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Home of Terry Martin



EXCHANGE STUDENT – Pasha Porysev from Russia waters plants in the hothouse at the Snyder High School ag building. He will be living in Snyder and attending SHS this school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Student from Russia learning about rural life in West Texas

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Pasha Porysev is from Budyonnovsk, situated in southern Russia, and is a student at Snyder High School through this school year.

He is part of a Leaders Exchange program sponsored by the state department in conjunction with the Future Farmers of America.

FFA is one of the placing agents for the program and he is staying with Snyder High School ag teacher David Frazier.

In order to participate in the program, Porysev had to pass an English test, several interviews and evaluations by teachers in order to be selected from the 57,000 applicants.

He is a sophomore and is so intent upon his studies that he brought school books from home to help out. He's taking a full course of studies with English, world history, psychology, IPC (integrated physics and chemistry), ceramics, intro to ag mechanics and animal science.

He will also be raising animals for stock shows and working on the school farm.

Porysev describes his hometown as being very green, situated on the shore of Lake Byivola, which has beautiful blue water. He was born in Budyonnovsk. "I love it," he said. "My friends and I often walk around town."

His father, Alexander, is a program runner, and his mother, Tatyana, is an engineer, both working at a fertilizer chemical company. He has two sisters, Katya, 16, who lives with the family, and Nastya, 21, who studies in the Samara Economic Academy. "I love my family and we spend a lot of time together," he said. "We celebrate all the holidays."

Porysev says that a typical school day in Budyonnovsk starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m., but electives are not a part of the curriculum. Afterwards, students attend different schools for art and music. The school week lasts six days, and grades range from the first to the 11th, then it's off to a university.

After schoolwork is done, the kids might go to a dance club or just hang out with friends. Porysev also enjoys playing the guitar and listening to music by his favorite rock groups.

When asked why he signed up for the programs, he said, "I just wanted to see life here. I am fond of traveling." He also said that he that he thinks Snyder is great.

He will be living here for one year before returning home.

FFA placed 40 foreign students in the United States through the program.

Tuesday last day to vote early

Early voters have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to cast a ballot in Saturday's constitutional amendment election. Early voting location is on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

By this morning, 167 votes had been cast in Scurry County. There are 22 propositions. Gaining the most attention statewide is No. 12 which would put a ceiling on malpractice judgments.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Board chairman gets affirmation...

Future of hospital is focus of board session

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers continued this morning to discuss options for putting the hospital back on sound financial footing.

The discussion was held in a 2½-hour called meeting with most of the comments centering on the pros and cons of forming a hospital district.

Board chairman Carl Williams again emphasized that he wants the public to have a vote on whether a hospital district is formed. "I'd like to see the taxpayers have a vote on the formation of a district."

He also noted that the soonest any revenue could be generated from a hospital district would be in 2005.

Board member Terry Williams said he would be in favor of an election to decide a hospital district, or even to lease the facility.

The urgent need of some action was noted by other board members.

"We're going to have to do something quick to save our hospital," said Dink Foree. "Whether it's a hospital district or we lease it, it can't wait until next year. We won't be here next year unless we do something."

"Something needs to be done," added Charles Church. "We're at that point. Do we want to bring this issue to a vote, or talk about leasing it?"

Jim Bullard, representative of Covenant Health Systems, was then asked if Covenant is interested in leasing the hospital.

"We would look at it," he said.

County Judge Rod Waller said at least three firms had inquired about leasing the facility over the past few weeks.

No action was taken following the discussion on a hospital district.

Chief financial officer Jared Squires told the board that the hospital had $326,000 in cash as of Friday.

"We're also expecting a payment for $75,000 so we will have over $400,000 today or tomorrow," he added.

Squires also said for the past three weeks, the hospital had averaged collecting $345,000 in accounts.

During this discussion, Bullard said Cogdell Hospital was unique among the Covenant affiliates for having a high percentage of private pay patients. "Your percentage is 18 to 19 percent," said Bullard. "Most of the others average 12 percent."

The board met for one hour in executive session and took no action once the meeting was open to the public.

Hospital CEO George Parsley did make a statement following the closed session.

"The discussion centered around the role and responsibility of board chairman Carl Williams. Basically, Carl wanted to clarify his role. All the board members affirmed that Carl is doing a great job as chairman and all wanted him to stay in that position," said Parsley.

Williams presided at the meeting and board members present were Foree, Terry Williams, Church, Bill Voss and Bo Robinson.

Rainfall Reports

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North of city	Trace
West of city	.40
Lake Thomas	.20
Fluvanna	Trace
Polar	Trace
Ira	Trace
Dermott	.40
Union	.20
Gail	.40

Totals as reported by area residents for Sunday night.

Bush asks Congress for additional funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, facing doubts about his handling of Iraq amid rising casualties, is asking Congress for $87 billion to fight terrorism and cautioning Americans that the struggle "will take time and require sacrifice."

Bush's money request — surpassing earlier unofficial estimates — would come on top of the $79 billion that Congress approved in April for the initial costs of the war and its aftermath and for worldwide efforts against terrorism.

Despite calls from Republicans and Democrats alike for more troops, Bush said the 130,000 U.S. forces in Iraq were sufficient. But he urged other nations, even those that had opposed the war, to contribute troops and money.

The president addressed the nation Sunday night, his first speech on Iraq since May 1 when he stood on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln and declared an end to major combat.

In the four months since, U.S. casualties have risen steadily, to the point where more have died in the aftermath of the war than during the combat phase.

Bush described Iraq in his 18-minute speech as the central battleground of the terrorism war and blamed the violence on Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign terrorists.

"We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities," Bush said, four days before the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the confrontation with Saddam made the president's popularity skyrocket, public confidence in his handling of Iraq has dropped since the war, leveling off in the mid-50 percent area.

Heading into a campaign year hoping to unseat Bush, Democrats have been emboldened to criticize him on Iraq. Even some Republican allies have urged him to change course.

A fresh burst of Democratic criticism followed the speech.

County close to approving new interlocoal pact

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court drew closer to agreement on an interlocal contract with the city after discussing recommendations for the pact that arrived in a letter from Mayor Francene Noah.

At this morning's meeting, a motion was approved to prepare a reciprocal letter to the city expressing the county's desires in regard to the pact.

The city council proposal is much like the agreement reached 10 years ago. The major exception is the city's offer to pay $50,000 annually to the county if the county keeps oversight of the ambulance service. The funds would be restricted to the repair and replacement of ambulances.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey expressed concern with wording in the city's proposal that allowed items to be negotiated separately throughout the contract period. Ralph Trevey, precinct 1 commissioner, agreed. "We want the contract in total, not in fragments."

Judge Rod Waller agreed to having the contract be more binding and to lengthen the contract to four years as opposed to the city's recommendation of two years.

Penny Roberson, Snyder EMS employee, asked to be recognized. "If the $50,000 goes into a special fund and can be used for subsidies, what if we need money for a new ambulance?" Trevey said that the county could put in money for a new ambulance after the situation is assessed and it was determined that a new ambulance was needed. Lindsey noted that they wouldn't be able to purchase a new ambulance for two years anyway since a new ambulance costs $85,000.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer said there are other items in the proposal that needs discussion, such as landfill use by the county and maintenance on vehicles that are used for brush removal.

Councilman Terry Martin was present this morning and responded, "We could be here for months if we try to renegotiate every detail of the old contract." He suggested sending a letter back to the city with the changes the county wants in the contract.

A motion by Trevey to accept the proposal as is with the exception of consideration of single items and a two-year term failed to receive a second.

A motion by Lindsey to send a letter back to the city with changes made with prior approval by the court passed with Trevey casting the lone negative vote.

Judge Waller told Martin that the city could expect to receive the county letter within the next 72 hours.

Line-items transfers were then discussed. Parks and recreations requested taking $2,750 from the community center account and placing $2,400 in park swimming pool salaries, $300 in tires and tubes, and $50 in other equipment. Child welfare requested $5,075 from child welfare subsistence, medical fees, supplies and education and training to go into child care expenses. All transfers were approved.

Budget amendments were approved for Precinct 2 for $600 for cellular phone service and $304 in salaries for part-time help on seal coating. Parks and recreation requested an amendment of $12,000 for coliseum utilities and $15,000 in park utilities.

The court recessed the meeting until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when the letter back to the city will be discussed and approved.

Judge Waller presided and commissioners present were Jerry House, Trevey, Limmer and Lindsey

ASK US

Q-When does the Texas State Fair Open?
A-Sept. 26.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Melissa Hernandez...

...has lived in Snyder for 15 years. She and her husband, Luis Hernandez Jr., own L & M Safety. They have two daughters, Marissa Hernandez, 6, and Cecelie Slaughter, 13.

Hobbies include swimming, walking and going to the drag races.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Money as money is nothing. It's just something to make bookkeeping convenient.
—H.L. Hunt

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry County 4-H

The reorganization of the Scurry County 4-H is set from 6-7:30 p.m. today at the extension office, 2605 Ave. M. Hot dogs and all the trimmings will be served. Bring your favorite canned drink and dress casual. Anyone in grades third through 12th are welcome.

Central Baptist Church revival

Hermleigh's Central Baptist Church revival is underway with weekdays services at 7 p.m. through Wednesday. Evangelist Murlyn Keller and his family will use chalk art and music in the services. Call 863-2305 for transportation.

Retired teachers meeting

The Retired Teachers Association will have an ice cream supper and meeting at 7 tonight at First United Methodist Church.

SHS band booster meeting

The band boosters will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Wisdom of Solomon," followed by "A Christian is a Changed Person."

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Barbara Owen is slated from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

4-H horse club meeting

Scurry County 4-H horse club will have its start-up meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

AARP board meeting

AARP board members will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the senior center.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High school pictures will be taken Wednesday and Thursday. Students will receive packets in English classes today and Tuesday and must pay for pictures at the time they are taken. Students not wanting to order pictures must still have their picture taken for the yearbook.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

Youth group car wash

First Asembly of God youth group will have a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Donations are from $5 up.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder Saturday. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens at WTC is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 573-4035.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College resume today. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Expresso lovers protest proposed tax

SEATTLE (AP) — Some 200 coffee roasters, espresso bar owners and ordinary caffeine lovers turned out to protest a ballot measure to tax espresso drinks to raise money for preschool programs.

"I'm here on behalf of my wholesale customers who cannot afford this unfair tax," said Neal Brown, wholesale director for Zoka Coffee House, at Sunday's protest.

In this city where fancy coffee is a way of life, Initiative 77 is up for a vote Sept. 16.

Supporters say the dime-a-drink tax could raise more than $6.5 million a year for day care and preschool programs. A City Council staff estimate puts the benefit at $1.8 million to $3.5 million annually.

