595	3
Seattle	78	54	.591	3½
Texas	58	72	.446	22½

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 0
Detroit 8, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 5, Seattle 2
Texas 9, Baltimore 4
Oakland 6, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 4, 10 innings
Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 3

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Parris 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-10), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 15-7) at Boston (P.Martinez 17-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 1-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 13-4) at Minnesota (Santana 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Stephens 1-2) at Texas (Park 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 18-5) at Kansas City (Sedlacek 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-6) at Anaheim (Washburn 15-5), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	83	47	.638	—
Philadelphia	65	65	.500	18
Florida	63	68	.481	20½
New York	61	69	.469	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	72	58	.554	—
Houston	69	62	.527	3½
Cincinnati	65	66	.496	7½
Pittsburgh	58	74	.439	15
Chicago	55	75	.423	17
Milwaukee	45	86	.344	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	84	48	.636	—
Los Angeles	76	56	.576	8
San Francisco	73	58	.557	10½
Colorado	61	71	.462	23
San Diego	56	75	.427	27½

Tuesday's Games

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Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2
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Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 7, Colorado 4
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 1

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Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-7) at Milwaukee (Rusch 6-13), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 5-5) at Houston (Oswalt 16-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 8-10) at Colorado (Jennings 15-5), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 8-8) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 11-8), 10:10 p.m.

Sports briefs

Bowling league

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

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly playday Wednesday at 9 a.m. Format is most and lease strokes to green, back nine.

Labor Day scramble

Snyder Country Club will host a Labor Day scramble starting at 10 a.m. Monday. Cost is $20 per person.

U.S. Open tennis

NEW YORK (AP) — Fighting cramps and each other for 4½ muggy hours at this wearying U.S. Open, 2000 champion Marat Safin prevailed over Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) to the point of exhaustion. In other action, two-time defending champion Venus Williams and third-seeded Jennifer Capriati both opened with perfect victories: 6-0, 6-0.

Baseball losing appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of people who consider themselves baseball fans has dipped to less than three in 10, the lowest level since the last strike ended in April 1995, according to an ABC poll.

San Franscisco, NYC finalists for Olympics

CHICAGO (AP) - San Francisco and New York beat out Houston and Washington, D.C., when a U.S. Olympic Committee task force chose two finalists to be the American candidate for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

The U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors will pick the 2012 candidate at a Nov. 3 meeting.

Bonds launches three homers

DENVER (AP) - Barry Bonds homered three times against the Colorado Rockies, including the third-longest home run hit at Coors Field, at 492 feet.

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Study: Vitamins help arteries of patients with angioplasty

CHICAGO (AP) — A six-month regimen of folic acid, vitamin B12 and vitamin B6 can help prevent reoccurrence of blocked arteries in patients who have undergone coronary angioplasty, a study found.

The findings, reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, are an extension of a clinical trial that examined effects of the vitamin combination on treating heart disease.

The treatment apparently works by lowering levels of homocysteine, an amino acid long implicated in heart attacks.

Dr. Guido Schnyder, an assistant professor in the cardiology division at the University of California at San Diego, and his colleagues conducted both studies.

The earlier study, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine in November 2001, involved 205 patients who were given either the vitamin combination of folic acid, vitamin B12 and vitamin B6 or a placebo for six months.

During that period, the patients who took the vitamin combination showed a 48 percent reduction in the development of restenosis, or renarrowing of the vessel, compared to patients who received the placebo.

In the new study, Schnyder added 348 patients and extended the follow-up observation period from six months to one year.

"It was important to follow these patients for another six months because that's the time frame in which restenosis typically occurs," he said. "We've now shown that the vitamin combination didn't just delay the development of restenosis, it prevented it."

Schnyder also expanded the study's focus to look at the patient's need for repeat angioplasties or heart bypass operations. He said the vitamin regime decreased by 38 percent the need for repeat angioplasties or heart bypass operations.

Dr. Robert Bonow, chief of cardiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and president of the American Heart Association, said the study offers more evidence that B vitamins are important in maintaining healthy blood vessels. More research is needed, though, he said.

"When you have a small trial like this, it's always nice to have confirmation by another group," Bonow said. "I think it's very interesting and it needs to be followed very carefully."

The study was funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Cardiovascular Center and the University Hospital in Bern, Switzerland.

Adult arrested in teen's death

BIG SPRING (AP) — Authorities have arrested a third suspect in the death of a Big Spring teen earlier this month.

Terrell L. Jackman, 19, is accused in the death of Lennon Lane, whose body was found in a vacant lot Aug. 5. Lane died from blunt force trauma to the head, Big Spring police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said.

Investigators are awaiting test results to determine whether an item recovered while executing search warrants was the weapon used to kill Lane, Sweatt said.

Two juveniles, ages 15 and 16, remain in custody at Culver Juvenile Detention Center in Midland, where they are undergoing psychological evaluation to determine whether they should be certified to stand trial as adults.

Lane's parents called the police when he didn't return home from a sleepover at a friend's home. Authorities needed Lane's dental records to positively identify his body.

Jackman, who was arrested Thursday, was detained for questioning by police Aug. 5 shortly after Lane's body was found but he released the next day for lack of evidence.

"We were able to get other information that led us to get enough evidence to file charges with the district attorney's office and get a warrant," Sweatt said.

Jackman remained in the Howard County Jail with bond set at $200,000.

Stolen ambulance recovered

HOUSTON (AP) — A joyrider who stole an ambulance in Beaumont was arrested in Houston after driving erratically with the vehicle's lights and siren going, authorities said.

