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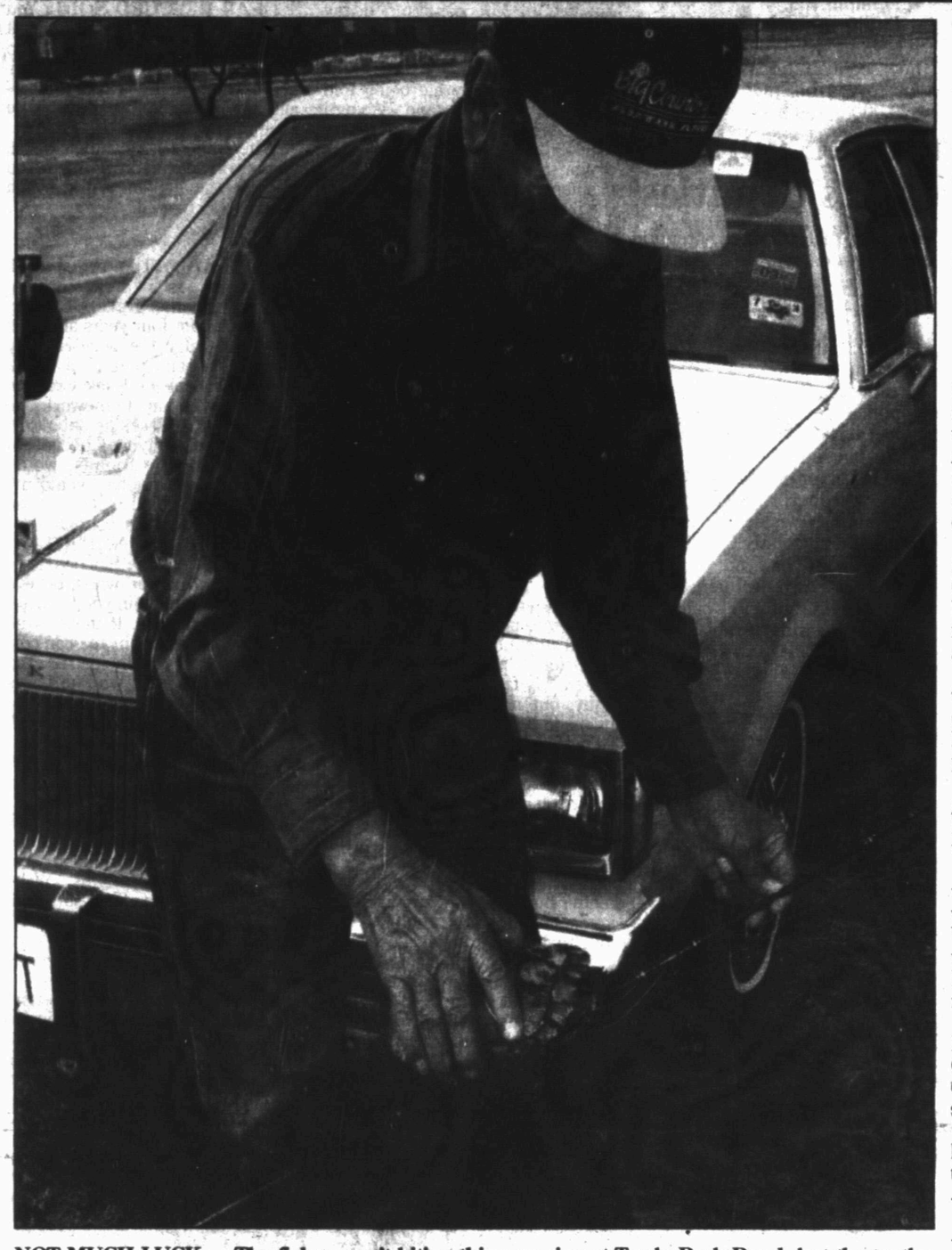


NOT MUCH LUCK — The fish weren't biting this morning at Towle Park Pond, but the turtles apparently were. Cruz Sosa caught this snapping turtle with fish bait, but quickly released it back into the water after removing the hook. (SDN Staff Photo)

In cost-saving action, hospital drops JCAHO

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers voted this morning to end the affiliation with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAHO) and in doing so, will save the hospital some $30,000 every three years.

The vote came on a recommendation from hospital CEO George Parsley who told the board there are virtually no differences in Medicare standards and that of the JCAHO.

In making his recommendation, Parsley said the JCAHO survey seemed more focused on hospital processes, and not on patient care.

"The question is not how we got from Point A to Point B," said Parsley. "But how did we treat the patient once we got there."

Before the unanimous vote was cast to drop the JCAHO survey, board president Carl Williams asked Parsley if there would be any drop in quality and Parsley replied there would be none.

Jim Bullard of Covenant Healthcare told the board that Cogdell is only one of two of the Covenant network hospitals that still used the JCAHO survey.

"Basically it is used by the larger hospitals as a marketing tool," said Bullard.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright reported that the average daily census for the month of July was 19.3 patients, as opposed to 17.8 a year ago.

Wright also made note of the increased emergency room visits as that number was up more than a 100 from July 2001 – from 553 last year to 667 this year.

He also reported that cash receipts were up almost $1 million.

July receipts were $1,826,500 as opposed to $891,423 in July 2001.

In his monthly report to the board, Parsley said he expects the emergency department renovation to be completed by the end of this month, or around the first of October.

Parsley also reported that employee health insurance bid deadline is Friday.

In other business, the board signed off on federal government paperwork that names Pam Parsley as home health administrator and Linda Reynolds as alternate administrator.

Also, the board heard a report on professional liability insurance and a report on the medical staff from Dr. James Burleson.

