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Executive session scheduled also...

Hospital board to view budget options Friday

Cogdell Hospital board of managers will consider a number of items — including a former employee in executive session — when it meets at 8 a.m. Friday in the hospital board room.

In addition to consideration of the hospital's 1999 operating and capital budget, the board has posted an executive session for personnel discussion to discuss the status of a former hospital employee.

The board met Tuesday afternoon in a work session on the proposed 1999 budget, and instructed the administration to prepare revised budget figures reflecting the addition of one physican at the hospital and continuation the hospital's capital improvement program.

The board will be presented with figures reflecting those changes Friday morning.

Chief Executive Officer Jeff Reecer said Tuesday that the executive session will concern a former employee of the hospital and that he plans to update the board on the status of that person.

Stephen Camp, a former manager of the hospital's radiology department and a 21-year employee of the hospital, was terminated in July.

Camp had been overpaid for 22 pay periods in the total amount of $42,136.22.

Camp had reportedly asked a hospital payroll clerk about the excess payment, but was reportedly told by the clerk that the amount was correct.

When the error was discovered by hospital personnel, administrators asked for reimbursement.

Camp was later dismissed after two pay periods with his correct pay. Camp has since gone to work in the maintenance department of the Snyder ISD.

Camp said his attorney has advised him not to discuss the matter.

Reecer blamed the overpayment on a software error. The overpayment began in August, 1997.

Reecer said that due to the magnitude of the error and the employee's failure to bring it to the attention of hospital administrators, it was felt that termination was the correct course of action.

"We felt it was his duty to notify the administration about the error in his checks," Reecer said.

In other matters Friday, the board will hear the annual human resource report from Barbara Parker, director of human resources.

Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of staff, will present the monthly medical staff report and Controller Selina McGuire will present the June financial report and monthly accounts payable.

Reecer, will also present informational items to the board.

CHECKING HYDRANTS — Firemen Kyle Cox (left) and Odell Cox this morning were checking fire hydrants around town. The two are shown wirebrushing and oiling caps. The hydrants will later be color-coded to indicate gallons per minute and water main size. (SDN Staff Photo)

ALL PLAY AND NO WORK — Three former student managers returned to Tiger practice Wednesday, but this time for fun and games. Mandy Heaton balances on a large rubber ball with help from friends Christy Tankersley (left) and Lisa McNair. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lewinsky poised to answer questions before grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A somber Monica Lewinsky strode into a federal courthouse today to deliver long-awaited testimony to a federal grand jury that could imperil the Clinton presidency. She was ready to testify that she had sexual encounters with the president inside the White House, sources said, contrary to earlier denials by both of them.

The 25-year-old former intern, wearing a dark blue suit and white shoes, was whisked into a side entrance of the courthouse, avoiding a crowd of more than a hundred journalists that had gathered overnight for today's dramatic events. Ms. Lewinsky got a hug and a pat on the back from Sydney Jean Hoffmann, a member of her legal team, then quickly moved inside and disappeared in an elevator normally reserved for judges.

Sources familiar with the intense preparation Ms. Lewinsky has undergone said it was difficult for her to relive intimate details of her relationship with President Clinton, but she was ready to testify truthfully and anxious to finish the painful ordeal. The sources would not be identified by name.

Just a few blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue from the courthouse, the White House projected a business-as-usual air. With a loud military band playing in the background, Clinton ignored shouted questions about the Lewinsky testimony as he ducked into the Oval Office after an anti-crime event in the Rose Garden.

Clinton deputy press secretary Barry Toiv tried to find something positive for the White House in Ms. Lewinsky's grand jury appearance. "The view here is that we're hopeful that this means a four-year investigation that has cost upwards of $40 million is finally coming to a conclusion," Toiv said, referring to the full Whitewater investigation.

Asked if it were a difficult day for the White House, Toiv said, "No. We do our work here every day regardless of what's going on in the outside world."

One source described how Ms. Lewinsky cried during her preparation sessions with prosecutors working for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Ms. Lewinsky found it painful to discuss sexual subjects that normally would be private, the source added. And she viewed herself as someone whose fate was determined by her former friend Linda Tripp, who triggered the investigation by giving prosecutors 20 hours of recordings of her conversations with Ms. Lewinsky.

Clinton has denied an affair — in testimony he gave in the Paula Jones civil suit against him and in a televised statement. The president will testify Aug. 17 by closed-circuit television.

Anticipation of Ms. Lewinsky's appearance was so intense Wednesday that courthouse security officials, media executives, attorneys representing news organizations and even chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson held a series of discussions on maintaining decorum in the well-guarded courthouse.

Outside the building, tourists and other passers-by marveled at this morning's scene.

"This is a long way from Kansas," said Jamie Harris of Overland Park, Kan., who posed for a family photo with a forest of microphone stands as a backdrop.

"This could make or break the president," said Terrence Motayme of nearby Silver Spring, Md., who pedaled by on a bicycle.

On Capitol Hill, House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt bristled when asked about the Lewinsky investigation at a news conference, saying "I'm sick of hearing about it."

He said it would be a "grave mistake" for Starr to send a report to Congress on the investigation in the weeks leading up to the fall elections. "That would be very partisan, very unfair and demeaning to the process that I think all of us believe is important to this country," he said.

Ms. Lewinsky was granted blanket immunity from prosecution by Starr in return for her truthful testimony. Sources familiar with the deal said prosecutors hoped to keep her testimony shorter than the eight days that Mrs. Tripp spent before the grand jury.

Ms. Lewinsky began working at the White House as an intern in mid-1995 and in the spring of 1996 transferred to the Pentagon, where she befriended Mrs. Tripp. Ms. Lewinsky returned to the White House more than three dozen times for visits, mostly to the Oval Office.

Season tickets on sale today

Snyder Tiger football season ticket holders can renew their tickets beginning today through Aug. 19 for the 1998 SHS varsity football home games.

Tickets can be renewed at the administration building from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost of the five home-game package will be $20. Tickets other than season tickets will be $5 each.

Season tickets will be available to the public beginning Aug. 20 and will not be sold after Aug. 24.

General public tickets per game go on sale Aug. 24.

Student tickets will be $2 in advance and $5 at the gate.

Also, student tickets will be sold at each campus and administration building prior to the game.

Schedule home games include Monahans, Aug. 28; Frenship, Sept. 11; Wylie, Sept. 18; Big Spring, Oct. 16; and Ft. Stockton, Oct. 30.

Water receding after floods damage Indiana riverside

MARION, Ind. (AP) — Waters receded today in a riverside neighborhood inundated when the Mississinewa River spilled over a levee and created the worst flooding to hit Marion in decades.

Some of the city's 33,000 residents warily eyed a line of showers approaching the area this morning, but Deputy Fire Chief Ben Gunion said residents of the Johnstown neighborhood could return to their homes tonight or Friday morning unless unusually heavy rain fell.

"It's all according to where it rains. Hopefully, we won't get 7 inches again like we got yesterday," Gunion said.

The National Weather Service canceled a flood warning for the Mississinewa this morning. It said the river was 2.6 feet above flood stage in Marion at 5:25 a.m. and was expected to fall below flood stage by this afternoon. Overnight rainfall over the area amounted to just a tenth of an inch or less.

A state of emergency that was placed over the city Wednesday was expected to be lifted by midday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Imagination is a lousy substitute for experience."

Our litigation-happy society is causing the price of everything to go up.

We bought a new edger this summer. The instruction booklet contained two lines of instructions and the rest was on safety tips.

In addition to the admonition to be sure and wear protective goggles, we learned that grabbing the blade while turning could result in a quick trip to the emergency room. Also, the nut on the blade should be snug, to avoid the possibility of it coming off and giving you a close haircut.

It seems that manufacturers are as fearful of the consumers as they are in need of courting them.

Many manufacturers are going that extra mile on product labeling. Some is informative, and some leaves us confused. Take for example:

--On a bag of cat litter we learned that Johnny Cat is the best value for your money. A 20-pound bag contains 25 percent more litter than a 16-pound bag and 43 percent more than a 14-pound bag.

--From a kid's Superman costume came the warning, "Use of this device does not enable wearer to fly."

--From a Pop-Tart box. "Warning, pastry filling may be hot when heated."

--"A congressionally-funded study has determined that many smokers are ignoring the warning labels on cigarette packages.

--From a hair blow-dryer instruction sheet came this warning. "Do not use while sleeping."

--The back of an in-window dash protector read, "Caution, do not operate vehicle with sun screen in place."

--On the package of a Top Cog fan belt for automobiles came this advice, "Do not change belt while engine is running."

