Frenship 21 - Snyder 17
Hereford 29 - Andrews 14
Vernon 31 - Estacado 26
Stamford 30 - Colorado City 0
Ira 48 - Veribest 0
Brownwood 28 - Lake View 0
Levelland 21 - Sweetwater 18
Clovis 38 - Plainview 16
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Home Of Dacia Wagner

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just think of all the advances of the century. The bathroom has been moved indoors and the grill is outside."

Maurine Garlington of Snyder loaned us a copy of a new publication, "Veterans of Fisher County."

Mrs. Garlington was particularly interested in the book because her late husband, Werner M. Garlington, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

The Garlingtons lived in Fisher County and he worked for National Gypsum before becoming ole what'-her-name's next-door neighbor while she was growing up in Andrews. Bettie's dad and Werner Garlington worked for Pure Oil Co., now Unocal.

Mrs. Garlington also pointed out a story about Hubert Gregory, a Fisher County native, who became a resident of Snyder after World War II in which he survived as a prisoner of war and the Bataan Death March.

But the most unique veteran story concerned Tye Harrison's dog.

"When Tye Harrison was 13 years of age in 1942, he was given a German Shepherd puppy by Vernon Allen in Rotan.

In July, 1943, he was asked if he would donate his dog 'Tubby' to the Armed services.

"Tubby was inducted at the Dallas Induction Center for Dogs for Defense and shipped to the Cat Island Dog Training and Reception Center at Gulfport, Miss. His tattoo number was TEX418.

"Tubby served as a scout dog in the Southwest Pacific as a member of the 40th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon from July 15, 1944 until Jan. 26, 1946.

"One night on Okinawa, Tubby of Rotan was guarding a warehouse. Scenting a stranger prowling in the darkness, he growled a warning to Sgt. Ralph E. Stille of St. Louis, Mo.

"A burst of machine gun fire greeted the intruder. An investigation in the safe light of morning revealed a stark naked Japanese. Under his crumpled corpse lay his silent infiltration weapon...a spear.

"Tubby served as a scout dog on Guam, Leyte and Okinawa. He was discharged from the Armed Forces and received his Honorable Discharge on Feb. 26, 1946 and was returned to Tye Harrison in Rotan.

"Tubby was truly a World War II hero. He never had to perform a day of KP duty. Tubby died of old age in Rotan in 1953."

During the noon hour Friday, it appears that the Spanish Inn cash register may have been a victim of 9-09-99, a day late.

During the rush hour Friday, the register's clock ticked over to 0-00-00 and locked down.

Jonie was philosophical behind the register:

"We may not be Y2K ready, but we're enchilada ready."



FAIR OPENS THURSDAY — Fine arts is the first division to accept entries for the 34th asnnual Scurry County Fair to be held Thursday through Saturday in the coliseum. The art show is under the direction of the Palette Club and pictured is member Jay Huckabee who announced paintings will be accepted from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the coliseum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

WTC numbers up also...

Enrollment steadily increasing in SISD

Traditionally, enrollment in public schools increase after Labor Day.

However, this is not necessarily the norm in Scurry County schools as Snyder ISD enrollment figures indicate its enrollment has been increasing steadily since the very first day of class back in August.

When school started on Aug. 11, enrollment was 2,816 – down 175 students from the first day in 1998.

Enrollment on Friday was only 59 students short of the 2,991 enrolled on the first day of class last year.

This translates to big dollars for the district as the state funds over $3,000 per student based on the district's average daily attendance.

At Hermleigh, the district had 141 students enrolled following the Labor Day holiday, and at the end of the week, the district had picked up two students.

The 143 students enrolled at Hermleigh on Friday were six more than started to school in August.

"We don't see the big increase after Labor Day like we used to," said Supt. Jerry Church.

"When the migrant worker program died out in the county... we stopped seeing a big increase after Labor Day," added the superintendent.

Ira ISD had the exact same number of students enrolled on Friday as it did on Tuesday after Labor Day – 186.

That number is three more than started to school in Ira on Aug. 18.

And while public school enrollment in West Texas is down for the most part, enrollment at Western Texas College is up 118 students from 1998, according to Ann Galyean, registrar.

While official enrollment figures won't be compiled until Tuesday, there are presently 1,298 students enrolled at the college.

Of that total, 496 students are full-time students, while 802 are classified as part-time (less than 12 semester hours).

Of the 1,298 students, 714 attend college on the Snyder campus, and there are 179 off-campus students.

Also, there are 179 students taking concurrent classes and receiving both high school and college credit, and there are 226 inmate students.

Galyean said 65 students enrolled in interactive television distance learning courses are not included in the college's enrollment figures.

This figure is five more than last year, added Galyean.

"Our numbers are up. This is what we like to see at the college," she added.

Students, citizens have opportunity for flagpole event

Snyder High School and junior high students will have an opportunity to join together in prayer before school starts Wednesday as the traditional S.Y.A.T.P. (See You At The Pole) event will be held.

The student-originated events will be held at the high school at 7:30 a.m., and at Snyder Junior High at 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

Students may gather around the respective campus flagpoles at these times.

In addition, the community is invited to a S.Y.A.T.P. function at 8:09 a.m. Wednesday at the flagpole on the grounds of the Scurry County courthouse.

Western swing festival waltzes to another site

Legends of Western Swing Festival fans who had the third week in June penciled in on their calendars for the 2000 event in Snyder need to erase those dates.

Or at the least the location.

After four years in Snyder, the event is moving to Wichita Falls.

"It's really a sad thing for us," said festival organizer Chuck Woods. "But we dropped a bundle of cash in Snyder this year and felt we just had to go somewhere else that is closer to more populated areas."

Woods said expenses were up this year, and attendance was down.

"I feel that this summer's show was the best we ever had, but people just did not come out. We had several cancellations for the RV park from people who had been coming to most of our shows."

Wood said a major part of the reasons the show is moving is that the festival never did attract local people as much as he would have liked.

"Things are tough in Snyder with oil prices the way they were and the drought last year...but I think we did all we could with special prices for local people, but still we failed to draw the crowds."

Snyder Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Fowler said the announcement came as a shock to her.

"When they left here in June, I felt confident the festival would still call Snyder home," said Fowler.

"I hate to see them leave. We became good friends with Chuck and the rest of the crews, plus the people who came year after year," said Fowler.

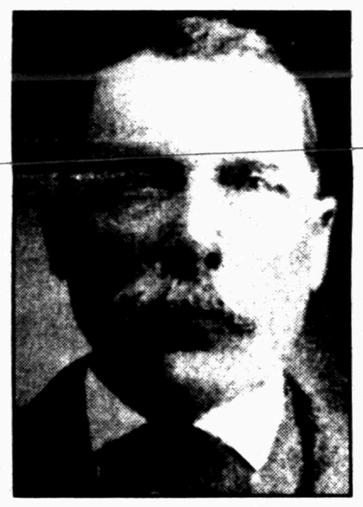
"There's no bitterness with us. I just think they will be hard pressed to find a bunch that will work any harder for their success than we did," said Fowler.

So, what's next?

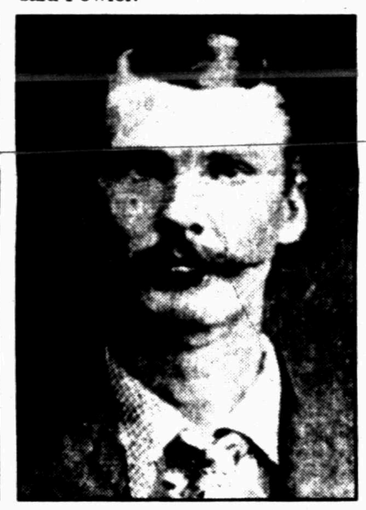
"We might just try to put on a festival ourselves," said Fowler.

"Everything is real preliminary right now, but we think a May date might be better because of the cooler weather that month."

"We might just be so successful that they'll come back," said Fowler.



J. Wright Mooar



Pink Higgins

Festival will honor Scurry Co. pioneers

Two Scurry County pioneers whose reputations were associated with their skill with guns will be remembered during Snyder's White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 1-2

J. Wright Mooar, who is honored at the festival each year, will again be honored, while the other is Pink Higgins.

Higgins is a famous gunfighter who lived out his last years as a Kent County rancher and who visited often with his son in Snyder, Judge Cullen Higgins.

Mooar is said to have killed an estimated 22,000 buffalo in an eight-year hunting career.

Shortly after arriving in Scurry County on Oct. 6, 1876, Mooar killed a rare white buffalo near Snyder on Deep Creek.

Bison experts estimate that the odds of an albino calf being born in the 1800s were one in 10 million at a time when up to 80 million of the huge animal roamed the Plains.

When there were no more buffalo to hunt, Mooar settled on Deep Creek and became a respected member of the community. He served as a rancher, merchant and bank director, and was dubbed the county's Number One citizen in his later years.

Higgins, whose full name was John Calhoun Pinkney (Pink) Higgins, was often referred to as "the reluctant gunfighter".

He is said to have killed from 14 to 18 men in gunfights.

Bill O'Neal of Carthage, whose great-grandfather cowboyed with Pink, will be signing copies of his new book, The Bloody Legacy of Pink Higgins, in the Dermott School from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2.

O'Neal notes that once when Pink looked at an indictment stated he had killed 14 men, he was quoted as saying, "I didn't kill all them men, but then again, I got some that wasn't on the bill, so I guess it just about evens up."

Both Mooar and Higgins were born in 1851, Mooar in Vermont and Higgins in Georgia.

Mooar was hunting buffalo in Kansas by the time he was 20 with his brother, John, when they realized they needed a better gun and got a gun factory to make one.

It was the "Big 50," which

See Festival, Page 13A

"Killer bees" found in area

Scurry, Comanche and Lampasas counties have been added to the state quarantine restricting the movement of commercial bee operations following the detection of Africanized honey bees in the counties.

With the addition of these counties, 117 of 254 Texas counties are now quarantined for the Africanized honey bees, according to Paul Jackson of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in College Station.

The bees collected in Scurry County were found in an abandoned commercial beehive some six miles northeast of Snyder.

"The increase in bee activities can be attributed to early fall swarming," said Jackson.

Honey bees typically swarm heavily in the spring and to some extent again in the fall, explained Jackson.

The Africanized bee was first detected entering the United States near Brownsville in October 1990.

Area counties previously placed under quarantine include Dawson, Knox, Midland and Taylor.

Appraisal board to hold public hearing

The Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday for a public hearing concerning the 2000 appraisal and collection operating budgets.

The public hearing will be followed by a regular board meeting at 9 a.m. to adopt the budget.

The proposed 2000 appraisal budget is $546,600, which is down $4,503 from 1999's figure of $551,103.

The 2000 collections budget is down $292 from the 1999 budget of $21,792. That department's proposed budget is $21,500.

Included in the proposed budget is a salary increase for four employees whom Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said are at the lower end of the pay scale.

Proposed salaries for 2000 for both the appraisal and collection budgets total $288,335, which is down slightly from 1999 salaries which totaled $290,911.

Also proposed in next year's budget are funds for the appraisal district to purchase a new computer system, which will be separate from the city's.

Currently, the appraisal district and the city are tied into the same computer system.

Crooks said purchasing a new system for the appraisal office would reduce maintenance costs, in addition to freeing space for the city's computer system.

Also, with the processor located at the appraisal office, it would eliminate cables between the office and City Hall.

ASK US

Q-Does the school district pay for the bottled water that the city places in Northeast Elementary?

A-No. The city fills the containers with reverse osmosis treated water at the city water plant and furnishes the water at no charge.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 93 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Saturday, 73; no precipitation; total for 1999, 20.04 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low 60-65. Sunday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of storms. High around 90.



Kealia Caldwell
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
7:55 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:26 a.m.
Of 253 days in1999, the sun has shone 246 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In difficult situations when hope seems feeble, the boldest plans are safest.

—Livy

SEP 11 1999

Growing public corruption caused by drug trafficking

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Ronald "Joe" Borane has been an influential man in the border city of Douglas, a landowner, city magistrate, justice of the peace and a former police chief.

But authorities say greed led him to collude with a man he thought to be a drug trafficker and arms supplier. Caught in a federal sting operation, Borane now faces charges of conspiracy, money-laundering and fraud.

Meanwhile, the Arizona Supreme Court's investigators are examining the operations of Borane's courts "to see if there are any major problems that need to be corrected," spokesman John MacDonald said Friday. An investigation by the Arizona Attorney General's Office also continues.

The accusations against Borane, who has been suspended from his court duties, illustrate what experts cite as an increasingly common phenomenon along the border.

Drug dealers constantly try to grease the way for their goods by dangling often-huge bribes — up to $1 million — before public officials or law enforcement officers, experts say. The bribes seek to buy cooperation, to get agents or officers to look the other way as shipments cross the border.

"It's an ever-increasing problem," Phil Jordan, a former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration official who still monitors drug cartel activities, said Friday. "We don't have the necessary resources along the U.S.-Mexico border to really put a stop to it."

A seven-count indictment issued Thursday by an Arizona grand jury accused Borane, 63, of giving an FBI undercover agent money on several occasions to buy drugs and to finance overseas weapons operations.

The undercover agent was posing as a businessman who traded military surplus to Guatemalan narcotics dealers in return for drugs that he later sold.

It also alleged that Borane offered to sell a building in Douglas to the agent to launder proceeds from the drug operation and dismissed traffic tickets and suspended parking fines between March 1998 and July 1999.

Authorities also seized one building and filed a $350,000 civil racketeering lien against all of Borane's 126 properties in Cochise County.

Borane, who is also the brother of Douglas Mayor Ray Borane, is free on his own recognizance and will be arraigned Sept. 20.

In recent years, other allegations of official corruption along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico have included:

—Two immigration inspectors and a former inspector at Nogales, Ariz., who pleaded guilty to drug charges and bribery.

—A Border Patrol agent in Douglas convicted of helping smuggle cocaine and marijuana into Arizona from Mexico.

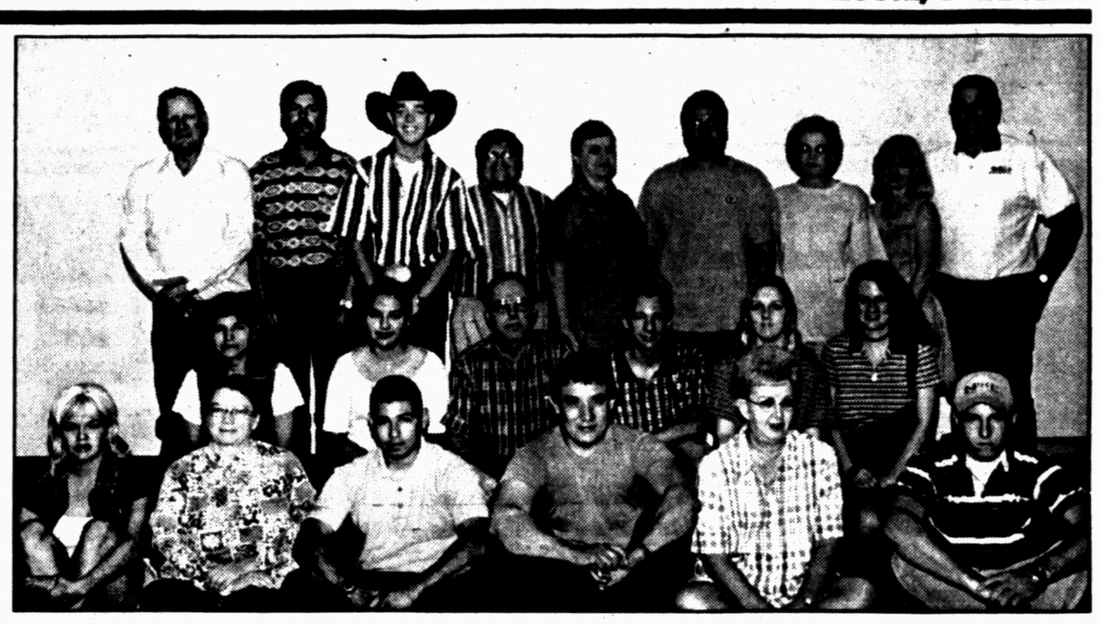
—A former Tohono O'odham Reservation tribal judge charged with possessing 356 pounds of marijuana.

— An INS inspector in New Mexico, charged with accepting bribes to let vehicles enter the United States from Mexico without inspection, and another at San Ysidro, Calif., charged with accepting $350,000 to allow thousands of pounds of marijuana and 20 illegal immigrants to enter.

Earlier this year, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner termed corruption on the border "an ever-present threat ... especially for people of modest means who can earn a year's pay in one afternoon simply by looking the other way."

"I would think that the trafficking organizations would approach anyone that they think would help their operations in any way," added James Woolley, DEA special agent in charge in Tucson.

Jordan said the corruption has no boundaries and that the recruitment to corrupt and gain the confidence of American officials will continue to escalate.



COMPLETE COT 54-A — Graduation of the Correctional Officer Training Class 54-A was held Wednesday at Western Texas College. Graduates (from left) first row, Amy Baugh, Roby; Candace Carr, Knox City; Larry Castillo, Rotan; Mauro Castillo Jr., Idalou; Darla Chance, Sweetwater; Jodey Clark, Aspermont; Candy Floyd, Roby; Nancy Guicoza, Lamesa; Richard Kellams, Snyder; David Kincheloe, Snyder; Martha May, Snyder; Kimberly McCoy, Snyder; Keith Medford, Haskell; Tuff Metcalf, Big Spring; Simon Mireles, Sweetwater; Pat Phillips, Lubbock; Victor Resendez, Lamesa, Gloria Way, Sweetwater; Robert Wheat, Brownfield; Leanord Dodgen, instructor; and Judy Bartels, secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Police make 'Special K' bust

MIAMI (AP) — Police seized more than 11,000 vials of a designer drug likely intended for teen-age rave parties in the largest U.S. seizure of ketamine, known on the street as "Special K".

Officials estimated the potential value of the drugs seized Friday at $4 million.

The drugs were discovered after officers pulled over a truck for a traffic violation, according to police. The driver matched the description of a suspect in the ketamine ring, authorities said.

Officers found 2,162 vials of ketamine in boxes in the back. The driver, Geraldo Baptista, led them to a warehouse with thousands more, authorities said.

Baptista, 37, was arrested Friday and charged with drug possession and distribution, a felony that carries up to 20 years in prison.

Ketamine is manufactured in the United States as a clear liquid used primarily by veterinarians as an animal anesthesia. Boiled into a powder, it can be snorted, swallowed in pill form or added to drinks for a hallucinogenic high.

It also can cause permanent brain damage in humans, slow the heart rate to the point of death, and cause a stupor-like condition that has led to ketamine being labeled a "date-rape" drug.

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Hope for Life's Journey
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TCA Cable TV - Channel #2
Mon., Sept. 13, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

Fast-food chain claims firm trying to steal its trademark

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Wendy's International has other successful Internet trademark lawsuits on its side as it sues a Dallas company for a type of trademark violation known as "cybersquatting," the company's lawyer said.

Wendy's has sued Beswick Adams Corp. of Dallas for registering Internet domain names involving Wendy's trademarks, then offering to resell the names to the company.

The names include Wendys.org, WendysRestaurants.com and WendyIntlInc.com. The company also offered to make the domain name Wendyssucks.com available to the company, Joseph Dreitler, a Columbus lawyer handling the lawsuit for Wendy's, said Friday.

"Basically, companies are concerned that people could do something that would offend their customers," Dreitler said. "The last thing you want is someone to type in your name, think they've gone to you and then find something defamatory or libelous."

In February, a federal judge in Houston ordered two Texas men to turn over 11 Internet domain names to Microsoft Corp.

Wendy's, based in suburban Dublin, filed its suit this week in U.S. District Court.

It asks the court to prohibit Brenan Hofstadter and his company, Beswick Adams Corp., from using any Wendy's trademark names on the Internet.

The suit alleges that Hofstadter devised a scheme to extort payments from Wendy's and at least 10 other corporations.

Hofstadter allegedly registered the names of Web sites with Network Solutions, a Virginia company that held the sole license to register domain names.

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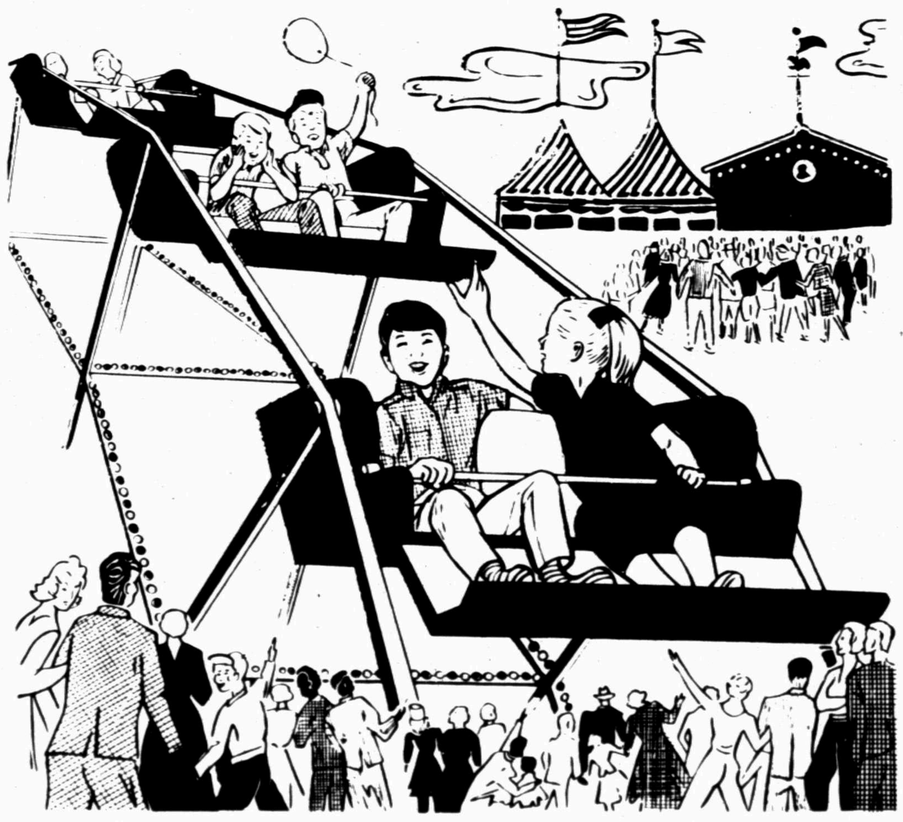


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BAND on STAGE FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:00p.m. -10:00p.m.

DOMINO TOURNAMENT-REGISTRATION begins THURS. SEPT. 16, 1999 @ 5:00p.m.

ANNEX BUILDING

HORSE SHOW – SATURDAY 9:30p.m.
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HORSESHOES – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 ENTRY FEE $5.00 PER PERSON, REGISTER @ 8:00a.m. START @ 9:00a.m.
WASHERS- SATURDAY 18, ENTRY FEES $5.00 PER PERSON, REGISTER @ 4:00p.m. START @ 5:00p.m. IN ANNEX

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Swiss steak, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, apple cutie pit

Tuesday

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, oatmeal cookie, garlic toast

Wednesday

Cheesy chicken, southern fried okra, steamed broccoli, perfection salad, cherry cobbler

Thursday

Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, lima beans, tossed salad, white cake w/peaches

Friday

Fried fish, scalloped potatoes, Italian green beans, copper penny carrots, pineapple flop cake.

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Fair is scheduled Thursday through Saturday. Seniors are asked to volunteer to work in the Senior Center booth, from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Volunteers will man the north door during the same hours. Call 573-4035 or come by the center at 2603 Ave. M if you can help.

Seniors are also encouraged to enter their crafts, baked goods and canned goods in the fair. Senior domino players are encouraged to participate in the domino tournament.

Congratulations to Erna Chauncey and Bernhard Bartels for their win in the monthly domino tournament.

Housing is available for senior citizens by phoning Golden Terrace at 573-1416. Brochures on the housing are also available at the center.

The swimnastics schedule at Western Texas College is set for Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Seniors needing more information may call the center at 573-4035.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Sparkle City Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 1 p.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m., and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a short break for exercise. Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m. Cloggers will practice at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. The center's booth at the fair will be decorated at 10 a.m. If you can help, contact Pamela Fenton. The fair opens at noon. The Hoss Clayton band will be performing at the fair from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday

The fair booth opens at 9 a.m. The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will perform at the fair at 7 p.m. The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at the Golden Corral at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday

The fair opens at 9 a.m. Performances at the fair that day will be Line Dancers at 11; Kitchen Band, 1; Cloggers, 2 and the Hoss Clayton Band from 5-6:30 p.m.

NHTSA announces recalls

DETROIT (AP) — Safety defects have prompted a recall of more than 353,000 General Motors, Ford and Saturn vehicles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

No accidents or injuries have been reported as a result of the defects, spokesmen said Friday.

GM said it was recalling 168,035 Buick Century and Buick Regal 1999-model passenger cars built between March 1998 and April 1999. In some of the vehicles, a short circuit in the antilock brake system could cause a nearby plastic fuel hose to overheat and leak, possibly resulting in fire beneath the hood, GM said.

Ford recalled 183,000 1998 and 1999 Ford Contour and Mercury Mystique compact sedans built between July 1997 and April 1998. The accelerator cable could fray and not return the engine to idle when the gas pedal is released, Ford said.

GM's Saturn division issued two recalls of its new 2000 LS mid-size cars — 1,310 made between May and July that have a potentially leaky fuel valve, which could result in fuel spillage in a rollover, and 1,437 of the vehicles built during the same period whose turn signals and hazard lights might malfunction.

The recalls were posted by NHTSA on its Internet site on Thursday. Owners were asked to take their vehicles to dealerships for free repairs, NHTSA said.

2 people beheaded

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Two drug smugglers were beheaded in Saudi Arabia on Friday, the Interior Ministry said.

Juma Salahedine Ebibi, a Nigerian, was convicted of smuggling cocaine and Attallah Ismatallah, an Afghan, was found guilty of smuggling heroin into the kingdom, the ministry said in a statement.

Both were executed in the western port of Jiddah.

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SUCCESSFUL KICK OFF — Zola Schlegel, center, held a poster up at the Scurry County United Way kick off luncheon held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. It depicts the donations already made to the United Way to help reach this year's $60,000 goal to help eight local agencies. Schlegel is executive secretary. Pictured at right is anchorman with Channel 13 News Kirk Kiser, guest speaker, and at left is local UW president, Dr. Bryan Cave. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Poll suggests Internet could reconnect alienated young

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many young adults don't follow politics or vote, but a new poll suggests one of the best ways to connect them to civic affairs may be at their fingertips — the Internet.

The poll focused on political attitudes of young adults ages 18 to 25 and found that seven of 10 considered the Internet a useful way to get information on issues important to the country. They were more likely to look to the Internet than to more traditional sources of information like TV and newspapers.

The most popular information sources for people over age 26 were newspapers and television — chosen by two-thirds as useful sources of information.

"I was surprised that such a dramatically large group of young people use the Web to find such information," said Richard Kimble, national director of Project Vote Smart, a co-sponsor of the poll with the Pew Charitable Trust.

Kimble called their interest in learning about issues on the Web "a bright light of hope" in the battle to turn around young adults' declining interest in civic matters.

A top priority for young adults was finding reliable information on candidates and positions on the issues, he said. And they were likely to look for such information on the Web.

"If we can get these two things coming together, we could turn a corner," Kimble said.

The poll of 1,326 people taken from July 12 to Aug. 10 said younger adults paid less attention to government at all levels than older respondents did, a result documented in several studies earlier this year.

