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Home of Willard Ervin

Black mold forces nursing home moves

The discovery of black mold at Snyder Healthcare Center will result in the closing of the nursing home by week's end, leaving families of the 48 residents scrambling to relocate them.

Officials at Snyder Healthcare, located on the Big Spring Highway, began notification of the company's decision late Monday afternoon.

Gloria Mann, administrator, said the decision to evacuate was made at the corporate level. Snyder Healthcare has been owned by Senior Living Properties of Dallas since last August.

A regional vice president was in Snyder Monday, and social workers were calling family members and helping to make arrangements for the relocation.

A letter by regular mail was sent to family members late last week revealing that black mold had been discovered. The mold, Mrs. Mann said, is located in the facility's administrative area.

The letter indicated that the mold was believed to be isolated to one area and it is believed that abatement could be achieved with minor disruptions.

Air samples were taken over the weekend, and were found to be negative.

However, company officials said they felt it is in the best interest of the residents that a thorough survey of the facility be conducted. Such a survey will entail tearing out and looking into walls.

"There is just no way to do this and ensure the safety of the residents," Mrs. Mann said. "We don't want to put anyone at risk."

The mold survey and abatement program is expected to take from one to two months.

Meanwhile some 15-20 high-risk residents, those with respiratory or breathing problems, will be the first to be relocated, within 24-48 hours. The plan is to have all residents in other facilities by the end of the week.

Snyder has only one other long-term care facility that accepts Medicaid patients and that is Snyder Oaks Care Center on 37th Street. Snyder Oaks is an 86-bed facility.

Kinney Robinson, an assistant administrator, said Snyder Oaks had only six openings and was fielding numerous telephone calls starting late Monday.

Doris Beard said this morning she is waiting to hear from Snyder Oaks about moving her 94-year-old dad, Ennis Floyd, to that facility.

"We got a letter last week about the problem, and then I was told Monday we would have to move my dad," Mrs. Beard said.

"If it doesn't work out here, then we'll look at Sweetwater, Rotan or other locations."

Iva Stinson is facing the same situation with her 93-year-old mother, Thelma Wimberley.

"We're also waiting to hear from Snyder Oaks," said Stinson. "This is the only place we've looked into so far."

Mrs. Stinson said she also may keep her mother at home while Snyder Healthcare is closed.

Both family members said they felt Snyder Healthcare had handled the situation properly.

"I know they're good to their residents, and this is just part of their service," Mrs. Beard added.

Mrs. Stinson said she has done some research on the black mold and felt the nursing home is doing the right thing trying to get to the bottom of the problem. "I know it can be a serious thing."

The long-term care facility at Cogdell Hospital is private pay only, and does not have Medicaid certification.

George Parsley, Cogdell CEO, said he is aware of the Snyder Healthcare situation. The second floor of the hospital has space, but would require regulatory approval to open it up to those patients.

Senior Living Properties also owns care centers in Rotan, Sweetwater and Roscoe and some Snyder residents are expected to be relocated to these facilities.

Family members are being told that the relocation, most requiring transportation by ambulance, would be at the expense of the nursing home.

Company officials stressed that the decision is solely a safety concern and is in no way a financial issue. Nationwide, nursing homes have experienced rising costs and cash flow problems.

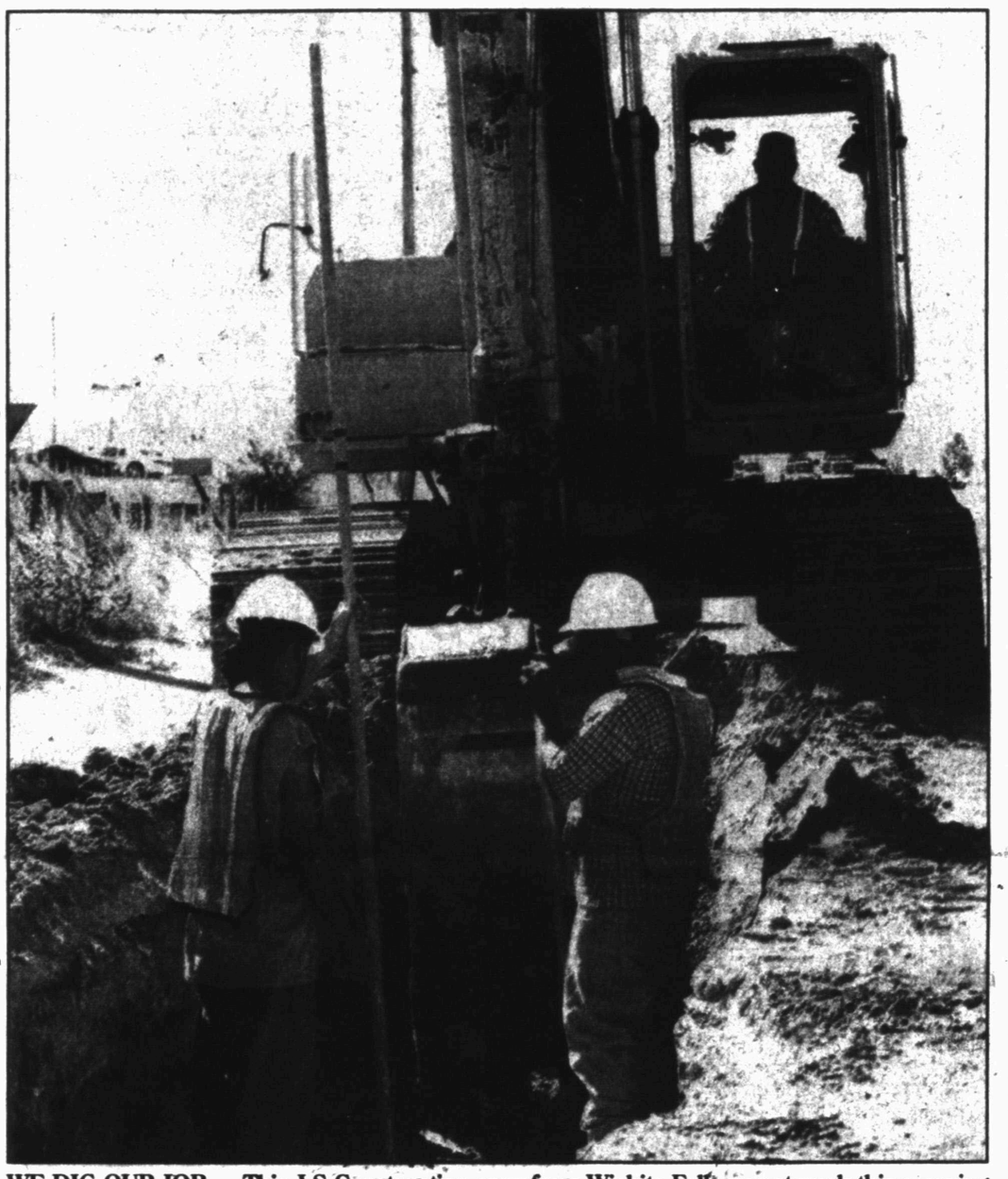
Within the past month, the corporate office of Snyder Healthcare has called asking vendors to settle accounts for 50 cents on the dollar.

Mrs. Mann said family members have been understanding of the problem. "There are really no guidelines on what to do about black mold. What we know we are getting off the Internet. We're not an expert on it."

Mrs. Mann also stressed that state nursing home regulators are aware of the situation, but the decision to move residents was not prompted by the state. "We had rather err on the safe side."

Also adversely affected are the nursing home's approximate 48 employees.

The nursing home opened in January 1967 as an 80-bed long-term care facility. It currently is licensed for 76 beds.



WE DIG OUR JOB — This J S Construction crew from Wichita Falls was at work this morning installing a storm sewer along Coliseum Dr. Sweating through already high temps, the crew is looking forward to returning home this weekend for the opening of the Dallas Cowboys' training camp. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "What you get by reaching your goal isn't as important as what you become by reaching it."

Being addicted to food may not be a crime, but it can still land a guy in the pokey.

At least it did in Fort Worth. It's another one of those infamous dumb criminal stories that seem to become more frequent.

In Cowtown, police arrested a 17-year-old after the bicycle-riding bandit cruised up to a Taco Bell drive-through window.

He threatened the worker and said he wanted the money. He also demanded one of the favorite items on the menu, the chalupa.

Workers gave the robber the money, motivated by what they thought was a gun. Later it was revealed that he brandished only a pellet gun.

As the thief waited for his food order, police arrived and the chase was on. The robber screamed at officers, waved his weapon at them and sped away on the bike.

One officer fired a shot and missed. The policeman's partner continued the chase and shot the man, wounding him in the arm and leg. The pursuit continued until backup arrived and the suspect surrendered.

Police noted it was not the typical holdup, saying the man seemed more interested in the Mexican food snack than he did the cash.

This may go all the way to the Supreme Court. Did anyone ever order him to "drop the chulupa?"

The only thing worse than a dumb criminal is a dumb court-appointed defense attorney. For example:

Defendant: Judge, I want you to appoint me another lawyer.

Judge: And why is that?

Defendant: Because the public defender isn't interested in my case.

Judge: (to the defense lawyer) Do you have any comments on that?

Defense lawyer: I'm sorry, your honor, I wasn't listening.

Prosecutor: Did you observe anything?

Witness: Yes, we did. When we found the vehicle, we saw several unusual items in the car, in the right front floorboard. There was what appeared to be a Molotov Cocktail, a green bottle.

Defense lawyer: Objection. I'm going to object to that word, Molotov Cocktail.

Judge: What is your legal objection?

Defense lawyer: It's inflammatory, your honor.

And sometimes a crook can't be helped:

Judge: The charge here is theft of frozen chickens. Are you the defendant, sir?

Defendant: Not, so. I'm the guy who stole the chicken.

Trustees continue budget work

Snyder ISD's trustees continue work on the district's 2001-2002 budget when they meet this evening at 6 o'clock.

Trustees will be presented with a balanced budget, Supt. Gayle Lomax said Monday.

The proposed budget totals $19.7 million as compared to $19.2 million this year.

Trustees will also hold a public hearing on single-member district boundary changes. These changes were made necessary by the findings of the 2000 census.

The proposed changes in the boundaries leaves all board members serving present districts.

Supt. Lomax said his office has not received any comments concerning the changes, and if they are approved tonight, the plan will be forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for approval.