Useful information to bore your visiting relatives — in hopes that they go home early:

--Of the people who use personal ads for dating, 35 percent are already married.

--The world's termites outweigh the world's humans, 10-1.

--Ketchup leaves the bottle traveling at the rate of 25 miles per year.

An average of 100 people choke to death on ball point pens each year.

--The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

--Reno, Nevada is actually west of Los Angeles.

ASK US

Q—How many meals does the Snyder Senior Center provide daily for home-bound citizens?
A—On the average, 120.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 60s. Light wind. Friday, partly cloudy. High around 90. Wind becoming SE 5-10 mph.

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 77 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Thursday, 70; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.86 inches.

Tenille Sylvest
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.
Of 217 days in 1998, the sun has shone 215 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who joyfully marches to music in rank and file has already caused my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake. For the spinal cord alone would fully suffice."

Albert Einstein

Former clerk admits guilt in plea bargain

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Seven-and-a-half years after she fled Kentucky rather than face charges she embezzled $55,000 from the rural town of Sadieville, former city clerk Margie Waugh has admitted the theft.

Ms. Waugh pleaded guilty earlier this week in an agreement with prosecutors that could have her out of jail by November, defense attorney Charles Beal said Wednesday.

Under the agreement, filed Monday in Scott County Circuit Court, commonwealth's attorney Gentry McCauley recommended Ms. Waugh receive a 10-year sentence when she is sentenced Sept. 4.

But if Judge Robert Overstreet chooses to sentence Ms. Waugh to probation — as is frequently the case with first-time offenders — the commonwealth is to recommend that she serve six months in jail and make full restitution of the $55,853 she stole, plus interest.

Ms. Waugh would have faced up to 20 years in prison if convicted at a trial on all 66 felony theft counts with which she was charged.

Beal said Wednesday that Ms. Waugh did not want to go to trial, and "she did not want to put her family through any more exposure."

Ms. Waugh fled Sadieville, population 300, in December 1990, just ahead of questioning by state police about money missing from the city bank account. She was not found until May, when FBI agents located her in Glen Rose, Texas, living under the name Linda Sue Redfield.

McCauley said Wednesday that his office was not taking a position for or against probation, and Beal emphasized that Ms. Waugh's sentence is entirely up to Overstreet.

"She has no past criminal record," Beal said. "We're hoping he (Overstreet) will take that into account."

Beal said Ms. Waugh and the man she married in Texas, Bob Redfield, are raising money to repay the bank and the two insurance companies which paid off the city after the thefts. Redfield has said he is seeking a second mortgage on his home to help pay the restitution.

Beal described Ms. Waugh, who has declined interview requests, as "relieved to some degree, because she realizes she's one step farther down the road to getting this matter resolved."

A 1992 Kentucky indictment charged Ms. Waugh with writing dozens of checks to herself out of Sadieville's account, starting shortly after she took the $300-a-month clerk's job at the beginning of 1990. Beal has said Ms. Waugh gave the money to friends and relatives in need.

Kentucky State Police were tipped to Ms. Waugh's alleged crimes in December 1990 by a relative, but she fled after being questioned over the phone by the then-mayor of Sadieville, Norris Stacy, whose signature Ms. Waugh had been forging on the checks.

Stacy said Wednesday he believes the plea agreement is too easy on Ms. Waugh.

"I really think he (McCauley) is doing a disservice to the people of this community," Stacy said.

McCauley declined to comment on the plea negotiations and added that a six-month jail sentence is the maximum allowed under Kentucky law if a judge decides to sentence a person to probation.

The FBI has refused to say how it tracked Ms. Waugh to Glen Rose, 100 miles southwest of Dallas. Ms. Waugh apparently took the name of her sister, Linda Sue Rogers, and a new Social Security number after disappearing.

GM still optimistic about labor peace

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. Chairman Jack Smith says he's optimistic the automaker will get through the next year without another strike by the United Auto Workers union.

Smith said there was no unwritten understanding as part of last week's settlement of two crippling walkouts that the UAW would not strike again until GM's national contract expires in September 1999.

But when asked Wednesday if such labor peace was just his hope, he smiled and said, "A pretty good hope."

A day after the settlement was ratified by striking workers, GM advised some of its largest investors that the automaker had a handshake agreement with the UAW for at least a year of labor peace.

UAW officials have denied that.

The strikes at two parts plants in Flint, Mich., virtually halted GM's North American production. Smith said GM's assembly operations were back at normal production levels Wednesday.

Smith also told reporters at an industry conference that GM's net loss from the strikes will be roughly $2 billion after the company regains some of the production it lost during the nearly eight-week walkout. He said GM was gearing up to boost production over the next few months to meet backed-up demand.

The world's largest automaker also will continue to reduce its work force and modernize its assembly operation, building new U.S. factories that rely more on outside parts suppliers and consolidating older ones, Smith said. He declined to say where the new plants might be built.

Separately, Smith also said GM also will introduce 23 new cars and trucks in the next three years and an average of one new model every 28 days between now and the middle of the next decade.

While it still plans to continue trimming the total number of models it offers, GM will offer a more diverse range of vehicles that should appeal to a wider group of consumers, he said.

But Smith rejected suggestions from Wall Street that it eliminate or merge its slower-selling car lines in North America, namely the venerable Oldsmobile or Buick divisions. "We've got tremendous value in our brands," Smith said.

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Presumed multimillionaires in no hurry

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — The Lucky 13 don't seem to be in too much of a hurry.

The 13 machinists and assembly technicians who say they share the winning $161.5 million Powerball lottery ticket haven't quit their hourly jobs, and don't plan to soon — at least until someone can replace them.

They haven't even claimed their prize yet.

"As a practical matter, most folks take a little time, figure out what they want to do and go over some investment options," said Diane Balk, a spokeswoman for the Hoosier Lottery.

The winners have 180 days from the July 29 drawing to present their ticket for validation. If they turn it in Friday, as expected, they probably won't get the money until Aug. 13, because the claim needs to be confirmed.

The lottery usually wires the money to a bank the winners choose.

Powerball, which operates in 20 states and the District of Columbia but not in Ohio, offered a record $295.7 million jackpot in last month's drawing. But the ticket holder decided to take the $161.5 million lump-sum payment option. After taxes, a 13-way cut would be worth $6.8 million.

The group of workers at ATS Ohio bought their ticket in Richmond, Ind., a 100-mile drive from this Columbus suburb.

Barb Palmer, ATS accounting and administrative manager, said Wednesday that some of the 13 have expressed interest in taking some vacation time.

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Marine band to perform

The U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony will appear at 8 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

The Marines featured in the Battle Color ceremony — "The Commandant's Own," the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps; the Silent Drill Platoon; and the Marine Corps Color Guard, led by Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps — are all assigned to the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

These Marines appear in hundreds of ceremonies annually in Washington, D.C., across the country and abroad.

The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, known as "The Commandant's Own," combines contemporary songs and traditional marching music with uniquely choreographed drill movements in a program entitled "Music in Motion."

The Silent Drill Platoon performs a precision drill unlike any other. With fixed bayonets atop their highly polished M-1 rifles, these Marines entertain the audience with their intricated drill routine performed without verbal commands.

The Silent Drill Platoon's rifle inspector highlights the performance with an unrivaled inspection of his Marines.

The Official Colors are the Battle Colors of the Marine Corps. The 49 streamers and silver bands on the Battle Color commemorate the military campaigns in which Marines have participated.

They span the entire history of our nation, from the American Revolution to the present.

The Color Sergeant is responsible for carrying the National Colors, and is considered the senior sergeant in the Marine Corps. He is selected for this important position from among many other outstanding sergeants throughout the Marine Corps.