Tulia defendants struggle to rebuild lives

TULIA (AP) — Hog farmer Joe Moore was wrongly convicted of selling cocaine and sentenced to serve 90 years in prison. He forfeited more than his freedom.

Moore said he lost his livelihood and his reputation. He also lost his health, as his diabetes worsened while he was behind bars.

A legal battle led to pardons for Moore and 34 others this summer after the police officer who accused the group was discredited. Some former inmates are still bitter; others are struggling to rebuild the pieces of their lives.

"I really want to get on with my life," the 60-year-old Moore said. "It's hard to know how I'm going to make a living. I've got nothing. I just leave it in the hands of the Lord."

Moore begins anew in this small Panhandle farming town of about 5,000 residents where the testimony of undercover agent Tom Coleman put him and others in prison.

Coleman now faces perjury charges for allegedly lying during hearings in March ordered by the state's highest criminal appeals court to review some of the drug convictions.

Coleman testified at trials that he bought cocaine from dealers in Tulia, though he had no audio or video surveillance to back up his claims stemming from drug arrests he made in 1999.

Moore was one of the first of the Tulia defendants tried. After seeing the lengthy sentence he received, others chose to accept plea agreements for shorter ones.

The 46 arrested — most of them black — long argued their innocence but they initially had no voice potent enough to turn around public opinion.

Their legal odyssey ended Aug. 22, when Gov. Rick Perry granted pardons to 35 people and the courts will eventually wipe clean all their records. Twelve still jailed were freed in June.

Of the 11 other defendants, seven had their cases dismissed, one died, one was placed on probation and two others remain in jail on other charges.

For those who unjustly spent years behind bars, resentment and bitterness remain.

"I believe that anyone who had something to do with it should be punished," said Freddie Brookins Jr., who served 3 1/2 years of 20-year sentence. "I can always forgive but I can't forget it."

Others are focused on putting the past behind them. Several who were drug users before their arrests received treatment after their release to help them adjust to life on the outside. They now live in a halfway house and have found jobs.

Failing to move forward risks even more loss, said Kizzie White, 26, a mother of two. Her life was on hold long enough; her goal now is to become a nurse, she said.

"I'm just glad it's all over with and that justice prevailed," said White, who is expecting her third child in the spring. "It feels so good to go where I want to go, eat when and where I want to."

Brookins, who wants to pursue a business management degree and someday own his own business, plans to attend Coleman's perjury trial later this year. He said he carries some bitterness. But that feeling is mixed with hope for his future. Brookins and his wife Terri recently found out she is pregnant.

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-17-29-35-37. Bonus Ball: 36.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $35,785.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 12. Prize: $2,706.

Number matching four of five: 652. Prize: $107.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 557. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five: 25,469. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 7,101. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 32,322. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $13 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-37-25-30-6.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 132. Prize: $488.

Matching three of five: 4,466. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 46,194. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 4-0-2

(Night) 5-8-5

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 8, 2003

Today is the 251st day of 2003 and the 80th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1664, New Amsterdam became New York as the British seized control of the city from Dutch Governor Peter Stuyvesant.

On this day in 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first Miss America.

On this day in 1974, President Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sid Caesar (1922-), comedian, is 81; Peter Sellers (1925-1980), actor; Patsy Cline (1932-1963), singer; Aimee Mann (1960-), musician, is 43; Jonathan Taylor Thomas (1981-), actor, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Kansas City's Bert Campaneris played all nine positions in one baseball game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The trouble with telling a good story is that it invariably reminds the other fellow of a dull one." — Sid Caesar

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 3) and full moon (Sept. 10).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003

It will pay to be persistent in the year ahead where important goals or ambitions are concerned. However, you must remain realistic about your timetable and abilities, so that you don't expect more than you should.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be exceptionally watchful today when going head-to-head over dealings with others. You stand a good chance of being outmaneuvered or overpowered if you should get careless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Think twice about taking on a job in which you lack the expertise or that you've never done before. It might end up costing you more than if you had hired an expert to do the work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't get yourself involved in any social situation today in which there are people who hold grudges against one another. You could get caught in the middle and end up as the fall guy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If someone is standing in the way of your attaining an objective today, don't try to push your way past this person. It could cause a skirmish noticed by all — with you as one of the troublemakers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't be pressured into putting anything on paper or making verbal commitments today if you do not feel comfortable. Your worst fears will be realized and come to pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Any debt you incur today could have trouble or discomfort attached to it. Wait until another day to purchase that large-ticket item or invest money you can't afford to lose.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A wrong move today or a thoughtless word could suddenly shatter what was a harmonious association, so handle even the closest friends with tact and diplomacy at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you do not promptly keep your word today about a responsibility you promised to assume, you'll be labeled irresponsible and untrustworthy, and could put a damper on a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When talking about others today, be extremely careful what you say and how you phrase your words. If someone perceives you as catty or gossipy, the entire world will know about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unfortunately, people in general today tend to be looking for flaws in others rather than in things to admire. Attention will be quickly focused on you if you give anyone the slightest reason for criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful how far you carry things today, especially when voicing your views to someone who holds opposite opinions. Pushing points too far could ignite a firestorm not easily extinguished.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is not a good day to discuss financial matters with your creditors, business associates or mate. All parties will feel the other is the one causing red ink to be spilled.

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The Tax Relief Act of 2003 impacts nearly every U.S. taxpayer. By learning how to take full advantage of the new rules, you may be able to help reduce your taxes and increase your income. Please join us as our panel of experts, including economist Abby Joseph Cohen, explain simple steps you can take this year to reap the full benefits of tax relief.

- **What tax relief means to investors and the financial markets**
- **Why now may be the best time in years to sell appreciated stocks**
- **How to put the money you save to work for you**

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(5:30 p.m.)
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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 167-5 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 142-6 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 40, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 141-7 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 141-8 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles northwest of Snyder. The project is planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 86-16 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 2 Mary Foster Account in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 3,257 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating has completed the No. 467 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, eight miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce five barrels of oil and 26 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,458-606 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Kent County

Schalk Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1 Stephens, a 4,600-foot wildcat located six miles southeast of Spur. Location is in Section 129, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Garza County

Brothers Production Co. has completed the No. 3204 PLK in the Happy field, 11 miles south of Post. The well was completed to produce 33 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,361-374 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Americo Energy will drill the No. 1 Waldron in the Moore field, eight miles southwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 10,499 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 34, T1S, T&P survey.

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Vincent, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Big Spring. Location is in Section 15, Block 25, H&TC survey.



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DEBUTS THURSDAY — Snyder High School choir and drama students will open *Anything Goes* at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. Additional performances will be 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Reserve tickets are $8 each. Call 573-6301. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for students. Michael McQuerry, far left, drama director, helps direct this scene from the musical. In *Blow Gabriel Blow,* the other characters are trying to reform Logan Martin (kneeling) who plays a criminal. Other students in front are Amanda Orosco, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Blake Roberton, Adrian Garcia, Megan McCormick, Cole Welch, Allie Brewster, Alexis Dupree and Sarah Carpenter. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

John Edwards eyes presidential race

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — John Edwards said he'll stick to one term in the U.S. Senate, convinced his presidential campaign is going well enough to bow out of the 2004 race for his seat.

Sunday's decision shows Edwards, a Democrat elected in 1998, is ready to take the next step as a White House hopeful eight months after hitting the campaign trail.

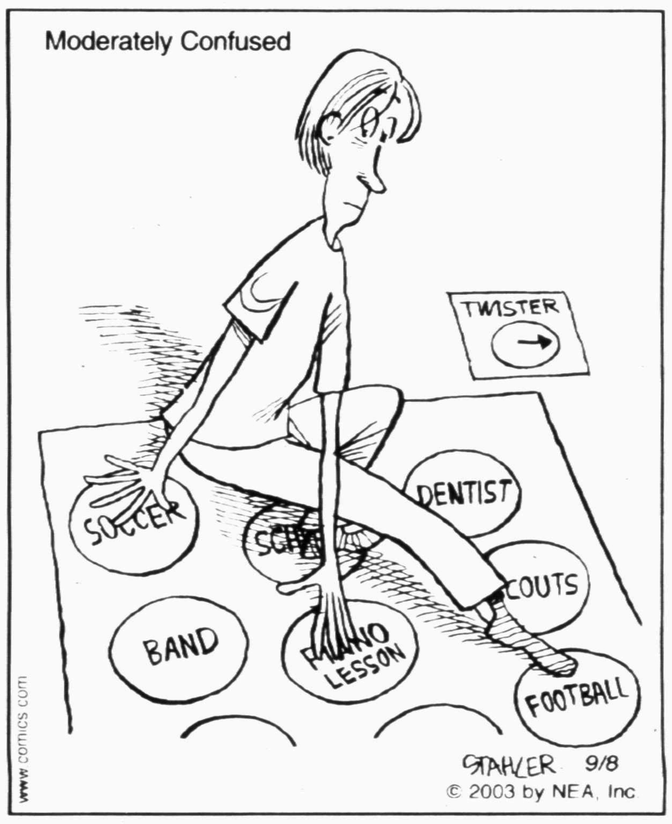
"I will not seek re-election to the United States Senate, in order to devote all of my energy to running for president," Edwards wrote to North Carolina Democratic Party chairwoman Barbara Allen.

North Carolina law allowed him to run for president and Senate simultaneously, and state Democratic officials grew restless in recent months while Edwards considered whether to run for one or both.

Jennifer Palmieri, an Edwards spokeswoman, said the letter signifies that the exploratory phase of his campaign is over. "He is ready and eager to move on to the next phase," she said.

A timely decision became critical as U.S. Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., announced he would seek the GOP nomination for the Senate and began campaigning, while potential Democratic candidates cooled their heels in deference to Edwards.

With the White House's backing, Burr has raised $1.8 million this year for the Senate race and transferred another $1.7 million from his House campaign account, according to federal election reports. Vice President Dick Cheney will attend a Raleigh fund-raiser for Burr this week.



Badges to honor victims of Sept. 11

SEATTLE (AP) — A year ago, on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, more than 200 choirs in 28 countries sang Mozart's soul-stirring Requiem, mourning those killed in the terrorist hijackings.

This year, instead of rehearsing for an encore, Madeline Johnson, a member of the Seattle Symphony Chorale who coordinated last year's performance, has been stuffing envelopes with other volunteers.

They're sending thousands of badges worn by choir members around the world, each bearing a heart and the name of someone who died Sept. 11, 2001, to victims' families.

There had been talk that the Rolling Requiem would be performed every year, but organizers decided against it.