The ambulance was stolen Monday night from a Priority One parking lot in Beaumont. A deputy constable later saw it in Harris County and followed it to a convenience store parking lot.

The driver, believed to be a homeless man, was arrested after a brief scuffle. Houston police and bystanders helped detain the suspect, who faces charges in Jefferson County.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Name that tune

Q: I've noticed a really cool music track that accompanies the latest Lincoln Navigator commercial. It sounds like a jazz tune, and it has a driving background beat. What's the name of the tune, and where can I find it? **— J.G., Porterville, Calif.**

A: The tune is called "Get a Move On," by Mr. Scruff (Andy Carthy), and it's more dance than jazz. You can buy the single, or you can find it on the CD "Keep it Unreal." The CD was released in 1999, and you can find it at most large music stores, such as Tower Records. Their Web site (www.towerrecords.com) has the full CD for $14.99 and the single for $7.99. If you have Internet access and you want to learn more about Mr. Scruff, visit www.mrscruff.com.

Q: When my sister and I were little, we used to watch a movie called "The Hugga Bunch." It was a children's movie in which a young girl finds out that her grandmother is dying. She goes through a mirror on her closet door and into the land of the Hugga Bunch kids. They are like puppets, but they look like babies. The girl finds a way to save her grandmother with special strawberries. She tries to go through the mirror and back to her room, but she spills the berries. I can't remember the ending. I want to know where I can buy the movie. **— H.L., Saginaw, Mich.**

A: I've never seen that movie, and now you have me itching to know what happened to the poor grandmother.

You can't get a new copy of that 1985 video anymore, but I found a few used ones on several online sites. The cheapest was Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) for $36.99.

Q: In how many movies did each of the following actors appear: George "Gabby" Hayes, Smiley Burnette and Roy Barcroft? - **R.S., Dubuque, Iowa**

A: They all had prolific careers. Hayes appeared in 186 movies, including bit parts and roles in which he was not given official credit on the cast list. Burnette appeared in 151 movies and was the composer for many more. Barcroft appeared in a whopping 303 movies. These numbers don't include guest and starring roles on various TV series.

Q: Can you tell me how I can reach "Fight Club" star Edward Norton and "Terminator 2" star Edward Furlong? How old are they? **— S.M., Woodbine, Ky.**

A: Norton will turn 33 on Aug. 18, and Furlong turned 25 on Aug. 2. You can write to Norton at 9701 Wilshire Blvd., No. 1000, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Furlong's address is 8271 Melrose Ave., No. 110, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

Q: Is the English movie "Carry On Nurse" available on video? — B.W., Center Point, Texas

A: You're going to want to kick me when I give you your answer. I found several used copies for sale, but they're not in a format U.S. VCRs can read. Sorry.

TRIVIA: Smiley Burnette appeared in 81 movies with Gene Autry.

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Albertsons	28.66	27.53	27.63	—.52
Alltel	43.55	43.23	43.36	—.58
AmEl Pw	36.35	35.88	36.15	—.27
AndarkPtr	44.91	44.09	44.13	—.87
ATMOS Egy	21.64	21.45	21.50	—.10
Aviall	12.28	12.01	12.01	—.14
BP PLC	48.38	47.65	47.70	—1.35
BakerHughes	28.58	27.79	27.88	—.66
Bank of Amer	71.18	70.30	70.59	—.81
BellSouth	24.88	24.40	24.73	—.36
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ChevronTex	77.38	76.68	76.77	—1.33
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CocaCola	52.24	51.71	51.78	—.74
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SprintFON	12.50	12.24	12.30	—.21
SprintPCS	4.48	4.32	4.34	—.11
Sunoco Inc	36.25	35.70	35.81	—.83
TXU Corp	48.61	47.72	48.32	—.08
TmpleInland	51.95	51.42	51.65	—.48
TexInd	28.23	28.00	28.10	—.23
TexasInst	20.52	20.14	20.47	—.16
Textron	39.98	39.33	39.38	—.66
TrinityInds	18.30	17.95	18.22	+ .12
TylerTech	3.38	3.20	3.26	+ .06
UnionPacif	62.55	62.00	62.15	—.75
USSteel	13.85	13.55	13.56	—.39
UnitedTech	60.34	59.67	60.09	—.31
Unocal	33.75	33.43	33.48	—.48
VerizonComm	31.40	30.71	30.92	—.95
WalMart	53.40	52.76	53.30	+ .18
WellsFargo	52.65	52.10	52.23	—.47
WstnGasRs	34.80	34.25	34.25	—.78
WinnDixie	17.28	17.00	17.21	—.28
Xerox Cp	6.83	6.70	6.71	—.29
YumBrands s	31.20	30.57	31.01	—.04

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Scurrying Around Snyder

Barb Dauvhein, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Home for the Holidays

This annual event is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend !

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HERE ARE TWO SAFETY TIPS!

Static at the gas pumps:

Our friends at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) offer a safety tip that could save any of us from a potential disaster.

"Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of static at gas pumps.

His company has researched 150 cases of these fires. His results were very surprising:

1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.

2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas; when finished they went back to pull the nozzle out, the fire started, as a result of static.

3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.

4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.

5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.

6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that causes the fire, when connected with static charges.