Williams presided at the meeting and board members present were Dink Foree, Dr. Charles Church, Terry Williams and E.D. Walton.

Banks, schools among those closed Monday

The Labor Day holiday on Monday will prompt numerous closings around Snyder.

Financial institutions will be closed — including West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank.

Area schools — including Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College — will also observe the holiday.

The Scurry County Museum will be closed and the county library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

City and county employees also will receive a day off Monday as city hall and the courthouse will close.

The city landfill will close Monday as well, but will remain open Saturday.

Both local golf courses, which normally close Mondays will remain open for the holiday.

No mail will be delivered or put in P.O. boxes on Monday.

Hermleigh adopts new budget

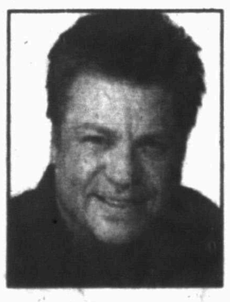
Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees adopted a $1.45 per $100 valuation tax rate and approved its 2002-2003 budget Tuesday night.

The budget is set at $1,219,751, a drop from last year's $1,183,093.

Also approved by the trustees were budget amendments from the last school year.

The trustees also discussed improvements to Cardinal Stadium that includes repairing the fence and scoreboard.

Ceremony time, location changed



Brad Maule

Snyder native Brad Maule, actor and country and western singer, will be inducted into The Buddy Holly Walk of Fame at 6:30 this evening.

The ceremony will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center banquet hall, 1501 6th Street. The Civic Center is located just east of the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame area.

This is a change from the original time and place.

U.S. companies buying less oil from Iraq fields

WASHINGTON (AP) — As talk of war against Saddam Hussein intensifies, U.S. companies have scaled back oil purchases from Iraq, making the loss of Iraqi oil less important to energy markets should fighting erupt.

Still, energy traders worry that an attack against Iraq might embroil the Persian Gulf in chaos and disrupt supplies from other countries, including Saudi Arabia. Those concerns contributed to the run-up in oil prices last week when crude for several days jumped to $30 a barrel.

Energy analysts said Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, may well be the key to whether any U.S. attack on Iraq has worldwide repercussions on oil markets. Soaring oil prices could choke off the struggling U.S. economic recovery by forcing up the cost of everything from gasoline and heating oil to airfares.

That's one reason the Bush administration has been so busy mending frayed relations with the Saudi kingdom, including the unusual visit by Saudi Arabia's ambassador, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, to President Bush's ranch in Texas this week.

But industry analysts say the loss of Iraqi oil — if other supplies are not affected — should be of little consequence. Already, Iraq's exports are a fraction of what they were earlier this year.

U.S. imports of Iraqi oil dropped from more than 1 million barrels a day earlier this year to 137,000 barrels a day last month, according to industry estimates. U.S. oil companies slashed their Iraqi purchases because of concern over future supply and frustration over cumbersome purchase and pricing procedures.

Iraqi production also has been severely hampered by U.N. sanctions and a decimated oil infrastructure.

"We've seen Iraqi supplies shut down completely this year for a month and you didn't have any dramatic swings (in supply or prices)," said John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute, the industry trade group. "There's excess capacity throughout OPEC and non-OPEC countries."

But traders still are fretting not only about Mideast war prospects but about what the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries oil ministers will do Sept. 19 when they map out future production levels.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	Trace
North of city	.60
East of city	1.2
West of city	Trace
Lake Thomas	.00
Hermleigh	2.50
Fluvanna	Trace
Polar	.10
Loyd Mountain	.80
Camp Springs	1.25
Dunn	.00
Ira	.00
Dermott	.17
Union	Trace
Gail	Trace
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.50

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday and early today.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Brian Brisendine



It looks like U.S. forces will move into Iraq before long to topple one-third of the "axis of evil" as described by President Bush.

It's hard to watch TV for more than a few minutes these days without hearing a report on the situation with Iraq.

Viewers also can't escape comparisons of our current president and his father who faced similar circumstances with the Middle Eastern nation just over a decade ago.

We were in the sixth grade then and the ensuing Persian Gulf War was an eye-opening experience for us.

We were in a hotel suite on an August night in 1990 and up past our normal bedtime since we had control of the TV and no one else in the room. Even then, at the ripe-old age of 11, we were a news junkie and had the tube tuned on CNN when a correspondent came on with a breaking story.

The talking head reported that Iraq, a Middle Eastern country lead by Saddam Hussein, had invaded Kuwait, its much-smaller neighbor to the south. We had never heard a first-hand report of one country militarily invading another so we figured it was big news worth sharing.

We ventured into the next room and woke our folks who were deep in sleep during those wee hours of the morning. They weren't as impressed as we were with the report and we were grumpily told to go to bed, but our nose for news was redeemed six months later.

We were in the passenger seat of Daddy's van on a cold January evening looking for the home of a subscriber who missed their paper that day when another news alert came on.

American and allied planes were bombing Iraq and Operation Desert Storm was underway. We hurried home and for the rest of the night watched live pictures from Baghdad with the green glow of night-vision cameras.

Anyone who watched the allied response that night most likely remembers the images of intermittent explosions in the city and tracer bullets fired from machine guns on the ground.

It was the first time America had gone to war in our lifetime and we soaked up any and all information we could.

America is at war again and we're still in the habit of seeking as much information as we can find.

We agree with President Bush that Saddam needs to go and he needs to go quickly, before he has the opportunity to hurt more people and — given the time and resources — he will.

News stories circulated last week that quoted some middle easterners as saying Americans overreacted to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

We can't figure out where that logic is based, other than the fact that death is commonplace in their world and means little to them.