Several teacher contracts are expected to be ratified tonight.

They include Cody Cox, science teacher and golf coach at Snyder Junior High; Susan Brisendine, Brooke Gober, Andrea Crane and Tammy Hosemann, all fourth grade teachers at East Elementary; Diane Huff, first grade at Stanfield Elementary; Jessica Smith, science teacher at Snyder High School; Zack Williams, history teacher and assistant basketball coach at SHS; and Ted Phillips, tennis coach at Snyder High.

Resignations will be considered from Daisy Lewis, district-wide diagnostician; Josefina Velasquez, first grade at Central Elementary; April Martin, SJHS band director; Ben Reed, SHS history teacher and assistant basketball coach; Chris Henson, SHS special ed teacher and coach; Katie Henson, SHS journalism teacher; and Rose Smith, first grade teacher at Central Elementary.

Trustees also will consider a resolution amending the authorized representatives of the district to include Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for business.

Monthly budget amendments will also be considered for approval, as will the yearly professional development and appraisal system calendar.

The meeting will be held in the administration building's boardroom.

DWIs result in prison term

A 33-year-old Snyder man will now serve nine years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea entered Friday in 132nd District Court.

Richard Charles Clayton of 609 N. Avenue Q pleaded guilty to an April 25 charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

Clayton, who had two prior DWI convictions, was sentenced by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

The court also revoked Clayton's 1999 eight-year probated sentence for DWI. The two terms will be serve concurrently.

What is black mold?

"Black Mold" is a term commonly used to describe a slimy, greenish-black substance which can result in serious health risk.

This infamous mold also is known as Strachybotrys chartarum and more often as Strachybotrys atra. It has been closely linked to the death of babies from respiratory bleeding, and as a contributing factor to illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis.

According to the Center of Disease Control, black mold is responsible for many cases of lung disorders.

Virtually everyone has one type or another of mold somewhere in their home. Although not all types are toxic, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish types without lab testing. Thus it is imperative to treat and remove all molds as if they're potentially harmful. Regardless of the type of mold found, a home with mold is essentially not a healthy home.

Mold spores are very easily transported to different areas by attaching themselves to various hosts. These hosts would include people, animals, shoes and they even enter through open windows and doors.

The spores then thrive and grow where it is damp and moist. Very toxic molds can develop from water seepage, and while black mold is less common than other mold species it is not rare.

Areas and substances where black mold can be found include water soaked wood, ceiling tiles, wall paneling, cardboard, even items made of cotton. Black mold can grow on drywall and insulation and can infest areas in the floors, walls and ceilings.

Moisture is essential to the growth of black mold, and when it is wet it is shiny in appearance. To physically touch a spot of black mold would feel slimy and would smear on the area.

When contemplating clean up of black mold, verify the extent of the problem. Many of the infested areas will be relatively small

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ASK US

Q—What are the steps to fill Sen. Tom Haywood's seat in the Texas Senate?

A—By law, Gov. Rick Perry has 20 days from the senator's death to post a date for a special election.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 104 degrees; low, 76; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 77; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low 75-80, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high around 101, S wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, low 75-80.



Meagan Downing
Sunny

Sunset:
8:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:52 a.m.
Of 197 days in 2001, the sun has shone 185 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The way to accelerate your success is to double your failure rate.

—Tom Watson Sr.

JUL 17 2001

Despite promises, phone savings hard to find

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government and telephone industry promised Americans lower rates and more choices last year. Yet this month, callers will pay 65 cents more on their local bills. And if phone users want to offset the increases, they will have to do some homework to find new savings.

The Federal Communications Commission signed off last May on a five-year program crafted by major local and long-distance players with a promise of customer benefits. With the plan now in its second year, the savings for consumers are getting harder to pinpoint.

As of July, local phone companies are boosting one of the fees on consumer bills — the subscriber line charge — from $4.35 to $5.00 a month. At the same time, long-distance companies that had pledged to trim their rates are leaving it up to residential customers to figure out how to save money.

Now, both agency and company officials say most of the gains for residential callers came at the outset of the initiative.

In its second year, local companies must take the money from the higher customer fee — about $1 billion industrywide — and use it to reduce the amount they charge long-distance carriers to complete calls, mostly calls to businesses with multiple phone lines.

The higher fee means savings for long-distance carriers and some of those companies said last year that this would trickle back to customers. In a letter to the FCC, AT&T said "it will, over the life of the plan, flow those savings through to residential and business customers."

At the start of this month, however, when the local charge officially went up, none of the three major long-distance carriers announced reductions in their residential calling plans. In fact, AT&T, the nation's largest provider, announced that it was boosting rates for half of its 60 million residential customers by 11 percent.

"Long-distance companies are padding their pockets and consumers are getting stuck with higher bills," said John Emra of SBC Communications, the nation's second largest local phone business, which helped craft the plan along with other major local carriers. These included Bell Atlantic and GTE, which subsequently merged to become Verizon, and BellSouth, as well as long-distance carriers AT&T and Sprint.

But long-distance companies, battered by price wars and new competition from mobile phones with national calling plans, argue that they are bringing the benefits to consumers by offering innovative calling plans and prepaid cards that could reduce monthly rates for different types of users.

The long-distance industry is watching its revenue fall and "part of this is certainly due to consumers taking advantage of better pricing plans," said AT&T spokesman Jim McGann.

Verizon, the local phone company that is now one of the top long-distance providers, said it shaved the costs on its most popular plans earlier this year in anticipation of the drop. Sprint spokesman James Fisher said his company also factored in the July savings when it came up with plans earlier this year.

But drawing a direct correlation between the plans and what long-distance carriers save is difficult, he said.

"There isn't an immediate action-reaction to this particular change that anybody could describe," Fisher said.

No. 2 carrier WorldCom, which did not endorse the plan but still gets the savings, said it was evaluating the impact of the latest round of cuts.

Consumer advocate Gene Kimmelman took aim at the long-distance companies' defense, saying phone users shouldn't have to hunt for a calling plan that saves them money when they are paying 65 cents more each month.

"It's just logical that if all consumers are paying more in a competitive market, the companies would pass along these savings to the most broadly used consumer long-distance plans and they're not," he said. "The companies presented this as though there would be ongoing consumer benefits over five years."

FCC and company officials say that consumers will continue to benefit from the initial savings announced at the start of the plan.

In the first year, regulators slashed by $3.2 billion the amount long-distance businesses paid local companies. Consumers saw immediate savings: AT&T and others got rid of the $3 minimum monthly fee and another charge — averaging about $1.50 — was removed permanently from local phone bills.

But unless consumers do their homework and select a new long-distance plan, they may not see new reductions to the bottom line of their bills, say consumer groups.

The commission adopted the industry-crafted overhaul last year in an effort to make the telecommunications market more competitive and make the subsidies people pay more explicit.

On the Net: Federal Communications Commission site: http://www.fcc.gov

Industry coalition site: http://www.phonepolicy.com/

Actor receives probation in drug case

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr., who faced a possible prison sentence on drug charges, was ordered to undergo rehabilitation under a new state law that stresses treatment over punishment for substance abusers.

Downey was sentenced Monday to a year in a live-in rehabilitation program and three years of probation after pleading no contest to cocaine possession and being under the influence. A third charge was dropped.

The actor also was ordered to comply with a set of regulations including random drug testing and random searches.

Downey, nominated for an Oscar for the film "Chaplin" and for an Emmy last week for "Ally McBeal," was arrested at Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa in Palm Springs in November. Authorities allegedly found the drugs in his hotel room.

The judge warned Downey he could go to prison for up to four years if he violated the terms.

Proposition 36, which California voters approved last year and which took effect July 1, removes the threat of prison for nonviolent drug users convicted of use or possession for the first or second time. Drug convictions handed down before the law took effect do not count.

Downey's legal troubles date back to 1996, when authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle. A month later he was found passed out in a neighbor's home and was hospitalized at a substance-abuse treatment center. Three days later, he was arrested for leaving the center.

In August 1999, Downey was sentenced to three years in prison for violating his probation by missing scheduled drug tests. He was released a year later on $5,000 bail.

Downey checked into a Malibu drug rehabilitation center after he was arrested again in April and tests showed he had traces of cocaine in his system. The arrest in Culver City, Calif., cost him his "Ally McBeal" role, but no charges will be filed.

"He wants to get through this illness," his lawyer, Ross Nabatoff, said on CNN's "Larry King Live." "He thinks he can, I think he can and all of his friends think he can."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

A rise in status and importance is a strong probability for you in the year ahead. It may be due to contacts you'll be making that'll prove very helpful to you in your commercial affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What is enabling you to bounce back from disturbing situations of the past few days is your remarkable resiliency in turning things around to go your way. Success is in the offing. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Because persons whose support is essential for you to achieve the results you've been seeking will be there for you today, everything will fall into place very nicely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Conditions look more promising than they've been in awhile for promoting new projects or enterprises in which you're involved. You could meet just the right person today to help you do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Proceed forward, not postpone, should be your motto today where your career objectives are concerned. It's an especially lucky day to make the progress you desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something of real significance may be passed onto you today that could make a difference to the success or failure of a current project. Keep your ears open.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — As long as someone who is managing a matter for you is proving successful, do not interfere at this time. The smartest and luckiest thing you could do is remain in the background.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone with whom you'll associate today may prove to be very lucky for you. A good thing could develop for you that'll be in large part due to the input of this person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make any your moves today concerning anything of vital interest to you, because Lady Luck is hanging around at this time waiting to step in on your behalf.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Social situations should work out rather well for you today. A chance meeting of someone could turn this ordinary day into an extraordinary one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Fortunate conditions exist today for improving circumstances for your loved ones, as well as for yourself. Focus in whatever area it is where everyone would like something good to happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your wonderful frame of mind today is what is going to make this such a successful day for you. Keep that optimistic outlook, because it brings with it happy times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Things could turn out quite lucky for you today in the same types of situations that wouldn't work yesterday. Keep rubbing that rabbit's foot of yours.