7) Seventeen fires occurred before, during, or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

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Safe Grilling:

Outdoor chefs should keep safety in mind this Labor Day. Meat should be handled safely to prevent food borne illnesses. Experts suggest to cook safely outdoors make sure the meat, poultry, or seafood is fresh and high quality. Also, keep perishable foods refrigerated until right before grilling. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator. Keep food refrigerated while marinating and do not use left over marinade as sauce on cooked meat. Wash hands and work surfaces with hot soapy water before and after working with raw meats, poultry, or fish. Serve grilled foods and refrigerate leftovers immediately. Too much smoke and charring can also ruin outdoor cookouts. Prevent flare-ups by trimming the meat's excess fat and wrapping fish and vegetables in foil. Charred parts should not be eaten.

Ed Asner to receive Kansas' top arts honor

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Actor Edward Asner, who played grouchy newsman Lou Grant on the '70s sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," will be awarded Kansas' top arts honor.

Asner, 72, will return to his native Kansas City, Kan., to receive the Kansas Arts Commission's Distinguished Arts Award on Sept. 20.

The award is given annually to a native of Kansas who has made significant contributions to some form of art, whether it be performance or education, said Martin Bauer, president of the commission.

The award also is in recognition of Asner's efforts to promote and encourage arts in education, using the arts as a way to keep students engaged in learning, Bauer said.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

August Marks Deadline to Tag Sheep and Many Goats; Texas Adopts State Scrapie Regulations

August 1 signaled the deadline for sheep, as well as many goats, to be identified with an ear tag approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) when the animals are moved from the farm for exhibition or sale. The ear tag is imprinted with a ranch identification number, which makes it possible to trace the animal back to the farm where it was born, in case scrapie infection is detected later in the animal. The identification tags, combined with accurate record keeping, are key elements of the national program to eradicate scrapie, the fatal, degenerative disease that can affect the brains of sheep and, sometimes, goats.

"In November 2001, USDA introduced a new national scrapie eradication program at the request of the American Sheep Industry Association. Since then, we've been in a 'grace period,' while producers obtained ear tag supplies and became familiar with the regulations," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "August 1 signaled the end of this 'phase-in-period,' and the deadline for identification tags to be applied to sheep and many goats before they are sold or commingled with those from other farms."

"During the past eight months, more than 9,300 Texas ranchers have called the TAHC for a premise, or ranch identification number. This number is printed on the rancher's supply of the metal or plastic ear tags provided at no cost by the USDA," said Dr. Logan.

"The back side of the tag is imprinted with an individual animal number, so ranchers may keep detailed records on each sheep or goat, if they wish."

Scrapie regulations require the following animals to have the official ear tag before they are sold or are exhibited:

- All breeding sheep, regardless of age,
- All sheep 18 months of age or older,
- All breeding goats and goats over 18 months of age, except low risk goats. Low risk goats are goats that have not been commingled with sheep, except low risk (whitefaced) commercial sheep.
- Sexually intact sheep or goats for show or exhibition. (Sexually intact animals are animals that have not been neutered.)
- Any sheep or goats that are considered to be at high risk, exposed to or positive for scrapie.

"In lieu of an ear tag, a tattoo can be used as identification for registered meat or dairy show goats, as long as the animals move their registration papers," explained veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. A premise identification ear tag is to be placed on the animal when it moves to slaughter, or if it is sold without registration papers, he said.

"Wethers, which are neutered sheep, do not have to be tagged prior to an exhibition or a sale. Furthermore, commercial goats that haven't had any contact with sheep, don't have to be tagged for sale," explained Dr. Conger. "Commercial goats are those that are raised or bred for meat or fiber production and are not used for exhibition and are not registered with a breed association."

"Ranchers who haven't obtained a premise number and ear tags can still sell their animals," explained Dr. Logan. "Animals can be tagged by livestock market personnel, who may charge a small fee, to cover costs for ear tag application and for the required record keeping."

Dr. Conger also said slaughter house operators, agricultural science teachers, veterinarians or agricultural extension agents likewise may apply tags for producers. However, he encouraged producers to get their own premise identification number and tags by calling the TAHC's 'tag line' at 1-866-873-2824. There's no charge for the call, premise number or tags, he said.

The TAHC has operated under the USDA scrapie regulations since Nov. 2001, while state regulations were developed to support the national program, said Dr. Logan. "We've worked closely with the sheep and goat industry in Texas to ensure Texas scrapie regulations reflect the federal rules. All states must meet or exceed these national standards," said Dr. Logan. "On Tuesday, July 30, the 12 TAHC commissioners adopted Texas scrapie regulations, and these will go into effect September 1." In the meantime, she said the TAHC will continue to operate under the national regulations.

Key elements of Texas' scrapie regulations for animal identification and movement requirements include:

* Tagging of eligible animals prior to in-state or interstate movement or exhibitions.

* Maintaining records for five years. Ranchers, markets, terminal feedlots, or persons providing tags must keep records that include:

–date, number and species of animals tagged, bought or sold.

–name and address of the person or market from which the animals were obtained or sold.

–agents, such as agricultural science teachers or livestock markets, who supply ear tags, must maintain records that include the animal owner's name, address and the premise identification number for each animal.

All sheep and goats transported into Texas from other states must have had a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the previous 30 days by a USDA-accredited private veterinary practitioner. Information to be included on the inspection document:

- Date inspection was made,
- Number, species and gender of the animals,
- Reason for transport (exhibition, breeding purposes, feeding or slaughter) name and address of both the consignor and the recipient of the animals.
- Statement by the issuing veterinarian that the animals were not exhibiting clinical signs indicative of scrapie or any other infectious disease. The veterinarian must attest that the animals are not from a scrapie-infected, high-risk or exposed flock.
- All breeding or exhibition sheep and goats must be identified with an official ear tag, with the premise identification number recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- Sheep and goats entering Texas for feeding and/or slaughter also must meet the tagging and information record keeping requirements. The only exemption applies to feeder and/or slaughter sheep younger than 18 months and goats that have not been commingled with sheep.