But that is not how we think in America and thankfully so.

We hope "Bush 43" follows his father's example and secures congressional consent before entering Iraq. That's how things were set up in this country a long time ago and we think that's how they should continue. But the U.S. needs to take action and defend ourselves against enemies who hate us for reasons we can't understand — and we need to do it now.

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ASK US

Q—What is the total figure budgeted for baseball and softball at WTC for 2002-2003?

A—The budget includes $318,526 for the new sports programs, but that amount will not cover construction costs of the on-campus sports complex.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 100 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Thursday, 66; trace precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 30% rain chance; low near 70; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy; 20% rain chance; high lower 90s. Friday night, 20% rain chance; low near 70.



Nicole Molter
Rain chance

Sunset:
8:11 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.
Of 240 days in 2002, the sun has shone 233 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses.

—Andrew Jackson

Kirk, Cornyn clash on Tulia drug bust

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Senate candidate Ron Kirk on Wednesday accused Texas Attorney General John Cornyn of delaying an investigation into a Tulia drug bust until it was politically expedient.

Cornyn, the Republican Senate nominee, on Monday ordered an investigation into the 1999 drug arrests that netted 43 suspects, all but six of them black. A federal civil rights investigation has been going on for nearly two years.

"The attorney general sat on his hands until it became a national embarrassment," Kirk said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"From the issue of Tulia to Enron and others, he has avoided taking a passionate stand on anything controversial until it was in his political interest to do so," Kirk said.

Cornyn has denied his decision was driven by politics. Cornyn spokesman Dave Beckwith said Kirk is simply following Cornyn's lead.

"Ron Kirk never said a word on this issue until John Cornyn took a leadership position to clear it up. This is Monday morning quarterbacking at its worst," Beckwith said.

Civil rights groups have vigorously protested the arrests in the small Panhandle town, which brought national attention and questions about the way the state's drug task forces conduct investigations.

Cornyn said he became involved now because he believed a federal investigation had bogged down.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, which has been pressing for a probe, has praised Cornyn's move.

"Better late than never," said Will Harrell, executive director of the organization.

In other political news:

— The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday denied a request brought by its own chief justice that his Libertarian Party opponent be declared ineligible to run for the post.

Chief Justice Tom Phillips contended the Texas Libertarian Party chair should declare the party's candidate for chief justice ineligible because Clifford William is not an attorney licensed in Texas.

The Texas Constitution requires that a Texas Supreme Court justice be a licensed Texas attorney.

Phillips, a candidate for reelection in November, brought the petition on an emergency basis directly to the court. He contended it was urgent and needed immediate review.

But the court ruled that the petition must be presented to a lower appellate court first.

Phillips did not participate in the ruling.

— Even though Phillips isn't accepting any new donations, Republicans are dominating the fund raising in the campaigns for the Texas Supreme Court.

Of the 10 major-party candidates still in the running for five available Supreme Court seats, GOP candidates raised nearly $2.2 million compared to $783,000 raised by Democrats, according to a study by Texans for Public Justice, which tracks judicial campaign donations.

The Republican primary weeded out four other candidates who raised an additional $1.7 millio,458.

Phillips announced last month he would not accept any new contributions and would try to win his race with about $20,000 in his accounts.

Muslim woman found guilty of menacing sheriff's deputies

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A Muslim woman has been convicted of threatening sheriff's deputies during a clash on an eastern Ohio highway just hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A judge Wednesday sentenced Jamilah Ali, 38, of Baltimore, Md., to the eight days she served in jail last September and suspended the rest of a 180-day sentence after finding her guilty of aggravated menacing.

During her trial, Ali called the officers "bullish and aggressive" and said she feared for her life.

The deputies testified they felt threatened, too, especially when Ali screamed she was a "warrior for Allah, and at war with the U.S."

The national office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said it would announce plans today to assist Ali in appealing the conviction.

Ali, her uncle Yusuf Alim and her 14-year-old son were returning to Baltimore from visits in Detroit and Chicago the night of Sept. 11. All three were dressed in traditional Middle Eastern clothing that attracted attention at a crowded service station.

Several patrons became concerned and called the sheriff's office.

Ali and Alim became disorderly when they were stopped for questioning, according to the deputies' report. Ali's son was placed in juvenile detention while she and her uncle were held in jail for eight days.

In October, Judge Harry White of the Western Division of the Belmont County Court ruled the deputies had no probable cause to stop the vehicle in response to frantic 911 calls that persons wearing Arabian garb had been spotted at a nearby gas station.

Ali would not comment Wednesday as she left the courthouse, clutching a copy of the Quran. She returned to Cleveland with two supporters before boarding a train to Washington, D.C.

In December, White had dismissed a misdemeanor charge of falsification against Alim. He had previously dismissed a charge of resisting arrest against Ali.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's emotional scars heal when love walks into her life

DEAR ABBY: I grew up as the abused child of a woman who lived on Valium but condemned my father for drinking. When she got mad at him, I was beaten. When someone else messed up, I was beaten. I spent my life being told how worthless I was, and wishing I were dead. I became a heavy drinker and experimented with drugs to block out my pain. The problem was, when I sobered up, the pain was still there.

When I became pregnant, I thought it was my one chance at happiness. When my infant daughter died, I no longer cared if I lived anymore.

Daddy escaped the nightmare, remarried and had a wonderful new family. I stayed, thinking it was my "duty" to look after Mother. Then one day my life changed. A wonderful man, "Barry," entered my life. He has stuck by me through all the grief and heartache my mother could dish out. She told me Barry was worthless and would never take care of me. Barry and I finally moved away from her because my health could no longer take the stress.