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WEDDING SHOWER — Mary Ann Gonzales and Jon Patrick were honored with a wedding shower July 25 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Armstrong. Hostesses include Betsy Armstrong, Debbie Lang and Lou McMillan. Parents of the couple are Herman and Gloria Gonzales of Plains, and Jim and Shari Patrick of Hobbs, N.M., and Lane and Dorthy Beaty of Snyder. Mary Ann and Jon are both students at Angelo State University and they are planning an Aug. 15, afternoon wedding ceremony in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 7, 1998

Ventures you tackle on your own will provide you with excitement and large rewards in the year ahead. Only bring partners into the act as a last resort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't do anything to offend those whose support you need to advance your interests today. Make allies, not enemies. 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be sensible regarding your health habits today. Practice moderation in all aspects, and if there are foods or beverages you shouldn't consume, leave them alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Hang out with pals today instead of imposing on a group that makes you feel uncomfortable. They might be even more irritating than usual today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If the outside world doesn't treat you as kindly as it should today, don't bring your grievances home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Everybody makes mistakes sometimes, and there's a possibility you might do so today. If you try to cover them up, you'll create greater complications.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be budget-conscious today, and limit your spending to immediate needs only. Going into debt for something you can't afford is not smart money management.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your best judgment in critical developments today. If you see the odds are stacked against you, back off until you can marshal more forces.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Beware of the temptation to push yourself beyond your capabilities today. Seek assistance for endeavors that require more know-how than you have.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to conduct your affairs in ways that could put you in opposition to the majority today. Being out on the limb alone is a lonely experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to do your best today, but don't attach unreasonable importance to being number one. In some circumstances, second place isn't that bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you fail to respect the ideas and opinions of others today, they will have little regard for yours. Give credit where credit is due.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be extremely careful in financial or commercial dealings today. Making impulsive moves without thinking could create deficits instead of profits.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

08-06-98

North
♠ K
♥ A J 10
♦ K Q J 7 3
♣ K J 6 5

West
♠ 7 4 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 4
♣ Q 8 7 4 3

East
♠ A 10
♥ 9 6 5 4
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ 10 9 2

South
♠ Q J 9 8 6 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 8 5
♣ A

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

The third didn't happen

Here is the third interesting deal I watched during my brief visit to the TGR Bridge Club in London last spring. How will the play go if East-West defeat South's contract of three spades?

Note North's good pass over three spades. Despite 18 high-card points, his spade fit wasn't wonderful and his lack of aces was worrisome. (If North does bid, it must be four spades, *not* three no-trump.)

At the time, West led the heart king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the spade king. When the defenders didn't find their diamond ruff, declarer lost only three tricks: one spade, one heart and one diamond.

To keep the defense alive, West must lead his singleton diamond. Having little choice but to assume it is a singleton, East wins with the ace and returns a diamond — but which one?

It is here that the infamous and oft-misunderstood suit-preference signal occurs. You disregard both the trump suit and the suit being led for the ruff. That leaves two other suits, hearts and clubs here. If East returns his highest diamond, he is showing an entry (or potential entry) in the higher-ranking suit (hearts). However, if he returns his lowest diamond, he is suggesting an entry in the lower-ranking suit (clubs). Yet, as he has no side-suit entry, East must table his middle diamond, the six.

After ruffing, West will switch to the heart king. (If he tries a club, hoping partner has the ace, declarer can get home.) Now the defenders can take five tricks: the spade ace, the heart queen, the diamond ace and *two* diamond ruffs.

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Date Book

Aug. 6, 1998

Today is the 218th day of 1998 and the 47th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York City became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

On this day in 1945, an American B-29 Super Fortress dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing more than 100,000 people.

On this day in 1978, Pope Paul VI died at age 80.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892), poet; Alexander Fleming (1881-1955), discoverer of penicillin; Louella Parsons (1893-1972), journalist; Clara Bow (1905-1965), actress; Lucille Ball (1911-1989), actress-comedian; Robert Mitchum (1917-1997); Andy Warhol (1928-1987), artist; David Robinson (1965-), basketball star, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, 17-year-old Bob Mathias won the decathlon at the London Summer Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the future everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." — Andy Warhol

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, an oak tree in Oak Grove, Tenn., lit up like a Christmas tree when it was struck by lightning.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (August 7).

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WHATABURGER HONORED — Snyder Garden Club chose Whataburger on College Ave. as the Most Improved Business Yard of the Month. From left are SGC judges B.B. Boren and Marie Armstrong; James Smith, Whataburger manager; and Yolanda Ramos, assistant manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper at 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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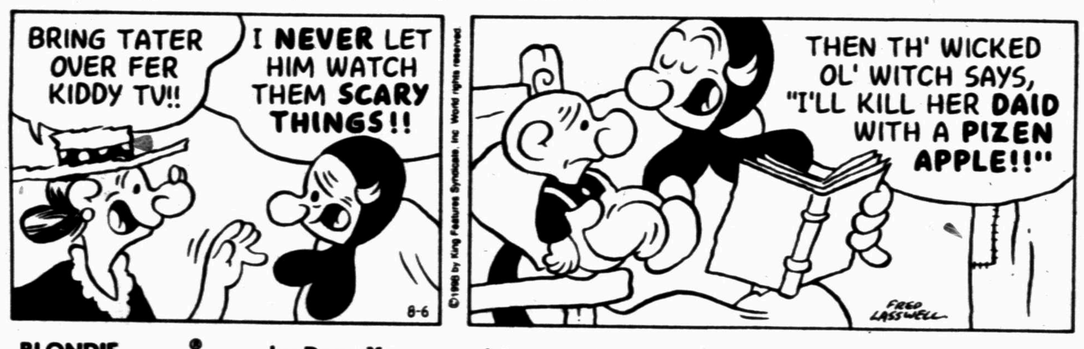

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7 Overturns
13 Chew noisily
14 Essential character
15 Not so short
16 Line on a map
17 Ninny
18 Type of meal
20 Sault — Marie
21 Texas baseball players
25 On the loose (2 wds.)
28 Part of a bird's wing
32 Leap
33 Essential
34 Part of a ship's hull
35 I.e., in full
36 Director Woody —
37 Ms. Redgrave
39 Walks with long steps
41 Roast beef au —
44 Actress Merkel
45 Neighbor of Colo.
48 To a higher position
51 Quick look
54 Went on a guided trip
55 Nonmetallic element
56 Antagonism
57 Stew ingredient

DOWN

1 W. Coast coll.
2 Experts
3 Frankfurter holders
4 Pt. of ESL
5 Highest card
6 Host
7 Join (a couple) in marriage
8 Dance step
9 WWII area
10 Essences
11 Darn!
12 Dried up
19 Grow older
21 Gamuts
22 Enthusiastic
23 Deep, narrow valley
24 Playground equipment
25 Swedish singing group
26 Hard work
27 Period of calm
29 Southwestern Indians
30 Young girl
31 Utah ski resort
37 Coq au —
38 Slow musical movement
40 Reddish
41 Burlap fiber
42 Once — a time
43 Used a pool
45 Make a sweater
46 Teen's bane
47 — -do-well
49 Jackie's 2nd mate
50 Out of the work force (abbr.)
52 Actress Myrna —
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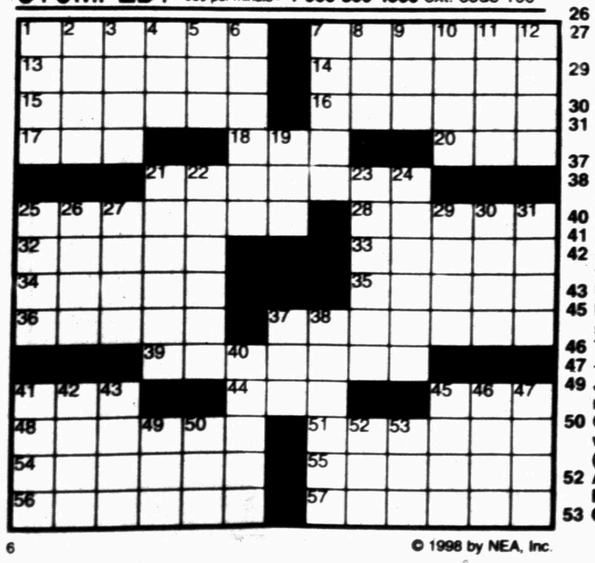

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SPORTS

Texas saves another win against Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Esteban Loaiza is winless in four starts since coming to the Texas Rangers in a July 17 trade with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Yet nobody on the Rangers is complaining about the work of the right-hander because Loaiza has pitched well enough to win three of those starts.

Loaiza received a no-decision despite allowing only two runs and five hits in eight innings. The Rangers rallied in the ninth behind Juan Gonzalez and Mike Simms for a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

"One of these days, we'll get him some runs," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "But he's being rewarded because we're winning games. If he keeps pitching like that, we'll be one step closer to our goal."

Loaiza pitched his second straight strong game for Texas, but he has an 0-2 record for the Rangers. Last Friday, he allowed four hits in a 1-0 complete-game loss at Toronto.

"It was a battle," Loaiza said. "I just wanted to pitch like I did against them up there. I just didn't have the luck to get my first win, but I'm throwing the ball well."

Texas won its fourth straight when Simms lined a pinch-hit single with one out in the ninth, driving in the winning run.

Simms had to wait in the on-deck circle for almost five minutes while the grounds crew worked on the mound at the request of reliever Randy Myers.

"I asked Royce (teammate Royce Clayton) if it was like icing the kicker in the NFL," Simms said of the delay while the grounds crew put down a drying compound and raked the mound after Myers complained to the the umpires. "I just tried to stay loose and go up there with a clear mind."