" In lieu of an ear tag, tattooed registered goats can enter Texas with their registration papers," explained Dr. Conger. "As always, the TAHC also will continue to require that breeding rams older than 6 months of age enter Texas with a negative test for brucellosis within 30 days

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Cow/calf clinic slated Sept. 10

The 2002 Western Rolling Plains Cow/Calf Clinic will be held on Sept. 10. This year's program will address Foreign Animal Diseases with topic discussions on EIA or Coggins, Mad Cow Disease, TB (Tuberculosis), West Nile Virus and Chronic Wasting Disease.

"We are very fortunate to have guest speakers Dr. Arnaldo Gutierrez, federal veterinary office and Dr. Jim Amin, Area I Director of Texas Animal Health Commission. You won't want to miss this opportunity to have all your questions answered concerning these diseases," said Tim Weldon, CEA-Ag, Kent County.

Registration and welcome begin at 5:45 p.m. at the Jayton Community Center. A meal will be provided so you are encouraged to RSVP no later than Sept. 3. Call the Kent County Extension office at 806-237-3751, Dickens office at 906-623-5552, King County office at 806-596-4451 or the Stonewall County office at 940-989-3510.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 676 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Aug. 21, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers were steady. Feeder heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were $2 to $3 higher. Slaughter bulls were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-220: 121-135
300-400: 96-102
400-500: 85.50-92
500-600: 78-81
600-700: 75-79.50

Feeder heifers:
300-350: 115
400-500: 79-86
600-700: 65-70
700-750: 64.50-67
800-900: 60.50-63.50

Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 2-8 months: 500-615
1-6 months: 350-500
Cow & calf pairs: 575-740

Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 35-39
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 37-39
1150-1350 Lbs.: 39-41
1000-1250 Lbs.: 36.50-41
800-1000 Lbs.: 35-39
Under 750 Lbs.: 30-32

Slaughter bulls:
High Dressing: 1935-2135: 48.50-50.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 609 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 22, sale. Cows were $1-$2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 34-41
Canner and low cutters: 28-34
Slaughter bulls: 42-53
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 75.50-88
600-700: 74-77.50
700-800: 72-77.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-108
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 72-80
600-700: 70-77
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-82
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-800
Grade: 550-675
Springers: 350-700
Baby calves: 110-175
Doodlers: 200-265

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8/26/01	8/19/02	8/26/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	14.00	17.06	17.26
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	12,497	17,840	18,228
PERCENT FULL	6.23	8.89	9.09
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	1.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8/26/01	8/19/02	8/26/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	44.66	40.81	40.40
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	56,955	44,161	42,916
PERCENT FULL	11.01	8.54	8.30
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.20	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

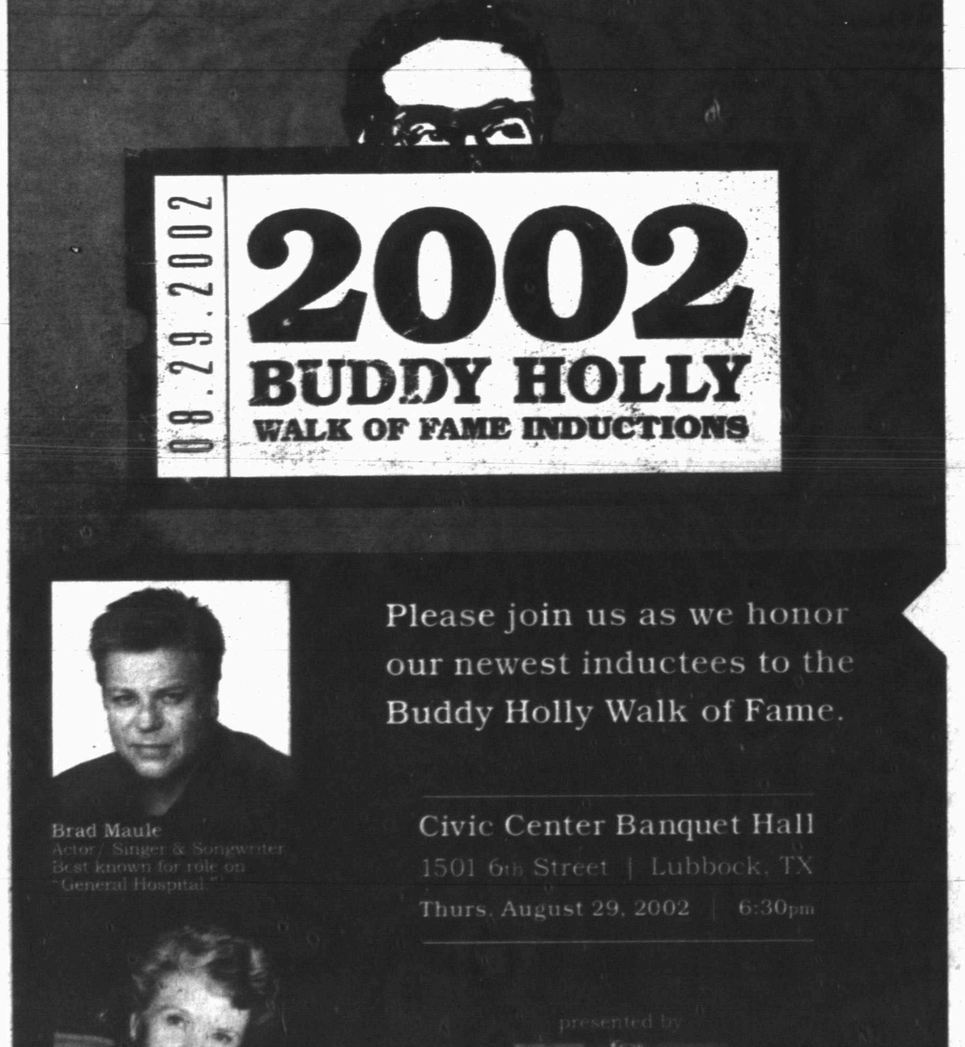
	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8/26/01	8/19/02	8/26/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.95	29.39	29.11
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	269,749	230,355	227,414
PERCENT FULL	48.66	41.55	41.02
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.50	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA.