Fourteen years have passed since my best friend/lover/husband came into my life. We are still together. He treats me like a queen. My father has since passed away, but not before he and my husband became good friends. My step-siblings are wonderful to me; my stepmom and I speak regularly on the phone. Barry's mother has told me she loves me and is glad her son found me. Every day I thank God that she gave birth to him.

Abby, I am writing to say this: No matter how rough a hand life deals you ... hold on to the goodness and love that can be found. Love does exist — you just have to find it. Sometimes the search is long and painful, but it is worth it once you reach your destination.

I have progressed from a worthless person to a job in management; from an empty life to one filled with family and friends; from nights filled with tears to days filled with laughter. It is possible.

God bless the people in my life, and God bless you, Abby, for being there to listen. — A RESCUED SOUL

DEAR RESCUED SOUL: You may have been "rescued," but it took great strength to make it to that point. A more accurate definition of who you are is a survivor — and an inspiration to those who have read your story.

When things were at their worst, you never gave up on yourself. You deserve the happiness for which you have struggled.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old. My father was in a car accident when I was in first grade. He was in the hospital for four years and died last year. After the accident, my mother began seeing a man, "Craig." Whenever I ask Craig to help me with my homework, he touches me in places he shouldn't. I haven't told anyone, because I don't think my friends would believe me and neither would my mother. She would say it's because I don't like Craig. What should I do? — SCARED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SCARED: Since you are afraid your mother won't believe you, please confide in your teacher or school principal. If there is no one at school in whom you can confide, then call Childhelp USA and tell the counselor who answers what you have written to me. The toll-free number is 1-800-422-4453. They are there to help young people in situations like yours.

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events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-18-36-40-42-53

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $ 19 million

Pick 3
(Day) 5-1-8
(Night) 9-7-2

Cash Five
1-3-4-16-33

Berry's World



Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002

Today is the 241st day of 2002 and the 70th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1842, China ceded Hong Kong to Britain at the end of the First Opium War.

On this day in 1897, the first Zionist Congress met in Basel, Switzerland, to organize a movement for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

On this day in 1957, Sen. Strom Thurman ended a record 24-hour filibuster in the Senate. Sen. Thurman was trying to delay the passage of civil rights legislation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Locke (1632-1704), philosopher; Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894), poet and essayist; Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982), actress; Charlie Parker (1920-1955), musician; Richard Attenborough (1923-), actor, producer and director, is 79; Dinah Washington (1924-1963), singer; Elliott Gould (1938-), actor, is 64; Michael Jackson (1958-), singer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, St. Louis Cardinal Lou Brock broke Ty Cobb's stolen-base record when he brought his career total to 893 during a game against the San Diego Padres.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts." — John Locke

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 22) and last quarter (Aug. 30).

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Three men arrested for taking hatching alligator eggs

DODDRIDGE, Ark. (AP) — Three Texas men received a stark reminder that Arkansas has no alligator hunting season when they were arrested for having a dead 4-footer and seven alligator eggs that were hatching.

Officers from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission had been staking out an area near the Red River crossing at Arkansas 160 east of Doddridge in southern Miller County.

"This took some long, hard hours of surveillance by (the) two game wardens," said Miller County sheriff's Capt. Toby Giles.

The commission officers found the dead alligator in the back of a pickup truck, along with the eggs.

Charged with illegally taking an alligator were Kendale Lee Quarels, 47, Billy Ted Hart, 47, and Jimmy Lynn Peace, 46, all of Omaha, Texas.

"There is no alligator hunting season in Arkansas," Giles said.

The men, arrested at about midnight Sunday, were freed on $1,100 bond.

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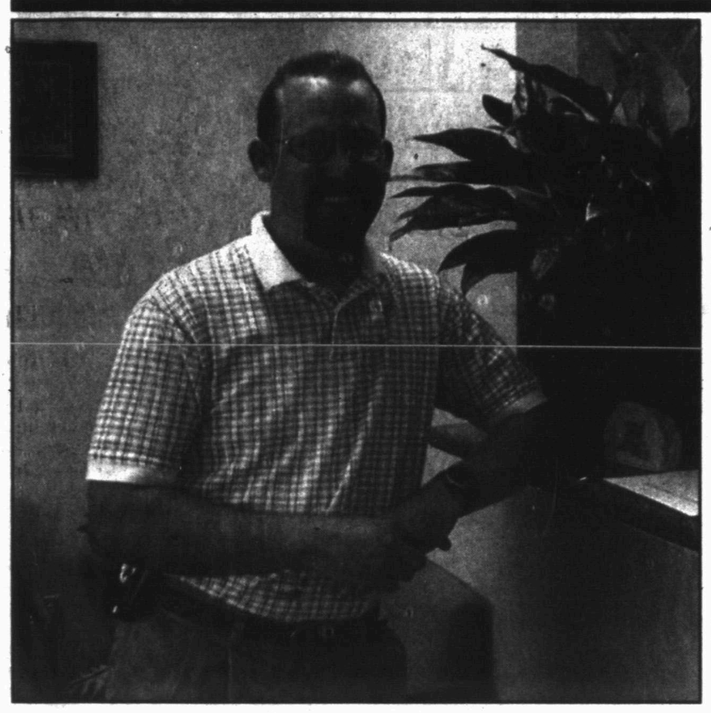

Dr. Lance D. Moore

Dr. Moore settles in chiropractic office in Snyder

Lance D. Moore, D.C., has opened his office, Snyder Family Chiropractic, at 1805 27th Street. He lived the past five years in Euless completing internship in Irving. He is a graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

Opening his office in mid-July, Dr. Moore said he and his wife, Tracy, enjoy being back in the slower paced West Texas, both have parents living in Big Spring. They and their two children, six-year-old student at Stanfield Elementary, Makayla, and 20-month-old Madison have only a 45 minute drive to grandparents in comparison to the previous 4½ hour drive.