Gonzalez tied it at 3 with a leadoff homer in the ninth, driving an inside fastball into the left field seats. Gonzalez's towering blast off Myers (3-4) raised his major league leading RBI total to 117. Gonzalez returned to the lineup on Tuesday after missing six games with a strained hamstring.

"It was a very exciting way to win a game," Gonzalez said. "It was a very important win for us. That (an inside fastball) was the pitch I was looking for."

Myers walked two batters and got an out before Simms got his fourth pinch hit of the season.

"Depth off the bench has been a key for us all year," Oates said.

Felipe Crespo's two-out RBI single off John Wetteland in the top of the ninth gave Toronto a 3-2 lead, but Wetteland (3-1) got the victory after the Rangers rallied to win.

WACTHFUL EYE — Snyder head coach David Baugh looks on as players go through drills during the Tigers' first summer workout on Wednesday. Snyder will be back on the practice field today at 4 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Baugh pleased with numbers...

Tigers open football workouts

It's official — football season is underway.

Under comfortable, overcast skies, 98 players reported for the opening of summmer football workouts Wednesday at Snyder High School.

With recent temperatures in the 100s and coaches fearful of low turnout, both the weather and number of players were pleasant surprises to Tiger coach David Baugh.

"This is great. It's usually about 104 right now," Baugh quipped as practice got underway just after 5 p.m.

All total 38 varsity players reported, with 29 suiting up on the junior varsity and 31 for the freshman squad.

"We're pleased with the number of players that we have," Baugh said. "Just a week ago, we were worried we would only have about 19 JV guys, but 29 is pretty good."

Adding to the number of players is five newcomers to the school district.

The varsity squad has one new addition, Chris Covey, a junior fullback from Waller. Braden Doolittle from Rotan and Leroy Mills from Westbrook are transfers for the JV, while Ricky Dorsett from Merkel and Monty Smith from Gladewater join the freshman squad.

With only one scrimmage slated for Aug. 21 and the season opener just three weeks away, one of the biggest obstacles facing Snyder is time.

In fact, the Tigers might not have their entire offensive and defensive packages implemented before the Aug. 28 opener against Monahans, according to Baugh.

"With such a short time to practice before we start playing, it's going to be hard to get every thing in," Baugh stated. "We're going to make the Watermelon Bowl more like a game situation this year, maybe even having the coaches off the field, so that we can get in as much preparation as possible before the season starts."

The Tigers, who won't don full pads until Monday, worked on various offensive and defensive aspects on Wednesday.

The players seemed to have an understanding early on of the Wing-T offense, which looks to be Snyder's base set for this season. The Tigers will also run from the I-formation, as well as a one-back set, according to Baugh.

The only struggle offensively on Wednesday was with the center-quarterback exchange, as the Tigers continue to look for a replacement for two-year starting center Ian Hobbs. Hobbs moved over the summer, leaving Snyder short at the position.

"Center is going to be a key position for us this season," Baugh remarked. "We only had three centers in the program, including Hobbs. Now he's moved and another hasn't shown up, so we're down to one."

That one player, the front-runner for the starting job, is junior Randy Green. Jeremy Nelson, another junior, has been moved to center to compete with Green for the spot. Neither player has any varsity experience.

Snyder will be on the practice field again today at 4 p.m., before switching to a morning schedule for the remaining days before classes begin Wednesday.

The Watermelon Bowl is slated for Aug. 14, followed by a three-way scrimmage Aug. 21 in Plainview.

Marlins trip Houston, 5-3

MIAMI (AP) — Jesus Sanchez pitched seven innings on a 92-degree afternoon and Derrek Lee hit a three-run homer to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 5-3 Wednesday.

Sanchez (5-6) won for only the second time in his past 14 starts. The 150-pound rookie left-hander held up well in sweltering weather, allowing six hits and three runs, one earned.

Matt Mantei completed the six-hitter by striking out the side in the ninth for his sixth save.

Mike Hampton (9-6) allowed five runs — four earned — in five innings. The Astros have lost six of his last seven starts.

John Cangelosi doubled to start the third inning and, following a walk and a forceout, Lee lined his 13th homer over the scoreboard in left field for a 4-0 lead. Lee also struck out three times, but he broke the Marlins' record for home runs by a rookie, set by Jeff Conine with 12 in 1993.

Sean Berry hit his seventh homer in the seventh for the Astros, who completed a 4-2 road trip. They finished the season series against Florida 6-3.

The Marlins went ahead 1-0 in the second when Ryan Jackson doubled with two outs and scored on Mike Redmond's single.

Sports Briefs

Junior high football

All Snyder 8th graders wanting to play football must be at the SJHS field house Monday between 4 and 6 p.m. for the issuing of equipment.

Equipment will be issued to 7th graders Tuesday between 4 and 6 p.m. at the field house.

Any junior high students interested in being a student manager should also report to the field house.

Football meeting

Snyder coach David Baugh will conduct a meeting for all parents of Snyder High School football players Monday at 7 p.m. in the student center.

Football Referees

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	39	.658	-
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Philadelphia	55	57	.491	19
Montreal	46	68	.404	29
Florida	41	74	.357	34½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	68	46	.596	-
Chicago	64	51	.557	4½
Milwaukee	57	57	.500	11
St.Louis	53	60	.469	14½
Cincinnati	51	63	.447	17
Pittsburgh	51	63	.447	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	74	40	.649	-
SanFrancisco	62	52	.544	12
LosAngeles	58	56	.509	16
Colorado	51	63	.447	23
Arizona	43	71	.377	31

Wednesday's Games

Florida 5, Houston 3
Arizona 10, Chicago Cubs 7
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Cincinnati 13, Atlanta 9
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 4, Philadelphia 0

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Hershiser 8-8) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 5-8) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-8), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 7-10) at Montreal (Powell 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 6-2) at San Diego (Hamilton 9-9), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-11) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-5), 7:40 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	80	29	.734	-
Boston	66	45	.595	15
Baltimore	58	55	.513	24
Toronto	56	58	.491	26½
TampaBay	44	67	.396	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	63	50	.558	-
Minnesota	51	60	.459	11
KansasCity	51	61	.455	11½
Chicago	49	63	.438	13½
Detroit	46	65	.414	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	61	51	.545	-
Anaheim	60	53	.531	1½
Oakland	51	63	.447	11
Seattle	50	62	.446	11

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 6, Detroit 0
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5
Tampa Bay 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 3
Texas 4, Toronto 3
Oakland 3, N.Y. Yankees 1

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Rosado 6-8) at Minnesota (Serafini 4-4), 1:15 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 10-7) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 11-5) at Texas (Burkett 6-11), 8:35 p.m.

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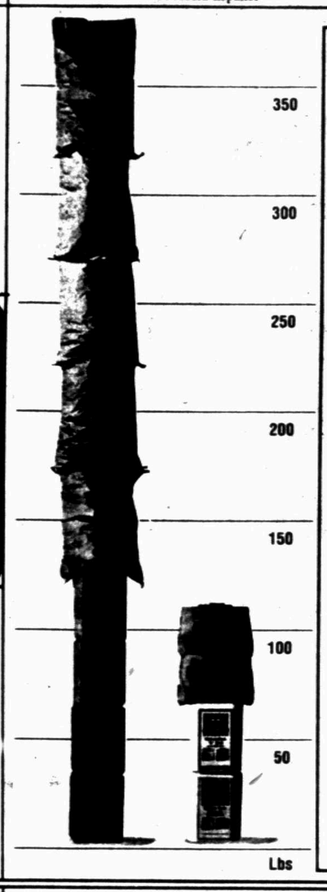

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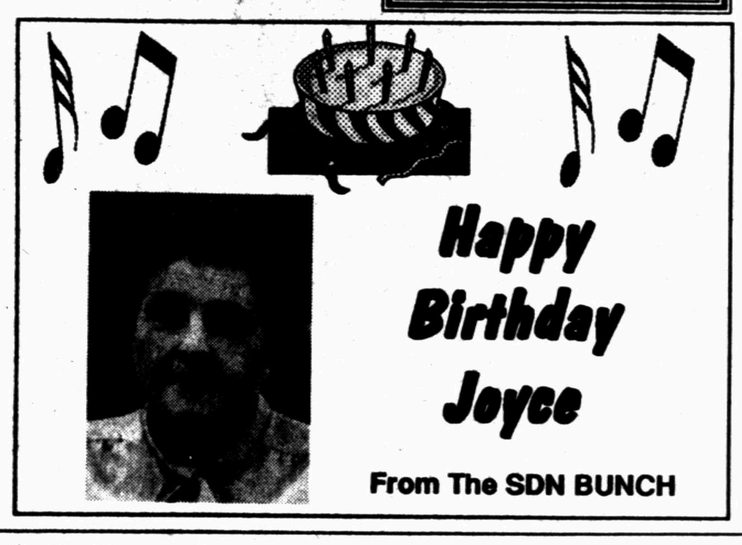

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SCURRY

Date and Time of Sale: The first Tuesday in the month, September 1, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

SUIT NO. 18,649

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JIMMY L. GRIMES, ET AL.