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8/19/02 8/13/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8/26/02 8/20/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 8/26/02 8/20/02
BIG SPRING	6,557,143	6,285,714	7,880,000
ODESSA	27,271,857	27,571,857	31,048,000
SNYDER	3,206,286	3,330,000	3,812,000
MIDLAND	28,893,143	29,822,571	32,406,000
SAN ANGELO	15,955,286	17,611,857	21,689,000
STANTON	78,000	64,714	83,000



Growers have high hopes for onion

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — A group of western Pennsylvania farmers think they've found the right mix of sound research, good soil and aggressive marketing to grow a sweet onion so well that it could bring a tear to the eye.

Last year, a farmers cooperative planted their first crop of the fledgling Pennsylvania Simply Sweet brand of onions on an acre in Washington County. This month, eight growers are harvesting six acres of onions and are shipping them out to selected Pennsylvania markets for the first time.

But when the super sweet onions appear on shelves, they will face competition from established sweet onion varieties like Georgia's Vidalias, Texas Sweets and Washington State's Walla Wallas.

Simply Sweets will have to cut the mustard if they want to be on top of Pennsylvanians' next burger, let alone have a future in nationwide distribution, said Mike Kotz, of Cross Creek Farms LLC, who developed the onions with Penn State University Agricultural Science Professor Mike Orzolek.

To be classified as super sweet, onions must have a sugar content of 6 percent — Simply Sweets have a sugar content of 8 percent, Kotz said.

"It's not just sweetness. An onion also needs to be crisp. If you're going to eat an onion raw, it needs to have a snap to it," Kotz said.

While a group of farmers called the Western Pennsylvania Growers Cooperative grows the onion, Cross Creek Farms works on marketing the vegetable and encouraging more farmers to grow it.

Kotz, farmer Ron Romanetti and businessman Jim Costanzo formed Cross Creek Farms after the crop's inaugural year. Their ultimate goal is to have produce buyers around the nation think of western Pennsylvania when they think of sweet onions.

Kotz thinks it can be done by securing a trademark for the name, recruiting more farmers to grow as little as a quarter acre of the vegetable and increasing the crop's total acreage every year. Next year, farmers will tend about 25 acres of onions.

Georgia farmers tend 15,000 acres of Vidalias.

Four priests charged with sex crimes dating back several decades

DETROIT (AP) — Four Roman Catholic priests who formerly worked in the Archdiocese of Detroit have been charged with sexually abusing boys in cases that date back to the 1960s.

The priests — who now live in Hawaii, New Mexico, Virginia and Florida — face counts of first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving boys 14 and younger.

"This is serious and sobering news for the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Detroit," Cardinal Adam Maida said Tuesday.

Though authorities nationwide have so far found only a few priest abuse cases that fall within each state's statute of limitations, Michigan prosecutors were able to take advantage of their state's law.

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan used an exception in the law that allows charges to be brought if the suspect left the state before the six-year statute ran out.

The charged priests are: Robert Burkholder, 82, who lives on the island of Oahu, Hawaii; Jason E. Sigler, 64, of New Mexico; Harry Benjamin, 60, of Vienna, Va.; and Edward Olszewski, 67, of Key Largo, Fla. Each man is accused of criminal sexual conduct involving a boy 14 and younger.

"The magnitude of this is astonishing," Duggan said. "If they have one skill, it's manipulation."

At least 300 priests have been suspended or resigned since the abuse crisis erupted in January with the case of a former Boston priest who was shuffled between parishes despite evidence he molested children.

Scientists say Earth formed faster than had been thought

By The Associated Press

Scientists have found evidence that Earth made its final step to planet status about 30 million years earlier than previous research had suggested.

Working independently, two groups of scientists analyzed meteorites that contain telltale clues about planetary formation and compared them to rocks from Earth.

Both teams reached the same conclusion: Earth's metallic core formed about 30 million years after the solar system's birth.

The findings contrast with 1995 research that suggested Earth's core formed about 60 million years after the sun condensed at the center of a swirling disc of gas and dust. The new date pinpoints the approximate time that Earth had nearly reached its current mass.

David Stevenson, a professor of planetary sciences at Cal Tech in Pasadena, Calif., said the new analyses fit well with current theoretical ideas about the pace of Earth's formation.