Office hours begin at 8:30 each day, and open until 5:30 Monday through Wednesday; 4:30 Thursday; and 1 p.m. Friday. Jill Boren is the secretary.

The office is closed for lunch each day 1-2 p.m.



BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MISS HERRLEY — Kara Herrley, bride-elect of J.D. Smith, was honoree at a shower held Aug. 17 in the First United Methodist Church. Kara and J.D. will marry at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at Jack Greene's Park. From left are Lavelle Armstrong, grandmother of the groom; Doris Booth, grandmother of the groom; Sandy Smith, mother of the groom; the bride-elect; Karen Herrley, mother of the bride; and Bobbye Greene, grandmother of the bride. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-29-02
♠ A K Q 9
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 7 6
♣ 8 7 4

West
♠ J 7 6 4
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ 10

East
♠ —
♥ Q 8 7 6 2
♦ A K 3
♣ J 9 6 5 3

South
♠ 10 8 5 3 2
♥ A
♦ 8 5 4
♣ A K Q 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♦ J

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Another impossible play to find

By Phillip Alder

Jean Kerr, a U.S. playwright and author, penned: "I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want — an adorable pancreas?"

This deal features a beautiful point, but after using William Bailey's Deep Finesse program, I discovered that it has something clever at pancreas level too.

How should declarer play to make four spades after the defenders take three diamond tricks, then cast adrift with a club? How can the defenders do better?

If the trumps are 3-1 or 2-2, there are no worries; declarer's club two can be ruffed in the dummy. But what if trumps are 4-0? If East has them, the contract is unmakable. But if West has all four, declarer must play carefully. Here, if South immediately leads a trump to dummy's queen, he cannot make the contract.

Instead, as a precaution, South should first unblock the heart ace. Then, after a trump to dummy's queen reveals the bad break, declarer ruffs a heart in hand, plays a spade to dummy's nine, ruffs the heart jack, draws West's remaining trumps, and cashes his clubs. South's 10 tricks are four spades in the dummy, one heart, three clubs and two heart ruffs in hand.

To defeat the contract, if declarer lets the diamond jack win trick one, West must immediately shift to a trump. This disrupts declarer's timing, but who would find it? And if declarer does cover with dummy's diamond queen, the defenders take their three diamond tricks, then West exits with a trump. Again, unlikely, but possible.

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Meeting is set for fostering, adopting Tuesday in Abilene

Every month there are hundreds of cases of child abuse/neglect reported in Texas. You can make a difference in the life of a child.

For further details on fostering and adopting attend the meeting to be held at 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services at 3610 Vine St., Abilene.

Oxford American magazine sinking

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Magazine editor Marc Smirnoff doesn't fancy himself much of a businessman, and best-selling author John Grisham is, well, a writer.

Which might explain why their Southern literary magazine, Oxford American, has been sinking financially.

Smirnoff founded the Oxford, Miss.-based publication, billed as "The Southern Magazine of Good Writing," in 1992. Grisham began bankrolling the business two years later.

Last week, a new owner took over and moved the magazine to Little Rock. Grisham and Smirnoff maintain partial ownership; Smirnoff is staying on as editor.

"Having faced debt eyeball to eyeball, I know I want the magazine to live on," Smirnoff said Monday at the magazine's new offices in the River Market district, just down the street from where Bill Clinton is building his presidential library.

The majority of the publication has been sold to Little Rock businessman Albert Braunfisch; At Home Media Group, publishers of interior decorating magazine At Home in Arkansas; and the group's chief executive, Russ McDonough.

McDonough will run the acclaimed literary magazine, which has published the works of William F. Buckley Jr., Donna Tartt and Barry Hannah, among others.

"Editorially, it's going to be the same magazine," McDonough said. "The challenge is to make it a successful business. It's been very successful editorially but it's never been a financial success."

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

The Following
Financial Institutions Will Be
Closed Monday, Sept. 2
In Observance Of
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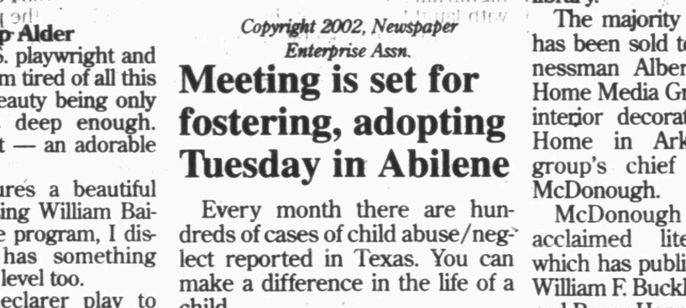

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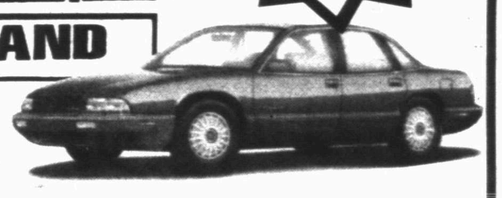

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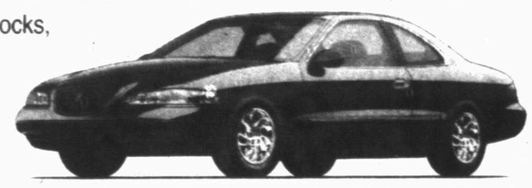

