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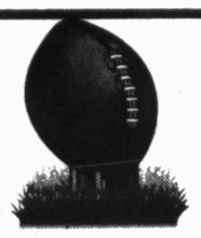

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Home Of Jayson Bohannon

Air Force begins staking claim at airport

As the group opposed to the Air Force's plans to fly bomber training missions over Scurry and seven other counties are preparing a lawsuit, the U.S. Corps of Engineers are proceeding with preliminary work to construct an operations center for some 33 employees for the flight training program

The corps has staked off a three square-acre site just north of the wind "T" and the light beacon at the county-owned airport with plans to lease the site from the county for 50 years.

Federal law restricts the lease payment to $1 per year.

The lease agreement also calls for the facility – estimated to cost just over $1 million – to revert to the county if the Air Force ends the training missions.

This construction will include a new road from 37th Street, built at federal expense.

A seven-foot chain link fence will surround the three-acre site with barbed wire on top.

And while the Air Force is proceeding, so is the opposition.

Buster Welch, founder and president of HEPA, a group opposing the Air Force flying training missions over the area, said Friday that his group is continuing with plans to sue the military.

"We have our plaintiffs lined up," said Welch.

Welch and his group feel strongly that the flights of B-1Bs and B-52s will change the style of living in the affected areas.

"These flights are just the beginning," said Welch.

"The Air Force will have the most modern, up-to-date equipment here, and then they will bring in even more pilots and their airplanes to train."

"I don't think you can trade the promised jobs for the tranquility this area currently enjoys," Welch said.

"I know that people in Snyder have been promised that the planes won't fly over them. Well, planes crashed in New Mexico on training missions and they were 28 miles out of their flight path," Welch noted.

"I know it's a problem to keep small towns going," said Welch. "But if this ever starts, it'll be like death – forever."

John Oudt, another landowner in the area and a strong supporter of HEPA, said one delay in filing the suit is obtaining information from the Air Force.

"We have people who would be plaintiffs if they knew if the bombers would be flying over their land," said Oudt. "With the information the Air Force has given us, its has been almost impossible to determine some flight areas."

"Some of their maps are almost like jokes," said Oudt.

Both Welch and Oudt and the HEPA organization have said they favor a well-trained Air Force, but the military should train over government-owned land, not private land.

At North Highway 208 residence...

Friday night shooting death under scrutiny

A 16-year-old Snyder High School sophomore died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head Friday night.

Johnny Dean Ervin Jr., 16, was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd at 2913 N. Highway 208 around 11 p.m.

Johnny Ervin

Judge Boyd has ordered an autopsy.

Snyder EMS personnel, Penny Roberson and Roy Bennett, and Scurry County deputies, initially responded to a 911 call at 10:04 p.m. reporting a person having been accidentally shot.

Aft r arriving at the scene, deputies notified Sheriff Darren Jackson and Texas Ranger John Billings, plus a call was made to locate the JP.

The victim was in the bed of a Ford pickup parked in the driveway to the residence, but it is not known whether Ervin was in the pickup when he was shot, as deputies were seen investigating a site in a field west of the residence.

After arriving at the scene, Sheriff Jackson did take one male subject to the sheriff's office for questioning. In a statement released this morning, Jackson said the shooting is still under investigation.

Ervin's body was transported to Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Ervin is the son of Johnny Ervin Sr. and the grandson of Willard and Claudene Ervin, all of Snyder.

For sheriff...

Three persons meet deadline for write-in

It was expected that one person would file as a Democratic write-in candidate for Scurry County Sheriff by the deadline Friday afternoon, but when 5 o'clock came, three people had executed the necessary papers in the county clerk's office.

Joe Salinas, Stephen Kirk Taylor and David Cole Herring all paid the $600 filing fee, said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

They are all now eligible to challenge former sheriff Keith Collier in the November general election for the post currently held by Darren Jackson.

Jackson is ineligible to have his name on the ballot and the local Democratic Party hopes the commissioner's court will appoint him for another term as Collier has said he will not take office if elected.

Jackson, a Democrat, was ruled ineligible after casting a ballot in the Republican Primary where there was a contested race for Justice of the Peace.

Salinas is a former DPS trooper who is currently a personal trainer at Tiger Health and Fitness.

Taylor is the manager of Kwik Car Lube & Tune, and Herring farms and ranches in the Fluvanna community.

Bunch said only Collier's name will be listed on the November ballot, but the three write-in names will be posted at each voting location.

There are two other local contested races in November. In precinct 3, Republican Howard Limmer is being challenged by Democrat Donna Gray for county commissioners. Running for JP, Precinct 2, is Republican Travis Brackeen who will face Pam Bryant, an independent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A procrastinator suffers from the hardening of the oughteries."

With George W. running for president, most of the nation's eyes are on Texas.

Some people are unfortunate and have to live in one of the other 49 states, but they do visit and try to get a taste of the Lone Star State. Here are some rules that all visitors to Texas should observe:

1. Don't order steak at a Waffle House. They serve breakfast 24 hours a day. Let them cook something they know.

2. Don't laugh at folk's names. Merleen, Bodie, Luther Ray, Tammy, MariBeth, Marva, Edna Earl, Ouida and Inez have been known to whup a man for less.

3. Don't order a bottle of pop or a can of soda. Down here it's called Coke, even if you want Dr. Pepper, Sprite or Pepsi. Order Coke first, then they'll ask you which one.

4. Southern women don't fancy the smart mouth Yankees. Remember, all Texas ladies have big brothers and bigger daddies.

5. Don't show allegiances to any football teams but the Aggies, Longhorns or Red Raiders.

6. Don't dare call us hillbillies. Besides not having that many hills, some Texans actually can read, and all are a lot nicer to boot. We just talk that way to tick off visitors.

7. Sure the weather is hot. Quit whining. Spend your money and get back home.

8. No, the state symbol is not the orange and white highway barrel. We get frustrated with road construction, too.

9. Don't go to the Cracker Barrel and order toast. If you do this, everyone will know you're from Nebraska. Eat the biscuits and gravy just like God intended for you to do. It's a dead giveaway you're not a native if you order poached eggs.

10. Don't try to talk with a Texas accent, or use regional idioms you don't possibly understand. You could be misunderstood and land in real trouble.

11. Don't be telling everybody how much better it is back home. No self-respecting Texan is gonna change to make you happy.

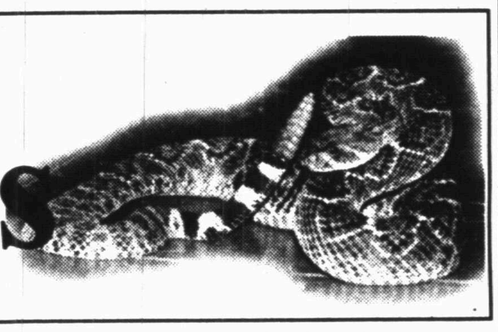
12. Our food is not overcooked. Your food is undercooked.

13. Flirting is a Texas tradition, and it doesn't mean you're going home with someone later. Being overly friendly is just a way of life in Texas.

14. Take your hat off when someone says, "Tom Landry." (or President Bush).

It's the 'S' season...

Skunks and snakes



Citizens are urged to be extra cautious as a number of rattlesnakes have been killed around town, particularly in the south and southwest areas of the city.

Dale Smith, who works security for Western Texas College, said he has killed several rattlers near the campus apartments, measuring from eight inches to a little over three and half feet in length.

"We've killed two pretty small ones and Tuesday night I killed one about 3½ feet long," Smith said. "In all, we've killed about seven or eight. There have been various sizes of them. It is just amazing."

He suspects there is a den nearthe college, as he has also seen the snakes on the road south of the campus.

"There has got to be a den. They are so small that I don't think they could travel very far," he said.

Smith said it was those small ones that concerned him most.

"The little ones are so small that you could step on them without even seeing them. They don't rattle they are so small."

Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden Mel Reed said the increased sightings have him baffled.

"I don't know what to tell people about the snakes. I'm hearing more about snakes around town than any other year I can remember, but I don't think the snake population has increased."

He said he has seen fewer snakes outside the city this year.

"As far as out and about, I've seen less than I've ever seen. They seem to be closer to town. I don't know what the deal is."

Reed speculates that the increased sightings could be connected to the snakes' food and water supply or their search for cooler locations.

"It could be the mice are closer to town and they are following their food supply. I don't know if it is the mice or water."

Reed said that a snake's body temperature is regulated by outside temperatures.

"That's why they den up in the winter and in the cool of the year they can be seen on the road absorbing heat."

With the extremely hot temperatures, Reed said it could be that the foundations around homes are cooler and that is attracting the snakes.

Smith said that most of the ones he has killed has been around midnight or later.

"The concrete is still so hot that they don't start moving until the middle of the night."

Smith also had his speculations about why the rattlesnakes have moved closer to town and near the college.

"It is probably the drought. It has them moving in towards the water," he said. We have a lot of ground squirrels and mice around the campus and then there is the pond."

Warden Reed advises people to be on the lookout for the snakes, and not rely fully on hearing the rattle.

"Just look down," he said. "The rattle is their warning, but will I say that every time a snake strikes they ratttle? No, I'm not going to say that, but most of the time they do."

Last Sunday evening, a three-year-old boy was bitten in his front yard in Fluvanna as he was outside with his father moving a water sprinkler.

"You can't be too careful," said Reed.

Rabid skunk killed here

A skunk that was fighting two dogs in the 1300 block of Avenue E last week has been determined to have been rabid.

Snyder Animal Warden Hope Carrillo said she was dispatched to the area to find two dogs attacking the skunk.

Carrillo said she had to shoot the skunk, and place the two dogs in quarantine.

"The dogs will have to be quarantined for 90 days for observation," said Carrillo.

She said the head of the skunk was sent to the Texas Department of Health in Austin for testing, and the results came back positive.

"With skunks moving around looking for water, vaccinating your pets is their best defense," said Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren.

Chief Warren said it is a city ordinance that animals be vaccinated against rabies on a yearly basis.

Warren said skunks are nocturnal animals and if they are spotted out in the daytime, there is probably something wrong.

"Stay away from them and call the animal warden," the chief cautioned.

Carrillo can be reached by calling the sheriff's office at 573-3551, or the police department at 573-2611.

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Kolby Kubena
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:57 p.m.
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Of 252 days in 2000, the sun has shone 249 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In the long run, we only hit what we aim at.
— Thoreau

Nutritionist gets support from U.S. swimming coach

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — U.S. swimmer Jenny Thompson and her coach are strongly defending a nutritionist whose credentials have come under question.

The Houston Chronicle reported earlier this week that Glen R. Luepnitz, who has been advising the U.S. Olympic swimmers on dietary supplements, received his doctorate from an unaccredited school that offers courses through the mail.

Since May, Luepnitz has been an unpaid nutritional adviser for Thompson, Dara Torres and other swimmers who train at Stanford University — a role he assumed after coming to the attention of Richard Quick, the women's swim coach at Stanford and a former coach at the University of Texas.

According to the Chronicle, Luepnitz received his Ph.D in nutritional counseling from LaSalle University in Mandeville, La., at a time when the school was widely known as a "diploma mill."

But Thompson, trying to become the most decorated U.S. female Olympic swimmer, says she fully supports Luepnitz.

"He's a brilliant man and I trust his judgment," Thompson said after a training session Saturday. "He has helped me and others in a lot of ways."

Quick, sitting on a starting block at the downtown Centenary pool, said that the Houston report told only "one side of the story."

"In our country, it's hard to get a degree in supplements," Quick said. "So what I think Glen did, and he's taken courses all over the world, was to get his Ph.D at a university where he could sort of construct his own thesis.

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PROCLAMATION — Hispanic Week in Snyder will be observed Sept. 11-17. Mayor Dayton Robertson signed a proclamation last week. Also pictured are Fabian Contreras, Michael Gutierrez, Evelyn Egan, Diana Egan, Jonathar. Black, Norma Aguilar, Rocio Aguilar, Lali Contreras, Vanessa Aguilar, Gabby Aguilar, Carmen Aguilar, Christy Garcia, Nicholas Salazar, Luis Alaniz, Susie Morin, Cris Benitez, Lucy Garcia, Josie Hernandez, Valerie Hernandez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Napster violates copyright law, says fed government

AN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal government weighed in on the closely watched case against Napster Inc. for the first time Friday, saying the music-sharing service is not protected under a key copyright law, as the company claims.

In briefs to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, lawyers for the U.S. Copyright Office said Napster has "no possible defense" against one of the major arguments by the recording industry that it facilitates widespread copyright infringement.

The agency, whose position is not binding, sided with U.S. District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, who in July ruled for the industry, finding that Napster is contributing to widespread copyright infringement in violation of the 1992 Audio Home Recording Act.

Napster cites the same law, which allows copying of music for personal use, in arguing that it is immune. The San Mateo, Calif.-based Internet startup allows 22 million users to swap music online.

"Napster asserts ... the Audio Home Recording Act provides its users with immunity from liability for copyright infringement and, in so doing, relieves Napster itself from any derivative liability for contributory or vicarious infringement," government lawyers wrote. "The District Court was correct to reject that defense."

An attorney for Napster said that the company still had other legal defenses besides the Audio Home Recording Act.

"The most that this is saying is that this one particular defense is not available to us," said attorney Robert Silver. The government "doesn't take issue with any of our other defenses, even though they could have," he said.

The government's briefs came four weeks before a three-judge panel of the circuit court hears the case here in San Francisco.

The same court spared Napster from an order by Patel that would have shut down the site pending the outcome of the trial. In issuing the stay, the panel said "substantial questions" had been raised about the merits and form of the injunction.

Patel granted the injunction at the request of the Recording Industry Association of America, which sued Napster in December for copyright infringement.

The RIAA was expected to file court briefs backing the government's position.

Cary Sherman, RIAA general counsel, said the government's brief shows how "twisted" Napster's argument is.

"Napster is basically arguing that the Audio Home Recording Act gives them immunity. The government is saying that that is simply not true," Sherman said.

In its filing Friday, the government wrote that the Audio Home Recording Act protects consumers who copy protected works for personal consumption, not public or commercial distribution. Napster allows users to share music with millions of others, the government wrote.

The act "makes no reference, and provides no possible defense, to infringement claims based on the public distribution of copied works," the government wrote.

Napster has said in court briefs that neither its users — who trade music for free — nor the company that helps them do so are in violation of copyright law and are protected by the act in question. Napster asked the court to reverse and vacate the injunction.

"If users are not themselves infringing, then we are not liable for contributory infringement," Napster attorney Jonathan Schiller wrote in Napster's briefs relying on the Audio Home Recording Act.

Thornton to be in OSU comedy

OKLAHOMA CITY — Katie Thornton, a senior theatre major from Snyder, will portray a dog in "Sylvia," slated Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, at Oklahoma City University's Burg Theatre.

The off-Broadway comedy hit will open the university's 2000-2001 season. "Sylvia," written by A.R. Gurney, is a comedy for anyone who has ever owned a dog, loved a dog, or wanted to wring a dog's neck.

The title character is a street-smart stray dog who worms her way into the life and heart of Greg, a New York corporate type whose career is winding down, while a mid-life crisis is warming up.

His wife Kate can't imagine why they should be burdened with a dog now as they have moved back to Manhattan after nine years in the suburbs.

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Thornton has also been named to the Spring 2000 Dean's Roll at OCU. To be eligible, students had to attain a GPA between 3.5 and 3.75 while taking a minimum of 12 undergraduate credit hours.

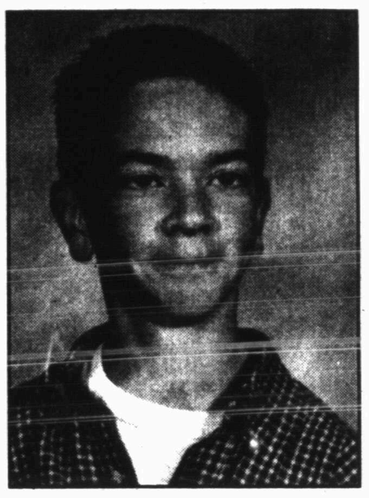
She is the daughter of Mike and Rebekah Thornton of Snyder.

Clinton says First Lady put career on hold for him

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton, helping raise money for Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign, said Friday night he has felt guilty for 25 years that his wife had to put her career on hold while he ran for office.

"Of all the things that her adversaries sometimes say, the thing that steams me the most is that she wouldn't be doing this if she weren't the first lady," Clinton said. "But I want you to know if she weren't the first lady, she'd have been in a position to do this 25 years ago."

Clinton spoke at a $25,000-a-person fund-raiser that was expected to net $615,000 for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign.



Jeff Neal

Jeff Neal in Who's Who

Jeff Neal, a junior at Snyder High School, has been selected for recognition in "Who's Who Among High School Students, 1999-2000."

He is the son of Darrell and Jana Neal of Snyder. Grandparents are Jean Martin and Marjie Neal, both of Gainesville.

Angela Quiros

Angela Quiros in Who's Who

Angela Quiros has again been recommended to receive honorary award recognition and to have her biography published in "Who's Who Among High School Students, 1999-2000."

She was also recognized in the 1998-1999 edition. The Snyder High School senior is active in DECA.

Quiros is the daughter of John and Lucy Quiros of Snyder. Her grandparents are Simon and Lenora Quiros of Sndyer and Felix and Angela Rodriguez of New York.

Boat capsizes; 30 killed

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — An overcrowded boat capsized Friday in a river in India's most populous state, drowning at least 30 people, police said.

The boat overturned in the Pilakhar River near Pashpura village in northern Uttar Pradesh state, O.P. Mani Tripathi said.

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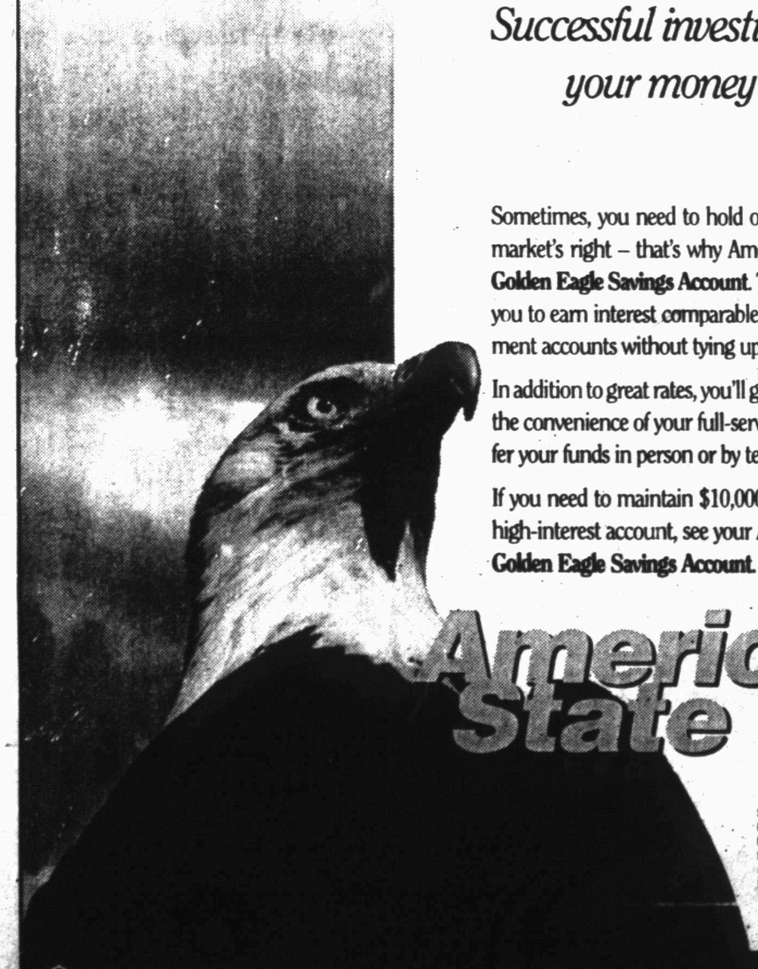

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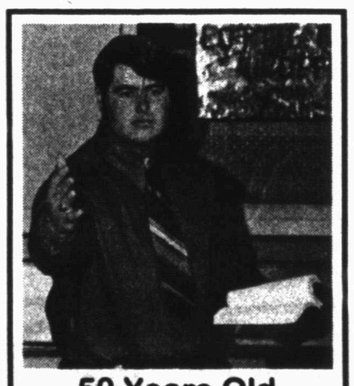

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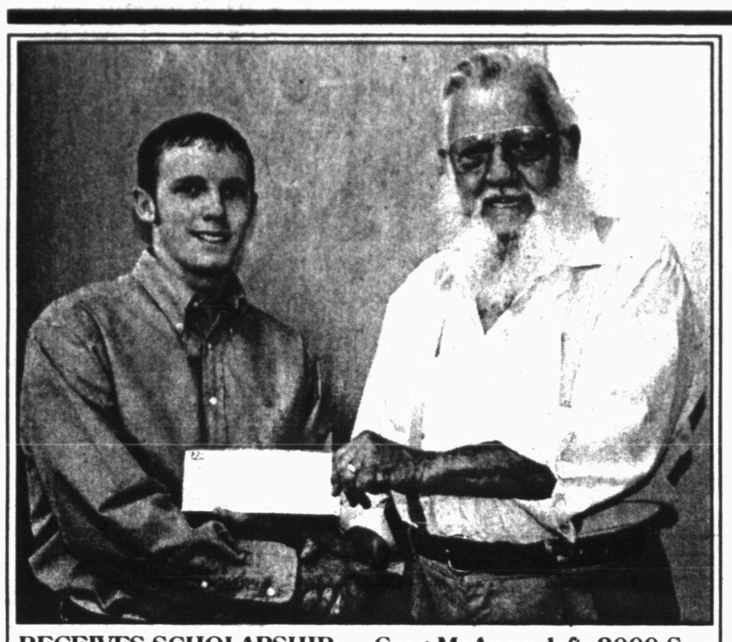

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Greg McAnaw, left, 2000 Snyder High School graduate, has received a $1,000 President's Student Service Scholarship from the Corporation for National Service and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Jack McGlaun, director of the local Boys and Girls Club, made the presentation. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Greg McAnaw recipient of student service scholarship

Greg McAnaw, son of Jim and Loretta McAnaw of Snyder, has been awarded a President's Student Service Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 by the Corporation for National Service and Boys and Girls Clubs of America in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

McAnaw graduated from Snyder High School in May and will attend Angelo State University. The local presentation was made by Jack McGlaun, director of Snyder's Boys and Girls Club.

Announced by President Clinton and administered by the Corporation for National Service, the President's Student Service Scholarships are awarded to high school juniors or seniors to recognize an exemplary record of community, church and service to the local Boys and Girls Club.

The Corporation for National Service funds $500 of the $1,000 scholarship, which is matched with a $500 scholarship from the Boys and Girls Club of America.

According to Harris Wofford, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Service, "With their idealism, optimism, and energy, young people are a great resource to the community, and the President's Student Service Challenge Program imparts on young people the importance of service by giving back to the students who serve their communities."

Agency vows to stop student group

DALLAS (AP) — Still probing last year's deadly collapse of the Texas A&M bonfire, the state's engineering agency vowed Friday to squelch an unsanctioned, off-campus log stack scheduled for this fall.

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers will not seek to punish the students, members of a group called Keep the Fire Burning, but would issue a cease-and-desist order or seek a court injunction to stop the renegade bonfire, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

"Our objective is to send a clear message to the rest of the state that we will not tolerate this," said Kathleen C. Walker, chairwoman of the enforcement committee for the agency.

The nine-member board, which licenses engineers and enforces engineering standards, continues to investigate whether the university broke state law last year after finding students were practicing engineering without a license and didn't involve professional engineers in the design and oversight.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 18, the 55-foot-tall, 2 million-pound stack of logs wired together in a tiered, wedding-cake like structure collapsed, killing 12 Aggies and injuring 27 others. Students were constructing the log tower as part of a 90-year-old tradition leading up to the annual Texas-Texas A&M football game every Thanksgiving weekend.

In May, a five-member panel appointed by Texas A&M cited organizational failures and structural problems as the chief reasons for the accident.

The report prompted university president Ray Bowen to announce a two-year moratorium on the almost century-long tradition for a task force of students, faculty and staff to develop a plan for a 2002. The move sparked almost immediate calls from alumni and members of the Texas A&M community to build a renegade bonfire.

A leader of the student group planning to build the renegade bonfire said the state agency couldn't stop their project because it would involve a professional engineer, as state law requires.

"It will be professionally engineered and professionally monitored," Joe Dyson said. "That's old news."

Meanwhile, the university continues to cooperate with the inquiry and is also trying to stop any attempts at having a bonfire this year.

"We're doing everything possible to encourage the students to act prudently and not construct a bonfire of any sort," A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson said.

Whether Texas A&M broke the law turns on the technical question of whether the university spent more than $8,000 on the bonfire.

Under the engineering practice act, a public work that costs more than $8,000 and requires structural, electrical or mechanical engineering expertise must be designed and supervised by a licensed professional engineer. The bonfire can cost more than $50,000 a year, but students raise most of it through private donations.

The engineering board Friday decided to requested financial records from the university and continue to look into whether A&M faculty engineers ignored their ethical duty under state law by failing to issue warnings about the unsafe structure.

The five-members commission determined the structural failure was caused by excessive stresses on the lowest of the bonfire's four wedding-cake-like layers. Those stresses were accelerated by excessive wedging of logs from the second stack into gaps in the lowest stack.

The lowest tier also had inadequate wiring to hold it together. Steel cables used in recent years were not used in 1999, the commission found.

Some of the changes call for a shorter, teepee-shaped log stack, design and supervision by licensed engineers rather than students.

Salmonella outbreaks are linked to oranges

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Washing oranges to get germs off their peels may not be enough to make sure the juice stays safe, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday.

Two salmonella outbreaks in the past 16 months have been linked to unpasteurized juice made from sanitized oranges, CDC researchers reported Friday.

Editor held in contempt for refusal to turn over photos

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — A judge held a newspaper editor in contempt Friday after she refused to turn over unpublished photos related to a murder case.

Macon County Circuit Judge James A. Hendrian ordered (Decatur) Herald & Review editor Peggy Bellows held in jail until the photos are released, but placed a stay on the order pending the newspaper's planned appeal. Bellows remains free.

The photographs were subpoenaed in the case of Karyn Hearn Slover, whose dismembered body parts were found floating in a lake two days after she disappeared on Sept. 27, 1996. Her ex-husband and his parents were charged with murder in January.

Defense attorney Joseph Vigneri requested several unpublished photos from the newspaper, including some taken during a 1998 police search of a used car lot formerly owned by the parents.

Vigneri contended the photos may help back up his theory that police compromised the site during their search.

Last week, Hendrian ordered the Herald & Review to hand over the photos.

But in a statement to the judge, the newspaper said it would not waive its right to free speech protections.

Herald & Review Publisher Michael Gulledge said Vigneri failed to show he exhausted all other means to show the search site was contaminated and must do so before the newspaper is forced to give up its photos.

Cheney's former company offers separate bathrooms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing "cultural differences," the company that GOP vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney headed for the past five years maintains separate restrooms overseas for its American and foreign employees.

Halliburton Co. said Cheney was unaware of the segregated restroom policy in effect during his years as chairman.

The Dallas-based energy services company, a major federal contractor operating in more than 100 countries, said the policy was "not an attempt to demean any employee" and was "no different than Eastern countries that often designate facilities for use by Westerners."

A State Department official said he had never seen a similar policy in trips and assignments to four continents.

And a leading public health professional said, absent evidence of unsanitary practices, he could see no justification for directing Americans and foreign hires to separate facilities.

At least two Americans who worked for Halliburton in Kosovo complained to the company.

"I thought segregation went out in the '60s," former employee Amy Katz wrote to a friend last September, a month before she was fired by the company in Kosovo. She subsequently challenged the dismissal in a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Katz, 32, of Gig Harbor, Wash., alleges she was a victim of retaliation as a result of reporting sexual harassment, gender discrimination and concerns about company policies, including the separate restrooms.

The EEOC has not yet ruled on her complaint.

Cheney became chief executive of Halliburton, an oil services conglomerate, in October 1995 and chairman in early 1996, before retiring last month to join the Republican ticket. Halliburton has received $2 billion in federal contracts to support U.S. troops on peacekeeping missions through its Brown & Root Services unit.

Juleanna Glover Weiss, a Cheney spokeswoman, said while she had no information on the bathroom facilities, Cheney "has never tolerated sexual harassment in any organization he's headed or been a part of, be it in Congress, at the Defense Department or at Halliburton. All allegations, he believes, are to be thoroughly investigated and perpetrators punished."

Cindy Viktorin, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said Cheney was not aware of the restroom policy and the company would not comment on individual discrimination complaints.

The company addressed the bathrooms in a written statement: "With a diverse and global work force, the company recognizes the cultural differences and cultural practices in the regions of the world."

The company has landed peacekeeping-support contracts in Bosnia, Kosovo, Croatia and Hungary, and also works in the former Soviet Union in a program to dismantle intercontinental ballistic missiles and their silos.

In Kosovo, where Brown & Root has more than 4,500 employees, the company acknowledged that "two former employees were concerned that the company provided restroom or portable toilet facilities that were different for the local 'Host Country Nationals' (HCN) than for the Americans."

The company uses "the same basic style of portable toilet for all employees in Kosovo" but recognizes "the cultural differences in how each group uses the facilities," the statement said. The practice of designated facilities "is not limited to the Kosovo area," it said.