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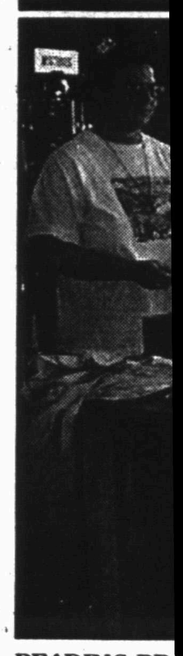
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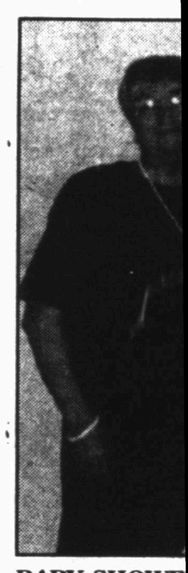
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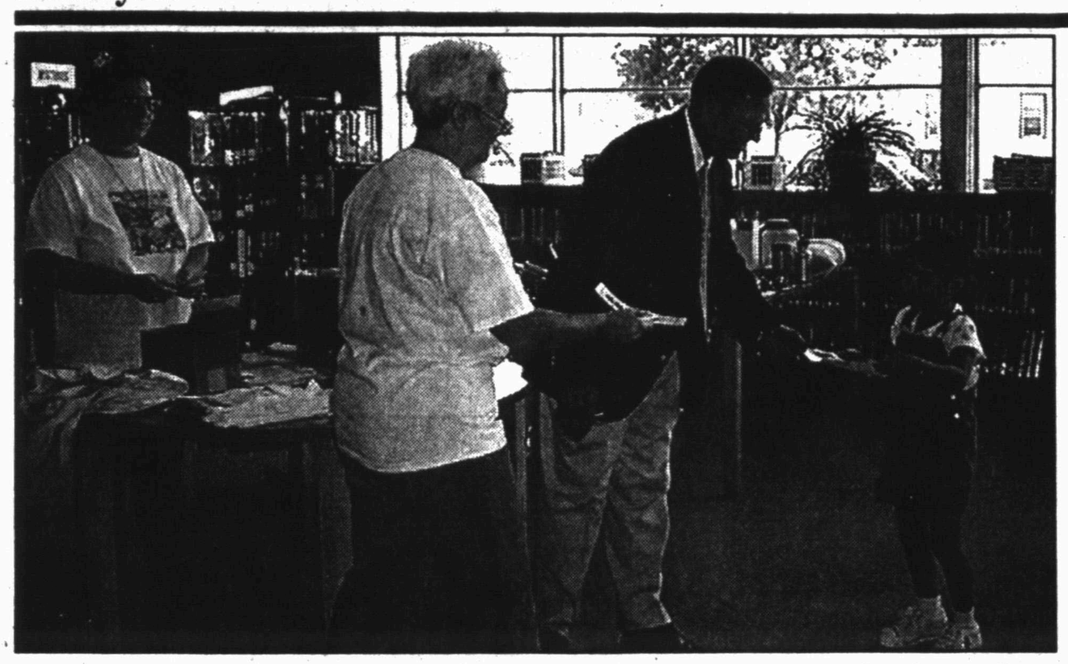
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By Phillip Ald...

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READING PROGRAM ENDS — Summer Reading Program 2001, sponsored by Scurry County Library and the Texas State Library, ended Wednesday with an awards presentation and prizes. Police Chief Steve Warren is pictured presenting a certificate to Blair McCowen. Also shown are Linda Jones, children's librarian, and Michelle Brasher, library page, far left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BABY SHOWER — Beki Denison was honoree at a baby shower held in the home of Shelly Bolton on June 23. Hostesses were ladies from the East Side Church of Christ. From left are Zona Devoll, her mother-in-law; Deb Denison, her sister-in-law; Melissa Wooley, her sister; Laurie Holcombe, her sister; the honoree; and Sharon Cole, her mother. (Contributed Photo)

Library selects bicycle winner

One-hundred-twelve children, pre-school through sixth grade, received certificates for reading at least three hours during the Scurry County Library Summer Reading Program.

Each child's name, reading at least 15 hours, was placed in a drawing for major prizes.

Ashley Hagins won a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart. Sydney Wright won a scooter donated by Town and Country. Samuel Lee won the Schlitterbahn tickets provided by KTXS.

Several other children won items donated by Hackfeld's in Snyder, Snyder Daily News, W.R. Whistle Stop, U.S. Navy, Lulu's Beauty Shop and the Scurry County Library.

Police Chief Steve Warren presented the awards for the reading program sponsored by the local library and the Texas State Library. Linda Jones is the children's librarian.



WRITERS GUILD MEETS — Members of the Mesquite Country Writers guild recently participated in a Quatrain Poetry contest. Winners include Yvonne Nunn, first place; Pam Mauldin, second; Anne Overhulser, third; Betty Kellum, fourth, and Jane Ramey, fifth. Pictured from left are, standing, sponsor Betty Boyd and Mauldin; sitting, Kellum and Nunn; not pictured is Overhulser. (Contributed Photo)

Police close rap group concert for safety

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Police pulled the plug on rap group Insane Clown Posse's concert after more than 100 fans rushed onto the stage.

Authorities said they stopped the concert because of safety concerns.

Much of the band's equipment was destroyed during the disturbance Sunday, which came on the final day of a three-day music festival.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Saturday, July 14, 2001

The computer-chip bar moves higher

By Phillip Alder

Computer software — with the exception of bidding and playing programs — gets better and better. The latest gem is Edward C. Marzo's Dealmaster Pro. It contains a deal generator that is easier to use than the late John Lowenthal's Borel. And rather than study the output yourself, you can feed it into William Bailey's Deep Finesse double-dummy analyzer. You also get numerous other options. In particular, you have many alternatives for printed output, including travelers with the hand diagram at the bottom for duplicates. Dealmaster Pro is powerful, comes on a CD-ROM, and works under Windows.

Look at the West hand. South, on your right, opens one 15-17 no-trump, and North raises to three no-trump. What would you lead?

When Marzo did the work, giving North-South a combined 25-27 points with no eight-card major-suit fit, and North having no void, singleton or seven-card suit, he found that the most successful lead was the heart 10! Second-best was a four-way tie between the heart six and those three clubs. The pointed suits were way behind.

Skeptical, I ran my own Borel simulation. This was the first deal that came out. Lo and behold, the only winning leads are those hearts and clubs. (After a club to the queen, East must switch to the spade 10.) However, this was the only example in 24 deals. Normally, three no-trump was making.

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Couple to wed under water

NEW YORK (AP) — How's this for a wedding announcement: A New York couple plans to get married 2-1/2 miles under the Atlantic Ocean near the wreckage of the Titanic.

David Leibowitz and Kimberly Miller plan to travel by submarine to the wreck later this month as part of an expedition organized by Britain-based SubSea Explorer, said Aiden Feeney, a company spokesman.

Feeney said the company sought to "recreate the love scene" from the 1997 movie "Titanic."

The ceremony would be performed via a communications link between the submarine — which will carry a pilot, Leibowitz and Miller — and the ship captain above water. The expedition sets sail from Newfoundland on July 26.

Brian Ticehurst of the British Titanic Society called the wedding plan "the height of bad taste."

Hospital

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Obedient in Grace

Obedience and grace are often seen as two opposite ideas among Christians. Obedience is what I do in the service of God. I obey. It refers to doing good things and also to refraining from bad things. Grace is what God gives to us because of his mercy and love. The death of Christ for us was an undeserved gift. It was grace. Forgiveness through Christ's death is always a gift of grace. It is undeserved and unearned. So then how do grace and obedience come together, or do they?

No one is good - except God alone. This is what Jesus told a man who came to him in Luke 18:19. There is good in everyone, but no one, except God, is totally good. Our weaknesses are all different. We struggle with different problems and sins in our life, but none of us is totally good. Paul states it simply, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. In our positive approach to people we can lose sight of the fact we are all really sinners before God. We are made right by God himself. Atonement, forgiveness or righteousness does not come from us making up for our wrongs. Instead we "are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ." (Romans 3:24) Salvation comes through Christ as a gift.

Repentance is one of the requirements of all who would receive this gift of forgiveness. "Repent and be baptized" was the command of the gospel when it was first preached in Acts 2. Repentance, a turning from sin to obedience, is preached throughout the Bible. Titus shows the connection between grace and obedience:

> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.
> Titus 2:11,12

Salvation and forgiveness are the gift of God's grace. In truth all blessings come to us unearned and undeserved. But the grace of God teaches us to live differently. God, by his grace, empowers us to live obediently to him. If I follow Jesus, I follow obedient in his grace.