Lot 2, Block 46, Grayum & Nelson Heights Addition, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, and being more fully described in Volume 541, page 233 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R6865)

Date of Judgment: December 8, 1994

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 18,877

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

FORREST WEMKEN, ET AL.

Tract #1: Lots 1 and 2, Hilltop Subdivision, out of the Northwest 1/4, Section 95, Block 3, H & GN Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 370, page 631 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R14820)

Tract #2: All that certain 1.30 acre tract, more or less, known as a 1.57 acre tract, according to the tax rolls, out of the Northwest 1/4, Section 95, Block 3, H & GN Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 370, page 631 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R6040).

Tract #3: All that certain 1.28 acre tract, more or less, out of the Section 133, Block 3, H & GN Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 351, page 132 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R11397).

Tract #4: All that certain 1.79 acres tract, more or less, out of the Section 133, Block 3, H & GN Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 309, page 725 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R8835).

Date of Judgment: August 3, 199

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,145

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

CELESTINO GUERRA, ET AL.

Lot 8, Block 32, Grayum & Nelson Heights Addition, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 370, page 15 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R3208)

Date of Judgment: May 15, 1997

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,728

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JESSE SALINAS, ET AL.

The East 75' of Lot 3, Block 55, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 366, page 200, Deed Records of said County. (R6167)

Date of Judgment: July 15, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,518

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

DWENNAN NETTIE HARMON, ET AL.

All of the NE/4 and the East 40 acres of the NW/4 of Section 201, Block 97, H&TC Ry Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.008062 (Sacroc Tract 263). (N1532)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,150

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

UBANDO DIONICIO, ET AL.

Lot 6, Block 1, Kittrell Heights #2, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 297, page 63 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R1855)

Date of Judgment: December 12, 1996

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,520

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

M.E. WESTBO IND. & DBA EMBER PRODUCTION COMPANY, ET AL.

Being the West 10.0 acres of the NW1/4 of Section 251 and East 294 acres of Section 252, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.008578 (SACROC Tract 173). (N19985)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,749

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

THE ERE BROWN COMPANY, A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, ET AL.

A 0.031250 undivided royalty interest in 5.49 acres of land out of the H&TC Ry. Co. No. 388, in Block 97, being more particularly described in Volume 285, page 457 and Volume 41, page 243, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (N52366)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,826

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

E. E. BEATLY, ET AL.

Sacroc Unit, Tract 223, 0.013671 ORU, E. 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 248, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 61, page 175, Oil & Gas Records of said County. (N1325)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,725

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JAMES ODESSA, ET AL.

Lot 3, Block 6, Erwin Heights, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 379, page 59, Deed Records of said County. (R4342)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,883

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

A. T. EICKE AS TRUSTEE FOR WESTON PROPERTIES TRUST, ET AL.

Lot 4, Block 47 of the Baze and Dodson Replat of Blocks 45 and 47, of the Colonial Hill Addition, City of Snyder, or as more particularly described in Volume 374, page 788, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R9409)

Date of Judgment: July 15, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,878

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

ROSEMARY ESCOBEDO, ET AL.

The West 100' of Lot No. 1 in Block No. 35, of the Cody Heights Addition, City of Snyder, or as more particularly described in Volume 401, page 279 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R1917)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,746

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

LEO DON SCHATTEL, ET AL.

Tract #1: 3.046 acres, more or less, out of Section 35, Block 3, of the H&GN Ry. Co. Survey, being more particularly described as two tracts in Volume 318, page 701, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R7330)

Tract #2: 320 acres, more or less, being all of the North 1/2 of Section 57, Block 3, of the H&GN Ry Co. Survey, Abstract 29, being more particularly described in Volume 328, page 683, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R7367)

Tract #3: 163.6 acres, more or less, out of Section 60, Block 3, of the H&GN Ry Co. Survey, being more particularly described in Volume 309, page 157, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R7373)

Date of Judgment: April 8, 1998

Date of Levy: August 4, 1998

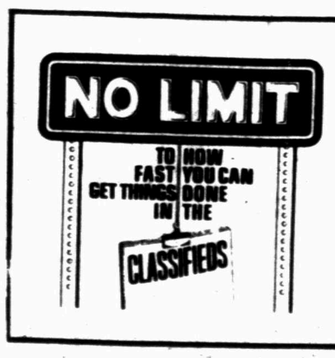
Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment; (5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description.

Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The Foreclosure Sales under this Notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, at the time set out above, by and through the LAW OFFICE OF HENRY GATES STEEN, JR., P.C., 3001 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 306, Austin, Texas 78705, Telephone (512) 476-4688 and Telecopier (512) 476-0325, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Snyder, Texas on this the 5th day of August, 1998.

Darren Jackson
Darren Jackson, Sheriff
By Barry Gardner, Deputy



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Rain sometimes washes out fun on weekend

Joseph B. Verrengia
AP Science Writer

You've seen it happen after grinding through a week of rush hours and conference calls: Weekend rain washes out your beach or barbecue plans.

The rain that spoils your plans isn't just a figment of workaday paranoia, according to climatologists who found Saturdays to be the wettest day of the week.

What's more, the clouds are, to some extent, a product of the very jobs people are trying to escape, according to a study published today in the journal Nature.

An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows weekends really are wetter than weekdays. Saturdays receive an average of 22 percent more precipitation than Mondays, climatologists at Arizona State University found.

The researchers, who analyzed weather data back to 1946, said weekend storms probably are enhanced by air pollution spewed by millions of cars and trucks during weekday commutes.

The pollution generates tons of tiny airborne particles, called aerosols, that become the microscopic seeds around which rain drops develop.

"We were quite surprised to see weekends are substantially wetter than weekdays," said climate geographer Randall Cerveny, one of the study's principal authors. "We've run over 45 statistical analyses to make sure the cycles we see are indeed there."

Other researchers said they were startled by the suggestion that human activities influence weather patterns on a regional scale. The next step will be to develop a computer model simulating Eastern Seaboard weather to validate the researchers' statistical conclusions.

"It's really surprising that pollution could have such far-reaching effects on meteorology," said David Parrish, an atmospheric scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "I would've thought it would be undetectable."

Cerveny and colleague Robert Balling analyzed rainfall records along the Atlantic coast from Florida to Nova Scotia and extending about 200 miles out to sea.

They determined rain falls in a seven-day cycle, peaking on Saturday with an annual average of 658 millimeters, about 26.3 inches. Monday rainfall is the lowest, with an average of 538 millimeters.

To link the rainfall with pollution data, the climatologists looked to a research station on Sable Island, a pristine, crescent-shaped speck about 200 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Four scientists operate the station year-round. Monitors there continuously sniff for carbon monoxide, ozone and other urban pollutants that spread northeastward from Boston, New York and other coastal cities. Vehicle traffic is the primary source of the pollution, along with power plants and industry.

The study found that weekly pollution highs and lows match the weekly precipitation cycle, with pollution peaking Saturdays and dipping noticeably by Mondays.

Other scientists said they would like to see a stronger cause-and-effect relationship, something the ASU team says it is working on.

"It's a striking correlation," Parrish said. "But I'm not sure that the connection to the pollution is entirely clear to me."

On remote Sable Island, the findings came as no surprise. Meteorologists there frequently have to wipe sooty crud from their instruments, and director Gerry Forbes said his staff members complain much like urban beachcombers.

"People here claim it always seems to be raining on their days off," Forbes said.

70-year-old mother hid deadly secret

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Between 1949 and 1968, Marie Noe had 10 children: seven girls and three boys.

Two of the children lived just one month. One died after 13 days, another after 14 months.

Not one lived to see a second birthday.

In all except two of the deaths, Mrs. Noe said the babies had died while sleeping when she was home alone with them. Eventually the deaths were blamed on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, also known as SIDS.

Thirty years after the final death, Mrs. Noe, 70, was arrested at her Philadelphia house Wednesday and charged with first-degree murder — accused of smothering eight of her children to death with a pillow or another soft object.

All eight children were declared healthy at birth and were developing normally, District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham said Wednesday.

Mrs. Noe's lawyer, David S. Rudenstein, said his client denies the charges.