Date Book

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000

Today is the 253rd day of 2000 and the 82nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1895, the American Bowling Congress was founded in New York City.

On this day in 1893, Esther Cleveland, the wife of President Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter. She was the first child to be born in the White House.

On this day in 1984, Pope John Paul II arrived in Canada. It was the first time a pope had visited that nation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Armand Jean du Plessis Richelieu (1585-1642), cardinal-statesman; William Bligh (1754-1817), British admiral; Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), writer; Cliff Robertson (1925-), actor-director, is 75; Michael Keaton (1951-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, John McEnroe defeated Ivan Lendl and won his fourth U.S. Open championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Certitude is not the test of certainty." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 5) and full moon (Sept. 13).

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000

Today is the 254th day of 2000 and the 83rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Elias Howe patented a sewing machine.

On this day in 1913, the Lincoln Highway opened. It was the first coast-to-coast paved road in the United States.

On this day in 1955, "Gunsmoke" premiered on CBS-TV.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Wise (1914-), director-producer, is 86; Arnold Palmer (1929-), golfing great, is 71; Roger Maris (1934-1985), baseball star; Charles Kuralt (1934-1997), journalist; Jose Feliciano (1945-), singer-guitarist, is 55; Bob Lanier (1948-), basketball great, is 52; Amy Irving (1953-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, Joel Horlen pitched a no-hitter for Chicago against the Detroit Tigers. The White Sox won 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Such truth as opposeth no man's profit nor pleasure is to all men welcome." — Thomas Hobbes

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 5) and full moon (Sept. 13).

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Castro pleased with Clinton handshake

NEW YORK (AP) — A church full of admiring American supporters in Harlem erupted in applause early Saturday when Cuban leader Fidel Castro told them how pleased he was to shake hands earlier in the week with President Clinton.

"I feel satisfied by my respectful and civilized behavior with the president of the country that had been host of the summit," Castro told the invitation-only crowd at towering Riverside Church.

It was the first time Castro had publicly mentioned the much-discussed encounter between the two leaders at the end of a luncheon of the U.N. Millennium Summit, a gathering of about 160 world leaders. The news was especially encouraging to Americans who support the normalization of relations between the two countries.

Back in his olive green uniform after spending a week in the black suits he favors for presidential gatherings, Castro told the crowd at the end of a far-ranging address about how he encountered Clinton face-to-face for the first time on Wednesday afternoon.

Suddenly, he found himself in a line of leaders being greeted by the American president.

"I couldn't run away to prevent passing by that point," Castro said, growing animated at his speech, which early on was punctuated by the crowd's shouts of "Fidel! Fidel! Fidel!"

"With all dignity and courtesy I greeted him," the Cuban president said. "He did the same, and I moved ahead in line. It would have been extravagant and rude to do any other thing. The whole thing lasted less than 20 seconds."

More than 2,000 people attended the 8 p.m. event organized by Cuban solidarity groups, with many of the invited guests lining up outside the church as early as 4 p.m.

Castro was clearly moved by the affection shown him by the Americans who surrounded him, especially when they sang "Happy Birthday" in belated recognition of his turning 74 in mid-August.

"Dear brothers and sisters," he told them, hugging several children who gave him a plastic-wrapped bouquet of flowers. "You have been extremely generous and kind with us."

"It is only because of miracles that I have survived all these years," alluding to the many assassination attempts against the communist leader during his 41 years in power.

"I came to Harlem because I knew it was here that I would find my best friends," he added. Among those in the church were U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of Los Angeles and U.S. Rep. Jose Serrano of New York, and the Rev. Dr. Lucius Walker Jr. of Pastors for Peace, all longtime opponents of the 38-year-old U.S. embargo against Cuba.

Other guests included the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, the former head of the National Council of Churches, who campaigned vigorously for the repatriation of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba, even bringing the boy's grandmothers to Washington.

The Riverside Church is an institution in Harlem, where it played a major organizing role in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. It was from this pulpit that the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. first spoke out against the Vietnam War and it is where South African leader Nelson Mandela first appeared in America after his release from prison a decade ago.

Many in the church wore pins or stickers that said "Free Mumia," a reference to death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal who was convicted in the killing of a Philadelphia police officer. His supporters maintain he did not receive a fair trial and have launched an international campaign for a new one.

A sign carried by one supporter read: "Hail Castro, Jail Giuliani," a reference to New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who snubbed Castro during the summit and in the days before described the Cuban leader as a "murderer."

Castro has great fondness for Harlem and black Americans in general, having first visited the neighborhood during a 1960 trip to the United Nations for that year's General Assembly.

Refused at the Shelboure Hotel in midtown, the delegation of bearded guerrillas moved to Harlem's Hotel Theresa.

WTC news broadcast set Monday

The first-ever news broadcast generated by the Western Texas Mass Communications Department is set to air Monday.

Some 11 WTC students and faculty adviser Donny Brown have completed work on the show, called "WTC Week in Review."

It will air on the public access cable channel (Channel 2) each Monday at noon and again at 5 p.m. Students on campus can watch the program Monday mornings in the WTC Student Center.

The five-minute program will serve as a weekly "calendar of events" for campus activities in addition to news stories about events and people affecting the school.

The opening program features three "on-air" news readers, but copy for the program was actually written by a staff of seven.

Camera crew members consist of a video production class being taught this semester by Brown.

On-air "talent" for the program are Reid Johnson and Chelsie Birk of Snyder and Jennifer Reed of Sweetwater. Reid and Chelsie also write copy for the show.

Other writing staff members are Josh Burney, Helen Fare, Justin Guy and Lisa Moore of Snyder and Candace Meares of Mertzon.

The camera crew includes Corey Knipe and Michael Lao of Snyder and Rick Antonio of Abilene.

Students will be using digital cameras and performing post-production work in both 3-D motion graphics software and non-linear editing software.

The "new "news program is part of changes underway for the mass communications program this fall.

The print program at WTC has shifted from the six-times per semester newspaper Texan to a once a semester magazine format.

The magazine's emphasis will be on timeless material with a feature slant and the subject matter will expand from the WTC campus alone to the five-county region served by the college.

The first WTC magazine "Texan" is set to be published towards the end of the semester.

The print instruction and its related print magazines is overseen by Sandra Hall, who works also with the college's public information office and related campus publications.

Tourist killed in shooting at casino

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A tourist was killed Friday by a stray bullet in a busy Las Vegas casino as security officers struggled with a robbery suspect who opened fire, police said.

The robbery suspect shot a guard in the stomach as officers tried to handcuff him and fired another round that went through a guard's pant leg and into the back of the victim, Heather M. Vitarelli, 29, of Maui, authorities said. She had been standing about 35 feet from the struggle.

Police arrested Stephen Mullen, 32, and Michael Frimmel, 31. They are being held on murder charges. The 43-year-old security officer is hospitalized in stable condition.

Officers stopped the two men in Harrah's casino because they matched the description of men who had stolen a customer's purse, Police Lt. Wayne Petersen said. Mullen is accused of the shooting.

The gun was stolen in Virginia and both men have prior arrest records involving thefts and drugs, Petersen said.

Authorities did not provide the name for an attorney for Mullen and Frimmel, and the two, who remain jailed at the Clark County Detention Center, could not be reached for comment Friday.

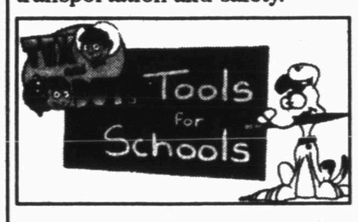
Tom Jenkin, senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's Las Vegas hotel-casino, said "we are deeply saddened by this senseless tragedy."

JUST IN TIME FOR SCHOOL —Julia Lewis, left, Central Elementary School secretary, looks over one of the "Tools For Schools" book covers Scurry County elementary schools received from the Texas Department of Transportation. These book covers are being delivered to elementary school children throughout the Abilene district. With Lewis is Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Elementary schools in Scurry County receive book covers

ABILENE — Elementary school children are covering their schoolbooks this year with TEX and DOT'S "Tools For School" book covers provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

TEX and DOT are two cartoon characters that, along with their dog Buckles, help TxDOT provide information about transportation and safety.



Mary Beth Kilgore and Brenda Mitchell visited with school officials at all the elementary schools in Scurry County and delivered book covers that promote TxDOT's new Internet—based education resource for students and teachers.

Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, said that TxDOT's kid's page has something for every student regardless of age or reading level.

"The page contains photos and facts on a variety of transportation topics including road and bridges, construction equipment and machines, different kinds of transportation, schools and bridges, construction equipment and machines, different kinds of transportation, school safety, traffic signals and signs, recycling, litter prevention, archeology, bats, coastal erosion and wildflowers."

The Web site also contains facts about Texas, coloring pages that include K-1 level text and a section with puzzles and TEX and DOT's Coloring and Activity Book.

Mitchell, district traffic safety coordinator, added that along with information for students, there is a resource page for teachers.

"The Teacher's Tote Bag contains links to many educational Web sites. As TxDOT continues to develop this teacher's resource page, we will provide publications for teachers to download and print from the Web site to enhance classroom instruction on a variety of transportation-related topics.

Kilgore and Mitchell are visiting elementary schools in the Abilene district's 13-county area. They are delivering the "Tools For Schools" book covers and discussing the department's new Web site with school administration.

Look for the Tools for Schools logo on TxDOT's home page at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Psychiatrist receives 15 years

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A psychriatrist who killed five elderly patients by prescribing fatal morphine overdoses was sentenced to 15 years in prison, half the term he had faced.

Dr. Robert Weitzel, 44, was convicted in July of two counts of manslaughter and three counts of negligent homicide.

Judge Thomas Kay sentenced him Friday to two 15-year terms — one for each manslaughter count — and three one-year terms for the negligent homicide convictions, to be served concurrently. He faced up to 30 years in prison.

As Weitzel was led from the courtroom after his sentencing, he stopped in front of a photographer and defiantly said, "I'm not guilty."

Weitzel caused the deaths of five patients he was treating for senile dementia in the geriatric-psychiatric unit he ran at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center in Layton. All five died during a 16-day period from December 1995 to January 1996.

During the hearing, prosecutors said Weitzel was a pompous man who refused to consult with other doctors and ignored the law in addition to hospital policies.

Weitzel's attorneys argued during his trial that the patients were terminally ill and he was merely trying to ease their pain in their final moments.

Defense attorney Peter Stirba had asked Kay to impose probation, saying the case could send a negative message to doctors who are administering to dying patients.

The judge also ordered Weitzel to pay $15,864 in restitution to victims' families for funeral and burial expenses. The victims were Ennis Alldredge, 85; Ellen Anderson, 91; Mary Crane, 72; Judith Larsen, 93; and Smith, 90.

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Financial Focus

Don't Chase Mutual Fund "Super-winners"

With more than 10,000 mutual funds on the market, you'll almost always be able to find, at any given time, a few funds that are earning truly extraordinary returns. But before you invest in these funds, take a good, long look at what you're buying.

Some of these "super-winners" could be showing triple-digit returns in a particular year. If you look beyond the current numbers, however, you may find some things that are unsettling. First, an ultra-high performing fund may have a high "expense ratio" — a figure used to determine the percent of assets taken from a fund to cover all operating costs. High expenses can cut into your returns.

Even more importantly, funds with stratospheric short-term performance may have poor long-term track records. To really get a sense of a how a fund has performed in different economic environments, you should look at its five- and 10-year returns. Even these longer-term figures can't really help you predict how the fund will do in the future, but they will give you a more realistic sense of what the fund's managers have achieved over time.

Finally, some funds achieve their high short-term numbers because most of their assets are heavily concentrated in a few different stocks in one particular sector. That can work if the sector is "hot," but when it cools off, the funds performance will plummet. The more diversified a fund's holdings are, the less susceptible the fund is to sudden "meltdown."

Instead of chasing after those funds with sizzling short-term returns, how should you go about building a portfolio of mutual funds" Start by identifying your own investment goals and preferences and discussing them with your investment representative. If you want your mutual funds to help pay for college for your children or a comfortable retirement for yourself, then you will want funds with significant growth potential, such as stock funds. But if you also need current income, you may be interested in adding bond funds to your mix.

After you've identified the type of funds you're in, seek out the ones with proven management and an investment philosophy that you are comfortable with. Also, it's important to watch fund fees and expenses. If a fund has achieved strong long-term results while keeping its expenses down, then you can be fairly certain that a good management team is at work. (On the other hand, funds do change managers; when that happens, you may want to see if the fund still makes sense for you).

Above all else, don't look to "get rich quick" from mutual funds. They are truly designed for long-term investors. If you can keep that perspective in mind, and you do your homework, then you won't have to worry about pursuing the so-called "super-winners."

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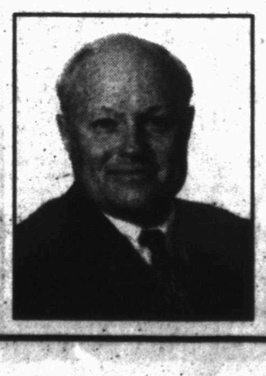

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Defensive Driving classes, Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m.; Texas Savings Bank's community room; for more information call 573-2850.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 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.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 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.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th, for more information call 573-6208; 7:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 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 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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Funds awarded to Hermleigh's school library

AUSTIN — A school library is typically a place where students can find vast amounts of information through various resources.

Individual schools obviously have different books, periodicals and ways to find additional information, but now public school libraries are receiving the opportunity to get connected.

The Hermleigh public school library is enhancing the way information can be gathered thanks to the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) board, a state agency in Austin.

Hermleigh campus libraries will receive $70,000 in order to increase the technology infrastructure to support the Texas Library Connection (TLC).

The TLC is an online resource that promotes the sharing of current, relevant information. It provides an integrated, statewide resource sharing system through which information resources are identified, accessed and retrieved.

The TLC contains merged records of more than 44 million items from approximately 4200 campus libraries that are already online and subscribing.

It also provides these school libraries with online resources such as Britannica Online, ProQuest Direct and governmental documents.

The Non-Competitive Public School Library Grant (LBS) reaches out to more than 200 public school campus libraries throughout the state.

Some of these school libraries did not have Internet connectivity in the library; some did not have an adequate Internet connection or very few student workstations. Some did not and could not have access to the TLC without the proper technology.

TIF grant funds will help these public school libraries achieve the standard for high-speed connectivity and purchase the equipment necessary in order for the students and faculty to be able to take advantage of the available TLC resources. These grant projects officially begin Oct. 2.

"The grant funds will help immensely," Supt. Jerry Church said. "The school library should be able to accommodate a valuable resource such as the Texas Library Connection so that our students have access to the most information possible. This grant will allow us to purchase the equipment necessary to get connected and allow our students that very opportunity."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately $487 million in telecommunications infrastructure grants to its four constituents — public schools, libraries, institutions of higher education and public, non-profit healthcare facilities.

The agency receives approximately $150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

Government and academics fret over Carnivore system

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the Justice Department decides which group will perform an independent review of the much-criticized "Carnivore" e-mail surveillance system, Attorney General Janet Reno says she wants to change the name of the tool to something a little less threatening.

The review, offered by the department as a way to calm privacy concerns from the public and Congress, which has had several hearings on the tool, will be performed by a group chosen by the government, based on applications. The deadline for applications expired Thursday.

But several prominent universities have denounced the review as a rubber stamping, not an independent verification.

Tom Perrine, manager of security technologies at the University of California at San Diego's Supercomputer Center, said the government reserves veto power over who is on the review team, controls when and where the review will be issued and has the ability to direct the contractor to make changes in the report.

"To be honest, we were pretty surprised by the restrictions," he said Friday.

Perrine and his center has been joined by the University of Michigan, Purdue University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in shunning the review process.

Justice Department officials refused to specify what organizations submitted an application, citing federal law that prohibits revealing that information before a decision is made. Spokeswoman Chris Watney would say only that there were multiple submissions.

Perrine also considered reviewing Carnivore under the "Open Carnivore" project, a group of security professionals and academics. He said his group was willing to review Carnivore for free.

But after looking at all the restrictions, he and his colleagues decided against it. He said no one in the group — which includes representatives from AT&T, the University of California at Berkeley, and Tsutomu Shimomura, who tracked down hacker Kevin Mitnick — showed any interest.

Considering the application process, Perrine said he expects the final choice, which does not have to be a university, to be a Defense Department contractor. Then, he said, the review would be highly suspect.

Despite his feelings, Perrine said he and his group don't think the FBI is misusing Carnivore at all. He primarily wants to make sure that the tool isn't vulnerable to outside manipulation.

"None of us really saw any ulterior motive in Carnivore. Every single person in our group has dealt with law enforcement in the past," he said. "Law enforcement does have some legitimate access to digital wiretaps."

Carnivore looks like a desktop computer, but contains tracking software. In cases where authorities believe a suspect is using e-mail, it is installed at the suspect's Internet service provider where it scans through all incoming and outgoing messages. It captures only e-mails going to or from the subject. It can also scan other means of Internet communications, like Web browsing or chat.

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SPORTS

Tigers get offensive in rout of 'Cats

Snyder posts second consecutive win in convincing fashion

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

LITTLEFIELD — So much for the Snyder Tigers' inconsistent offense.

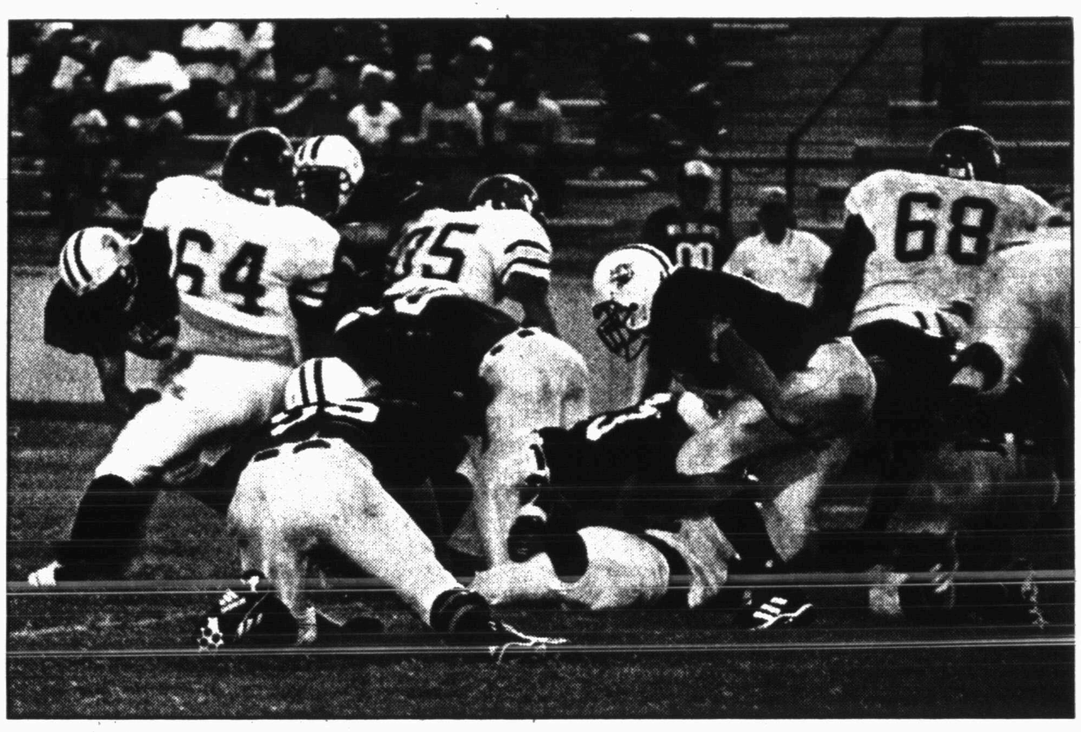
After an up-and-down showing in last week's season opener, Snyder's offense consistently marched over the Littlefield defense Friday night for seven touchdowns and a convincing 50-22 victory at Wildcat Stadium.

The win improves the Tigers to 2-0 on the season, heading into next week's final non-district tilt against Abilene Wylie, and Head Coach David Baugh couldn't be happier about his squad's offensive turnaround.

"We were a lot more consistent on offense, and I think Littlefield has a better defensive team than Monahans had last week," said Baugh. "We executed a lot better, and didn't have near as many missed assignments.

"Even though we didn't throw that often, we were productive when we did. That enabled us to do some different things with our running game to keep Littlefield off balance."

After a scoreless first quarter, Snyder found the endzone on its next six of next seven offensive series.



PILE-UP — Snyder's defense clamps down on a Littlefield ball carrier Friday night in the Tigers' 50-22 victory over the Wildcats. Linemen Max Blackwell (64) and Tremaine Johnson (68), along with linebacker Justin Pechacek (35) helped lead the Tigers' defensive effort. (SDN Photo by Devin Williams)

Jamaal Pruitt capped a 10-play drive with a 5-yard scoring plunge at the 9:59 mark of the second period for a 7-0 Snyder lead.

After holding the Wildcats on a fourth-down attempt, the Tigers extended the lead on Wade Pinson's 15-yard touchdown sprint with four minutes left in the half.

With a two-touchdown advantage, Snyder seemed to be in total control.

The Wildcats, however, had other thoughts.

Littlefield answered Pinson's run with a nine-play drive that resulted in a 15-yard touchdown pass from Taylor Allen to J.D. Walls.

Despite an unsuccessful extra-point attempt, the Wildcats managed to trim the margin on the ensuing kickoff when Snyder's Edwin James mishandled the ball, resulting in a Littlefield safety.

Suddenly the Tigers lead was down to six points, and Baugh could feel the momentum slipping away.

"One of the worst things you can do is to let the other team score in the last minute of the half," Baugh remarked. "We let them score a touchdown, and then they got a safety on top of that. We had lost a bunch of our momentum, and at that point, the game could have gone either way."

In the third quarter, the tide turned back in the Tigers' favor, thanks to a stingy defense and a highly productive offense led by senior quarterback Jesse Haines.

Snyder limited Littlefield to a total of 13 plays in its first three possessions of the second half, and the Tiger offense returned the favor with three quick scores.

James rambled 14 yards for the first touchdown of the third period, followed by a pair of 1-yard dives from Haines.

The Tigers signal-caller also connected with Ralph Ramon and Matthew Grimmett on a pair of key passing plays to keep drives alive.

Haines finished the night with an efficient 5 of 6 performance for 76 yards through the air, and added another 80 yards on the ground.

"I saw the whole field a lot better tonight," Haines stated. "Our line did a good job of keeping guys way off of me, so I had good passing lanes."

With Snyder leading 35-8, Haines showed the Tigers quick-strike capability early in the final frame.

After Littlefield botched a punt attempt, Snyder took over on the Wildcats' 34-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Haines went to his right on an option, then turned up field and broke three tackles on his way to the endzone.

Littlefield responded with an 81-yard run from Theo Watson only 24 seconds later.

Snyder capped its scoring on a 3-yard plunge by Shay Franks with 4:41 remaining in the contest.

Littlefield managed a touchdown in the final minutes for the 50-22 result.

"I was pleased with the way we came out in the second half and took control," said Baugh. "We got after them on defense, early in the third quarter. And we stayed focused offensively, and executed extremely well all the way through the second half."

Snyder held Littlefield to 293 total yards of offense, with 81 of it coming on Watson's long run.

The Tigers kept pressure on Allen most of the night. Ramon, Max Blackwell and Tremaine Johnson all recorded sacks.

Haines and senior fullback Tovares Brandon paced Snyder's potent running attack that tallied 353 yards from 11 different ball carriers. Brandon finished with 98 yards on only nine carries.

The Tigers have now won nine of their last 10 games, dating back to last season, and have one tune-up left before opening district action.

Snyder hosts 2-0 Abilene Wylie for homecoming Friday night, and Baugh expects a battle from the Bulldogs.

"Wylie has one of their best teams of recent years," Baugh said. "We beat them at their place last year, so I'm sure they'll be gunning for us this time around. It ought to be a good test for us, before we start district."

The Tigers open District 4-4A competition Sept. 29 at Plainview.

In other league action Friday night, Frenship toppled Canyon, and Andrews knocked off Borger.

Estacado dropped its opener to Pampa, while Lake View and

Game Summary

Snyder	00	14	21	15—50
Littlefield	00	08	00	14—22

Second Quarter

Snyder — Jamaal Priutt 5-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 9:59.
Snyder — Wade Pinson 15-yard run (Ramon kick), 4:13.
Littlefield — J.D. Walls 15-yard pass from Taylor Allen (kick failed), 0:15.
Littlefield — safety, 0:10.

Third Quarter

Snyder — Edwin James 14-yard run (Pinson pass from Jesse Haines), 8:45.
Snyder — Haines 1-yard run (Ramon kick), 5:01.
Snyder — Haines 1-yard run (kick failed). 1:15.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Haines 34-yard run (Ramon kick), 10:58.
Littlefield — Theo Watson 81-yard run (Allen run), 10:34.
Snyder — Shay Franks 3-yard run (Ramon run), 4:41.
Snyder — Jeremy Soria 1-yard run (kick failed), 1:31.

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First Downs	21	13
Rushes-yards	44-351	31-185
Passing yards	76	108
Comp-Att-Int	5-7-0	8-16-1
Punts	2-38.0	5-18.4
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-95	4-30
Time of poss.	24:14	23:46

RUSHING — Snyder: Brandon, 9-98; Haines, 9-80; James, 7-51; Pruitt, 6-34; Pinson, 2-33; Jones, 2-21; Montoya, 3-18; Franks, 3-17; Nunley, 1-5; Pena, 1-minus 1; Clay, 1-minus 5. **Littlefield:** Watson, 1-81; Soria, 9-40; Baldridge, 7-40; Hock, 8-36; Allen, 6-minus 12.

PASSING — Snyder: Haines 5 of 6 for 76 yards; Nunley 0 of 1. **Littlefield:** Allen 8 of 16 for 108 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 2-37; Doolittle, 2-25; Ramon, 1-14. **Littlefield:** Walls, 5-60; Kirby, 3-48.

District 4-4A Football

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

Friday's results: Snyder 50, Littlefield 22; Frenship 49, Canyon 20; Kerrville Tivy 45, Lake View 14; Pampa 31, Estacado 9; Amarillo 14, Plainview 7; Andrews 26, Borger 7. Open — Big Spring.
Saturday's game: Levelland at Palo Duro.
Next Friday's games: Abilene Wylie at Snyder; Andrews at Carlsbad, N.M.; Big Spring at Hereford; Frenship at Lamesa; Littlefield at Levelland; Plainview at Canyon. Open — Lake View.
Next Saturday's game: Canyon Randall at Estacado.

Big 12 squads ready for battles

DALLAS (AP) — While No. 1 Nebraska goes north to play No. 23 Notre Dame, No. 6 Texas and Oklahoma State become the final Big 12 teams to kick off their seasons on Saturday.

The Longhorns open at home against Louisiana-Lafayette, which last weekend lost to Division I-AA Sam Houston State. The most exciting part of this game may be finding out which quarterback starts — super sophomore Chris Simms or junior Major Applewhite, the reigning Big 12 offensive player of the year.

The Cowboys will debut at Tulsa (0-1) in the first home game for new Golden Hurricane coach Keith Burns.

The big game is the Cornhuskers (1-0) at the Fighting Irish (1-0) in the first meeting of the traditional powers since the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 1973. Nebraska won 40-6 in the final game of Bob Devaney's coaching career.

Notre Dame is fresh off a 24-10 victory over Texas A&M. Nebraska blew out San Jose State 49-13.

Conference play does not begin until Sept. 30 when all league teams will be in action against each other. Teams are 9-3 so far against non-conference foes.

In other games, No. 20 Oklahoma plays host to Arkansas State, Colorado is at No. 11 Southern California, UNLV plays at Iowa State, Missouri is at Clemson, Wyoming is at Texas A&M and North Texas is at Texas Tech.

No. 7 Kansas State, Kansas and Baylor are off.

Oklahoma (1-0) crushed Arkansas State 61-0 the last time they met, in 1992, and could do so again with quarterback Josh Heupel having led the Sooners to a 55-14 victory over UTEP last week.

Colorado (0-1) will have its hands full chasing Trojans quarterback Carson Palmer. USC (1-0) blasted Penn State 29-5 on Aug. 27 while the Buffaloes are coming off a loss to intra-state rival Colorado State.

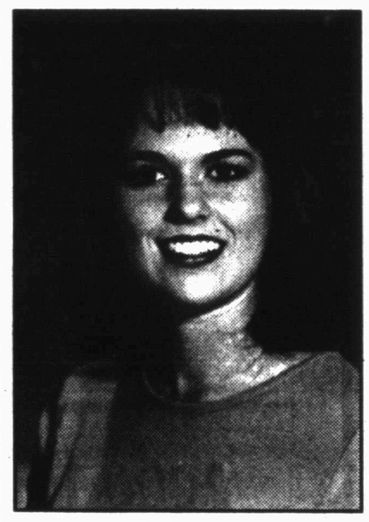
Iowa State (1-0) shut out UNLV last season and will be looking to build on a 25-15 victory over Ohio last week. The Cyclones have won five of its last 12. The Rebels will be playing their opener after going 3-8 last season.

Missouri (1-0) returns to Division I-A competition after pasting I-AA Western Illinois 50-20 last Saturday. Clemson (1-0) is coming off a 38-0 whipping of The Citadel during which quarterback Woodrow Dantzler completed 16-of-17 passes.

A&M (0-1) opens a run of four straight home games seeking to rebound from its loss to Notre Dame. Wyoming (0-1) lost to Auburn last weekend.