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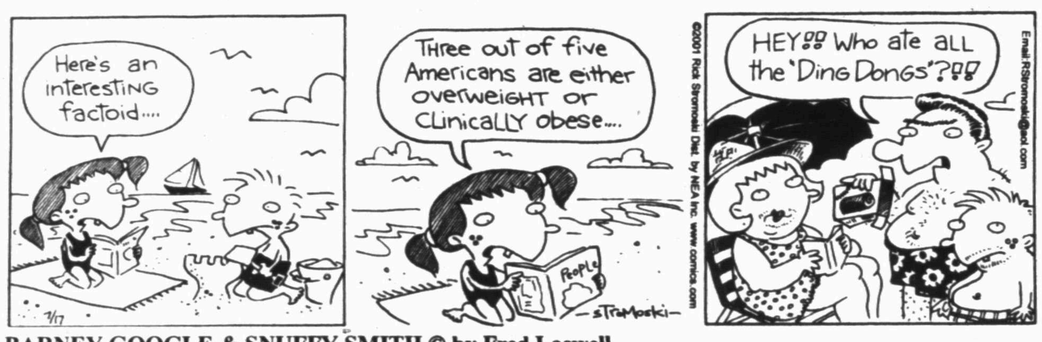
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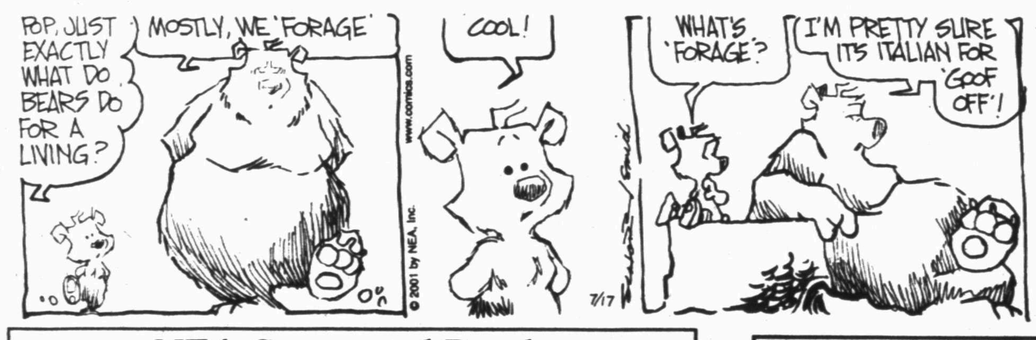
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7 Become electrically charged
13 Beau, e.g.
14 Web builder
15 Ancient Jewish ascetic
16 Works
17 Singer James
18 Half a dance?
20 Vegas machine
21 Bitten by an insect
23 Sheeplike
27 Impart knowledge to
32 Cowboy movie (sl.)
33 "The Tempest" spirit
34 Demonstrate
35 Pastoral
36 Vaccine tool
39 Office tables
40 Makes simpler
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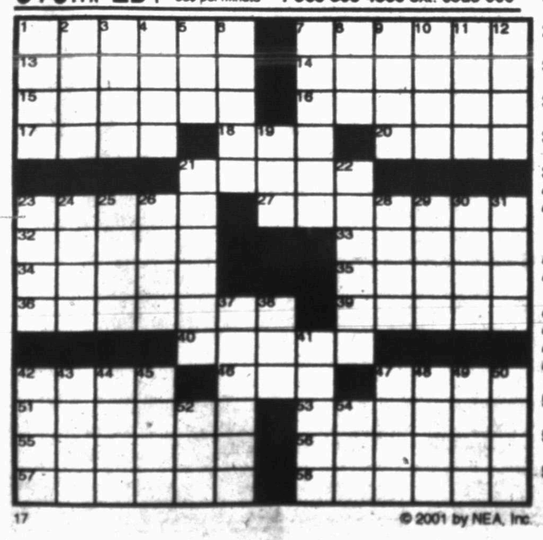
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4 Willow
5 2,000 lbs.
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7 Nantucket, e.g.
8 — -Locka, FL
9 Pen tips
10 Rock star, maybe
11 Zilch
12 Formerly, once
19 — and cry
21 Tranquil
22 Sentries
23 "So clumsy!"
24 Differ
25 Believe — — not
26 Birthmarks
28 Motley — (music group)
29 Assumed manner
30 Furniture wood
31 Cloth measures
37 Ankle-high shoe
38 Snaky letter
41 Chemical dye
42 Without any changes (2 wds.)
43 Area —
44 Allowance for waste
45 Stool, e.g.
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48 Hilo wreaths
49 Ancient Italian family
50 Custard apple
52 Fr. holy woman
54 Playwright Betti

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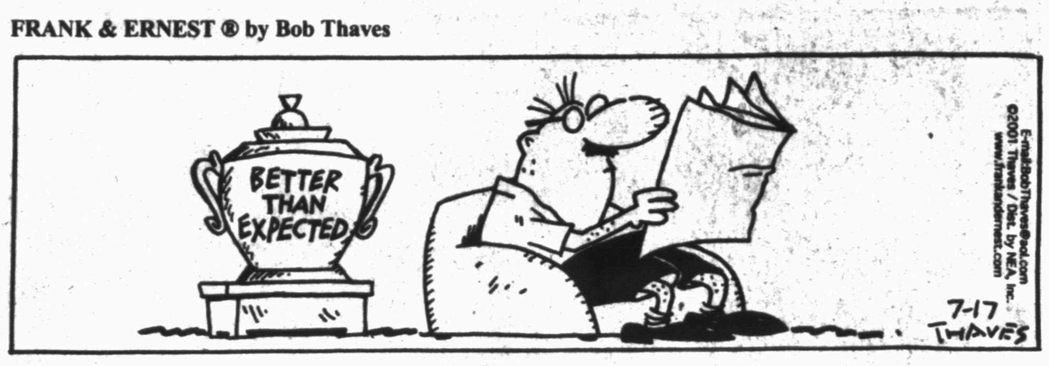
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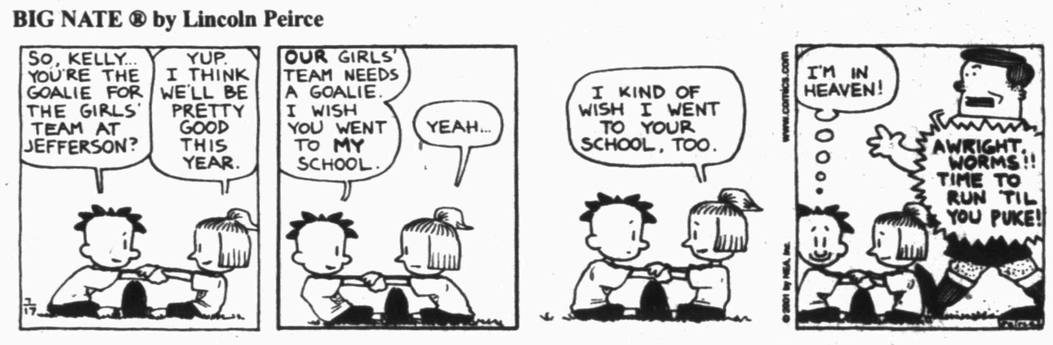
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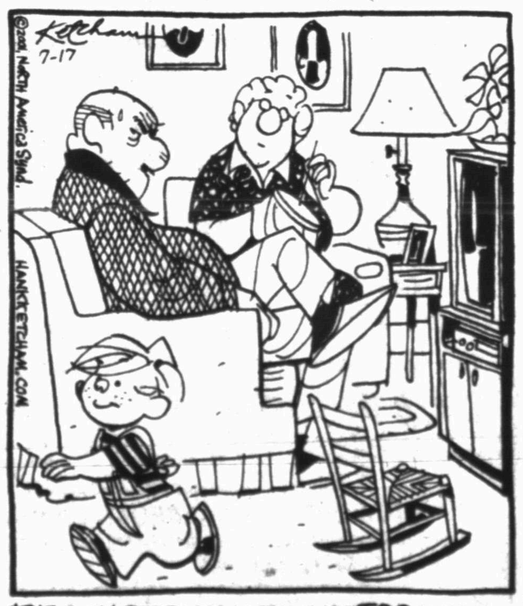
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SPORTS

Bracket set for all-star tournament

Snyder's road to the Little League state tournament is set.

Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old all-stars take on Allen at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the sub-sectional round at Graham.

Four teams will compete in the double-elimination sub-sectional tournament. Wichita Falls and Fort Worth Westside also square off Wednesday.

First-round winners will meet in Thursday's semifinal, while the losing squads face each other in an elimination game.

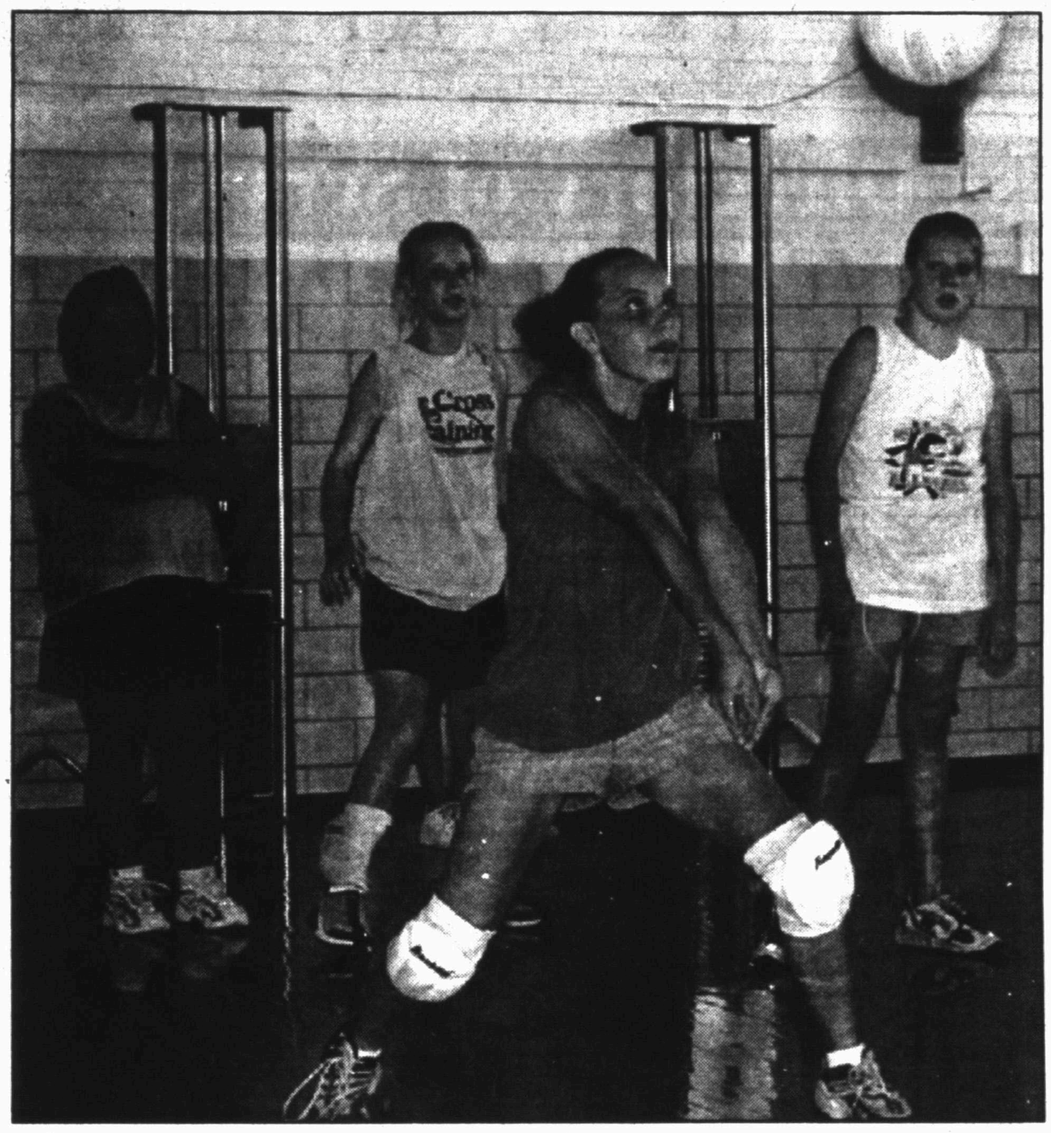
Friday's semifinal will feature the elimination game winner against the loser of Thursday's semifinal.