"She feels very burdened by these accusations," he said. "She has had to live (the) last 30 years with the knowledge that her children passed away. Any mother would be grossly distraught by that."

Her husband, Arthur Noe, 76, was not charged.

Mrs. Noe was not charged in the deaths of two of her children. One was stillborn in 1959. The other died at the hospital in 1963 of complications from birth. Police said there was no reason to suspect foul play.

Autopsies were performed on all of the children except one, but at the time, doctors could not offer any conclusive medical explanation about why the babies died.

After medical experts defined SIDS in 1969, doctors believed that was how Mrs. Noe's babies died, according to court documents.

The case had never been closed, but the investigation into the deaths intensified recently because of heightened interest in the unexplained deaths of children and developments in medical and forensic science.

"Over the past 20 years science has been solving old, unsolved cases," Ms. Abraham said, citing the development of DNA and fingerprinting and other advances in medical technology.

"Certainly children die of SIDS, but in 1 to 20 percent of the cases they actually die of something else, including murder," Ms. Abraham said.

A 1997 book on SIDS, "The Death of Innocents," explored the Noe case. Jamie Talan, an author who conducted a three-year survey of infanticide cases for the book, said the charges against Mrs. Noe could be one of the worst cases of infanticide on record.

In 1987, Mary Beth Tinning of Schenectady, N.Y., was convicted of killing one of her children. Prosecutors were unable to prove Ms. Tinning was responsible for the deaths of her eight other children, none of whom lived beyond age 5.

Police capture suspect in slaying of 2 N.C. campers

PEKIN, N.C. (AP) — James Andrew Finley Jr. proved he could not elude law officers as well as the man he admired — Eric Rudolph.

Less than two full days after scouring the woods in Montgomery County, police officers on Wednesday evening captured Finley, wanted in the weekend murders of two campers from Charlotte.

"We're tired and we're thankful," said Montgomery County Sheriff Jeff Jordan. "No one was hurt, and that's a big thing."

Finley, 21, of Hickory, had watched with great interest and admiration the search for Rudolph, the suspected abortion clinic bomber who has eluded authorities for seven months in the rugged North Carolina mountains.

Finley was caught in the woods near his father's hunting camp, an area agents had staked out from the beginning.

Finley was being sought in connection with the deaths of Derek Andrew Marston and Tommi Danielle Byrd, both 24. They were found shot and slashed Sunday at their campsite in Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, 120 miles west of where Finley was captured.

The search Wednesday focused on the central Uwharrie National Forest in Montgomery County, where Marston's car was found abandoned Tuesday.

Authorities also said Finley tried to use an ATM card belonging to one of the victims earlier in the week at a bank a few miles from the search area.

He left behind his wallet, which allowed searchers to pick up his scent. Once in the woods, he was spotted by several residents.

Finley was armed with a rifle and a handgun when he was confronted by deputies, said SBI special agent Bart Burpeau.

Authorities fired a warning shot at Finley and he dropped his weapons and surrendered immediately, Burpeau said.

Finley was taken to the Burke County jail late Wednesday. A court date has not been set, Burpeau said.

New asteroids found by NASA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Astronomers have identified two new asteroids headed toward Earth, but neither of the mile-wide rocks is expected to come near this planet for decades, NASA scientists said Wednesday.

The asteroids, named 1998 OH and 1998 OR2, were detected last month through a NASA tracking system, using a remote-controlled telescope in Hawaii.

David L. Rabinowitz, a co-investigator with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., made followup observations of the two objects using a 24-inch telescope. He said their orbits did not pose any immediate hazard to Earth.

Although the asteroids' precise paths have not yet been determined, preliminary projections indicate that 1998 OH, for example, could get no closer than 3 million miles from Earth — about 20 times the distance from Earth to the moon.

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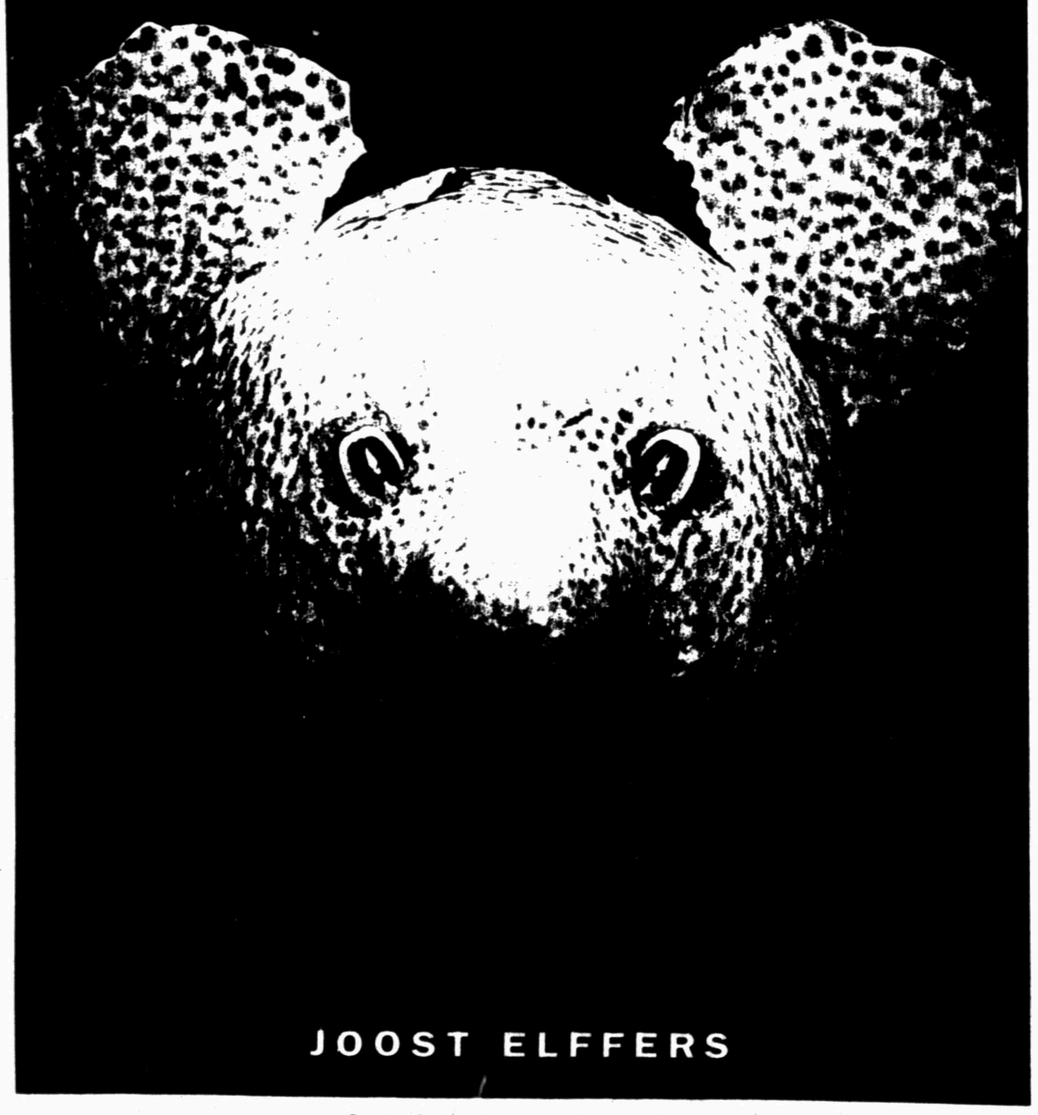
Births

Mario and Vergina Molinar of Snyder announce the birth of their nine-pound, three-ounce son at 8:21 a.m. in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.



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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Should Medicare cover blood test?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My ophthalmologist recently diagnosed a retinal hemorrhage and recommended that my family doctor obtain tests to investigate the cause of my visual problem. Although Medicare did not balk at covering a cardiac ultrasound and carotid Doppler studies (to search for the source of a possible clot that traveled to my eye), the authorities refused to pay for a glycosylated hemoglobin, ruling that it was not "reasonable and necessary." Was this decision correct?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion.

Concerned that you might suffer repeated retinal hemorrhages that could severely affect your vision, the ophthalmologist quite properly urged your primary care physician to obtain tests to check for treatable causes of retinal hemorrhage. This is standard and prudent medical care.

As part of this investigation, you were given a glycosylated hemoglobin, a blood test for diabetes. While many cases of diabetes can be diagnosed with a similar test, called a "fasting blood sugar," this test indicates only one thing: what your blood sugar was at the time your blood was drawn. The FBS does not tell what your sugar level was a day or an hour before. Thus, unless the FBS is high, the diabetes can be missed, especially if it is a mild case.