Tech (2-0) wants to avenge a 21-14 loss to North Texas (0-1) last season and could rack up some big numbers as quarterback Kliff Kingsbury continues settling into coach Mike Leach's high-flying offense. The Eagles opened their season with a loss to Baylor.

Ex-Lady Tiger golfer earns title accolades



Julie Doolittle

Julie Doolittle and fellow teammates of the university of Mary Hardin-Baylor women's golf team were to be honored during the halftime ceremonies of the first Crusader football game of the season in Belton.

This past spring, the Lady Crusader golf team won the 2000 NAIA National Golf Championship in London, Ky., by nine strokes over the University of British Columbia.

During Saturday's ceremony, each team member will receive a national championship ring for their accomplishments.

This was the first NAIA women's golf national championship for Mary Hardin-Baylor, and the first for an NAIA institution in Texas.

Doolittle, the daughter of Bob and Suzanne Doolittle of Snyder, is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and was a member of the state championship golf team coached by Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

During her freshman and sophomore years at UMHB, she was second team all-conference. Her junior year, she placed third overall in the conference playoffs and was first team all-conference.

Doolittle will graduate in May with a degree in psychology and a minor in sociology.

She has a brother, Braden, who is a senior at SHS, and she is the granddaughter of Jean McCommas, also of Snyder.

Henderson invests winnings

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, who won the state lottery in the spring, will invest $1 million on an Austin project to build 28 lower-income homes.

"I've always wanted to be an affordable housing builder ... that's not a give-away, that is a business," Henderson said at an Austin City Council Meeting Thursday. "It's not just 28. I want to build 128. I want to build 528."

Henderson's plunge into the field comes amid a city debate over lower-income housing. The City Council last month narrowly rejected a $30 million housing bond measure, but officials have since announced several initiatives to put money into the cause.

Housing Director Paul Hilgers said the city may face legal and other hurdles in accepting Henderson's money, but he will work with the football player to clear him.

Henderson played for Dallas from 1975 until the Cowboys cut him in 1979 because of drug problems.

Since then, he has spent a lot of his time doing community service in Austin's east side, where he grew up and where the homes are being built.

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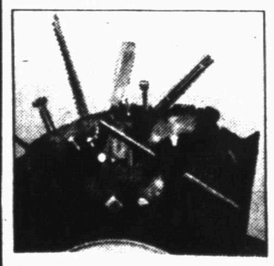

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SPORTS

Gorillas victimize Coyotes

TRENT — The Borden County Coyotes held an 8-6 lead at one point in the first quarter, but it was all Gorillas after that.

Trent scored 52 unanswered points Friday night to take care of Borden County, 58-8, in the season opener for both squads.

The Coyotes, fielding their youngest team in recent years, were held to only 28 yards on the ground and 107 through the air.

On the other side, the Gorillas rolled up 345 yards rushing, and added 55 with their passing game.

Trent opened the scoring with a touchdown early in the first quarter, but missed the extra-point attempt for a 6-0 tally.

Borden County answered with a drive that was capped by T.J. Sharp on a 2-yard plunge.

Kyle Pinkerton booted the extra points to give the Coyotes an 8-6 advantage.

But following Sharp's score, Trent's Bo Simpson went to work.

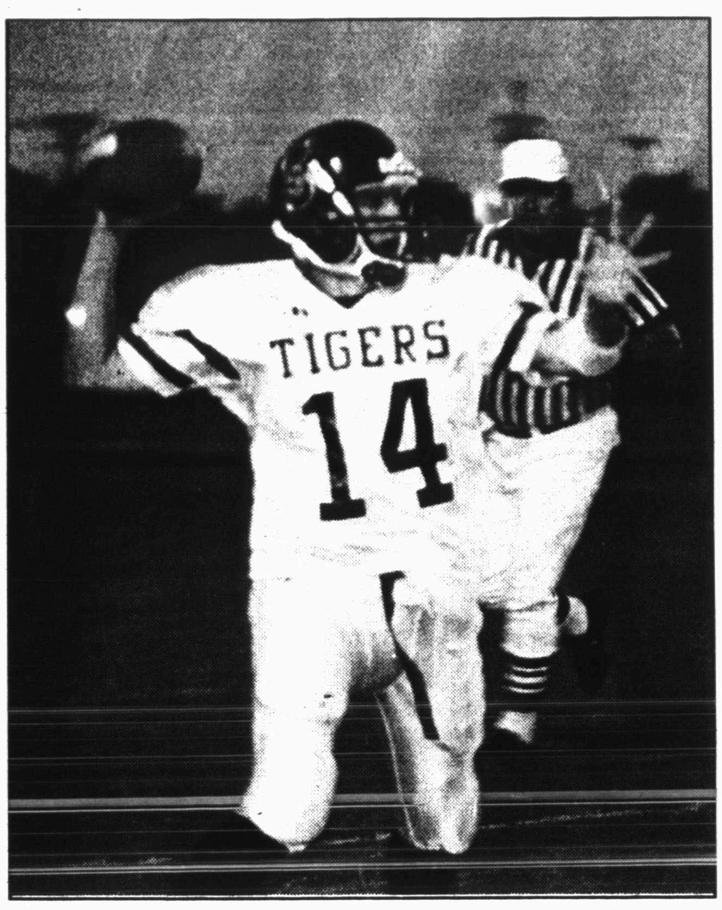
Simpson found the endzone twice in the first period to put the Gorillas up, 20-8.

Albert Booker scored his second and third touchdowns of the night in the second quarter, and Rusty Sliter added another before halftime to stretch the deficit to 38-8 at the midway point.

Sliter opened the third period by scooping up a Coyote fumble and returning it 40 yards for another score, before Simpson streaked to paydirt on runs of 58 and 29 yards to end the contest on the 45-point rule.

Borden County falls to 0-1 on the season, while Trent jumps to 1-0.

The Coyotes will be in action again at 7:30 Friday when they host their home opener against Ropes.



GUNSLINGER — Snyder Tiger quarterback Jesse Haines looks for an open receiver during Friday night's 50-22 win over Littlefield. Haines threw for 76 yards and ran for 90. (SDN Photo by Devin Williams)

Turnovers cost Bulldogs in season opening loss

VERIBEST — Starting his third season at the helm of the Bulldogs, Ira head coach Toby Goodwin knows his inexperienced squad will have to learn in the run.

In Friday night's opener, the Bulldogs got their first lesson of the season, courtesy of the Veribest Falcons.

Veribest opened a 24-0 first-half lead, then took advantage of five Ira turnovers to hold on for a 32-20 victory at Falcon Stadium.

The setback gives the Bulldogs an 0-1 start to the season, but Goodwin believes his team will learn from its opening-game mistakes.

"It was just one of those nights. It seemed like we couldn't catch a break," Goodwin said. "Every time we started to do something good, we would shoot ourselves in the foot.

"Inexperience was part of it, but our kids will learn from it. These guys are hard workers and we'll able to correct a bunch of these mistakes before the next game."

After the Falcons flew to a 24-point advantage, Ira trimmed the tally to 24-20 early in the fourth quarter, before starting quarterback Eric Dickerhoff went down with an injury.

Dickerhoff, who also missed most of the second period with a sore hip, left the game in the final frame with a mild concussion.

With Ira driving to take the lead, the injury forced Goodwin to shuffle his line-up, and the drive stalled short of the goal line.

"When Eric got his bell rung, we kind of got out of rhythm," Goodwin said. "Our other players are plenty capable of getting the job done, but you lose that rhythm that you've built all night, and it kind of throws everything off."

Following the failed drive, Veribest added a score to extend the margin to 32-20.

"We didn't come out on top, but I'm proud of the way our kids reacted to the situation," Goodwin remarked. "When we were down, 24-0, in the second quarter, we could have folded up our tents. But the kids battled back and made it a ballgame. The effort was there. We just need better execution."

Trey Holik fueled the Falcons' attack, scoring twice on the ground and once through the air to build his squad's early lead.

Ira broke onto the board in the second quarter when Nathan Smith sprinted 70 yards for a touchdown to cut the margin to 24-6.

Smith found the endzone twice more in the third quarter to lead the Bulldogs' rally. The junior tailback found the endzone from 17 and 59 yards out, and booted an extra point.

Smith finished the night with 154 yards on 12 carries, and was 3 of 8 for 22 yards in the passing department.

The Bulldogs totaled 156 yards on the ground, but only 35 through the air.

Veribest countered with a balanced attack of 166 yards rushing, and 158 through the air.

"Veribest pretty much shut down our spread offense, so we made most of our yards from a tight set," Goodwin stated. "Their spread set gave us some problems at times. We lost containment a few times, and had some missed assignments, and they took advantage of it.

"But it was our defense that kept us in the game. We stopped Veribest three times when they were inside our 20-yard line. We just need to be more consistent, and not give up the big plays."

Ira schedules homecoming festivities

Ira hopes to even its record at 1-1 Friday when it hosts its homecoming game against Klondike, and students can show their support by participating in five spirit days.

Monday is designated as "Wild Hair Day," while Tuesday will be "College Day." Students can dress as university scholars, or just wear a T-shirt of their favorite college.

Wednesday is "Hippy Day," and Thursday is "Overall Day."

Friday will be "Spirit Day," and students are encouraged to wear black and orange.

Friday's kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.

Rangers hang on against KC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas manager Johnny Oates is very happy to have Rusty Greer back with the Rangers.

After missing four straight starts with a stiff neck, Greer made his presence felt quickly as Texas took an early lead and then hung on to beat the Kansas City Royals 6-5 Friday night.

Greer had a three-run homer in the second inning and finished 3-for-5.

"It's very nice to have Rusty back," manager Oates said. "It just shows how important he is. He's still not 100 percent. But he put a charge into that home run."

The Rangers got rolling early, jumping to a 5-0 lead after an inning and a half on Rafael Palmeiro's two-run homer in the first and Greer's homer, but Oates still wasn't comfortable.

"In this game, even in the seventh inning, you don't start thinking about an easy victory," Oates said. "With the offense the way it is, and knowing what we had available in the bullpen, we knew it wouldn't be easy."

Blake Stein (6-4) gave up five runs and eight hits in four innings to take the loss.

Ryan Glynn (5-3) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings, and John Wetteland got three outs for his 31st save in 39 chances despite giving up a sacrifice fly to Mike Sweeney.

Glynn was most impressive against Royals right fielder and cleanup hitter Jermaine Dye. He struck him out twice and forced him to ground into a fielder's choice the other time he faced him. Dye ended the night with four strikeouts.

"With their pitchers, the umpire gave them the low strike and with our pitchers he didn't," Dye said. "When we were hitting, he called the low strike. When they were hitting, that's not what he called. Tough night, one of those nights."

But despite his mastery of Dye, Glynn said he never felt comfortable.

"To be really truthful, I really didn't feel good out there," he said. "I felt like I was fighting myself and my motion. I felt like my arm was too live."

Dove population scattered

Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden Mel Reed said the dove population this year appears to be scattered.

"From what I've seen, it's either feast or famine. You're either in a real good spot or you don't have anything to shoot. They are scattered."

The warden said there has not been any weather activity that would bring in the birds.

"We haven't had any cold fronts or anything to bring in the dove." He said that a concentration of birds is needed have good shooting.

"If you just have a few dove on your place and you go in there and hunt them pretty hard, those birds are going to leave."

The season opened last weekend, and from the reports Reed has received, the hunting has been mixed.

"There's going to be some people that have had an extremely good hunt. Other places where in years past it was good hunting, now there are none at all. It goes with the weather pattern we've been having."

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	84	57	.596	—
New York	80	60	.571	3½
Florida	67	73	.479	16½
Montreal	57	81	.413	25½
Philadelphia	57	82	.410	26
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	81	60	.574	—
Cincinnati	71	70	.504	10
Milwaukee	61	79	.436	19½
Pittsburgh	61	79	.436	19½
Houston	61	80	.433	20
Chicago	59	81	.421	21½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	83	57	.593	—
Arizona	75	64	.540	7½
Los Angeles	73	68	.518	10½
Colorado	72	68	.514	11
San Diego	69	73	.486	15

Friday's Games
Houston 13, Chicago Cubs 10
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 3, 1st game
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1, 2nd game
Arizona 2, Florida 1
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 3, Montreal 2
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 5
Colorado 8, Los Angeles 5
San Diego 10, San Francisco 7

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles (Park 15-8) at Colorado (Yoshii 5-14), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 6-14) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-7), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 3-3) at San Francisco (Ortiz 12-10), 4:10 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 8-5) at Florida (Burnett 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 10-14) at Pittsburgh (Benson 9-11), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 9-10), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 4-5) at Atlanta (Burkett 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 14-10) at Milwaukee (Haynes 11-12), 8:05 p.m.

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

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	80	58	.580	—
Boston	73	65	.529	7
Toronto	73	68	.518	8½
Baltimore	63	77	.450	18
Tampa Bay	61	80	.433	20½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	85	56	.603	—
Cleveland	75	63	.543	8½
Detroit	70	70	.500	14½
Kansas City	66	75	.468	19
Minnesota	62	79	.440	23
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	76	65	.539	—
Oakland	73	66	.525	2
Anaheim	71	70	.504	5
Texas	63	78	.447	13

Friday's Games
Toronto 3, Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 4
Texas 6, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 0
Anaheim 2, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 4, Seattle 2

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 17-7) at Boston (P.Martinez 16-4), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 3-5) at Cleveland (Burba 13-6), 1:25 p.m.
Detroit (Nomo 6-11) at Toronto (Wells 19-6), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 11-10) at Oakland (Hudson 15-6), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 11-5) at Anaheim (Karl 0-1), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Davis 6-5) at Kansas City (Suzuki 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 12-8) at Seattle (Moyer 11-9), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	27	14
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
New England	0	1	0	.000	16	21
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	16	0
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	7	27
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	0	16
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	16
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Denver	0	1	0	.000	36	41
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	27
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	6	9
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	0	23

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	21	16
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	41	14
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	21
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	14	41
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	14	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	30	27
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	21	16
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	27	30
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	20
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	36	28
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	41	36
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	17	20
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	10	14
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	28	36

Sunday's Games
Oakland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Pittsburgh

Monday's Games
New England at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 17
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Open Date: Arizona, Tennessee, Indianapolis

Monday, Sept. 18
Dallas at Washington, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

WGA weekly play day

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

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Volleyball tourney

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held next Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Entry fee is $70. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Turkey shoot

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will have a turkey shoot for couples (members only) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Sign up at the pro shop. A Ladies Tournament of Champions will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8.

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Class 5A

Abilene 24, Lubbock Monterey 14
Abilene Cooper 35, Killeen 7
Aldine 30, Houston Madison 27
Alvin 34, South Houston 12
Amarillo Tascosa 27, Hereford 26
Arlington 28, Keller 19
Arlington Martin 48, FW Paschal 0
Austin Westlake 42, Belton 0
Bryan 24, Waco 21
CC Ray 20, Laredo United 7
Carrollton Creekview 31, Fossil Ridge 21
Clear Creek 35, Baytown Sterling 12
Clear Lake 29, Fort Bend Austin 0
Conroe 38, Aldine MacArthur 6
Converse Judson 42, SA Roosevelt 7
Copperas Cove 24, Round Rock Westwood 7
Cy-Fair 38, Fort Bend Dulles 0
Cypress Springs 10, Katy Taylor 7
EP Coronado 54, EP Bel Air 20
EP Del Valle 52, EP Austin 6
EP Franklin 63, EP Americas 7
EP Hanks 42, EP Burges 14
EP Irvin 16, EP Eastwood 13
FW South Hills 42, Dallas Molina 12
Garland 27, Arlington Lamar 24
Georgetown 10, Pflugerville Connally 7
Grand Prairie 49, Garland Naaman Forest 0
Houston Lamar 21, Cypress Creek 14
Houston Memorial 21, Sugar Land Hightower 20
Houston Northbrook 21, Bellaire 14
Houston Stratford 24, Fort Bend Kempner 21
Humble 13, Spring Westfield 6
Klein 41, Deer Park 21
Klein Forest 21, Baytown Lee 13
Laredo Nixon 14, SA South San Antonio 0
Lewisville 10, South Grand Prairie 0
Lufkin 37, Beaumont Central 21
Mansfield 7, Irving MacArthur 0
McAllen 21, Edinburg North 7
Mesquite 17, Lake Highlands 10
Midland Lee 40, Longview 7
Nacogdoches 24, Carthage 0
North Mesquite 33, Plano 14
Odessa Permian 30, Carrollton Turner 3
Pasadena 19, Spring Woods 0
Pflugerville 49, A&M Consolidated 20
Plano West 36, North Dallas 7
Rockwall 21, Carrollton Smith 14
Roswell (N.M.) Mayfield 42, EP Riverside 12
Round Rock 27, Austin Bowie 6
Round Rock McNeil 42, Waco Midway 18
SA Churchill 20, SA Clark 12
SA East Central 7, Eagle Pass 0
SA Harlandale 42, SA McCollum 7
SA Jay 17, SA Lee 8
SA MacArthur 31, SA Taft 13
SA Marshall 28, New Braunfels 7
SA Southwest 29, Laredo Cigarroa 14
Seguin 46, SA Edison 17
Temple 23, Brownwood 21
The Woodlands 35, Humble Kingwood 21
Tyler John Tyler 33, FW Wyatt 0
Tyler Lee 17, Eldorado (Ark.) 7

Class 4A

Austin Reagan 23, Leander 14
Bastrop 16, Cedar Park 13
Bay City 14, Victoria La. Memorial 7
Beeville 47, SA Jefferson 7
Boerne 33, SA Sam Houston 26
Brazosport 49, Houston St. Thomas 22
Brownsville Lopez 25, Brownsville Porter 14
CC Calallen 24, New Braunfels Canyon 3
Calhoun 21, Crystal City 0
Caney Creek 24, Magnolia 7
Cleburne 23, Alvarado 19
Corsicana 19, Greenville 0
Dallas Lincoln 6, South Garland 3
Dallas Wilson 30, North Dallas 28
Dayton 31, Waller 28
Denison 37, WF Hirschi 7
Denton 27, FW Boswell 7
Denton Ryan 35, FW Western Hills 14
Dripping Springs 41, Harker Heights 20
EP Ysleta 17, EP Jefferson 2
El Campo 14, Brenham 7
El Paso 40, Canutillo 17
FW Southwest 33, Crowley 27
FW Trimble Tech 26, Dallas Adamson 21
Fabens 46, Deming (N.M.) 20
Fredericksburg 35, Marble Falls 7
Frenship 49, Canyon 20
Galena Park 55, Houston Reagan 0
Gregory-Portland 25, Laredo United South 0
Hays 13, Lake Travis 7
Houston Davis 33, Houston Sam Houston 20
Houston Forest Brook 26, Texas City 9
Houston Smiley 33, Dickinson 28
Kerrville Tivy 45, San Angelo Lakeview 14
Lampasas 16, Llano 0
Lawton (Okla.) Eisenhower 28, WF Rider 11
Lockhart 45, Austin Travis 0
Nederland 42, Houston Sterling 0
PA Lincoln 48, Newton 8
Palestine 38, Huntsville 20
Port Lavaca 21, Crystal City 0
Red Oak 20, Azle 0
Rockport-Fulton 40, Aransas Pass 33
SA Alamo Heights 42, SA Brackenridge 14
SA Fox Tech 43, Uvalde 21
SA Southside 21, Somerset 20
San Marcos 15, Austin LBJ 8
Smithson Valley 35, Austin Reagan 0
Snyder 50, Littlefield 22
Stephenville 19, FW Dunbar 0
Sulphur Springs 24, Athens 0
Terrell 6, North Garland 0
Texas High 17, Atlanta 7
WF Hirschi 24, Lawton Okla. MacArthur 10
West Orange-Stark 12, Beaumont Ozen 8
Whitehouse 28, Kaufman 18
Wichita Falls 38, Sherman 7
Wylie 41, Breckenridge 6

Class 3A

Aledo 20, FW Brewer 7
Bandera 21, Medina Valley 0
Barbers Hill 21, Willis 14
Bellville 47, SA Jefferson 7
Bonham 20, Clarksville 8
Bowie 38, FW Castleberry 12
Brady 20, Mason 18
Bridgeport 21, Northwest Academy 14
Burnet 29, Taylor 27
Caldwell 20, Bellville 13
Cameron 31, Lorena 7
Canton 38, Tyler Gorman 0
Center 20, Linden-Kildare 0
Childress 20, Quanah 19
China Spring 39, Glen Rose 0
Crandall 21, Brownsboro 20
Crockett 20, Henderson 14
Cuero 22, Columbus 7
Decatur 27, Boyd 6
Devine 14, Pleasanton 7
Diboll 40, Cleveland 10
Dublin 21, Albany 14
Early 36, Cisco 24
Edna 21, Van Vleck 20
Elgin 65, Austin Johnston 0
Eustace 36, Kerens 22
FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 24, FW North Side 16
Falfurrias 47, Robstown 0
Forney 35, Dallas White 7
Gainesville 10, Vernon 7
Gatesville 27, Robinson 0
George West 41, Riviera 19
Gonzales 16, Floresville 13
Graham 69, Mineral Wells 15
Hallettsville 46, Yorktown 0
Hamshire-Fannett 19, Beaumont Kelly 0
Hebbronville 18, Freer 14
Industrial 29, Louise 13
Ingleside 42, Cotulla 6
Iowa Park 30, Burkburnett 22
Kennedale 14, Kemp 13
La Grange 34, Giddings 14
La Vernia 16, Hondo 10
Lake Worth 27, FW Nolan 11
Liberty 27, Bridge City 7
Lindale 34, Wills Point 12
Longview Spring Hill 31, Corrigan-Camden 21
Luling 33, SA Memorial 7
Madisonville 34, Garrison 6
Manor 53, Austin Akins 0
Marlin 28, Waco University 12
Mexia 35, Mabank 14
Mount Vernon 14, White Oak 9
Odem 27, Bishop 7
Orange Grove 55, Kenedy 17
Orangefield 42, PA Austin 12
Palacios 28, Tidehaven 0
Poteet 25, SA Burbank 19
Queen City 24, Omaha Paul Pewitt 0
Rains 44, Edgewood 0
Rockdale 37, Smithville 6
San Diego 43, Benavides 8
Shallowater 40, Coahoma 6
Stafford 35, Houston Scarborough 0
Sweetwater 42, Greenwood 14
Tatum 61, Rusk 26
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 44, Jefferson 21
Troy 21, Liberty Hill 18
Venus 10, FW Carter-Riverside 0
Waco LaVega 34, Teague 20
West 14, Clifton 8
Wimberley 21, Marion 13
Winnsboro 20, DeKalb 14

Class 2A

Alto 42, San Augustine 28
Anson 7, Knox City 0
Arp 42, New Diana 2
Axtell 21, Waco Parkview 6
Banquete 15, Agua Dulce 14
Big Sandy 12, Harleton 0
Blanco 20, Ingram 7
Brackett 63, Sabinal 13
Callisburg 18, Blooming Grove 6
Celina 34, Little Elm 7
Clifton 14, West 8
Colorado City 21, Crane 6
Cooper 20, Quinlan Ford 14
DeLeon 50, Eastland 28
East Bernard 35, Needville 33
East Chambers 26, Buna 14
Farmersville 28, Bells 7
Florence 13, Valley Mills 12
Forsan 22, Garden City 8
Frankston 45, Elkhart 2
Ganado 14, Yoakum 13
Godley 49, Covington 13
Grand Saline 26, Van 20
Groveton 32, Tarkington 23
Hamlin 30, Merkel 6
Hawley 30, Aspermont 6
Henrietta 35, Whitesboro 21
Holliday 42, Cache Okla 19
Hubbard 13, Moody 0
Hull-Daisetta 41, Huntington 20
Hutto 41, Bartlett 6
Jacksboro 57, Electra 22
Jarrell 49, Bruceville-Eddy 26
Jim Ned 39, Rotan 21
Junction 19, Rocksprings 12
Karnes City 7, Goliad 6
Lexington 30, Rosebud-Lott 20
Malakoff 22, Mineola 9
Mart 42, Groesbeck 12
Millsap 28, Ranger 6
Natalia 21, Medina 8
Navarro 44, Thrall 18
Nocona 27, Muenster 20
Olney 47, Seymour 7
Ore City 22, Overton 10
Ozona 27, Grape Creek 6
Pilot Point 28, Sanger 14
Poth 35, Falls City 13
Randolph 26, Three Rivers 18
Refugio 33, Mathis 14
Rivercrest 18, Alba-Golden 7
Rogers 54, Waco Reicher 6
SA Cole 7, SA St. Anthony 0
San Saba 50, Johnson City 7
Seymour 47, Olney 7
Shelbyville 51, Tenaha 26
Skidmore-Tynan 34, Runge 21
Stamford 23, Clyde 21
Stanton 24, Reagan County 6
Stockdale 44, Jourdanton 7
Thorndale 44, Weimar 9
Timpson 33, Elysian Fields 8
Tornillo 20, Fort Davis 7
Wolfe City 27, Fannindel 22
Woodsboro 40, Ben Bolt 0

Class 1A

Beckville 33, Gilmer Harmony 14
Bremond 62, Bryan Allen Academy 0
Bronte 20, Santa Anna 14
Bryson 62, Oak Trail 14
Celeste 41, Honey Grove 7
Charlotte 49, SA Texas Military 0
Chico 46, Era 6
Christoval 28, Roby 12
Cross Plains 33, Eden 7
Dawson 26, Crawford 14
Frost 35, Maypearl 22
Harper 14, Miles 12
Iraan 47, Irion County 0
Itasca 33, Bosqueville 7
Knox City 7, Anson 0
Leakey 20, SA West Campus JV 8
Little River Academy 46, Franklin 18
Lometa 36, Rising Star 15
Menard 47, Gorman 0
Mount Enterprise 19, Union Grove 13
Munday 28, Haskell 14
Nueces Canyon 26, Dilley 22
Paducah 55, Wheeler 14
Rankin 54, Sterling City 0
Rice Consolidated 35, CC West Oso 8
Robert Lee 48, Water Valley 0
Roscoe 37, Baird 6
Saint Jo 48, Crowell 0
Santo 19, May 0
Shiner 41, Schulenburg 0
Stratford 51, Boise City Okla 13
Tolar 20, Meridian 14
Wortham 21, Palmer 6

Six-Man

Blum 67, Buckholts 26
Coolidge 46, Cranfills Gap 0
Gordon 48, Walnut Springs 0
Grady 44, Hermleigh 32
Jonesboro 72, Morgan 38
Klondike 47, Loraine 42
Newcastle 28, Chillicothe 20
Novice 56, Benjamin 8
Oglesby 56, Iredell 8
Panther Creek 26, Strawn 25
Richland Springs 48, Mullin 0
Rule 42, Harrold 19
Trinidad 46, Penelope 0
Vernon Northside 45, Paint Creek 0
Woodson 56, Lueders-Avoca 8
Veribest 32, Ira 20
Zephyr 44, Rochelle 22

Private Schools

Abilene Christian 54, Rochester 52
Abilene Victory Christian 34, Moran 28
Addison Trinity 48, Italy 0
Arlington Texas Christian 64, Rockwall Heritage 18
Austin St. Michael's 14, Shiner St. Paul 0
Dallas Bishop Lynch 47, Dallas Jefferson 22
Dallas Lakehill 23, Dallas Winston 0
FW Country Day 28, Dallas Christian 0
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 20, Nixon-Smiley 19
Houston Kinkaid 28, Houston Second Baptist 10
Houston Lutheran North 27, Austin Hyde Park 21
Houston St. John's 55, Houston Christian 14
Houston St. Pius 42, Bellaire Episcopal 0
Houston Strake Jesuit 22, Sweeny 14
Midland Trinity 28, O'Donnell 7
Muenster Sacred Heart 20, FW Calvary 0
Pantego Christian 31, Watauga Harvest 21
Rockwall Christian 42, Savoy 8
Round Rock Christian 52, Central Texas Christian 0
Round Rock Stony Point 26, Killeen Shoemaker 0
SA Antonian 7, Carrizo Springs 0
SA Central Catholic 34, SA Kennedy 0
SA St. Gerard 33, Lytle 19
San Marcos Academy 34, Pettus 20
TC-Cedar Hill 40, Balch Springs Christian 16
Victoria St. Joseph 13, Bloomington 12
Watauga Harvest 47, Rowlett Christian 0

Davenport's idea for speedy victory results in mere escape

NEW YORK (AP) — For Lindsay Davenport, the idea was to get off the court in a hurry and conserve her strength for Saturday's U.S. Open championship.

The problem was, Elena Dementieva simply wouldn't cooperate.

Eventually, Davenport escaped with a 6-2, 7-6 (5) victory and had to be happy to see Venus Williams play three grueling sets and stage a brilliant comeback before beating Martina Hingis 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in Friday's other semifinal.

That means No. 2 Davenport plays No. 3 Williams for the women's crown as the final match of Super Saturday. The program was to begin with marathon man Todd Martin playing No. 6 Marat Safin and No. 4 Pete Sampras, bidding to push his record to 14 Grand Slam victories, against No. 9 Lleyton Hewitt in the men's semifinals.

Dementieva won't be there, but she won the hearts of the National Tennis Center crowd with a gritty comeback that forced Davenport to use far more energy than it seemed she would need.

For energy expended, though, it would be hard to match the Williams-Hingis match, which was a tennis slugfest. The players matched each other shot-for-shot.

Hingis thought that might make a difference on Saturday. "Lindsay had an easier match," she said. "I gave Venus a hard time. We'll see if she can regroup herself."