The remaining two teams square off Saturday night for the championship. An additional title game will be played Sunday, if needed.

The sub-sectional champion advances to the state tournament to be held July 28 at Waco.

Little League Sub-sectional at Graham (all games at 7:30 p.m.)

Game 1: Snyder vs. Allen
Game 2: Wichita Falls vs. FW Westside
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Championship
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
Game 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser (if first loss)



LEARNING THE BASICS — Sarah Covington goes through a drill this morning while Allison Cox, Erin Hogan and Jessica Bilderback look on at the Snyder Tiger volleyball camp at the SHS gym. More than 50 players ranging from fifth through ninth grade are taking part in the camp, which runs through Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bell, Rangers blank San Francisco, 2-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rob Bell wasted no time having an impact for the Texas Rangers.

Since acquiring Bell (3-0) from Cincinnati in a June 15 trade, the Rangers have won all five of his starts.

The latest was a 2-0 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night. Bell came within one out of his first career shutout and the first complete game of the season for the worst pitching staff in the majors.

"I'm sure these guys weren't sure what they were getting," said Bell, who was winless in nine starts for Cincinnati this season. "I hope this isn't a defining point. I hope there are a lot more games like that."

Bell scattered six hits, struck out five and issued five walks — three to Barry Bonds. After striking out the first two batters in the ninth, Bell left after giving up a ground-rule double to J.T. Snow.

Bell is making it easy for the Rangers to forget about Ruben Mateo, the young outfielder who was starting for Texas at the beginning of the season before being traded to Cincinnati. Mateo remains in the minors for the Reds, while Bell is paying immediate dividends.

"We are going to give him a chance to pitch. He doesn't have to worry about being sent down or looking over his shoulder," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "That's probably as big as anything for him. He knows we really wanted him here."

Jeff Zimmerman, who combined with Ryan Glynn for a 2-0 win over the Chicago White Sox in Narron's first game as manager May 5, got the final out for his 14th save.

Mike Lamb went 3-for-3 with an RBI single and scored the other Texas run.

Lamb was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on June 17, taking over at third base for Ken Caminiti. Lamb is hitting .409 (18-for-44) in his last 12 games.

Lamb's single in the fifth off rookie Ryan Jensen (0-1) came after Michael Young's leadoff double. Lamb scored on Rafael Palmeiro's RBI single in the seventh.

The Giants had their opportunities against Bell, leaving seven runners on base the first five innings. Jeff Kent, last year's NL MVP, stranded six in his first three at-bats — all after Bonds walked.

"We were forcing the issue and not getting the hits," Kent said. "We just didn't have it, and I'll be at the top of that list."

Bonds was 0-for-1, grounding out and increasing his major league-leading walk total to 92. He has just one homer in 18 games, but with 40 in 93 games, he still has the same total as Mark McGwire did in 1998 when he hit a record 70.

Sports Briefs

SHS calendar sponsors

Calendar Girl Sports Productions, the official SHS athletic booster calendar, is looking for sponsors for this year's football/volleyball calendar.

Each year, Calendar Girl Productions donates money to SHS booster clubs and provides two scholarships for Snyder graduates.

Basketball camp

The four-day Super Shooters basketball camp begins Monday at the Western Texas College gym. Former WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson will provide instruction.

Incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls will workout from 9 a.m. until noon. Junior high and high school girls only will practice from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper, and a parent or guardian must be present to sign-up.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host a four-man scramble Aug. 6 at Sweetwater Country Club. Benefits will proceed Special Olympics of Texas.

Cost is $50 per player, including green fee, meal and cart. Trophies, shirts and hats will be awarded to the top teams, with $50 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a 2001 Ford Mustang, two airline tickets, a set of Hogan irons and a year's supply of Top Flite golf balls.

Entry deadline is July 31. Entry fees should be mailed to PDU c/o Connie Rushing. Checks should be made payable to Area 14 Special Olympics.

Western Texas MGA

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

Junior high football

All Snyder Junior High football players will pick up their equipment Aug. 14. Eighth graders will be from 3-5 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 5-7.

Baylor QB receives medical redshirt

WACO (AP) — Baylor quarterback Greg Cicero has been granted a medical redshirt, and will have two seasons of eligibility remaining.

Cicero, who attended Texas for 11/2 years and played at a California junior college before transferring to Baylor, broke his collarbone early in the second game last season. The NCAA decision Monday gives Cicero a sixth season of eligibility.

Cicero, who will be classified as a junior, was hand-picked by coach Kevin Steele as the Baylor starter last year even though he hadn't played an NCAA Division I-A game before last season.

After going through a redshirt season with Major Applewhite at Texas, Cicero tore knee ligaments and fractured his left leg in a preseason scrimmage and missed the 1998 season with the Longhorns.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	54	37	.593	—
Boston	54	38	.587	½
Toronto	44	49	.473	11
Baltimore	41	51	.446	13½
Tampa Bay	30	63	.323	25
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	57	35	.620	—
Cleveland	51	39	.567	5
Chicago	45	45	.500	11
Detroit	39	50	.438	16½
Kansas City	36	56	.391	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	66	26	.717	—
Oakland	48	44	.522	18
Anaheim	44	48	.478	22
Texas	38	54	.413	28

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	52	40	.565	—
Atlanta	51	41	.554	1
Florida	47	46	.505	5½
New York	42	52	.447	11
Montreal	39	54	.419	13½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	53	38	.582	—
Houston	51	40	.560	2
St. Louis	46	45	.506	7
Milwaukee	43	48	.472	10
Pittsburgh	35	56	.385	18
Cincinnati	35	57	.380	18½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	54	38	.587	—
Los Angeles	51	42	.548	3½
San Francisco	48	45	.516	6½
San Diego	44	49	.473	10½
Colorado	40	52	.435	14

Monday's Games

Boston 6, Montreal 5
Cincinnati 9, Detroit 1
Florida 4, Baltimore 0
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Philadelphia 3, 13 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Toronto 0
Tampa Bay 6, Atlanta 5
Houston 10, Cleveland 8
Kansas City 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3
Texas 2, San Francisco 0
Anaheim 7, San Diego 5
Arizona 5, Seattle 3
Oakland 5, Colorado 1

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 5-5) at Milwaukee (Haynes 6-11), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 4-8) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 6-4), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 6-10) at Oakland (Mulder 10-6), 3:35 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 5-12) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-8), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 2-5) at Seattle (Abbott 7-2), 4:05 p.m.
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Detroit (Weaver 8-8) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 5-5) at Florida (Burnett 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Adams 4-3) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-6) at Texas (Rogers 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-8) at Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-8), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 4-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-5), 7:35 p.m.
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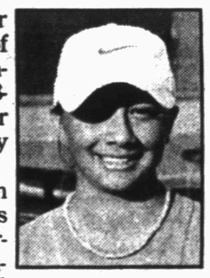
Reed records second ace at WTC course

For the second time in two months, Brady Reed recorded a hole-in-one at Western Texas College golf course.

Reed, a junior at Snyder High School, used a 9-iron to ace the 150-yard first hole at the college.

Witnesses to the accomplishment were Brady's parents, Mel and Sheryll Reed.

SHS tandem nets title



Vargas



Dunham

ODESSA — The Snyder High School tennis tandem of Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham teamed up for the 18-under girls' doubles title over the weekend at the Highway 80 Tennis Tournament.

The local duo opened with a 6-0, 6-0 rout of Midland's Amy Barber and Amber Sartor before knocking off Midland's Megan Boyd and Amber Randell, 6-2, 6-4.

Vargas and Dunham captured the title with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over the Odessa tandem of Nicole Buening and Alex Langford.

In singles competition, Dunham recovered from a first-round setback to earn the consolation crown.

After falling to top-seeded Lindsey Whalen, the SHS netter took down Odessa's Jessica Bates, 6-3, 6-0. Dunham defeated Monahans' Christy Gatzki, 7-5, 6-1, then toppled Midland's Heather Hightower, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3, in the consolation final.

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Defective weld and flawed coating cited in pipe break

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pre-existing defect, corrosion on a pipeline seam and a flawed protective coating probably caused a break that spilled 564,000 gallons of gasoline into a Lake Tawakoni tributary last year, according to a report released Monday.

The spilled gasoline from the March 9, 2000, pipeline break prompted the cities of Dallas and Greenville to briefly halt pumping water from Lake Tawakoni. Tests at the time found the gasoline additive MTBE, a suspected carcinogen, in East Caddo Creek, which feeds into Lake Tawakoni.

The National Transportation Safety Board said in its report that cracks found on the pipeline after the rupture were typical of a weld defect, possibly indicating the pipe was not completely fused. The defect was on a lengthwise pipeline weld.

"I think what the NTSB is saying is an accurate probable cause statement," said Rod Sands, Explorer Pipeline vice president and chief operating officer. Tulsa, Okla.-based Explorer owns the pipeline.

The NTSB examination also found wrinkling, tearing and meandering cracks in the pipeline coating — some up to 21/2 inches wide — that exposed the pipeline surface.

"Once the coating is damaged, the pipe is not protected properly against corrosion," said NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz.

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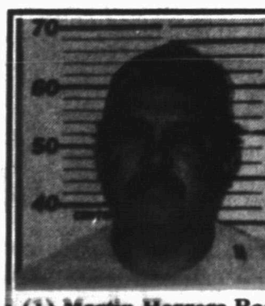
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July 9, 2001

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Martin Herrera Rodriguez, 40 year old male, 1112 26th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 10 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

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(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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Cell phone 911 call saves immigrants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For a group of out-of-breath immigrants lost in the brush, a cellular phone call that eventually sent the U.S. Border Patrol to the rescue was their last resort.

Lost immigrants have in the past summoned help by climbing hills and waving their shirts like flags or staggering onto roadways to stop motorists. But the 911 cell-phone incident is believed by U.S. Border Patrol officials to be a first.

A man speaking Spanish said he and about 36 other undocumented immigrants were lost and desperate for water Saturday. As a supervisor kept the man on the phone to get the group's location, agents with night scopes and floodlights combed the terrain and searched for footprints.

"He was in a panic. He was all excited," Fred Borrego, chief of the patrol checkpoint near Falfurrias, said of the caller, who contacted authorities at 9:55 p.m.

"If we wouldn't have found them, we would have had a mess," Borrego told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "They were in desperate need of water."