Stevenson, who wasn't involved with the research, said the new calculations give an approximate date for when Earth's metallic core finished separating from its silicate-based mantle. That event is considered the last major event of Earth's formation.

The research, which appears in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, was done by a German team and Harvard University researchers who collaborated with French scientists.

Stevenson said the fact that the two groups of scientists reached the same results increases the weight of the findings.

The new date for Earth's core was reached through a series of complex calculations of the ratios of the radioactive elements hafnium and tungsten found in primitive chondrite meteorites left over from the solar system's formation.

These meteorites provide a baseline for determining the age of planetary cores because they come from planetary bodies that never formed a core, said Thorsten Kleine of the University of Munster in Germany, who led the German team.

Those results were then compared with rocks from the Earth, Mars and meteorites believed to have originated on the large asteroid Vesta, yielding evidence that each was older than previous estimates.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Tobacco unrelated to behavioral changes

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend, 63, who chews tobacco all day. He is also a heavy consumer of alcohol in the evening. He seems fine early in the day but has shown progressively distressing mood swings and an inability to focus on what he is doing in the afternoons. Could this be the tobacco, or is there something more ominous, such as Alzheimer's disease?

DEAR READER: Probably neither. To my knowledge, tobacco does not cause such symptoms (unless your friend is way overdoing his habit) and the mental changes of Alzheimer's ordinarily do not fluctuate from morning to afternoon. I believe that a more likely explanation is the alcohol, a drug that has a definite potential for causing cyclic alterations in brain function, including forgetfulness, emotional inconsistencies and cognitive impairment.

Your friend should definitely see a physician for diagnosis and treatment. However, I don't have a clue about how to get him there. Perhaps, as a friend, you could diplomatically suggest that he obtain medical attention, but I don't know how he could be forced to do so — unless, of course, the mental changes are getting him into trouble at home and at work, in which case an intervention (by friends, family and co-workers) might be useful.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 65, with early osteoporosis for which I take two calcium pills (each with 600 milligrams of calcium and 250 units of vitamin D), as well as a multi-vitamin capsule that contains 200 mg of calcium and 400 units of D. Thus, I consume 1400 mg of calcium and 900 units of vitamin D daily. Is this too much vitamin D?

DEAR READER: You're taking more than you need. The current recommendation for postmenopausal women is 1200 to 2000 mg of calcium daily and 500 units of vitamin D. While I doubt that the 900 units of vitamin D will cause any adverse effects, you may want to drop back a bit and use a calcium pill (without vitamin D) in place of one that contains the double formulation.

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Opening act for comic canceled

CHICAGO (AP) — A comedian scheduled to open for Jewish comic Jackie Mason was told hours before the show he couldn't perform because he is Palestinian, Mason's manager said.

Ray Hanania was supposed to open for Mason on Tuesday night at Zanie's comedy club in Chicago, but the club phoned him a few hours before to tell him his act was canceled.

Mason has been an outspoken member of the Jewish community. His manager cited recent Israeli-Palestinian violence and delayed peace talks in explaining the decision.

"It's not exactly like he's just an Arab-American. This guy's a Palestinian," said Jyll Rosenfeld, Mason's manager. "Jackie does not feel comfortable having a Palestinian open for him. Right now it's a very sensitive thing, it's just not a good idea."

Mason, who has appeared on Broadway and in films such as "Caddyshack II" and "The Jerk," is an ardent supporter of Israel and has received at least one award from the Israeli government.

"Nothing personal against this fellow," Rosenfeld said. "Jackie doesn't even know him."

Diversified by Greg Gruben

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prior to shipment. The brucellosis test results must be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

" Scrapie has been difficult to eradicate since it was first introduced into the U.S. in 1947, because the disease develops slowly and, for months, the signs of illness aren't obvious. Although older animals can be exposed and develop infection, lambs and kids in the flock are most susceptible to the scrapie agent, called a prion protein," said Dr. Conger. "Infected ewes shed the prion in tissue and fluids associated with birthing and can expose many flock mates. "It can take as long as 18 months for the disease to become noticeable in infected animals. Clinical signs include weight loss, lip smacking, tremors, loss of coordination, swaying or wool pulling," said Dr. Logan.

"Also, until recently, there was no approved live animal test to confirm the visual diagnosis, because brain tissue was needed for laboratory confirmation. Now scrapie disease surveillance can be conducted with 'third eyelid testing.' In this procedure, anesthetic drops are placed in the animal's eye, and a tiny snippet of tissue is collected from underneath the eyelid. The tissue is then prepared for shipment to a diagnostic laboratory for testing. Gene testing can also identify animals that are naturally susceptible or resistant to the disease, too."

"If an animal on the farm or at the market shows clinical signs indicative of scrapie, TAHC regulations require that the animal be moved only under a restricted movement issued by the TAHC or a USDA representative," commented Dr. Logan. "Movement will be restricted to a site where the animal will be destroyed, tested and disposed of properly. When it is appropriate, the animal may be moved back to the flock of origin, where it will be held under restriction, while a diagnosis is made. If sick sheep or goats are identified at a slaughter plant, they will be condemned and removed from the food chain. Samples will be collected from the animals for diagnosis."

As part of the national eradication effort, the USDA is conducting routine, random scrapie testing across the country. In Texas each week, the federal agency purchases about 150 sheep and goats destined for slaughter. "Brain tissue is collected from each of the animals and forwarded to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, said Dr. Conger."

"As of August 1, scrapie has not been detected in these 'randomly sampled' animals. Within a few months, results of this 'blind study' will be reported on a state-by-state basis, but cases will not be identified to a flock."