Davenport was cruising against Dementieva, then suddenly was pressed to survive. The No. 2 seed was up 6-2, 5-2 and 40-love, sitting on three match points, when it all began to unravel. Dementieva started making shots, while Davenport started missing them, and in no time, the mismatch was a struggle for survival.

"It was going great," Davenport said. "I was playing exactly the way I wanted to. From there, I didn't put any first serves in. She started making some balls and I started missing some balls. Things just turn like that sometimes in tennis."

Dementieva seized the set, saving five match points, winning four straight games and forcing Davenport to scramble just to push it to a tiebreaker. "Maybe I understand that I'm already lost and then I start to play," the teenager said.

Eventually, Davenport prevailed against the unranked Russian, and was grateful for that. "Toward the end, I wasn't playing very well at all and she was playing a lot better," she said. "To get out of there in two sets, get out of here hopefully a little bit earlier will hopefully help."

Davenport got her wish when Hingis and Williams had a tense, taut match in which they exchanged brilliant shots for nearly two hours.

That left Davenport designing a plan for the championship. It was not a complicated task.

"I've played both so many times," Davenport said. "I'm curious about the outcome, but not curious point-by-point."

Williams and Hingis had the crowd howling over the high quality tennis they played in an exhausting match.

When it was over, Williams seemed excited, promising 90 mph second serves for Davenport, who said that would be no surprise.

"She serves much bigger, hits the ball much harder (than Hingis)," Davenport said. "It's a lot harder to control where you want the ball to go because it's coming a lot faster."

Williams trailed 5-3 in the third set, and it looked like Hingis would finish her off. But Williams would not budge and stretched her winning streak to 25 matches. She is 18-0 on hardcourts this year.

"I just wanted it," she said. "I had this winning streak. She already won the U.S. Open. Maybe it was my turn."

Davenport owns an Open crown, captured two years ago, and has a 9-5 career edge over Williams. But she has lost four of their last five meetings, including the final at Wimbledon two months ago.

Bobby Knight again in eye of controversy

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — "Honk If You Love Coach Knight."

As the latest Bob Knight controversy settled across the Indiana University campus Friday, two students hung that sign outside their apartment.

There was much honking, even though the heavily scrutinized basketball coach was accused of forcefully grabbing a 19-year-old freshman by the arm and cursing him.

The confrontation, which occurred Thursday, was the first involving Knight since he was issued a zero-tolerance warning back in May. The coach says the claims are inaccurate, that he just gave the teen-ager a lecture about manners while holding his arm.

The question university officials face is whether Knight's conduct — be it grabbing the arm or holding it — constitutes "inappropriate physical contact," an action the zero-tolerance policy says will be cause for immediate termination.

"I would have to be an absolute moron — an absolute moron — with the things that have been laid on me to grab a kid in public, or curse at a kid in public, as apparently it's been said that I did," Knight said at a news conference.

Mark Shaw, the stepfather of 19-year-old freshman Kent Harvey, claims Knight confronted his stepson Thursday at Assembly Hall. After the teen greeted him with, "Hey, what's up, Knight?" Shaw, a former Bloomington radio talk-show host and vocal critic of Knight, said the coach took the freshman by the arm and whirled him around.

He said Knight grabbed the teen so hard that the coach's fingernails broke the skin of Harvey's arm.

"He's a freshman in his 10th day of classes, he didn't deserve this," Shaw said. "Even the most ardent Knight supporter is going to have a tough time with this one."

But Knight and assistant basketball coach Mike Davis described the encounter much differently.

Knight said he and the student crossed through a doorway going into Assembly Hall.

"I said, 'Son, my name is not Knight to you. It's Coach Knight or it's Mr. Knight. I don't call people by their last name, and neither should you,'" Knight said.

He said he thought he was teaching Harvey some manners, and his voice never rose.

"That is what happened and that's entirely what happened and any deviation from that is absolutely inaccurate — completely inaccurate," Knight said.

He also called it an "interesting coincidence" that the student was a stepson "of a guy who over the years has probably been the most vitriolic critic I've had."

More than 50 fans who gathered outside during the news conference erupted into cheers as the coach walked out.

Harvey said he addressed Knight "on the spur of a moment" as they were passing each other.

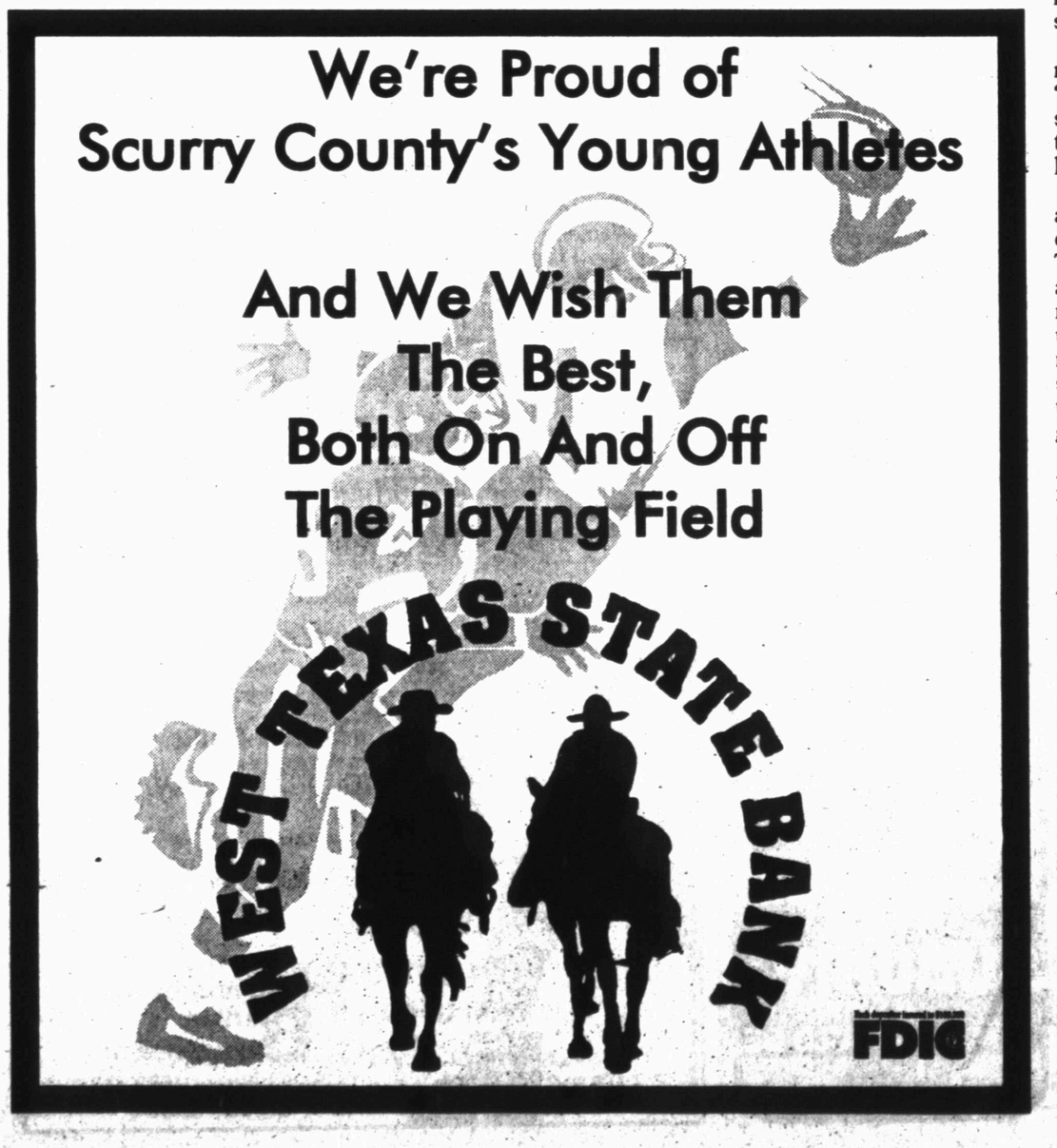
"I called him by his last name and he blew up," he said in an interview with Indianapolis television station WRTV. "I froze. I didn't know what to say. I didn't know what to do."

With Kent Harvey were two brothers — Kyle and Kevin Harvey — and two friends.

Kyle Harvey told the television station he first thought Knight was joking with his brother.

"But he was serious and he was in Kent's face," he said.

Davis, who saw the confrontation, said there was no violence and no profanity from Knight. "He never said a curse word, he never raised his voice."



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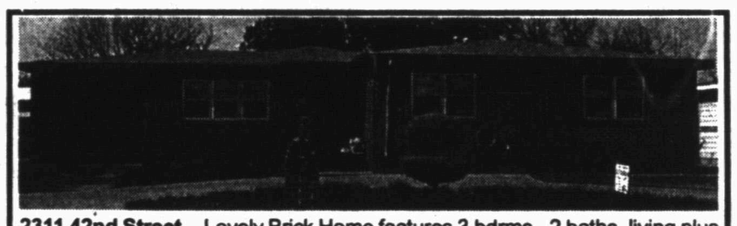

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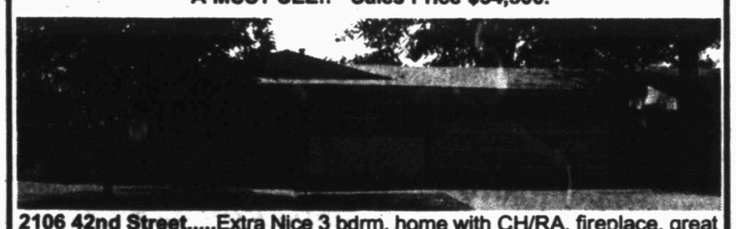

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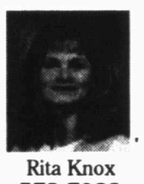
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Wife must decide on her own to diet

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give me suggestions about how to make my wife lose weight. At 5 feet 1 inch tall and 385 pounds, she is truly enormous and her weight is affecting our marriage.

DEAR READER: Your wife clearly suffers from morbid obesity and would benefit from a long-term program of weight reduction. This would be in her best interest, because — aside from the interpersonal issues — recent studies have confirmed that marked obesity places patients at higher risk of health consequences, such as diabetes, heart attack, stroke and hypertension.

However, your continuing insistence on her weight reduction is unlikely to achieve any positive results until she is willing to take matters into her own hands and ask for help, either from a support group (such as Overeaters Anonymous or Weight Watchers), a dietary plan (such as Slim-Fast) or from a physician and dietician. Although an occasional obese person may suffer from a metabolic imbalance that needs treatment by a medical specialist, most obesity is the result of overeating and inadequate exercise.

People often mistakenly believe that they can alter behavior in others: "make" them stop eating too much, drinking alcohol to excess, using drugs and so forth. Such an unrealistic attitude is doomed to failure. We can't "make" anybody do anything — until he or she is motivated to do so, and then our harping becomes redundant anyway.

I urge you to share your concerns with your wife. Explain that you worry about her health and future, but you realize that only she can make the necessary changes in her habits and behavior. Remind her that resources are available to help her — and then back off. You've done your job at that point; the rest is up to her. In other words, encourage but don't nag.

I'll wager that your wife is not happy about her weight problem either, but she may nonetheless welcome your attention, even if it is negative. By articulating the problem and sharing your feelings, you are engaging in adult-to-adult communication. Then drop the subject, and let her take responsibility for improving her looks and her health. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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: Last year I was hospitalized for pseudomonas double pneumonia. IV antibiotics cured me, but on two separate occasions, I've had minor recurrences. Please explain pseudomonas. Does anxiety make me more susceptible to these lung infections?

DEAR READER: Pseudomonas, a common type of bacterium, can cause infection anywhere in the body. They are particularly dangerous, however, because they — unlike other bacteria (such as strep and staph) — are resistant to traditional antibiotics.

Pseudomonas pneumonia is unusual. The fact that you had it on several occasions suggests that your lung resistance to infection is somehow defective. This could be due to severe chronic bronchitis, lung abscess or similar conditions.

Because many newer antibiotics are effective against pseudomonas, such infections no longer carry a high mortality rate. Nonetheless, as you've discovered, therapy is not consistently curative; either you failed to receive the proper amount of antibiotic or your immunity is deficient, resulting in repeated infections.

Your case is unusual. Therefore, I suggest that you query your physician about the reasons for your pneumonia — and your prognosis. If your pulmonary resistance is compromised by, say, a chronic infection, your doctor may choose to administer long-term antibiotic therapy or refer you to a pulmonologist (lung specialist) for further testing and treatment.

Anxiety does not play a role in your susceptibility to infection, which is caused by bacteria. However, I can understand why you would experience the consequences of stress as a result of your predisposition to pneumonia and the uncertainty about having another flare-up. Your doctor, by answering your questions, should be able to alleviate your anxiety as well as to plan a sensible approach to your physical problem.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My father-in-law, age 56, recently died without warning, after having been admitted to a hospital. He complained of abdominal pain. We still do not know his diagnosis or cause of death. The hospital refused to perform an autopsy. Why?

DEAR READER: In the past, for generations of physicians, the autopsy was vital. This post-mortem examination enabled doctors to learn the exact cause of death, as well as medical mistakes that may have contributed to an untimely demise. The autopsy was considered to be an essential part of the clinicians' ongoing medical education.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. The incidence of autopsies has plummeted. In fact, hospitals now may actually discourage post-mortem examinations.

The reason for this is surprisingly simple: Hospitals and doctors do not wish to expose themselves to litigation stemming from medical mistakes or misdiagnoses. In short, autopsies have become the basis for malpractice suits, rather than teaching tools.

In my view, this change in orientation is unacceptable, because it is the very antithesis of good medical care. I need to know why my patient died, especially if the death was unexpected. Did I — or the lab — make a mistake? Did I, the attending physician, miss some vital part of the medical history or the examination that could have led to a preventable result? Could the hospital learn, from the autopsy, ways to prevent a similar occurrence?

Recent TV reports have addressed this problem, pointing out that many families have requested autopsies by independent pathologists to solve these very problems. This, in my opinion, is unnecessary.

In all fairness, I should add, many families refuse autopsies. The common reason is that "our loved one has suffered enough." But this reasoning is facetious: a post-mortem examination certainly does not cause pain or discomfort; moreover, the autopsy can be performed in a respectful and limited manner if the family so desires.

Thus, I am vehemently opposed to the current practice and, to prove my point, I almost always request an autopsy on patients who have died unexpectedly and without warning. How else can I learn?

For example, about 10 years ago, I was privileged to care for an elderly man with cancer and emphysema. Because of increasing shortness-of-breath, without pain, he entered the hospital. Four days later, he died in his sleep. I ordered an autopsy. Much to my surprise, the examination showed the cause of death to be multiple blood clots in his lungs, a possibility that I had not considered. I was chastened and now consider pulmonary emboli (the medical term for this affliction) in any patient who experiences sudden breathlessness. Without the autopsy, I would have remained smug and secure in my lack of knowledge. I learned from the experience and the family obtained closure. Could I have been sued? Possibly. But after speaking at length to the patient's survivors, it became obvious that the patient was desperately ill and that any intervention on my part would have served only to prolong the inevitable.

The belief of some hospitals and doctors that autopsies invariably lead to malpractice suits is sure tomfoolery. More important, most families — in my experience — are grateful to learn the facts, even if such facts prove that physicians and hospitals are subject to criticism.

Of course, I wouldn't encourage an autopsy for an advanced cancer patient whose pain had been controlled with narcotics, who was clearly in a terminal state and for whom a painless death was paramount. But for others, a post-mortem examination is completely appropriate.

I do not know the cause of your father-in-law's death and I refuse to speculate. But I can say this: An autopsy should have been mandatory.

Although my comments come too late to assist you, they will — perhaps — help other families who are struggling with grief and uncertainty. Autopsies are good, the reasons to utilize them are solid, and any hospital should be encouraged to use them.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know that vitamin C is destroyed by heat, sunlight and air. Is there any left in frozen, canned or bottled juice?

DEAR READER: Because vitamin C is, as you mentioned, somewhat unstable, companies that process orange juice and other products take special pains to preserve it. The vitamin is not affected by freezing. Cans keep out light. Bottled juice is vacuum-packed to seal in freshness.

The primary problem with orange juice is its tendency to lose vitamin C once out of its original container — when the juice has, for example, been reconstituted and left open to the air or put in the refrigerator. Therefore, for maximum benefit, processed orange juice is best when not stored after opening. Of course, the most effective container is the orange skin itself; perhaps this is why fresh-squeezed orange juice remains the gold standard for us juice-lovers. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." 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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We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the flowers, food and loving kindness shown by our many friends during the loss of our Mother, Enriquetta Treviño.

Thank you and God bless you.

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To the United Supermarket checker & other employees who helped me when I lost control of my body. Thanks to the ambulance crew that took me to the emergency room where I received good care. I thank Dr. Thompson and the 3rd Floor hospital staff.

I cherish all the happy moments I received from the angels that came by to visit, the cards & the telephone calls. A special thank you to the preacher that came & said a prayer and also to my family that was there for me.

Thanks again,
Clara Tate

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3 men ambushed with assault rifle

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A man with an assault rifle opened fire on a car stopped at a traffic light Friday, killing three of the four people inside, authorities said.

At least 24 shots were fired in the pre-dawn ambush on U.S. 30, about two miles west of Atlantic City's Boardwalk casinos, according to prosecutor Jeffrey Blitz.

The victims probably knew the killer, who remained at large late Friday, Blitz said.

The gunman began on the driver's side and then walked around the car, firing through the windows and killing the two passengers on the right side of the vehicle.

One victim tried to flee but was shot to death as he ran down the highway.

The survivor was injured by flying glass but was not shot,.

Nation's hunger rate fell 24 percent in late 1990s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of hungry families dropped by 24 percent as the nation's economy boomed in the late 1990s, but millions of working poor still have trouble getting adequate food, the government said Friday.

Slightly less than 3 million families, or 2.8 percent of the nation's households, had at least one member who went hungry in 1999, down from 3.95 million in 1995, according to an annual Agriculture Department report.

Another 6 million households were on the edge of hunger last year. They're considered to be "food insecure," meaning that they did not have assured access at all times to adequate food.

Altogether, there were 27 million people, including nearly 11 million children, that were hungry or at least food-insecure in 1999, down from 30 million four years earlier.

"While the progress for the population as a whole is significant, it remains appalling and almost bizarre that after eight years of economic recovery we still have 27 million people who are food insecure," said Jim Weill, president of the Food Research and Action Center, an advocacy group.

Among the working poor, the number of families going hungry was dramatically down between 1995 and 1999, but more than one in four households was still considered food-insecure.

There were an estimated 3.6 million households with incomes of between 50 percent and 130 percent of the poverty line — $8,350 to $21,710 for a family of four — who went hungry or were uncertain about getting enough food in 1999.

Federal officials say that many low-income workers who qualify for food stamps aren't getting them because they don't know they are eligible or have been discouraged from participating in the program because of government red tape, including the complexity of applications, which vary by state.

Enrollment in the program has dropped by a third since 1996. The Agriculture Department funds the food-stamp program but benefits are distributed by states.

Lenient sentence criticized

BOSTON (AP) — Lawyers are rallying around a judge who sentenced a man to one year of home detention after he pleaded guilty to kidnapping and trying to rape a 12-year-old boy.

Superior Court Judge Maria Lopez on Wednesday sentenced Charles Horton, 32, to wear an electronic ankle bracelet, with permission to attend school and counseling.

The decision stirred the ire of Gov. Paul Cellucci, who will examine Lopez's record for a pattern of leniency. Meanwhile, other community leaders demand a hearing which could force Lopez to step down from the bench.

"This is a disturbing decision," Cellucci said Thursday. "It is every parent's worst nightmare: Your young child gets snatched up by a stranger, lured away, and assaulted. ... Instead of protecting the defendant from the prosecutors, the judge should be protecting the public from the defendant."

Prosecutors had sought a sentence of eight to 10 years in jail, plus 10 years of probation.

An advocate for transgendered people, Penni Matz, said Horton was being singled out. "It was a 'We have to stop these freaks from doing this' sort of thing, and I think (the judge) responded appropriately to it," Matz said.

Lopez defended her decision in a statement.

"There were certain facts before me known by both the prosecutors and the district attorney that were part of the plea conference and cannot be revealed by me, but would undoubtedly change the characterization of the case as currently reported by some media outlets," Lopez said.

Those facts include a social worker's report that Horton acknowledged guilt, was remorseful and not a predator, according to Bill Leahy, chief counsel at the public defenders office.

"This was not a total stranger event," Leahy said. "This is a little different from a stranger coming down the street and snatching your kid."

Horton admitted to luring the boy into his car Nov. 20 while dressed as a woman by asking him to help him find "her" son, and holding a screwdriver to the boy's neck while forcing him to simulate sex acts.

Michael Doolin, a defense attorney who has argued in front of Lopez, described her as an "intelligent, hardworking" justice.

"In this case she displayed a lot of courage by sticking to what she indicated she was going to do," he said.

Paul J. Martinek, an attorney and publisher of lawyersweekly.com, which features the Boston legal community, said Friday that Lopez does not have a reputation for handing down particularly soft sentences. He called public outcry for hearings "preposterous."

The judge's sentencing decisions have put her in the spotlight before. Last year, she allowed probation for a woman who pleaded guilty to beating and burning her 13-year-old daughter. She also sentenced a former correction officer to probation for repeatedly raping an 11-year-old girl.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000

The urge to poke your nose into strange places to gather fresh knowledge will pay off quite handsomely in the year ahead. What you learn now will give you an edge over your competitors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A clever idea you come up with at work today could go a long way toward chalking up points with those who pass out the bonuses or promotions. Make sure they're aware of your innovations. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A chance meeting with an old friend today who you haven't seen for quite some time could be the harbinger of something more interesting and exciting ahead for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even if you don't get off to a dazzling start today, chances are your finish will be quite dramatic and desirable. All in all, it's the end results that count.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fortunately for you today, you're likely to say all the right things, because your comments at this time could have a greater impact on friends than you may realize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although there are plenty of benefits that can be cashed in on today, what you gain or acquire and how you go about doing so will come about in a very unique way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stay flexible and alert today, because it'll likely be more from what you do on the spur-of-the-moment rather than from preplanned activities that will bring you your greatest benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) By using answers you arrive at deductively as well as intuitively you should be able to size up situations very accurately today. It pays to use all your faculties.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Those with whom you choose to spend your day will have an enormous effect upon your outlook today. If they're full of creative, progressives thoughts, you will be, as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The race will go to the swift and sharp today, so this is not a time to dilly-dally. Get yourself in gear early, because you won't be given a second try.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Some type of unusual information may come into your possession today. Although it might not help your present plans, it could be of real value to you in the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Through a person who is more of a friend than a mere business acquaintance, some type of benefit to you businesswise might be dropped in your lap today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Just because someone's reasoning is not along traditional lines doesn't mean it isn't any good. On the contrary, the concepts could be inspirational. Listen well.

Monday, Sept. 11, 2000

Conditions over which you may have little or no control could usher in uninvited changes in the year ahead. However, flow with events and things can still be worked out to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to allow anything to cause you to deviate from your game plan today. This is especially true of giving credence to on-the-moment thinking that might be faulty. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This might not be one of your more productive days today, but it won't be because you lack industriousness. It will be due to others dumping all their burdens on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your get-up-and-go might not match your opportunities today, so keep your hopes and expectations within reasonable bounds, or be prepared to deal with disappointment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Assess your competition realistically today. Don't make them out to be more than they are, but don't make them out to be less formidable, either.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Mind set is all important today in your ability to take on and learn a new subject matter. If you're intimidated by the material, keep in mind that if others can learn it, so can you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When faced with opposition and frustration while attempting to conduct business as usual today, do the best you can and temporarily put aside any critical matters.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Applying additional pressure in attempting to alter your mate's position on issues where you hold divergent opinions may only make matters worse today. Put things on hold for awhile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Should the help you were expecting not be forthcoming today, don't show your temper. Although it may be justified, it'll only make matters worse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you want to do today could be totally opposed to what your friends may desire. Either go it alone or be prepared to go along with the will of the majority. Be a good sport.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unfortunately, an objective you consider imperative today might not be thought of with the same sense of urgency by others involved. You have two choices: Wait or take it on alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful of your behavior today, because little infractions you would normally overlook in friends could become extremely irritating to you today. Be forgiving of their shortcomings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Intimidating circumstances could permeate your commercial dealings today. Don't be taken in by a smoke screen. Assess conditions to see if it's all just a bluff.

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Survivor describes bus wreck

RENO, Nev. (AP) — John Brown remembers that his tour bus full of British tourists zigged and zagged like "a Walt Disney ride" before flipping on its side and coming to a screeching halt in the middle of Nevada's high desert.

"It's a nightmare," he told reporters Friday at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, about 200 miles north of the crash site near Tonopah, Nev.. All 41 people aboard were injured, some seriously.

Twenty-two people remained hospitalized Friday, including Brown's 44-year-old wife, Audrey. She was in satisfactory condition with face and shoulder injuries after being dragged along the ground as the bus slid 200 feet on its side.

The Nevada Highway Patrol blamed Thursday's crash on "driver inattention."

A 72-year-old woman from Derby, England, lost both her arms. She and five others who were seriously injured were the first airlifted to hospitals 200 miles away — to the north to Reno and the south to Las Vegas.

"We were looking forward to the trip on to Hawaii. But I only care that we're not dead. We're alive," said Brown, 47.

Five people remained in serious condition Friday in hospitals in Reno and Las Vegas.

The tourists had flown from London to San Francisco, where they started the bus leg of the tour, traveling to Los Angeles and Las Vegas. They were headed north again Thursday for Mammoth Lakes, Calif., when the bus went off U.S. 6, a two-lane road in remote central Nevada.

The driver tried to overcorrect to the left, and the bus traveled across both lanes and went off the left side of the road, authorities said. The driver again overcorrected, and the bus overturned and slid for about 200 feet on its side.

Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Richard James said an investigation was continuing but no drugs or alcohol were involved and speed was not believed to be a factor either. "We're pretty much focusing on driver error," he said.

Brown, from Scotland, said the driver's side was sliding on its side "and passengers were being dragged physically along the side, which resulted in horrific injuries. I never thought I was really going to be injured. At that point, it was something like in a carnival, a Walt Disney ride where you go up and down but you survive."

Once the bus stopped, people were crying, he said, adding: "Everybody was trying to console each other. We knew we had to get people out of the bus."

The driver, Lotfali Rankouh of Los Angeles, suffered minor injuries.

The bus was registered to California Sun Lines Inc. in Chatsworth, Calif.

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Excavation firm didn't inform officials

ABILENE (AP) — An excavation company reportedly didn't tell state safety and environmental officials or take safety precautions before a planned dig that resulted in a fatal explosion after a bulldozer struck a gas pipeline.

Officials from the state's environmental agency, two excavation warning agencies, and Exxon-Mobil Corp., which owns the pipeline, said Smith Dozer Service apparently didn't inform the proper officials before digging at a mobile home near the Abilene Regional Airport.

The bulldozer reportedly ruptured a gas pipeline, which spewed a haze of propane across State Highway 36. The cloud of gas was ignited around 5 p.m. Thursday by a spark from semi-truck or a car driven by longtime Abilene police detective Jay Hatcher.

Hatcher, 42, was caught in the blast, suffered third-degree burns on over 90 percent of his body and died less than 10 hours later at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Abilene resident Rita Franssen was injured after diving into her pool, just beating the flames which passed over her head and leveled her home. She was released from an Abilene hospital Friday.

"The apparent failure in this instance to follow this standard procedure, if substantiated, would have been an inexcusable deviation from a common practice," Dick Rabinow, president of Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. in Houston, told the Abilene Reporter-News in Saturday's editions.

Texas law requires anyone excavating deeper than 16 inches with mechanized equipment to call one of several toll-free numbers 48 hours prior to excavation.

A lawyer for the excavation company said authorities had been alerted to the dig.

"I talked to the people who called them," Bishop said, but declined to identify the callers or provide confirmation numbers.

Officials are still sorting through the records of Texas Excavation Safety System, Inc. and the One Call Board of Texas, two nonprofit organizations that determine which utility companies have buried pipelines or cables in the area and inform the excavation company.

Muslim rebels release four European tourists Saturday

JOLO, Philippines (AP) — Muslim rebels on Saturday released four European tourists held hostage for 140 days in a Philippine jungle, despite a bloody attack earlier in the day on two go-betweens, government negotiators said.

The Abu Sayyaf, who say they are fighting for an independent Islamic state in the mostly Roman Catholic Philippines, still have 16 other hostages, including two French journalists, 13 Filipinos and an American, who was being held by a separate faction of the same rebel group.

After the four European tourists were released Saturday to go-betweens at the rebels' Jolo island camp, military helicopters lifted them out of the remote jungle camp and carried them to Zamboanga city. The gaunt, bearded hostages beamed as they arrived.

"We were not sure at all of being released today," said Stephane Loisy of France. "We heard the shooting where we were located. And suddenly we were taken in a car and we were actually freed."

The youngest hostage, German Marc Wallert, 27, raised both arms as he stepped down.

"It feels great of course," said Wallert, whose mother and father were released earlier.

In Germany, Wallert's parents rejoiced when told of his release.

"This is the happiest day of my life," his father, teacher Werner Wallert, said in the family's hometown of Goettingen. "But I'll only believe he's free when I see him at the helicopter."

Besides Loisy and Wallert, Finns Risto Vahanen and Seppo Juhani Franti were released Saturday. All were kidnapped April 23 from Malaysia's Sipadan diving resort.