Fewer than a third of adults between 18 and 20 reported that they voted in the 1996 presidential election, according to census figures, and that percentage was progressively higher among older groups of Americans.

While 64 percent of older adults said they plan to vote in 2000, only 45 percent in the younger group said they planned to vote. The error margin for the poll taken from July 12 to Aug. 10 was 3.5 percentage points for the 872 adults 26 and older and 5 percentage points for the sample of 454 adults from 18 to 25.

Top issues for the younger adults were jobs and the economy. They showed less interest than older voters on such issues as health care, Social Security and moral concerns. Their levels of interest in crime and education were similar.

Even though younger adults weren't as focused on issues such as health care and Social Security, politicians usually tailor their issues toward people who vote more often.

"Everybody is doing what they think they should, but it's perpetuating a growing problem," said Michael Delli Carpini of the public policy program at Pew. "How you break out of that cycle is not clear."

Project Vote Smart plans to pay even more attention to the Web in its efforts to increase young voter turnout.

But Alison Byrne Fields, campaign director with Rock the Vote, said the Internet is only one way to encourage younger people to vote. Focusing too much on the Internet could miss many young people, she said, noting the key is to reach all young adults with the message that voting can make a difference.

Earlier surveys have shown young people are interested in volunteering to help with problems in their own communities.

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E. coli outbreak continues

MALTA, N.Y. (AP) — A 79-year-old man is the second fatality in an E. coli outbreak at a county fair that could become the worst such contamination in U.S. history.

More than 600 suspected cases of contamination — already the worst in state history — have been reported from the Washington County Fair, which was held at the end of August in this town 30 miles north of Albany.

Dr. Antonia Novello, the New York state health commissioner, said Friday the number of cases could eventually exceed 1,000. That would make it worse than a 1993 E. coli outbreak that sickened 700 patrons of Jack in the Box restaurants in Washington state. That outbreak killed four.

On Friday, Wayne and Lori Aldrich released colored balloons as they buried their 3-year-old daughter Rachel — the first victim of the New York outbreak.

"When we were at the fair, there were balloons released," Aldrich said. "Rachel asked why and at the time I didn't know, but today I was inspired. Sometimes things you love just slip away from you."

Afterward, the parents headed back to the hospital to stand vigil over their 2-year-old daughter Kaylea, struggling with kidney failure after sipping a glass of water with her sister on Aug. 28 at the fair.

Eight other children from the fair were on dialysis Friday at Albany Medical Center Hospital as doctors tried to filter toxins from their blood. Two other children and two adults also remained hospitalized.

Children, because of their undeveloped immune systems, are more susceptible to being sickened by E. coli and the serious complications that can result.

Rain runoff is believed to have washed the E. coli bacteria from cow manure at a nearby cattle barn into the fair's underground water supply.

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Renewed furor over Waco fire troubling

WACO (AP) — Local officials are trying to erase a possibly-indelible stain on the image of their history-rich city, once known as the "Athens of Texas."

Built at the site of an ancient Indian village near the confluence of two major rivers, Waco became a major agricultural and trade center and the home of Baylor University.

But Penny Jacko, who works at the school, no longer admits to being from Waco, the focus of world attention during a 1993 federal raid on the rural headquarters of an obscure religious sect known as Branch Davidians.

"People were always asking: 'Did you know David Koresh?" Ms. Jacko says. "I just hate that people know of Waco because of it."

There's more to the city of 109,000 than the bloody standoff that has resulted in embarrassment for the FBI and a massive lawsuit set for trial next month. And spokesman Larry Holze is trying to get the message out.

Holze is meeting with city and business leaders to develop a strategy for dealing with the attention.

"The most important thing for us to recognize is that this whole thing could've happened anywhere. It's just like those events in Jasper, Littleton and Oklahoma City," Holze says.

Former Mayor Bob Sheehy says: "You can't change what happened. All you can do is offer help and information. Some of the media are going to write ugly things about you. They did us. But if you stay the course, they'll probably say some nice things about you before they leave."

Since 1993, residents have had to endure unending questions about the FBI assault on the Davidians' Mount Carmel, wisecracks about the "wackos in Waco," and countless tourist requests for directions to the site northeast of the city limits where Koresh and about 80 of his followers died.

The attention is now likely to intensify with the independent investigation by former Sen. John Danforth and the start next month of a multimillion-dollar wrongful-death trial blaming the government.

"Obviously it's difficult for the citizens of Waco because this is reopening the wound," Holze says. "It's like a wound that has healed over, but opens up every time you flex a muscle."

For a few years after towering orange flames consumed the Davidians' home, Waco reported a downturn in business and conventions.

But Baylor University economics professor Tom Kelly says he believes the notoriety helped the city at least as much as it might have hurt it. He says economic development officials kind of "used it as an ice breaker."

"Just because people have heard of Waco, it is positive for the community," the 30-year resident says.

Sheila Martin, the widow of a Branch Davidian, says the rehashing of the siege hurts. But the latest disclosures "have made it a lot better" for the survivors.

"People have been very nice. There's a genuine spirit of love. They saw us as people in pain who had lost family," Ms. Martin says.

Four U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and six Davidians died in the gun battle that resulted from an unsuccessful raid. After a 51-day siege, Mount Carmel burned to the ground after FBI agents used tear gas to force Koresh and his followers to surrender.

Surviving Davidians and the relatives of the dead later sued, challenging the government's conclusion that the cult members themselves started the fire and that they shot first during the initial raid. The lawsuits were consolidated into one case that will open in Waco federal court on Oct. 18.

Last month, the FBI, after years of denials, admitted firing combustible tear gas canisters on the day of the final assault. The FBI still insisted it did not cause the fire, but the disclosure has forced a reopening of the case.

Branch Davidian Amo Bishop Roden, who spends most of her days distributing literature to tourists at the site of the former compound, is also glad to see the renewed interest in the case.

"I've watched the government steal and lie for six years. I know they're hiding even more," she says.

The passenger vessel Noronic was destroyed by fire at a dock in Toronto in 1949, killing 119 people. The fire broke out shortly after midnight when most of those aboard were asleep.



BORDEN COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Borden County cheerleaders for 1999-2000 are left to right, Bekah Hensley, junior; Crystal Dye, senior; Krystle Lee, junior; mascot Laura Stamper, freshman; Kaci Poole, senior; Holly Thomas, junior; head cheerleader Erica Schooler, senior. Sponsors are Karan Key and Lori Stephens. (Contributed Photo)

FBI knew about projectiles of tear gas, but said nothing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department officials acknowledge that an FBI document the agency had failed to turn over to Congress will become a key part of an independent probe into whether the government killed people during the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, and tried to cover it up, The Associated Press has learned.

Justice spokesman Myron Marlin said Friday night that former Republican Sen. John Danforth, who is heading the independent inquiry, will have to examine why the crucial page of the report did not reach Congress earlier than this week.

Marlin noted, however, that the page was properly turned over to lawyers in criminal and civil cases involving Waco survivors.

"Whether it was an administrative error is something that the special counsel will have to look at," Marlin said. "But we know that the plaintiff and defendants counsel received it."

The key final page from a 49-page FBI lab report was turned over to the House Government Reform Committee this week, along with an internal Justice Department memo acknowledging the document "was not produced to Congress" during the 1995 investigations into the tragedy.

The first 48 pages of the lab report, dated Dec. 6, 1993, had been turned over to lawmakers years ago, absent the mention of the military-style tear gas that government officials for years had denied using.

The 49th page, obtained Friday by the AP, discloses that FBI investigators who examined the scene at Waco found a "fired US military 40mm shell casing which originally contained a CS gas round," and two "expended 40mm tear gas projectiles."

The report is likely to become a key piece of evidence in the independent inquiry ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno and separate congressional investigations into whether government officials tried to cover up the use of potentially incendiary tear gas on the final day of the siege.

Justice Department and FBI officials denied for years that flammable tear gas grenades were used on April 19, 1993, the day the Davidian compound went up in flames. They abruptly reversed course earlier this month and acknowledged a "very limited number" of such devices were fired hours before the fatal fire.

The government continues to maintain that religious sect members set the fire, and federal agents did not contribute to it. They have said the tear gas canisters bounced off a roof of a concrete bunker and into a field. Sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers perished during a later blaze in a wooden structure away from the bunker.

Meanwhile, the physician who headed the team that performed autopsies on the people who perished in the Davidian compound, said he would welcome an opportunity to reopen his investigation into the deaths of the 23 cult members who died of bullet wounds.

"There is a feeling that one should go back and re-evaluate," Dr. Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant County medical examiner told the Waco Tribune-Herald in an interview published today. "The focus at the time was not whether the FBI was doing the shooting."

The FBI lab report does not specifically state whether the gas in the shells was incendiary or when they had been fired. But the potentially flammable M651 tear gas canisters that the FBI belatedly acknowledged using on the final day of the siege are 40mm military shells like those described in the lab report.

The FBI has always acknowledged firing one other type of 40mm round that contained nonflammable tear gas.

A Sept. 2, 1999, Justice Department memo on the history of the lab document notes that the department's document database "contains multiple copies of this document, most of which contain all 49 pages." It said only four copies of the report were missing the last page.

"It appears that the page on which mention is made of a shell casing for a military CS round and the expended tear gas projectiles was not produced to Congress," trial attorney James G. Touhey Jr. wrote.

During congressional probes, the FBI would typically forward its documents to the Justice Department, which would then produce the documents to lawmakers.

Danforth, a former Missouri attorney general, was named Thursday to oversee the independent inquiry. He promised to investigate whether government officials were responsible for the fatal fire and tried to cover it up.

Also Friday, congressional aides sifted through documents subpoenaed from the Texas Rangers dealing with the fiery end of the 51-day siege.

The documents were subpoenaed last week by the House Government Reform Committee and included a previously unreleased Rangers report on ordnance used by the FBI in the final hours of the siege, a congressional aide said.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger, whose agency oversees the Rangers, said the report represents "an extremely exhaustive look at some of the controversial evidence."

"When you get right down to it, it is very narrow in focus," Vinger said. He declined to be more specific.

The Rangers, who have stored tons of evidence collected from the Davidians' charred compound, began re-examining their holdings in June.

Coroner seeking 2nd look

WACO (AP) — As an independent probe prepares to look into the government's role in the 1993 Branch Davidian standoff, a medical examiner says he'd like to look again into the deaths of sect members who died from gunshot wounds.

"There is a feeling that one should go back and reevaluate," said Dr. Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant County medical examiner. "The focus at the time was not whether the FBI was doing the shooting."

About 80 people died after a fire ravaged the group's compound 10 miles east of Waco.

Peerwani said he wants to reexamine the deaths of 23 Davidians who died of bullet wounds. It may be possible to determine whether they were shot by someone outside the compound building, he told the Waco Tribune-Herald for Saturday's editions.

Did the bullets go through an "intermediary target, like a wall or door, before striking these people?" he asked.

"We have sufficient photographs and other materials for us to review these issues. I have not started this, but I would certainly do so if asked by the proper authorities."

A Justice Department spokesman declined comment on Peerwani's statements.

"All I can say is the attorney general certainly wants answers to the questions being raised," Myron Marlin said. "That's why she appointed a special counsel."

Attorney General Janet Reno ordered the independent investigation after revelations that the FBI used potentially-flammable tear-gas canisters — allegations previously denied by the government — in the April 19, 1993, raid.

The government maintains the Davidians set fire to the compound.

Justice of the Peace David Pareya, one of four McLennan County justices who ordered the autopsies, told the newspaper he has lingering questions about some of the deaths.

Pareya said he had no choice but to rule the cause of death for many Davidians as unknown because the FBI would not supply him with the results of the ballistics tests.

While the Davidians had thousands of rounds of ammunition stored at their Mount Carmel compound, Peerwani said the rounds that exploded in the fire, while inflicting damage on some bodies, did not cause the death of any Davidian listed as being shot and killed.

"They died as a result of gunshot wounds and, in most cases, the bullets entered and left the body," Peerwani said.

Consequently, he said, he remembers recovering from a body only one bullet with rifling marks indicating it had been fired.

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Financial Focus

To be a successful investor, you need to be knowledgeable. If you're well-informed about the financial markets, and if you're familiar with different investment alternatives, you will have the confidence you need to make the right choices. In the investment world, knowledge is power.

And that's why it's especially important for women to learn as much as they can about investing. Some studies show that women tend to take fewer chances with investments than men. This tendency leads many women to pursue so-called "safe" investments — at the risk of losing out on higher long-term returns. But by increasing their knowledge — and their faith in their own financial acumen — women will be free to choose from the full range of investment alternatives.

Just how much different are women's investment attitudes from men's? They're a lot different. In fact, 63 percent of women are only comfortable with guaranteed investments, compared to just 41 percent of men, according to one major study conducted by a leading financial services firm. Consequently, women often have a larger percentage of bonds, certificates of deposit, money market funds and other low-risk investments in their portfolios.

Women who purchase these "less risky" types of investments will almost certainly protect their principal. But they also encounter another type of risk: the risk of inflation. Although inflation has been very low the past few years, it has not disappeared from the investment horizon. And, over time, even a relatively low rate of inflation can seriously erode the purchasing power of fixed-rate investments. That's why bonds, certificates of deposit and similar vehicles may be appropriate for short-term financial goals but inappropriate for longer-term ones, such as retirement or paying for a child's college education.

Should women then throw all caution to the winds when investing? Of course not. But they should choose a diversified mix of investments that are suitable for their individual financial goals.

Fortunately, women do have one major advantage when it comes to investing: they are generally more likely than men to ask for investment guidance from professionals. And individuals who work with investment professionals tend to invest regularly, save more, manage their debt better and have more confidence about their future.

Still, even women who do work with investment professionals should educate themselves on the tenets of investing. A good understanding of investment basics is essential to a productive relationship with any financial consultant.

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3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Open House
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Taco Supper in Cafeteria
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Ex's Basketball games
8:30 - ? p.m.	Bonfire on Baseball Field
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1999	
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Registration & Refreshments in New Gym
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Open House
10:00-11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting & Program in New Gym
11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 pm - ?	Ira vs Paint Creek
8:00 p.m.	Dance in Old Gym

Student sues high school in Midland

MIDLAND (AP) — A picture that 18-year-old Casey Riggan and two other Midland High School seniors snapped one Saturday last January of a car parked in front of an unmarried female teacher's residence has become the center of a federal civil rights lawsuit.

The vehicle was that of high school principal Neil Richmond, who is married.

Several months later, when Richmond learned of the photograph, he accused Riggan of starting rumors of sexual indiscretion that caused tongues to wag in this West Texas city of 63,000.

The principal suspended Riggan and ordered him to apologize. Instead, Riggan sued in federal court, alleging that Richmond and the school board trampled on his rights of free speech. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

When the youth refused to apologize or to drop his lawsuit, Riggan was suspended for three days and placed in an alternative school — a special campus for students with behavior problems. He was also not allowed to attend his graduation ceremony.

The school board endorsed the discipline.

Gail Riggan, Casey's mother, said he was the first family member in six generations to graduate from high school.

"We believe that they had no right to take one of the most special moments of my son's life away from him," Mrs. Riggan said. Young people should have some rights in this country."

U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson of Midland is expected to decide later this month whether to allow the lawsuit to proceed. He has rejected several motions by school attorneys asserting that the judge has no authority to involve himself in internal school proceedings.

Richmond said the lawsuit is "absolutely absurd. This is a lose-lose situation for both parties."

"My personal opinion is that they needed a scapegoat to blame because word got out about the principal's affair," Mrs. Riggan said.

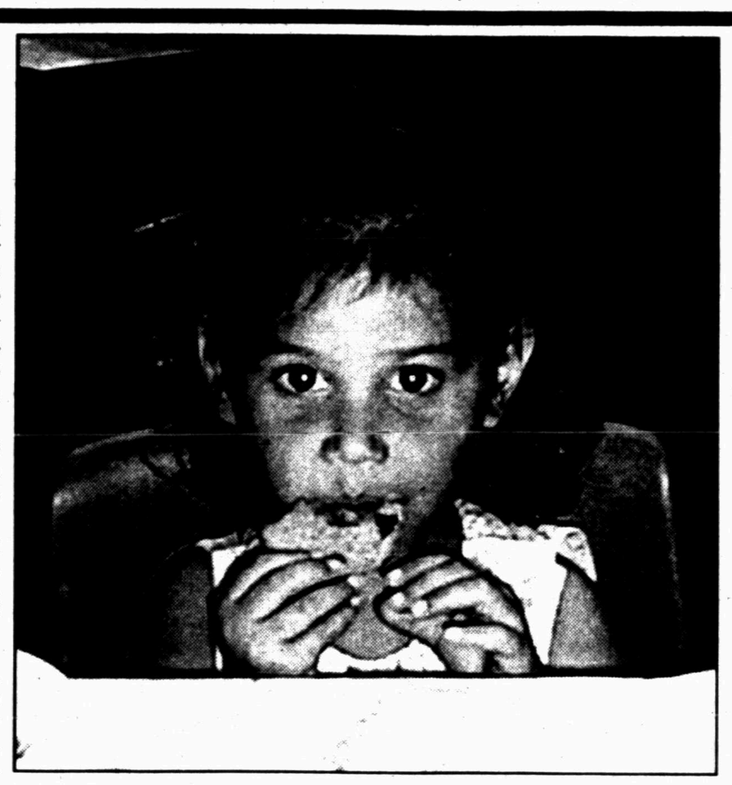
"This picture was never even taken to school and wasn't taken on school property or during school hours," she complained. "They have absolutely no right under the law to say he can't photograph a car in front of a house — something that anybody else in the nation can do."

Richmond says Riggan was disciplined for being disrespectful towards an adult by fostering rumors.

"He was punished under policies the school has always upheld," said Richmond, declining to comment further.

The principal has declined to respond to the allegations he and the teacher were in a relationship. He said Riggan violated the school code by being disrespectful of adults.

Riggan says he didn't even snap the picture, but did keep the photo at home. The boys talked at school, however, which led to classroom snickering that evolved into water cooler gossip.



'C' IS FOR COOKIE — 'C' is for cookie and it was good enough for 3-year-old Kaitlin Renee Bernal at Thursday's "Taste of Scurry County." However, she wasn't so sure she liked the camera. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Daughter dies after dad fakes carjacking

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP) — A 3-year-old girl died Friday, a day after police accused her father of shooting her and her brother and trying to cover it up with a story about a carjacking.

Police said Richard Spicknall II, 27, confessed to shooting his 2-year-old son, Richard Spicknall III, who died Thursday, and his daughter, Destiny Array Spicknall, who was severely wounded and died Friday.

Spicknall was ordered jailed without bond Friday on charges of murder and attempted murder. Police said the second charge would be upgraded to murder.

Spicknall called police early Thursday to report that an armed hitchhiker he picked up on a bridge had thrown him into the Choptank River and driven off with his children. Police found him dripping wet at a pay phone three hours after the purported carjacking.

Construction workers found the children in the Jeep Wrangler a half-mile away on Thursday morning.

Spicknall had told their mother, his estranged wife, that he was taking their children for a vacation in Ocean City, Md. Instead, authorities say, he shot them both at close range while they were buckled in their car seats.

Court papers show Spicknall confessed about an hour after the Jeep was found.

At the bond hearing in Easton, Spicknall's lawyer called the confession suspicious and said he would request a psychiatric evaluation.

"Outside of the allegations, the defendant is basically an All-American young man," said defense attorney Michael Belsky. "He's basically been a hard-working, family-loving young man his entire life."

Authorities said they had not established a motive.

Denver teachers OK unique classroom performance plan

DENVER (AP) — The city's teachers union has approved a two-year pilot program — the first of its kind in the nation — to tie teachers' pay raises to how well students do on tests.

"It's an experiment, and I think it's worth the experiment," said Laurie Bourg, a fourth-grade teacher who voted for the pact.

The program, proposed by the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, will involve only a small group of volunteers at first. At the end of the two years, a decision will be made on whether to expand the program to all teachers.

"The teachers of Denver have decided to give it a try," said Becky Wissink, union vice president. She would not give totals from Friday's vote.

"From teachers' perspective, the real value of this pilot is that they can be involved from the ground up in the design, implementation and evaluation of the study," said teachers union president Andrea Giunta.

The next step is the appointment of a design team that will create and oversee the study.

Many teachers are now asking how classroom performance can be measured, especially when so many variables are out of their control.

"I was in the printing business for 15 years, and you can't run schools like a business," said Roxanne Rhodes, a high school social studies teacher. "If I bought paper in my printing business and it wasn't up to quality, we could send it back. You can't do that with students."

In Denver and many other districts around the country, teachers automatically get raises based on length of service.

Some districts around the country have offered merit increases or bonuses, but they base the decision on schoolwide achievement or factors such as a teacher's work outside the classroom.

The Denver program, in contrast, would reward teachers for how well the children do in their individual classrooms.

The participants in the pilot program would get bonuses, rather than raises. However, if the program is enacted permanently, the teachers whose students do well will be rewarded with actual salary increases.

Their pay would not be docked if their students didn't measure up.

"This program is truly different. It's not a bonus. If it's enacted in two years, it changes where you are in the salary schedule based on student achievement," said Kathleen Lyons, a spokeswoman for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union with 2.4 million members.

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12	13 Lunch with the President Noon Board Meeting 7:00pm Movie 8:30 pm SC Student Recruiter mtg. 3:00 Cafeteria	14 Intramural Pool Tourn.	15 12th class day BSM free meal 11am -1pm SGA Exec. Board mtg. Noon	16 10:45 Cheerleader & Mascot Try-outs PTK mtg 10:45 SC-105 Scurry Co. Fair	17 Scurry Co. Fair	18 Intramural Softball Scurry Co. Fair
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SPORTS

Frenship fights off Snyder again, 21-17

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — There would be no overtime this time. Thanks to a key fourth down play, Frenship made sure of it.

With a chance to tie the game with a field goal in the final minutes, Frenship instead converted on a fourth-and-three situation deep in Snyder territory Friday night, keeping alive what wound up being the game-winning drive. Frenship found the endzone two plays later, and Snyder found itself on the bottom end of a 21-17 decision.

The scene was all too familiar to Snyder head coach David Baugh, who has seen his squad fall to Frenship each of the last four years, by a combined 13 points.

"This is the fourth year in a row it has turned out like this," Baugh said after the game. "We're two evenly matched teams. But it seems like either we make a mistake, or they make a big play, and they come out on top. I thought our guys played hard tonight. I'm proud of how our kids battled."

After Snyder took the lead, 17-14, on a 44-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie to Matthew Grimmett with 9:37 left on the clock, Frenship put together its longest drive of the night.

Starting from its own 25, Frenship used over seven minutes to move the ball to the Snyder 19-yard line, where it faced fourth and three with 2:24 showing on the clock.

Following a timeout, the host Tigers opted to go for it. Quarterback Trace Vineyard rolled to his right and hit a wide-open Chad Mandrell for a 10-yard gain to the SHS 9.



SUBDUED — Mark Medley (55), Jeremy Nelson (50) and John Ortegon (20) gang up on Frenship tailback Jorge Rodriguez, while Max Blackwell (64), Daniel Highfield (40) and Tremaine Johnson give chase during Friday night's contest in Wolfforth. Rodriguez toted the ball 28 times in the 21-17 Frenship win. (SDN Staff Photo by Laura Canada)

Two plays later, Brian Moore hauled in a Vineyard pass to put Frenship back on top. The scoring drive lasted 12 plays, covering 75 yards and chewing eight minutes off the clock.

"We didn't stop them when we had the chance," Snyder defensive coordinator Joe Granato said. "We let them convert on too many third-and-long situations in the second half, and then the fourth down at the end. I thought our kids played hard all night, but Frenship made the plays they needed to make."

Third down plays were key to Frenship's success. In the first half, Frenship was 0 for 3 when facing third and long. But in the final two quarters, FHS went 3 for 3, including a 12-yard gain on a third and nine in their final drive.

With 1:35 still left in the game, Snyder proceeded to give its host one more scare.

Senior QB Sonny Cumbie hooked up with Matthew Grimmett twice in three plays. The second completion covered 44 yards to the Frenship 16, with only a shoestring tackle keeping the sophomore receiver out of the endzone.

But the SHS threat would end there. A fumble, recovered by center Randy Green, a sack and two incompletions killed the Snyder drive.

"I thought our kids did a good job right at the end to give us a chance to score again," Baugh stated. "We thought that Justin (Phillips) was interfered with on the last pass. But I asked the ref after the game, and he said that the defender hit Justin after he touched the ball. So that was that."

Frenship took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, after both teams swapped turnovers. Josh Arizmendi coughed up the ball on Snyder's first play from scrimmage, before Bebos Martinez stopped the ensuing Frenship drive when he hopped in front of a receiver to pick off a pass at his own 8-yard line.

Snyder then drove to the Frenship 29, where they turned it over on downs. Three plays later, Rodriguez sneaked behind the SHS defense and hauled in a Vineyard toss. Rodriguez was hauled down about a foot from the goal line by Brady Hackfeld, but plunged in from there on the next play.

Snyder knotted the tally at 7-7 early in the second period, thanks to its power running game. Tovares Brandon carried three times and Paul Camp toted it twice, as the Tigers covered 76 yards in just five plays. Camp busted through the middle of the Frenship defense and raced the final 34 yards to the endzone.

Snyder grabbed its first advantage of the night in the closing seconds of the second quarter. After a Frenship field goal sailed wide left, Snyder moved to the FHS 31-yard line with seven seconds remaining.

From there, junior kicker Ralph Ramon split the uprights with a 47-yard field goal for a 10-7 halftime margin.

Frenship struck first in the third quarter, when a Snyder penalty aided the FHS cause. Deep in Snyder's territory, an SHS personal foul changed what would have been third and 10 at the 17, to first and goal at the 9-yard line. Two plays later, Frenship held a 14-10 lead.

Snyder would take its final lead on the Cumbie-to-Grimmett 44-yard TD completion, which was followed by Frenship's game-winning drive.

Game Summary

Snyder	00	10	00	07 — 17
Frenship	07	00	07	07 — 21

First Quarter

Frenship — Jorge Rodriguez 1-yard run (Chad Mandrell kick), 2:16.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Paul Camp 34-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 8:19.

Snyder — Ramon 47-yard field goal, :01.

Third Quarter

Frenship — Rodriguez 2-yard run (Mandrell kick), 5:56.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 44-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (Ramon kick), 9:37.

Frenship — Brian Moore 9-yard pass from Trace Vineyard (Mandrell kick), 1:35.

	Sny	Fre
First Downs	14	18
Rushes-yards	28-146	38-119
Passing yards	166	209
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-0	11-20-1
Punts	3-41.3	3-19.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	9-72	7-45
Time of poss.	20:11	27:49

RUSHING — Snyder: Camp, 10-81; Arizmendi, 6-30; Brandon, 5-30; Loper, 2-8; Grimmett, 1-4; Cumbie, 4-minus 7. **Frenship:** Rodriguez, 28-98; Mandrell, 1-13; Nichols, 2-12; McClendon, 3-8; Vineyard, 4-minus 12.

PASSING — Snyder: Cumbie 7 of 16 for 166 yards, 1 TD. **Frenship:** Vineyard 11 of 20 for 209 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 3-98; Phillips, 1-41; Arizmendi, 1-14; Martinez, 1-10; Camp, 1-3. **Frenship:** Moore, 3-38; Rodriguez, 2-72; McClendon, 2-31; Mandrell, 2-21; Shelby, 1-48; Caballero, 1-minus 1.