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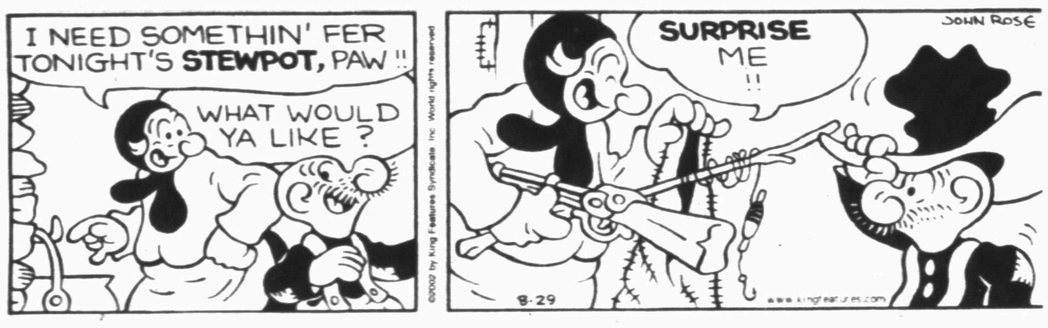

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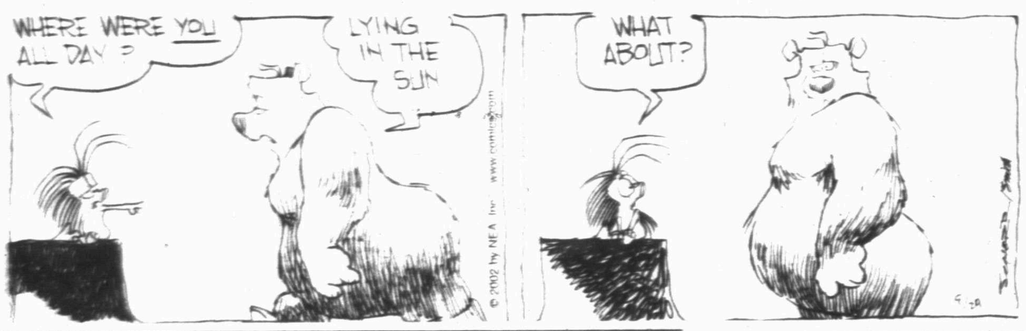

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16 Play bumper-cars
18 CPR pro
19 Making fun of
23 Hidden microphone
26 Extreme degree
27 Kinds
30 Aviator — Earhart
32 Wish granter
34 New growth
35 Idea to be tested
36 Bed of coal
37 Sculpture or music
38 Quilting social
39 Most impetuous
42 Boot part
45 Yak
46 Drifter
50 Healthy lunch
53 Hole up (2 wds.)
55 Makes a call
56 Weasel
57 Mountain curves
58 Heal

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9 Mo. bill
10 Percent ending
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22 High spirits
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28 Door opener
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31 Fibber
33 Look closely
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37 "So!"
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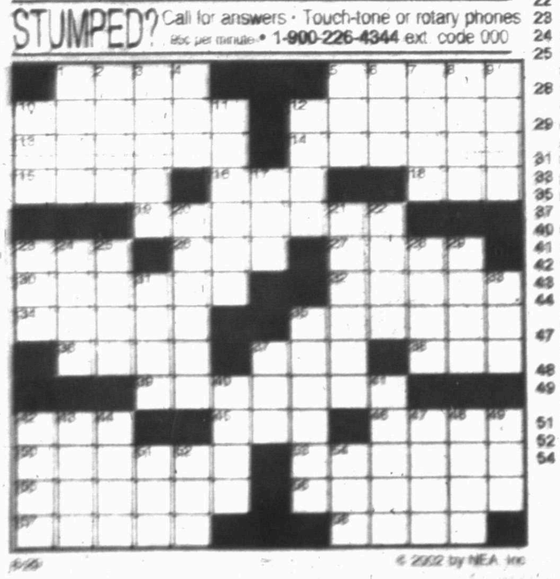

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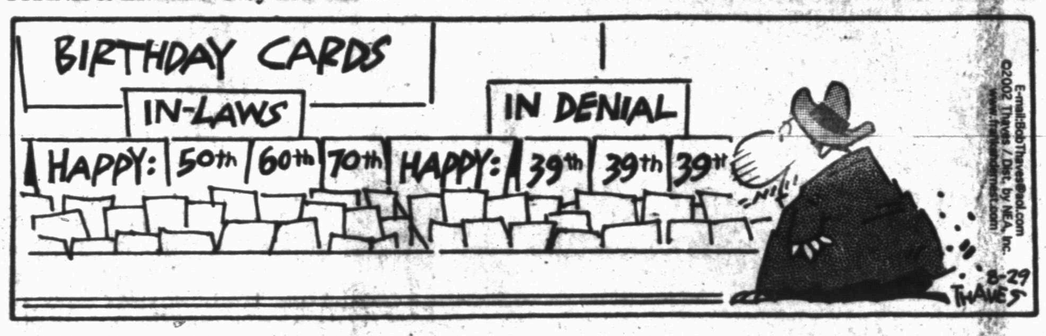

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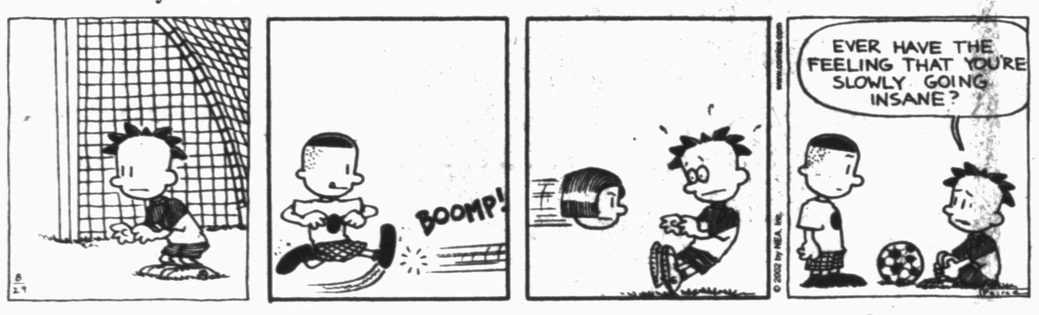