"We polled the choirs after last year's tribute, and... the overwhelming consensus was that there would be no way to replicate the quality of feeling that those events around the world generated, so the choirs felt that it was best to leave it as a one-time event," said Johnson.

Last year, Johnson's inspiration culminated in performances that began in each time zone at 8:46 a.m., marking the moment American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

The first batch of badges and tatted hearts — 2,792 envelopes in all — were boxed up in late August and sent to New York, where they'll be labeled by a group of volunteers and shipped to families, Johnson said.

"Every heart badge I held in my hand — it was like an opportunity to offer some sort of solace to the victims' families," said Andrea Wells, another Rolling Requiem volunteer. "And I feel so honored to be able to be a part of this still."

When the nonprofit Families of September 11 sent e-mails to its members about the project, many wrote back with words of thanks.

"The response from the membership has been so tremendous," said Caitlin Vampella, the New York-based group's marketing director. "It's really made it worthwhile."

Johnson's voice quivered as she described some of the e-mails she's received over the past couple weeks.

"One man talked about losing his mate and... the fact that nothing's been the same since, and that still two years later — to use his terms — it's just hell," she said.

Authorities have confirmed the deaths of 2,948 people in the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. Another 25 are reported dead and 25 are reported missing.

Nikki Stern, of Princeton, N.J., lost her husband of 11 years, Jim Potorti, a vice president at Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc., who worked on the 96th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower.

A public relations specialist and one of eight board members for Families of September 11, Stern said no day goes by without some reason to remember the horror.

"There's always something that seems to pull you right back to that day," she said. "So moving on or whatever the outside world tells us to do is really, really hard."

Stern said she was touched when she heard about all the Requiem badges being mailed out.

"At this point, I think the seemingly small gestures aren't small at all to family members," she said. "They really mean a lot."

Those who organized last year's performances say the ultimate goal is to win enough funding to produce a documentary about the Rolling Requiem.

"We have such a story to tell," Johnson said. "It's a story of love and hope and healing."

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SPORTS

Carter collapses as Cowboys crumble in Parcells' debut

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are about to find out how Bill Parcells responds after a mistake-filled loss.

Parcells showed little emotion on the sideline Sunday and didn't seem too perturbed when he spoke to reporters after a 27-13 loss to the Atlanta Falcons in his first game as coach of the Cowboys.

Players weren't so sure what to expect when they got to work today.

"We'll find out," receiver Joey Galloway said.

Dallas had a 7-3 halftime lead, and it could have been bigger if not for Quincy Carter's ill-advised pass that was intercepted and Billy Cundiff's missed 33-yard field goal the last two first-half drives.

Carter then fumbled three plays into the second half. That led to a touchdown and the first of 17 straight points by the Falcons, who won with quarterback Michael Vick watching from a coaches' box with a broken left leg.

"Everyone figured we couldn't win without Mike. ... That makes this win that much more special," cornerback Ray Buchanan said. "We proved a lot of people wrong."

Vick's replacement, Doug Johnson, overcame a 1-for-11 stretch to finish 16-of-27 for 228 yards with an interception and two touchdowns — both in the third quarter, a 7-yarder to Warrick Dunn and a 41-yarder to tight end Alge Crumpler.

After Carter threw a 49-yard TD pass to Galloway with 11:37 left, Johnson led the Falcons on a 14-play, 75-yard drive that he capped with a 1-yard plunge 8½ minutes later.

"I think my players are more confident with Doug now and this win has given us, as a team, more confidence for the rest of the season," said Falcons coach Dan Reeves, who earned his 199th victory.

"I'm just trying to hold it down and keep us in contention," Johnson said. "I understand that role and I'm doing everything I can to keep us in playoff position."

Dallas mistakes made Johnson's job a little easier.

Carter's two turnovers offset his career-high 268 yards on 15-of-32 passing. Plus, a penalty wiped out a 48-yard play to Galloway, who still had seven catches for 139 yards.

"We have a lot of work to do. We'll see where we go from here," said Parcells, who coached in his first game since 1999. "I'm concerned about a lot of things."

Still, Parcells mostly kept his emotions in check on the sideline, even when things went bad. He stood with his hands on his hips or behind his back, or crossed his arms when he wasn't looking at the play chart he carried.

Parcells also lost his debuts with the New York Giants and New England Patriots. And he knew after being hired by the Cowboys in January that it would take a lot of work to turn around the five-time Super Bowl champions coming off three straight 5-11 seasons.

"I don't think you can make any judgment where we are team-wise until you start playing for keeps, so right now we're not doing that well," Parcells said.

His postgame talk to the team didn't last very long.

"He didn't say much," said running back Troy Hambrick, who had 53 yards on 14 carries in his first start replacing Emmitt Smith. "He said, 'Y'all know the facts and the mistakes you made.'"

Next is finding out what Parcells will do to correct those mistakes.

"Whatever he does, we have to go by it," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "If you do what he says, you win. If you don't, you won't. It's as simple as that."



DUNN DEAL — Atlanta running back Warrick Dunn readies for a collision with Dallas linebacker Dat Nyguen after defensive tackle Michael Myers (94) is driven to the turf. The Cowboys were beaten 27-13 at Texas Stadium in the season debut for both clubs (AP Photo)

Netters capture split at Plainview dual match

The Snyder varsity netters showed marked improvement over the weekend, splitting a pair of matches at the dual meet in Plainview.

The Tigers topped Dumas, 11-8, Saturday, capturing five of six girls singles events in the process.

Andra Dunham won a tough, straight set match over Christah Cochran, 7-6(7-5), 6-4, while number two Stephanie Williams dominated Dumas' Whitney Perez, 6-1, 6-3.

Nikki Timora and Megan Crisp each claimed straight set victories, and Krista Dorsett recorded a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Dunham and Williams cruised in girls doubles, 6-3, 6-4, and Banks and Crisp took the mixed doubles match, 7-5, 7-6.

Only Will Banks and Wesley Price saw fortune turn their way on the boys side.

Banks, the team's number five, held on for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win, while Price plowed through his opponent, 6-2, 6-1.

Price and Kenny Alcala won the only boys doubles match for Snyder, 6-4, 6-3.

"This was a good win for us," head coach Ted Phillips said. "This will give us some confidence. Everyone played hard and I can tell we are getting better."

The Tigers did not fare as well against 4A Palo Duro, falling in the second match Saturday, 5-14.

The Lady Tigers were swept in the singles division, but Dunham and Williams did capture a girls doubles match, 6-3, 6-0.

Boys number one Tanner Reed took a 6-1, 7-6 victory, while the freshman Price continued to impress with a 6-4, 6-4 triumph.

Reed and Austin Lyle helped Snyder take two of three in the boys doubles division, hanging on for a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 win.

Alcala and Price won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-1.

The varsity netters will travel to Big Spring to take on the Steers at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Gunmen kill two in attack at Mourning's barber shop

MIAMI (AP) — Three or four hooded gunmen walked into a barbershop co-owned by NBA star Alonzo Mourning and killed two men who had just gotten haircuts, police said.

"Both were shot in the head. It seems like a message," police Lt. Lorenzo Whitehead said. No one else was injured in the shooting Saturday, including a 1-year-old child who was with one of the victims.

The victims were identified as Emmett Greene, 27, and Alexander Harris, whose age was not available.

Mourning's agent, Jeff Wechsler, did return a phone call.

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NFL roundup...

Erickson, Mooch win openers with new clubs; Vikings and Panthers surprise winners Sunday

By The Associated Press

Dennis Erickson was nervous before his first game as coach of the San Francisco 49ers. There was no need to worry.

San Francisco beat Chicago 49-7 Sunday in the season opener for its most lopsided victory since 1989. Erickson and Steve Mariucci were the only coaches to win in their debuts with their new teams. Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis, Dallas' Bill Parcells and Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio lost.

Erickson took over for Mariucci, who joined the Detroit Lions after getting fired in San Francisco.

"To be honest, you can't ask for a better start," Erickson said. "We blitzed a lot, we came after them ... and everybody did their job. It was a great team effort."

Jeff Garcia passed for 229 yards and two touchdowns, and Garrison Hearst caught a TD pass and rushed for another score. Ahmed Plummer returned an interception 68 yards for a score, and Terrell Owens caught seven passes for 112 yards.

Mariucci, who also had a big win as the Lions beat Arizona 42-24, has created excitement after returning to his home state. Detroit was 5-27 under Marty Mornhinweg for the worst two-year mark in team history.

"This is the beginning of what I have spent the last seven months waiting for," Mariucci said. "It's great to be home."

Joey Harrington was 17-of-30 for 195 yards, four touchdowns and no turnovers. Rookie Charles Rogers had four receptions for 38 yards and two scores.

Titans 25, Raiders 20

Steve McNair threw two touchdown passes and punter Craig Hentrich kicked three field goals. Hentrich was doing double duty because Joe Nedney sprained his right knee on the kickoff after making a 50-yard field goal.

It was a messy opener that doubled as a rematch of last season's AFC championship game. The teams combined to commit 28 penalties for 284 yards, but it was the Raiders who hurt themselves over and over. Their share was 17 for 173.

Panthers 24, Jaguars 23

Jake Delhomme threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl on fourth-and-11 with 16 seconds remaining.

Delhomme replaced an ineffective Rodney Peete at the start of the second half and rallied Carolina with three touchdown passes. Seth Marler attempted a 55-yard field goal as time expired, but Mike Minter blocked it.

Broncos 30, Bengals 10

Clinton Portis ran for 120 yards and two first-half touchdowns.

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer had a shaky start, throwing three interceptions and was 12-of-25 for 115 yards. Jon Kitna was 10-of-20 for 86 yards in the first three quarters, and finished with two interceptions, two fumbles and four sacks.

Seahawks 27, Saints 10

Matt Hasselbeck threw two touchdown passes and Shaun Alexander ran for 108 yards and scored twice.

Seattle scored 21 straight points in the second quarter, reaching the end zone on each of their possessions. Deuce McAllister had 99 yards rushing on 22 carries and Aaron Brooks was 29-of-47 for 274 yards with one interception for the Saints.

Giants 23, Rams 13

Kurt Warner had six fumbles and was sacked six times, then went to the hospital after the game with a concussion.

New York forced four turnovers, and each started a drive that led to points.

Halfback Tiki Barber, who dislocated a finger in the first quarter, led the Giants with 146 yards rushing on 24 carries. Warner finished 34-for-54 for 342 yards.

Bills 31, Patriots 0

Drew Bledsoe engineered scoring drives of 80 and 90 yards on his first two possessions and threw for 230 yards against his former team.

Bledsoe and safety Lawyer Milloy savored the win. The Bills snagged Milloy, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, on Wednesday after the Patriots released him for salary cap reasons.