The immigrants, who ranged in age from 16 to 47, later told agents they had spent most of the day walking after being abandoned by a smuggler who supposedly went for water.

Agents were able to narrow their search after the man recalled passing petroleum tanks and a ranchland airstrip with a small tower.

While agents shined spotlights into the sky to let the group know where they were, the immigrants lit a fire to mark their location, about 12 miles southwest of Falfurrias.

Agents needed about an hour to find 34 of the immigrants, but searched until 3 a.m. Sunday before finding three others who had grown weak and fallen behind earlier in the day.

Proposed amnesty for undocumented immigrants leaves some of them out

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They work hard for little pay. They live in the shadows of society. They are afraid to report crimes for fear of being deported. And they worry that life will remain that way because they come from Haiti, Colombia or Vietnam — instead of Mexico.

President Bush is considering a plan to grant amnesty to some 3 million Mexicans living illegally in the United States, but an equal number of undocumented immigrants from other countries may end up feeling left out.

"Immigration law is supposed to be for everybody," Samedi Florvil of the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami said Monday. "I don't think it complies with the law of immigration just to choose a nation and say, 'We're going to give residency to 3 million people by country only and leave all the other immigrants behind.'"

Many details remain to be worked out and no decision is imminent, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. Despite potential problems, Fleischer said the president was committed to working with the Mexican government to ease "what has been a disorderly process" along the 2,000-mile border.

Mexican President Vicente Fox welcomed the development, saying Monday that he is committed to "as many rights as possible for as many Mexican immigrants as possible as soon as possible."

But fear is spreading that the final plan, if it grants amnesty only to Mexicans, may pit one immigrant group against another.

"The obvious question is: Why to them and not to Asian-Americans or people from other parts of the world?" said Wang Yung, a Seattle architect and board member of the local chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

A task force of top Justice and State Department officials prepared a report for the White House outlining options for overhauling U.S. immigration policies toward Mexico.

A broad grant of amnesty for illegal Mexicans already living in this country was among the options cited by the task force, but the report did not include specific recommendations or spell out a timetable, administration aides said.

Some characterized the proposal as an attempt by Bush to court the Hispanic vote, which could be an important voting bloc for the 2004 presidential election.

"This is purely political. He wants to get the Mexican vote," said Brigette Huynh, an editor at Little Saigon News, a Vietnamese-language weekly newspaper in Westminster, Calif.

In spite of reservations from some immigrant advocates, others were pleased to see undocumented Mexicans getting recognition.

"Mexicans have been doing backbreaking work with little reward for far too long, and a number of groups in the past few years have gotten the opportunity to legitimize their status and Mexicans have not been among them," said Cheryl Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Miami.

Diane T. Chin, executive director of San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action, said the limited amnesty proposal is an "opening to discuss many different communities."

Word that Bush is considering a mass amnesty has also touched off a lively debate in Congress, which would have to approve any such plan. Much of the strongest criticism of the idea is coming from conservative Republicans.

Granting legal residency to all Mexican immigrants is "very bad policy," said Sen. Phil Gramm, a Republican from Bush's home state of Texas. "It rewards lawlessness."

Date Book

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Today is the 198th day of 2001 and the 27th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, an act of Congress authorized the federal government to print paper money. The bills, which were issued in March of the following year, were in denominations of $5, $10 and $20.

On this day in 1955, electricity for the town of Arco, Idaho, was supplied for one hour by a nuclear reactor. It was the first time nuclear energy had been used to provide electricity for a town.

On this day in 1975, in the first joint space mission of the United States and the Soviet Union, the Apollo 18 and Soyuz 19 spacecrafts docked in Earth's orbit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jacob Astor (1763-1848), businessman; Erle Stanley Gardner (1889-1970), mystery writer; James Cagney (1899-1986), actor; Art Linkletter (1912-), broadcast personality, is 89; Phyllis Diller (1917-), comedian, is 84; Donald Sutherland (1934-), actor, is 67; Diahann Carroll (1935-), actress, is 66; David Hasselhoff (1952-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, Jesse Haines pitched a no-hitter for the St. Louis Cardinals in a game with the Boston Braves. The Cardinals won 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man who has a million dollars is as well off as if he were rich." — John Jacob Astor

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 13) and new moon (July 20).

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Smithsonian picks science commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — Behind the public face of the world's most popular museums works a collection of world-class scientists. Their efforts drew little public attention until cutbacks were proposed earlier this year.

But the proposals for change at the Smithsonian Institution stirred a tempest in scientific circles, causing one museum director to resign, drawing protests from researchers and bringing pressure on the institution to reverse at lease some planned research shutdowns.

In the wake of the uproar, the Smithsonian Institution announced it would create a special commission to review its science and research efforts and make recommendations if needed.

The members of that commission — botanists and oceanographers, anthropologists and astronomers — were named Monday. Many are employed by the institution.

Commission chairman Jeremy A. Sabloff of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology promised a thorough effort.

"The mandate is completely broad, any aspect of Smithsonian science is fair game for the commission," he said in a telephone interview.

Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small, who precipitated the protests with his plans for change, welcomed the commission.

"We are honored that this distinguished group has agreed to work with us. The beginning of a new century is an optimum time to subject our own organization to critical evaluation, with an eye toward sharpening the focus on the Smithsonian's strengths," Small said in a statement.

Small suggested formation of the commission, and the Smithsonian's board of regents agreed, after being swamped by protests over plans to close such respected operations as the National Zoo's research and conservation center in Front Royal, Va.

On May 30, Robert W. Fri, director of the National Museum of Natural History — a center for much of the Smithsonian's science — announced that he would leave in the fall because he was unable to enthusiastically support the planned changes.

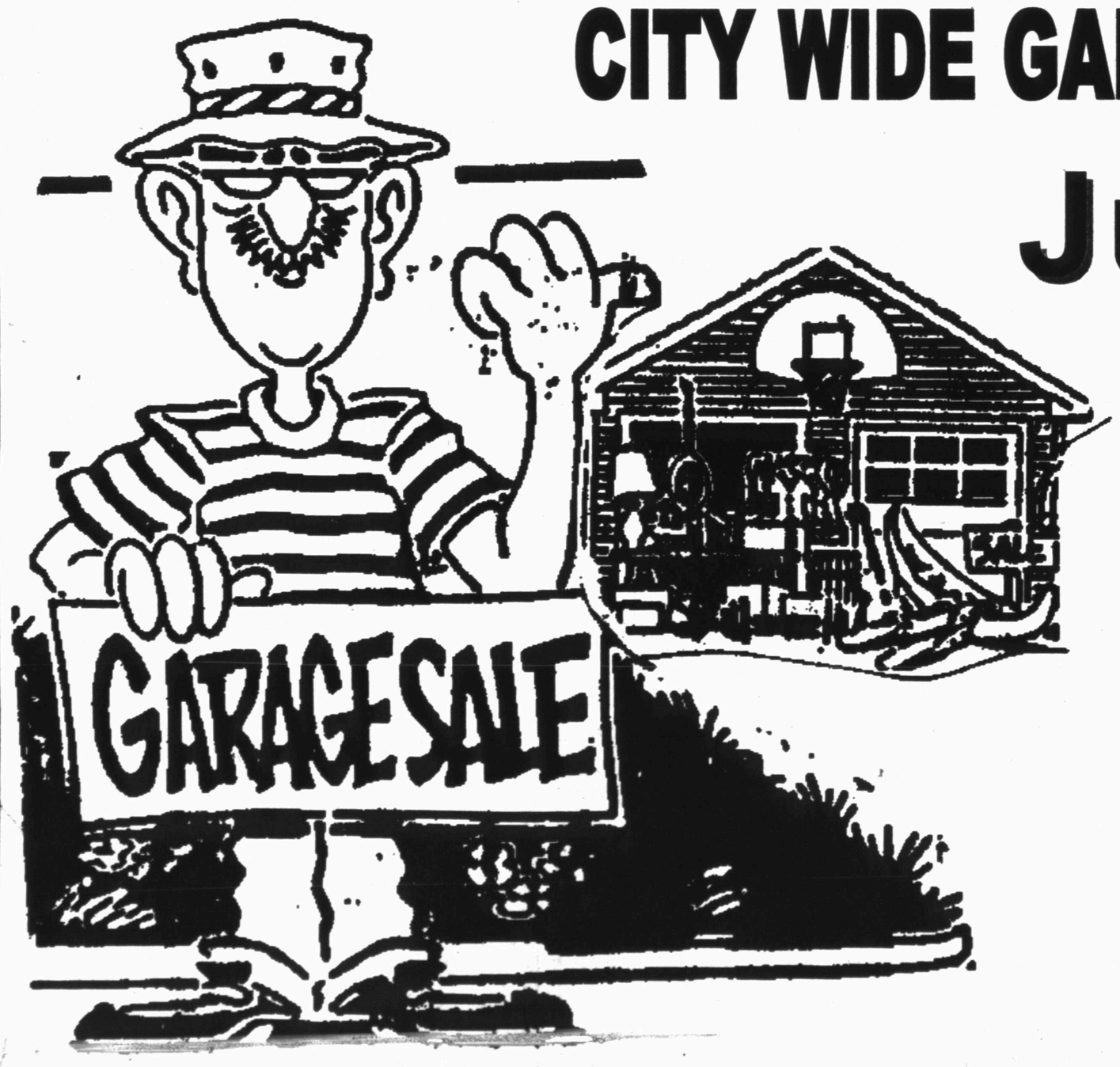
Now the ongoing science activities at the Smithsonian will be reviewed by the new commission, which will recommend what, if any, changes are needed.

Sabloff called it a "daunting" job but an important one that needs to be done. "There are lots of reasons and lots of push for us to do it quickly," he said. "We will try to be as efficient as we can ... but the charge is so important I'd rather take longer and do it right. It's not something that's going to be done overnight."

The commission will meet in Washington on Sept. 7 and Sabloff said it will work out an agenda at that time.

Small has said he is committed to maintaining many scientific programs in anthropology, tropical biology, marine science, mineral science, paleobiology and the identification of species.

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Powell: Olympics to put China on notice

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says selection of China for the 2008 Summer Olympics could push the Beijing government toward more openness and democracy.

"It certainly is a big feather in their cap," Powell said in an interview in today's editions of USA Today. "I hope they know what they got — seven years of supervision by the international community to make sure that the Olympic spirit is kept very much in mind.