On the other hand, the glycosylated hemoglobin reflects your average blood sugar for the preceding two to three months. Therefore, it may give a more accurate reflection of diabetes than does the less expensive FBS.

I agree with the eye specialist that such a test is appropriate and I am surprised that Medicare disallowed it.

Fortunately, the test is not exceedingly expensive. However, it seems shortsighted to me that Medicare would take the position it did, when a diagnosis of diabetes could save you (and the government) thousands of dollars if, in the future, such an undiagnosed illness led to further hemorrhages requiring superspecialized therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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: If someone took 30 vitamins and supplements every day, would there be a chance of gaining weight from all these calories?

DEAR READER: The number of calories from such a program is far too low to cause weight gain. Therefore, I do not believe that "vitamins and supplements" would contribute to obesity. I'd be more concerned about toxicity. Too much of a good thing can be dangerous. Some vitamins and minerals, when consumed in excess, can lead to serious health consequences. Therefore, I'd be very wary of the ritual.

A person who chooses to take vitamin/mineral supplements should be careful not to overdose and should certainly check with his or her physician before consuming these products.

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DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Recent fires have ravaged several areas in central Florida.

3 top dangerous pedestrian zones listed

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're headed to Orlando, you may want to leave those walking shoes behind.

The Florida city tops the list of metropolitan areas most deadly to pedestrians, according to a study released today by the Surface Transportation Policy Project.

The Washington-based public interest group charges that across the nation, local planning and government spending has prioritized automobiles over people.

"The fundamental problem is not that pedestrians are walking in the wrong places, but that our local streets are becoming speedways—designed for cars, not people," concluded the group's second "Mean Streets" report.

The group also found that the majority of pedestrian accidents nationwide occurred in residential neighborhoods. Of the 5,157 pedestrian fatalities in 1996, 69 percent happened on local streets.

In its breakdown of metropolitan regions with populations over 1 million, the project used a "pedestrian danger index," which seeks to rate relative safety. The group calculated pedestrian safety based on fatalities relative to the number of people walking. Since no reliable data was available on the number of people walking in each city, the group used Census information on the number of people walking to work.

Two other Florida city areas followed Orlando as the most dangerous for pedestrians: Tampa-St.Petersburg and Miami-Ft.Lauderdale.

Among the cities, the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside region, because of its sheer size, had the absolute largest number of pedestrian deaths and injuries, with 992 in 1996. The New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island region followed with 591 deaths and injuries to pedestrians.

The study also zeroed in on children, reporting that 16 percent, or 837, of pedestrian fatalities in 1996 were people under the age of 18. In a comparison of states, New Mexico ranked as the highest for child pedestrian deaths and serious injuries per 100,000 children. Arizona and Florida followed.

Large, sprawling metropolitan areas have been designed to suit the needs of automobile drivers and not of people walking on the street, the report says. The project also charges that spending on state, local and federal levels for roads has shortchanged pedestrians, with funds going toward making streets better for automobile traffic. In an analysis of federal safety funding by state, the project found that on average, just 1 percent of funds were directed toward pedestrian safety.

Hurricane predictor foresees twice as many as 1997 season

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Hurricane forecaster William Gray predicts twice as many hurricanes this season as last and says his indicators point to the trend continuing for several years.

In his final forecast update for the 1998 hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin released Wednesday, Gray predicted 10 named storms and six hurricanes. Two of those are forecast to be intense, with sustained winds of 111 mph or higher.

In 1997, the season produced seven named storms, three hurricanes and one intense hurricane.

The Atlantic Basin typically has 9.3 tropical storms each year with 5.8 of them becoming hurricanes, 2.2 of them intense.

The Colorado State University scientist said last year's strong El Nino in the Pacific produced strong westerly winds at 40,000 feet that sheared off the tops of tropical depressions and led to the weakening of many potential storms. This year, a rapidly developing La Nina will do just the opposite, Gray said.

La Nina, which is an up-welling of cold water in the eastern equatorial Pacific, will produce only weak westerly winds in the upper stratosphere that will do little to shear off the tops of developing storms.

"We think the speedy onset of La Nina will definitely enhance this year's activity relative to last ... and we don't think we'll get the full effect of its cold water until late fall or winter after the peak hurricane season has passed," Gray said.

"However, its forceful beginning leads us to believe it will encourage the formation of stronger storms in the Atlantic Basin for the rest of the season."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Thank-You Isn't Welcome To Perplexed Sender of Gift

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I recently sent a wedding gift to a relative and his new bride. I received a thank-you note that made no mention of what the gift was. Both my mother and sister received thank-you notes describing their gifts in detail. I'm wondering if what I got was the code for "we're exchanging it," or if the cards might have gotten mixed up or lost.

Abby, would it be OK to ask the relative's mother what happened? I don't want to sound as if I'm complaining about the poorly written thank-you notes. How do I ask without offending anyone?

WONDERING IN WATERLOO

DEAR WONDERING: I doubt that the note you received was in "code." Most likely, the gift cards got mixed up or lost — a very common occurrence. Do not ask your relative's mother. Instead, telephone the couple and say, "I was delighted to get your thank-you note, but I just had to ask: Did the towels match your decor?" That way you will clue them in about what you gave them, in case they don't know, and they will have the opportunity to be more specific in their thanks.

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DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Curious," whose friend Elaine had a nephew who snooped through her things when he came to visit, I had to write because I have the same problem. But what does one do when the snoop is one's own mother?

My sister and I live in small, one-bedroom apartments. When Mom comes from out of state to visit one of us, we relinquish our bedrooms to her so she can stay in comfort; therefore, short of sending her to a motel, it's impossible to put her in a location where she won't have access to personal items.

Numerous times we have caught her snooping through our dresser drawers, cabinets or closets. Apparently, she still feels she has the right to "inspect," even though my sister and I are both adults. She has even, on occasion, brought forth an item from one of her snooping expeditions to ask, "What is this?" or, "Where did you get this?" When confronted, she giggles as if she's embarrassed — and then she repeats the question.

Additionally, Mom has a tremendous memory for any gift or other item she may have given us, even as long as 10 or 15 years ago. If she doesn't find a particular item she's given us, she confronts us about its whereabouts. She becomes terribly offended and pouts if it had to be discarded or if we just don't remember where it is. These confrontations occur on almost every visit.

My sister and I don't want to put a stop to Mom's visits — after all, she is our mother, and we are her only family. However, we have begun to dread her visits. Any suggestions?

PERPLEXED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PERPLEXED: Unless you and your sister are prepared to form a united front and deal with your mother firmly, her behavior won't change. Granted she's your mother, but you are all adults, and such snooping is inexcusable. Tell her you consider it to be an invasion of your privacy.

When she quizzes you about an item you no longer have, tell her you gave it away because it was no longer needed. If she pouts, offer her right of first refusal, but don't allow her to make you feel guilty or uncomfortable.

As a last resort, you and your sister should consider pooling your money and putting your mother up at a nearby motel during her visits, and having her over only when you can supervise her.

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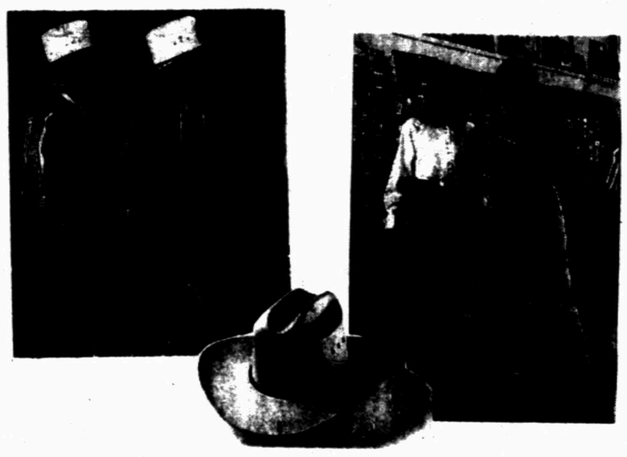

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$100 million suit filed over CNN report

MIAMI (AP) — A former Green Beret sergeant filed a $100 million defamation suit today against CNN, correspondent Peter Arnett and Time magazine for a retracted report claiming his unit used deadly nerve gas on Vietnam defectors.

Keith Plancich, 48, of Key West, charged that he and other former GIs were defamed by joint CNN and Time reports about Operation Tailwind, accusing them of mounting a raid on a Laotian village in 1970 to kill U.S. defectors and using deadly sarin gas just before and after the raid.

The story was "not only totally untrue, it was a vicious attack on the courageous men I fought alongside," Plancich said after filing the federal suit. "I was shocked, then I was deeply hurt, then I became very, very angry."