Vikings 30, Packers 25

Randy Moss caught nine passes for 150 yards and a touchdown as the Vikings won in front of a record crowd of 70,505 at remodeled Lambeau Field.

The Vikings forced four turnovers, including three interceptions by Brett Favre, who hadn't been picked off that many times in the first half since 1995.

Chiefs 27, Chargers 14

Priest Holmes showed no ill effects of hip surgery, running for two touchdowns and 159 total yards in the first half.

Steelers 34, Ravens 15

Tommy Maddox threw three touchdowns passes and Pittsburgh roughed up Baltimore rookie quarterback Kyle Boller in his NFL debut.

Colts 9, Browns 6

Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 45-yard field goal with 1 second left.

Peyton Manning threw two interceptions in the first half and didn't look sharp until late. Marvin Harrison had nine catches for 44 yards.

Culp places 23rd in Lady Cards' cross-country meet

The varsity and junior high Lady Cardinals ran in their first cross country meet this season in Water Valley, with every runner shaving significant time from their previous totals. Alana Culp led the way for the varsity Lady Cardinals finishing 23rd out of 98 girls.

Head cross-country coach Rebecca Ponder said the team has worked very hard.

"Each member of the team improved their times by two to three minutes," she said. "I am so proud of these girls for their effort."

Joining Culp on the varsity squad are Alicia Culp, Brittany Kelley, Brittainy Jones and Christy Garcia.

The varsity team will travel to Abilene Christian University Saturday.

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New England	0	1	0	.000	0	31
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	13	16
South						
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	25	20
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	24
North						
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	34	15
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	15	34
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	10	30
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	6	9
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	30	10
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	27	14
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	20	25
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	14	27

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	13
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	13	27
South						
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	13
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	10	27
North						
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	42	24
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	30	25
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	7	49
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	25	30
West						
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	49	7
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	24	42
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	23

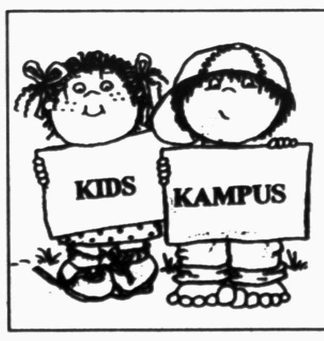
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Washington 16, N.Y. Jets 13

Sunday's Games
Detroit 42, Arizona 24
Houston 21, Miami 20
N.Y. Giants 23, St. Louis 13
Denver 30, Cincinnati 10
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Pittsburgh 34, Baltimore 15
Buffalo 31, New England 0
Kansas City 27, San Diego 14
Carolina 24, Jacksonville 23
Indianapolis 9, Cleveland 6
Atlanta 27, Dallas 13
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Today's Game
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon.
Detroit at Green Bay, noon.
Washington at Atlanta, noon.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon.
Buffalo at Jacksonville, noon.
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon.
Houston at New Orleans, noon.
San Francisco at St. Louis, noon.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, noon.
Seattle at Arizona, noon.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, noon.
Denver at San Diego, noon.
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SPORTS

Texans get last word in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — A humble second-year franchise playing at highly touted Miami, the Houston Texans were the biggest underdogs of the NFL's opening weekend.

That made them mad. So did the Dolphins' trash-talking during pregame warmups.

"One of their players said, 'I'll see you after today's practice,'" Houston's Jabar Gaffney said. "That was their thinking — they were looking at us like this was just a little practice."

The Dolphins can only wish the game had been just a practice. Kris Brown kicked his fifth field goal, a 35-yarder, with 25 seconds left and the Texans stunned Miami 21-20 Sunday.

"Not many people gave us a chance to win, but we're not shocked," Brown said. "We took it as a slap in the face that we were the largest underdogs the opening weekend."

The Week 1 upset was the Texans' second in as many seasons. Last year they became the first expansion team since 1961 to win their opening game by beating the Dallas Cowboys.

Miami, a 14-point favorite, fell to 0-1 for the first time in 12 years.

"I'm stunned. Shocked. Disappointed. Amazed," defensive tackle Larry Chester said. "No one could have told me we were going to lose — not with this team."

David Carr kept Miami's proud defense on its heels by throwing for 266 yards, including a 78-yard touchdown to Corey Bradford. Brown made field goals of 50, 36, 24 and 23 yards before hitting the game-winner.

The Texans forced the game's only three turnovers, including an interception by Marcus Coleman that set up the winning score. They limited Ricky Williams, last year's NFL rushing champion, to 69 yards on the ground.

"There was never any room to run the ball," he said, "because we couldn't get in any kind of rhythm."

The Dolphins, touted as a potential Super Bowl team, had won 11 consecutive openers and 17 consecutive home games in August and September since 1994. They're below .500 for the first time since the end of 1996.

Coleman intercepted Jay Fiedler's desperation pass at the 5-yard line on the final play, and the crowd booed the Dolphins as the clock ran out. Miami lost to a team that went 4-12 last year and was outscored 107-38 while losing all four exhibition games last month.

"The way we were playing today, it wouldn't have mattered who we played," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "We would have lost the game."

The Dolphins committed 11 penalties, with the most costly a holding infraction that negated a 48-yard run to the 1 by Williams. He also lost a fumble that led to a Houston field goal, but he put Miami ahead in the fourth quarter by turning a short reception into a 35-yard touchdown.

The Texans answered with a 76-yard drive that took 7 1/2 minutes. Brown's 24-yard field goal left Houston trailing 20-18 with 4:55 left.

Coleman then stepped in front of a pass by Fiedler to give the Texans the ball at the Miami 36, and seven plays later Brown put them ahead.

"We felt if we could take the game into the fourth quarter, the pressure would shift to the Dolphins, because they were the favorites," coach Dom Capers said. "Then we'd need just a couple of big plays."

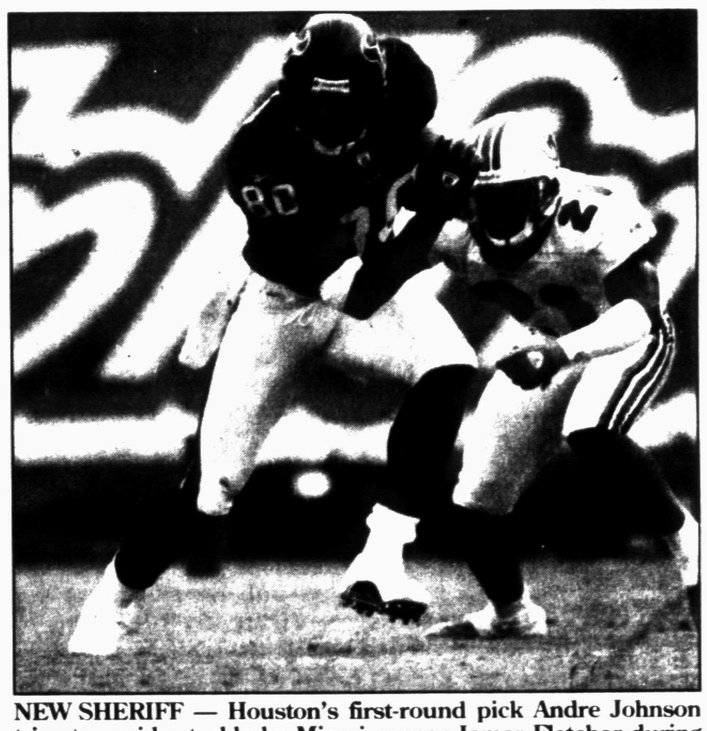
Chris Chambers gave Miami the lead by making touchdown receptions of 57 and 21 yards, with the latter a spectacular one-handed grab in the back of the end zone.

Fiedler's three scoring passes tied his career high, but Carr was better, completing 17 of 31 attempts. The Dolphins failed to sack the second-year quarterback, who was sacked an NFL-record 76 times last year.

After falling behind 15-14 late in the third quarter, Miami drove 80 yards to regain the lead. The Dolphins faked a reverse and Fiedler threw to Williams, who wove through the defense and lost his left shoe running out of the grasp of the last potential tackler, safety Matt Stevens.

But Fiedler's 2-point conversation pass was incomplete, which proved decisive. At the finish, the Texans heard no more trash-talking.

"They have the last word," Miami linebacker Zach Thomas said. "I don't have any words."



NEW SHERIFF — Houston's first-round pick Andre Johnson tries to avoid a tackle by Miami corner Jamar Fletcher during Sunday's opener. The Texans stunned the heavily-favored Dolphins, 21-20, on a last second field goal. (AP Photo)

Twins in first after win over Rangers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The season's first 142 games couldn't separate the Twins and the White Sox.

Perhaps the next four will.

Minnesota finished preparing for this week's critical series with the White Sox by completing a sweep of the Texas Rangers, winning 5-4 Sunday on Torii Hunter's 10th-inning sacrifice fly.

Now all attention turns to Chicago, where the Twins and White Sox begin a four-game series Monday night at U.S. Cellular Field. The teams are tied for first place in the AL Central with 20 games left in the season.

"It was a good win for us," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Now we get to go on and have some fun in Chi-town. We're just going to go play some baseball, do some work and get ready to take some swings at them and see what happens. It ought to be a lot of fun."

The Twins have fought their way back into a first-place tie by winning 10 of their last 13, including the last five of a six-game homestand against Anaheim and Texas. But Hunter scoffed at the notion that they might have had difficulty focusing on the Angels and Rangers with the series against the White Sox looming.

"We had to. We're professionals," Hunter said. "That's the way we play the game. You just go out there and play. You don't think about anything but the game you're playing."

Sunday's game turned on a key call in the Twins' favor in the 10th inning.

Doug Mientkiewicz led off the 10th with a walk against Francisco Cordero (4-7). After Matthew LeCroy singled, third baseman Hank Blalock fielded Jacque Jones' bunt and tried to force Mientkiewicz at third. But umpire Chuck Meriwether ruled that his throw pulled shortstop Alex Rodriguez off the base and all runners were safe.

"Chuck is a human being. He can make a mistake," Rodriguez said. "He said the throw pulled me off, but it was obvious on the video it didn't."

Hunter hit the game-winning sacrifice fly to right field on Cordero's next pitch, and Mientkiewicz scored easily as Laynce Nix's throw was up the third-base line.

Rick Reed (6-12) pitched two innings of scoreless relief the day he was activated from the 15-day disabled list. He gave up one hit and retired six of the seven batters he faced.

Mientkiewicz had a pair of RBI singles for the Twins, including a two-out hit to left field that tied the game at 4 in the seventh. The hits helped atone for a two-base error that led to a pair of unearned runs in the sixth inning, when Rangers rookie Gerald Laird hit a two-out, two-run triple to give Texas a 4-3 lead.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room.