District 5-4A Standings

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Big Spring	0	0	3	0
Andrews	0	0	1	1
Snyder	0	0	1	2
Lake View	0	0	1	2
Fort Stockton	0	0	0	2
Sweetwater	0	0	0	2

Friday's results: Frenship 21, Snyder 17; Big Spring 52, Monahans 12; Levelland 21, Sweetwater 18; EP Riverside 50, Fort Stockton 0; Brownwood 28, Lake View 0; Hereford 29, Andrews 14.

Next week's games: Snyder at Abilene Wylie; Del Rio at Lake View; Monahans at Andrews; Sweetwater at Borger; Big Spring at Estacado; Pecos at Fort Stockton.

Astros raise streak to 8 games with 6-4 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Carl Everett hit two home runs, the second a two-run shot in the 13th inning to give the Houston Astros their eighth straight win, a 6-4 over the Chicago Cubs on Friday night.

The win kept Houston three games ahead of Cincinnati, which beat Florida 4-2, in the NL Central.

Billy Wagner (4-1) pitched a perfect 13th inning, including a strikeout of Sammy Sosa on four straight fastballs. Sosa finished 0-for-6 with three strikeouts and remained at 59 homers for the season. Mark McGwire hit his 55th homer for St. Louis in its 11-5 win win over Pittsburgh.

Jeff Bagwell led off the 13th with a single off Chicago's fifth pitcher, Bobby Ayala (1-7), and Everett followed with his 23rd homer of the season, sending the Cubs to their fourth straight loss.

The Astros overcame a 4-1 lead with a run in the eighth and tied the score in the ninth when reliever Terry Adams threw a wild pitch, scoring Daryle Ward from third. Ricky Gutierrez, who went 4-for-5, drove in the tying run with a single to right, scoring Hernandez.

Cubs starter Jon Lieber, who has lost six straight decisions, allowed two runs and seven hits over eight innings and tied his season high with nine strikeouts. He allowed a second-inning homer by Carl Everett and an eighth-inning RBI double to Craig Biggio which made the score 4-2.

Ira JV, junior high nab wins

Ira's underclassmen went two for two Thursday night, as the junior varsity and junior high squads nabbed gridiron victories.

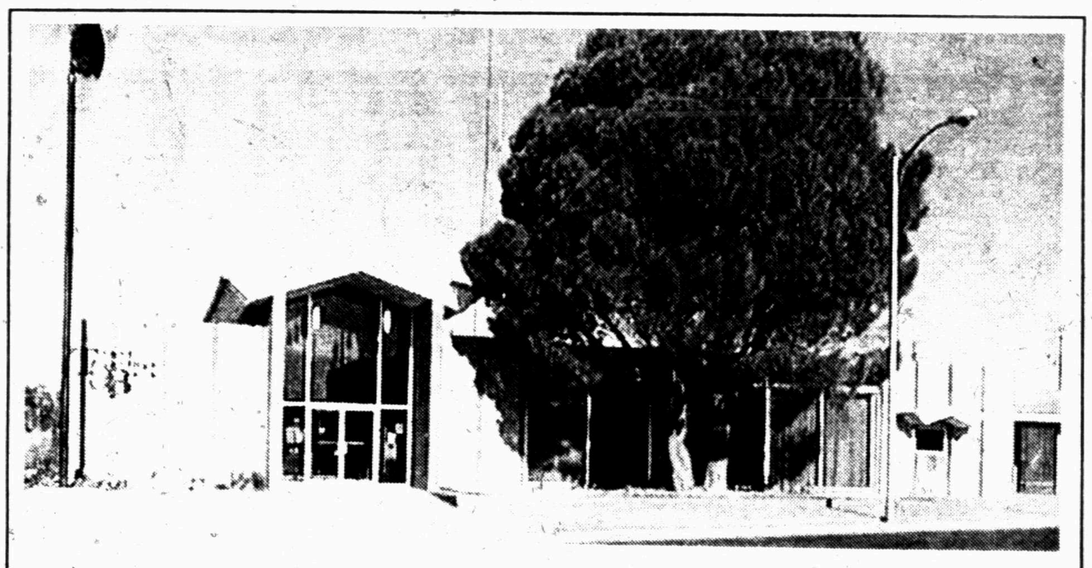
The Bulldog JV got a pair of touchdowns from Todd Wall in its 29-20 win over Blackwell. In addition to his two TDs, Wall also plunged in on a two-point conversion, while Tyler Frey booted a pair of extra points.

Eric Dickerhoff got in on the scoring act with a 50-yard interception return, before hooking up with Frey on a 30-yard touchdown aerial later in the game.

In junior high action, it was another Wall that helped shoulder the load in Ira's 19-0 shutout.

Jess Wall had a touchdown run and an interception return for a score. The Bulldogs other score came through the air on a pass from Wesley Kellner to Jake Barnes.

The junior high will be in action again Thursday when it visits Paint Creek, while the junior varsity squares off with Rule at the same site.



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SPORTS



ANYTHING YOU CAN GRAB — A Blackwell defender holds on to the pants of Hermleigh ball carrier David Digby, while Cardinal blockers Chris Doggett (56) and Joey Luna (85) try to make some room Friday night at Cardinal Stadium. The Hornets came out on top in the non-district contest, 38-24. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Cardinals fall short in 38-24 six-man shoot-out

HERMLEIGH — The Hermleigh Cardinals matched Blackwell punch for punch for most of their seesaw scoring affair.

But it was the Hornets who delivered the knockout blow midway through the second half.

After trading scores for almost three full quarters Friday night, Blackwell broke the rhythm with back-to-back touchdowns to begin the fourth quarter, fueling the Hornets' 38-24 victory over the Cardinals.

Hermleigh, now 0-2 on the season, tallied more total yards than Blackwell, but couldn't overcome the Hornet's consecutive scoring drives.

The Cardinals pulled even with Blackwell in the third quarter when Chris Doggett raced 24 yards for an 18-18 tally.

The Hornets answered with the final TD of the period, a 52-yard run from scrimmage to reclaim the lead, 26-18.

Blackwell then pulled away for good by striking first in the final quarter.

Hermleigh managed to trim the deficit to 38-24 on a 64-yard aerial from Doggett to Caleb Callaway. Callaway ended the night with four receptions for 109 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Doggett was 9 of 20 for 138 yards, two TDs and two interceptions.

Blackwell broke out to an 8-0 advantage on an 80-yard interception return in the first period.

Hermleigh's Chris McClure plunged in from three yards out in the second quarter to bring the Cards within two points of the lead.

The two squads continued to trade scoring punches in the closing moments of the first half. Following a Blackwell touchdown, Callaway hauled in a 10-yard TD toss from Doggett for a 16-12 halftime deficit.

It was the Hornets' turn to score again as the third quarter began, leading to Doggett's tying touchdown run.

Hermleigh rolled up 161 yards on the ground, with David Digby carrying most of the load. The Cardinal workhorse pounded out 140 yards on 17 carries.

Bulldogs record second straight shutout, 48-0

IRA — The Veribest Falcons spent less time playing football Friday night than they did riding the bus — one way.

The Ira Bulldogs forced their opponent to an early exit for the second consecutive week on Friday, blasting Veribest 48-0. The contest ended early in the fourth quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule, and was Ira's second straight shutout.

"It's been a great two games," second-year Ira coach Toby Goodwin said. "Our support has been fantastic and the kids are doing everything we ask. There are still some things that we need to work on. We're not where we want to be yet. There's still some aspects we need to get better at, but the kids are giving everything they've got, and improving every time out on the field. And that's all you can ask of them."

Like their 50-0 victory in the season opener, the Bulldogs' offense and defense fed off each other.

On Veribest's biggest threat of the night, a second-quarter drive that marched deep into Ira territory, the Falcons were turned back when Richard Wilkins picked off a pass in his own endzone.

Wilkins teamed up with 6-7 end Logan Daves to spearhead the Bulldogs' defensive effort. With starting linebacker Jerek Brown seeing limited playing due to a nagging arm injury, Daves and Wilkins combined for 25 tackles. Daves registered a safety in the second quarter when he dropped a Falcon ball carrier in the endzone.

They also carried their share of the load on offense. Wilkins returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown, while Daves booted four PATs and caught four passes for 53 yards and a touchdown.

Ira led just 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, after scoring on a 20-yard sprint by Jose Juarez. The Daves safety and a six-yard run by Juarez pushed the tally to 18-0 midway through the second.

Wilkins' punt return, and Daves' TD reception of a Nathan Smith pass ran the total to 34-0 by halftime.

Smith struck through the air again to open the third quarter, hooking up with Terry Jamison for a 37-yard score. Jamison also had an interception and a fumble recovery during his duty on defense.

Ira notched two more points when Veribest snapped the ball out of the endzone. Jeremy Bowden ended the contest with a 17-yard touchdown run with 9:09 left in the final period.

On the ground, Bowden tallied 51 yards on six carries, with Juarez adding 42 yards on seven carries. Through the air, Smith was 7 of 12 for 143 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.



CAN YOU HEAR ME UP THERE? — Second-year Ira coach Toby Goodwin talks with 6-7 senior end Logan Daves during Friday night's game with Veribest. Ira recorded its second shutout of the season, blanking the Falcons, 48-0, at Bulldog Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Coyotes make short work of Leopards with 56-0 blowout

GAIL — The Borden County Coyotes showed why they're state ranked Friday night, and in doing so, they left the New Home Leopards seeing spots.

Borden County dominated both sides of the ball in Friday's contest, rolling to a 56-0 rout of New Home. It's the second consecutive shutout for the Coyotes, who blanked Wilson in the season opener, 48-0.

The game never saw the second half, as Borden County took control early on by overpowering the Leopards.

The Coyotes never attempted a pass, running the ball on all 20 of its offensive plays for 251 yards. Borden was never forced to punt, and didn't turn the ball over, scoring on all eight of its possessions.

Defensively, the Coyotes limited New Home to just 37 total yards. The Leopards didn't complete a pass, but had two picked off by Borden defenders.

Ed Rodriguez, who finished the two quarters with 114 yards on eight carries, posted the first three Coyote touchdowns on runs of 29, 9 and 51 yards.

Joseph Hardeman then took over for Borden County, notching the next three scores on runs of 5, 7 and 43 yards.

Dale Grant scampered in from six yards out for the Coyotes' seventh TD, before D.J. Smith broke loose on a 36-yard dash to cap the scoring.

Borden County has now won 30 of its last 32 ballgames, which includes two state championship appearances and a state title.

The Coyotes were ranked in the state by *Texas Football* and were picked to challenge Sands for the district crown.

Borden County hits the road for its next two contests. The Coyotes travel to Highland on Friday, before visiting Balmorhea on Sept. 24.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Golf: WTC at Paris Invitational.

Tennis: Frenship at Snyder varsity.

Volleyball: Snyder 9th and varsity at Bronte, 11 a.m.

Volleyball: Snyder JV at Andrews tourney.

Volleyball: Snyder 7th A and 8th A at Big Spring tourney.

MONDAY

Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th at Bronte, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Seminole at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.

Football: Ira JV vs. Rule, at Paint Creek, 7:30.

Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder 9th, 5 p.m.

Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder JV, 7 p.m.

Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Abilene Wylie, 5 p.m., 6:30.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.

Football: Snyder at Abilene Wylie, 7:30.

Football: Klondike at Hermleigh, 7:30.

Football: Borden County at Highland, 7:30.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	85	55	.607	—
Boston	80	61	.567	5½
Toronto	74	68	.521	12
Baltimore	65	76	.461	20½
Tampa Bay	62	79	.440	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	87	53	.621	—
Chicago	63	78	.447	24½
Detroit	58	82	.414	29
Minnesota	58	82	.414	29
Kansas City	55	85	.393	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	85	57	.599	—
Oakland	77	64	.546	7½
Seattle	70	70	.500	14
Anaheim	56	84	.400	28

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Friday's Games

Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 7, Toronto 6
Boston 3, New York 1
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 2
Baltimore 5, Seattle 4, 12 innings
Kansas City 7, Texas 3
Cleveland 14, Chicago 6

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Ortiz 1-1) at Minnesota (Milton 6-11), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 7-12) at New York (Irabu 10-5), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Garcia 14-7) at Baltimore (Johns 4-3), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 9-8) at Detroit (Blair 2-10), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Olivares 13-10) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 8-8), 6:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 13-7) at Chicago (Parque 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 13-7) at Kansas City (Suppan 8-9), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Escobar 11-10) at Detroit (Weaver 8-10), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Mercker 1-0) at New York (Clemens 12-8), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 11-6) at Baltimore (Erickson 12-11), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 11-7) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 7-7) at Chicago (Sirotka 8-12), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-3) at Minnesota (Mays 5-8), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 16-7) at Kansas City (Witasick 6-11), 2:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	90	52	.634	—
New York	86	56	.606	4
Philadelphia	68	73	.482	21½
Montreal	58	83	.411	31½
Florida	57	83	.407	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	87	56	.608	—
Cincinnati	83	58	.589	3
Pittsburgh	69	72	.489	17
St. Louis	68	74	.479	18½
Milwaukee	61	79	.436	24½
Chicago	56	85	.397	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	84	57	.596	—
San Francisco	76	65	.539	8
San Diego	67	75	.472	17½
Los Angeles	66	75	.468	18
Colorado	64	78	.451	20½

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Florida 2
Colorado 15, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 5
Houston 6, Chicago 4, 13 innings
Arizona 3, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 3, New York 1
San Diego 10, Montreal 3
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Chicago (Bowie 1-5) at Houston (Lima 19-7), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 11-7) at Colorado (Kile 8-13), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 11-10) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-8), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 6-7) at Cincinnati (Guzman 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 4-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 5-1), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-7) at Arizona (Benes 10-11), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 6-11) at San Diego (Ashby 14-7), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Yoshii 10-8) at Los Angeles (Valdes 9-13), 10:10 p.m.

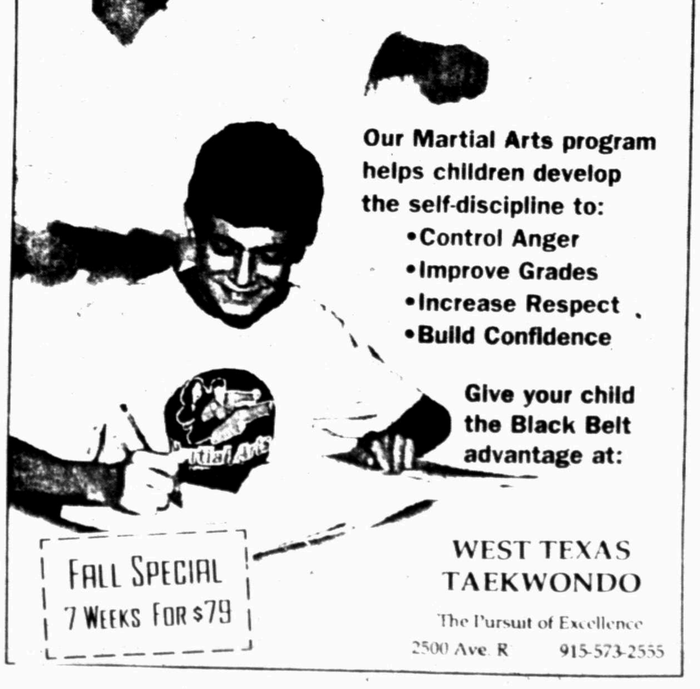
Sunday's Games

Florida (Burnett 2-1) at Cincinnati (Villone 7-6), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 12-9) at St. Louis (Oliver 7-9), 2:10 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 6-16) at Houston (Holt 3-13), 2:35 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 7-12) at San Diego (Hitchcock 11-11), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 18-6) at San Francisco (Nathan 5-3), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 2-7) at Colorado (Astacio 15-10), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 1-1) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
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San Marcos 54, SA Edison 0
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Smithson Valley 10, SA O'Connor 7
Southlake Carroll 21, Saginaw Boswell 0
Springtown 20, North Crowley 3
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Weatherford 35, Burleson 14
West Mesquite 20, Paris North Lamar 13
West Orange-Stark 26, Silsbee 9
Wharton 27, Needville 10
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Wylie 21, Graham 6

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China Spring 26, Clifton 0
Cleveland 40, Crosby 14
Clyde 33, Hamlin 14
Commerce 35, New Boston 14
Corrigan-Camden 28, Madisonville 20
Crystal City 12, Carrizo Springs 2
Cuero 28, Columbus 6
DeKalb 12, Jefferson 7
Decatur 32, Bowie 12
Edna 34, Boling 0
Eustace 22, Winona 6
Fairfield 30, Hillsboro 13
Ferris 42, Emory Rains 20
Friona 44, Brownfield 6
Gatesville 21, Groesbeck 10
Giddings 24, Elgin 23
Gladewater 37, Van 0
Glen Rose 36, Robinson 33
Gonzales 20, Manor 13
Greenwood 28, Seminole 0
Hamshire-Fannett 28, Buna 0
Hardin-Jefferson 63, Kirbyville 18
Hempstead 21, Hearne 12
Hondo 30, Uvalde 14
Hooks 27, Mount Vernon 7
Huffman Hargrave 34, Splendora 7
Industrial 32, Victoria St. Joseph 7
Ingram 40, Junction 6
Iowa Park 13, WF Hirschi 10
Kemp 14, Quinlan Boles 0
Kennedale 11, Mineral Wells 7
La Grange 27, Hallettsville 10
La Vernia 49, Jourdanton 0
Lake Dallas 40, Carter Riverside 15
Lake Travis 27, Lockhart 0
Lake Worth 49, Hennetta 0
Lamesa 49, Dimmitt 6
Liberty 54, Stafford 49
Lindale 41, Rusk 26
Littlefield 20, Tulia 19
Llano 28, Ballinger 0
Lorena 13, Teague 0
Mabank 31, Athens 23
Marion 28, Luling 25
Mathis 13, George West 6
Mexia 26, Caldwell 18
Muleshoe 21, Denver City 0
Newton 12, Coldspring 6
Orangefield 48, East Chambers 42
Pittsburg 16, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 10
Poteet 19, Somerset 7
Queen City 16, Daingerfield 6
Robinson 33, Glen Rose 6
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Sanford-Fritch 32, Caprock 9
Sealy 27, Waller 8
Shepherd 28, Kountze 21
Sinton 21, Bishop 20
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 29, Shreveport La. Huntington 20
Trinity 50, Palestine Westwood 0
Vernon 31, Estacado 26
Warren 22, Hardin 20
West 28, Academy 14
Wills Point 48, Princeton 7
Wimberley 21, Lytle 7
Winnsboro 20, White Oak 7
Woodville 21, PA Austin 6
Yoakum 34, East Bernard 0

Class 2A
Abernathy 52, Roosevelt 6
Alto 39, Groveton 14
Archer City 22, Windthorst 9
Arp 18, Sabine 0
Aubrey 20, Community 19
Bangs 28, Comanche 15
Banquete 8, Woodsboro 6
Big Sandy 22, Ore City 6
Blanco 33, Liberty Hill 28
Blooming Grove 19, Elkhart 2
Bovina 33, Whiteface 0
Brackett 61, D'Hanis 0
Brazos 40, Bay Area Christian 19
Brookshire Royal 42, Fort Bend Hightower 0
Caddo Mills 34, Ladonia Fannindel 8
Celina 35, Sanger 14
Cisco 15, Albany 14
Coahoma 20, Grape Creek 13
Coleman 28, Jim Ned 0
Colmesneil 35, Lovelady 6
Comfort 21, San Saba 19
Cooper 63, Leonard 12
Danbury 19, Lutheran South 6
Dilley 19, Cotulla 7
Early 13, DeLeon 0
Farmersville 32, Whitewright 0
Farwell 55, Crosbyton 0
Freer 35, San Diego 7
Goldthwaite 28, Eastland 19
Grand Saline 35, Mineola 7
Harleton 41, Union Hill 7
Haskell 21, Anson 0
Hawley 28, Ranger 26
Hemphill 55, Waskom 0
Holland 19, Bruceville-Eddy 0
Honey Grove 42, Maud 0
Hubbard 20, Grandview 12
Hughes Springs 35, Rivercrest 0
Idalou 19, Shallowater 12
Jacksboro 42, Valley View 2
Johnson City 28, Center Point 6
Karnes City 22, Stockdale 6
Kerens 49, Cedar Hill 6
Leon 14, Bremond 6
Lexington 27, Ganado 6
Lockney 36, Slaton 13
Lone Oak 50, Wolfe City 0
Malakoff 21, Quitman 18
Mart 41, Rogers 7
Mason 28, Rocksprings 0
Morton 21, Lorenzo 12
Navarro 13, Florence 6
New Deal 10, Petersburg 0
New Diana 33, Redwater 6
New Waverly 53, Anahuac 0
Nixon-Smiley 55, Randolph 8
Nocona 41, Electra 12
Olney 36, Aspermont 16
Olton 28, Ropesville 12
Omaha Paul Pewitt 57, Clarksville 8
Ozona 7, Sterling City 0
Palmer 44, Frost 0
Post 33, Hale Center 15
Poth 25, Kenedy 22
Quanah 14, Mangum Okla 0
Ralls 41, Spur 8
Refugio 36, Odem 32
Rio Vista 27, McGregor 0
Salado 38, Moody 0
San Augustine 20, Burkeville 12
Seagraves 41, Kermit 6
Seymour 27, Munday 21
Shiner 47, Rice Consolidated 14
Skidmore-Tynan 26, Taft 12
Stamford 30, Colorado City 6
Stanton 23, Midland Christian 12
Three Rivers 21, Pettus 6
Tidehaven 23, Sacred Heart 0
Troy 29, Whitney 0
Union Grove 29, Mount Enterprise 18
Van Vleck 34, Palacios 7
Weimar 49, Flatonia 20
Winters 24, Merkel 8

Class 1A
Apple Springs 48, Crossroads 7
Baird 19, Rotan 6
Bartlett 41, Valley Mills 12
Bronte 21, Rankin 6
Bryson 13, Knox City 9
Charlotte 47, Leakey 13
Christoval 28, Roby 13
Dawson 48, Cayuga 13
Falls City 20, Yorktown 13
Garden City 25, Water Valley 12
Gorman 48, Throckmorton 22
Gunter 41, Celeste 7
Happy 19, O'Donnell 14
Kress 54, Lubbock Christian 13
La Pryor 27, Sabinal 6
May 21, Harper 14
Meridian 41, Venus 0
Miles 47, Robert Lee 6
Nazareth 28, Valley 7
Normangee 38, Reicher 21
Overton 35, Alba-Golden 7
Perrin-Whitt 15, Santo 6
Petrolia 51, Crowell 0
Prosper 28, Callisburg 0
Rice 13, Itasca 6
Roscoe 26, Forsan 6
Runge 23, Louise 20
Saint Jo 42, Muenster Sacred Heart 12
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Springlake-Earth 21, Sundown 6
Sudan 28, Plains 0
Tolar 35, Cross Plains 28
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Abbott 44, EXITgel Temple 34
Amherst 74, Southland 26
Blackwell 38, Hermleigh 24
Blum 48, Trinidad 20
Borden County 56, New Home 0
Bynum 51, Cranfills Gap 6
Cotton Center 68, Loop 23
Covington 64, Morgan 14
Gordon 47, Coolidge 38
Grady 28, Wellman Union 8
Harrold 71, Victory Christian 30
Ira 48, Veribest 0
Jayton 59, Klondike 34
Jonesboro 7, Lee 6
Jonesboro 70, Cherokee 22
Meadow 56, Lazbuddie 54
Miami 74, Silverton 73
Oglesby 51, Star 6
Paint Rock 41, Lohn 6
Rochester 68, Moran 20
Rule 50, Newcastle 24
Sidney 56, Rochelle 8
Strawn 60, Mullin 14
Trent 54, Paint Creek 22
Vernon Northside 40, Guthrie 20
Walnut Springs 60, Buckholts 14
Whitharral 47, Wilson 0
Woodson 56, Chillicothe 41

Private schools
Abilene Christian 38, Sunnybrook 18
Arlington Oakridge 35, FW All Saints 0
Austin Hyde Park Baptist 42, Lometa 0
Balch Springs Christian 49, Arlington Oakridge 3
Beaumont Kelly 35, Bridge City 13
Bryan Allen Academy 43, Westbury Christian 20
Dallas Academy 27, Watauga Harvest 14
Dallas Bishop Lynch 19, Frisco 13
Dallas Christian 27, FW Nolan Catholic 7
Dallas Greenhill 61, Oklahoma City Casady 21
Denton Liberty 49, Gainesville State School 18
El Paso Jesus Chapel 40, Three Way 36
FW Country Day 48, Austin St. Stephen's 6
Houston Christian 53, Faith West 6
Irving Emanuel Baptist 43, Granbury Happy Hill 18
Jal (N.M.) 22, Fort Sumner 21
Metropolitan Christian 37, First Assembly of Seagoville 6
Midland Trinity 50, Westbrook 0
SA Antonian 24, SA Southside 16
SA St. Anthony 28, Natalia 8
SA St. Gerard 20, SA Cole 17
SA Texas Military Institute 21, Medina 0
Texas School for the Deaf 38, FW Christian Temple 7
Tyler Gorman 26, Carlisle 20
WF Notre Dame 24, Carrollton Christian 14
Waco Christian 26, Evant 22
Waco Parkview 34, Kopperl 6
Winston 30, Shelton 0

Kickoff at noon...

Cowboys will open season Sunday with arch rival Redskins

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — The Washington Redskins haven't been this healthy in years. The Dallas Cowboys are missing at least three key defensive starters, and Deion Sanders will keep everyone on their toes until kickoff guessing whether he can play on the one he hurt last year.

The Redskins are at home, playing a hated rival and they're unveiling a defense with six first-round draft choices. Two of them, rookie Champ Bailey and 39-year-old Darrell Green, will make for an intriguing matchup against Michael Irvin and Dallas newcomer Raghib Ismail.

But the Redskins are a team on edge. Beyond the win-or-else pressure from new owner Dan Snyder, there is the memory of last year's disastrous opener at New York, when the Giants scored two quick third-quarter touchdowns and sent Washington snowballing to an 0-7 start and a 6-10 season.

"The first game sets the tone for the whole season," said defensive end Kenard Lang. "This game is the most important game."

The veteran Cowboys aren't as keen on taking Sunday's result as a bellwether for the season, but Troy Aikman understands the Redskins' feelings. Simply rewind to one year ago, when Dallas was coming off its own frustrating 6-10 season.

"I think we're more confident than we were at this time last year," Aikman said. "Even though we knew we were a better football team than that, we still had some uncertainties as far as how it was going to come together.

"They got off to a rocky start. This opener, I would think, would be even more important than a normal season opener for them," he said.

The Cowboys, by the way, won big in their opener last year, 38-10 over Arizona, and went on to win the division.

The Redskins could get a similar bounce this year because they are catching the Cowboys at the right time.

Cornerback Kevin Smith is out with a bad back, linebacker Quentin Coryatt has an ailing Achilles and defensive tackle Leon Lett is suspended. Sanders, who has barely practiced on the big left toe that was surgically repaired in April, will decide Sunday morning if he can go.

If Sanders plays, and if he's the regular Deion, the game changes dramatically. If he doesn't, the Cowboys could be hard-pressed to find enough players to cover the three wide receiver formation of Michael Westbrook, Albert Connell and Irving Fryar, plus Larry Centers and Brian Mitchell out of the backfield.

"You prepare as if he's going to play," Centers said. "Then, if he doesn't, you're pleasantly surprised."

Fortunately for the Cowboys, the Redskins are hardly an offensive juggernaut. Conversely, the last thing the Redskins need to face in the opener is a tough defense.