"We have, however, detected four infected Texas flocks during the past 15 months. In three herds, infection was found in flocks outside of Texas, and we traced animal movement to Texas. The infected flocks were found in Indiana, Oklahoma and California. We found the fourth flock by tracing movement out of one of the infected Texas flocks. Tracing disease movement is much like putting the pieces of the puzzle together until they fit," said Dr. Conger. "Of the four infected flocks in Texas, one has been depopulated and one is in a quarantine-monitoring program. Two of the flocks were recently disclosed as infected and flock management is still being decided."

"When scrapie infection is detected, we launch an epidemiological investigation to determine if the disease has been introduced into other flocks," said Dr. Conger. "The required ear tags and records will allow us to do a more thorough job in tracing an infected animal's movement from birth. This tracing is essential, if we are to eradicate scrapie."

Dr. Conger said the true prevalence of scrapie in the U.S. is not known, but only two countries are known to be free of the disease — Australia and New Zealand. The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) in 1998, declared scrapie as an important trade issue, estimating that the disease costs American farmers nearly $20 million yearly in lost export sales, extra disposal costs for dead sheep and lost productivity. Animal health officials and the sheep industry say scrapie can be eliminated in the U.S. by 2010. Disease eradication would be especially helpful to Texas producers, as the state ranks first in the nation for sheep and goat production, with more than 2.5 million head, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS).

For more information regarding scrapie regulations, voluntary scrapie flock certification or to report clinical signs of the disease, contact the TAHC at 1-800-550 8242.

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Links to unsolved disappearances eyed

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — Police in Northern California were reviewing a teenager's unsolved 1997 disappearance for possible links to the man suspected in the deaths of two Oregon girls this year.

At the time, police had investigated Ward Weaver's father but quickly learned he was on California's death row for killing an Air Force cadet and his fiancee.

"We didn't know that there was a Ward Weaver (III) at that time," Eureka, Calif., police Detective Dave Parris said of the younger Weaver.

The bodies of the two Oregon girls were found over the weekend here on property rented by the younger Weaver. Twelve-year-old Ashley Pond had disappeared Jan. 9, and 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis on March 8.

Karen Mitchell, 16, was last seen Nov. 25, 1997, talking to an older man in a car along U.S. 101, which runs through Eureka, Parris said.

Weaver, 39, who has not been charged in the Oregon cases and has denied any involvement in them, has said he grew up in the coastal California city and later lived along the southern Oregon shore.

He is in jail on an unrelated rape charge, and his lawyer said he expects charges to be filed in the Oregon deaths in about a week.

FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said checking for links to similar cases is standard practice.

"At this time, we know of no connection between this case and any other in the country," she said.

A search for any other bodies at Weaver's rental home appeared to be winding down.

Miranda's mother, Michelle Duffey, said today that her family found comfort in a makeshift memorial that has sprung up on a fence around the house.

"It lets me know that people really do care," she said on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America." "We thank everyone for that. And it helps my kids a lot. They are up there every day."

Weaver let FBI bloodhounds search the property after Miranda disappeared, the agency said, declining to discuss if anything was found.

Charles Mathews, lead agent for the FBI's Portland office, said evidence suggests that Miranda's body had not then been in the shed where it was later found.

Nine-year-old boy is abducted

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — A 9-year-old boy was abducted from his home early today by two gunmen who attacked his father and then sped away in a sports utility vehicle, authorities said.

Nicholas Michael Farber was taken just after 2 a.m. in this suburb of Palm Springs, about 120 miles east of Los Angeles, said Riverside County sheriff's spokesman John Kaiser.

Authorities said the men forced their way into the house and assaulted the father before leaving with the boy in a white SUV.

The father told authorities he saw three or four people inside the SUV when the gunmen stormed out of the house. He was treated at a hospital and released. No details were released on his injuries.

Kaiser said weapons were left at the home, but he would not elaborate.

It was not immediately known if anyone else was in the house at the time of the incident, or what motivated the attack.

One of the men wore a nylon stocking over his head and the other wore dark clothing and carried a backpack, Kaiser said. Both men were believed to be in their 20s to 30s.

California Highway Patrol and Riverside County authorities initially said they were issuing an Amber Alert, notifying the media and the public about the missing boy. But later in the morning, CHP Officer Douglas Kondo said they had instead posted a regional child abduction alert.

Kondo said the case did not yet merit an Amber Alert because authorities did not have specific information such as the vehicle's license number.

Skakel's supporters plead for leniency and a new trial

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Lawyers for Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel have flooded the court with paperwork in the days leading up to their client's sentencing date, asking for leniency and a new trial.

The sentencing hearing began today in Norwalk for Skakel, convicted in June of beating Martha Moxley to death in 1975 when they were 15-year-old neighbors in Greenwich.

Under the guidelines in effect in 1975, Skakel could receive a minimum sentence of 10 years to life in prison and a maximum of 25 years to life.

Skakel's defense continues to maintain he is innocent. On Tuesday, Skakel's attorneys filed more than 100 pages of documents seeking a lenient sentence, noting Skakel's age at the time of the murder and his "difficult upbringing."

A day earlier, his attorneys filed a motion for a new trial, saying prosecutors improperly withheld a police sketch that could have prevented jurors from convicting him in his neighbor's killing.

Prosecutors opposed efforts to get Skakel a new trial, saying the motion was filed too late and that Skakel's attorneys were given police reports that mention the sketch.