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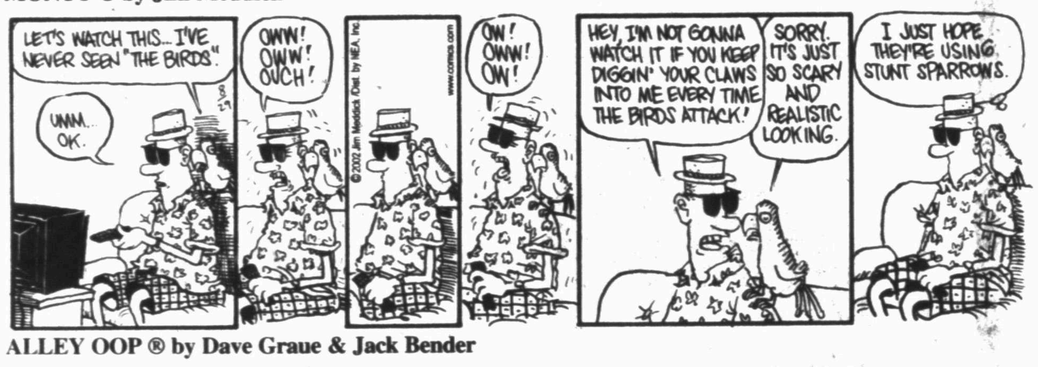

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Baseball close to doomsday

NEW YORK (AP) — As baseball moved within two days of another work stoppage, commissioner Bud Selig arrived at major league offices and negotiators worked late into the night to try to avert a planned strike.

Players are set to walk out Friday unless there is an agreement for a labor contract. Because of the threat, five of the 12 teams traveling for weekend series pushed back their flights a day, waiting to see if compromises could be reached on the main sticking points: levels for a luxury tax and revenue sharing.

"I still think we're going to get something done," Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine, the NL player representative, said Wednesday. "I just think we're all too close on too much of this to let it fall apart. I believe that. I still think there's going to be a lot of gamesmanship in the last 24 hours."

Selig, who presided over the 1994-95 strike that led to the first cancellation of the World Series in 90 years, said upon his arrival that he hadn't decided whether to enter the talks directly. He said he hoped to "have a constructive 24, 36 hours."

Many players had wanted him to be on hand, saying no deal could be agreed to without Selig giving his approval in person.

"I'm very grateful and appreciative that the commissioner of baseball feels that 48 hours before another work stoppage, it's important enough for him to leave Milwaukee and go to New York," New York Mets pitcher Al Leiter said.

Negotiators met Wednesday afternoon for about 45 minutes had three brief evening sessions and planned to meet close to midnight, exchanging ideas for solutions. Selig appeared briefly at the fourth meeting, union officials said, but only to say "hello."

"It's coming down to the deadline," St. Louis player representative Steve Kline said. "We'll find out if the owners are trying to get a deal. We've moved on a lot of issues. Hopefully, they can manage to reach us."

Owners want to slow spending by high-payroll teams with a luxury tax and want to increase the amount of locally generated revenue that teams share from 20 percent to 36 percent. Players are at 33.3 percent and want to phase in the increase.

Management also wants to tax the portions of payrolls above $107 million, with the threshold increasing to $111 million in 2006, and proposed tax rates of 35-50 percent. Players offered thresholds of $125 million to $145 million, and tax rates of 15-50 percent, with no tax in the final year.

The sides also discussed contract language that dealt with the owners' desire to fold two franchises, one general manager said on condition of anonymity. The union has opposed contraction.

Pressure on the negotiators increased with each passing hour as they tried to prevent the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972. The first game affected would be at Chicago's Wrigley Field, where the Cubs are to play the Cardinals at 3:20 p.m. EDT Friday.