Plancich's name was not used in the reports, but five photographs of him were used six times in the June 7 broadcast, and the Time story also used his picture, according to his attorney, Ed Horan.

"Mr. Plancich was in fact labeled a war criminal, a murderer of women and children," Horan said.

Plancich was wounded when his escape helicopter crashed, and he suffered grenade wounds and was awarded a Silver Star for bravery during the mission. He also won a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts during his two-year tour.

CNN spokesman Steve Haworth said the network has a no-comment policy on pending legal actions. Arnett was on vacation and unavailable for comment, Haworth said.

CNN has acknowledged reaching an undisclosed settlement with a story source, retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Pentagon found no evidence to support the allegations broadcast during the premiere episode of "NewsStand," a joint CNN-Time production. A review commissioned by CNN concluded the story couldn't be proven and contradictory evidence was overlooked.

The operation was a reconnaissance mission intended to divert attention from offensive maneuvers, the Pentagon said. A review of U.S. and North Vietnamese military records concluded that tear gas but no lethal chemical agents were used, and defectors played no role in the mission.

CNN fired producers Jack Smith and April Oliver over the story, a third producer quit, and Arnett, who contended he was only marginally involved in reporting the story, was reprimanded, though there had been outside pressure to fire him.

Showers, thunderstorms continue; heavy rain in some of South Texas

By The Associated Press

Showers and thunderstorms dropped heavy rain over portions of South Texas during the night and more activity was expected across most areas of the state tonight and Friday.

The heaviest rainfall in South Texas was located in Burnet, Medina, Lee, Burleson and Frio counties.

The National Weather Service issued a flash-flood warning for Frio County from late morning through early afternoon.

Up to 8½ inches of rain has fallen in Dilley, with other parts of Frio County receiving up to 6 inches since last night. The Department of Public Safety closed Texas 117 near Interstate 35 and Texas 85 from the Dimmit county line to I-35.

The rainfall is being triggered by a cold front located over southeastern and southern areas of the state early today.

It will be partly cloudy through Friday across West Texas with thunderstorms possible in most areas.

North Texas will have showers and thunderstorms tonight. Clouds will be decreasing on Friday but there will be a chance of widely scattered showers in the northwestern portion of the area.

The showers and thunderstorms will continue through Friday in South Texas.

Lows tonight will be in the 60s in West Texas, from 69-73 in North Texas and in the 70s across South Texas.

Highs Friday will be in the 80s and 90s in West Texas, ranging upward to near 103 in the Big Bend, from 88-92 in North Texas and in the 90s in South Texas.

Some widely scattered showers and thunderstorms were reported in the area from Marfa to Wink to San Angelo during the night and early today.

In addition to the heavy rainfall in some areas of South Texas more showers and thunderstorms were reported in the northern two-thirds of the area before dawn today.

Scattered showers also dampened some areas of North Texas during the early morning hours and were expected to continue during the day.

Jury convicts five gang members in five deaths

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — More than four years after five young children were killed in a firebombing, five gang members were convicted for their roles in the murders and a drug ring.

Robert "Buster" Jefferson and his half brother, Robert "Duddy" Jefferson, were convicted of almost all counts, including murder, after a two-month federal trial. Buster Jefferson was accused of ordering the 1994 attack, Duddy Jefferson of carrying it out. They face life in prison.

Three other gang members or former gang members were convicted of assorted drug charges. A sixth gang member was acquitted of a drug charge.

"Justice was served," former gang member Andre Coppage, the target of the attack, said Wednesday outside the courtroom.

Coppage's siblings — Nicheba, 11; Nikia, 8; Nicos, 7; Niarte, 4, and Myeka, 2 — died in the Feb. 28, 1994, fire. Coppage, who had been baby-sitting for the children, escaped.

The defendants showed little reaction when the verdicts, reached after three days of deliberations, were announced.

Prosecutors said Duddy Jefferson, 20, was acting on orders from his 23-year-old half brother, a leader of a gang known as the 6-0-Tre Crips.

They said the Jeffersons believed Coppage, then a 17-year-old gang member, had informed on gang members in talking to police about a 1994 killing.

Obituaries

R.C. Pavlovsky

1937-1998

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Rannel Conway Pavlovsky, 61, of Snyder.

Mr. Pavlovsky died Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Service is tentatively set for 2 p.m. Saturday. Cremation is planned.

Mr. Pavlovsky, born on May 22, 1937, was retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Survivors include his wife, Kyleen Pavlovsky of Snyder.

Crespin Aguilar

1919-1998

LAMESA — Crespin Aguilar, the brother of Simona Carrisalez of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, in Lubbock's Highland Hospital.

Rosary for Mr. Aguilar, 78, is set for 7 p.m. Friday in the Guajardo Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Alfredo Loya officiating. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Cemetery.

Born Oct. 27, 1919 in Sweetwater, Mr. Aguilar married Maria de Jesus Jimenez on June 6, 1941 in Colorado City. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Aguilar of Lamesa; two sons, Robert Aguilar of Loraine and Frank Aguilar of Lamesa; three daughters, Juanita Martinez, Margarita Salinas and Emilia Rodriguez, all of Lamesa; five brothers, Juan Aguilar of Lamesa, Carlos Aguilar, Abraham Aguilar, Tomas Aguilar and Jesus Rodriquez, all of Loraine; two other sisters, Florentina Luevano of Denver and Matilde Perez of Bakersfield, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Five arrested on Wednesday

Five subjects were picked up Wednesday by area law enforcement personnel.

Officers arrested 21-year-old Robert McWhorter of 241 North Hwy. 84, Lot 481, at 4:45 p.m. in the 2300 block of 30th for parole violation.

Deputies took a 33-year-old male into custody at 5:30 p.m. on outstanding warrants for assault/family violence, disregarding a red light, failure to appear, two counts of driving while license suspended, Class B criminal mischief out of Tarrant County and motion to revoke from Shackleford County.

A 41-year-old male was arrested by deputies at 8:05 p.m. for assault/family violence. An offense report in the matter was filed at 7:47 p.m.

Officers arrested two subjects in the 1900 block of 21st Street at 11:14 p.m. Taken into custody were a 36-year-old male for public intoxication and a 35-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and motion to revoke on an original charge of DWI out of Yoakum County.

In other activity, a person at IGA #100 requested an officer at 6:15 p.m. in reference to problems with another subject. A criminal trespass warning was issued to the subject.

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SHS class schedules

Class schedules will not be mailed to Snyder High School students in grades 10-12 before school starts. Students will receive their schedules in their advisory class on the first day of class, next Wednesday. Advisory rooms will be posted on the doors and in the halls of the school.

Elementary school supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for East and Central Elementaries may be picked up at the school offices. Extra supply packages are available for sale.

No bingo

Due to the fire Sunday at the American Legion, bingo games will be cancelled until further notice.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for East Elementary music teacher Donna Smith will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. The public is invited.

SHS choir booster

Snyder High School choir boosters will meet at 6:30 this evening in the high school choir room. The boosters will organize and plan the year's activities, including the pre-game supper on Aug. 28.

Airplane club to meet

The Snyder model airplane club will meet at 7 tonight at the club's flying field located, 2½ miles south of WTC on Round Top Road. Visitors are welcome.

Masonic Masters Degree

Scurry County Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Masters Degree at 7 p.m. Friday. All Master Masons are invited.

SHS class reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1958 will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Snyder National Bank to continue planning the class' 40th reunion.

Back-to-school bash

A community-wide back-to-school bash for youth will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday on the First United Methodist Church parking lot. "Jackson Swing" will be in concert.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

Ave. D. Baptist Church revival will be Aug. 9-14 with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie leading services. Sunday through Friday services will be at 7 p.m. with a get-acquainted fellowship following each service. A covered dish luncheon and Bible study will be held Monday through Friday at noon.

Snyder Junior High tour

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 7 and 8 p.m. Monday.

Quarterback Club meeting

Snyder Tigers Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. Coach David Baugh, Athletic Trianer Steve Krueger and Counselor Charlene Light will speak to parents of high school gridders.

Open house

Stanfield Elementary will hold an open house on Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. It will give parents an opportunity to meet with their children's teachers.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown Monday at 7 p.m. are "Hope from Revelation," followed by "The Beautiful Lifestyle."

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox is held each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Ag secretary to visit

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will accompany U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm to Snyder Tuesday to meet with cotton producers at Lorber Industries. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a lunch provided by Lorber Industries. Producers should call 573-1544 by 5 p.m. Monday to RSVP.

Prison warehouse groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse and distribution center will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the warehouse site on U.S. 84.

Pick 3

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

5-1-8

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $10 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 5, 14, 32, 38, 48, 50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.