Ex-player hats

The SHS football booster club will be selling hats for Snyder exes for $30 for homecoming week. The caps will feature the name, class and number of the ex-player, and all orders should be put in a week before the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

Club championship

The Scurry County Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 20-21. Tee time is 1 p.m. both days with a $20 entry fee. Contact Rick Mammolite at 573-7101 for more information.

OU still in top poll position

Oklahoma strengthened its hold on the top spot in the Associated Press college football poll, garnering 47 of the 63 first-place votes and 1,549 points.

Miami vaulted past Ohio State into second position in the poll, released Sunday. The Hurricanes used a 23-point comeback against rival Florida to move past the Buckeyes, who barely defeated 32-point underdog San Diego State on Saturday.

Southern California got four No. 1 votes and was fourth in the poll, while Michigan got two No. 1 votes and was fifth.

Area Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen at Midland Lee.

THURSDAY

Football: Lubbock Cooper at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Big Spring.

FRIDAY

Football: Ira at Benjamin, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden County at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Moran at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Lamesa tournament.
Golf: Snyder boys at Ft. Worth
Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Veribest/Colorado City at Snyder, 11 a.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Lamesa tournament.
Golf: Snyder boys at Ft. Worth
Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio

Henin-Hardenne moves to number two ranking with U.S. Open victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Justine Henin-Hardenne's victory in the U.S. Open certified her status as a major star and increased the intrigue at the top of the women's tennis rankings.

By beating Kim Clijsters 7-5, 6-1, the tiny Belgian moved up to No. 2 in the world, slipping past Serena Williams, who sat out the Open, recuperating from knee surgery. Clijsters remains No. 1 despite the loss but was unable to close a serious gap in her credentials — the absence of a Grand Slam title.

Clijsters seemed to have every opportunity to take care of that little detail, marching through her first six matches at the Open without dropping a set and catching Henin-Hardenne after a grueling three-hour semifinal victory that left her dehydrated and on IV fluids for two hours after the match.

Even Henin-Hardenne had doubts about her chances.

About six hours before the women's final, the WTA issued an ominous medical update on her condition.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	85	56	.603	—
Boston	83	59	.585	2½
Toronto	72	70	.507	13½
Baltimore	65	77	.458	20½
Tampa Bay	57	84	.404	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	76	66	.535	—
Minnesota	76	66	.535	—
Kansas City	73	69	.514	3
Cleveland	62	82	.431	15
Detroit	37	105	.261	39

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	84	59	.587	—
Seattle	82	61	.573	2
Anaheim	69	74	.483	15
Texas	64	79	.448	20

Sunday's Games

Toronto 8, Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 11, Oakland 2
Baltimore 2, Seattle 1
Minnesota 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 3, Anaheim 0

Today's Games

Toronto (Escobar 10-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 15-7), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 10-7) at Baltimore (Lopez 7-9), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 12-10) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 12-12), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 7-10) at Oakland (Hudson 14-5), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	53	.629	—
Philadelphia	79	64	.552	11
Florida	78	65	.545	12
Montreal	72	72	.500	18½
New York	62	80	.437	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	76	67	531	—
Houston	75	67	528	1
St. Louis	75	69	521	1½
Pittsburgh	64	77	454	11
Milwaukee	62	80	437	13½
Cincinnati	61	81	430	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	86	55	610	—
Los Angeles	75	66	532	11
Arizona	73	70	510	14
Colorado	65	79	451	22½
San Diego	58	84	408	28½

Sunday's Games

Florida 3, Montreal 1
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 0
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 2
Arizona 9, San Francisco 6
San Diego 7, Houston 1

Today's Games

Florida (Beckett 7-7) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 14-8), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 8-8) at Cincinnati (Bale 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 14-9) at Atlanta (Ru Ortiz 18-6), 6:35 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 6-5) at Milwaukee (W Franklin 10-11), 7:05 p.m.

AP Top 25

The AP Top 25

		Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Oklahoma (47)	2-0	1,549	1
2	Miami (2)	2-0	1,448	3
3	Ohio St. (8)	2-0	1,398	2
4	Southern Cal (4)	2-0	1,380	4
5	Michigan (2)	2-0	1,332	5
6	Texas	1-0	1,267	6
7	Kansas St	3-0	1,198	7
8	Georgia	2-0	1,085	8
9	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,075	9
10	Florida St	2-0	998	11
11	Pittsburgh	1-0	980	10
12	LSU	2-0	896	13
13	Tennessee	2-0	879	12
14	Wisconsin	2-0	669	18
15	Notre Dame	1-0	615	19
16	Arizona St	1-0	507	20
17	Colorado	2-0	493	24
18	Nebraska	2-0	435	23
19	Florida	1-1	383	21
20	Wake Forest	2-0	330	—
21	Washington	1-1	286	22
22	TCU	2-0	195	25
23	Iowa	2-0	184	—
24	N.C. State	1-1	181	14
25	South Carolina	2-0	127	—

Others receiving votes: Alabama 81, Missouri 67, N. Illinois 66, Minnesota 48, Virginia 45, Purdue 44, Oregon 38, Arkansas 33, Colorado St 30, Bowling Green 24, Texas A&M 23, Boise St 16, Arizona 9, Air Force 8, Auburn 8, Washington St. 7, Hawaii 6, Michigan St 6, Oregon St 6, Marshall 5, Boston College 4, BYU 3, Oklahoma St 2, Texas Tech 2, West Virginia 2, Louisville 1, Stanford 1

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HOUSTON (AP) — Crystal Gonzalez, 17, gave up on high school earlier this year. She never made it past ninth grade.

"They told me there was no hope. It would take me so many years to graduate," said Gonzalez, held back twice at Channelview High School because of poor attendance. "They told me it would be better for me to get my GED. They probably had other students that needed to be in school more."

She left a system that doesn't consider her a dropout since she is working toward a General Educational Development certificate. Some say Texas schools are nudging out low performing students who may drag down standardized test scores.

"The dropouts become absolutely necessary because what they are trying to do is get the (test) numbers up, not improve the education of the children," Rice University researcher Linda McNeil said. "What this system sets up is it rewards the principals who get those kids out of the building."

It's called a "leaver" code system and it's used to disguise dropout rates, said Maria Robledo Montecel, San Antonio-based director of the Intercultural Development Research Association.

School districts in Texas can use any one of about 30 "leaver" codes to explain a student's disappearance. About 20 of the codes, ranging from pursuit of a GED to imprisonment, exempt a student from being counted as a dropout, which along with standardized test scores is used to determine a district's annual accountability rating by the Texas Education Agency.

"Students who leave school without graduating and go to prison are not counted as dropouts, but what else are they?" asked Jay Greene, a senior fellow with The Manhattan Institute, an independent public policy organization in New York.

Robledo Montecel said 2 million Texas students dropped out of school since 1986 when her nonprofit organization, which advocates quality education for all students, first began statewide dropout studies.

According to TEA, the state's overall dropout rate for 2001-2002 in grades 9-12 was 1.3 percent or 15,117 students, down 0.1 percent from a year earlier.

Police respond to variety of calls over the weekend

Arrests

Saturday at 5:08 p.m., two men were arrested in the 3200 block of Ave. E. John Tyler Runnels, 18, of 105 36th Street, was taken into custody for consumption of alcohol by a minor and for felony possession of a controlled substance. A 27-year-old man was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Sunday at 3:57 a.m. in the 2300 block of Merrill Ave., a 24-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and language.

At 4:47 a.m. Sunday, a 27-year-old woman was taken into custody for public intoxication in the 3100 block of College Ave.

Sunday at 11:22 a.m., a 20-year-old man was arrested in the 2800 block of Ave. C on warrants for driving under the influence, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, Class C assault family violence, and obscene language.

Assault

Sunday at 4:57 a.m. in the 3100 block of Ave. T, a woman reported a man lying on the ground and several other people pouring water on him and dragging him to the porch. Officers made contact with the man and a report for Class A assault was submitted.

Family violence

At 8:44 p.m. Saturday, a woman requested officers in reference to observing a man assaulting a woman. Officers found the man trying to get into the residence where the assault occurred upon arrival. A report for family violence was submitted.

Sunday at 1:28 a.m., two reports to the Snyder police were made regarding people fighting and a man assaulting a woman at an apartment complex. A report for family violence was filed.

Overdose

This morning at 2:53, a man requested a welfare check on a woman who had called him and said she had taken some pills. Police responded and the woman was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and MHMR was contacted. A report for overdose was submitted.

Criminal mischief

At 6:57 a.m. Sunday, three vehicle windows were reported broken at Wilson Motors. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Sunday at 7:14 p.m., Patsy Collins at 1212 Ave. N reported that the glass in her front door had been broken out. An incident report was submitted.

Harassment

Sunday at 12:51 a.m., a woman in the 3000 block of 40th Street reported receiving harassing phone calls from another woman. A report for harassing phone calls was submitted and the caller was advised that if she continued calling, a deputy would be contacted.

Accidents

At 7:33 a.m. Saturday, a deputy as requested on FM 2126 in reference to a man slumped over his steering wheel in the middle of the road. DPS was advised that it was an accident and the Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to extricate the victim. One subject was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Sunday at 1:32 a.m., officers received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on the side of the road with the headlights on. Some damage was done to the vehicle from hitting the tree and it was towed.

At 8:13 p.m. Saturday, a Town and Country north employee reported a gas drive off worth $19.66. A Class C report for theft was filed.

Dog bite

Sunday at 6:55 p.m., Mary Hernandez reported that a black dog had bitten her 9-year-old daughter. Police found upon arrival that the skin had not been broken. The owners were contacted and advised of the consequences if the dog was not secured.

Rattlesnake

At 8:43 p.m. Sunday, Susan Birkenshield at 5501 Cedar Creek reported a rattlesnake on her back porch. An officer disposed of the snake.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



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DEAR READER: I'm uncertain whether your basic problem is arthritis, a bone disorder or osteoporosis.

At 55, you seem too young to have osteoarthritis, the normal, age-related wearing-down of joint surfaces. If you have gout or inflammatory arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis, you should be taking specific medication to prevent or retard joint damage.

Certain bone disorders, such as Paget's disease (which is a cause of bone pain), can lead to skeletal brittleness. Again, specific therapy is available and could be prescribed under your doctor's supervision.

I suspect that your "crumbling" bones are due to osteoporosis, the accelerated loss of calcium from bones that is common in postmenopausal women and may be unsuspected until a fracture occurs or a routine X-ray exam shows the bones to be washed out. Osteoporosis is usually diagnosed with a bone density test; if you have not had this test, you should.