After being presented to their ambassadors in Zamboanga, they were to spend the night in the Philippines before flying to Tripoli aboard a Libyan plane, chief government negotiator Robert Aventajado said.

Libya, a key player in the negotiations, paid $1 million for each of the hostages, negotiators said.

Two French television journalists and 12 Filipino Christian evangelists seized in early July when they visited the camp were not freed, Aventajado said. A Filipino resort worker, the last of 21 hostages seized at Sipadan, is being held at another camp.

60 people are killed when truck explodes

BEIJING (AP) — A truck carrying explosives blew up in China's restive Muslim northwest, killing 60 people, injuring 173 others and scorching nearby vehicles and homes, officials and state media said Saturday.

The Xinhua News Agency reported the casualty count in the explosion Friday evening in Urumqi, capital of the Xinjiang region, and officials with the city police and government confirmed the account. But they provided few details.

Investigators believe the explosion was an accident, although they have not ruled out terrorism, said an official with Xinjiang's foreign propaganda office, who gave only his surname, Zhang.

Police and paramilitary units cleared the wreckage through the night, sending the injured to at least four area hospitals, government and medical officials said.

Some among the 90 injured taken to the Coal Mining Hospital were permanently blinded or crippled by the explosion, said an emergency room administrator, surnamed Chen.

The explosion occurred around 5:30 p.m. on a major artery in the sprawling industrial city's western suburbs that was crowded with residents leaving work. Xinhua said the truck was taking the explosives for disposal when they detonated. It added that more than 20 vehicles and homes were damaged.

"I heard a boom and saw black smoke in the sky," said an employee at the Materials Transport Co., also surnamed Chen. He ran a mile from his office to the explosion.

He counted at least 50 people dead and saw the injured, too numerous to count, lying on the road and sidewalk. He said the truck that apparently carried the explosives was a military vehicle.

Obituaries

Leslie Gill

1932-2000

Leslie (Sonny) Gill of Snyder died Friday, Sept. 8, in Valley Fair Lodge in Colorado City following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Gill, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Clifton Griffith, pastor of Union Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born July 21, 1932 in Bell County, he married Mavis Leonard on Dec. 17, 1963 in Colorado City. She died Aug. 6, 1987. Mr. Gill and his family moved to the Snyder area in 1941. He had also lived in the Fluvanna area. Mr. Gill was a truck driver and was employed at Grimmett Bros. for a number of years.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Gill, and a brother, James Gill, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Dorothy Gill of Snyder; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cherry and Clint Hembree, Louise and Harvey Stevenson and Bessie McCauley, all of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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Final Ritz auditions scheduled Monday

Final auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre fall production, *The Foreigner,* will be held Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square.

The cast of the comedy by Larry Shue requires five men and two women.

The action of the play takes place at Betty Meeks' Fishing Lodge Resort in Tilghman County, Georgia.

The characters include two Englishmen: Sargent "Froggy" LeSueur, a British demolition expert in the U.S. as a guest instructor, and his friend Charlie Baker, a former army buddy he has brought with him to the U.S. to recover from a disastrous marriage.

Froggy is outgoing and self-confident, while Charlie is just the opposite, shy and petrified at the thought of having to meet and talk to strangers.

Both have British accents and are in their late thirties or early forties. The other characters are all Southern natives and speak with Southern accents.

Betty Meeks, about 70, is the widow of Omer Meeks and the naïve proprietress of the lodge. David Lee, a young clergyman, is a very likable young man interested in purchasing the lodge with the aid of his fiancée's money.

Catherine Simms is his demanding and spoiled fiancée. Ellerd Simms is her backward, somewhat dim-witted brother.

Owen Musser is the red-necked local who is in charge of the Klu Klux Klan.

The inventive comic script is equal in hilarity to the playwright's class comedy *The Nerd.* It won awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway production.

The dates for the Ritz production are scheduled for Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12. Sue Parham is directing and may be reached at 573-9068 for additional information.

Julia files for write-in post

AUSTIN — Pete Julia, recent Reform Party nominee for U.S. Representative District 17, became a write-in candidate for the office. The Texas Secretary of State received the required statement and $2,500 fee and confirmed his new status as a write-in Thursday.

Julia, who resides in Abilene, is running as a write-in candidate in the Nov. 7 general election for the office that is currently held by Democrat Charles Stenholm.

Woman reports storage burglary

• ***Burglary***

Angela Stowe notified officers at 5:49 p.m. Friday that someone had taken several items from her storage building. A report for burglary of a building was taken.

• ***Family disturbance***

A 14-year-old contacted officers at 5:54 p.m. Friday to report that he was having problems with his father at their residence in the 4500 block of College.

Officers were called to the same address at 4:46 a.m. Saturday in reference to a dispute between the father and son. According to the police blotter, no assault occurred, only a verbal altercation.

• ***Criminal mischief***

At 6:48 p.m. Friday, Sue West reported criminal mischief to her vehicle in the 400 block of 34th Street.

• ***Shoplifter***

Officers were called to Wal-Mart at 8:05 p.m. Friday in reference to two juvenile shoplifters in the store. No charges were filed, and the juveniles were taken to their grandmother's residence.

• ***Fight***

Police were called to the College Park Apartments at 10:13 p.m. Friday in reference to a fight. No charges were filed.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 8—Wesley Dabney, Jennifer Orosco and Zella White.

DISMISSALS: Maria Castillo, Stanley Green, Velma Hester of Colorado City, Bertha McQueen, Lisa Rollins and baby; Robert Sharp, Ophelia Trevey and Etta Wilson.

CENSUS: 35 (Med./Surg.-6, Long-tern Care-25, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Tanner Darius Miller announces the birth of his sister, Meagan Kay Miller. Meagan was born at 6:03 a.m. on Sept. 2 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 10 pounds, 3½ ounces. Parents are Kenny and Dana Miller of Clyde.

Grandparents are Vick and Connie Miller of Snyder and Sandra Poe of San Antonio.

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Nazarene church revival

The First Church of the Nazarene is hosting a revival through Sunday. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Speakers will include the Revs. Malcolm Bolger and Wales Lankford. Special music will be provided. All are invited.

Fish fry

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion, 1800 Ave. R. Tickets, $5 each, can be purchased at the Legion in advance or at the door. Call 574-6805.

'Spooky Tuesday' set

Western Texas College and Baptist Student Ministries will host "Spooky Tuesday" live in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Spooky Tuesday is a modern progressive Christian rock band from Hawaii. Food provided by local churches will be served before the concert, from 7-8 p.m. in the WTC student center. All area College and high school students are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Homecoming parade

SHS Student Council is seeking homecoming parade entries. Cash prizes will be given in three categories – floats, cars-golf carts, and walkers-bicycles. Entry fee is $10 for floats, $5 for cars or other vehicles, and $3 for walkers, bikes or golf carts. Contact Christy Smith at 573-6301 by Monday. Parade is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church for an ice cream party.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God is Not a Respecter of Persons," followed by "The Christian and Public Morality."

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will meet as part of the United Way kickoff luncheon Tuesday at noon.

West parents meeting

West Elementary parents and teachers organization will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school library. Projects and fundraisers will be discussed.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Diabetes support group

The diabetes support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Cowboy camp meeting

Bull Creek Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held next weekend at the Doyle and Shirley Newton Ranch. Monty Price will preach. Leann and Suzan Price will lead praise and worship. A chuckwagon supper is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday with the worship service immediately following. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday and worship at 10 a.m. to be followed by lunch. Bring a salad or dessert. For directions, call 573-0968.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Thursday, Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Joint class reunion

The SHS classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 will hold a joint reunion Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from the hospital), is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to please return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Pick 3

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

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

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Texas Million

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

12-22-76-86

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Are guidelines accurate?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My trainer directed me to http://more.com for help with some nutritional questions. I want to learn how to best interpret the nutritional panels on packaged foods to determine what is best to eat (or not to eat). For example, I have learned that every 100 calories should not have more than 3 grams of total fat. Is this a good guideline? Is there a similar ratio for carbohydrates versus sugar? Any other suggestions would be appreciated. — **K.B., San Francisco, Calif.**

Dear K.B.: Similar to the way that the new "Supplement Facts" tells you what is in your bottle of supplements, the "Nutrition Facts" panel on foods is designed to give you information about what's in your food package. Knowing what is in the foods you eat allows you to compare one with another, helping you to better understand how foods fit into your daily diet.

The percentage of calories from fat is not always specifically indicated on food labels, but it's easy to determine. The most direct method is to divide the calories from fat by the total calories. (Both figures are listed under "Amount Per Serving" on the nutrition panel.)

Another method uses grams of fat and total calories. "Nutrition Facts" lists the amount contained in one serving, so see how many grams of fat there are for every 100 calories. Every gram of fat (per 100 calories) represents 9 percent of calories from fat. For example, if one serving contains 200 calories and 6 grams of fat, this would be the equivalent of 3 grams of fat for every 100 calories. This means that the food gets 27 percent of its calories from fat. (If you multiply three by nine, you get 27.)

You ask if 27 percent of calories from fat is a good guideline. I believe that a healthful diet can include a wide range of dietary fat: It all depends on the healthfulness of the foods being consumed. Twenty-seven represents a good midpoint, but I advise people to have plenty of greens, grains and fruits regardless of how much fat they consume. Keep in mind that if your goal is to get 27 percent of your calories from fat, some foods will have more and some less. Your goal represents an average of all the foods you have throughout the day.

There isn't a recommended ratio for carbohydrates versus sugar, but there are common-sense dietary guidelines.

Sugar is neither a poison nor an unsafe food additive, but a diet high in simple sugars is not in your best interest. One convenient method to calculate a maximum daily sugar allowance is to take your body weight in pounds and divide it by three. The answer is the maximum amount, in grams, that you should have per day. Someone weighing 150 pounds, for example, would be allowed 50 grams per day. This is the total of the sugars naturally present in foods plus sugar used as a sweetener.

FYI: On the food label, "sugars" refers to the sum of sucrose (table sugar), glucose, fructose, galactose and lactose. Total carbohydrates is the sum of the sugars, complex carbohydrates, fiber and sugar alcohols, which includes sorbitol and xylitol.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In a recent answer, you told someone to select carrots with the tops on to assure reasonable freshness. I read in an organic gardening magazine that when carrots are pulled from the ground, you should break off the tops as soon as possible to preserve the nutrients in the root. This is because the plant will pull its nutrients to the top, and the root will lose nutrients. Please comment. Thank you very much. — **L.L., Fresno, Calif.**

Dear L.L.: There are a couple of issues here. The first is wanting a fresh product and the second is not wanting the tops on for an extended period of time. The key, as I see it, is that finding the carrots with healthy-looking tops indicates a freshly picked product. They are usually iced and rushed to market. If not, the tops will wilt. Finding these carrots fresh with the tops on, then taking the tops off, will give you a fresher product than shopping for carrots without tops, which give you no idea how long they've been around.

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

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

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Powder used by hospitals recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Massachusetts company is recalling "sterile talc powder" sold to hospitals because the powder, used for lung complications in certain seriously ill patients, may not be sterile.

Bryan Corp. of Woburn, Mass., recalled all lots of its "talc powder" after the Food and Drug Administration said the company was selling an unapproved product and after testing found bacteria in some bottles.

The FDA said thousands of the bottles were sold to hospitals around the country and in Canada. Health workers were urged to quit using the powder immediately.

The recalled powder does not sell under a brand name, but Bryan Corp. is listed on the label. Four grams of the product are sold in a 100-milliliter amber vial, which also lists catalog number 1690.

The FDA said no illnesses have been reported to date.

Wildfires subsiding; normal life elusive for some people

DARBY, Mont. (AP) — Montana's summer of fire is winding down, but it will be a long time until Charlotte Zikan can resume life as she knew it before flames reduced the house where she lived for 25 years to charred rubble.

Foresters have told Zikan it will be a year and a half before she'll know whether the hillside behind the rubble is stable enough for her to rebuild.

"It's a waiting game," Zikan, 62, said this week as she picked through the blackened bed frames, pieces of pottery, and nails among the debris of her house in southwestern Montana's Bitterroot Valley. Now, she is staying with friends.

As firefighters move out of Montana and on to other wildfire-ravaged Western states, there is no shipping out and no immediate forecast of normalcy for Zikan and hundreds of others whose lives were thrown into disarray.

The American Red Cross says recovering from the fire catastrophe will be different from the aftermath of other natural disasters, because people are having to keep their lives on hold longer.

"A tornado comes and a tornado goes," said Bob Howard, Red Cross spokesman in Missoula. "People know the extent of the damage and what they have to deal with."

There are many unknowns in the aftermath of the Montana wildfires, which began in July and had blackened 935,700 acres as of Friday. Hit hardest was the Bitterroot area, where 64 homes were destroyed.

Blazes that ripped through trees and other protective cover on slopes, may have left unstable land behind. The health effects of prolonged exposure to smoke for residents with respiratory problems will not be known for months. And with several weeks remaining in the fire season, there is a risk new blazes will erupt or the ongoing fires will flare up.

"It's been hard on a lot of people, physically and emotionally," said Gretchen Serwacki, who was evacuated for a full month.

Serwacki and her husband were allowed to return home when the last of the Bitterroot evacuation orders ended on Tuesday. But their homecoming was delayed when they learned their place had septic-tank problems, apparently caused by the removal of trees.

"We think we're blessed that we still have our house," said Serwacki, who has been living in a campground motorhome.

Foresters, soil scientists, fire experts and others are assessing the intensity of the fires from one place to another. Measures to rehabilitate the land will vary with severity of the burning, said Jack Kendley, a Forest Service spokesman.

The study of the fires' intensity will provide information for managers of public lands and for private landowners like Zikan.

Many of Zikan's pine trees died in the fire, as did her small fruit orchard. Some blackened apples still hang on branches and others are scattered about the ground, like charcoal briquettes dumped from a barbecue.

The backyard fruit is replaceable, but so many other things are not: Zikan's baby book, her late father's billfold. "I don't think I have any record of my mother's handwriting," she said. "You don't think about things like that."

When the fire hit her house on Aug. 6, Zikan was at a wedding. She had removed two carloads of belongings, after being told the house was in harm's way, yet she still thought it would still be intact when she came back.

"What fireplace is not left standing?" she said Wednesday as she paused amid the rubble, where only the living room fireplace remained.

Farmers planting corn mazes

LA SALLE, Colo. (AP) — Frustrated by the economic hardships of farming, Glen Fritzler took a machete to his rows of corn and built his own personal "Field of Dreams."

Unlike the Hollywood movie, there was little doubt that Fritzler's cornfield attraction — 10 acres of towering stalks shaped like a bronco's head — would draw visitors.

"It's mysterious," said Fritzler, whose corn maze drew nearly 700 people on its opening day last week. "It's a phenomenal feeling when the stars are out."

Hundreds of farmers have carved their fields into mazes across the nation — from a school house clock in Huntersville, N.C., to a sundial in Macedon, N.Y. — in hopes of making more money from the land than by simply farming it.

"I've got some farmers who have made more money off their maze than they have in the last 20 years," said Brett Herbst, owner of the maze design company Maize LLC.

Fritzler's maze, which opened Labor Day weekend near this rural northeastern Colorado town, is reminiscent of the Denver Broncos football logo with the words, "Giddy Up Colorado."

Using handouts that provide navigational clues with riddles, visitors try to find their way through the winding dirt trails carved out of cornstalks that tower nearly 10 feet. The cost: $4 for children, $6 for adults.

"Everybody else can go swimming or to the gymnasium, but who goes to a corn maze?" said Barb Atwood, of nearby Greeley, who held her 9-year-old son's birthday party at Fritzler's maze. "I know we're going to get lost but I don't care because we're in corn."

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With Continentals...

3 locals enjoy touring

Three Snyder youth, all members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, spent five spiritually fulfilled weeks touring with The Continentals this summer, a nonprofit interdenominational ministry.

From July 14-Aug. 21, Steven Crain and Kris Casas toured with one of the groups and Trace Dennis traveled with another group. Kris graduated from Snyder High School in May and now attends Western Texas College. Trace and Steven are both juniors at SHS.

Kris and Trace were singers, and Steven served as a sound technician.

Kris and Steven toured several states in the U.S., performing at churches in Kansas, Arizona, Louisiana, Florida, Missouri and the West Indies Island of Trinidad.

Trace's group also performed in several states in the U.S.,

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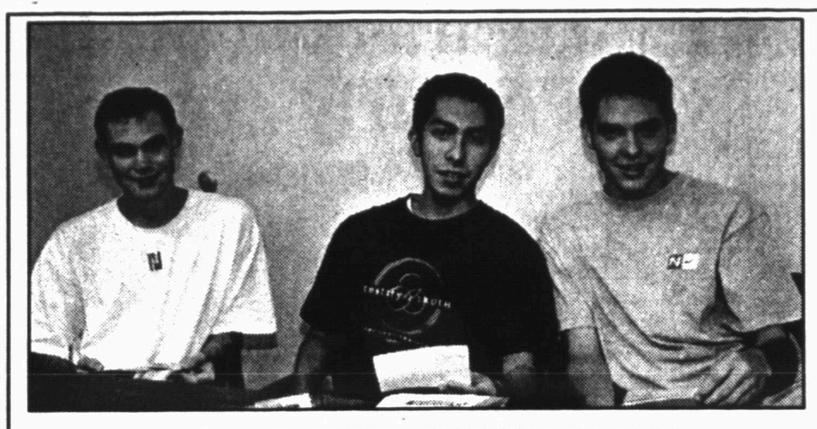
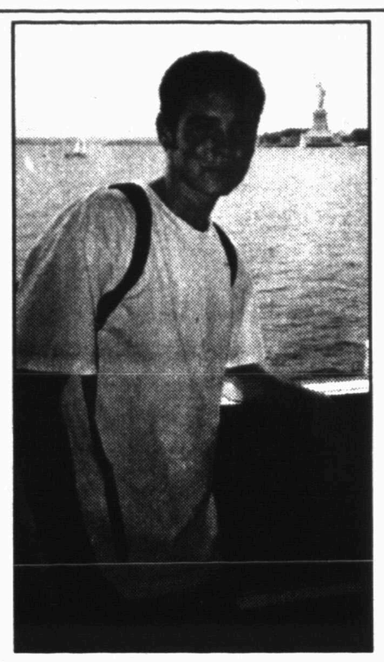

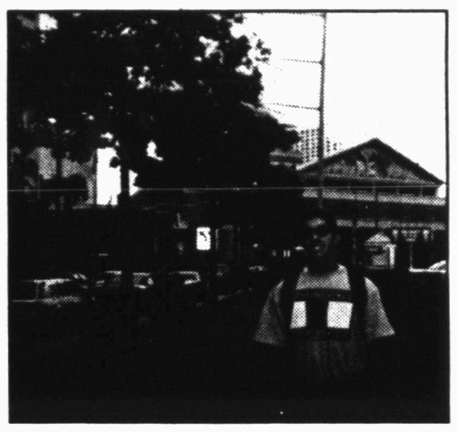
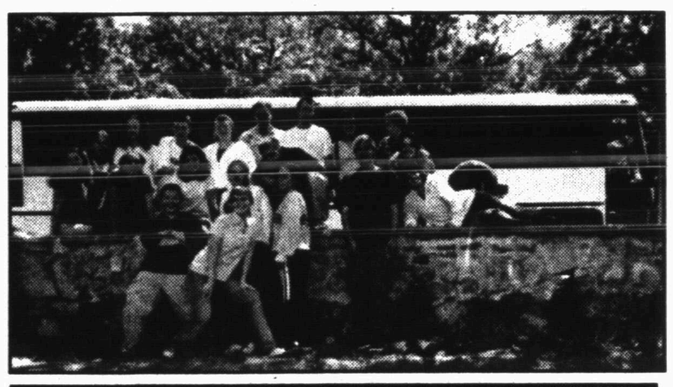

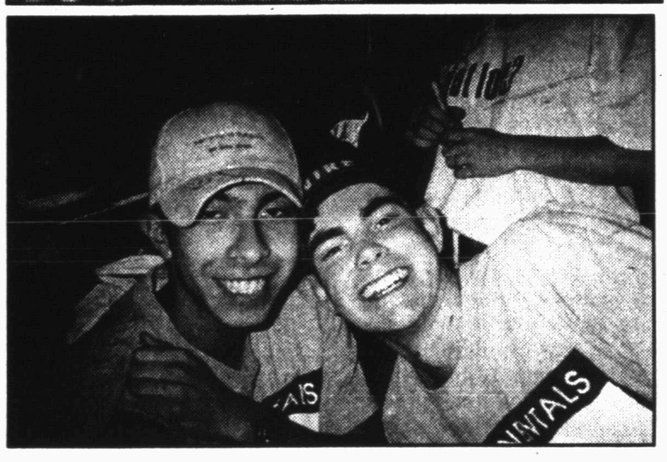

Touring with Continentals

Three local youth (top left photo) Steven Crain, Kris Casas and Trace Dennis, toured with the Continentals this summer. Trace Dennis' group (second photo left) helped with a Habitat For Humanity project in Detroit. Kris and Steven's group (third photo left) get ready to begin their tour in July. Kris and Steven (bottom photo left) relax during the tour. Trace (top middle photo) rides a ferry boat. The Statue of Liberty can be seen in the background. Kris and other boys on the tour enjoyed the Moracas Beach and the Blue Basin in Trinidad (second and bottom middle photos and bottom right photo) Trace's group (top right photo) gives a final concert at St. Joe, Mo. Kris (right middle photo) enjoys visiting New Orleans. (Contributed Photos)

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

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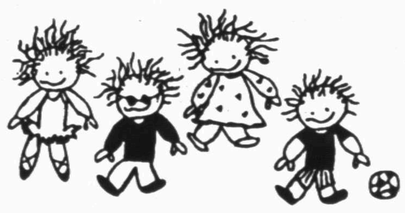

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WEDDING SHOWER — A wedding shower was held Aug. 12 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club for Mrs. Tommy Reeves, nee Annie Burt. They were married on Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. in Las Vegas. On the first row are, from left, Ashley Reeves, groom's sister; Rachel Smith, his niece; Cherisse Smith, his sister; back row, Becki Reeves, the groom's mother; Amber Burt, sister of the bride; the honoree; Anita Burt, her mother; and Teresa Anderson, grandmother of the bride. (Contributed Photo)

Paul, Patterson pledge solemn vows in early evening ceremony

REDLANDS, Calif. — An early evening ceremony Aug. 26, in the Orange Grove Chapel at Edwards Mansion in Redlands, Calif., was the setting for the marriage of Tina Marie Paul and Marine Corporal Michael Leelyn Patterson. Tina's parents are Linda Paul of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leonard Paul of San Dimas, Calif. The groom's parents are Lynda Patterson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson of Pecos.

The Victorian chapel's décor included pew markers adorned with fragrant white blossoms and lacy ferns with sheer bridal ribbons. Brass candelabra enhanced with white silk roses, greenery and tulle tied with iridescent ribbon streamers flanked a marble-topped Victorian pedestal table graced with a traditional ribbon and pearl unity candle. Mothers of the couple lit tapers representing the families prior to the couple's lighting the unity candle, symbolizing the joining of the two families.

Matron of honor, Tanya Michles, the bride's sister, was attired in a formal buttercream yellow gown with spaghetti straps and lacing in the back. The neckline of the fitted bodice was embellished with a softly draped silk chiffon overlay.

Bridesmaids were Tammy Paul, sister of the bride, Shawn King and Ruth Baranza. They wore dresses identical to the matron of honor and carried nosegays of assorted pastel silk flowers. Their ensembles also included matching evening bags adorned with tiny peach and yellow silk roses made especially for the attendants by Lynda Patterson, the groom's mother. They also wore pearl necklaces, gifts from the bride.

Cpl. Patterson was dressed in military attire, Dress Blue Bravos. Kent Michles, best man, was dressed in a Georgio Armani tuxedo in navy blue with sashed lapels and a striped vest. Groomsmen, Lance Cpl. Charles Johnson, Lance Cpl. Joey Lieusch and Lance Cpl. Justin Heisey wore tuxedos identical to the best man.

The ceremony began with the bride's nephew, Chad Michles, dressed in navy trousers, white shirt and striped vest, ringing a crystal bell as he came down the aisle. He was followed by the bride's nieces, Katrina Rawlings and Jena Michles, who were the flower girls. They wore dresses of peach taffeta overlaid with layers of peach and yellow tulle. Their dresses featured puffed sleeves, tiny peach rosebuds, and small taffeta bows. They wore garlands of pale yellow and peach roses with ribbons and pearls in their hair. Each carried small satin purse decorated with ribbon roses and filled with rose petals to drop along the bridal path.

Cpl. and Mrs. Michael Leelyn Patterson
(Contributed Photo)

Gabriel Patterson, son of the groom, was ring bearer. He wore a tuxedo identical to the groomsmen. In carrying out the fairy tale theme, he carried a white satin pillow holding a mirror topped with a hand-blown glass coach and horses.

The bride wore an Oleg Cassini design featuring a corseted bodice covered with Alencon lace and pearl and sequin appliques. The full, multi-layered tulle skirt also featured appliques and a chapel length train.

Her shoulder-length tulle veil was attached to a rhinestone tiara. The bridal bouquet was formed into a trailing cascade of peach and white roses, cymbidium orchids, strateleria and gardenias.

Tina was escorted by her father, Leonard Paul. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bob Kliewer. After the bride was presented to the groom, the couple's favorite song, "Amazed," by Lone Star, was played.

Following the marriage ceremony, guests were directed to the east pavilion in the Orange Grove at Edwards Mansion. The outdoor setting included twinkling lights in the trees, a waterfall, and fountains throughout the area.

Under a billowing canopy, guests were treated to a buffet dinner of Italian lasagna, a medley of steamed vegetables, an elegant assortment of fresh fruit and bread sticks. Table decorations included yellow and white linens and white rose-shaped candles floating in clear glass vases with sparkling marbles. Each place was set with mementos of glass slippers and almonds tied in small tulle bundles.

The three-tiered bride's cake, topped with a hand-blown glass castle and a lighted fountain, afforded a soft glow of incandescent light under the tall pillars supporting the cake. The bride's cake featured satellite layers of cakes with fillings of lemon, raspberry, buttercream and chocolate swirl. The groom's cake was a chocolate confection and was complemented by a glass coach and horses. Completing the cake display was a Lenox crystal bride and groom.

Prior to the dinner, the new Cpl. and Mrs. Patterson and the wedding party were introduced as they entered the pavilion. The entire wedding party was seated at the head table that featured a yellow and white silk rose centerpiece made by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Michles as a gift to the couple. Layers of tulle were festooned along the front of the table with accents of greenery and white blossoms.

Following the dinner, toasts were offered to the newlyweds by Kent Michles, the best man; Jerry Patterson, father of the groom; and Leonard Paul, father of the bride. A dance culminated the festivities. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev.

Cpl. and Mrs. Patterson reside in Grand Terrace, Calif. Cpl. Patterson is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. The bride graduated from Cal State University at Fullerton and is employed at First American Title.

Decorations for the chapel and reception were provided by Lynda Patterson, Linda Paul, Judy Moss, aunt of the groom, and Carolyn Grove, longtime friend of the groom's family.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by Jerry Patterson and Lynda Patterson, was held at the Claim Jumper restaurant in San Bernardino, Calif., on Friday, Aug. 25.

Library News

NEW AUDIOTAPES:

"Cradle and All," by James Patterson.

"Sacred Sins," by Nora Roberts

"Private Eyes," by Jonathan Kellerman.

"White Shark," by Peter Benchley.

NEW ADULT NON-FICTION:

"Never Stick Your Tongue Out at Mama & Other Life-transforming Revelations," by Max Davis.

"State of a Union: Inside the Complex Marriage of Bill and Hillary Clinton," by Jerry Oppenhiemer.

"Don't Make Me Stop This Car!" by Al Roker.

"Fatal Analysis: A True Story of Professional Privilege and Murder," by Martin Obler.

NEW ADULT FICTION:

"Bone Idle," by Susannah Stacey.

"Dark Homecoming," by Eric Lustbader.

"All the Lucky Ones are Dead," by Gar Anthony Haywood.

"Middle of Nowhere," by Ridley Pearson.

NEW CHILDRENS' FICTION:

"The Dinosaur's New Clothes," by Daine Goode.

"Crawdad Creek," by Scott Russell Sanders.

"Tough Cookie," by David Wisniewski.

"A Cake for Herbie," by Peter Mathers.

LIBRARY HOURS:

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 09-09-00 ♠ A 6 3 ♥ J 8 6 5 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ 7 3	
West ♠ 9 7 5 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K J 8 5 2		East ♠ 8 2 ♥ K Q 10 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 10 9 6 4
	South ♠ K Q J 10 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ K J 10 9 5 ♣ Q	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♣ 5

Bidding that's harder than play

By Phillip Alder

Here's another of those depressing opinions about life, this one from the late rock musician Frank Zappa: "It gets harder the more you know. Because the more you find out, the uglier everything seems."

In theory, the more you find out about a bridge deal, the more beautiful your plays should be. Yet without constant practice, it is hard to do the necessary counting and to make the relevant deductions.

In today's deal, I think bidding to the best contract is harder than the declarer-play needed to rake in 10 tricks. How would you try to make four spades? The defense begins with two rounds of clubs.

Notice that three no-trump fails immediately after a club lead, and five diamonds loses two hearts and one club.

As he could see 10 winners via four spades, one heart and five diamonds, South happily ruffed the second club and drew three rounds of trumps. If the missing spades had divided 3-3, all would have been well. But declarer wasn't that lucky. He turned his attention to the diamonds, but West ruffed the third round, and the defenders cashed three club tricks to defeat the contract.