New quarterback Brad Johnson has an iffy knee, and the line protecting him has been tenuously rebuilt after allowing 61 sacks last year. Center Cory Raymer is the only offensive player starting in the same place he did a year ago.

The stronger battle comes with the tried-and-true crew of Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Irvin & Co. confronting a starting defense that didn't allow a touchdown in preseason.

Ismail gives the Cowboys the speedy receiver they've been missing since Alvin Harper left five years ago, which means Green can no longer concentrate solely on Irvin.

"Rocket definitely can stretch the field," said Green, who has spent the last month tutoring Bailey for this moment. "It's going to be double trouble."

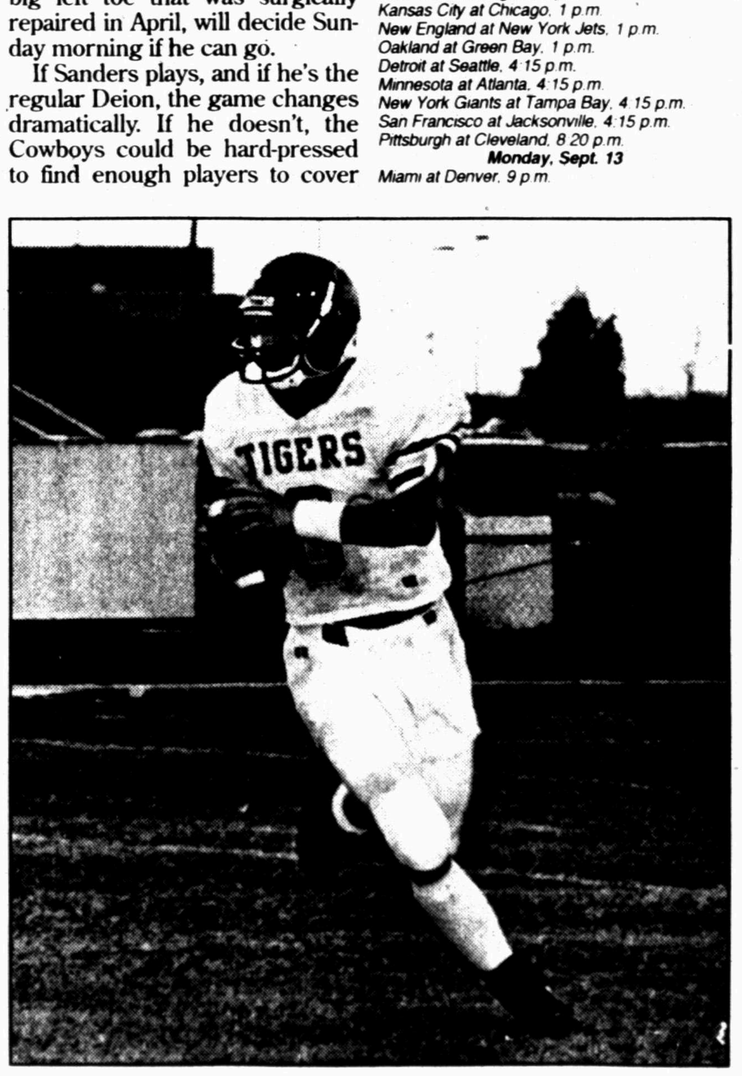
As for the game's importance, locker room leader Centers brought a gem of an analogy from Arizona to Washington to calm his new teammates' nerves.

"I think we need to take on a golf mentality," Centers said. "Realize that if we hit a bad shot or if we hit a good shot, don't get too high or don't get too low. Just finish the hole, write the score down and go to the next one the following week.

"The good news is we have an opportunity to go out and get a birdie early against a division opponent."

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Minnesota at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 13
Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.



ROLLING OUT — Snyder High School quarterback Sonny Cumbie looks downfield during action Friday night at Frenship. The senior signal caller threw for 166 yards and a touchdown in the 21-17 loss. Cumbie has totaled 331 yards and three touchdowns through three games this season. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

Jim Brown acquitted on charge of terrorist threat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury acquitted football Hall of Famer Jim Brown of a charge that he made a terrorist threat to kill his wife by snapping her neck, but convicted him of a lesser charge of vandalizing her car.

Brown, his wife Monique, and several Brown supporters were in the courtroom when the verdicts were read, but none of them reacted to the decision.

Brown was charged with making a terrorist threat against his 25-year-old wife and vandalizing her car by smashing the windows.

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SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be queen of the hill.

Bowling league news

The Roll and Hope women's bowling league will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Snyder Lanes.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999

Several of your biggest career breaks in the year ahead might not be directly of your own making. Someone who likes the way you conduct yourself may be the one who opens the doors for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should you encounter someone socially today who is inclined to talk shop, pitch right in. Instead of stirring up anxieties, you both might prove an asset for one another businesswise. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're the one who can lead by example today when out with a diverse group of people. You'll show them how folks, no matter how different, can have a common bond.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Heed your hunches today, because they might be more perceptive than what the eye beholds. Sensitivity to your surroundings will be responsible for this inner wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being in the thick of things is what will stimulate and satisfy the gregarious mood you'll be in today. If you don't have anything planned, get in touch with some progressive pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What can enhance your image in the eyes of others today is the easygoing manner you'll exude when dealing with associates. It will encourage others to be likewise with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It is natural for you to follow the old adage, "Judge not lest ye be judged." This sterling quality will be in full bloom today and you could end up winning several new allies.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even if you aren't aware of it, someone who thinks a great deal about you will be looking out for your interests pertaining to an important matter. You'll learn of this shortly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Harmony and pleasantries will be the order of the day for you in all your relationships and will draw people to you like flies. You could be one popular person today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get yourself outdoors to enjoy the last of the Summer days. The fresh air and sunshine will awaken your sleepiness and invigorate you for the week ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You won't take yourself or those with whom you get involved too seriously today, making for a most amicable time in any activities you share with others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The household might be much more peaceful than usual today. Much of this will be due to the harmonious influence you set for all to follow of putting everyone at ease.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A change of scenery might be in order for you today. Even a long walk or a short drive could serve to quiet your restless spirit and calm your concerns.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Sept. 13, 1999

In the year ahead some outstanding opportunities may be offered you through your many contacts and friends. However, nothing will come of them unless you capitalize on them properly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are resistant tot he suggestions of others, it could be like shooting yourself in your own foot. By turning a deaf ear, you may miss out on a great opportunity today. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Emotions should always be left out of financial involvements and today is no exception. Unless your money assessments are logical, you could do something rather foolish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid debates today with those who hold strong opinions diametrically opposed to yours. It could get serious real fast and a valued relationship might pay the price.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before beginning any task that has many facets to it, have definite methods and procedures ready to employ. You could end up with a big mess on your hands if you're not organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your judgment could be a trifle questionable today, so strive to interact with others and be open to their counsel. This could be especially true with a misplaced trust of another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Think twice today before attempting to throw your weight around. If you expect others to play dead and follow your every command, you could be in for a rude awakening.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful today before signing any document with long term binding commitments. If you're not completely at peace with the terms, put things off until you've had time to study it more.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't expect others to come through for you today with your financial needs, especially if you've been careless about handling your budget. They will not pick up your bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That which you attempt to do collectively with your mate or partner today could turn out rather poorly if you don't first find out what each other's aims are and then act in harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It truly could be a blue Monday for you if your heart and mind aren't in your work. The results will quickly reflect this and catch the boss's attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Carefully guard what you say today or you could thoughtlessly offend others. The result of a heedless comment might have some ill effects on your reputation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should someone do something today that displeases you, be careful not to react in a harsh or temperamental manner, especially when dealing with your family. You won't like the consequences.

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Parents' lawyer disputes indictment

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The parents of a 5-month-old girl reported missing two years ago were taken out of context in an indictment that accused them of discussing the girl's death and lying to investigators, their attorney said Friday.

Marlene and Steve Aisenberg are charged with conspiracy and concocting stories to mislead police about the fate of their daughter Sabrina, who was reported missing Nov. 24, 1997, in the Tampa suburb of Brandon. The Aisenbergs have since moved to Bethesda, Md.

The couple are not charged with murder or kidnapping, but federal prosecutor Rachelle Des Vaux Bedke told a magistrate Thursday: "The baby is in fact dead. They knew that and had some hand in it."

The Aisenbergs' attorney, Barry Cohen, denied the allegation.

"If they have evidence to support a murder charge they should charge them with murder," Cohen said. "It's not supported by any evidence."

Bedke also said Aisenberg was heard telling his wife: "I wish I hadn't harmed her. It was the cocaine."

Cohen said Aisenberg is not a drug user.

"I can assure you there's not going to be any evidence this man takes cocaine because he doesn't. He doesn't do drugs. I see a lot of things in this indictment that are unbelievable to me."

The indictment — which didn't disclose the source of the conversation — doesn't mention drugs; it simply quotes Aisenberg as saying: "I wish I hadn't harmed her."

Monte Richardson, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Tampa, said he could not say why the reference to cocaine wasn't included in the indictment.

State agents crack abalone poaching ring

ALBION, Calif. (AP) — State agents waiting in the morning fog raided two coastal inlets Friday, cracking an abalone poaching ring that investigators say peddled thousands of the prized shellfish at $60 each on the black market.

Two divers, their pouches stuffed with abalone, were arrested after they changed from their wet suits at Dark Gulch inlet near Albion. Several others were taken into custody on the craggy Northern California coast.

California restricted abalone fishing to protect the dwindling population and closed its last commercial zone two years ago. It is legal to dive for four abalone a day from April through June and August through November, but agents believe the suspects were taking perhaps 20 a day.

The raids by Fish and Game Department agents followed months of surveillance on the suspects' homes in the San Francisco area and along isolated coastal nooks. The investigation was prompted by an anonymous tip to a state hotline.

Authorities made 16 arrests Friday as they followed the chain of illegal abalone sales from the divers who pried the shellfish from rocks to restaurants or individuals buying them for their evening meals, Fish and Game spokesman Mark Lucero said.

Restaurants charge about $25 for an eight-ounce serving of the delicacy.

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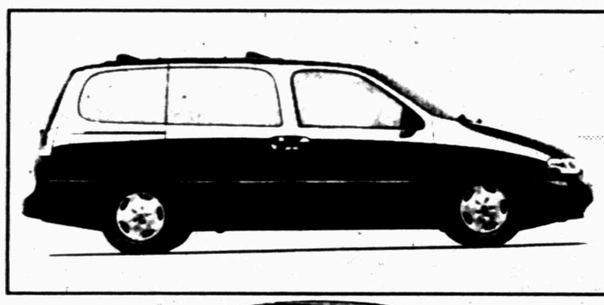
Weather plagues effort to spray

NEW YORK (AP) — Rain and fog frustrated efforts Friday to battle a deadly encephalitis outbreak cause by diseased mosquitoes that has killed three people and for the first time may have moved into Manhattan.

The bad weather grounded an airplane and two of three helicopters prepared to douse sections of the city with insecticide.

Its plans for a massive aerial spraying blocked, the city resorted to ground spraying in areas of Brooklyn and limited helicopter spraying in Queens on Friday.

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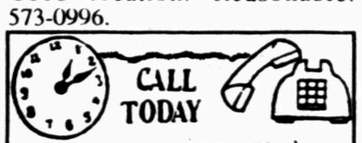
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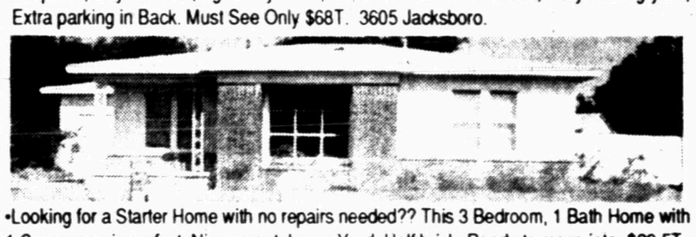
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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of STEPHEN ALLAN TALBOTT, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 7th day of September, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to: DAVID COTTON, Attorney for the Estate, P.O. Box 841, Snyder, Texas 79550-0841, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 7th day of September, 1999.

(s)JANA MOORE TALBOTT,
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: BILL ADAMS; I have surveyed the property located at 500, 502, 504, & 506-28th Street, (Lot 4,5, & 6, Block 18, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structures to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance # 324 and intend to order the demolition of said building on or about October 11, 1999.

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Puerto Ricans freed from prison

By The Associated Press

Eleven Puerto Rican nationalists granted clemency by President Clinton were freed from prison on Friday amid a political furor over their release, and most were headed for Puerto Rico for a big welcome home.

Ricardo Jimenez left the federal penitentiary near Terre Haute, Ind., in style, riding through the gates in a gold Mercedes-Benz.

"I'm elated that I'm free, here with my family," he said.

In Oklahoma City, Elizam Escobar walked through Will Rogers World Airport on a journey toward a new phase in his life after spending 19 years in an El Reno prison.

The 50-year-old painter and former art teacher expressed regret for the bombings, but said before boarding his flight that "with all conflicts, there are people who get injured.

"As part of the independence movement, we have sustained many casualties over the years. I don't like violence. Nobody likes it when people get hurt."

Most of the nationalists were members of FALN, the Puerto Rican independence group responsible for 130 bombings in the late 1970s and early 1980s that left six people dead and scores wounded.

They were serving sentences of up to 90 years in prisons from California to Connecticut on charges of seditious conspiracy and possession of weapons and explosives.

FALN was responsible for a series of bomb attacks and bank robberies in the New York and Chicago areas from 1974 to 1983 that killed six people and injured dozens.

None of those offered clemency was directly responsible for deaths or injuries, and they were required to renounce violence and stay away from each other as a condition for receiving clemency.

Clinton's offer outraged law enforcement officials and victims of FALN violence, and complicated his wife's bid to win a Senate seat from New York, which has a large Puerto Rican population.

On Thursday, the U.S. House condemned the clemency offer on a 311-41 vote that was little more than symbolic, since Clinton holds exclusive power over clemency.

Edwin Cortes, 44, left the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., Friday afternoon, and arrived in San Juan shortly before 11 p.m. EDT. He had been behind bars for 16½ years.

More than 200 people greeted him, whistling, yelling, banging on leather "pandereta" drums and simply screaming. They waved Puerto Rican flags and posters.

"We're delighted and content to receive our sons, sons of our nation who have sacrificed and given so much," said Lolita Lebron, a nationalist jailed 25 years for the 1954 shooting up of Congress before being pardoned by former President Jimmy Carter.

Eight others who received clemency hoped to reach Puerto Rico sometime Saturday, while two others were going to their families in the Chicago area.

Clinton has said his offer was not intended to help his wife's campaign for the Senate. He said his decision was influenced by several leaders, including South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former President Carter.

Mrs. Clinton ended up opposing the clemency offer, saying the FALN members took too long to decide whether to renounce violence.

But on Friday, she said she may have been hasty in making that decision. "I have a number of Hispanic advisers and ... I have to admit that the consultation process was not what it should have been," she said.

Clinton offered clemency to 16 nationalists in all. U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said two of them received a reduction in their sentences instead of immediate release, two were already out of prison before Friday, and one had not yet signed the clemency offer and remained in prison.

Dunne said all nine who said they wanted to live in Puerto Rico were given permission by the Federal Parole Commission. Without it, they would have been forced to return to the cities where they lived at the time of their arrests.

The prisoners' spokesman in San Juan, Luis Nieves Falcon, and the prisoners' families said they planned a huge party to celebrate the return — or even nine huge parties, because under the parole conditions they cannot associate with convicted felons, including each other.

Puerto Rican leaders welcomed the releases but remained angry about Mrs. Clinton's stance. Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., a native of Puerto Rico, said he was not interested in endorsing her now.

"I'm still upset. I'm still hurt. I'm still angry and I've heard nothing to change my mind," Serrano said. He said Mrs. Clinton's campaign was "insensitive to something that means so much to Puerto Ricans."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Don't mix aspirin with Coumadin

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been prescribed Coumadin. Last month, because of a summer cold, he inadvertently took medication that contained aspirin. He bled profusely and required transfusions. Please warn your readers that Coumadin and aspirin don't mix.

DEAR READER: You're correct and I thank you for writing.

Coumadin, a prescription anticoagulant, is extremely useful in certain patients who are at risk for clotting in the vascular system. For example, atrial fibrillation (an erratic pulse) and chronic venous disease in the legs (which can provide blood clots to the lungs) are two common conditions requiring Coumadin therapy.

Aspirin also has anticoagulant properties, albeit far weaker than those from Coumadin. However, aspirin typically increases the effects of Coumadin. Therefore, the two drugs do not mix well and, in my opinion, should not be given conjointly, unless under meticulous medical supervision. In your husband's case, the drug combination could have been lethal. Patients on Coumadin must scrupulously read labels in order to avoid the mistake of taking over-the-counter remedies that contain aspirin. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What foods, in addition to peanuts, cause sweating?

DEAR READER: Is this a trick question? Peanuts do not cause sweating, nor do I know of any foods that do. Sweating is the body's method of altering temperature, by releasing heat through perspiration. It is under the control of the central nervous system. Sweating is the result of exertion, fever and stress — not from eating certain foods.

Before I receive an avalanche of irate letters from chili-lovers, let me confirm that some spicy foods cause dilation of blood vessels in the skin, leading to a feeling heat and warmth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do some people get flea bites? What can be used to relieve the itching? We have a problem.

DEAR READER: People get flea bites when fleas, in a pinch, decide to eat out. Ordinarily, these parasites prefer a four-legged animal source for their blood meals, but if none is handy, they make do with humans. Witch hazel, alcohol, cortisone cream or calamine lotion — in fact, any anti-itch compound — will usually relieve the discomfort of flea bites. However, the most satisfactory solution is to have your animals de-flead. Remember that these stubborn critters will tend to nest in rugs and furniture when deprived of a warm-blooded host. Consequently, the de-fleaing project may encompass the house, as well as the animals themselves. The best way to rid your environment of fleas is to de-flea your animals and, at the same time, vacate the house for a few hours while you use one of those bug-bombs. That combined approach usually breaks the cycle.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My aged father required intestinal surgery because of a blockage. After lying in bed for 2 days, he was put in a wheelchair and had a fatal stroke. Is there any connection between the stroke and the post-operative immobility?

DEAR READER: Probably not. Post-operative inactivity more commonly causes blood clots to the lungs. Strokes are not particularly prevalent after surgery. Let me give you a brief synopsis of strokes, which come from two sources: Blood clots or hemorrhages.

As people grow older and develop arteriosclerosis, tiny blood clots tend to form on, and adhere to, the roughened — and often narrowed — arterial linings. Although the majority of these clots are dissolved by natural compounds in the circulation, they sometimes break away from the arterial lining and, like debris in a rushing brook, are carried along in the bloodstream. They cause no difficulty until they become wedged in a smaller artery or in the narrowed segment of a larger blood vessel. At this point, they cause blockage, which interrupts blood flow and prevents oxygen from reaching part of a certain organ. If circulation to heart muscle is blocked, heart attack follows; if blood flow to the brain is compromised, stroke ensues.

Sometimes, in special circumstances, clots form within the cardiac chambers themselves, and can break apart and be carried either to the brain or to the legs. This is called an embolism.

Most strokes appear to be the result of clots carried in the carotid arteries, two large blood vessels in the neck that supply blood from the heart to the brain. In my opinion, your father's massive stroke was not due to his being moved from bed to wheelchair. Nonetheless, such an event is in the realm of possibility.

Hemorrhagic strokes occur primarily in patients with poorly controlled hypertension. This disease places enormous strain on the arterial system because the outward pressure exerted on the arteries is much higher than normal. With time, small arteries in the brain stretch to their maximum and burst from the excessive pressure, flooding healthy brain tissue.

The dual nature of strokes was recently brought home to me. My patient was in danger of having a stroke because of diseased and narrowed carotid arteries. He had had several mini-strokes and tests confirmed that his right carotid artery was 90 percent blocked. After careful deliberation, he elected to have the occluded portion reamed out, a procedure known as endarterectomy. Two days after the successful surgery, he had a hemorrhagic stroke, (from which, thankfully, he recovered almost completely). You see, the narrowed blood vessel was, in a sense, protecting his brain. Once the blockage was corrected; the pressure in his brain's blood vessels returned to normal, resulting in rupture of a small artery. My patient was caught in a quandary: with or without surgery, he was at risk for stroke.

Prolonged bed rest is associated with blood clots in certain veins, especially in the pelvis and legs. This is not a stroke. Venous blood clots can be carried to the lungs, where they lodge, causing a serious condition called pulmonary embolism.

In summary, your father's stroke was probably not related to his surgery or to his post-operative immobilization. I fear that he was destined to have a stroke sooner or later. On the other hand, if his doctors had somehow been aware of his impending difficulties, they might have used anticoagulant drugs to prevent an unpromising situation from becoming a catastrophe.

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

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NAACP calls for dismissal of top Greenville police as well as the city manager

DALLAS (AP) — Long-simmering tensions between the Greenville Police Department and the Northeast Texas city's black community have led to a call for the dismissal of three top police officials and the city manager.

The executive committee of the Greenville Branch of the NAACP voted Thursday to seek the dismissals of Police Chief Barry Paris, Assistant Chief Harold Rosenberry, Police Capt. Jim Fortenberry and City Manager Ed Thatcher.

In a letter to Mayor Sue Ann Harting, Greenville Branch president Clemon Lee wrote about year-old complaints of "frivolous charges filed against blacks, the police's lack of enthusiasm in handling black complaints, and the police's near-zero success rate in solving black homicides."

The organization is unhappy with how the city and the police department have responded to a sweeping management study it commissioned of the department, said Bill Glenn, NAACP state regional representative for Northeast Texas.

"We've got a guy who's unwilling to address any minority complaints (about police actions)," he said Friday. "I asked him at a town hall meeting if he had ever pursued a minority complaint to the end. He didn't answer."

It was Fortenberry who, as a police lieutenant, figured prominently in the Lenell Geter case.

In 1982, the black engineer at a Greenville defense plant, became the target of a police investigation after an elderly white Greenville woman reported that a black man sitting in a park frightened her.

Fortenberry launched a surveillance on Geter's apartment after the report and distributed to nearby police agencies Geter's picture, labeled as a robbery suspect,

Five eyewitnesses to a suburban Dallas chicken restaurant robbery identified Geter from the picture.

No physical evidence was found, but he was convicted of aggravated robbery and sentenced to life imprisonment on the basis of those matchups — even though Geter's co-workers say he was at work the day of the robbery.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Violence continues in E. Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian army commander Gen. Wiranto said he would be willing to accept international peacekeepers to help quell the violence in East Timor, U.N. officials said Saturday.

However, hours later, Wiranto appeared to backtrack, speaking only of "security cooperation" and omitting the crucial reference to peacekeepers.

It was unclear how the matter would be resolved. Jakarta has come under a barrage of criticism for failing to halt the killing, looting and forced deportation in East Timor. Previously, Indonesia had ruled out allowing foreign troops into the province to restore order.

In the provincial capital of Dili, entire neighborhoods were burned to the ground and no pro-independence supporters appeared to be left. Numerous soldiers patrolled the streets, and some militiamen could be seen roaming about carrying automatic weapons.

East Timorese gave horrific accounts of the last week, during which machete-wielding militias aided by Indonesian troops went on a rampage after a U.N.-organized referendum showed a huge majority of East Timor's 800,000 people favored breaking from Indonesia.

In one of the most shocking reports, Australian Isa Bradridge said in an interview in the Sydney Morning Herald that his wife saw "thousands of bodies" piled in a large jail cell in the police station in Dili.

"Stacks of bodies up to the roof," Bradridge was quoted as saying. "I know it is hard to believe, but it is absolutely true. My wife saw arms and legs dripping blood."

Aid agencies estimate that anywhere between 600 and 7,000 people have been killed, 100,000 driven into West Timor or to other islands, and 200,000 more chased from their homes.

Carlos Belo, East Timor's Roman Catholic Bishop and joint winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, urged pro-independence supporters to use arms to defend themselves against the violence, a Portuguese newspaper said Saturday.

Belos said a decision by East Timor's separatist guerrillas not to respond to attacks by the militia was "too benevolent," according to daily paper Publico.

Major tax cuts will likely have to wait until GOP chief elected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major tax cut will likely have to wait until Americans return a Republican Congress and a GOP president to the nation's capital in the 2000 elections, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Saturday.

In the weekly Republican radio address, Lott said he expects President Clinton to seek a deal on a smaller tax cut and more spending after the president vetoes the 10-year, $792 billion tax relief package passed in August by Congress.

Republicans, Lott said, should resist that temptation.

"He'll agree to some throw-away tax fixes in return for a massive hike in spending for all his pet projects," said Lott, R-Miss. "It would be impolite to call that blackmail, but we've been through this routine before, and we know where it ends up."

"That's why it looks as if real tax relief will have to wait until a Republican president can join your Republican Congress in enacting it into law," Lott added.

Still, a limited tax measure Congress must pass this year could provide a last-ditch opportunity for compromise tax relief.

The must-pass measure — called the "extenders" package on Capitol Hill — would renew several already-expired tax credits favored by business, including a research and development credit popular with high-tech companies and manufacturers.

GOP leaders say it is highly unlikely Congress will pass a second major tax cut bill this year after Clinton's veto, expected as early as next week. But they unanimously support extension of the business credits, as do most Democrats.

"The extenders are something that we're going to have to work on," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "That's nuts and bolts stuff."

Over 10 years, the doomed $792 billion bill would reduce all income tax rates by 1 percent, ease the marriage penalty on many 2-income couples, eliminate estate taxes and the alternative minimum income tax, reduce capital gains taxes, expand pension and 401(k) laws and provide numerous business tax breaks.

Six arrests start weekend

Six subjects were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday.

Officers arrested a 45-year-old male at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the 1900 block of 24th Street for driving while license suspended.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody at 10:12 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of 20th Street for driving while license suspended.

At 10:28 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male on a warrant for probation violation.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 31-year-old male into custody at 12:45 a.m. Saturday 12 miles east on Hwy. 180 for driving while intoxicated.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 1:18 a.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of Avenue D for possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was also issued a citation for no driver's license.

At 1:37 a.m. Saturday, a 31-year-old male was taken into custody by DPS troopers for driving while intoxicated.

Two juvenile males were also issued citations at 12:11 a.m. Saturday at the Snyder Cemetery for minor in possession of alcohol. Deputies followed the subjects to the Law Enforcement Center where they were released to their parents.

Obituaries

Jack Clark

1917-1999

Funeral service for Jack Clark, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Paul A. Tate will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Clark, the brother of Henry F. Clark of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 8, in a Temple Hospital.

A funeral service also was held Saturday in Belton.

Born April 14, 1917 in Snyder to Henry F. and Bertha Wellborn Clark, he married Lentie B. Tate on July 29, 1939 in Post.

Mr. Clark bought a ranch and moved to Penrose, Colo., where he was active in community affairs. He helped organize one of the first Southern Baptist churches in Colorado.

In 1956, Mr. Clark went to work for the state penitentiary in Canon City, Colo., retiring in 1974. He moved to the Temple-Belton area in 1979 and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

His parents; one son, Wellborn F. Clark Jr.; a sister, Manie Lee Springer; a brother, A.E. Clark; and one grandchild, Todd Clark; preceded Mr. Clark in death.

Survivors also include his wife, Lentie Clark of Temple; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Bill Johnston of Temple; another brother, Lloyd Clark of Tuscon, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Other Snyder relatives include the O.P. Tate family.