If your problem is osteoporosis, you will need more than calcium pills. Either of the prescription drugs (Fosamax or Actonel) would be appropriate, in conjunction with calcium supplements (oyster shell is fine), vitamin D (to enable the body to absorb calcium) and regular exercise (such as walking, skiing or bicycling).

Ask your doctor to test you further and explain your condition more thoroughly. In addition, inquire about how your bone disorder should be treated.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 65-year-old husband had a vasectomy 30 years ago. Since then his testicles have enlarged to triple their normal size. His doctor indicates that nothing is wrong. Is this normal, post-vasectomy?

DEAR READER: Definitely not. Something is wrong, but I doubt it is related to your husband's previous surgery.

The problem is probably a conspicuous, but harmless, accumulation of fluid around the testicles. Although testicular swelling is never normal, it does not necessarily need treatment. Perhaps this is what the doctor meant.

I think your husband should be examined by a urologist to make sure a treatable condition is not present. For example, a hydrocele (fluid around a testicle) can cause harmless swelling that doesn't have to be drained unless it enlarges rapidly or causes symptoms.

Some scrotal swelling is normal for a few days after vasectomy, but it usually disappears in a matter of days or weeks. A significant permanent increase in testicular size means the services of a specialist are in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an elderly gent with dentures. Because my gums are shrinking, I use a cream to hold my china choppers in place. What is this goop made of, and is it harmful to use?

DEAR READER: The active ingredient in most denture adhesives is sterculia (kayaya) gum, a natural plant product completely free of health hazards. To find out the names of other substances in your denture cream, ask your dentist or pharmacist.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Fire destroys factory

LONGVIEW (AP) — Firefighters battled a blaze that destroyed a more than 20,000-square-foot East Texas factory for about six hours before getting it under control early Sunday evening.

"You can see the yellowish-green smoke mixed with the black smoke and that is toxic. All power to this street is cut off and people were evacuated to get them away from the area," Longview Assistant Fire Marshal Brian Howell told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Several other surrounding firefighting units helped fight the fire which started at about noon at Southwest Plastic and Fiber Recycling, located in the southwest corner of the city, Howell said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
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	♦ Q 5 2	
	♣ A 2	
West		**East**
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♣ K Q J 10 7 5		♣ 9 8
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Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
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3 ♦	3 ♠	Dbl.	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

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Monday, Sept. 8, 2003

The found card, the wild deal

By Phillip Alder

While walking along a Manhattan sidewalk earlier this year, I found a diamond queen lying face-up. As soon as possible, I dived into "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman Hart (Devyn Press, 1996). This book contains 52 chapters, each related by a different card. The diamond queen's story was particularly interesting.

Look only at the North-South cards; please ignore the bidding. You are told that hearts are trumps, that you may place the missing cards wherever you like, and that you may request West to lead either a black- or red-colored card. How high would you bid, and how would you make the contract?

There is, of course, no auction in the book. And who knows how it would go. This sequence has some sanity, with North's second-round cue-bid being game-forcing. Four clubs doubled can be defeated by one trick, but might not be!

The right answer is seven hearts! That is, if — a big "if" — you give West 6-0-1-6 shape with the singleton diamond jack. You request a red-suit lead, forcing West to start with that diamond jack, which is covered by the queen, king and ace. (It doesn't help East to duck.) You continue with a club to dummy's ace, a diamond to your six, a spade to dummy's ace, and a diamond to your eight. You cash the diamond 10, discarding dummy's club two, and ruff a low club with dummy's heart two. Then, you crossruff the next five tricks, East being overruffed thrice and underruffing twice. Finally, you take trick 13 with the heart queen. Beautiful!

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Midday Stocks

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AT&T Corp rs	22 87	22 53	22 58	— 11
Albertsons	23 65	22 93	23 49	+ 57
Alltel	47 15	46 94	47 05	
AmEl Pw	29 27	29 00	29 21	+ 13
AndarkPtr	43 70	43 23	43 53	+ 35
ATMOS Egy	24 73	24 44	24 66	+ 21
Aviall	13 49	13 15	13 48	+ 28
BP PLC	43 26	42 95	43 26	+ 68
BakerHughes	32 59	32 15	32 35	+ 29
Bank of Amer	77 22	76 35	76 83	+ 68
BellSouth	25 95	25 60	25 88	+ 20
BurlNoSFe	28 97	28 72	28 82	+ 19
Caterpillar	70 48	69 58	70 19	+ 06
CenterPoint	9 13	8 95	9 02	+ 11
ChevronTex	73 36	72 98	73 28	+ 26
Citigroup	45 00	44 29	44 79	+ 45
CocaCola	44 47	44 10	44 41	+ 26
ColgatePal	56 46	55 96	56 24	+ 01
CmclMetals	19 89	19 45	19 85	+ 41
ConocoPhill	56 86	56 50	56 65	+ 57
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Texasinst	25 92	25 13	25 70	+ 57
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LEGAL NOTICE



SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
September 5, 2003

NOTICE

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

(1) Jeremy Dale Blevins, 18 years of age, male, 2409 28th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

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

(1) Jeremy Dale Blevins, Un hombre, 18 anos de edad, 2409 28th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, 14 anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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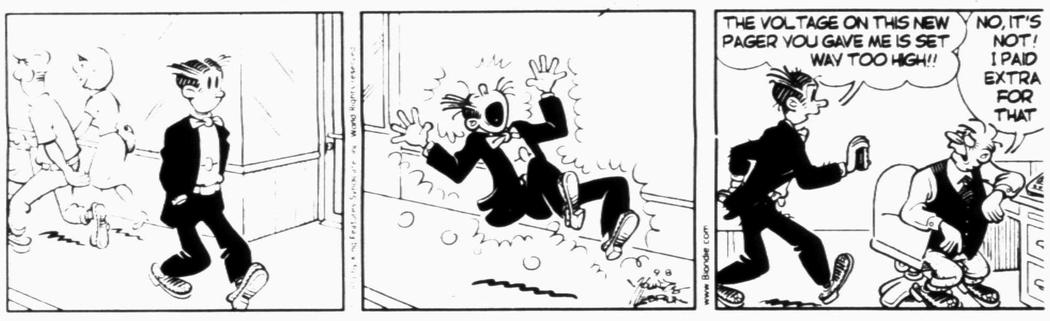
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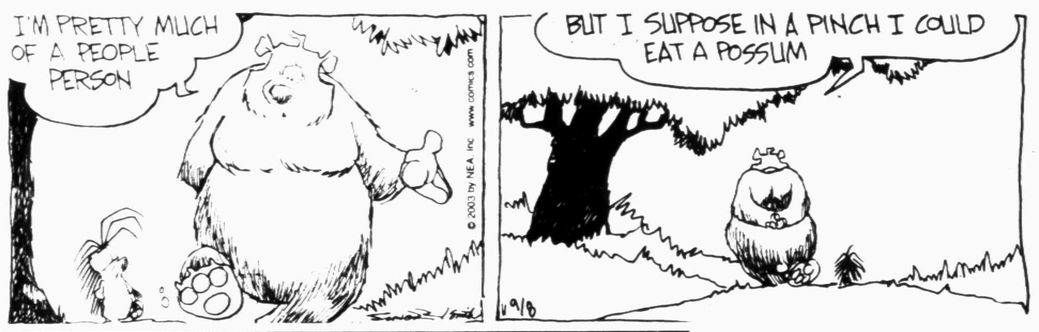
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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15 Lampreys
16 Novelist — Uris
17 Single, in Paris
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20 Rabbit burrow
22 Pro vote
23 Knocks firmly
24 Secret meeting
27 Lazily
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30 Piling up, as wealth
34 Warn
37 "— upon this quiet life!"
38 Boulder st.
39 Usher's beat
41 Airport arrivals
43 TD passers
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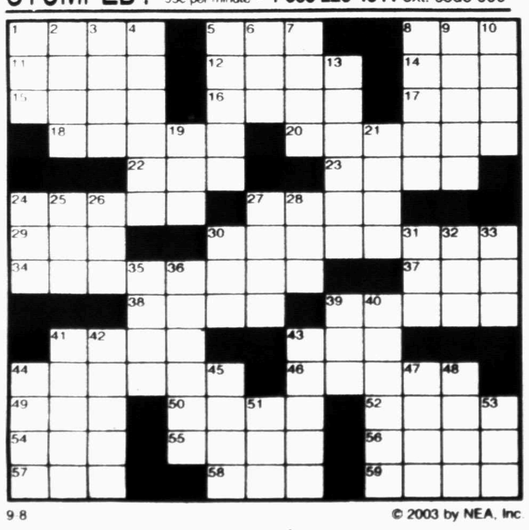
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6 Sourdough's strike
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10 Unwrap
13 Growls
19 Poker stake
21 Starfish arms
24 Iced drink
25 Ruby
26 — Kippur
27 "— — sorry!"
28 Telegraph syllable
30 Run a fever
31 Possibilities
32 Aught or naught
33 Right, to a mule
35 Prefix for pod
36 More curious
39 Bodybuilder's pride
40 Actress — Sanford
41 Congeals
42 Upright
43 Medieval adventure
44 Straw items
45 Low-lying islands
47 "Primal Fear" actor
48 Make a salary
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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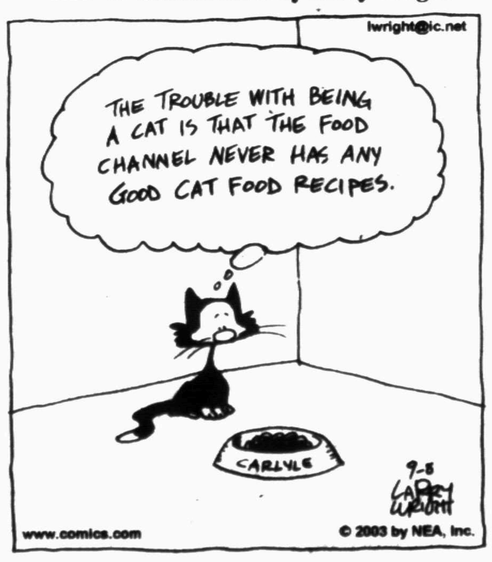
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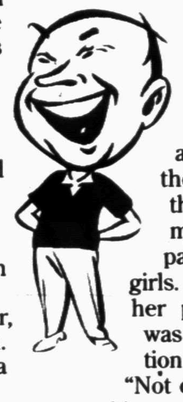
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Today's chuckle

Two teen girls dial wrong number twice

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP) — Two teens accused of searching for a marijuana dealer dialed the ultimate wrong number — they called the Mower County Sheriff's cell phone.



Sheriff Terese Amazi's cell phone rang around noon on Friday. The caller said she wanted a bag of marijuana. After Amazi said she was the sheriff, the caller said, "I'm sorry," and hung up.