South should have kept his trumps intact. If he had just discarded a low heart on the second round of clubs, he would have been safe. If the defenders play a third club, declarer ruffs with dummy's spade ace, draws trumps and claims. If they switch, he does exactly the same thing.

When in a 4-3 fit, try not to ruff in the four-trump hand.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Sept. 1

Jane Hinton directed Duplicate Bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
3. Durelle Gorman, Pat Floyd.
4. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Floyd.

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All the great apes chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and bonobos are listed as vulnerable or endangered, reports National Geographic.

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The German battleship Bismark was launched in 1939.

Updated resource material available

Women, on average, live almost seven years longer than men do. Because quality of life is just as important as duration, the National Institute on Aging and the Alliance for Aging research are offering a free 36-page booklet providing resources and referrals targeted to women's health. Free copies are available now.

Who? What? Where? Resources for Women's Health and Aging offers practical information women can use to stay healthy. In addition to medical topics like osteoporosis, urinary incontinence, and heart disease, the booklet covers issues related to menopause, caregiving, finances and widowhood. It provides the most current telephone numbers, addresses and website for nearly 100 organization.

Women's health needs rise as they grow older. On the young end of the aging continuum are about 10 million women in the United States between the ages of 45 and 55. Women during these middle years may experience changes such as declining bone density and rising body weight. These changes have been linked to chronic diseases and conditions in later life, including heart disease, osteoporosis, bone fractures and diabetes. The guide offers resources to help readers contend with these changes.

On the far end of the age spectrum, four out of five people over 100 years old are women — that's about 53,000 women in 2000, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. The guide directs readers to a variety of organizations with information that may help women extend their "good years" and stave off health problems as long as possible.

Who? What? Where? Resources for Women's Health and Aging includes the most up-to-date resources for women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225 or 1-800-222-4225 (TTY).

The National Institute on Aging leads the Federal effort supporting basic, clinical, epidemiological, social research on aging and special needs.

Atheneum to meet

Atheneum Study Club will meet at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. "Feminine Side of Lab Results," by Bill Dickerson, laboratory and respiatory therapist manager at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, will be the program.

Hostesses for the first meeting of the club year will be the Atheneum executive committee.

Bridal Registry

Jackie Beck and Eric Robertson
Kristi Harris and Jeremy Howard
Karomy Drum and Dave Purkey
Susan Shoults and Wes Everett
Amanda Sorrells and Jeff Streetman
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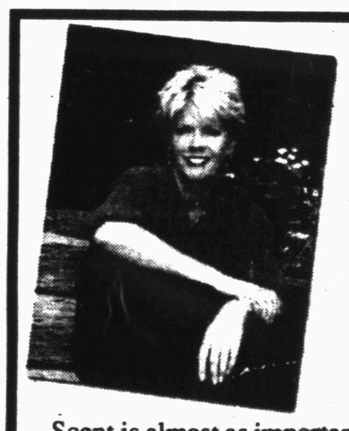

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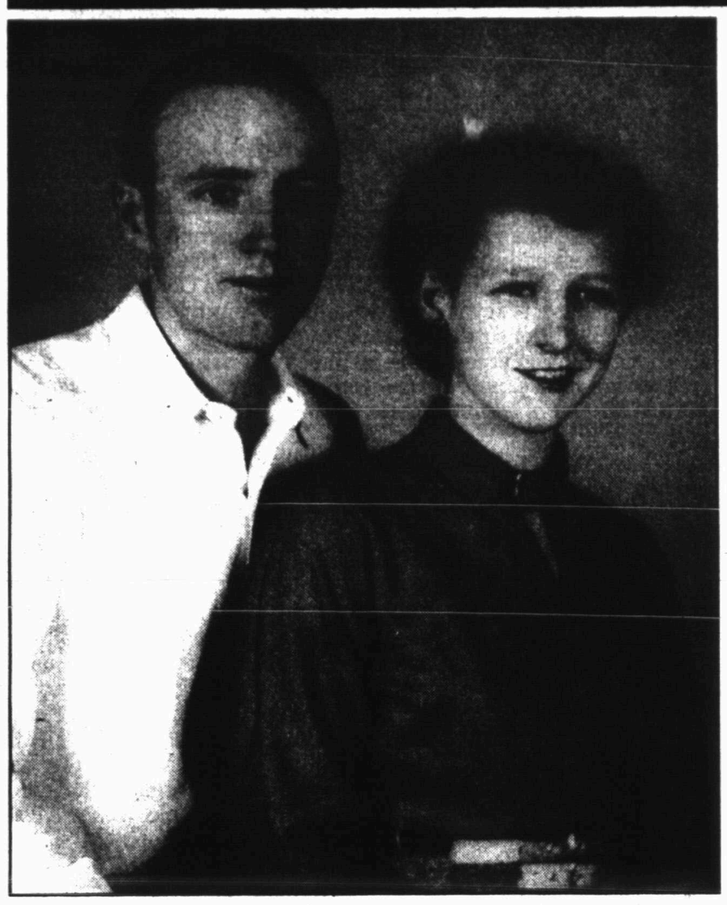

Edwin and Nell Parks
(Contributed Photo)

Edwin and Nell Parks to mark golden anniversary

Claude Lortz married Edwin and Nell Parks at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1950 in Clovis, N.M., at the Church of Christ parsonage. Nell's great-aunt, Lela Jacobs, and Mrs. Lortz were attendants at the ceremony.

George Edwin is the son of the late George and Izora Parks of Snyder. He graduated in 1946 from Snyder High School.

Edwin and Nell have one son, Gary Don Parks, and one daughter and son-in-law, Luann and John Walker. They have two granddaughters, three grandsons and one stepgrandson.

The Parks plan to spend their anniversary with Nell's Aunt Lela of Clovis. She is 97 years old.

Edwin and Nell have lived in the same house 49 years. The first year of their marriage they lived in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Chicken sandwich turns to cash

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Debbie Rich reached into a sack for the chicken sandwich she'd just picked up from a fast food restaurant — and pulled out $2,000 in cash instead.

On Wednesday, Rich stopped at a Kentucky Fried Chicken drive-thru. The teller accidentally handed her a bag filled with money that an employee was going to pick up and deposit in the bank.

It was not known whether anyone tried to deposit the chicken sandwich.

County Detective Scott Scheid said putting the money in regular KFC bags is intended to let the restaurant transfer funds without attracting attention.

Rich used her cell phone to call 911 and report the mistake. Soon, Scheid arrived at her car.

"I got out here and think there's no honest people left, but God bless this woman," he said.

The detective escorted Rich back to the restaurant, where she returned the money — and received her breaded filet.

"That's just me," she said. "I guess I'm an honest person."

Vandals free minks

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The fur flew at a mink farm in northeast Iowa, where vandals freed 10,000 animals, the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department said.

Every animal pen was opened early Thursday on the Earl Drewelow and Sons Mink Farm, the sheriff's department said. But 4,000 of the 14,000 mink stayed put.

The animals were found swarming the farm and the nearby highway, where hundreds were killed by passing cars.

"These mink are farm animals, know nothing about life off the farm and are completely dependent on the farmer," co-owner Lenny Drewelow said in a statement.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Tuesday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Juice
Waffles/Syrup
Thursday
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy
Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger Patties/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pear Crisp
Tuesday
Enchiladas/Chili/Cheese
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Crackers
Chocolate Cake/White Icing
Wednesday
Sausage & Gravy
Potatoes & Cheese Sauce
Mixed Vegetables
Biscuits
Fudge Brownies
Thursday
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Harvest Beets
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Cake
Friday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Pickle Spears
Banana Pudding

Snyder

All meals are served with milk.
Breakfast is served with toast w/jelly and juice.
Breakfast menu offers a choice assorted dry cereal or:
BREAKFAST
Monday
Donut
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Sausage in a Biscuit
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
W/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Country Fried Steak or
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Ranch Style Beans
Dinner Rolls
Wednesday
Beef Soft Taco or
Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Corn Bread
Thursday
Burrito or
Barbecue on a Bun
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Pudding
Friday
Crunchy Corn Dog or
Quesadillas
Spanish Rice
Whole Kernel Corn
Rice Krispie Treat

MAWC is planning fundraisers Saturday

Clubs and individuals that are members of the Martha Ann Woman's Club are planning a garage sale and bake sale to be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Towle Park Barn.

Women from Altrurian, Garden Club, Atheneum, Delta Kappa Gamma, Cosmorama and Alpha clubs that meet at MAWC will donate items and baked goods and work the event.

Anyone wishing to help the woman's club by donating garage sale items, baked goods or money may bring them to Towle Park Barn on Friday afternoon. For more information, call 573-3730.

Funds will be used to maintain the clubhouse located on Martha Ann Blvd., south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The monthly game day and luncheon will be held the third Wednesday in September instead of the fourth. The cost is $7.50 for a complete meal and no gratuity. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and games will follow.

Working women who cannot stay and play games are welcome to eat. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

FCS named officers for 2000-2001

Fellowship of Christian Students have elected officers for 2000-2001 school year.

They include Landon Day, president; Amber Alexander, vice president; and senior representatives, Michael Compton, Kayla Phillips; junior representatives, Andra Lancaster, Jayson Williams and Will Davis; sophomore representatives, Christan Curry, Jeff Turner; and freshman representatives, Sarah Crawford and Kelby Drum.

FCS sponsor is Becky Johnson.

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The world's largest sea birds are the wandering albatross and the royal albatross, with wingspans that often exceed 10 ft.

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — A bridal shower for Teri Reyes, bride-elect of Danny Thomason, was held Aug. 14 in the banquet room at Rudy's. Pictured from left are Maria Reyes, mother of the bride-to-be; the honoree; Luann Grice, mother of the prospective groom; and Janelda Davis, maternal grandmother of the future groom. Hostesses included Tonya Canada, Betsy Armstrong, Debra Davis, Starla Davis, Stephanie Parham, Freda Shepard, Joylynn McGrew, Susan Kiker; Billie Gordy, Linda Hardy and Anice Trujillo. (Contributed Photo)

Minton will speak to prayer group

Barbara J. Minton of Sweetwater will be the featured speaker for the Community Ladies' Day on Prayer Saturday at the East Side Church of Christ.

She has been married 37 years to Thomas Minton, formerly of Snyder. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

The Mintons lived 16 years in Switzerland and Germany.

Barbara hold three degrees — bachelor of science in elementary education from Abilene Christian University, master of arts from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., and master of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky.

Her work, training and volunteer experiences are wide and varied, including being keynote speaker for a women's prayer retreat in Henderson, Tenn.

Mrs. Minton serves as the minister to children at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. She is the director of Discovery School as well.

The ladies' day theme is "The Seasons of Our Lives and the Prayers We Pray."

Registration will be at 9 a.m. Saturday and a luncheon will be provided. Discussion groups will be held as well as devotionals. The meeting will conclude at 3 p.m.

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Kara Gowin & Christopher FuentesLa
Nae Houchins & Ross Hataway
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Amanda Powell & Michael Davis
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Continentals Tour spirtually fulfilling

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including stops in St. Louis, Mo., Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The summer 2000 tour was called "Testify 2 Truth."

The various Continentals' choirs performed mainly in churches, but Steven's group also performed at the French Quarter in New Orleans and Trace's choir sang at a prison, a medium security facility, located in Boonville, Mo., where 52 prisoners were saved. His group also helped with two Habitat for Humanity home construction projects. One was located in Detroit and the other in Kansas City, Mo.

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of Kris' and Steven's tour was Trinidad where they remained for several days. A combination of things happened. The first night, they experienced an earthquake. The next night they were plagued by a fierce thunderstorm, which they later learned was "the tail end of a hurricane." Two of their members were also mugged at gunpoint. An equally scary experience was a bomb exploding in the vicinity where The Continentals were.

Steven said they also saw some "Hindu and voodoo stuff which was kind of scary." Two nights in a row, they heard a rooster crowing, Hindu drums beating, then stopping and dogs barking. Steven said he, Kris and a few others were looking out their window when they saw a Hindu funeral procession. A burning ring of candles could be seen on the mountain where the burial was to take place. They later saw other larger burning rings, and, as they were getting ready to leave, learned a Hindu festival was scheduled. Steven said they were glad when they left.

The choirs traveled by bus and throughout the tour, members stayed with host families at each stop. However, in Trinidad, Steven said he, Kris and others in their group stayed in a school.

Being on the road with The Continentals was an awesome experience, the three boys agreed. In the beginning, Steven said he and a few others had second thoughts and didn't want to leave but by the time the tour was over, no one wanted to say goodbye.

"It was a great life," Steven said. "I grew closer to people I never knew (before) and to those I knew a long time. It was a life-changing experience."

Kris echoed those sentiments. "The best things were the concerts and getting to know people (on the tour and at concerts) was real neat."

"It was awesome," Trace agreed. He really liked being around strong Christians and forming relationships with like-minded people.

When they returned home, Steven noted that they discovered that what their tour director had told them was true. "We have changed, but the people around us have not."

Touring with The Continentals was a first time experience for all three. They learned about the ministry from members of one group who performed at their church. They told the boys that touring with The Continentals had strengthened their spiritual walk.

They had to fill out applications and Kris and Trace had to audition before they were accepted. As sound technician, Steven didn't have to audition.

They practiced 14-16 hours a day for a week prior to the beginning of the tour. That was at Western Missouri State College in St. Joe, Mo. They spent most of their time putting on concerts for various churches throughout their tour; but they did have three days off.

Steven is the son of Mark and Becky Crain. He has worked with sound since the seventh grade when he tried out for the junior high stage crew. He studied under Janeen Patterson, junior high drama director, and the late Jerry Worsham, longtime SHS drama director.

Kris is the son of Bersine and Patsy Benitez. He has performed with the junior high and high school choirs and the youth choir at Colonial Hill. He was asked to audition for The Continentals.

Trace's parents are Jal and Michele Dennis. He has performed with church choirs since the fourth grade as well as junior high and high school choirs. He sings baritone.

Steven and Trace missed six days of the new school year, but it was worth it. All three said they would love to participate in another tour.

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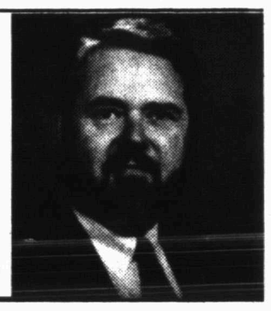
The Continentals were organized in 1967 as a non-profit, interdenominational ministry. Music and the message of Jesus Christ are the foundation of the Continental Ministries.

According to a Continentals Web Site, the purpose of the Continentals is to build each tour member personally and spiritually, to develop a missionary heart, taking every opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Christ through musical programs as well as one-on-one, and to encourage all believers along the way to a deeper and more meaningful commitment to Christ.

Since 1992, the Continentals have set the standard and raised the expectations of teenagers in ministry across America and around the world. These groups of 34 teenage performers and technicians present a high energy, motivating and potentially life-changing evangelical program in schools and churches each day. The stage comes to life with cutting edge music, drama, choreography and sincere testimony.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Are You Motivated Enough to Read This?

Read this and receive a $100 bill! Now are you motivated? I'm not going to send you a $100 bill, however, I do believe if you read and heed this advice, it could be worth much more.

This is a column about motivation. I'm not a motivational writer or speaker. I'm not sure I can motivate you, as I have trouble getting motivated myself on occasion.

However, one of the most common problems I hear owners and managers discuss is motivating their workers. They need to get more done without increasing payroll expenses. They must perform at a higher level to meet increasing competition. But, sometimes it seems that they are alone and no one who works with them seems to care.

Two Schools of Thought

There are two opinions on motivation. One is that if you are charismatic enough and use the right psychology you can motivate others. The other school of thought is that you can only motivate yourself.

To decide which school we agree with, let's study the word "motivate." It means to provide with a motive. The word motive describes the inner drive, impluses and desires that cause a person to take action.

To motivate then, is to give a reason for action. This is also a good definition of incentive. An incentive is also reason for action, usually a reward.

With both schools of thought there is a commonality. People, including you and me, only do things for a reason. The reasons may be our own or those of someone else.

Reasons for Action

• **Reality.** Sometimes the best motivator is reality. In the real world, clothes, food and shelter all cost money. If we want to eat, be warm and have a home, we have to go to work. That's reality.

• **Reality also takes other forms.** Recently, a hotel owner discussed a problem with me. The housekeeping staff was averaging 75 minutes to clean the rooms. (The industry average is about 30 minutes.) The hotel could not stand the extra expense.

In a face-to-face meeting, the owner complimented the crew for their thoroughness, then shared the reality of cost. The bottom line was, "get faster or find some place else to work." Some folks might call this intimidation, but the reality is do a good job quickly and you get to keep it.

For reality to work, employees must know what's expected. For example, sparkling rooms in 30 minutes. They must know how they're doing. You can only improve what you can measure. And, they must be given responsibility for their work from start to finish.

• **Reward.** The word reward usually refers to something given in return for good work or above average performance. Money is a traditional reward and a part of reality. The basic reward for work is usually money. Fair pay is a foundational reward. Bonuses for extraordinary work are also common monetary rewards.

However, money is limited as a motivator. In most people's lives, there are other important motivators. Respect, recognition, leisure, praise and status are among them.

This column is fueled by praise and recognition. Mark Twain once said he could live a month on a good compliment. So can I.

I have a sales friend who called to tell me she had become a district sales manager. The status of being a "manager" was invigorating to her. Another friend has dozens of award plaques on his wall. The recognition is important.

A final thought. Everyone responds differently to external motivation. So, know your people, learn what makes them tick and give them what they need. Their rewards can make you successful.

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Brain-dead gunshot victim gives birth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman left brain dead after she was shot in the head during a weekend burglary underwent a Caesarean section and delivered twins, two months premature.

The boys were born Saturday at Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center. One was in critical condition Thursday and the other was in stable condition, hospital spokeswoman Inez Beckon said.

Their mother, Carmen Valencia, 27, was shot early Saturday when two men broke into the motor home she shared with her husband, Florencio Altamarena, and son, Jonathan.

Q & A

Teen drinking

(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.)

Agencies unite against teen drinking

"If we can reduce underage drinking, we will save lives. It's that simple, and it's that important" James C. Oberwetter. TCDA Chairman

Leaders from 44 public and private organizations, including 15 state agencies and the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division, signed a pact June 1 creating a new state initiative to prevent underage drinking.

The Alliance Against Underage Drinking represents a comprehensive, coordinated response to one of the most serious health threats young Texans face. Alcohol is often a factor in teen automobile crashes, homicides and suicides — the three leading causes of teen deaths. In 1998, alcohol was blamed in the deaths of 640 Texans under the age of 21, almost five times the number of young deaths due to all illicit drugs combined. The June 1 ceremony also included representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Texas DARE Institute, the Texas Medical Association, the Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research, several industry organizations and numerous law enforcement associations. Young people, who will play an important role in the Alliance's activities and development, signed along with state leaders.

"Almost 700,000 Texas school children use alcohol, and more than half a million of them are heavy drinkers," says Jay Kimbrough, executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, one of the partners in the new Alliance Against Underage Drinking. "It is time to coordinate our efforts to prevent underage drinking and raise public awareness of this serious problem." According to state and national statistics:

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The economic impact of underage drinking was more than $4 billion in Texas in 1998, according to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

In 1998, almost 15,000 Texas youth under age 18 were arrested for driving while intoxicated, underage drinking or public drunkenness.

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

More than 10 percent of secondary students said they had attended class at least once while drunk during the past year.

Children who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism in adulthood than children who do not drink until the legal age of 21.

For a complete list of partners in the Alliance Against Underage Drinking, visit www.tcada.state.tx.us

What the Alliance partners are saying:

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Administrator: "At TABC, we believe that underage drinking can be reduced when all resources are brought together in a unified effort. The coming together of state agencies, civic organizations, industry associations and the health community will support the TABC in our stand against illegal underage drinking in Texas." — **Doyne Bailey, Administrator**

Texas Youth Commission: "Lots of the kids locked up in TYC institutions in many ways are no different from other teenagers: They thought they knew everything, and in fact they didn't. They thought they could 'handle' alcohol and in fact, they couldn't. The alcohol handled them. Alcohol and adolescent immaturity are a recipe for trouble." — **Steve Robinson, Executive Director**

Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas: "It's very difficult for those under 21 to avoid alcohol when 8.1 million adults in America suffer from alcoholism, when most college fraternities not only encourage underage drinking but routinely treat getting drunk as deserving of some badge of honor or rite of passage and when far too many adults (who might otherwise serve as positive role models) apparently think that you can't have fun without excessive amounts of alcohol. The remedy lies with each and everyone of us who allows a drunk friend to drive home, who ignores the obvious signs of alcoholism with co-workers, friends and family and who encourages, condones or ignores underage drinking." - **Sherry Matthews**

Texans Standing Tall: "Texans are standing tall all across the state, as youth and adults working together to gain the knowledge and skills needed to change the current norms which condone and even encourage underage drinking. By bringing all stakeholders to the table, the Alliance can begin to honestly look at the alcohol messages that youth hear and interpret from the adult world they seek to emulate." - **Ellen S. Ward, Executive Director**

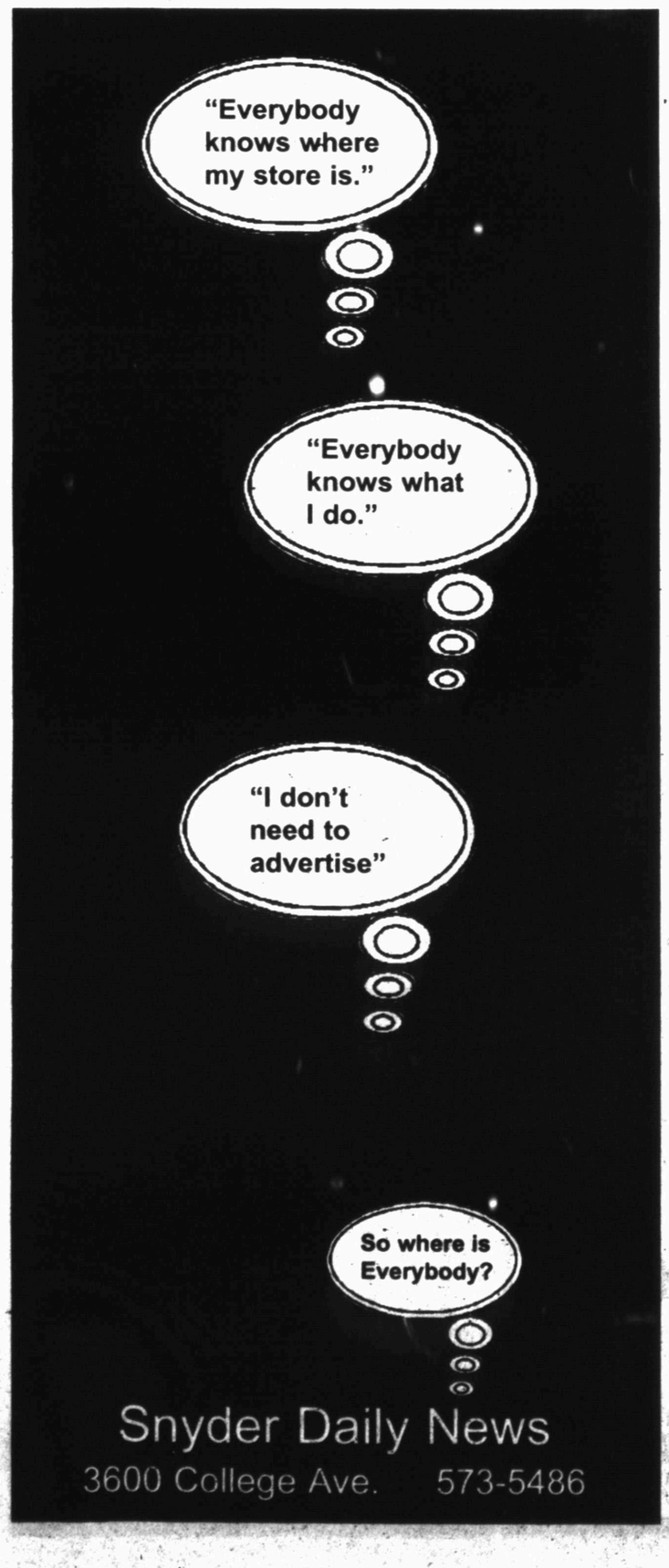
How to get involved An Alliance Against Underage Drinking Information and Media Kit is available that includes facts and statistics about underage drinking, a sample resolution, letters to the editor and an opinion column. The kit is available at ww.tcada.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 832-9623, ext. 6610.

Above information provided by the *TCADA Trends* Newsletter

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Jesse Ventura signs his new book

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of fans flooded a New York bookstore where Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura was signing copies of his new book, "Do I Stand Alone?"



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Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Firefighters' family, friends grateful for long sentences

HOUSTON (AP) — Donald and Roseanne Smith say they were not hateful toward the teen-agers found responsible for the deaths of their daughter and her colleague.

Then again, they said, it's difficult to forgive them for the tragedy that sentenced the teens to prison for significant portions of their lives — and sentenced two firefighters to a premature death.

Had they not set fire to a Houston McDonald's Feb. 14 while burglarizing it, 30-year-old Kimberly Smith would have married her fiance, Buddy McDonald, in November.

"If they had not set the fire, I would be planning a wedding now instead of visiting her grave," Roseanne Smith told the Houston Chronicle.

Jurors handed down varying prison sentences Thursday after finding the three teens guilty of felony murder, and arson, which resulted in the deaths of Smith and 44-year-old Lewis Mayo. The veteran firefighters suffocated while battling the blaze set at the southwest Houston restaurant.

Nineteen-year-old Pedro Isreal Loredo, portrayed as the ring leader, was sentenced to 35 years in prison. He must serve at least half his sentence before being eligible for parole.

Loredo's brother, 17-year-old Juan Torres, was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Allen Jerome Davis, 17, received the shortest sentence at 15 years.

Felony murder is defined as death that results from actions committed during a felony the criminals should have known could be life-threatening.

The three teens admitted to the early morning break-in at the McDonald's, but denied that the fire was intentional.

Lawyers for Davis and Loredo suggested during the trial that Torres, angry that they did not make the big score they anticipated, set the fire intentionally. Torres' attorney implied the blaze was accidental.

Houston firefighters continue to grieve the loss of their colleagues, sometimes with a sense of guilt.

Russell Dunnem, Mayo's best friend and colleague of 14 years, said Smith died while filling in for Dunnem as he took a vacation.

"I felt really guilty about being on vacation and someone taking my place (dying)," Dunnem said.

"It's still hard to go out on a call and not see Lewis or Kim beside us," he said. "Personally, I wish they would have tacked on more time — like 60 years."

Buchanan is eligible for federal funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan has cleared the initial hurdles in the battle to receive $12.6 million in federal campaign funds earmarked for the Reform Party's presidential candidate.

Staff members of the Federal Election Commission have recommended to the panel that Buchanan be preliminarily certified for the funds. However, at least one commissioner opposed the proposal, expressing a desire to discuss the matter in public. Buchanan rival John Hagelin also seeks the federal funding.

"It is our understanding that the audit staff of the FEC, with total support of the general counsel, will be recommending to the commission that they certify Pat Buchanan to receive the $12.6 million in federal funds," Bay Buchanan, the candidate's sister and campaign chairwoman, said Thursday.

A public hearing on the issue is scheduled for Tuesday.

Whatever the decision, the losing side is certain to appeal in federal court.

Just how much of the $12.6 million Buchanan could receive has yet to be determined.

Any FEC action requires votes from four of the six commission members.

Buchanan's rival, Hagelin, also has filed documents with the FEC to claim the $12.6 million.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Swiss steak, Golden carrots, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday
Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, brownie

Wednesday
Cheesy chicken, southern fried okra, broccoli, perfection salad, peach cobbler

Thursday
Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, blackeye peas, pickled beets, Jell-O cake

Friday
Fried fish, macaroni and cheese, Brussels sprouts, cabbage/apple slaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Seniors may play "88" beginning at 10 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Senior Center conference room. Social Security representatives will be at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday
Kitchen Band members will be entertaining at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Anne Gregory will entertain in the dining room at 11:30 a.m. Advisory board members will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room. Line dancers and cloggers practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
Sunshine Choir members will enertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and the bridge "tournament" begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in the bridge tournament are asked to be at the center by 9:15 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

A garage sale is scheduled for Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle tickets and the Senior Center cookbook, "Tasty Tradition," will be sold. The raffle tickets are $1 each and the cookbooks sell for $17.50 each.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Ronal Key, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

5 Star Development, 2001 Chevrolet Suburban from Big County Autoland.

David and Alisa Cain, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Beth F. McDaniel, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling, four 2001 GMC pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Lane Hardy, 2001 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Grimmett Brothers, two 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big County Autoland.

Wendy and Kyle Scott, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Midwestern Services, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bryan and Vanessa Cave, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Cheryl M. Callan, 2001 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Koen Dee and Sherry McKimmey, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Rankin and Elaine Smith, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Casey Jack Jones and Adriana Garcia, both of Snyder.

Robbie Lee Nolan and Betty J. Meighen, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Donna Jean Roberts and George Roberts, individually and as heirs of the estate of Kelton Cody Clayton, deceased, and Donna Jean Roberts, as next friend of Garick Zade Clayton and Forest George Clayton, minors, as heirs of the estate of Kelton Cody Clayton, deceased, vs. Garick Zade Clayton, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Joe Dan Barham and Sherma Jo Barham, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Don Allen Crane and Mary Elizabeth Crane, divorce granted.