Edna Gillham

1939-1999

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Funeral service for Edna Gillham, a former Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Monday the Collin Street Church of Christ. David Dissenbaugh will officiate and burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery.

Mrs. Gillham, 60, died Friday, Sept. 10, in Tahlequah.

Mrs. Gillham lived in Snyder for about 16 years, moving some 12 years ago to Tahlequah. She was a member of the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, and she was the cousin of Lavada McDaniel of Snyder.

Survivors include three children, Teresa, Randy and Heath Gillham of Tahlequah; her mother, Mrs. Lucille Heath of Tahlequah; two brothers, Joe and Kenneth Heath of Richmond, Calif.; one granddaughter; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Gillham was preceded in death by two children, Melody and Kenny Gillham.

Billy Goldesberry

1929-1999

Billy Goldesberry, retired Chevron employee at SACROC, died Friday, Sept. 10, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Goldesberry, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 5, 1920 in Strawn, he married Johnnie Harris on Dec. 28, 1941 in Strawn.

Mr. Goldesberry was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. He moved to Snyder in 1967 and worked as a field mechanic for Chevron, retiring after 38 years. He was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Goldesberry of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Jackie Goldesberry of Ira; a sister, Wilma Ballard of Athens, Tex.; a brother, Ray Goldesberry of Corsicana; a granddaughter and her husband, Shellie and Michael Beasley of Ira; and a great-grandson, Cheyne Beasley of Ira.

Festival activities planned here

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proved to be very efficient.

Later, the Sharpe 44 was introduced and it quickly became a favorite of buffalo hunters.

Mooar died on May 1, 1940 after living for almost 89 years.

He died at his home at 1201 26th St., and an estimated 3,000 people gathered at Snyder's First Methodist Church for the funeral.

He is buried in the Snyder Cemetery.

The Higgins family arrived in Texas in 1854 and they began ranching in Lampasas County.

There, they became embroiled in a famous feud with the Horrell family.

Neal writes that Pink became a noted marksman with his Winchester and used it instead of a revolver at close range by tripping the trigger with his thumb while working the lever at rapid-fire.

Pink brought his family to Kent County in 1899 and ranched on Catfish Creek. The last man he killed, Billy Standifer, is buried in a pasture near the site of Pink's ranch.

Pink died of a heart attack at his home on Dec. 18, 1913 and is buried in the cemetery in Spur.

The majority of the events for this year's White Buffalo Festival will take place at Scurry County Coliseum.

The events include two ranch rodeos, a ranch horse show, dances, a team roping, a horseshoe pitching tournament, a bean cook-off, a fiddle contest, plus cowboy music and poetry.

There will also be Indian dancing and a parade.

A White Buffalo Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the horseshoe pitching contest on Saturday. It is an open tournament and is not sanctioned. Entry fee is $5. Additional information about the tournament can be obtained by contacting Don or Dorothy Duncan at 573-9762. Additional information about the festival may be obtained by calling the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 573-3558.

Births

Terry and Brandy Hildreth of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn Leigh Hildreth. She was born at 8:12 a.m. on Sept. 1 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Jordyn weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Betty Hildreth of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Joni Hays of Fort Worth and Dave and Paula Roberge of Lakeland, Fla. Great-grandparents include Gene Hays of Post and Marcel and Gloria Roberge of Langley, B.C., Canada, and R.C. and Dot Hullum of Lubbock.

Hospital

HOSPITAL: Sept. 10-Russell Carroll, Naomi Slack, Kenneth Rinehart and Rose Rodriguez.

DISMISSALS: James Baxter, Patricia Baxter, Verna Crawford, Jacky Simpson, Keith Sharpe and Frances Thompson.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1)

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events

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ONGOINGS

50-Year Masonic award

Three local Masons will be presented a 50-year service award at 5 p.m. Saturday. All Masons and friends are invited.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County retired teachers will have an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Weigh-Down workshop

Weigh Down is a Bible-based weight-loss program. First class begins Monday and cost is $103 for 12 weeks. For more information, call 573-7044 or 573-3988.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Lions Club bulb sale

The Lions Club will have its annual light bulb sale on Tuesday.

WTC continuing education

Basic Internet will be taught on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays starting Monday. Time is 7-9 p.m. Windows 98 will be taught on the same days from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each class is $30 and pre-registration is required by calling 573-8511, ext 390.

SHS yearbooks arrive

The 1999 Tigers Lair have arrived and may be picked up before or after school, and during lunch. Please bring receipt.

Ira annuals for sale

Ira School's 1999 Bulldog annuals have been delivered to the students who purchased one. For any person or business who would like to purchase one, a limited supply is available. Call the school at 573-9528 and one will be delivered to you. The price is $22.

Jury call cancelled

Prospective jurors called for Monday to 132nd District Court will not need to report, according to District Clerk Trina Rodgers.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Battle With Temptations," followed by "Living With Things You Cannot Change."

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens at WTC are being held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

At the pole

See You At The Pole will be held at 8:09 a.m. Wednesday at the flagpole on the courthouse lawn.

Basketball boosters

Snyder High basketball boosters will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in room 112 at SHS. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria. The speaker will be a dietician.

Conversational Spanish

A course in conversational Spanish will be taught at Western Texas College on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Thursday. The cost is $50 and pre-registration is required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Fajita supper

A fajita supper to benefit SHS Spanish Club students will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the St. Elizabeth's Church Hall. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any club member or by calling 574-6012.

Glow-in-the-dark T-Shirts

East Elementary will be selling T-Shirts at the Scurry County Fair to the public. Youth sizes are $10, adult sizes XL are $12 and XXL and XXXL sizes are $15

Scurry County Fair entries needed

Agriculture, barnyard and men's division entries should call 573-3026. All other booths, or entries should call 573-3558. The fair will be Wednesday through Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. All entries are needed by Wednesday for all divisions and categories.

AARP meetings

All AARP meetings are cancelled this month due to the county fair. Members are urged to be at the fair on the designated times..

Hermleigh bi-annual homecoming

Hermleigh homecoming will be Sept. 24-25 with registration Friday at 6 p.m. at the high school followed by the football game at 7:30. Saturday registration begins at 9 a.m. and the noon meal will be in the cafeteria. The business meeting will be at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334.

First Christian fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church, originally scheduled before the SHS homecoming game, has been moved to the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Oct. 1.

Pick 3

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

8-1-5

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 5-15-22-24-26

Texas Million

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

16-67-68-94

Indictment: People swindled

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Investment companies that promised lucrative life insurance policies swindled hundreds of people out of $115 million that was spent on lavish lifestyles, according to a federal indictment unsealed Friday.

Just $6 million of the $115 million give to the companies was used to buy legitimate policies, court records show. Much of the rest was spent on two dozen homes, 34 cars and two helicopters, the indictment alleged.

Frederick Brandau, 54, of Davie; an in-house attorney; a nurse and two of Brandau's companies — Financial Federated Title & Trust Inc. and Asset Security Corp. — were charged with 44 counts of wire and mail fraud, money laundering and conspiracy.

The indictment, returned Aug. 13, was unsealed hours after federal agents arrested Brandau at Miami International Airport following his failed attempt to enter Bogota, Colombia, according to the FBI.

"For two years, the defendants preyed upon investors who were naive, unsophisticated and in many instances senior citizens who'd invested their life savings," FBI agent Alan Sadowski said.

Federal prosecutors planned to write letters to between 5,000 to 6,000 investors who are potential victims of the alleged scheme, which ran from 1996 to August of this year. Many of them may not know they've lost money because they didn't expect to see a return for three years.

The investors were told their funds would be used to buy discounted life insurance policies of the terminally ill. In what is known as a viatical settlement, the investor would receive the full value of the policy upon the patient's death.

Brandau's lawyer, Thomas Sclafani, did not immediately return a call for comment Friday. However, he's earlier said his client was not running a scam.

Federal agents already have begun seizing the homes, automobiles and other items.

Lupus: Some progress made

DALLAS (AP) — The recent discovery of four disease genes in lab mice may lead to new treatments for a potentially fatal protein disorder in humans, according to a study out by North Texas scientists.

Improved drugs are still years away, the researchers said, but the new findings may help advance the understanding of lupus, an autoimmune disease affecting about 1.5 million people in the United States.

Dr. Ward Wakeland, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, led the study. He said it was important because the four mouse genes — all of which have lupus-halting properties — are likely to be found on the same chromosomal region in humans.

"Once we identify the genes (in humans), we will have specific targets to block a particular biological pathway that contributes to lupus," said Wakeland, in a statement issued this week by UT Southwestern.

His findings appear in the current issue of Immunity.

In people with lupus, the disease can cause the body to lose its ability to distinguish between its own cells and invader cells.

Date Book

Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999

Today is the 254th day of 1999 and the 83rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1812, Luddites rioted in Nottingham, England.

On this day in 1921, Margaret Gorman won the first Miss America beauty pageant, in Atlantic City, N.J.

On this day in 1991, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced that thousands of Soviet troops would be withdrawn from Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: O. Henry (1862-1910), writer; D.H. Lawrence (1885-1930), writer; Paul "Bear" Bryant (1913-1983), football coach; Ferdinand Marcos (1917-1989), Philippines leader; Tom Landry (1924-), football coach, is 75; Brian DePalma (1940-), director, is 59; Kristy McNichol (1962-), actress, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Pete Rose got his 4,192nd hit, breaking Ty Cobb's career hitting record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come." — Chinese proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 9) and first quarter (Sept. 17).

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Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999

Today is the 255th day of 1999 and the 84th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1953, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Jacqueline Lee Bouvier were wed in Newport, R.I.

On this day in 1966, "The Monkees" television series premiered, starring the band of the same name.

On this day in 1992, Jan Davis and Mark Lee became the first married couple to be launched into space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: H.L. Mencken (1880-1956), journalist; Maurice Chevalier (1888-1972), singer-actor; Alfred A. Knopf (1892-1984), publisher; Irene Joliot-Curie (1897-1956), physicist; Ben Shahn (1898-1969), artist; Jesse Owens (1913-1980), track-and-field great; Linda Gray (1940-), actress, is 59; Tim Hardaway (1966-), basketball player, is 33.

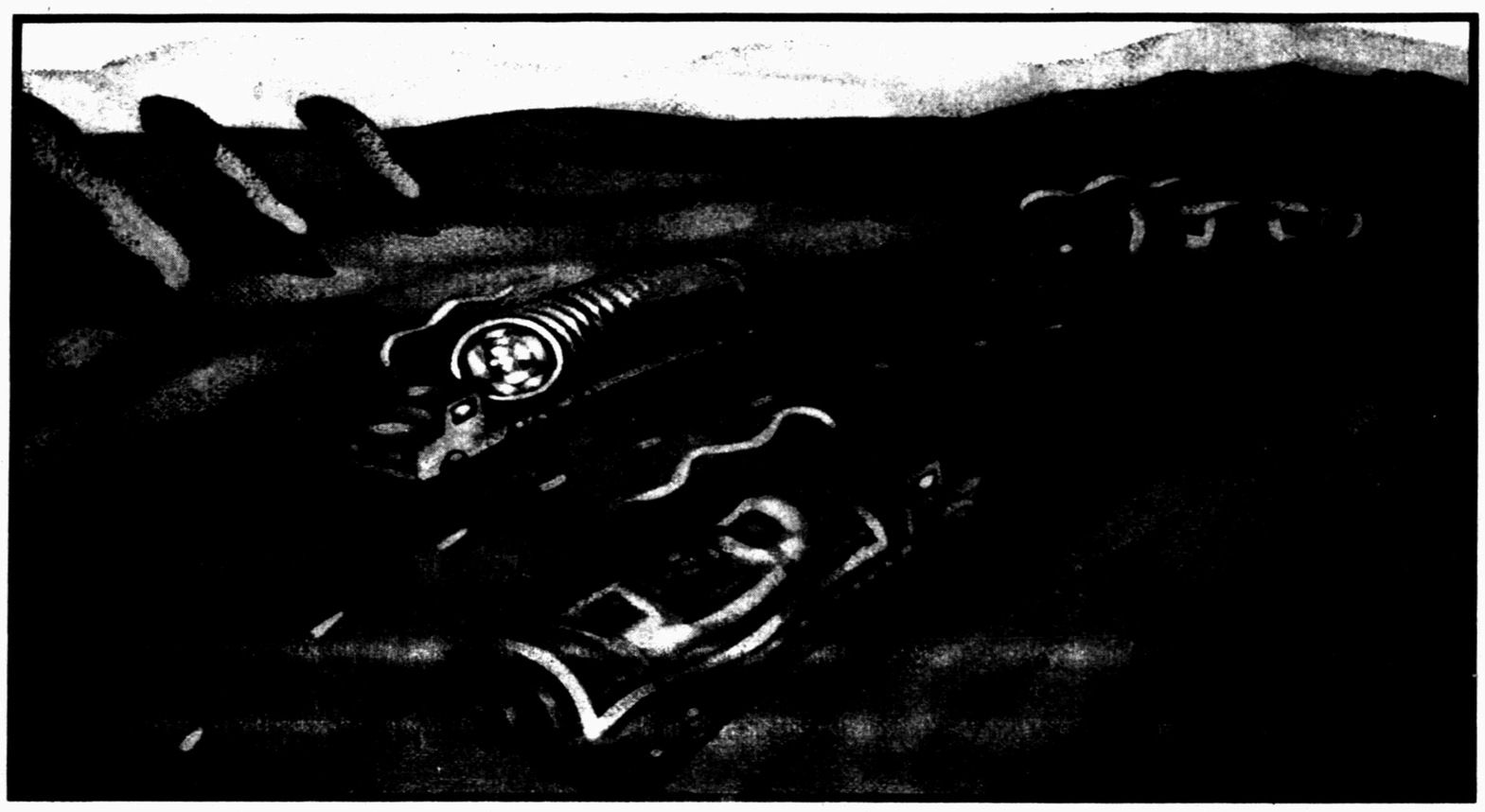
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Jimmy Connors won his fourth U.S. Open tennis tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative." — Maurice Chevalier

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 9) and first quarter (Sept. 17).

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bill Early recounts longtime career as insurance salesman



LONGTIME SALESMAN — Bill Early recently retired as the Farmers Insurance Agent. He and his wife, Wanda, are shown with just a few of the many awards he earned during 34 years as a full-time insurance salesman, including 25 with Farmers Insurance. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bill Early loves people and he loves to talk. And over the years his "gift of gab" has served him well as an insurance salesman.

Bill has quite a knack for telling stories and he laughed when he shared this one about how he became so talkative. "I was the second child in the family. I was supposed to be my older brother's little sister so he called me Wanda Sybil for about a year. Everyone in the family talked for me so I didn't get to say a word until I was almost 5. I got so far behind that I haven't caught up yet."

Bill, who recently retired as the Farmers Insurance representative, entered the insurance field as an independent agent in 1955, selling crop, hail and health insurance part-time — just to see if he liked it. That was before agents had to be licensed by the state and many other governmental regulations.

Bill continued to sell part-time and received his first license in 1961, after passing a test on every type of insurance he sold. He earned his farm casualty insurance license in 1966.

Today agents have to complete continuing education classes every year, but because of a grandfather clause in the state law, Bill said he did not have to do that.

However, he always spent from 5-10 hours each week studying the numerous changes that were being made in the insurance industry.

When he first started selling insurance, Bill said agents did not solicit customers so he had to rely on "word of mouth" advertisement.

He and his wife, Wanda, were living in Hamlin when he decided to become a full-time salesman on Sept. 1, 1965.

Two years later, they moved to Snyder, where his brother, T.V. Early also lives. An active Jaycee, Bill had become acquainted with people in Snyder and the surrounding area while he served as a state director.

Looking for a more populous area to do business in, they picked Snyder because of its oil field potential and bright economic outlook. Snyder then had about 14 independent agents, but there are far fewer than that today, Bill said.

Before making the final decision to move, he scouted the town and one of the first things he noticed was that all of the merchants were displaying "I'm in for AM" signs in their windows.

"AM" stood for American Magnesium which was then in the process of opening a facility here.

Around 1968, Bill switched from being an independent agent to selling Allstate Insurance. His first office was a little booth in the Sears store at 608 East Highway where he remained for seven years.

Wanting to spread the word that he was now an Allstate agent rather than an independent, Bill said he really "hustled business" for about two years, knocking on doors and placing Allstate literature in various yards around town. Not everyone appreciated that. Some people called him to complain, and when they did he apologized and offered to picked up the literature.

Bill said he eventually left Allstate in 1974 because of the company's requirement that all agents had to sell life insurance.

"I didn't like anyone telling me how to run my business," Bill said. "I quit when I no longer felt that the company had the same goals as I did."

In June of 1974, he became the Farmers Insurance agent in Snyder. Company officials, including a former Roby coach who remembered Bill when he played in high school, had approached him some six months before that about taking over for a Mr. Phipps, a longtime agent who was no longer able to service his accounts.

When he decided to accept Farmers Insurance's offer, he opened his first office in a small, red brick building located near Bigham's House Movers. A few years later, he leased space in the Whataburger building. After a few more years, he moved to the present site at 4201 College.

Each time, the move was necessitated because the business was growing, and as the business grew, Bill had to acquire a larger staff. For a few years he even had a man helping him sell insurance, but mainly Bill handled his customers himself, preferring the personal touch.

Wanda agreed to work in the office for a couple of months — just until Bill could find someone — and ended up staying 25 years. By then their three children were older. She had also worked at Wilson Motors some two years.

In 1981, he said Federal Crop Insurance opened an office in Snyder. The following year, independent salesmen were allowed to sell the insurance. By 1986, the program had grown considerably.

Bill said he was offered the job of supervising a 16-county area, but turned it down because he did not want to spend that much

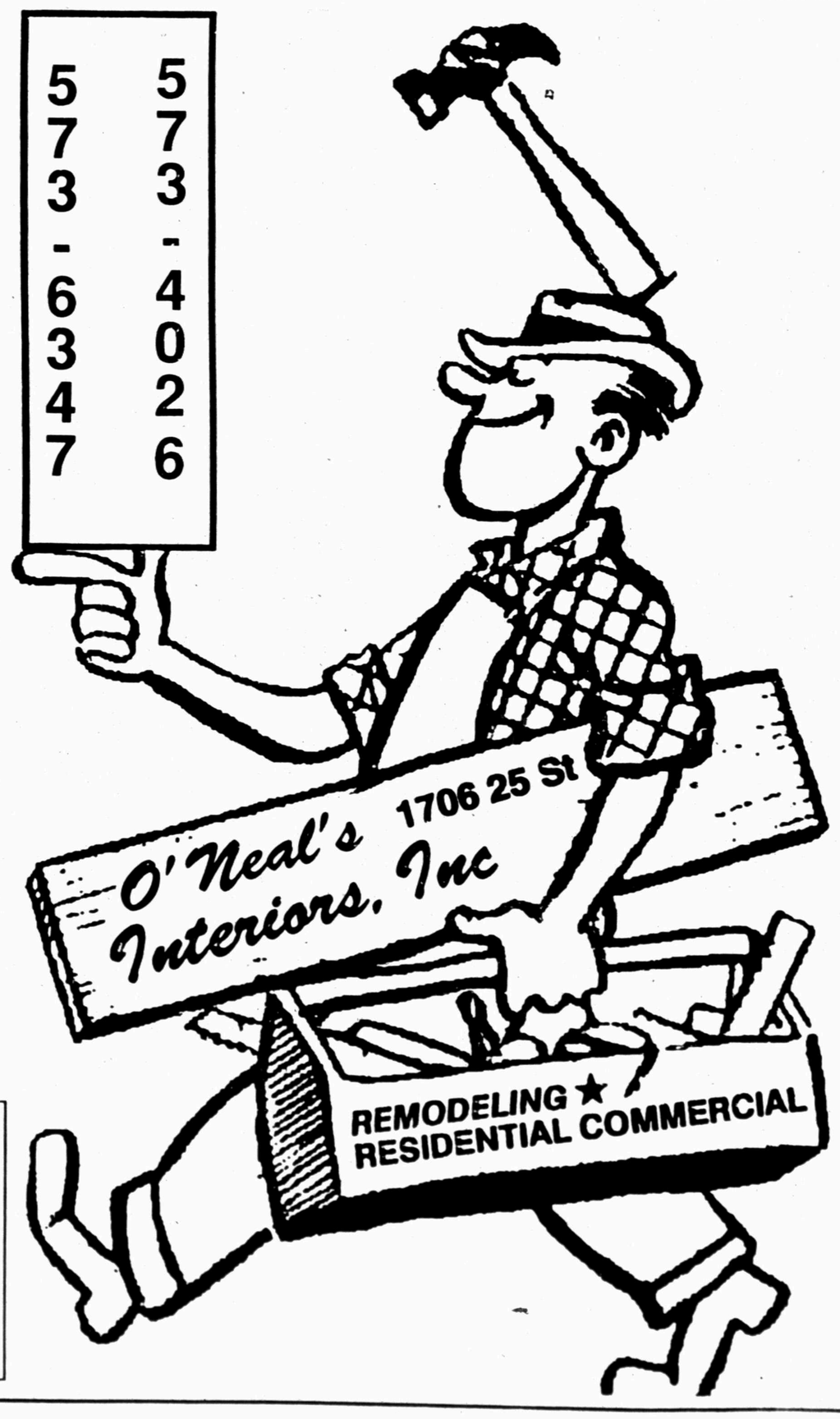
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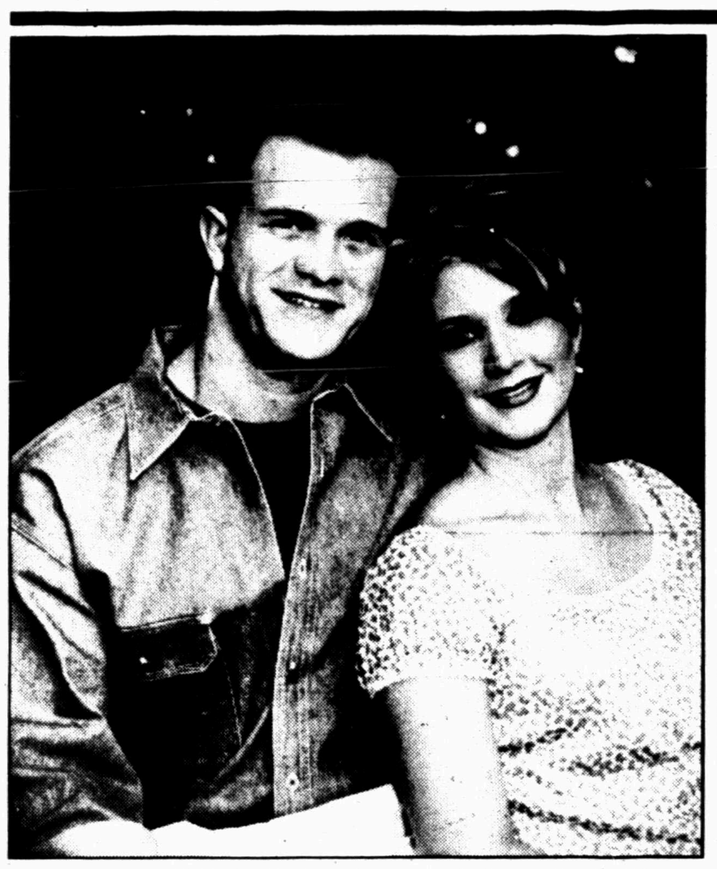
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AUTUMN VOWS PLANNED — Tracey Palacios and Brian Hilburn plan to wed at 3 p.m. on Nov. 13 in the Ira First Church of God. Tracey is the daughter of Tommy and Sue Cotton of Snyder and Brian is the son of Rick Hilburn of Big Spring and Renee Myler of Yukon, Okla. (Contributed Photo)

Fear of injections in treatment of diabetes may be troublesome

By Stephen Kelly, M.D.

I see concern on the face of my type 2 diabetes patients when they learn insulin injection will be needed to manage their disease. It is especially troublesome for those who had previously been successful in managing their disease without it.

Although my patients with type 2 diabetes can initially manage their disease with a combination of diet, exercise and oral medication, insulin may become necessary to treat the disorder.

In fact, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 40 percent of type 2 diabetes patients are currently on insulin therapy. Every day more patients are added to that number.

When initially placed on insulin therapy, many patients express a fear of the pain, stigma and inconvenience associated with the traditional vial and syringe method. To minimize potential problems of this sort, I suggest an insulin pen delivery system, such as the NovoPen 3 insulin pen. It uses a very fine needle, allowing for less pain on injection than most regular syringes, has an easy dial mechanism and the insulin does not require refrigeration after first use. As a result, insulin can be administered virtually anywhere in a convenient, comfortable and discreet manner.

In a patient survey, about 89 percent of diabetes patients who tried the pen insulin delivery system considered it more socially acceptable and felt more comfortable administering injections in public. Additionally more than 90 percent reported little or no pain upon injection when compared with a traditional vial and syringe. The survey used a lower-capacity version of the NovoPen 3.

Of the estimated 16 million Americans with diabetes, up to 95 percent are classified as type 2. Management of diabetes, which is characterized by the body's inability to manufacture or utilize insulin properly, is needed. For more information about the NovoPen 3, call the information hotline for Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical at 1-888-285-9167.

Bridge scores

FRIDAY

Sept. 3

Jane Hinton directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

North-South

A. 1. Betty Boyd, Ann Spitler.

2. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

B. 1. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.

2. Pat Floyd, Durelle Gorman.

East-West

A. 1. Alta Cates, Frances Stevenson.

2. ElWanda Nall, Shirley Stewart.

B. 1. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.

2. Susie Reed, Maribeth Vestal.

SUNDAY

Sept. 5

1. Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee.

2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

3. Alta Cates, Frances Stevenson.

TUESDAY

Sept. 7

1. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

3. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

4. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-11-99
♠ 6 5
♥ 9 3 2
♦ J 10 8 3 2
♣ 9 7 2

West
♠ 9 8
♥ K J 8 7 6 5 4
♦ ---
♣ 8 6 5 3

East
♠ J 7 4 3
♥ 10
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ A Q J 10

South
♠ A K Q 10 2
♥ A Q
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ K 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 8

Another case of prestidigitation

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, five hearts doubled looked to have at least three losers, but it snuck home. As good things still come in twos, here is a four-spade contract that seems to have a loser in each suit.

South was Jose Le Dentu, a former well-known writer and player in France who put out several good quiz books. This deal was included in his "Bridge: 100 Questions, 100 Answers" (Jean-Claude Simoen, 1977).

Le Dentu's third bid was strange; it is "normal" to bid three diamonds. However, five diamonds would probably fail in practice, and four spades kept the opponents in the dark.

West led the club eight: two, ace, four. If East had switched to the ace and another diamond, declarer could have got home by unblocking the queen and king. Declarer would cross to dummy with a diamond to finesse for East's spade jack. Then, the heart queen would disappear on dummy's last diamond.

Instead, East continued with the club queen. Le Dentu cashed three rounds of trump, getting the bad news. He continued with the diamond king, West discarding a heart, and East correctly ducking to kill dummy's fifth diamond. Declarer continued with the diamond queen, the diamond nine to dummy's 10 (East still with holding his ace), and a club ruff in hand. Now Le Dentu exited with the ace and queen of hearts. When West had to win with the king (East threw his last club), declarer was home. Whether West led a heart or club, South was sure to score the spade 10 — and his 10th trick — with a *coup en passant*.