A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time, Amazi let a deputy answer.

The caller again asked for a bag of marijuana, and the deputy — who called himself "Dupe" on the phone — arranged for a meeting at a convenience store an hour later.

"Apparently, they didn't know the meaning of 'Dupe' as in 'duped' either," Amazi said. "It's incredible."

The girls, ages 15 and 17, were arrested at the scene. Police said they found cash for the marijuana and drug paraphernalia on both girls. One was released to her parent and the other was turned over to a probation officer.

"Not only did they do something wrong, but they should have been in school," Amazi said.

Man up for probation in 1991 gay bashing

HOUSTON (AP) — State parole officials were to hear today from those who oppose the parole of a 29-year-old man who participated with nine others in a fatal gay-bashing 12 years ago on a Houston street.

Police at first had no leads in the 1991 killing, but the case was solved quickly when one man confessed and named the others. An autopsy report concluded that although 27-year-old Paul Broussard suffered multiple injuries, he died of a knife wound. Police said Jon Buice, who was 17 at the time, wielded the knife.

Buice, serving a 45-year sentence for his role in Broussard's murder, becomes eligible for parole this month.

Broussard's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, traveled from Georgia to ask state parole officials today to keep her son's chief assailant locked up at least five more years.

"He should stay there and be held accountable," Rodriguez said. "He committed a really horrible crime."

A new Texas law took effect this month allowing the board to postpone an inmate's next parole consideration for up to five years. Under the old law, cases came up for review in at least three years.

In a meeting Sunday with reporters, Rodriguez was flanked by crime victims advocates Andy Kahan, of the mayor's office, and Dianne Clements, president of Justice for All.

Rodriguez recalled her son's kindness and how he sent her flowers for her birthday shortly before being attacked on a Montrose sidewalk by Buice and nine other young men.

Buice's father, Jim Buice — with the improbable support of a local gay rights advocate, Ray Hill — said he will ask the three-member parole board for mercy.

He said his son never hated gays, was drunk at the time of the attack, feels deep remorse and has changed his life in prison, earning associate's degrees in business and accounting and a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's dream wedding does not include fiance's family

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Karl" for nearly two years. We are discussing marriage. The problem is, I can't stand his family. They are rude, unkempt, lazy and opinionated. Karl's family blames me for helping him to overcome his poor social skills and unhealthy lifestyle. Karl has lost a lot of weight since we started dating. He now wears clean clothes and has had his teeth fixed.

I have always wanted a lavish outdoor wedding and reception, but I don't want to invite Karl's family. I am afraid they will ruin it. I think it might be better to have a small civil ceremony. Karl disagrees, and it's causing a rift in our relationship. Please help. — **BEWILDERED IN OHIO**

DEAR BEWILDERED: Before your wedding plans go further, you and Karl have some important issues to iron out. For better or worse, those rude, unkempt, lazy, opinionated people are his family. Do you expect him to divorce them in order to marry you? If the answer is yes, tell him now. If the answer no, accept that Karl comes with some heavy baggage that will be difficult to handle, unless a way is found for you to accept his family the way they are. Remember, too, that his parents will be YOUR children's grandparents. So look again before you leap.

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DEAR ABBY: I am gay and have been dating "Warren" for more than four years. He's wonderful. The problem is, some members of his family strongly oppose his homosexuality and are rude when we visit his parents.

Because of their overt hostility, I no longer wish to attend these family functions. However, I want Warren to continue to go to the gatherings — without me. Warren disagrees. He says I should continue to go with him, because the more his family sees us together, the more understanding they'll become.

Do you agree? Should I go to Warren's family gatherings, even though it's clear that I am not welcome? — **HELPLESS IN HARTFORD, CONN.**

DEAR HELPLESS: Since this treatment has continued for more than four years, it's obvious Warren's family is not receptive to the two of you as a couple. Warren might try speaking to his parents about this problem, if he hasn't already. But if that doesn't change the atmosphere, I see no reason for either of you to subject yourselves to more rudeness or hostility.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been widowed for five years. My neighbor, "Matt," lost his second wife three years ago. We are both in our 60s and have been friendly for two years.

Matt seems convinced that every woman who is nice to him has marriage on her mind. I don't want to remarry — and he knows it — but it doesn't seem to matter. He has been in my home numerous times, but nothing comes of it. He seems shy, and I know he is lonely, but he doesn't seem interested in an intimate relationship.

Matt is a wonderful man. I know he and I could be closer if he would just open up a little. People need people, Abby. What do you suggest? — **PEOPLE PERSON IN PEORIA**

DEAR PEOPLE PERSON: That you ease up and accept your neighbor for the person he is. Matt may not want an intimate relationship — or he may be unable to have one.

It's also possible he doesn't want to be hurt again. His reasons are his own, and if you pressure him, you may cause the end of a very nice friendship.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Singer and songwriter Warren Zevon dead at 56

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Warren Zevon, who wrote and sang the rock hit "Werewolves of London" and was among the wittiest and most original of a broad circle of singer-songwriters to emerge from Los Angeles in the 1970s, died Sunday. He was 56.

A lifelong smoker until quitting several years ago, Zevon announced in September 2002 that he had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and had only months to live. He spent much of that time visiting with his two grown children and working on a final album.

Zevon died Sunday of lung cancer at his home, his manager Irving Azoff told the Los Angeles Times. Azoff did not return calls from The Associated Press early today.

Phone messages also were not returned from Zevon's publicist, Dianna Baron; Baron's assistant, Cathy Williams; and Zevon's record company manager, John Baruck.

Zevon faced death with the same dark sense of humor found in much of his music, including songs like "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead," "Life'll Kill Ya" and "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead."

Zevon said he "chose a certain path and lived like Jim Morrison and lived 30 more years. You make choices and you have to live with the consequences."

He released his first album, "Wanted — Dead or Alive," to little notice in 1969, but gained attention in the '70s by writing a string of popular songs for Linda Ronstadt, including "Poor, Poor Pitiful Me," "Carmelita" and "Hasten Down the Wind."

His next two albums, 1976's "Warren Zevon" and 1978's "Excitable Boy," followed those songs with darkly humorous tales of prom-date rapists; headless, gun-toting soldiers of fortune; and werewolves who drank pina coladas at singles bars and were particular about their hair.

They cemented Zevon's reputation as one of rock music's most politically incorrect lyricists, giving him a lifelong cult following that included gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura and "Late Show" host David Letterman, who provided backing vocals on "Hit Somebody," Zevon's 2001 elegy to a professional hockey goon who longs to be a goal-scoring hero.

"I always like to have violent lyrics and violent music," Zevon told The Associated Press in 1990. "The knowledge of death and fear of death informs my existence. It's a safe, kind of cheerful way of dealing with that issue."

Other admirers included Bob Dylan, whom Zevon cited as one of his principal songwriting influences and who performed on his 1987 album "Sentimental Hygiene." Still another was Bruce Springsteen, who co-wrote "Jeannie Needs a Shooter," Zevon's tale of a lover shot to death by a woman's jealous father.

Not that all of his music was dark and violent. His oveure contained some straight-out comedy as well, including "Mr. Bad Example," "The Hula Hula Boys" and "Gorilla You're a Desperado." The latter told the tale of a Los Angeles Zoo ape who escapes by locking a yuppie in his place and going to live in the man's apartment, only to end up depressed and divorced.

His compositional style reflected a number of genres, from hard-driving rock to folk, as well as classical, polka and other influences. In his final months, he summoned the energy to complete a last album, "The Wind," released in August.

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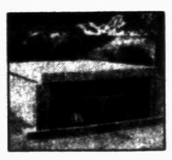


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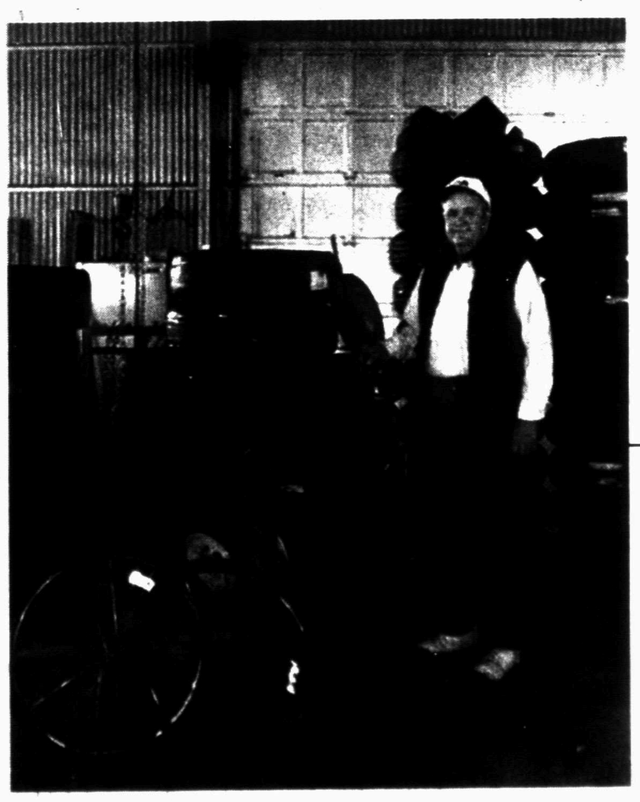


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NASA developes 'return to flight plan'

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA has developed a "return to flight" plan for future shuttle missions — one that aims for a resumption of flights as early as next March.

The 78-page report offers a look at the steps the space agency has been taking, or is considering, in order to comply with recommendations by the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

Columbia's seven astronauts were killed Feb. 1 when the shuttle broke apart as it re-entered the atmosphere from space.

The NASA plan, being released officially today, lists a return to a flight schedule with a March 11 "launch date," but agency spokesman Allard Beutel said the date is simply a planning date and not a foregone conclusion.

Beutel said officials are looking at a March-to-April launch window, but that could easily slip if the agency isn't able to meet all of its targeted safety steps.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press on Sunday, makes no mention of cost estimates for the return to flight.

For nine of the 15 return-to-flight requirements outlined by the investigative board, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration makes only pledges or discusses plans to comply. For these items, the plan talks of "potential solutions," "assessing options" or says "procedures are under evaluation," indicating that final plans are still evolving.

An example is the board's requirement that NASA find a way to "harden" the thermal protection system, making it more resistant to impact from debris. In its response, NASA says it has selected "eight near-term options" for further study and made no final decision.

The agency had specific plans to fix a basic hardware element linked to the loss of Columbia.

The spacecraft was fatally damaged during launch when a chunk of foam insulation that covered a strut attach point on the external tank peeled off and shattered a thermal protection panel in the left wing. The insulation was required to prevent the formation of ice when the tank is filled with supercold liquid oxygen and hydrogen.