Deed Records

T. Wayne Taylor to Kewpie Duncan, a tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David H. and Deloras A. Ornelas to Michael W. Moody, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the JC. Jackson Addition.

Rickey T. and Paul S. Graham to Judith Ann Porter, Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Alfonso Ramos to Hilaria Gutierrez, 2.0 acres being all of Block 64 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Peggy and Abel Arellano to Keith and Temi Matthies, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Ernie M. and Pamela Jean Naegele to Darrell and Barbara Highfield, all of Lot 6, a Replat of Block 12 of the Highlands Addition.

James Newton and Arnita Jo Vaughan to Jay Newton Vaughan, the north one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of the south one-half of Section 153, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Frankilene and Johnny Hoffman to the Frankilene and Johnny Hoffman Family Trust, all of Sections 504-505 and 548-549, all in Block 97, H&TC survey.

Frankilene and Johnny Hoffman to the Frankilene and Johnny Hoffman Family Trust, tract one being all of Lot 1 in Block 15 of the Colonial Hill Addition; tract two being all the southeast one-quarter of Section156, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being an undivided one-third interest in Section 548 and 549, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jack K. Greene Sr. to Keith and Karen K. Herrley, 81.25 acres out of the north and east parts of the southeast one-quarter of Section 94, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jack K. Greene Sr. to Beverly A. Greene, 81.25 acres out of the southwest part of the southwest one-quarter of Section 94, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joe and Linda Carrisalez to Ben and Lucia Hermosillo, the south 50 feet of the north 500 feet of the east 150 feet of Block 65 of the Scarborough Addition.

Rodney Bryan and Charlotte Renee Clifton to Amy and Joe Herrera, the south one-half of Lot 1 in Block 52 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Stella Bailey to Vernon Groce, all of Lot 21 in Block 2 of the Morningside Addition.

Erminia Terrazas to Gilbert Ramos, Lot 7 in Block 30 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Ray Jones to Bessie McCauley, Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Glenn Huffman Addition.

Book turned into musical

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Author John Gray is used to couples talking about their problems, but now they're singing about relationship woes.

Gray's best-selling book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" has been turned into a musical comedy revue in Las Vegas.

The show features five couples — all friends — and the day-to-day struggles of each relationship.

"I've always thought themes from the book would make a great musical comedy," Gray said. "It's taken six years to bring it to the stage but it's worth it.

"People don't have to worry about feeling like they will be attending a seminar. This is pure entertainment."

The musical debuts Sept. 18 at the Flamingo hotel-casino and will run indefinitely.

Letters to the editor

Still some good people

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the kind gentleman who returned my dollies. I did not get his name, but I certainly appreciate his going out of the way to bring them to me.

I had lost them out of the back of my pickup on 37th Street while helping my grandson move, and I didn't expect to ever get them back.

It is proof that there are still good people in this world!

Mary Clay

Thanks to MDA volunteers

Dear Editor:

I knew we could count on the wonderful folks of Snyder!

Thank you for helping the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Hundreds of celebrities and nearly a million volunteers worked Labor Day weekend to help. Thanks to you, MDA maintains 230 clinics, including the clinic at Covenant Health Systems.

Thanks to you, MDA will continue to accelerate worldwide research seeking treatments.

For more information or to get involved, call your local MDA office at 806-793-5632.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lewis,
MDA National Chairman

Gun control advocates lie

Dear Editor:

On the last page of the Snyder Daily News edition of Monday Sept. 4, you published an AP article with a Washington dateline under the heading "Gun control advocates go after Bush." The article stated that the Texas concealed handgun law "makes it easy for citizens to carry guns into churches, synagogues, hospitals, nursing homes and amusement parks."

The above statement is a prime example of the lies that gun control advocates are telling. First, not everyone can get a concealed handgun permit. An applicant must attend an eight-hour class, pass a written test, pass a shooting test, and be fingerprinted, pay a license fee and pass a background check. Second it is illegal for a person with a concealed handgun permit to carry a gun into any of the places mentioned by the article.

It is estimated that during the twentieth century, 50 million people were exterminated in countries that took away its citizen's right to bare arms. Russia, Germany, China and Cambodia are the countries that exterminated the most. Other countries killed a smaller number of the citizens. Hundreds of thousands have been killed in some African nations. These countries killed their own citizens.

We need to enforce the gun laws we have instead of penalizing the law-abiding citizen.

Thank you,
Charles Blakey

Clairfying viewpoints

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing my letter and the letter of Dr. Vinson in July; I appreciate that your column allows for an exchange of ideas. I would like to clarify a few points that Dr. Vinson made.

First, Dr. Vinson asserts that my views are based on "misconceptions." Actually, I have been taught the evolutionary viewpoint from elementary school classes through graduate courses. I am familiar with the textbooks my children have used. For some time, I accepted the evolutionary explanation for the development of living organisms, since this was what I had been taught. However, several years ago, I came across a variety of studies, as well as comments by evolutionists themselves, which called into question much of what was taught as "fact" in my classes. After much thought and review, I have come to the same conclusion that other scientists are reaching: little good evidence supports the idea that animals and plants have become increasingly complex through time, chance, and genetic change, that is, through evolution. I have spent much of my life in the study of biology and medicine; it is simplistic to say that my conclusions are merely "misconceptions."

If anything, much of what I was taught, and what millions of children will read in their textbooks this year, are misconceptions. Let me explain. Many readers will remember, and current students will recognize the examples of the Peppered moths of England. These moths are given a prominent place in most any textbook discussion of evolution. As the story goes, when industrial pollution darkened tree bark, birds could see the lighter moths and more easily prey on them, while the darker moths blended in and could not be seen so easily, and so increased in numbers. But what is the truth about this story? The photos so widely published were staged. The moths in the photos were dead, glued to the tree trunks. Even more interesting, these moths don't even rest on tree trunks!

Dr. Vinson mentioned birds from China, by which I assume he is referring to fossils excavated from the lower Cretaceous strata in Liasoning province. The most famous media coverage was termed *Archaeoraptor*.

National Geographic confidently asserted about the animal: "It's a missing link between terrestrial dinosaurs and birds that could actually fly." Yet, less than two months after the launch of *Archaeoraptor*, the story took a crash landing when it was found that the fossil was not authentic. In fact, it appears that it was fraudulently assembled from at least two different fossils, made to look like a combination of a bird and a theropod dinosaur. *National Geographic* was "embarrassed," as Dr. Vinson put it, because they failed to look critically at the specimen and promoted what they very much wanted to see in the fossil: a missing link.

I am surprised that Dr. Vinson raises the example of horses. Paleontologists have known for years that this is a gross oversimplification. About the only place it survives as truth is in the museum and textbooks. This succession occurs nowhere in one location, but is put together from fossils scattered about the world. In places, later species (according to the pictures in textbooks) are found in earlier strata, and in Nebraska, some one-toed specimens are found with three-toed specimens, suggesting that the one-toed variety did not evolve from the three-toed variety. The "dawn horse," Euhippus, the one Dr. Vinson refers to as having 5 toes, is now considered a Hydrax, similar to modern coneys, not a horse at all. As for "tracing these modifications all through time," there are at least a dozen different family trees of horses proposed, suggesting to me that this is a lot of guesswork.

I could say more, but let me quote someone who has studied this more than I. Dr. Niles Eldridge, paleontologist with the American Museum of Natural History, stated: "I admit that an awful lot of that "fantasy" has gotten into the textbooks as though it were true. For instance, the most famous example, still on exhibit downstairs, is the exhibit on horse evolution prepared perhaps fifty years ago. That has been presented as literal truth in textbook after textbook. Now, I think that is lamentable, particularly because the people who propose these kinds of stories themselves may be aware of the speculative nature of some of the stuff. But by the time it filters down to the textbooks, we've got science as truth and we've got a problem."

For the most part, the public is not being told this information, and neither are many school students. But the problem of suppression of information goes further. I know of college professors and public school teachers who have either been reprimanded or fired for teaching on the problems of evolutionary thought and encouraging their students to think through the issues and make up their own minds. I'm glad to hear that the AP Biology class at SHS takes a more open approach to all of this, but that is far from the norm.

I wrote my first letter after reading an article in our local paper written by the Associated Press. The article stated, "Scientists, who almost universally accept evolution, believe all the evidence is on their side." This is the view, that in my experience, most students are taught. But as I have detailed, many facts do not support evolution as an explanation of the diversity of life. In the interest of space, I have only mentioned a few examples. Any rigorous and thoughtful examination of this issue is going to reveal this, and it will reveal as well the embellishment, circular reasoning, hopeful thinking, and even fraud, that have been used to promote evolution, not the sort of things you would expect for a theory that is supposed to be the truth, "with all the facts supporting it." I think it would be more accurate to call evolution a belief or philosophy, which we can accept if we care to. From my perspective, life shows overwhelming evidence of intelligent design, and the existence of fossils points toward a huge cataclysm, including a worldwide flood, that killed so many animals and preserved them in the geologic strata. Even some evolutionists concede this.

Dr. Edmund Ambrose, professor of cell biology at the University of London, made this observation: "At the present stage of geological research, we have to admit that there is nothing in the geological records that runs contrary to the view of conservative creationists, that God created each species."

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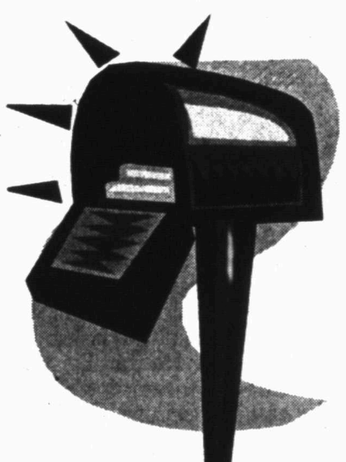

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Amarillo Globe-News

Repeal of estate tax

President Clinton made good on his promise this past week to veto a Republican-led move to repeal the country's burdensome estate and gift tax.

He was wrong to do it.

The president's legendary political instincts might be failing him in the waning months of his administration.

Consider these comments from the president: "The estate and gift taxes in the United States have failed to achieve their intended purposes. They raise little revenue. They impose excess burdens. They are unfair."

If you didn't know better, you might suspect these were the words of Milton Friedman or Robert Lucas or Gary Becker, to name three conservative, Nobel Prize-winning economists who support repeal of the estate tax.

The remarks come from liberal economists Henry Aaron and Alicia Munnell, as set forth in a paper they co-authored for the National Tax Journal.

Aaron is a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution.

Munnell, a former member of President Clinton's own Council of Economic Advisers, is an adviser to Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore.

Clinton and Gore insist the death tax repeal is a "giveaway" to the "rich," because only 2 percent of families of those who die currently have to pay the tax.

Yet, a Gallup Poll last month indicated that 60 percent of Americans favored a "proposal that would eliminate all inheritance taxes on estates over $1 million."

This seeming dichotomy is explained by the fact that Americans of all income strata agree with economists Aaron and Munnell that the death tax is patently unfair.

It is bad enough that the government taxes assets not once, but twice, or even three times during an individual's lifetime.

To tax the same asset yet another time when that individual dies is simply unjustified.

Perhaps the most egregious aspect of the death tax is the impact it has on family-owned businesses, which account for 91 percent of all businesses in America.

It is estimated that up to 90 percent of family businesses fail after the death of the founder.

This is due, in no small part, to the fact that 33 percent of grieving survivors have to sell all or part of the family business in order to pay off extensive estate taxes, according to the Small Business Administration.

And this point has been hammered home time and time again by many members of Congress, notably Reps. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, Larry Combest, R-Lubbock and Frank Lucas, R-Okla. — all of whom understand first hand the economic effect that this burdensome estate tax has on family-owned farms, ranches and businesses.

The president and vice president ought to heed the words of economists Aaron and Munnell, as well as the sentiments of fair-minded Americans.

The estate tax is unfair.

Uncle Sam should no longer be a grave robber.

The president, regarded as questionable with the truth and his promises to the public, picked a fine time to live up to a previous promise.

It is unfortunate that this sudden dose of integrity that has afflicted the president will ultimately keep taxpayers feeling ill.

San Antonio Express-News

Texas students must be challenged

Taking the least-challenging courses and earning the minimum credits to get a high school diploma are not enough in today's high-tech world.

Students who skimp on their high school education will find themselves at a disadvantage when competing nationally for college admission.

According to the College Board, math scores on the Scholastic Assessment Test are at a 30-year high nationwide, but they remain below the national average in Texas.

Nationally, the average score on the SAT, one of two tests used as a college admissions standard, went from 1016 to 1019. Math scores went from 511 to 514, while verbal scores remained at 505.

In Texas, however, SAT scores averaged 993. The math scores here rose a point, to 500, while the score on the verbal portion of the test dropped from 494 to 493.

During the last decade Texas has seen an improvement in scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, which grades public school students in grades 3-8 and 10.

That speaks well for what is happening to education in the lower grades. But it's time to focus on the upper grades. State educators are working on an exit exam high school juniors will have to pass to graduate.

Developing tools to measure how well students are taught and how well they learn is good, but in the process we must not lose sight of the real goal: Texas should concentrate on teaching academic skills students need in the working world and college. The state can't afford to waste energy teaching to a test.

The State Board of Education made a positive move earlier this summer when it raised the bar for the Class of 2005 by increasing math and science course requirements.

While there is bound to be some grumbling among students, they will be served well by the decision.

For too long Texas students have been allowed to choose the easiest path to a high diploma, and it has hurt them. The lagging SAT scores in Texas are only a symptom of a much larger problem.

Educators need to ensure that Texas children graduate from high school with a diploma that will allow them to get to the next level.

Longview News-Journal

Proposed minimum wage hike

Supporters of legislation to increase the minimum wage from $5.15 an hour to $6.15 over a two-year period have used the Labor Day weekend to push their cause. But they ignore a better way to increase the personal take-home pay of low-income workers, the Earned Income Tax Credit.

With some degree of glee, the Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy, two self-styled "progressive" think tanks, pointed out that if U.S. workers enjoyed the same 535 percent pay raise the nations top corporate chieftains pocketed in the past decade, the minimum wage would be $24.13 an hour instead of $5.15. Also, the groups made a big deal out of the $38 million in stock options plus pension that defense contractor Hallibu-ton negotiated with CEO Dick Cheney when he quit to become the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

We agree that some corporate executive officer salaries and "golden parachute" pensions are obscene. But that's a separate issue.

The think tanks say that there are some 10 million workers who make between $5.15 and $6.14 an hour. But what they don't tell you

North of Forty By Red Green

How connected are you?

Like most people my age, I've been dragged kicking and screaming into the technology age — including the world of Internet and e-mail and the reclassification of the disadvantaged to include people with only one phone line.

I don't know what software you're using, but the stuff I'm on gives my connection rate whenever I go online. It says "You're connected at 44,000 bps," or "37,000 bps" or whatever. This affects the speed at which I can download information. So I'm thinking this would be a handy thing to flash on an unseen screen in the back of my mind when I meet a new person at a party.

If it said, "You are connected at 3 bps," I would know to speak slowly to this person, keep it simple and move on as quickly as possible. If on the other hand it said, "You are connected at 3 million bps," I better pay attention and keep it interesting and move the conversation on as quickly as possible.

I would also consider this person as a potential life partner. Except for the fact that I'm already married, and when it comes to the connection speed with my wife, we're on cable.

PAY NOW, PAY LATER

I've been a consumer for a pretty long time and, except for a brief hiatus in the early '90s, I've done my part. I've bought my share of cars and boats and homes and appliances and tools. I've had situations where I felt I paid too much and other times when I thought I got a real deal. But, over time, I've come to the conclusion that everything costs the same.

For example, you can either pay top dollar for a high-quality used car and have years of trouble-free driving, or you can buy some cheap beater and spend a fortune on repairs and tow trucks. Same with boats.

Same with everything. My advice is, decide on the exact make and model you want and then shop for the best price on that, rather than buying the cheapest make and model you can find, and then talking yourself into liking it. I'm very fond of this theory and truly wish I could afford it.

THINGS THAT GO FAST

Everything seems to be going faster and faster. Cars and rockets and people's lives. I think Einstein proved that everything is relative or something like that, and it's never truer than it is with speed. Now that I've lived a bit, I have a better perspective on what rate of motion is. Here's a list of things that really do go fast:

— Knees.
— Cash.
— Spicy food.
— Time spent in the proctologist's waiting room.
— The time between your birthdays.
— Your engagement.
— Your honeymoon.
— Your new car warranty.
— Your moments of brilliance.
— Your hairline.
— Your waistline
— Your timeline.

EARLY PAROLE FOR LOW-HANDICAP GOLFERS ONLY

There's a lot of discussion about early parole for serious offenders, and the big question is whether or not they are fully rehabilitated. I have a suggestion. Allow these prisoners to play golf for at least six months prior to their parole application. If they can get their handicap down under 15, then they should be set free. If not, they have no control over their bodies, and parole should be denied. If this rule were ever applied to me, I would spend my entire life behind bars, which in some ways would be kinder than allowing me to play golf.

Quote of the Day: "Employees who never ask for a raise are probably stealing from you." — Red Green

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Top military leaders urged to speak honestly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen urged the nation's top military leaders to speak honestly about strains on combat readiness but not "beat the drum" in hopes of fattening their budgets.

Cohen delivered the message in a private meeting with the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines as well as the commanders in chief of the major warfighting commands around the world, spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Thursday.

"Acknowledging that this is a tricky political time, (he) said to them that he expected them to play straight on the readiness issue, to give the facts, not to beat the drum with a tin cup in hand to try to generate more pressure for defense spending, but, on the other hand, to talk honestly about pressures they face," Bacon said.

The service chiefs are scheduled to testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Sept. 27 on military readiness, an issue which Texas Gov. George W. Bush and running mate Dick Cheney — who served as defense secretary when Bush's father was president — have sought to use against Vice President Al Gore.

Republicans Bush and Cheney have accused the Clinton administration of running down the military by sending troops abroad too often on questionable missions and by spending too little on replacing older weaponry. The consequence, Bush and Cheney argue, is a military with low morale, inadequate training and outdated equipment.

Bacon said Cohen favors a vigorous public debate on military issues but wants to ensure that it be conducted in a context recognizing that the United States remains the largest military power in the world and spends more each year on defense than its NATO allies combined. Bacon said there is a natural tendency for military leaders to want bigger budgets, larger forces and more benefits for their troops.

"Enterprising generals and admirals will always find ways, very good ways, to spend more money," Bacon said.

The service chiefs told Congress earlier this year that current budgets do not meet all their needs — particularly for modernization — although they have insisted that U.S. forces are ready to meet their wartime missions.

Cohen, a Republican who has been defense secretary since the start of President Clinton's second term, told reporters Wednesday in Norfolk, Va., that he wanted to keep the military out of the political debate over readiness.

"I am determined not to allow the military to be drawn into this type of political debate during the course of the campaign in the final two months," Cohen was quoted as saying.

On Thursday, however, Bacon was prepared to rebut some of Bush's charges, including Bush's mention of food stamp use by military members as evidence that troops need bigger pay increases.

"Yes, unfortunately, there are members of the armed services on food stamps," Bacon said. "The good news is that the percentage of the force on food stamps is far less today than it was when President Bush was president and Secretary Cheney was the secretary of defense."

In 1991, the third year of Bush's term, there were about 19,400 troops on food stamps, representing about 0.9 percent of the total force, Bacon said. In 1995, that had fallen to 11,900, or 0.8 percent, and today it is 5,100 troops, or 0.4 percent of the force, he said.

In a speech Thursday to a Veterans of Foreign Wars gathering in Detroit, Bush said, "Having a military ready to fight and win a war requires a military with high morale. I'm going to work with Congress to pay our troops more money. I will work with Congress to make sure our troops are better housed."

Bush also said the military services cannot meet their recruiting goals and are stretched so thin on resources that the Navy ship USS Decatur "moved out to sea and had to come back because of a lack of fuel."

Asked about the Decatur and Bush's charge that it symbolized a readiness problem, Bacon said the ship returned to port earlier than scheduled because it completed its training, not because of a fuel shortage.

Doctors prescribe fewer antibiotics

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Doctors and parents apparently are paying attention to warnings that unnecessary use of antibiotics can be harmful by creating drug-resistant bacteria.

Doctors wrote fewer antibiotic prescriptions for children at the end of the 1990s than at the start of the decade, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

"Our survey suggests that physicians are getting the message that overuse of antibiotics can be harmful," said Linda F. McCaig, a survey statistician who will present the report to the Infectious Diseases Society of America this weekend.

In 1995, the CDC and other medical groups began a campaign to tell doctors and parents that when antibiotics are overused, they kill harmless bacteria while the resistant bacteria thrive and multiply.

"Part of the focus of the campaign was to educate parents on what kind of illnesses might be viral and don't need antibiotics. So maybe more are staying home because they know it's a virus. Or maybe they don't come in because they know the child wouldn't get an antibiotic," McCaig said.

An annual survey of about 2,500 doctors shows that the antibiotic prescription rate in the United States dropped 34 percent from 1989-90 to 1997-98 for children under the age of 15.

The drop was 12 percent when the CDC researchers compared the rates only for children brought to a doctor's office because of an earache, bronchitis, sore throat, sinus infection or upper respiratory infection.

"This is very exciting," said Dr. Stuart Levy, president of the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics and director of Tufts University's Center for Adaptation Genetics and Drug Resistance. "The question will be, 'Can it be continued?'"

The CDC has estimated that half of all antibiotics prescribed during visits to doctors' offices are for colds or other viruses, which cannot be treated by antibiotics.

That overuse is considered a major reason that more and more germs have become resistant to antibiotics over the past decade or two.

Several antibiotics are now useless against germs they used to kill. One-quarter of all germs that cause sinus, ear and blood infections, pneumonia and some kinds of meningitis shrug off two or more antibiotics.

Hurricane season said off to slow start

MIAMI (AP) — With the peak of the 2000 Atlantic hurricane season just days away, experts are trying to figure out why a year predicted to be above average is off to a slow start.

They think they have the answer: it's called the Madden-Julian oscillation.

The atmospheric disturbance is flowing across the Atlantic Ocean and combining with a weakening La Nina to suppress hurricane formation.

Since the June 1 start of the season, two hurricanes have formed, causing little damage and one storm-related death.

"Everyone is trying to understand what's happening," Chris Landsea of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's hurricane research division on Virginia Key, said Thursday. "This is the stuff we're talking about in the back halls."

But experts say that the a mild start is not necessarily unexpected. And they stress that residents in the hurricane zone should brace for storm activity over the next several months.

"Three weeks from now, we may be saying, 'Wow, when was the last time we had so many storms in a row?'" said Ed Rappaport, hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "The pattern can change very quickly."

Said Landsea: "We really still have to pay attention. These things can still come out of the Caribbean and aim right at us."

Landsea said a weakening La Nina has caused more "vertical shear," winds from different directions and altitudes that tear apart hurricanes.

Then there's the Madden-Julian oscillation. The atmospheric wave begins in the Indian Ocean and moves eastward. Usually it dissipates over the eastern Pacific.

"This year, for some reason, it has gotten into the Atlantic a bit and helped to shut things down," Landsea said.

But just as the wave has a phase which suppresses activity, it also has a period where it makes conditions more favorable for hurricane formation.

"The enhancing phase is showing up now," Landsea said.

The National Hurricane Center and Colorado State University professor William Gray have issued forecasts for at least 11 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes this season.

So far, there have been five named storms and two hurricanes, none of them major. The peak of the season arrives Sunday.

Hurricane Alberto churned in the north Atlantic, becoming the longest-lived August tropical storm on record. It never threatened land.

A minor Hurricane Debby soaked parts of the Caribbean in late August before breaking up over Cuba. A man in Puerto Rico died when he slipped from his roof while trying to dismantle an antenna.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Loving father offers prayer for parents at wits end

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 46-year-old father of four, married to the same woman for 23 years. Being a parent is not easy. I know that child abuse statistics are soaring these days.

I've enclosed a prayer that came to mind one day in the midst of the daily chaos. If it causes one parent to pause long enough to avoid verbally, emotionally or physically hurting the child he or she loves, it will have been worth the effort of mailing it to you. — **JUST ANOTHER DAD IN ARIZONA**

DEAR DAD: Rest assured, your effort was not wasted. I love the prayer — and so will my readers. Read on:

PRAYER FOR A TIRED, IRRITABLE PARENT

Healthy children make lots of noise.

They sing, they shout, they belly laugh, they fight, they bang things together, they bounce things, they cry, they scream, they make lots of noise.

They play loud.

God, bless my healthy children. Give me new ears, ears that hear the music of their noise.

Give me new understanding, understanding that doesn't crush their spirits with my intolerance and oversensitivity.

Give me a new Peace, a Peace that is grateful for the sounds created by healthy children.

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is prompted by the one about warning beepers on airport carts and heavy equipment. A "start-up" beeper on school buses would greatly reduce child-related accidents when the bus moves. Children forget to be careful after getting off the bus. A warning beep would let them know it is about to move.

It could probably be installed at a reasonable cost. Bus drivers could be mandated by law to wait for the timed beeps to cease before moving the vehicle, thus giving children time to move out of the way.

Don't you think this would save lives if action groups insisted that it be done? I do. — **R.K. COLLINGS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

DEAR R.K.: I do, too. And the expense would be minimal if you take into consideration the value of a child's life. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In your response to a letter about warning beepers on airport carts, you mentioned back-up beepers on heavy equipment. I am in my mid-80s, and I can't turn around and look behind my car as well as I once could, so I had a back-up beeper installed on my car. It cost less than $50. Other seniors would be wise to have this device installed on their cars to protect those we may not see behind us. —DOMINIC BRUNO, DELTONA, FLA.

DEAR DOMINIC: Why only seniors? I'm sure drivers of every age occasionally put their cars into reverse without looking back. Such a warning for pedestrians, pets and children could save life and limb.

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DEAR ABBY: Do you think a woman can be in love with two men at one time? — **PAT IN SPARTANBURG, S.C.**

DEAR PAT: No. But she can be infatuated with two men (or more!) at the same time.

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DEAR ABBY: I am being married in October, and something is really bothering me. I have a 14-year-old daughter — and she is a big problem, but not the only problem.

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from my fiance's mother. She told me the only reason I want to marry her son is for his money. Abby, we have lived together for more than a year. To this day I don't know what he earns or what he has in the bank, and I don't want to know. What she said was extremely hurtful. I never have been and never will be a gold digger. My fiance knows that. She also told me that if he married me, my daughter will receive nothing in his will.

My fiance is now telling me that because he doesn't want my daughter to get any of his money, he wants to get a prenuptial agreement. I don't have a problem with that — but here's the deal: If we get divorced, I'll get nothing. That's OK with me. But if anything happens to him, I will also be left with nothing — everything will go to his sons.

Abby, is it wrong of me to want some security for my old age? This is something I didn't think I would have to think about, but now I do. Either way I am being made to look like a gold digger. I'm so hurt I don't know how to deal with it. I love this man with all my heart, but I'm lost and don't know what to do. Please help. — **CRYING IN DEARBORN, MICH.**

DEAR CRYING: Dry your tears and take heart. As much as you love this man, you need to consult a lawyer. A prenuptial agreement has to be acceptable to both parties, and you must be represented by an impartial lawyer so that it isn't signed under "duress." The document should offer you some protection, so that you won't be blindsided at some future date.

Discuss with your lawyer whether or not your fiance should sign a similar agreement that plainly outlines what he expects his financial obligations to you will be.

He should be as willing to sign such an agreement as you are. After all, business is a two-way street and there's nothing shameful about it.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Must I Share Everything?" whose husband likes to hang out with her and her girlfriends. May I comment?

I am a 34-year-old woman who is thrilled to have a husband who feels comfortable with my friends. In fact, a couple of weeks ago I had a Pampered Chef party with 25 ladies — and my husband was the hit of the evening! He had a great time and was even nicknamed "Oven Boy" because he was in charge of putting the food in the oven for the demonstrator. I didn't even mind when my friends wanted to go into the kitchen to check out "Oven Boy's 'buns.'"

That lady should count her blessings. I know I do every day. After all, doesn't it make sense that your "best friend" should get along with your other friends? — **LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD, MIDLOTHIAN, ILL.**

DEAR LUCKIEST GIRL: I agree completely. I'd rather have my friends checking out my Oven Boy's buns than trying to find my Turkey who couldn't relate to any of them.