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Nielsen top ten shows

Prime-time ratings compiled by Nielsen Media Research for August 23-29. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

1. (X) "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire-Sunday," ABC, 14.0, 13.9 million homes.
2. (5) "60 Minutes," CBS, 11.0, 10.9 million homes.
3. (X) "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire-Thursday," ABC, 10.9, 10.8 million homes.
4. (X) "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC, 10.6, 10.5 million homes.
5. (X) "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire-Wednesday," ABC, 10.4, 10.3 million homes.
6. (X) "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire-Friday," ABC, 10.1, 10.0 million homes.
7. (16) "Dateline NBC-Monday," NBC, 9.8, 9.7 million homes.
8. (7) "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 9.5, 9.4 million homes.
9. (X) "NFL Pre-Season Football: Denver at Green Bay," ABC

Jones, Bullard pledge vows in Vandelia Church of Christ

LUBBOCK — Holly Renee Jones and Ryan Cole Bullard, both of Lubbock, pledged nuptial vows at 4 p.m., Aug. 7, in Vandelia Church of Christ. Doug Hale, minister, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder and the groom's parents are Dr. Randy Bullard of Lubbock and Darra Bullard of Chickasha, Okla.

The exchange of vows were before an altar decorated with inverted V-shaped candelabras holding seven candles each, embellished with flowers and greenery. A matching floral spray was placed on the communion table, which contained pink and cream roses, stargazer lilies, plumosa, daisies, misty blue, caspia, alstromeria, ruskus and greenery.

Included in the wedding music were organist Kim Fisher of Lubbock, and vocalists Tommy and Judy Spoonts and Patti Bullard, aunt of the groom from Grapevine.

Selections presented were the "Wedding March" as the bride and her father entered; "Blest Be the Tie," during the lighting of the unity candle and taking of the Lord's Supper; and a tape of Chris LeDoux "When I Say Forever" played during the recessional. "When I Fall in Love," was played as grandparents entered; "Sometimes, Not Often Enough," as mothers entered; "Love Changes Everything," as bridesmaids and groomsmen entered; and the traditional "Wedding March," as the bride and groom entered. As guests entered, vocalists sang "Endless Love" and organ music was played.

The bride was given in marriage by her father who wore a dark gray striped traditional tuxedo with a bow tie and a cream colored rose boutonniere.

The bride wore a white satin off-the-shoulder gown, with a heavily beaded Alencon lace bodice. The cathedral train had cutouts with a lace border. Her fingertip-length veil, beaded with pearls and heavily beaded crown, had a beaded bow at the base. She carried a cascading bouquet of cream and pink roses, stargazer lilies, Alstromeria, caspia, misty blue and ruskus.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Cole Bullard
(Contributed Photo)

Kimberly Brade of Amarillo was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length dress with a black crepe skirt; empire waist and white fitted crocheted lace bodice. She and the bridesmaid carried a single long-stemmed pink rose tied with sage ribbon.

Best man was Regan Bullard, brother of the groom from Canyon, and groomsman was another brother, Rusten Bullard of Lubbock. Ty Jones, brother of the bride, was usher along with Jeremy Beard, cousin of the bride. Both are of Snyder.

The male attire was a black, double-breasted tuxedo. The groom wore a gray vest and the bridesmaid wore a black one. They wore matching bow ties and cream colored rose boutonnieres. Ushers wore black double-breasted suits with cream colored rose boutonnieres.

Sarah Jividen of Abilene, cousin of the groom, registered guests at a registry table covered with a cream cloth that held the couple's framed engagement picture.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Guests were greeted and then were served at a table covered with a white cloth centered with a floral arrangement of cream and pink roses and stargazer lilies featuring a ceramic cherub fountain in the center. A crystal punch bowl held water served with frozen orange and lemon slices. The four-tiered wedding cake, two white layers and two chocolate layers, were covered with white basket weave icing. A ceramic bride and groom topped the cake decorated with fresh daisies, white and pink roses, alstromeria and plumosa.

The groom's table held a chocolate cake in the shape of a fish jumping out of water and a white cake decorated like an ambulance, surrounded by small ceramic ambulances and the Lubbock Ambulance emblem. A ceramic dove fountain provided by Darlene Beard, aunt of the bride, was used along with crystal serving bowls holding frozen lemon slices to serve with tea. A floral spray of matching flowers centered the table.

A buffet table covered with a floor-length cloth held various meat slices, cheese, shrimp wrapped in bacon with cocktail sauce fruit, and frozen cappuccino mix served from a silver piece.

A white lattice backdrop, the length of all serving tables, was decorated with white tulle and ivy, and accented with evenly placed lace bows.

Serving the bride's table were Mandy Johnson of Lubbock, and cousins of the bride Sarah and Mary Jones of Round Rock and Lisa Jones.

Serving the groom's table were Martha Jividen, aunt of the groom from Abilene, Megan Moody, cousin of the groom from Stillwater, and Patti Bullardaunt, aunt of the groom from Grapevine.

The couple's honeymoon was a weekend trip to San Antonio and they plan a trip to New York in March.

They have made their home in Lubbock where the groom is a licensed paramedic for Lubbock Ambulance and the bride teaches first grade at Ramirez Elementary for Lubbock ISD.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech. She is currently working on a master's degree in deontology. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Monterey High School and attends Lubbock Christian University.



MAWC EVENT PLANNED — Jackie Hackfeld with Hackfeld's clothing store does some garment and accessory coordinating to plan a walk-on style show for women attending the Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day Wednesday. The cost is $7.50 and reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridal Registry

Monica Rosson and Scott Squiers
Haley Boaz and Steven Ratliff
Emily Everhart and Mat Powell
Jodi White and Chris Boone
Paige Gayle and Erik Martin
Sharika Wofford and Chris Bryant
Janell Johnson and Thad Davis
Leslie Lewallen and James Hoyle
Laura Ready and Bryan Vincent
Twylla Brown and Eloy Chavez
Angela Brewster and Dale Gideon
Jami Anderson and Richard Johnston, III
Carla Alexander and Darrel Herode
Ashly WEaver Pitner and Trevlyn Pitner

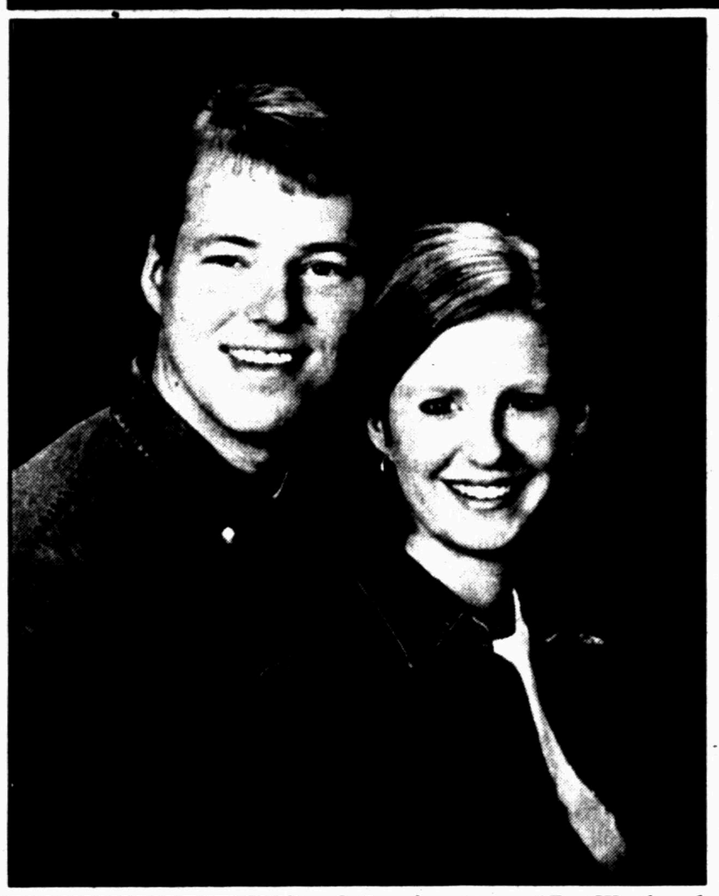
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TO MARRY IN DECEMBER — Jeffrey Armstrong of Fort Worth and Molly Corbitt of Fort Worth will marry Dec. 18 in Waco. Jeff is the son of Ernie and Betsy Armstrong of Snyder and a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School. The future bride's parents are David and Sharon Corbitt of Waco. Both are graduates of Baylor University. Jeff is a tax accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers and the bride-elect is an elementary school teacher in Everman. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock-N-Roll Quilting Club; free quilt lessons; Hermleigh Community Community Center; 8 a.m. to noon

MAWC directors; clubhouse; 4 p.m.

Al-Anon Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

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

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; 7;30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 pr 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center family night; 6:30 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; senior Citizens Center; 9;30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1;30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

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

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

School Menus

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal
Waffles w/Syrup
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
TUESDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Cinnamon Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Donuts
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Milk
THURSDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
French Toast Sticks
Toast w/Jelly
Toast
Juice
Milk
FRIDAY
Assorted Dry Cereal or
Sausage on a Stick
Toast w/Jelly
Toast
Juice
Milk
LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Chicken Tacos
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cookies
Milk
TUESDAY
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
W/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Chicken Nuggets
W/Roll
Potato Puffs
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Milk
THURSDAY
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple
Cookie
Milk
FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Ice Cream
Milk

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Milk
TUESDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk
THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk
FRIDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk
LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecue Pork Patties
Potatoes w/Cheese Sauce
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup
Milk
TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Steak Fries
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Glazed Ham
Macaroni/Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pears
Milk
THURSDAY
Fried Chicken w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello
Milk
FRIDAY
Chili Dogs w/Cheese
Relish Cup
Tater Tots
White Cake w/Coconut Frosting
Milk

Screening canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leaks have terminated previews of Arnold Schwarzenegger's new movie.

Universal Studios canceled test screenings of "End of Days" at a San Fernando Valley theater Wednesday and Thursday because advance word hit the Internet and a TV station.

"There were a lot of people who had gotten wind of the screening. There were even rumors going around that Schwarzenegger was going to show up," said Gary Frost, a manager at Chatsworth's Pacific Winnetka 21 theaters.

Hosts on KTTV-TV's "Good Day L.A." had asked viewers to attend the screenings and telephone or fax in their reviews.



PLANTS GROOMED FOR SHOW — Betty Wood, member of the Snyder Garden Club, grooms plants and containers for the annual flower show at the Scurry County Fair on Sept. 16-18. The show made up of horticulture and artistic design is open to the public and entrees must conform to rules in the fair book. Placing ribbons will be six national flower show judges from District VIII. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
Pinto Beans
French Fries
Cookies
TUESDAY
Barbecue on a Bun
Sliced Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Peaches
WEDNESDAY
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Brownies
THURSDAY
Barbecue Wieners
Creamed Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Cone Dip Candy
FRIDAY
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Pears

Cher's assistant couldn't pass ID

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — There was something a little funny about the attempted credit card purchase at the Mr. Charles boutique.

The buyer couldn't produce a photo ID — and for good reason: The credit card belonged to Cher.

It turned out the singer was in town for a show and had sent her personal assistant to do a little shopping.

Charlene Rosen, owner of Mr. Charles, said the assistant returned with cash for the purchases, then came back a few more times.

Cher herself visited the store Tuesday. She bought blouses and sweaters and gave the staff three concert tickets.

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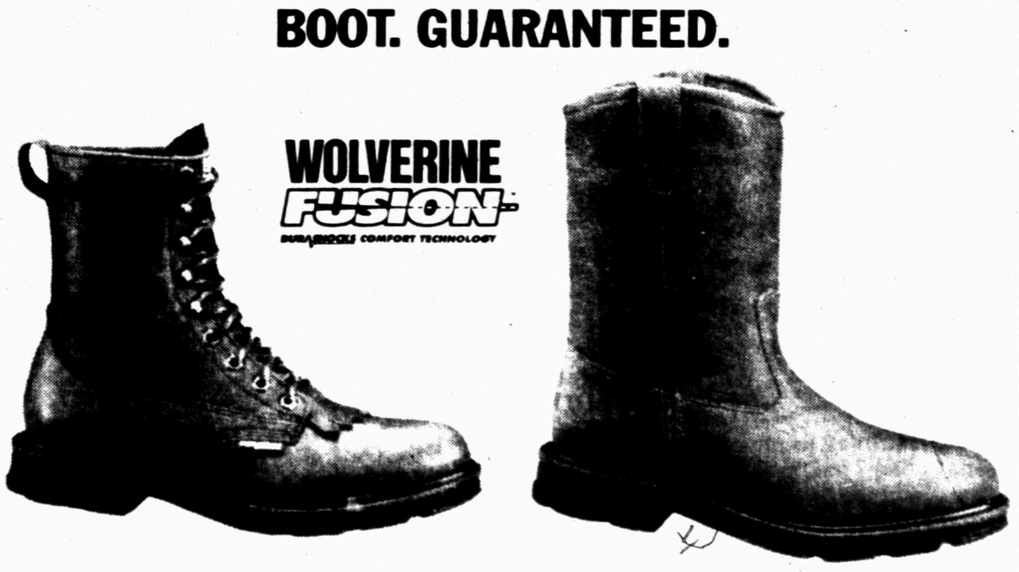
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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Nueve Partnership, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Benito M. Silvas, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Estanis and Josie Lara, 1999 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Paul and Gina Jones, 1999 Pontiac van from Big Country Autoland.

James E. Mills, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Dorothy and David Peterson, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jim Huddleston, 1999 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Max Drum, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Helen Petterson, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Production Pump Systems Inc., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marla D. McNair, 1999 Dodge wagon from Snyder Chrysler.

Bobby and Anita Clinkinbeard, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Richard and Paula K. Howard, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Gary Linn Halkowitz III and Dalinda Kay Roberts, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Wilford C. Senn and Wanda Joan Senn vs. Texaco Inc., Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., Exxon Corp., Rocker A Operating Co., Seal Exploration Inc., S&S Oil Co., Spalding Energy Inc., Primrose Operating Company, Bomar Operation, Dragoon Oil and Gas, Torch Operating, Apache Corporation and Hrubetz Operating Co., suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jimmy Romero and Aurora Romero, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Pedro Gonzalez Jr. and Alma Ramona Gonzalez, divorce granted.

Kenny Wayne Miller vs. Joel Wayne Hook, dba McDonald's of Snyder, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Vickie Lynn Reed, attorney-in-fact for Billy J. Guynes, to Bill Guynes, 2.1 acres in the north one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Chon Rodriguez to Raul and Dorothy Rodriguez, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 2 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Lillie Ruth Wright to Quintella Rose, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Kathryn Ladina Kelley to Quintella Rose, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

William Boyd Rose to Quintella Rose, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Thomas N. Browning and Jeane L. Browning, independent co-exucutors of the estate of Venita F. Day, to Hollis M. Browning, Elizabeth Browning Deuereaux and Bill Thomas Browning, the north 145.8 acres in the west one-half of Section 18, J.P. Smith survey.

Verna Hicks to William Donald Lay, tract one being 190.04 acres in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 110.35 acres in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Connie Williamson and Betty Richardson, attorney-in-fact for Sadie Estelle Longbotham, to James and Keitha Brown, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Santiago Jaimez, attorney-in-fact for Adalberto Jaimez, to Hunbertina Jaimez, the north 90 feet of Lot 5 in Block 29 of the Wilmeth Addition.

D.K. Irwin, Donny Irwin, Ronny Irwin and Judy Witte to Snyder Brick & Tile Co., 0.445 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Early recounts selling career

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time on the road.

Over the years, Bill said he sold a lot of insurance and acquired a lot of oilfield customers, especially in 1974 and 1975. As the oil field began to wane, many of his customers moved elsewhere; but he retained those that continued to live in Texas, the only state where he is licensed to sell insurance. He established an 800 number so they could call him whenever they needed to.

Throughout his career, he said his number one goal was to "provide service for the people for the least amount of dollars."

Since people bought the policy from him, he felt that he should be available when they needed him. That meant limited vacation time.

"I was blessed with better-than-average business," Bill said. I had good relations with my customers and if they had a problem they knew they could call me."

He also diversified and sold many types of insurance to accommodate his customers' needs. His basic philosophy was that if he didn't have the kind of insurance a customer needed or know where to get it, then the customer would go elsewhere and he might lose that account all together. Mainly though he sold more auto and home insurance and federal crop insurance than any other kind.

He never sold much health insurance, but noted that now people really can't hardly do without it."

The first life insurance he sold was for Great National Life. That was in 1965, but after a couple of years "I figured out that some people needed car and home insurance more than they did life insurance," Bill said. "Everybody needed life insurance but didn't have to buy it because not everyone could pay the premiums."

During his first 10 years, Bill said he made many insurance policy sales over a cup of coffee in a coffee house and with the contract particulars written on a napkin. Today all transactions all entered on computers.

Bill said it wasn't unusual for customers to pay cash for their policies and sometimes they would take in between $4,000-$5,000 during a workday. When customers didn't have the entire amount they needed, he said they also loaned them money to cover the difference.

When Bill started in the insurance business, insurance policies had "0" deductibles.

Changes over the years include more governmental regulations like the Texas Board of Insurance which sets the rates. Bill said the board is a "good governing body." The state board also sends out the actuaries and audits an insurance agency's books, he added.

After 34 years as a full-time agent, Bill retired fr n Farmers Insurance a few weeks ago. "I've known that I needed to do this for sometime."

He grinned when he recalled that when Roy McCloskey retired a few years ago, "I finally got to be the oldest insurance agent in town."

He said he had a good relationship with Farmers Insurance for all of his 25 years with the company.

He noted that selling insurance provided a way for him to feed, clothe and educate three children.

Since Bill is still representing several other insurance companies, he said it will be January before he is completely retired.

What will he miss the most? The customers, of course.

Why retire now? Bill said he considered the age factor and the numerous changes in the insurance industry brought about by new regulations.

What will they do now? They have a new travel trailer and want to travel as much as they can as long as their health permits.

During his long career, Bill received numerous awards, including a recent 25-year service award from Farmers Insurance, which easily cover two walls in their home.

"Because of the good people of Snyder and the area, we made the Topper Club 15 of my 25 years with Farmers," Bill said. He was also in Allstate's Topper Club every year he represented the company.

He also won numerous trips and was chosen underwriter of the year several times for his district which stretches from Brownwood to Breckinridge to Vernon and from San Angelo to Big Spring.

While selling insurance occupied much of Bill's working life, it is not the only job he has had. Growing up on a farm in Sylvester, he said he has always farmed family land even when he held other jobs. Eventually, he acquired other farms, too, and will continue to raise wheat and cattle.

He went to work in a grocery store in Sylvester when he was 12 years old, selling eggs and ice.

Then he found work in a butcher shop. In those days, people did not have freezers but rented lockers where they could store their meat.

Bill didn't know anything about the butcher shop but he could drive. So he drove an old jeep on Saturdays while the man who worked with him killed the hogs and calves. They traveled from farm to farm killing and preparing the animals so they could take them back to the shop and store in the lockers. In those days, he said they always hung the meat on a rail and transported it in the open air.

He learned his craft so well that at the age of 17, he was training butchers for Safeway Stores, including Tommy Hester who was a longtime employee of Everybody's.

Bill worked for Safeway until 1961 when he opened a small 7-11 type store that had a meat department, but did not sell gas. The store opened on Sept. 1. The perils of the grocery business included coming to work one day and discovering that all of his frozen food cases were off and his $5,000 inventory of frozen food was "hard to sell when defrosted."

After four years, Bill said they had reached the point where they needed to expand or get out of the grocery business. He chose to sell insurance full-time instead.

During his store years, Bill said the state had enacted a sales tax and there was no easy way to keep track of the items to be taxed.

Everything had to be separated at the checkout counter and that was time consuming.

Bill and Wanda were childhood sweethearts. They both played basketball for Roby High School and chose to get married rather than attend college.

He said they wouldn't change a thing about their lives. "We have both been blessed to have Christian parents who showed their children the way to live life."

Both mothers are still living.

The Earlys have three children, five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Larry Early and his wife, Wynola live in Snyder. Donna Early Simpson and her husband, Jacky, also live in Snyder. Keith Early and his wife, Debbie, live in Knox City.

Captured money manager ran the ultimate home office

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Sitting in his German prison cell, alleged swindler Martin Frankel is reduced to having to ask for his own private toilet, a change of clothes and a soft toothbrush for his sensitive gums.

Just four months ago, Frankel was lord of a Greenwich manor where servants catered to his every oddball whim, where more than a dozen young women competed to become his favorite, and where he had established the ultimate home office.

Frankel, 44, fled the United States in May after allegedly bilking insurance companies out of hundreds of millions of dollars. His arrest last weekend in a Hamburg, Germany, hotel ended a four-month international manhunt.

A picture of the money manager's operation emerged over the past few months from interviews with acquaintances and others.

In Greenwich, he had two adjacent mansions, bought for $5.6 million in cash, in an exclusive wooded section of town, and converted one of them into a brokerage house, with a maze of offices stocked with satellite equipment and lined with more than 80 trading terminals, computers and TV monitors.

To the annoyance of the neighbors, BMWs and limousines came and went at all hours, armed bodyguards were posted outside and young women roamed the estate. Floodlights, a 6-foot fence and surveillance cameras made the estate look like a fortress.

Frankel sometimes strolled around outside in his pajamas.

Frankel's former housekeeper, Vera Mironova, recalled a man so obsessive that he routinely threw away soap because he insisted on having a new bar every time he washed his hands.

He kept two piles of socks — old and new. When he was in a good mood, he wore the new socks; when he was in a bad mood, he pulled out the old ones, Ms. Mironova said.

He had a bevy of women living in one of the mansions. Some were former lovers who, once relegated to ex-girlfriend status, stayed on to do office work at the securities brokerage Frankel ran out of the other mansion.

The women vied to become his favorite, a status that usually brought expensive gifts, beautiful clothes and chauffeured limousines from Frankel.

As he awaits extradition in Hamburg's Holstenglacis prison, a gritty place filled with drug suspects awaiting trial, Frankel has already complained to a U.S. consular officer about conditions there.

According to a report by the officer, Frankel asked for kosher meals — served hot only — English-language reading material and extra clothing. He also asked for a toothbrush and toothpaste for sensitive teeth, saying he has gum disease. He was given his own cell, with bath and toilet, to accommodate what he said was a chronic prostate infection.

Frankel's fall from grace may have stunned the insurance companies he allegedly scammed, but it did not surprise some people who knew him more than a decade ago in Ohio.

It was there, working out of a bedroom in his parents' Toledo home, that Frankel first cultivated an image as a brilliant trader. Those who knew him then remember a gangly, pasty-faced man with thick glasses who looked like Woody Allen but talked trades like Warren Buffett or Michael Milken.

"There was nothing cool about this guy at all, but he had an incredible knowledge of the markets," said Ted Bitter, a Toledo tool-and-die maker who hired Frankel as his broker in 1985. "He genuinely thought himself to be a genius and he wasn't at all shy about telling you what a genius he was at the market."

Bitter and two other investors sued Frankel in 1989. Shortly thereafter, Frankel gave up his trading license in a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Being banned from trading didn't stop Frankel. In 1991, he swept into the wealthy New York City suburb of Greenwich.

Ms. Mironova, a Russian immigrant who worked as Frankel's housekeeper for six years, said he had a string of girlfriends from places such as Russia, Asia and Switzerland. His former bodyguard David Rosse told police Frankel met women over the Internet and through personal ads.

Frankel was a semi-regular at The Vault, a New York City nightclub that caters to sadomasochists. He collected a riding crop, ropes and sadomasochistic literature and pornographic videos.

Bizarre and at times illegal items offered on online auctions

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Used, dirty underwear. A healthy human kidney. A young man's virginity.

Tucked among the Depression-era sherbet glasses and aging Sonny and Cher albums on Internet auction sites are an amazing array of items — some of them illegal, and other simply just cranks.

Unfortunately for the jokesters and criminals, an online auction is one of the least anonymous places to try to pull a fast one.

"If an investigator calls, we tell them don't bother with a subpoena. We give them names, addresses, telephone numbers, credit card numbers, whatever we can," said Robert Chesnut, a former federal prosecutor who now works for eBay.

Toy kidneys can be sold, but real ones are illegal. So are babies, child pornography and dirty underwear. Clean underwear, however, is legal, Chesnut said.

The company's reporting has led to several fraud prosecutions, and eBay has worked with Secret Service agents, postal inspectors, New York Police Department detectives and other investigators around the country.

The world's leading Internet auction site, eBay hosts thousands of legitimate auctions daily. It's one of the most popular sites on the Internet, with people gathering to bid on assorted items or to chat with other members of the personal trading community.

But eBay's high profile also lends itself to a number of crank proposals, which can often generate a few bids before being discovered by eBay officials and pulled.

One recent example: an auction for a young man's virginity. (The seller did not respond to an Associated Press e-mail query).

And earlier this week, more than 75 human kidneys and several babies were posted for auction at eBay after one seller's hoax made national news.

The company has suspended all of the kidney and baby dealers from their site, and referred them to law enforcement.



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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



More Room for a Few Mavericks

Brock was just a little different. Twice he had left the corporate rat race to start his own business. And, twice he'd returned to the security of working for someone else after experiencing less than glowing success as an entrepreneur.

I first met Brock in 1970. He was bright, talented, well educated and different. We worked together in the sales department of a small but rapidly growing company. The family that owned the company had begun tightening policies to maintain some control over the expansion. Brock was beginning to feel stifled.

Brock told me he was going to leave the company. He was once again fed up with the inflexibility of organizations. He wanted freedom to try new things, to innovate and to have a stake in the outcome of his own efforts.

Within months, he was gone. This time, he started a company with the right mix of capital, opportunity and people. This start up was a success and Brock still runs the company today.

While they don't have great success climbing the corporate ladder, mavericks like Brock have played an important role in the strong growth of our nation's economy. Brock, and tens of thousands of maverick entrepreneurs like him created more jobs in the 1990s than all of the Fortune 500 companies combined.

Mavericks change the cycle

Let me give you a new take on an old theory regarding the cycle of business. We've been taught for years about the traditional business cycle. A business begins in the start-up phase, progresses on to rapid growth, continues to maturity and then enters into decline.

My new business model has only three stages, maverick, momentum and mediocrity. Mavericks start small, entrepreneurial businesses. If they are well planned and managed, they develop momentum and grow. These businesses continue to grow until they become mediocre. Then they slow down and gradually fade away.

There is a cure for the mediocre phase. It is a good dose of mavericks. Yes, mavericks can help a company regain its vitality, zeal and vision. Mavericks can pump new life into aging, inflexible organizations. Mavericks can send a company back into the momentum building phase with a good dose of creativity and enthusiasm.

Managing Mavericks

***Mavericks bring new ideas**. Perhaps nothing stirs the innovation process as quickly and thorough as new ideas. You can spot mavericks by their creativity. New thoughts bubble up as from a spring. Of course, not all new ideas are good ideas so a little mentoring and encouraging is involved.

***Mavericks make a difference**. The difference between mavericks and certified fruitcake is that the mavericks will work within the confines of the system as long as they are making a difference. They earn the right to be different by working toward the goals of the company, but if there are no company goals, the mavericks will set their own.

***Mavericks need some running room**. If they have to be on the corporate leash, make it a long one. Let them accomplish their work in whatever way and time frame fits them. Keep them focused on the results, and let them discover the ways and means that best accomplish the desired results. You should set the general direction and turn them loose.

***Give them ownership**. Deep down inside every maverick wants to own the company. Give them control over their area. Let them make decisions. Keep a watchful eye from a distance. Let them grow with only your general nurturing.

***Don't tell them what can or can't be done**. Henry Ford built his empire with men that didn't know it couldn't be done. Mavericks will do something. If not for you, then for themselves.