The defense documents seeking leniency included allegations that Skakel was abused by his father and nannies. One of the letters was from Skakel's cousin, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

"During his short life, Michael has endured unusual suffering," Kennedy wrote. "He was a small, sensitive child — the runt of the litter with a harsh and occasionally violent alcoholic father who both ignored and abused him."

Instead of becoming bitter, Skakel used the experiences to help others, Kennedy said. Kennedy also credited Skakel with helping him get sober.

Skakel's father beat him so often that he often slept in his closet, the lawyers said. Once his father fired a rifle at him while hunting, they said.

The death of Skakel's mother in 1972 from cancer prompted his father to drink more, worsening his abusive behavior toward his children, the motion contends. Nannies also hit him with spoons and pots, according to Julie Skakel, his sister.

Many supporters cited the needs of Skakel's 3-year-old son, saying Skakel is a model father and that his son is the "center of his universe." They say he is not a threat to society.

The letters point to a wide range of Skakel's experiences, including working in a homeless shelter in New York after meeting Mother Teresa and meeting Cuban leader Fidel Castro with his Kennedy cousins.

Officers investigate burglary

•Burglary

Snyder officers are investigating a burglary reported Monday evening by Tracie Yount at 2301 Ave. M. Among the items taken were a television, VCR, stereo equipment and jewelry.

An offense report for burglary was submitted and a police spokesman said there appears to be no connection with the recent string of break-ins in Snyder.

•Arrests

Deputies arrested a 29-year-old woman Tuesday afternoon on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for theft by check.

•Stolen vehicle

Jennifer Scott of 1902 Gilmore at 3 a.m. today reported a 1988 Chevrolet pickup stolen. The pickup is a four-door dually with a toolbox, trailer hitch with ball and chrome Chevrolet emblems on the tailgate.

Scott also reported a car seat and a stereo amplifier in the pickup and officers submitted a report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•Assault

A woman requested an officer at the East Side Dairy Queen Monday morning in reference to sexual harassment. Officers responded and advised a report for Class C assault would be filed.

•Close patrol

John Harper requested a close patrol of the First Baptist Church parking lot Monday and reported juveniles skateboarding in the lot.

Obituaries

Travis Brackeen

1932-2002

Travis Brackeen, Hermleigh justice of the peace, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, in the Plano Medical Center in Plano.

Service for Mr. Brackeen, 70, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.



Travis Brackeen

Born May 21, 1932 in Roswell, N.M., he was a longtime resident of Hermleigh, graduating from Hermleigh High School in 1950.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Brackeen worked for Boss Electric in Snyder and purchased the company in 1972. He operated the firm as Boss-Linman Electric Inc. until the mid 1980s when he went into the commercial and residential development business.

Mr. Brackeen was elected Precinct 2 Peace Justice in November, 2001 as a Republican. He took office last January.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Brackeen of Snyder; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve and Lisa Brackeen of Royse City, and Ed and Jennifer Brackeen of Mesquite, and Richard Brackeen of San Antonio; two brothers, Harold Brackeen of Graham, Wash., Kenneth Brackeen of Hermleigh; numerous grandchildren, including Jason Brackeen of Royse City.

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James Shoemaker

1940-2002

COLORADO CITY — James Kenneth Shoemaker of Colorado City died Tuesday, Aug. 27, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Service for Mr. Shoemaker, 62, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Dr. Travis Monday officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 20, 1940 in Mitchell County, he was a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. Mr. Shoemaker was a retired electrician for TU Electric and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Christine Whitaker Shoemaker.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Shoemaker of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Leslie Shoemaker of Benbrook; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Steve Graham of Colorado City; two brothers, William Clyde Shoemaker of Midland and Jerry Joe Shoemaker of Colorado City; a sister, Nell Claxton of Colorado City; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Juanita Salazar

1913-2002

BIG SPRING — Juanita Marez Salazar, the mother of Gilbert Salazar of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 26, in a Big Spring care center.

Rosary for Mrs. Salazar, 89, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Born on Feb. 26, 1913 in La Grulla, Tex., she married Roberto Salazar on Oct. 11, 1930 in La Reforma, Tex. He died June 5, 1992.

Mrs. Salazar, a homemaker, had lived in Colorado City since 1959 and moved to Big Spring in 1995. She was a Catholic.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, five daughters and three sons.

Survivors include another son, Leo Salazar of Big Spring; five daughters, Hope Munoz of Michigan, Rosa Angeles of Fallbrook, Calif., Frances Garcia of Stockton, Calif., Lydia Del Bosque of Big Spring and Gloria Gomez of Tuscola; a brother, Macario Marez; a sister, Porfiria Solis; 65 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Tigers Lair yearbook arrives

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Tiger Pride cards

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

Technology booster club

SHS technology association booster club will meet at 6:30 p,m. Thursday in the shop classroom. Parents, employers and others interested in supporting the high school technical programs are urged to attend and help plan for the activities. The first fundraiser will be a $1 chance on a handmade Oak cedar-lined chest.

FBC services televised

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

Fish Fry

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

Museum exhibit

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

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

SISD family literacy

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

Gateway Family Services

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

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will offer two CPR courses this semester. The first is Heartsaver CPR for the public Sept. 3-4, 6-10 p.m. with a cost of $35. The second is CPR for Health Care Providers, Sept. 10-11, 6-10 p.m. with a cost of $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens begin Tuesday and will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

Social Security reps

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

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

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

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

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

2002 Ira annuals

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

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

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