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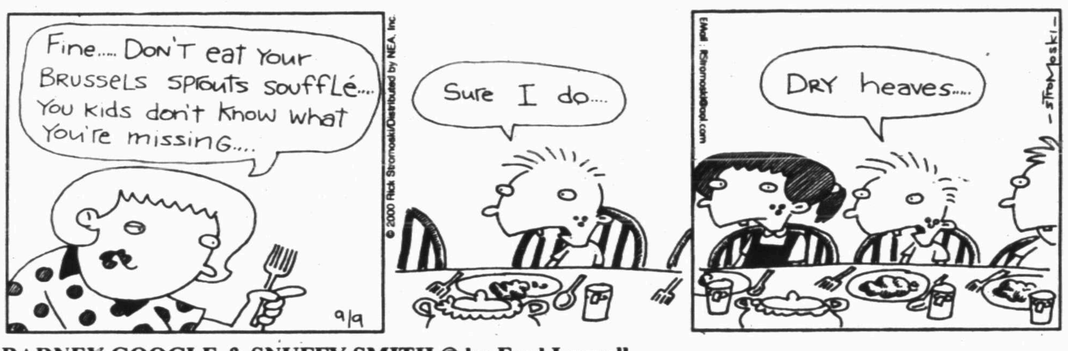

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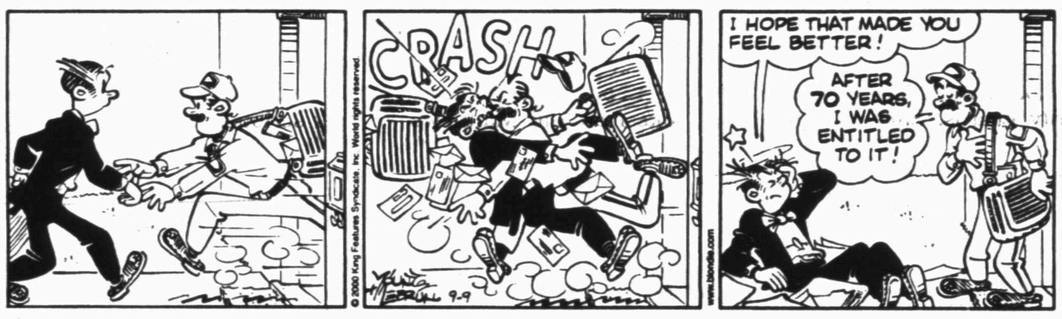

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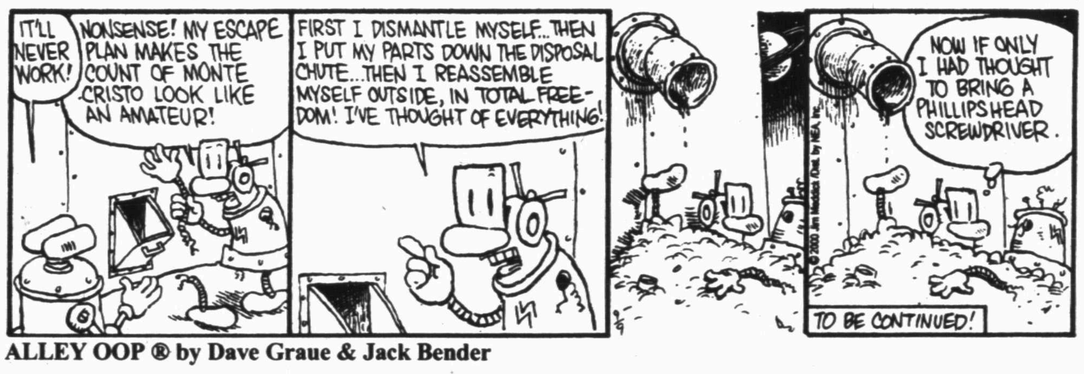

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15 Badgered
16 Cordial
17 Evil acts
18 Made a hole
20 "The King — —"
21 Actor Ritchard
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33 Musical instrument
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35 Combination
36 Baseballer Casey —
39 Mean
40 Madonna movie
42 "Bridge on the River —"
46 Ventilate
47 Actress Winslet
51 Flattened
53 Line on a map
55 Knot
56 Short jacket
57 Goes 95 mph
58 Raises the spirit of

DOWN

1 Babies wear them
2 Jai —
3 Thin pancake
4 Baseball events
5 "Verb" finish
6 Donkey
7 VIP
8 High card
9 Actress Rowlands
10 Profit
11 Mild oath
12 Sandwich shop
19 Type of bean
21 Shrink back in fear
22 Gap
23 Fumbler's cry
24 Legal order
25 Baseball number
26 Black
28 Rockfish
29 Yalies
30 Vegas machine
31 Actor Randall
37 Dodges adroitly
38 Roman 52
41 Social group
42 Outfits
43 Evening cloak
44 First-rate (2 wds.)
45 Author of "Picnic"
47 Tropical nut
48 Help a hood
49 Container weight
50 Cupid
52 Old age
54 Impresario Hurok

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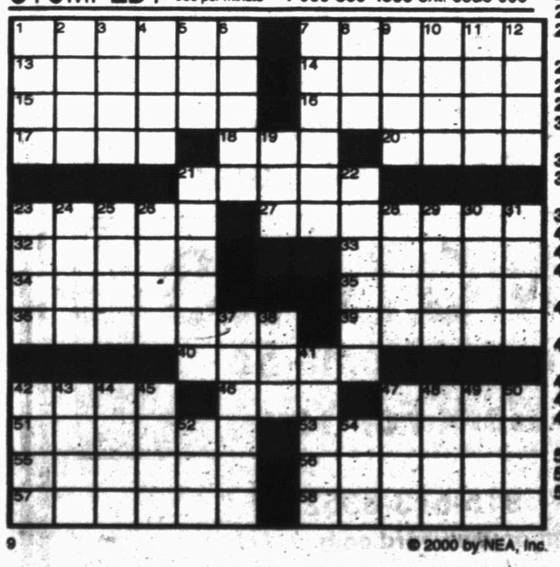

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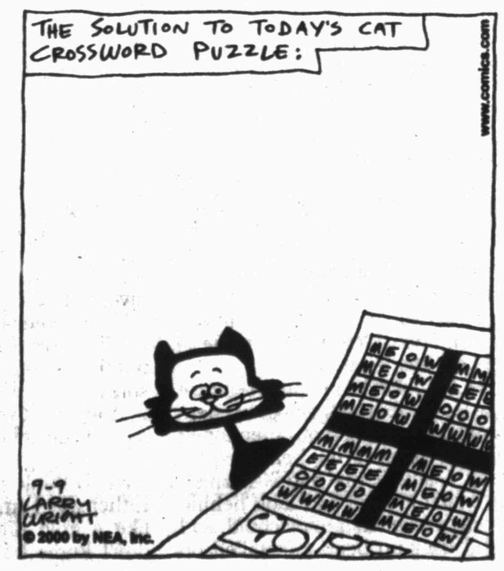

Postal service, FedEx eye working together

WASHINGTON (AP) — One day that Federal Express package may arrive with your mail carrier.

The Postal Service and FedEx are discussing ways they can work together to save time and money for both.

"We're optimistic that we can reach an agreement, some sort of strategic alliance," Postmaster General William Henderson said Thursday.

He said teams of executives from the post office and FedEx are meeting in Washington and Memphis, Tenn., to hammer out the details.

If all goes well, Henderson said, the two longtime rivals could be working together by next spring. He said any deal will have to win approval from the post office's governing board, which he plans to brief in October.

Mail carriers would cover "the last mile" in residential deliveries, Henderson explained, but would not handle FedEx's "signature" overnight deliveries, which primarily go from business to business.

Because mail carriers visit each house daily they already have an efficient system in place and using that could save FedEx time and money, Henderson explained.

"They're interested in cutting costs on some residential delivery and we could provide that," said Henderson. "FedEx has the most efficient air transportation network in the United States, and we would like to take advantage of it."

He said under the plan the post office would do residential delivery and pickups for FedEx, which would then collect parcels at post offices and transport them. FedEx boxes or counters might be placed in post offices and FedEx parcels could be delivered to post office boxes.

The two sides are also discussing the possibility of a cobranded service, particularly on international routes.

The post office would be paid for its collection and delivery and would also gain the increased efficiency of FedEx's large network of aircraft, he said.

FedEx generally handles bigger parcels than the post office, but Henderson said there had been no talk of the post office increasing its weight limit for packages.

The idea of cooperating with each other came up during a casual discussion between Henderson and FedEx President Frederick W. Smith, Henderson said.

A deal would benefit both, saving money for FedEx and bringing in added income for the postal service, which is facing red ink for the first time in five years as the end of the fiscal year nears.

Henderson said two weeks ago that his agency could have losses of as much as $300 million this fiscal year because of a reduction in first-class mail, higher than expected costs for gasoline and an arbitration case that resulted in higher pay for some workers than had been planned.

The decline in first-class mail stems primarily from billers combining bills and sending lighter bills, reducing the per piece cost, Henderson said. He said Internet use is not involved in the reduction.

A one-cent rate increase — to 34 cents for first-class mail — is now before the independent Postal Rate Commission and is thought likely to take effect sometime in January.

Henderson noted that the Postal Service has similar cooperative deals, on a smaller scale, with other companies, including Emery and Airborne and any agreement with FedEx would not be exclusive. He said postal officials had talked with United Parcel Service in the past but nothing came of it.

UPS said in a statement that "this is far from a done deal, considering the public policy and antitrust implications." The company also cited what it said were "recognized deficiencies" in Postal Service performance, and wondered, "Why would anyone pay FedEx prices for postal service?"

Chain stores restrict access to violent videos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Young people itching to wreak virtual havoc with an Uzi via their Playstation will have to bring along a parent if they want to buy a violent video game from some major retailers.

Kmart announced Thursday it will refuse sale of mature-rated games to anyone under 17, using a barcode scanner that will prompt cashiers to ask for identification from youths.

After Kmart's news conference in Washington, Wal-Mart announced it would enact the same policy. In a letter last month to Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, the president of Toys R Us said the practice is already in place at his company's stores.

Sessions applauded the move, but said he would prefer that retailers stop selling mature-rated games, as Montgomery Ward and Sears, Roebuck and Co. already have done.

Sessions said he believes "intense involvement" with violent video games can cause a young person to become violent.

"Common sense should tell us that positively reinforcing sadistic behavior, as these games do, cannot be good for our children," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"We cannot expect that the hours spent in school will mold and instruct a child's mind but that hours spent playing violent games will not."

Kmart executives said they believe their policy lets parents make decisions about video games.

"A step of responsibility that gets the parents involved is a smart step, rather than just walking away from the issue and letting someone else deal with it," said Shawn Kahle, Kmart's vice president of corporate affairs.

In May, Sessions, Brownback and seven other senators sent a letter to executives of Kmart and several other major retailers encouraging them to pull the games off their shelves or prevent their sale to anyone younger than 17.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, was among those who signed the letter written by Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark.

"It sounds ... great," said Lieberman, who is known for speaking out about the amount of violence in popular culture. "I'm real encouraged. If people want to enforce a rating system, they should do it," he said Thursday.

FTC is supposed to hold hearings on this issue next week, and Lieberman is scheduled to testify on Wednesday.

Most video games sold at major retailers include a rating from the Entertainment Software Review Board advising consumers about which games are suitable for certain age groups.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser said her company has invested more than $3 million on store signs and advertising to educate customers about the rating system.

Moser said she was not sure when Wal-Mart would implement the new policy. Kmart plans to enact the policy Oct. 15, in time for the holiday shopping season.

"I think it'll work from their standpoint," said Howard Dyckovsky, vice president of operations for PC Data, a company that tracks software and video game sales.

"But there will be to some degree a slowdown in sales of some of those products, until the kids find ways to get them through other mechanisms."

Brownback said the Senate Commerce Committee next week will examine the results of a Federal Trade Commission report on whether violent, adult-rated games are target-marketed to kids.

"If this is true — and there is plenty of anecdotal evidence to suggest that it is — this is a scandal and an outrage," said Brownback, who authored an amendment that passed the Senate requesting the FTC to conduct the study.

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Fed agents posing as journalists are criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Society of Newspaper Editors condemned Thursday the use of press credentials by undercover federal agents posing as journalists at a trial in Idaho last week.

In letters to Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh, Richard Oppel, president of the Reston, Va.-based ASNE, called the tactics an "affront to working journalists."

"If citizens believe that members of the media may be investigators for federal state or local agencies, journalists will be placed at risk and will be unable to do our jobs," Oppel said.

The civil trial in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 30 miles east of Spokane, was brought by two people suing the Aryan Nations and its officers for damages in a 1998 confrontation in which a mother and son were assaulted and shot at by Aryan Nations security guards. Small groups of white supremacists and skinheads have been gathering outside the courthouse to voice support for the Aryan Nations.

More than 90 journalists have received credentials to cover the event.

The local sheriff's department revoked media credentials issued to seven photographers on Aug. 30 after learning they were undercover agents for the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The agents wore photographers' vests, glasses, hats and carried camera equipment as they monitored the activities of supporters of the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations.

The FBI issued a statement Friday acknowledging its agents were present at the trial. But spokesman Bill Matthews in Salt Lake City wouldn't comment on whether agents had posed as journalists.

"The Salt Lake City division has a legal and legitimate interest in the public activities currently taking place at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho," Matthews read from a statement.

The agency's actions are "in full compliance with the law and appropriate U.S. Department of Justice guidelines and policies," Matthews said.

A sheriff's captain originally suggested the agents seek media credentials so they could blend into the crowds around the courthouse. The credentials were yanked after journalists complained.

Oppel charged that local officials had not considered the matter serious.

"It is this kind of assumption that leads to this sort of tactic time and time again," he said.

The Society of Professional Journalists sent a similar letter on Sept. 1 to Freeh, Reno and President Clinton demanding an investigation and punishment for the agents.

On the Net:
American Society of Newspaper Editors:
http://www.asne.org
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Researchers develop quicker and more accurate gene test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Genetic testing may take hours, instead of days, and be performed in a doctor's office, instead of at a distant lab, with the use of a new gene identification technique developed at Northwestern University.

Researchers report Friday in the journal Science that the technique uses tiny gold beads and a modified photo developing solution to highlight the presence and density of DNA in a test specimen.

The new technique reads the results using a simple photo scanner costing less than $100, said Chad A. Mirkin, a co-author of the study. The most widely used current DNA testing technique requires a $60,000 microscope, he said.

"Once this system is developed, it may be possible for a doctor to do DNA testing in his office, or for soldiers in the field to do tests to identify biological weapons," said Mirkin.

Just as do the current test methods, the new technique starts with DNA chips, glass slides imbedded with strands of synthesized DNA.

The slide is placed in a solution containing the test specimen and target DNA in the specimen binds to the DNA strands on the slide.

Mirkin said the new element in the technique is the use of gold beads a nanometer in diameter. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. The width of a human hair is about 100 nanometers.

The gold beads are covered with about 200 strands of DNA. When they are spilled over the DNA slide, the beads match up and cling to the corresponding DNA in the specimen.

Mirkin said the slide is then immersed in a photographic solution. Silver ions in the solution bond with the gold and form black beads of metallic silver that may be 100,000 times bigger than the gold beads.

The whole slide is then put onto a photo scanner. The silver beads, which mark where there has been a DNA match, show up as gray to black dots. The darkness of the dot shows the amount of target DNA present in the specimen, said Mirkin.

Mirkin said the technique is about 100 times more sensitive than current methods and is able to detect as few as 60 molecules of DNA. To achieve that sensitivity, current DNA tests require that the DNA detected be amplified by a laboratory process.

The new DNA test is still in the early stages of development, said Mirkin, but eventually it could be used to genetically identify diseases — from cancer to AIDS — and to detect gene mutations.

On the battlefield, he said, the technique could be used to identify biological warfare agents, such as anthrax, so that soldiers could quickly be given the appropriate drugs.

Web site include city's new slogan

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — Four months after the city adopted the slogan "Danville Can," a resident has made it the address of his pornographic Web site titled "Pete's Wild and Young Adventures in a Gay Wonderland."

Site creator Peter Boykin, 23, said material on the site, which includes pictures of males engaged in sex acts, is for "shock value."

Todd Yeatts, the city's director of legislative and public affairs, said Danville does not have a copyright on the slogan and can't control its use.

Boykin said he is willing to sell the name, but City Manager Jerry Gwaltney said public money won't be spent to reward somebody "for something like that."

Contract extended

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Koppel agreed to a five-year contract extension on Thursday to continue as host of ABC's "Nightline," cutting his appearances from four to three nights per week starting in January.

Koppel, 60, has been the show's only host since it began in 1980. The announcement came the day after "Nightline" captured five Emmy Awards for its work in 1999, more than any other news program.

Neither Koppel nor ABC would reveal terms of the deal.

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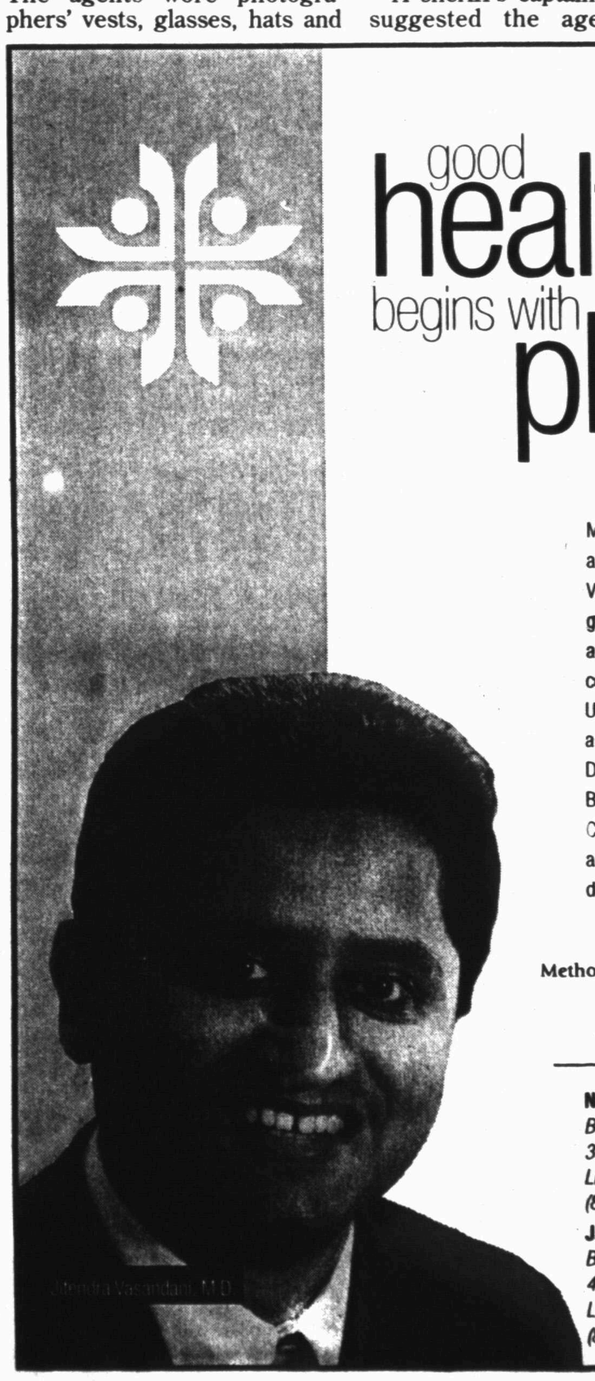

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Jury awards millions in Aryan Nations trial

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — The civil rights lawyer who helped win a $6.3 million judgment against the Aryan Nations hopes the verdict is just the first step to shutting down the white supremacist sect.

In the wake of Thursday's award, Morris Dees said he would now try to take everything from the Aryan Nations, including its 20-acre rural compound and infamous name.

"We intend to take every single asset from the Aryan Nations now and forever," Dees said after the jury awarded damages to a woman and her son who were attacked by Aryan Nations guards. "We intend to even take the name 'Aryan Nations' and ... close that sad chapter in this nation's history."

The jury found that Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler, the group and its corporate entity, Saphire Inc., were negligent in overseeing the security guards who assaulted Victoria and Jason Keenan in 1998.

The Keenans were chased, shot at and attacked after they stopped to search for a lost wallet outside the Aryan Nations headquarters north of Coeur d'Alene.

Jurors deliberated about 10 hours over two days before setting $6 million as a punitive damage award, with $330,000 in compensatory damages to Victoria Keenan, 44, and Jason, 21.

Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., has long used lawsuits to destroy the finances of hate groups. In six such lawsuits, the lawyer has never lost. In 1990, he won $9 million in Portland, Ore., against the White Aryan Resistance in the beating death of a black man by neo-Nazi skinheads.

He said he intends to seize the Aryan Nations copyright and then retire the name that has been synonymous with racial hatred for nearly three decades.

As for the Aryan Nations' fenced property, Dees suggested a different use.

"It's a property I don't think we could find a better use for than as a tolerance center ... to show the tragedies of the Holocaust," Dees said. "I couldn't think of a better use for it than for school children to go to the seat of hatred and learn tolerance."

Butler, 82, spoke briefly outside the courtroom, comparing himself to some biblical figures and declaring north Idaho a haven for racists.

"You can't stop us," Butler told reporters. "This is nothing. We have planted seeds. Most of north Idaho now is filled with the people who escaped multiculturalism or diversity or whatever you want to call it."

Edgar Steele, who represents Butler and the Aryan Nations, said he will move for a new trial. If that fails, he plans to appeal and may seek to have the judgment amount reduced.

Butler would have to post a $9 million bond to appeal.

"I consider this area to be one of the last bastions of free speech in America," Steele said. "You can write the epitaph for that now."

The jury found Butler, the Aryan Nations and Saphire Inc. 90 percent negligent; Butler and the Aryan Nations are liable for $4.8 million of the punitive award. Butler's chief of staff, Michael Teague, was found 10 percent negligent and liable for $600,000.

"We will continue the message of Aryan Nations and the white race as long as we live," Teague said after the verdict.

Former guards Jesse Warfield and John Yeager — who are serving prison terms for the assaults on the Keenans — were also found liable for punitive damages. Yeager was assessed $100,000 in punitive damages and Warfield $500,000.

Head of IA apologizes for 'legacy of racism'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs apologized Friday for the agency's "legacy of racism and inhumanity" that included massacres, forced relocations of tribes and attempts to wipe out Indian languages and cultures.

"By accepting this legacy, we accept also the moral responsibility of putting things right," Kevin Gover, a Pawnee Indian, said in an emotional speech marking the agency's 175th anniversary.

Gover said he was apologizing on behalf of the BIA, not the federal government as a whole. Still, he is the highest-ranking U.S. official ever to make such a statement regarding the treatment of American Indians.

The audience of about 300 tribal leaders, BIA employees and federal officials stood and cheered as a teary-eyed Gover finished the speech.

"I thought it was a very heroic and historic moment," said Susan Masten, chairwoman of California's Yurok tribe and president of the National Congress of American Indians. "For us, there was a lot of emotion in that apology. It's important for us to begin to heal from what has been done since non-Indian contact."

Lloyd Tortalita, the governor of New Mexico's Acoma Pueblo tribe, welcomed the apology but said, "If we could get an apology from the whole government, that would be better."

Although Gover's statement did not come from the White House, President Clinton's chief adviser on Indian issues, Lynn Cutler, said Gover sent her a copy of his speech late Thursday and the White House did not object to it.

Canada's government has formally apologized for abuses in government-run boarding schools for Indians but has rejected calls for a broader apology. Australian Prime Minister John Howard also has rebuffed repeated calls for an apology to that country's Aboriginal population for similar abuses there.

Gover recited a litany of wrongs the BIA inflicted on Indians since its creation as the Indian Office of the War Department. Estimates vary widely, but the agency is believed responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Indians.

"This agency participated in the ethnic cleansing that befell the Western tribes," Gover said. "It must be acknowledged that the deliberate spread of disease, the decimation of the mighty bison herds, the use of the poison alcohol to destroy mind and body, and the cowardly killing of women and children made for tragedy on a scale so ghastly that it cannot be dismissed as merely the inevitable consequence of the clash of competing ways of life."

The misery continued after the BIA became part of the Interior Department in 1849, Gover said. Children were brutalized in BIA-run boarding schools, Indian languages and religious practices were banned and traditional tribal governments were eliminated, he said. The high rates of alcoholism, suicide and violence in Indian communities today are the result, he said.

"Poverty, ignorance and disease have been the product of this agency's work," Gover said.

Now, 90 percent of the BIA's 10,000 employees are Indian and the agency has changed into an advocate for tribal governments.

"Never again will we attack your religions, your languages, your rituals, or any of your tribal ways," Gover promised. "Never again will we seize your children, nor teach them to be ashamed of who they are. Never again."

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Bureau of Indian Affairs:
http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html
National Congress of American Indians:
http://www.ncai.org/

Survivors of torpedoed POW ship meet

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ralph Johnson was never far from starvation, disease and death as a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II.

He survived the Bataan death march, toiled in rice paddies as a slave laborer and then lived through the sinking of a "hell ship" loaded with 750 American prisoners of war.

Johnson, 80, and 13 other survivors of the ship disaster gathered at Jacksonville Naval Air Station Thursday for their last reunion to remember the horrors of Sept. 7, 1944.

They were among 82 men who survived the sinking of the Shinyo Maru, a Japanese freighter hit by torpedoes fired by an American submarine, the USS Paddle. The Allies were unaware that the ship was being used to move the American POWs, many of whom had already survived the Bataan death march at the beginning of the war.

Now, 56 years later, there are 25 left from the ship. Six have died since the group's previous reunion two years ago. Organizers said this, their eighth, would be the final reunion.

"We are a group of men who care a great deal for each other," said Hayes H. Bolitho, a survivor from Big Sandy, Texas. "Those who died are in our hearts."

Capt. Stephen A. Turcotte, commanding officer of the Jacksonville base, called the 14 survivors, mostly in their 70s and 80s, "a great bunch of American heroes."

"They took their spirits, their hearts, their souls, and their minds, left their families and put themselves in harm's way for our country," Turcotte said.

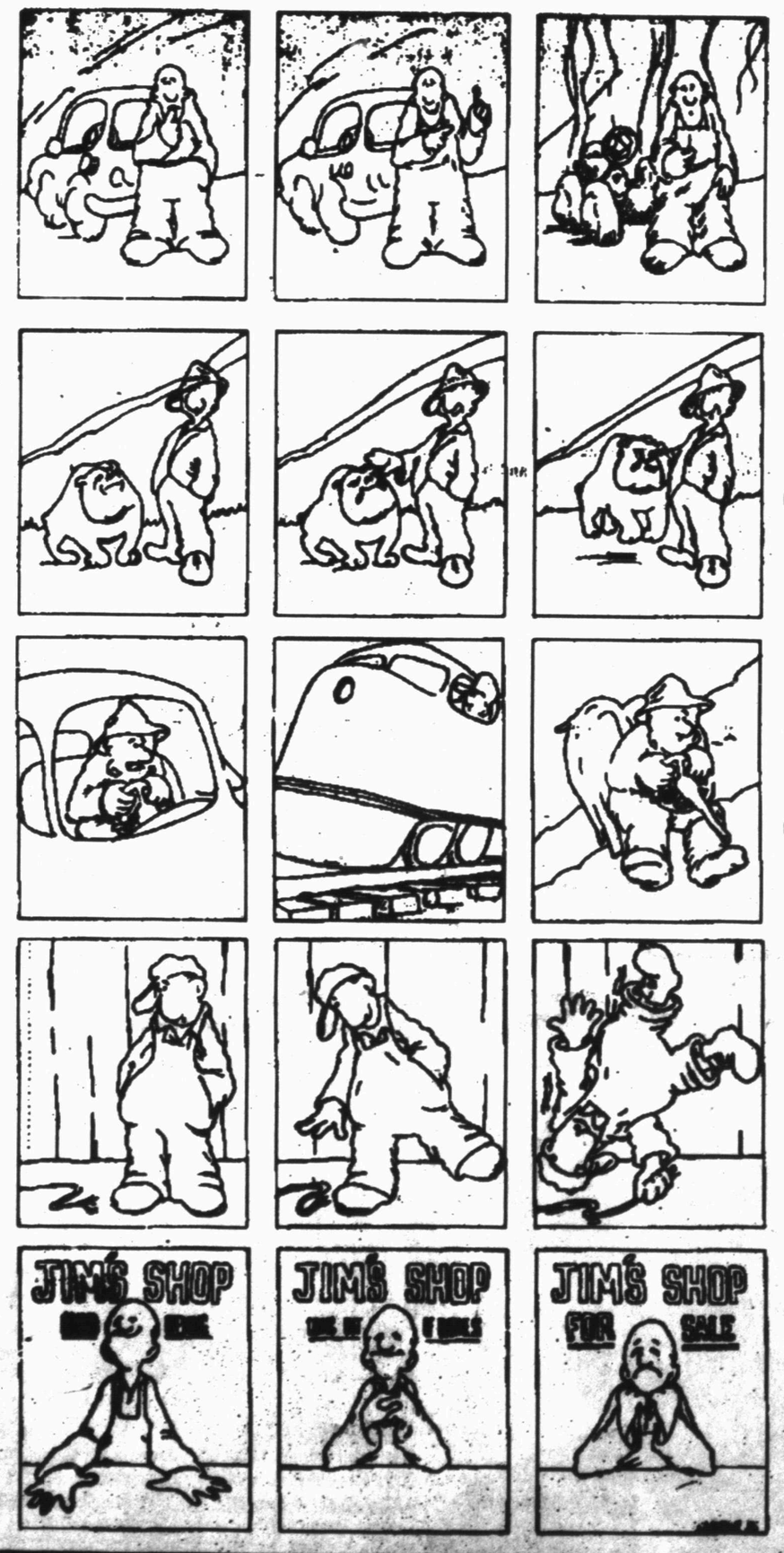
The POWs were herded like cattle into the holds of the Shinyo Maru and had no chance to escape when the torpedoes hit. Most were already suffering from starvation and dehydration as a result of many months in disease-ridden prison camps without adequate food, water and medical treatment.

The ship was one of 23 Japanese prison vessels that became known as "hell ships." They were being taken to Japan, China, Manchuria and Korea to work as slave labor for the Japanese war effort.

Five other "hell ships" were sunk by Allied ships and planes, resulting in the deaths of about 5,000 POWs.

Johnson, then a young second lieutenant, and three of his buddies were sitting with their backs against a bulkhead when the explosions rocked the ship.

As the POWs climbed over the rails or escaped through holes made by the torpedoes, many were shot dead by their Japanese captors. Johnson said one group captured in the water was executed.



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