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

Landing gear collapses on plane

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Forty-eight people aboard a DC-9 escaped major injuries after part of the plane's landing gear collapsed, causing the left wing to drag along the runway as the plane touched down at Nashville International Airport.

Three people on board TWA Flight 600 were hospitalized with back pain.

The plane, arriving from St. Louis, was landing around noon Thursday when there was "a slow collapse" of the left rear landing gear.

Virginia high court won't hear appeal

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Virginia Supreme Court has refused to hear a woman's appeal of a settlement between a hospital and her biological daughter, who was switched at birth with another baby.

In a two-sentence ruling Thursday, the court said "there is no reversible error" in a Buena Vista judge's approval of the University of Virginia Medical Center's $875,000 settlement for 4-year-old Rebecca Chittum and the families raising her.

Paula Johnson had claimed that as Rebecca's biological mother, she had a right to approve or veto the settlement, which she considered insufficient. She is suing the hospital for $31 million.

Ms. Johnson's lawyer, Cynthia Johnson, said she had not seen the ruling and had not had a chance to discuss it with her client. She declined further comment. The lawyer and client are not related.

Paula Johnson discovered last year that the child she had been raising, Callie Marie Johnson, was not her own.

Her biological baby, Rebecca, had been sent home with Whitney Rogers and Kevin Chittum a few days after her 1995 birth, and that couple's true daughter was sent home with Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson learned the truth a few days after Chittum and Ms. Rogers died in a car crash on July 4, 1998, without ever learning of the switch. Since then the parents of Chittum and Ms. Rogers have been raising Rebecca.

On April 5, a judge approved the settlement between the hospital, Rebecca and the grandparents who have been sharing custody of her. But Ms. Johnson claims she had a right to approve or reject any settlement for the child.

Lawyers for the University of Virginia Medical Center, where the switch was made, said the decision confirms "that the amount of the settlement is fair and is in the best interests of this child."

Terms of the agreement call for Rebecca to get $200,000 up front and $400,000 in an annuity that would be worth $1.5 million in 25 years. The grandparents would share $125,000, and their lawyer would get $150,000.

Short TV boycott planned

NEW YORK (AP) — A coalition of minority organizations is calling for a boycott of the four major networks during the first two weeks of the TV season to protest "the continued invisibility of Latinos on television."

The "brownout" of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC begins Sunday and continues through Sept. 25.

The National Council of La Raza, which is coordinating the boycott, counts just one Hispanic — Martin Sheen, on NBC's "The West Wing" — among the lead characters in the 38 new series premiering this fall.

At a news conference today, the group said it had teamed with other minority groups in a push to force the entertainment industry to address the issue. They formed a negotiating team made up of former California congressmen Norman Minetta and Esteban Torres, NAACP president Kweisi Mfume, and the founder of American Indians in Film, Sonny Skyhawk.

Torres said at a news conference that the team hopes to get "a long-lasting, verifiable agreement that will create a rapid inclusion of minorities in programming as well as ownership."

John White, an NAACP spokesman, said only 52 of the 854 staff writers on major network shows are black. "The public interest is not served well by a monolithic, all-white presentation of the world," he said.

While Hispanics constitute 11 percent of the U.S. population, they make up less than 2 percent of all characters on prime-time shows, according to Lisa Navarrete, a spokeswoman for La Raza.

In addition to Sheen, the group counts three Hispanics continuing on returning series: Bruno Campos (NBC's "Jesse"), and, on CBS, Hector Elizondo ("Chicago Hope") and Cheech Marin ("Nash Bridges").

The results of the boycott will not be measured by ratings, she said. "If we can educate a large proportion of the community and others who are interested in this issue, then we've succeeded," Navarrete said.

Responding to the planned boycott, CBS said in a statement that it "remains committed to the idea that our programming, and indeed our organization, should reflect the diversity of our society. We agree that much progress in our industry remains to be made."

Said ABC: "We are making improvements and understand that we need to do more. This is an ongoing process and ABC is deeply committed to it."

Fox declined to comment on the boycott, and NBC had no immediate comment.

Some networks have already made cast changes for upcoming shows, though executives insisted they were in the works even before the outcry.

In their original form, none of the 27 new comedies and dramas set to premiere on the top four networks had minorities in a leading role, and few had them in supporting roles. But more than a dozen minority characters have been added to new and returning series, including a Hispanic woman in ABC's sitcom "Sabrina."

Oregon doctor said he would not have OK'd FDA approval

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly four years ago, an Oregon doctor was part of the 6-5 majority of a scientific panel that recommended mass distribution for the diet drug Redux.

Now, Dr. D. Roger Illingworth says if he had known what was in the files of drug maker American Home Products Corp., he would have voted the other way, ending the fen-phen diet craze long before the drug was pulled in 1997 amid complaints of illness and death.

The Portland doctor said he learned too late of 52 cases of heart-valve damage associated with Redux — crucial information that he said the company failed to divulge to the panel.

Had Illingworth known about the problems, "it would have been six against and five in favor, and therefore the FDA would not have approved it," he said in an Aug. 30 deposition obtained by The Dallas Morning News.

But lawyers for Madison, N.J.,-based American Home Products told the newspaper that the company provided all the reports mentioned by Illingworth to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration before the panel voted.

"Every piece of information has been provided to the FDA — and Dr. Illingworth has not been able to identify anything that was withheld," said company lawyer Marc Farley, a former assistant U.S. attorney who worked on health-fraud cases. "If there was something that the FDA wasn't provided, we don't know about it."

Illingworth's comments come as FBI agents begin preliminary interviews with FDA employees and others about whether the company withheld information or misled regulators during the Redux approval process.

The drug maker has said it knows nothing of an FBI inquiry.

The company, the nation's fifth-largest drug maker, faces thousands of lawsuits by former fen-phen users. In the first case to reach a verdict, an East Texas jury awarded Debbie Lovett nearly $23.4 million last month. The company has vowed to appeal.

Illingworth, a professor of endocrinology at Oregon Health Sciences University, was traveling in Taiwan and could not be reached to comment Thursday.

American Home Products removed Redux (dexfenfluramine) and its chemical cousin Pondimin (fenfluramine) from the market in September 1997 under pressure from the FDA. Phentermine, the other half of fen-phen, has not been linked to medical problems and remains on the market.

Plaintiffs' lawyer C.L. Mike Schmidt of Dallas said Illingworth's testimony is damaging to the drug maker because the researcher is not a paid expert.

"We can introduce all the documents and make all the inferences and deductions we want to about what they did not tell the FDA," he said, "but when you hear it straightforward from a member of the audience, ... then it's credible, it's honest and it's unimpeachable."

In September 1995, the FDA advisory panel voted 5-3 to reject the drug because of safety concerns. After some members were replaced, the panel reversed itself two months later and voted 6-5 to recommend approval. Illingworth, whose four-year term on the advisory panel ended in June, voted to approve both times.

Following the panel's November vote, the FDA approved Redux in April 1996. Although the agency was not bound by the recommendation, officials typically validate committee positions.

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Letters to the editor

Finalized My Decision

Dear Editor:

I am a single mother of a 19-month-old child. I have already decided to home school her. There are many reasons for my decision. The ACLU saying that we must remove prayer from our football games and have a moment of silence which cannot be considered a religious moment has really finalized my decision.

I was not much of a Christian in high school, but now that I am it scares me to death to think that my child along with many others are not allowed to have the freedom to pray where and when they need or want to.

At our chamber of commerce banquet last week, we all prayed before and after. Our chamber president also mentioned how pleased Snyder is, how we are not like a Columbine High or have any other problems. Is Snyder that perfect? We may not have yet had a school shooting, but we could be well on our way. I have heard from several high school students that there are cults and many other things going on. How do we fight these things? Prayer can and will help! If I were in high school now I would be the one to stand up and lead the prayer no matter what the consequences! We are supposed to stand up for what we believe in and yet it is against the law?

Our country was founded on Christianity! What has happened? Martin Luther King said, "I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures." I believe we are already heading in this direction.

I challenge others in my generation with young children to stand up for what our country was founded on.

Sincerely,
Celia Feinsod

Example of Cowardice?

Dear Editor:

I wish to add my comment to the excellent letter published in Sunday's SDN, by Dr. Gary Nussey. I found it very ironic that on the same night the Snyder Daily News headlined the ending of school prayer before football games, the chamber banquet was begun and ended with prayer.

I was also surprised to learn an evening or two later in the "Ask Us" column, that this was an admitted decision. Certainly a decision of this magnitude would have been brought before the elected representatives of our citizens.

Do we really think we are not teaching our students an example of cowardice. What happened to standing up for what is right? I am ashamed to think our school administrators are backing down in the face of a threat by the ACLU. There are Christian organizations that will fight such matters. The American Center for Law and Justice, the Alliance Defense Fund and Rutherford Foundation to name three.

Some local districts have chosen to honor tradition, uphold our God-given freedom, and continue to pray before their football games. I am sorry Snyder is not among them. I am sorry for the example we are giving our students. I urge every Christian to protest this curtailing of our First Amendment Rights. What freedom will we lose next?

Sincerely,
Helen Feinsod

Memory Lane

Dear Editor:

After taking a walk down memory lane by way of the 1967 "Tiger's Lair," I think back to the wonderful years I spent in my home on 24th Street in Snyder.

These memories include my first attempt at cheating in school as a first-grader at East Elementary. During a trip to the water fountain before taking my spelling test to the teacher's desk, I asked Sharlot Rose if the correct spelling of bridge was really "brige." Immediately, I returned to my desk to the Big Chief tablet to pick up my big red pencil to make a minor change to one little word on that test. (This moment can never be erased from my memory or my conscious!)

These early days of sharpening my spelling skills led to great works of writing, including many notes that passed to my friends as a student at North and Central elementaries, Travis Junior High and later on at Snyder High School.

Along this path of life throughout the halls and classrooms of these educational institutions, I was fortunate to be challenged by some wonderful teachers. This educational experience progressed from the Big Chief tablet to the old black typewriter where I spent many hours in the journalism department of SHS, typing away at newspaper stories for the "Tiger's Tale," or for the yearbook.

As yearbook editor in 1967, I was so excited about the theme that I had selected to tell the story for the year, especially for the class of 1967: "The path leads wherever I choose," by Walt Whitman. I guess I was really hoping for a spark of approval from a very demanding senior English teacher. I was sure she would be pleased of such an intellectual angle to capture the spirit of SHS in 1967. She should have realized that geography appears to us more than our senior research paper. After all, finding Liverpool, England, on the map seemed more important than writing about the new music culture of the '60s.

This yearbook theme ... "The path leads wherever I choose" has truly made an impact on the 168 graduates of '67. Most of us have left Snyder, and many have new addresses for each class reunion, including San Angelo.

As the trips back to my hometown become more infrequent, contact with my former classmates becomes more important as time ticks on and the years go by. In 1967 most of us would have not thought about how the last year of this century would impact our lives. The baby boomers from the Class of '67 turned 50 this year!

In reflecting on the past 32 years since we graduated, my final words of wisdom that appeared in my first column of the 1967 "Tiger's Tale" may apply to any graduating class first Snyder High School or at any school across America.

"Although we will become ex-students upon graduation, we can never forget our high school memories, all the joy and tears, happiness and sadness, excitement and frustration that have made our year complete. After we receive our diplomas, we will take our final steps down the aisles as students of Snyder High School. Yet, the spirit of SHS will live with us forever.

To embrace this spirit and celebrate a milestone in the lives of the SHS graduates of '67, a mini-reunion birthday party is planned for Oct. 8-9 in San Angelo to celebrate the BIG 50!

Patsy Rainwater Maddux

NOTE: For more information, SHS classmates are invited to contact Patsy Rainwater-Maddux; 2017 American Legion Rd. San Angelo, TX, 76904 or Pmaddux @gte.net. Activities include a "birthday party" at Lake Nasworthy, golf, a tour of historic Concho Street and the new San Angelo Museum, and a dance. Classmates are encouraged to send this information to other graduates of 1967.

Note of Praise

Dear Editor:

This is just a little note of praise for our city. While our oil may deplete and our cotton may occasionally dry up, we need to remember that our blessings continue to pour down.

My mother, Mrs. Vera Vinson, has recently become seriously ill. The personnel at Cogdell were so kind and caring. Dr. Cooper did his best, but when it became necessary to move her to Lubbock, my loving, caring friends in Snyder never neglected us. The calls, visits and cards helped so much. Colonial Hill Baptist Church members and Brother Tom regularly lifted us with prayers and visits.

If Mr. Lomax recalls correctly, I informed him years ago that he was indeed fortunate to come to Snyder — I had taught in many places and could truthfully testify that Snyder, Texas is where good teachers get to go when they die — I feel that even stronger today.

My dear friends at East Elementary, Mr. Wayne Kennedy, and our wonderful Parent Council have supported me like an extended family previously and presently.

I feel that Snyder Oaks will do their very best for my mother and, with God's help, our preemie in Little Rock will celebrate his predicted birthday of Oct. 27 at home.

Financially, Snyder may be feeling a crunch — but consideration, friendship and loving support are DEFINITELY in abundance.

I am so very appreciative for all the help and support I have received.

Sincerely,
Samijane Webb

Replace the Court

Dear Editor:

It would appear that the Scurry County Commissioners Court is dead-set to kill Cogdell Hospital one way or other.

The only way we are going to protect Cogdell is to remove all of the commissioners court and replace them with men who are businessmen and who can make a reasonable decision. It appears the court we now have can't see the light.

Ralph Trevey (Precinct 1 Commissioner), upon being questioned about current spending levels, answered that they were only trying to maintain the status quo. I wonder just what status quo he is trying to copy – when oil values were 2 ½ billion or compared to the current one-half million.

The only requirement to serve on the commissioners court is that the person be a good old boy and good old girl.

When we helped Howard Limmer (Precinct 3 Commissioner) get elected, we thought that he would be a fresh new person. However he just fell in the same old rut. He is no more than an extension of Ricky Fritz (County Judge).

Commissioner Roy Idom (Precinct 2) stated that hospital employees are just the same as other county employees. Well, it is hardly the same when hospital employees health insurance is approximately $331 per month, as compared to county employee's $82.

County employees have about 12 annual holidays, but the hospital has six.

No county monies were received by the hospital in 1999, instead it used tobacco money in the amount of $100,000.

Sincerely,
Leland H. McCarty

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

When I tell people that I am writing a book with a former CIA agent whom I've never met in person, but in an online chat room, I really do get a kick out of seeing the expression on their faces. It's always pretty much the same. It says, *You poor stupid idiot-girl; you've gone and gotten yourself conned.*

Of course, people are always much too polite to say what I can see that they are thinking. So they ask guarded questions, like, "Do you have any way to check this guy out?"

They worry about me. They know I've been going through a hard time career-wise, and they're afraid I've become vulnerable to the bad guys prowling around out there looking for poor stupid idiot-girls who will believe anything they tell them. Like, that they used to work for the CIA.

I've been working on this one book now for two years. About 18 months ago, I brought in my co-writer. It's different from the kinds of thrillers I've done under my own name. This one—the first in a series—is much more along the lines of Tom Clancy—a big book action-thriller with rugged male characters struggling to save the country from terrorism, with many scenes set in exotic places around the world.

My partner, Ray, and I met in a CompuServe forum section which dealt with terrorism. He seemed impressed with my knowledge of the subject, and we went "private" to discuss it further. After a few days of discussing this book, I confessed that, with this book, I was trying to save my career. He said, "Well, I used to be in the CIA, and only about six people in the world know that." I thought, Yeah, right.

We swapped "home" e-mail addresses and continued our daily discussions. When I told him that I was getting ready to travel to the Mexican border to research a series of grisly serial murders down there, and that I was going alone, and that I would be snooping into places the still at-large killer might not like, he became very distressed. Every day, for two weeks, he sent me what can only be described as intelligence briefings.

"What's your cover story?" he would fret. "Who's your back-up?" I told him that both the FBI and the Texas Rangers knew I was going to be down there, and he said, "So? They'll just know where to send the flowers if you disappear." What I was doing, he said, was called an "in-and-out." He added that very few agents were willing to take on such an operation without back-up.

When I returned home all safe and sound, two things transpired in our friendship. One, I'd realized that he was legitimate, and two, he had gained a very real respect for me and my dedication to my work. Soon, we were brainstorming ideas on ways to expand that real-life serial murder case down on the border into a world-class fictional espionage thriller.

After I'd read some examples of his writing and knew that he had talent and ability, and after he'd read several of my books—which he loved—I asked him to join me in my project, to split everything 50-50. Like me, he's been married to the same person for 25 years, and he had to discuss it with her, as I had to talk over the idea with my husband. When both spouses agreed with enthusiasm, Ray came on board and the adventure began.

It's been a wild ride, I tell you. Ray says he thinks of our work as that of a pilot and co-pilot of a plane, with me in the first chair. I usually have the final say, but if there is a very big disagreement, we'll defer to my agent. (Later, after the book is sold, we'll confer with an editor on revisions.)

We spent something like 15 months just brainstorming the plot and characters, doing in-depth research, and fleshing out an outline/proposal for my agent. Three months ago, when my agent was pleased with what we'd done, we started the actual writing of the book itself.

We pretty much share the writing duties, with Ray handling scenes that take place in other countries or that involve intelligence technicalities. Since he's traveled all over the world and speaks several languages, he does a great job.

Then, I go over the scenes he's written and do some re-writing so that the book has a unified "voice." I decide the order the scenes should be placed, and which should be eliminated altogether. So far, Ray has never complained about any re-writing I have done to his work. We do everything by phone and by e-mail—sending as much as 100 pages in one sitting

This is, of course, my first business partnership (agents and editors notwithstanding). I am constantly struck by how much a successful collaboration is like a marriage. You have to have chemistry—you have to like one another—first of all. There must be great respect between you, both for each other, and for one another's talents and abilities.

Ray says that if we each feel as if we are doing 60 percent of the work, then we are probably sharing it equally. Also, we both believe that it's important that we value the work over each other's feelings—but criticisms never get personal, and they are always sprinkled with praise. When we argue, we stick to the subject at hand, and if we're wrong, we apologize. (If we're right, we try not to rub it in.) And always—overarching everything—is a great sense of humor. Laughter holds the whole thing together.

Sometimes I want to kill him, and sometimes I don't know what I'd do without him. I know he feels the same way. But overall, we wouldn't trade for this rich experience. And I think that's the secret of any good partnership.



50 years of Emmys brings TV, society into focus

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In 1949, the Emmy Awards honored a Lucky Strike commercial and the best kinescope. Fifty years later, cigarette ads have been banished from the tube and kinescopes are TV's historical equivalent of a cave painting.

Glance over a list of Emmy contenders at the end of each decade and a changing medium comes into focus.

"This is how we're choosing to talk about ourselves. This is how we're choosing to tell our stories, and they're being accepted in the most main of mainstream outlets," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

Flash back to '49, when the categories alone spoke volumes. There was "Best live show" (with "Pantomime Quiz" among the nominees) and "Best kinescope show" ("Texaco Star Theater," "Studio One" and others vied).

Kinescopes, television's first means of recording shows, were made by aiming a 16 mm film camera at a studio television monitor. Within a few years, film and videotape had made the technique obsolete.

The commercial category was quickly dropped from the primetime Emmys (only to be revived three years ago). Lucky Strike was a winner in '49, but cigarettes became one of TV's big losers. In 1971, cigarette ads were banned.

By 1959, the live television category had vanished. The anthology shows that once were television's mainstay, programs like "Playhouse 90," were fading but dominated the best drama category because of voter sentiment.

Viewers, however, were enamored of the series genre, with "Gunsmoke," "Wagon Train" and "The Danny Thomas Show" among the 10 top-rated shows.

"Father Knows Best" was the quintessential '50s sitcom nominee. It represented the heartwarming best of postwar America, with its affluent, stable family and ordered suburban existence.

As the disorderly 1960s unfolded, television at first averted its eyes. Vietnam, civil rights, feminism — all could have been happening on Mars for the lack of impact they had on TV series.

"TV waits a good long time before it goes into controversial waters," Thompson said.

Consider some of the 1969 nominees: the spy spoof "Get Smart" and the fantasy sitcoms "Bewitched" and "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir." Only "Julia," the first series to feature a lead black character, was a groundbreaker.

By 1979, TV series and Emmy voters were willing to go "into dark places of the soul," said Thomas O'Neil, author of "The Emmys."

Among the nominees was "M-A-S-H," a comedy set during the Korean War that was a thinly veiled metaphor for the Vietnam experience, and the sitcom that David Marc, a visiting professor of TV and film at Syracuse, said changed the genre from total fluff: "All in the Family."

"It opened up the agenda of the sitcom to all the things that happened in the '60s but were never dealt with," he said.

The 1989 contenders demonstrated that by the time TV catches up, a movement is truly mainstream.

'Bible code' is debunked by group

NEW YORK (AP) — An international team of statisticians is debunking the controversial "Bible code," which claims the Old Testament has hidden references to 20th century events that can be revealed by a computer.

Proponents of the code claim that names and events were hidden in the Bible as written thousands of years ago and can be found through computer searches of the Hebrew text. Television documentaries, fast-selling books and numerous articles have popularized the theory, first published in the academic journal Statistical Science.

Now the same journal, published by the Institute of Mathematical Statistics based in Hayward, Calif., is offering an article challenging the technique it reported in 1994. The article will be published in the quarterly next week.

Believers in the "Bible code" theory treat the Hebrew Bible as a string of letters without spaces, looking for words formed by equidistant letter sequences. For instance, computers might select every ninth Hebrew letter and register a "hit" when a "coded word" intersects with a Bible verse containing related words.

Five years ago, three Israeli scholars published the results of their search in the journal. As they explained, they took names of famous rabbis from a reference dictionary, applied letter sequences and found the names near the rabbis' dates of birth or death.

Using the same technique, others have claimed the Bible contains secret predictions, including everything from the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 to a Los Angeles earthquake in 2010.

Major Bible scholars ignore the code because, they note, no one has a letter-by-letter version of the Bible as originally written. The oldest surviving manuscripts include slight variations, any of which would throw off computer test results.

In the upcoming edition of Statistical Science, the new study's authors — Dror Bar-Natan, Maya Bar-Hillel and Gil Kalai, professors at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, and Brendan McKay of the Australian National University — combine expertise in mathematics and computer science to debunk the theory.

Using other spellings and assumptions, they ran hundreds of tests that repeated the experiment with different variations and applied it to more biblical books.

"Despite a considerable amount of effort," they write, "we have been unable to detect the codes."

This is significant, Bar-Natan said in a Thursday interview, because "truth in science is never based on the results of a single experiment. A significant requirement is repeatability."

Their results were no more successful with the Hebrew translation of Tolstoy's "War and Peace." Such letter configurations can be found in any long text, they say. The trick is to find letters in close proximity that form significant words more often than by chance.

But Eliyahu Rips, an Israeli mathematics professor who was co-author of the 1994 article, said in a statement that evidence for the code is "stronger than ever" and said a detailed reply to the new criticism would appear soon.

His ally Michael Drosnin, author of "The Bible Code," said the critics "told a lie."

Robert Kass, head of the statistics department at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, edited the journal when it published the first article and said it was reviewed by other experts.

Q & A

Substance Abuse Trends

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Substance Abuse Trends

Crack cocaine continues as the primary illicit drug for which adult clients are admitted to treatment, but the proportion of African-American crack admissions is declining, the proportion of Anglo admissions is increasing, and there are more reports by Texas Epidemiology Work Group correspondents about increased use of crack by Hispanics and by Anglos.

The 1998 secondary school survey not only showed nearly a 40 percent increase in the use of cocaine between 1988 and 1998, but students living along the Texas border were 1.75 times more likely to report lifetime use of cocaine than non-border students.

Cocaine is the drug, after marijuana, for which arrestees are most likely to test positive; however, the proportions testing positive for cocaine are lower now than they were in the early 1990s.

The amount of cocaine examined by DPS laboratories in 1998 exceeded the previous high of 1995.

Overdose deaths due to cocaine increased sharply between 1995 and 1997 and the rate of emergency room mentions of cocaine in Dallas is at the highest point ever, which underscores the continuing and, perhaps, increasing role of cocaine as a leading drug of abuse, not only as crack, but also as powder cocaine.

Heroin overdose deaths have increased annually, and the average age of the decedents is nearly 40. They are predominately Anglo males. Emergency room mentions of heroin in Dallas have remained steady from 1997 to 1998. Heroin addicts entering treatment are primarily injectors and they are most likely to be Anglo or Hispanic males. The percentage of arrestees testing positive for heroin remains mixed and the lowest price of Mexican heroin continues to drop, while purity increases. Adolescent heroin abuse is reported increasing, but it is primarily a hidden problem because it is not reflected in the traditional indicators.

Codeine cough syrup is growing in popularity in the Houston area both among adults who are poly-drug abusers and youth who are primarily abusers of cough syrup. Hydrocodone, Stadol nasal spray, Soma, Vicodin, and Lortabs are prescription drugs which are commonly diverted and abused across the state.

The proportion of youth admitted to treatment reporting marijuana as their primary drug problem continues to increase, as does the percent of adolescents testing positive for marijuana at arrest.

Dallas emergency room mentions of marijuana are higher than ever with the rate increasing by over 50 percent between 1997 and 1998. Availability is high and price is lower.

The 1998 secondary school survey found a continuous rise in lifetime use of marijuana but some decrease in current use by younger students; use is lower among students on the border than elsewhere in the state. Dipping joints in embalming fluid that contains PCP or in codeine cough syrup continues, as does smoking blunt cigars filled with marijuana or adding crack or other drugs to the marijuana cigarettes.

Methamphetamine use is widely reported, especially in the rural areas, but not all of the traditional indicators document the severity of the problem. The percent of admissions to publicly funded treatment and percent of arrestees testing positive is still low.

Stimulant users entering treatment are overwhelmingly Anglo and usually I V drug users. Emergency room mentions of methamphetamine and amphetamines in Dallas are up significantly, as is the quantity of methamphetamine examined by the DPS labs. Diversion of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine remains a problem with the number of small labs increasing around the state.

In addition, methamphetamine continues to be imported from Mexico.

Depressants continue to be a problem because of their importation from Mexico, with Rivotril being substituted for Rohypnol. Mentions of Rivotril are up in the Dallas emergency rooms, and the secondary school survey found students along the border are 2.6 times more likely to have used Rohypnol than non-border students. Rohypnol treatment admissions are increasing, especially in programs along the border. GHB, GBL, and similar precursor drugs are a dangerous problem; an overdose death was reported in Austin in May 1999.

Inhalant use is increasing among youth, according to the 1998 elementary and secondary school surveys.

AIDS cases among females and African Americans reflect the correlation between drugs and HIV infection in these populations. A study of clients in three Texas treatment programs found 44 percent had genital herpes, 35 percent were positive for hepatitis C, 30 percent were positive for hepatitis B, 3 percent were infected with HIV, and 6 percent had treatable sexually transmitted diseases. Treatment for indigent persons who are positive for hepatitis C is limited.

The above is a Partial report from The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. In Snyder alone there were two arrests last year that were cocaine or heroin related. Although the number may be small be aware that it is out there.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

What are important supplements to take?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Greetings. I am a general practice physician in the Navy and have come across some questions from some of my patients regarding vitamin supplementation. Like most medical schools, mine failed to train me in this area. I have searched the literature, but find conflicting conclusions regarding the appropriateness of vitamin and mineral supplements in the otherwise healthy adult. I have three questions:

1. What are your recommendations for vitamin/mineral supplementation in the otherwise healthy adult?
2. Do you think that there is any benefit in exceeding the RDA of the essential vitamins and minerals?
3. What is your opinion of the USANA company and their products?