To avoid this problem, NASA said heaters will be incorporated at the attach point to eliminate the need for foam insulation.

But other efforts to lessen foam insulation peeling from other parts of the external tank remain under study, the agency said.

The investigative board also said NASA must develop a way for spacewalking astronauts in orbit to view the leading edge of the shuttle wings and the craft's underside. And it called on the agency to develop ways of repairing, in orbit, thermal protection tiles or panels broken during launch.

NASA said only that efforts are "under development."

Among other steps outlined in the agency's plan:

—Officials will add cameras in various locations on the shuttle to get a better idea of any possible damage. For the next launch, a camera is being added to the external fuel tank to view the so-called bipod area, where the foam came off during Columbia's launch.

—NASA has struck an agreement with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and other facilities to provide spy satellite camera images of the orbiter during flight.

Members of an independent advisory group will assess and evaluate NASA's progress on implementing the Columbia accident board's recommendations.

High court hears arguments in campaign finance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was told today that Congress overstepped its bounds in passing legislation imposing complicated new rules intended to clean up election campaign finances.

The law "intrudes deeply into the political life of the nation" and "in a word, goes too far," said Kenneth Starr, the former independent counsel who investigated President Clinton, who now is serving as an attorney for challengers to the law.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson said the law was a response to a perception of corrupt politics — "the breakfasts, the lunches, the receptions, the dinners ... the relentless pursuit of big contributions."

Justices returned early from their summer break for the first time in nearly three decades to hear arguments in the complex case, the results of which will guide next year's campaigns and those for years to come.

In the first half of arguments today, justices animatedly queried attorneys who contend the law is an unconstitutional infringement on free speech rights and government lawyers defending the law.

Groups as varied as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Rifle Association are challenging the 2002 law, which bans huge, unlimited donations to political parties known as "soft money," and tightens controls on political advertising in the weeks before an election.

Starr, the first of eight attorneys who would argue before the justices, said the law hamstrings local political parties, which work with national parties, and hurts grass-roots political efforts.

Justice Antonin Scalia seemed skeptical of the law, which he said was passed by incumbent lawmakers worried about protecting themselves. "There will be abuses under this law," he predicted.

Olson said Congress may not have fixed every potential abuse, but spent six years coming up with the plan.

The case attracted unusual attention. Television cameras lined the approach to the court this morning and a line of seat-seekers stretched down the plaza of the court building toward the street. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., principal authors of the law under challenge, took seats side-by-side in the court.

The court must decide if Congress' rewrite of campaign laws squares with First Amendment free-speech protections. A ruling could come before year's end. While the court reviews more than 1,000 pages of briefs in the case, campaigns go on under the contested rules.

Palestinian PM needs tools to take on the terror groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is making clear to Yasser Arafat and others in the Palestinian Authority that it wants the next Palestinian prime minister to have the political and security muscle to crack down on terrorist groups.

It is also delivering a message to Israel that it, too, has obligations under a road map for peacemaking. Secretary of State Colin Powell telephoned Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom over the weekend to assess the situation.

Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia said today on the West Bank that he would accept the prime minister's job to succeed Mahmoud Abbas only if Washington guaranteed Israeli compliance with the U.S.-backed peace plan, including a halt to military strikes.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was difficult for Israel to meet its commitments under the proposed road map amid another surge of terror.

While both Israel and the Palestinians made promises aimed at implementing the peacemaking plan, the first priority at this point is making sure Qureia has the authority and power to move forward by consolidating Palestinian security forces and by being permitted to follow through on commitments.

And yet, to an extent, the administration kept some distance from the power struggle within the Palestinian movement.

"This is an internal matter among the Palestinian people," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said today. "Our focus is on the institution of the prime minister and the power that it has."

And yet, McClellan said "it will be critical that the new cabinet continues to press for reforms and continues to fight terrorism."

Only after extremist groups are disrupted and dismantled will the U.S.-backed plan to achieve an independent Palestinian state by 2005 be back on track, President Bush's top foreign policy aides contend.

That can happen, they said Sunday, only with a prime minister strengthened with powers and duties denied Mahmoud Abbas, who resigned over the weekend.

"If there is going to be a process to peace, if the road map is going to continue to unfold — and I believe it can continue to unfold — then there has to be a concerted effort against Hamas and other terrorist organizations and terror activity," Powell said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Obituaries

Dayton McCarter

1919-2003

Joseph Dayton McCarter, longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, Sept. 6, in Luman-Lusk-Sanchez VA Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. McCarter, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh with Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor, and Rick Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 30, 1919 in Slaton, he married Mary Ella Pherigo on Dec. 31, 1939 in the Canyon Community in Scurry County.

A resident of the area since 1927, Mr. McCarter served four years in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was on his way to the China-Burma-India Theatre when the war ended. He served there a short period. En route there, he left from El Paso and went through the Port of New York. On his return, he came through the Port of San Francisco to El Paso, thus going around the world.

Mr. McCarter then joined the Army National Guard and served for 13 years, attaining the rank of master sergeant.

Mr. McCarter worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 30 years, retiring as a mechanic in 1981.

An ordained Baptist minister since the late 1950s, he had served as pastor of the 8th Street Baptist Church in Seminole and the Missionary Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ella McCarter of Snyder; a son, David M. McCarter of Odessa; two grandchildren, Krystle Spill of Snyder and Zack McCarter of Odessa; three great-grandchildren, Riley and Marley Spill of Snyder and Angel McCarter of Odessa; a niece, Ann Craig of Del Rio; and a nephew, Bob McCarter of Snyder.

Family visitation is set for 7-8 this evening at Bell-Cypert Seale Funeral Home.

Judy Ballenger

1953-2003

SWEETWATER — Judy Ann Ballenger, a graduate of the Western Texas College nursing program, died Thursday, Sept. 4, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ballenger, 50, was set for 2 p.m. today in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Orvel Brantley officiating. Burial was to follow in the Garden of Memories.

Born June 2, 1953 in Kermit, she married Cranston Ballenger on Jan. 26, 1970 in Mexico.

A resident of Sweetwater since 1970, she was a 1973 graduate of Sweetwater High School and she graduated from WTC in 1991.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Ballenger had been employed by the Rolling Plains Health Care Service the past 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Cranston Ballenger of Sweetwater, a son, Christopher Ballenger of Sweetwater; two daughters, Lena Andrus of Sweetwater and Peggy Bedea of Spokane, Wash.; three sisters, Kathey Ballenger and Sarah Cooper of Sweetwater and Frances Belcher of Quanah; five brothers, Loyd Layman of Bay City, Bruce Layman of Midland, Bobby Fisher of Roscoe, Tony Fisher and Sandy Fisher, both of Sweetwater; her mother, Lena Odellia Fisher of Roscoe, her father, Dwayne Layman of Ozona; and seven grandchildren.

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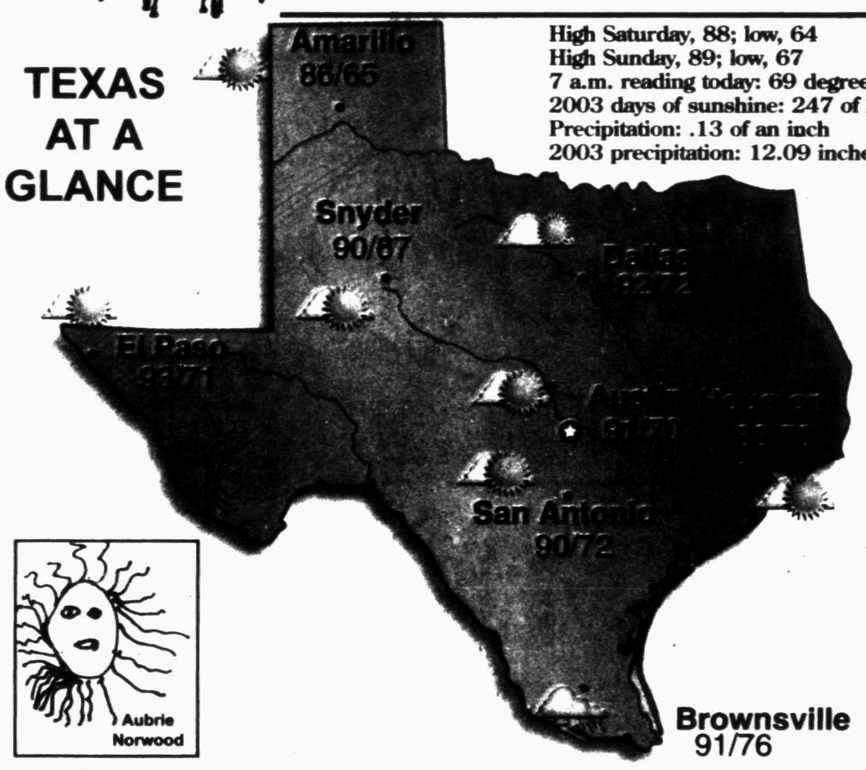
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 9/9	Wed 9/10	Thu 9/11
90/67	90/67	89/65
Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High around 90F.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise 7:23 AM, Sunset 7:58 PM	Sunrise 7:24 AM, Sunset 7:57 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM, Sunset 7:55 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



High Saturday, 88; low, 64
High Sunday, 89; low, 67
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 247 of 250
Precipitation: .13 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 12.09 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	70	mst sunny	El Paso	93	71	mst sunny	Midland	93	70	mst sunny
Amarillo	86	65	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	93	69	sunny	Raymondville	92	74	t-storm
Austin	91	70	mst sunny	Gainesville	90	68	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	mst sunny
Beaumont	89	71	mst sunny	Greenville	90	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	90	72	mst sunny
Brownsville	91	76	t-storm	Houston	88	70	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	70	sunny
Brownwood	93	69	mst sunny	Kingsville	91	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	90	66	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	89	74	pt sunny	Livingston	91	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	90	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	91	69	sunny	Longview	90	67	mst sunny	Tyler	89	69	mst sunny
Dallas	92	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	89	68	pt sunny	Weatherford	91	68	mst sunny
Del Rio	93	75	t-storm	Lufkin	91	69	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	92	71	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	61	mst sunny	Houston	88	70	mst sunny	Phoenix	94	79	t-storm
Boston	67	52	mst sunny	Los Angeles	78	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	57	windy
Chicago	84	64	pt sunny	Miami	88	76	t-storm	Seattle	63	53	rain
Dallas	92	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	86	63	mst sunny	St. Louis	84	65	mst sunny
Denver	76	54	t-storm	New York	73	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	76	60	cloudy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26

UV Index

Tue 9/9	Wed 9/10	Thu 9/11
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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