"Any time there is a problem that draws the attention of the international community in a negative way toward China, the Olympics will come up again. So I think it will serve a useful purpose of causing the Chinese government to realize that by moving in ways that we are going to find positive, they will enhance the likelihood of a successful Olympics in 2008."

The Bush administration did not take a high-profile position on whether China should get the Olympics, but asked the House of Representatives not to pass a resolution opposing the award to Beijing.

"I'm sure the Chinese have thought all this through and understand the implications of what they've won," adding that he hopes China will follow the pattern of South Korea in adopting democratic reforms in conjunction with the 1988 games.

"In seven years, they will have seen the benefit of economic liberalization and accession to the World Trade Organization," said Powell. "I hope they will find that you cannot continue with economic democracy without political democracy and the rule of law taking hold."

Man shoots estranged wife, son, himself

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A 34-year-old man opened fire just after his son's baseball game, killing his estranged wife and 10-year-old son as players and parents fled for cover, police said.

The man later killed himself Monday night, authorities said.

The Little League game at Penrose Park in north St. Louis had just ended when the 31-year-old woman, watching her son's game from her car, saw her husband approaching, police said.

The woman yelled for her son to hurry into the car. The man killed his wife as she sat in the car, then turned the gun on his son, St. Louis Police Chief Joe Mokwa said. No one else was injured.

"It's a tragedy and it's tough for our officers to take a look at a young boy in a baseball uniform laying here dead, shot multiple times," Mokwa said.

The gunshots sent a crowd of families scrambling. The boy's teammates were among several witnesses to the shootings.

"We heard gunshots and we looked up and we saw him down and saw the mother's windshield shattered, and she was gone and he was gone," said Warren Scott, the boy's Little League coach.

The gunman fled in a car, which police said they found less than two hours later, pulled over on the side of the road. The suspect died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, police said. A .40-caliber pistol was found in the car.

Police did not immediately release the names of the gunman or the shooting victims.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Firefighter's wife suspects husband of blowing smoke

DEAR ABBY: My husband, a paid firefighter who teaches firefighting classes, invited one of his young female students, whom he says has the utmost respect for him, to room with him at a seminar they attended out of town.

He didn't tell me about his plans, but I suspected it when he told me not to expect a phone call from him that night as it would be a late class, etc. I called the hotel and there was no reservation in her name.

When I came right out and asked him if she stayed with him, he admitted it. He swore she simply slept in the other bed after having too many drinks with the gang and "couldn't drive home."

Abby, she is 22 years his junior. Is it possible that this could be innocent? Is this considered acceptable? — **TORN IN KANSAS**

DEAR TORN: It's possible the situation was innocent — but not probable. Where there's smoke, there's fire.

Your husband's behavior was extremely inappropriate — neither acceptable nor wise. Teachers with seniority are assumed to have more "power" in relationships than young, impressionable students. Students may be afraid to say no — particularly if they have "utmost respect" for the person making the proposition.

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DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law passed away a few months ago. He and my mother-in-law would have celebrated their 50th anniversary next month. My husband and I are not sure what to do. Do we send a card? Do we send a gift — or should we just ignore it?

Thank you for any suggestions. — **L.D. IN LAKE WACCAMAW, N.C.**

DEAR L.D.: Do not ignore your mother-in-law on the day that would have been her 50th anniversary. Send a thinking-of-you card and tell her you know this will be a sad day for her, but you want her to know you remember and are thinking of her with love.

Widows have often expressed the pain of being ignored on an anniversary following the death of a spouse. When no one mentions the special day, it's as though the marriage never happened. Although the spouse is not there to celebrate, it's still the widow/widower's anniversary of a very important day.

If you live near your mother-in-law, call her early in the day and invite her to dinner to talk about the happy times in her marriage. She'll appreciate it. Trust me.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I'm afraid I've dug my own grave. My older sister, "Celeste," had a baby three months ago. Yesterday, she and her boyfriend got into a fight, and I saw him hit her. Celeste assured me she was going to tell our father, but I know she won't.

This morning, our stepmom manipulated me into telling her what happened. I'm afraid of what Celeste will do when she finds out I told she was hit. I'm afraid she and her boyfriend will forbid me from seeing my new niece.

What should I do, Abby? — **TEEN-AGE AUNT IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR TEEN-AGE AUNT: You did nothing wrong. Tell your sister you love her and can't tolerate the thought that she would be hit again. When physical abuse is not reported, it only gets worse. By reporting the abuse, you are protecting your sister and niece. I commend you for doing the right thing.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Car carrying young people from party crashes; 6 killed

AUBURN, Wash. (AP) — A speeding car jumped a curb, then crashed into a support pillar, killing six young people and critically injuring another.

Relatives told investigators all seven had been drinking at a party in this Seattle suburb shortly before the crash Monday night, police Cmdr. Bob Karnofski said. The odor of alcohol was noticeable in the wreckage, he said.

The Ford Escort in which the seven were riding veered to the left, hit a curb, sailed into the median and slammed into a support pillar for an elevated roadway that leads to the SuperMall of the Great Northwest. Five people were thrown from the car.

"It was pretty gruesome," Karnofski said. He didn't know how fast the car was going but said it was speeding.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Nighttime urination has many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an active man of 85 with no health problems except that I urinate several times a night. I take Digoxin. Could the drug be causing the frequent urination?

DEAR READER: Probably not. I offer three other possibilities.

First, you may be drinking excessive amounts of fluid — or the wrong kind — in the evening. If you are accustomed to having a cup of coffee or tea after dinner, forget it. The caffeine in these beverages acts as a kidney stimulant and can produce nocturia (urination at night). In addition, whatever liquids you consume after, say, 6 p.m. will be excreted during the night, particularly that glass of water at bedtime. So, don't drink fluids after supper. This includes alcohol.

Second, you might have benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), a harmless overgrowth of the prostate gland that affects all men as they grow older. When the gland enlarges, it causes increased difficulty emptying the bladder. You may not be aware of this, as the only symptom can be nocturia: A partially empty bladder takes less time to fill up than does an entirely empty one. Other symptoms of BPH include difficulty starting and stopping urination, urgency and decreased force of the stream.

Third, you mention taking Digoxin. This, while not itself a kidney stimulant, is a form of digitalis, a medicine used for heart disease. The drug increases the strength of cardiac contractions, among other effects. If is often helpful in correcting a weak heartbeat, a condition that frequently results in congestive heart failure — an excess of fluid in the body. When such fluid is mobilized (re-circulated through the kidneys), nocturia can occur. Thus, your frequent trips to the bathroom may reflect heart failure.

To a large degree, the identification of your problem depends on how often you urinate at night. Most aging men experience nighttime urination once or twice a night, several times a week. More frequent urination usually indicates that something is amiss.

You should be checked by your doctor. Describe your symptoms in detail. After an examination, which should include a rectal exam and a PSA blood test for prostate malignancy, the doctor will advise appropriate therapy. This may include fluid restriction, attention to an enlarged prostate gland, referral to a urologist or re-assessment of your cardiac status. Let me know what he or she concludes.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: About three months ago, my husband fell off a ladder, dropped about 25 feet and landed on a concrete floor. At the time, except for routine aches and pains, he felt fine. Now, however, he has difficulty picking up his legs, and his feet are numb. He has constant lower back pain. He says all this will go away, but I'm worried.

DEAR READER: So am I.

After a fall of 25 feet, your husband could have suffered damage to the bones or discs in his back, causing injury to the spinal nerves, with resulting weakness and numbness. In my view, he should have an MRI scan and, possibly, a consultation with a neurologist or neurosurgeon, depending on the MRI finding. While his symptoms may be associated with his back strain (which would be treated with physical therapy), the presence of a fractured vertebra or herniated disc would require more aggressive therapy. I urge your husband to seek immediate medical attention.

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State Briefs

19-year-old man charged with murder

LUFKIN (AP) — A 19-year-old Lufkin man was charged Monday with capital murder in the death of a 79-year-old woman.

Police said Marco Raine Ramos was charged in the June 25 slaying of Lorraine Webb. Ramos was already being held in Angelina County Jail on $120,000 bond for the July 4 armed robbery of a convenience store and theft of the store owner's car.

While investigating Webb's death, officers noticed that the slain woman lived only a few doors down from Ramos.

Several interviews with Ramos, who had done some yard work for Webb in the past, led police to focus on him as the lead suspect in the case. Ramos later signed a written confession, police said.

Ramos was probably trying to rob the elderly woman, police spokesman Lt. Greg Denman told The Lufkin Daily News for its today editions. A cordless phone and a VCR were missing from the woman's home, police said.

Two bounty hunters jailed after chase

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two bounty hunters were jailed Monday after accusations they attempted to apprehend a man by firing paintball guns at him and aiming one of the weapons at a 6-year-old girl.

Darryl Pearson, 52, and 49-year-old James Richards were charged with endangering a child. They remained in Bexar County Jail today in lieu of posting $5,000 bonds each.

Pearson and Richards told police that they were trying to detain a man wanted on a misdemeanor warrant when he fled in a truck with a woman and the girl.

The bounty hunters chased and eventually caught up to the suspect at a stoplight, according to the police report. Police said that one of the bounty hunters then pointed the gun at the girl's head.

The man took off again and the chase continued through San Antonio's Northwest Side, police said. Residents called 911 to report shots being fired, police spokesman Al Ballew said.

Girl allegedly padlocked in her room

HUTCHINS (AP) — A 15-year-old girl was placed in protective custody Monday as authorities investigate allegations that she was padlocked in her bedroom.

The girl told authorities that she had been hiding in the surrounding woods for two days after escaping the family's isolated 65-acre compound Sunday night. The girl fled to a neighbor's home and was later turned over to the police.

Hutchins Police Chief G.E. Griffin said the girl's mother told police that her daughter has an eating disorder and that she was locked in her bedroom to prevent her from throwing up after eating.

The mother also told police that the family's religious beliefs prevented them from taking the girl to a doctor.











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Bush asks more World Bank grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush proposed today that the World Bank and other international lending institutions dramatically increase the share of their resources provided as grants rather than loans.

In a speech at World Bank headquarters here, Bush also called on the world's lending institutions to make major increases in loans and grants aimed at boosting education in Africa and other poor and developing nations.

Many of those countries are burdened with huge accumulated debts. "The United States is and will continue to be a world leader on responsible debt relief," Bush said.