Thank you for your feedback. I very much enjoy your column. — DR. M.R., San Diego

DEAR DR. M.R.: I acknowledge and share your concern for the dearth of nutrition training in medical education. Many of today's doctors go the extra mile to earn more about this important area and some practices now include nutrition professionals. Such an enhancement, though, has not been facilitated by the movement toward managed health care. How ironic. Good nutrition has got to be one of the best health investments going.

You ask about supplements in an otherwise healthy adult. This is a difficult question to answer with any degree of certainty. Many people are able to live long, healthful lives without supplements. We continue to learn more, however, about how the body works, and the conditions under which chronic ailments take root and fester. What we eat — or don't eat — and our level of physical activity are now known to be major players. My thinking is that as long as we have an option, we might as well have as many things going for us as possible.

The nutritional adequacy of the typical American diet has been debated since the first measurements of food consumption. The recommended dietary allowance (RDA) defines the level of intake that will satisfy the nutrient needs of practically all healthy persons. Most Americans, however, do not meet all the RDAs for vitamins and minerals on a regular basis. These individuals may never suffer from a stark deficiency disease, but a chronically deficient diet can have long-term health implications. Ailments such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes and arthritis take years to develop, and diet/nutrition has been shown to be a key factor in determining their course of development.

As for benefits from exceeding the RDA, there is evidence that higher-than-RDA amounts of certain nutrients can play a role in reducing the risk of several age-related illnesses. At present, evidence has focused on vitamins E and C, selenium, and the carotenoids, but the list may grow longer as we learn more about what's in healthful food that makes it so good for us. It is prudent to follow the lead of science and not view such developments as an unbridled license to megadose.

Food must be the key, and as I routinely emphasize, a vitamin/mineral supplement is supposed to supplement your diet, not replace it. When you rely only on a supplement, you will only get those nutrients that have tickled the fancy of supplement makers enough to be included in their mix. Nutrition is a relatively young science and supplements cannot give you the full spectrum of what your body needs. Variety and good food selection will always be the most reliable, and certainly the most tasteful way to go.

Finally, you ask about USANA. I am familiar with this organization. I find them to be somewhat similar to any of a number of other supplement companies that offer health related products to the public through multilevel marketing (MLM). Most such companies, and those who get involved with them, seem to feel as though "their" organization has found the answer — and that all their competitors are substandard.

Mixed in with all the "save your life" health advantages comes a well-scripted portrayal of potential monetary gain. Over the years I have become skeptical of MLM companies because there's little control over what is said by the independent distributors as they attempt to sell products and expand their financial network. I have no information about the quality of the USANA products, so I cannot comment directly about this aspect, but as with any health-related product, I advise caution.

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

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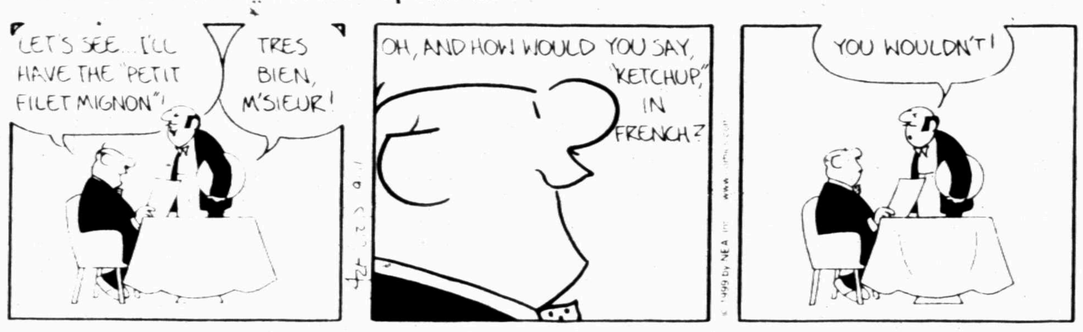
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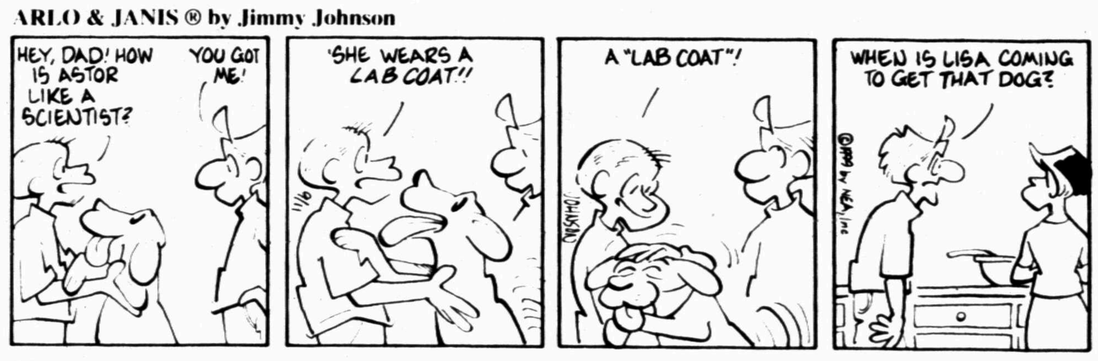
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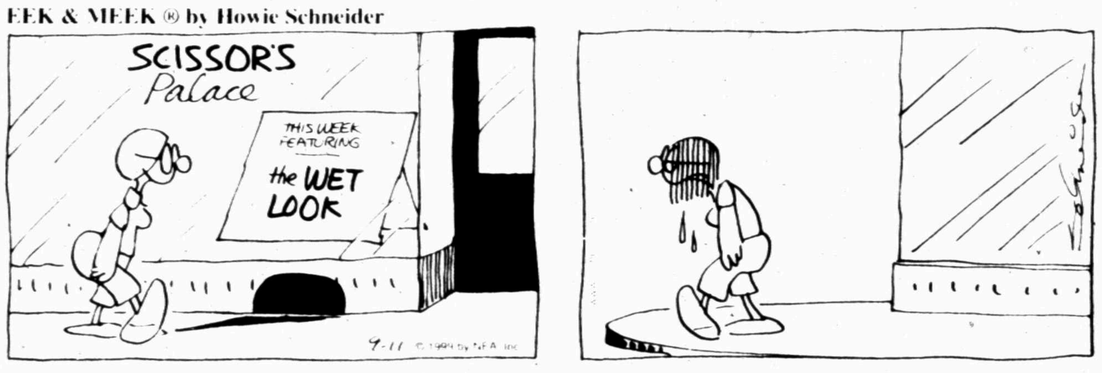
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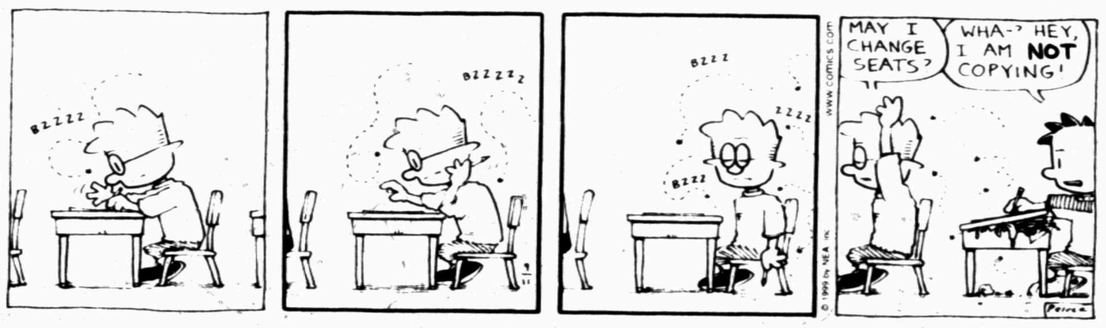
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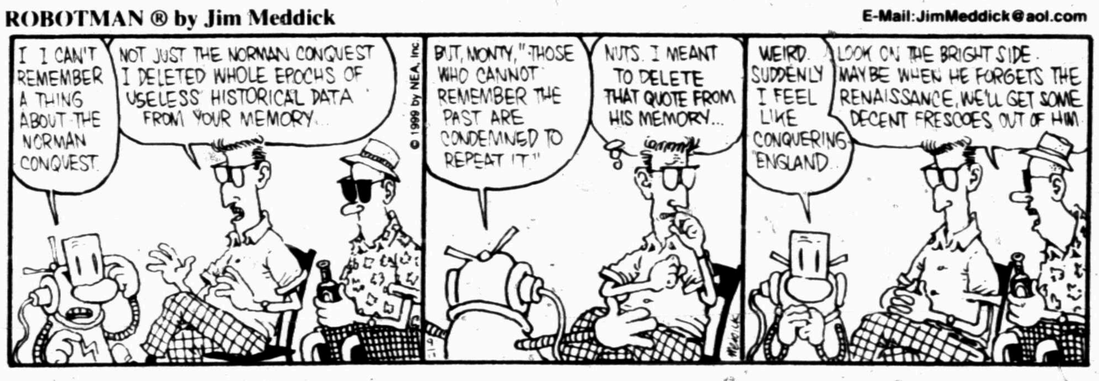


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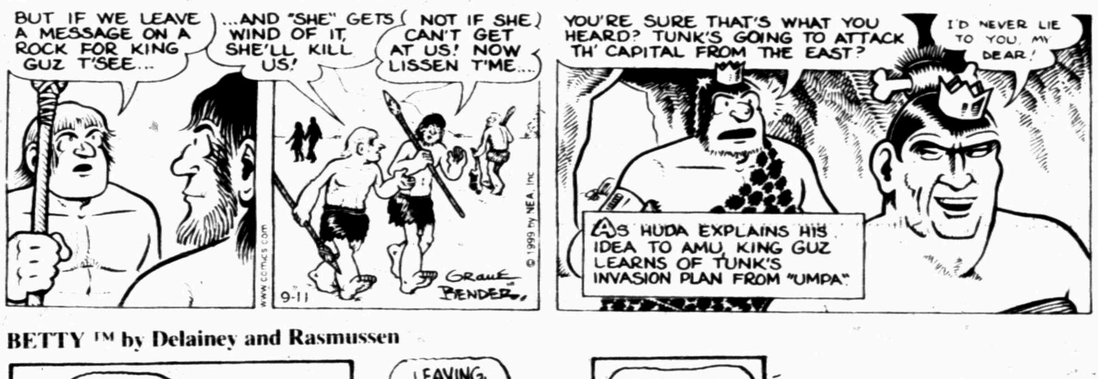
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34 Ills
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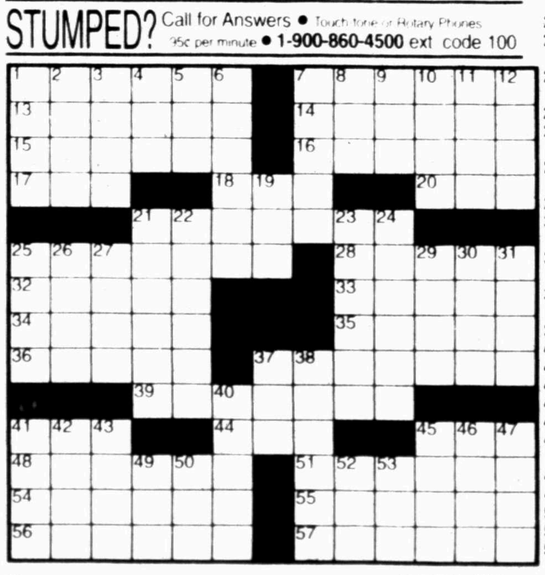
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"DO YA THINK OL' RUFF WOULD LOOK GOOD WITH A CREWCUT ALL OVER ?"

Waco controversy, six years ago and today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's grudging acknowledgment that it was less than candid about its role in the final hours of the 51-day standoff with the Branch Davidian sect near Waco, Texas, has raised new questions and prompted yet another investigation into the tragic events of April 19, 1993.

Attorney General Janet Reno on Thursday named former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., to lead an independent investigation into what happened that day. Danforth's probe follows a trio of congressional hearings and two federal inquiries into the deaths of David Koresh and some 80 of his followers.

Here, in question-and-answer form, is a look at some of the basic issues:

Q: Why is Waco back on the national agenda?

A: Because of recent news reports showing that the FBI did, in fact, use potentially incendiary tear gas on that final day, despite six years of FBI and Justice Department claims to the contrary. In recent weeks, FBI and Justice officials have been in the awkward position of having to disavow years of erroneous statements to Congress and the public about the FBI Hostage Rescue Team's use of tear gas in the hours before the Davidians' compound erupted in flames.

Q: What are government officials saying now, compared to what they said then?

A: On Aug. 25, the FBI acknowledged that a "very limited number" of military pyrotechnic CS gas canisters were fired at a concrete shelter adjacent to the Davidians' wooden compound. That stands in sharp contrast to earlier public statements. Appearing before the House Judiciary Committee less than two weeks after the standoff's end, Reno said that based on the briefings she'd been given, "It was my understanding that the tear gas produced no risk of fire." And in its voluminous October 1993 report documenting the final assault, the Justice Department made no mention of any pyrotechnic devices. In fact, the Justice report stated: "The gas delivery systems the FBI used were completely non-incendiary." Some former senior FBI officials who played key roles during the standoff, including former deputy assistant FBI director Danny Coulson and chief Waco spokesman Bob Ricks, say they were unaware until recently that potentially combustible devices were used.

Q: Cover-up or bureaucratic slip-up?

A: That's THE question for several congressional committees that are investigating the FBI's belated about-face, and for Danforth. "My job is to answer the dark question or the dark questions: Was there a cover-up? That's a dark question. Did the government kill people? ... How did the fire start?" Danforth said. The Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Government Reform Committee also are investigating, in preparation for fall hearings.

Q: What roles did Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh play?

A: The standoff was already under way when Reno took office, and she had been on the job less than five weeks when she approved the FBI's proposal to use tear gas to flush out the Davidians and break the siege. Reno, who has said she made clear to the FBI her concern that nothing be used that could ignite a fire, is coming under increasing attack on Capitol Hill. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott on Wednesday became the highest-ranking congressional leader to call for her resignation over the escalating controversy. Freeh, who didn't take the helm of the FBI until four months after the standoff ended, has escaped much of the criticism.

Q: Why did this come to light now?

A: Because of inquiries by documentary filmmakers, reporters and lawyers for surviving Branch Davidians and relatives of the dead who are going to court next month in their long-standing lawsuit that the government was responsible for the deaths. Use of the potentially incendiary tear gas was first reported by The Dallas Morning News on Aug. 24, triggering the latest controversy over Waco.

Q: How did the standoff begin?

A: After the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted on Feb. 28 to execute warrants for suspected firearms violations, triggering a deadly gunbattle with heavily armed Davidians who had been tipped off about the raid. Four ATF agents and at least several Davidians died in the gunfire, and more than 16 other ATF agents were wounded. The FBI quickly took control of the operation after the botched raid.

Q: How many people died on the siege's final day?

A: Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the final day's inferno, some from gunshot wounds, others from the fire. Fire had so damaged the bodies that coroners never were able to establish an exact count of the dead.

Q: Who caused the fire?

A: Reno and FBI officials say there is no evidence, even in light of the FBI's tear-gas admission, that the fire was caused by the pyrotechnic canisters. Aerial infrared tapes newly turned over by the FBI capture a radio transmission at 8:08 a.m. in which an unnamed agent says the military rounds bounced off the concrete structure, which was located 40 yards from the main wooden compound. Independent arson investigators determined that the fire, which began at 12:07 p.m., was started inside the compound in three different locations simultaneously. "That fire was set by David Koresh and the people in that building," Reno said. The surviving Davidians disagree. In their lawsuit, they contend that the blaze was ignited by the tear gas canisters.

Q: What types of tear gas were used?

A: Two types of non-incendiary tear gas and the newly revealed military pyrotechnic rounds. The non-incendiary liquid tear gas was inserted in one of two ways: Either by Combat Engineering Vehicles that used their booms to punch holes into the compound's walls to insert the gas; or by Bradley Fighting Vehicles that fired non-combustible "Ferret" rounds that shattered on impact. The military M651 canisters, which burn for about 30 seconds to heat and release the solidified tear gas inside, were fired from a Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg intergrated

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A federal judge today ordered the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system to stop using race as a factor in all of its programs and ended 30 years of race-based classroom assignments.

The school system "is enjoined from assigning children to schools or allocating educational opportunities and benefits through race-based lotteries, preferences, set-asides, or other means that deny students an equal footing based on race," U.S. District Judge Robert Potter said in his 115-page decision.

Luke Largess, a lawyer for two black families who sued the school district 30 years ago, said Potter overstepped his authority and his clients would appeal. He joined the school district in defending against the current lawsuit, brought by a groups of white parents.

"What he's saying is you cannot use race in any aspect of operating the educational system," Largess said. "It's an interesting legal question whether he can do that."

Potter's ruling allows assignments for the 1999-2000 school year to remain in place "in the interest of stability."

Seven white parents had asked Potter to declare the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools integrated. The Charlotte school system is the state's largest, with 100,000 students.

The case was watched by legal experts and educators nationwide because the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, led to busing to achieve desegregation nationwide.

At a trial of the parents' lawsuit earlier this year, Charlotte school officials opposed removal of court supervision, favoring a new plan that allowed parents to choose the schools their children would attend.

After a two-hour closed meeting, school board members said the ruling's chief impact will be on the district's busing plan because its race-based programs are relatively few.

"We think we're in a very good position because we have no court supervision," said board chairman Arthur Griffin. "He (Potter) has allowed this community to do what it thinks is important for the children in our schools."

He said the board hasn't decided whether to appeal. It has 30 days to do so.

Lee Parks, an attorney for one of the plaintiffs, said he hadn't had a chance to read the decision in detail but was pleased with the outcome.

Potter said in his decision that the district met the test of whether it has remedied past segregation problems "quite some time ago."

"It is telling that CMS' current superintendent was unable to articulate any benefit from continued active-court supervision," Potter wrote, referring to Superintendent Eric Smith's testimony during the trial.

Potter declared the school system "unitary," meaning three decades of court supervision would end. Other districts that have been declared unitary, such as those in Cleveland, Denver and Norfolk, Va., were released from court-ordered desegregation plans.

The lawsuit began in September 1997, when Bill Capacchione sued the Charlotte school board after his daughter Cristina was twice denied entrance into an elementary school's communications magnet program.

Cristina, who is half white and half Hispanic, fell into the "non-black" category that the school system uses to allot magnet seats. Capacchione said Cristina's constitutional rights were violated when she "was not permitted to compete equally with similarly situated black people.

America Online Inc. announces shakeup

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — America Online Inc. announced a shakeup Friday in its management ranks, replacing Marc Andreessen, its visionary technology chief, with Sun Microsystems executive William J. Raduchel.

AOL said in a statement from its Dulles, Va., headquarters that Andreessen, who co-founded Netscape Communications Corp., will remain with the company as a part-time strategic adviser focusing on start-up investments in Silicon Valley and technology issues.

Andreessen, who helped build the world's first commercial Internet browser, had joined AOL when it bought Netscape Communications for $10 billion early this year.

Raduchel resigned his post as chief strategy officer at Palo Alto-based Sun effective immediately. In that position, Raduchel was responsible for corporate planning and corporate development as well as for long-range strategy.

AOL chief executive Steve Case said Andreessen relinquished the position on good terms.

"Marc will focus on what he likes doing best — nurturing the rapidly growing number of new companies in Silicon Valley and elsewhere — while remaining a strategic adviser to AOL on technology and investment issues," Case said in a statement.

AOL, Sun and Netscape joined forces to sell Internet services and products for businesses and consumers as part of AOL's acquisition of Mountain View-based Netscape.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Hospital Room Is No Place To Conduct a Family Feud

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, when I was a volunteer at a Veterans Hospital, I went into a room to visit a World War II veteran. His wife and grown children were arguing loudly and trying to get him involved. He looked at them for a while, and silently turned over. The visitors didn't notice me or the doctor who came in behind me; they just kept blaming each other about something. We both walked out and I noticed the doctor shaking his head in disbelief.

Not long ago when I was recovering from a five-way bypass and a stroke on the operating table, my roommate's wife and daughter came in to tell him about all the troubles they were having at home. The poor man had enough troubles of his own. I later mentioned it to a nurse. She told me that all the hospital patients have the same problem.

Hospitals should have a sign at the entrance that reads: "Leave your troubles at home while visiting patients."

ERNEST A. SCHICHLER SR.,
COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR ERNEST: I agree. Subjecting patients who are sick enough to be hospitalized to additional stress is hardly therapeutic. Tranquility should be the order of the day.

And while I'm at it, visiting hours should be respected because patients need their rest.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm so angry I'm seeing red! When my nephew recently married, relatives gave his future bride and him a shower. We live 1,100 miles away, so I assumed the invitation we received had been sent as a polite gesture. We can't afford to travel that distance for either the wedding or the shower.

My husband and I decided to send an expensive gift for the wedding instead of two smaller gifts for each occasion. We explained this to our sister-in-law. She was so offended that she dug out two unused gifts she had received, wrapped them, signed our names, and presented them to the bridal couple at the shower!

When I learned of this, I was livid. I felt like a fool being thanked for the gifts. Abby, don't you think I have the right to determine which gifts I give and to whom? Was that tacky? We're not kids — my husband and I are both in our 40s.

DUMBFOUNDED IN TEXAS

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: Yes, it was tacky and I don't blame you for being peeved. Since you were unable to attend either the wedding or the shower, you were very generous to have sent a wedding gift. Your sister-in-law's gesture may have been well-meant, but it was out of line.

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DEAR ABBY: A lot has been said about the health benefits from quitting smoking. I have an extra benefit I'd like to mention.

I was a smoker for more than 50 years. During the last 20 years, I smoked three packs a day.

When I finally decided to quit in 1997, I began putting aside the money I would have spent on cigarettes. In November of '98 I took my wife and two young grandchildren from Oregon to Disneyworld in Florida for eight days.

I'm still not smoking, still saving and plan to take my wife and oldest granddaughter to Hawaii in April of 2000.

Abby, my health is better now and I'm really enjoying retirement. Sign me ...

HAPPY TRAVELER,
TIGARD, ORE.

DEAR HAPPY TRAVELER: Congratulations — and aloha!

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DEAR ABBY: I have a college friend who visits annually with her family. They've been coming in November, but we live in a small town and find it difficult to entertain them in the fall. So last November we suggested that, since there is a campground with a beautiful lake nearby, they camp here during the summer. They came this July, but were tired of camping after a two-week vacation, so they asked if they could stay at our home.

There are six people in my family. My husband is a schoolteacher and I am unemployed. My friend has a family of four. Both she and her husband have good jobs, and their annual income must be roughly twice what ours is.

They don't offer to help pay for groceries, even though we always run out of milk or bread while they're here and they often go to the grocery store with us. We have gone out to eat with them, just so we won't have to buy groceries for them. They always pay for their own meals, but never offer to treat us.

Last month, my family stayed with my sister for four days. We bought $50 worth of groceries, treated their family to pizza, bought them a videotape and gave them $15 in cash. We weren't being generous; we just felt we were being fair.

Would it be wrong, the next time these friends tell us they are coming, to bill them $10 per day for meals? We've dropped so many hints we're almost rude, but we feel, after 15 years, it's time they stopped taking advantage of us. We've stopped enjoying their visits and are afraid, now that they've come in the summer, they'll begin visiting us twice a year. I'd like to tell them how I feel but have never had the nerve. Am I being petty?

USED IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR USED: Petty? You have been tolerant beyond belief to have allowed these freeloaders to take advantage of you for 15 years. It should be clear to you by now that if you don't put your foot down, they will continue to take advantage of you.

The next time your college chum calls to arrange a visit, tell her that you'll be charging them $60 a day, to cover the costs of feeding them, and the additional water, electricity and telephone charges you have assumed during their past visits.

Something tells me that once you stand up for yourself, your problem — and your annual houseguests — will vanish.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters in your column concerning baldness prompt this letter.

Did you know there is a support group called "Bald-Headed Men of America" that instills pride in being bald? They hold an annual conference every September, and exchange feelings and experiences through group discussions that further the acceptance of being bald. It is their conviction that the best "cure" for baldness is to promote a positive mental attitude — with humor.

PAT BECKER,
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR PAT: Thank you for the "heads up." A positive mental attitude and a sense of humor are seductive qualities, regardless of the state of one's hairline.

Those interested in learning more about Bald-Headed Men of America may write: 102 Bald Drive, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. The telephone number is 1-252-726-1855 and the e-mail address is: jcapps4102@aol.com.

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N. Hampshire has women in statehouse

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — For years, the New Hampshire Legislature has resembled the state's most popular landmark, the granite mountain profile known as the Old Man of the Mountain — male, mature and sometimes craggy.

Not anymore.

With Sen. Beverly Hollingworth's election as Senate president last week, New Hampshire became the first state to have a female governor, a female Senate president and a female House speaker all at the same time.

The Statehouse trifecta started with Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, 52, a Democrat who was elected the state's first female chief executive in 1996. A month later, 10-term Republican Rep. Donna Sytek became the first woman to lead the House. Both were re-elected in 1998.

After last year's elections, Arizona became the first state to have an all-female elected line of succession: governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction.

Hollingworth, 63, a Democrat, came to power after a lawmaker died while serving as Senate president.

She said the fact that she joins two other women in charge is irrelevant — but that she served with Sytek in the House and with Shaheen in the Senate is significant.

"It helps us," she said. "We all know each other and how the process works."

Sytek, 54, agreed that the women will work well together because of their experience as lawmakers, not because they are women. "I think it's an interesting historical footnote, but I don't think it changes anything," she said.

Sytek pointed out that women have led legislative committees in New Hampshire since the 1970s. "It was only a matter of time until we'd have presiding officers," she said.

Iva Deutchman, a professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges who has done extensive research on gender and state legislatures, said she doesn't find it surprising that New Hampshire's top three leaders are women, given the size and makeup of the Legislature.

The House's 400 members make it the third-largest parliamentary body in the English-speaking world. Thirty-two percent are women, the seventh-highest proportion in the nation.

"You would think at some point where women passed the token status and reached a critical mass, they would reach into leadership," Deutchman said. "It would be odd if they didn't."

Shaheen makes about $90,000. But the House speaker and Senate president are paid just $125 a year; other lawmakers get $100. That prompted Sytek to joke: "Women are in low-paying jobs all over the country and in New Hampshire, too."

The biggest issue the three women face is finding a way to make up a $100 million shortfall in the state's new education funding system.

Sytek is a fiscal conservative who wants to fill the gap by restraining spending in other programs. Shaheen is pushing for a capital gains tax. Hollingworth still believes an income tax — something New Hampshire doesn't have — is the best solution, despite Shaheen's promise to veto it.

Traffic deaths up slightly for this year

AUSTIN (AP) — Traffic deaths in Texas were up 1.9 percent in 1998, but alcohol-related fatalities dropped slightly, according to a state report released Friday.

There were 3,576 traffic deaths in Texas last year, compared to 3,508 the year before. In 1998, 29.6 percent of traffic fatalities were alcohol related — a drop of 0.8 percent from 1997.

"We were discouraged, but hardly surprised, by the number of traffic deaths," said Col. Dudley Thomas, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"So long as people insist on drinking and driving, speeding, driving recklessly and not wearing safety belts, there's only so much law enforcement can do," Thomas said.

The slight reduction in alcohol related fatalities was a good sign, he said.



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