"I also propose the World Bank and other development banks dramatically increase their share of funding provided as grants rather than loans to the poorest countries," Bush said.

"Specifically, I propose that up to 50 percent of the funds provided by the developing banks to the poorest countries be provided as grants for education, health, nutrition, water supplies, sanitation and other human needs.

"It would be a major step forward," the president said.

Bush called his proposals "compassionate conservatism at an international level."

Bush's suggestion that the World Bank should substitute grants for many of the heavily subsidized loans it now makes is an effort to help the world's poorest nations, already struggling under mountains of old debt, from building up new debt burdens.

But critics say unless the administration offers to provide more money to the World Bank, the bank would end up with less money to help poor nations because the bank now uses the repayments of its old loans to make new loans.

World Bank officials estimate that if the United States ended up persuading other bank members to agree to convert half of the bank's loans to grants, the United States would have to double its current $803 million annual contribution just to keep the bank's pool of aid at current levels.

The idea of converting World Bank loans to grants is one of the recommendations made by a blue-ribbon panel chaired by Alan Meltzer, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and endorsed by conservative Republican leaders in Congress.

Many of the suggestions in Bush's speech have been pushed at the World Bank by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who has made reform at both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund a top priority.

IRS sent mistaken refund check notices to taxpayers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS sent about 523,000 notices to taxpayers informing them they will get the maximum possible tax cut refund check — when in fact they won't.

Internal Revenue Service officials placed the blame today on a computer program that initially neglected to take into account certain tax credits in figuring the check amount for these taxpayers. The checks are correct, but some people could get a notice promising the maximum and a check for much less.

"What we're doing now is working to get a corrected notice out to the taxpayers," said IRS spokesman Don Roberts.

The IRS hopes to get the proper notices out to the affected taxpayers by next week, which is when the first batch of tax refund checks should begin arriving. The estimated 112 million notices were mailed Monday.

The checks of up to $300 for a single taxpayer, $500 for a head of household and $600 for a married couple filing jointly reflect this year's payment for the new 10 percent income tax bracket created by the 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut signed into law by President Bush.

That new bracket applies to the first portion of every taxpayer's income, but some taxpayers who had sufficient income still do not qualify for the maximum checks. That's because they claimed child, education or other credits on their 2000 income tax returns that reduced their tax below the check's maximum amount.

The IRS figures that only a few of those taxpayers scheduled to receive checks next week will get less than the amount promised in the notice. If that happens, Roberts suggested that they examine the notice's explanation of how the checks are calculated and compare that with the information their 2000 tax return.

The checks will continue to go out each week through late September to taxpayers based on the last two digits of their Social Security numbers, starting with 00. Most people affected by the mistake should get a corrected notice before their check arrives.

On the Net:
IRS: http://www.irs.gov

Postman bitten while on duty

•Dog bite

Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett contacted police to report a dog bite that occurred at 3790 Dalton while postman James Sheehan was delivering mail. Sheehan was bitten by the dog, described as a lab-mix, while on his route. An offense report was filed and the dog was taken to the shelter for observation.

•Theft

Anson Luna requested an officer at the city barn in reference to the theft of a Fisher metal detector valued at $490. No forced entry was reported and there are no suspects in the theft at this time.

•Criminal mischief

Officers filed a Class B criminal mischief report in Ira Monday for damage done to a mailbox and road signs. Noble's Road Construction in Colorado City was contacted in reference to someone using their equipment to cause the damage.

•Trespass

Police served a criminal trespass warning Monday, ordering a man to stay away from the Senior Citizens Center. The man was reportedly loitering at the center and soliciting money.

•Arrest

A 20-year-old man was arrested at the Justice of the Peace office Monday in reference to not paying a fine for failing to have liability insurance.

•Family disturbance

Police filed an offense report for family violence Monday just before 7 p.m. A woman on 25th Street requested an officer in reference to a disagreement between her and her husband.

•Suspicious person

Donny Loveall requested that officers attempt to locate an older model white car driven by a white male in his early 20s at 10 p.m. Monday. The man was advising that he had a permit from the city of Snyder to go around helping kids with their homework. Several units were dispatched, but were unable to locate the subject.

Obituaries

Bill Schiebel

1919-2001

William John "Bill" Schiebel, Snyder's first chamber of commerce manager, died Saturday, July 14, in Lubbock's Covenant Lakeside Medical Center.

A memorial service for Mr. Schiebel, 82, was held at 10 a.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with his son, John Schiebel, officiating, assisted by Mark Zeck, his stepson. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Bill Schiebel

Born May 24, 1919 in Rochester, N.Y., he was the son of Walter J. and Onnolee Schiebel. At the age of 13, he moved with his family to Dallas where he graduated from high school and then entered the University of Texas.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he continued his military service in the Army Reserve and the National Guard, retiring as a colonel.

He married Virginia Robinson in 1944 in Dallas and they moved to Snyder in 1945. She died in 1975.

In December 1979, he married Martha Whistler Zeck in Snyder. They moved from Snyder to Lubbock earlier this year and he was a member of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schiebel was Snyder's chamber manager from 1947-50 and he was retired from the U.S. Post Office in Snyder.

Mr. Schiebel was a member of the Snyder ISD board of trustees for 15 years, from 1959-74, and he served two terms, 1962 and 1963, as president.

He served on the board of the First United Methodist Church and at one time announced Snyder Tiger football games. He also served on the board of the Humble Smith School, coordinated Snyder's Job Corps and maintained an administrative service, Schiebel's Service System.

He was chairman of the Snyder Food Bank, a driver for the "Road to Recovery" program of the American Cancer Society, and co-chairman for local blood drives. He was a volunteer for the Relay for Life and had the honor of being the first male member of the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Schiebel of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sandy Schiebel of Naples, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Schiebel of Austin and Barbara and Billy Knight of Amarillo; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Irv Weatherup of Syracuse, N.Y.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Schiebel of Galveston and Tom and Betty Lou Schiebel of Loveland, Colo.

In addition he is survived by three stepchildren and their spouses, Margaret and Billy Edwards of Snohomish, Wash.; Paul and Gail Zeck of Point Blank and Mark and Doris Zeck of Midland; 12 grandchildren, J.R. Knight, Wendy Knight, Katherine Schiebel, Kera and Kammi Newby, Jonathan and Deborah Zeck, Julie Smithey, Emily Zeck, Elizabeth Badley, Jason Edwards and Caroline Thiessen; seven great-grandchildren, Alexandra Knight, Aaron Knight, Camille, David and Grant Thiessen, Claire Edwards and Kathryn and Alan Badley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1901 26th in Snyder, or to the Schiebel Scholarship Fund, Crozier Tech Alumni Association, Box 181827 in Dallas, 75218.

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Lelon Oglesby

1933-2001

De Queen, Ark. – Lelon Franklin Oglesby the brother of Verna Sellers of Snyder, died Saturday, July 14, after a tree fell on him at his home in the King Ryder Community.

Graveside service for Mr. Oglesby, 58, was held Monday in the Piney Cemetery with Kenneth Klitz, minister, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home.

Born on March 26, 1933, he was a farmer and rancher. An U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the American Legion, VFW and King Ryder Church of Christ. He had previously lived in Midland and Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Anna Baker Oglesby; and a sister, Donna Bates.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Oglesby and Lloyd Dean Oglesby, both of Winthrop, Ark.; two daughters, Anita Gail Oglesby and Lori Ann Beall and their mother, Peggy Oglesby, all of Winthrop; five brothers, Grover Oglesby and Hubert Oglesby, both of Haworth, Okla.; Howard Oglesby, Bruce Oglesby and Dale Oglesby, all of Foreman, Ark.; another sister, Velma Green of Wichita, Kan.; and six grandchildren.

Self-inflicted death being investigated

An investigation is underway into an apparent self-inflicted death in Snyder early this morning.

9-1-1 dispatchers received a call at 1:13 a.m. today from a woman reporting that her husband had shot himself in the head.

Michael McNair, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd.

Officers that responded to the scene included Dan Hicks, Bill Whitley, Brian Peterson and Terry Luecke.

Sgt. Brian Haggard is conducting the investigation. An autopsy was being performed today in Lubbock.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Mini-cheerleading camp deadline

Final signup for the mini-cheerleading camp set for June 23-26 is from 5-7 this evening at Humble Smith School. The camp is for ages 4-12 and the cost is $25. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 if additional information is needed.

Southern gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be at First Baptist Church in Hermleigh at 7:30 tonight for a two hour show. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus will meet at 7 this evening at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Snyder Wheels

Snyder Wheels Car Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Pizza Inn. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome.

Order of Eastern Star

The Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 Thursday at the Masonic Lodge. Initiation ceremonies will be held and a patriotic program will be given.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

1991 SHS class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday and Saturday. For more information call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School that provides daycare for children from birth to school age will register for the fall session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Classes will begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 1. There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up by Aug. 1 at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

What is black mold?

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and be a result of small leaks or plumbing problems. After discovering the root of the problem and rectifying it, disinfect the area with bleach. A mixture of one cup bleach to a gallon of water is sufficient to disinfect the area. Apparently adding a touch of dish soap to the mixture will also aid in dissolving accumulated grease and dirt in the area.

Apply the bleach mixture to the moldy area and leave it to saturate the area for approximately 15 minutes. After this, take care to thoroughly dry the cleaned area.

Spores from dried mold are dangerous and should be cleaned with caution. Never scrape or scratch at dried mold as the spores would then be released into the air and pose an inhalation risk. A respiratory mask and eye protection are necessary and adequate clothing to prevent skin contact is recommended.

If the problem is more internal such as on insulation or throughout a carpet, the only solution is to remove and replace the items. As well an infested area of over two feet is considered a heavily infested area and professional help should be consulted, Mold problems resulting from flooding should also be managed professionally to avoid possible health risk.

According to the CDC, there are some preventative measures that can be taken to battle black mold. The following are some suggestions:

—keep the humidity of the house down.

—make sure there is adequate ventilation inside the home(especially in the kitchen and bathroom).

—add mold inhibitors to new paint before painting.

—use mold-killing products to clean and do not use carpet in the bathroom.

It is also important to remember that like all other types of fungus, there are some people who may be more sensitive to the effects of black mold. People who have allergies, respiratory disease or any type of immune suppressing disease should be especially wary of toxic mold.

Source: Robin Greenhalgh
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