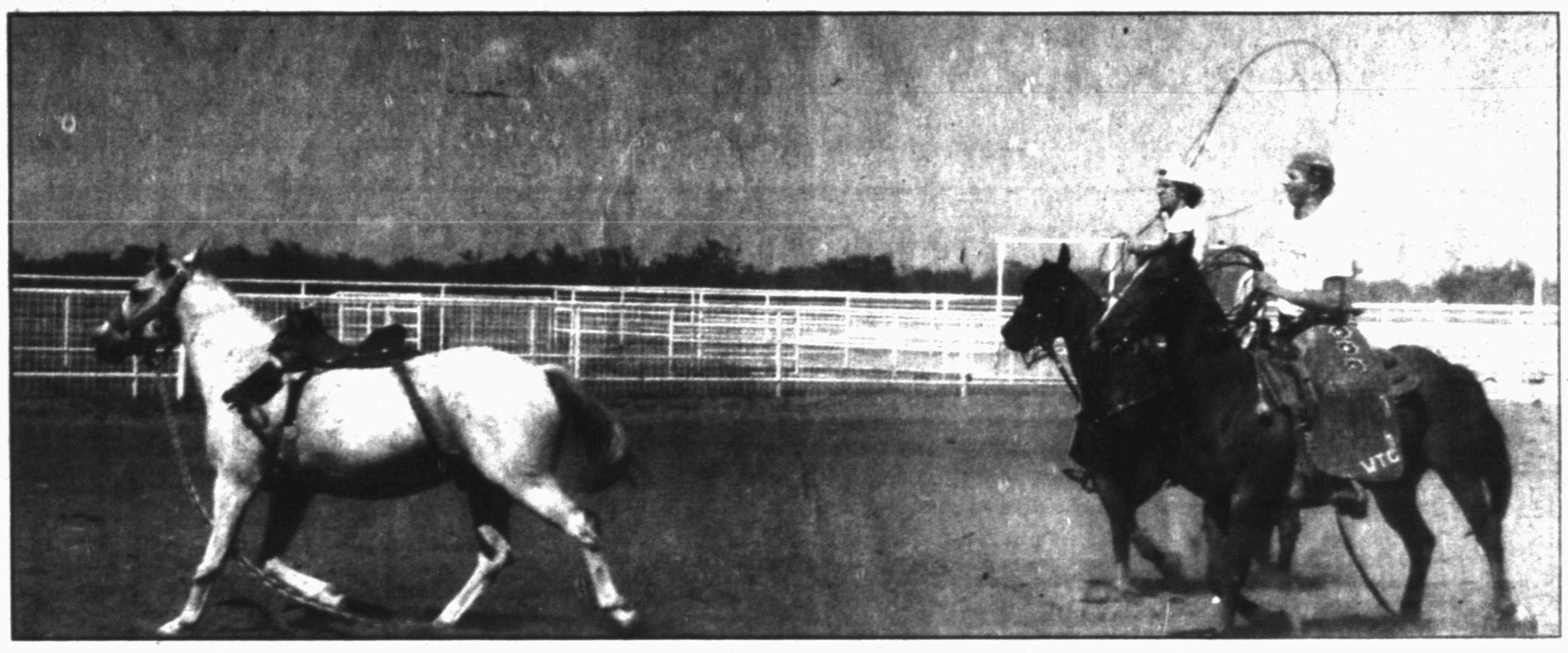
"No there is not going to be any extension," Toronto player representative Vernon Wells said. "We set a date, we'll stick by it and, hopefully, something will get done before then."

Since the union set the strike date Aug. 16, fans have expressed anger and frustration. A sign in the right-field bleachers at Chicago's Comiskey Park on Wednesday read: "On Strike/Who Cares/Go Bears."

"We see the signs, and you hear comments from time to time about strike-related stuff. Sometimes those things are harsh," the Brewers' Mark Loretta. "It's so hard to try to explain to people what the issues are when you're talking about those kinds of dollars and this kind of industry, and the fans are in the middle of it."

Just in case there is a strike, some Cleveland players gave the clubhouse attendants their season-ending tips Wednesday, and Tim Wakefield and Ugueth Urbina of Boston packed their belongings into boxes after a 7-0 loss to the New York Yankees at Fenway Park. The White Sox, also off Thursday, might have ended their season with Wednesday's 8-0 win over Toronto.

"We're packing our bags for Detroit. It doesn't feel like the last game," Chicago's Paul Konerko said. "Even if there is a strike, it will probably only last a couple of days."



HORSING AROUND — Clay Long and B.J. Lawson of the Western Texas College Rodeo team attempt to rope a bronco during Wednesday's practice. Long and Lawson were "catchers" at the practice, picking up thrown riders and corraling the animals. The rodeo team's first meet is about three weeks away. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Dallas unsettled at cornerback

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys can't seem to get settled on the corner.

While the Cowboys have decisions to make at just about every position before reducing the roster by 20 players Sunday, they have reached the end of another training camp not exactly sure what they have at cornerback.

The Cowboys have used five recent draft picks — two last April and three in 2000 when they had just five selections — on cornerbacks and signed free agent Bryant Westbrook this summer.

Yet, going into Thursday night's preseason finale at Jacksonville, only Mario Edwards — the last of the three cornerbacks picked in 2000 — seems assured of a starting job.

Edwards likely won't play against the Jaguars because of a strained right hamstring, giving more time for the other cornerbacks to make an impression.

"The corner position is for sure the one we are going to have a real good eye on," coach Dave Campo said. "There's some guys at every position. There are receivers, offensive linemen and defensive linemen in that category. We are pretty much looking at every position, but the one that stands out is corner."

At most other positions, the Cowboys are settled on starters and the primary backups. They just have to figure out how deep they will go at each position, such as whether they will keep five or six receivers.

Confident rookie receiver Antonio Bryant is set in the starting lineup opposite Joey Galloway in place of 10-year veteran Raghib Ismail, who is out for the season with a neck injury.

Ken-Yon Rambo has assumed the No. 3 role Bryant was expected to have and Reggie Swinton last year proved himself a top-notch kick returner. If only five receivers are kept, Campo will have to choose between Randal Williams, the team's fastest receiver, or Jeremaine Copeland, a leading receiver in NFL Europe and the XFL.

Rookie kicker Billy Cundiff missed a 22-yard field goal with three seconds left that would have beaten Atlanta on Saturday, but gets another chance to beat out incumbent Tim Seder.

Dallas also needs to decide who will be the No. 3 quarterback behind Quincy Carter and Chad Hutchinson.

Astros keep pace, beat San Diego 2-1

HOUSTON (AP) — By the end of April, Billy Wagner was sure he was headed for a mediocre season.

The Houston closer showed how much things have changed when he recorded his 30th save in a 2-1 victory over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night.

Houston was 11-15 after the first four weeks of the season. Wagner, who tied his career high with 39 saves last year, had only three saves.

"I just didn't have any opportunities," he said. "We weren't winning much and I wasn't getting save opportunities.

"(Jeff) Bagwell was having a tough time then, too. We were talking after the first month and decided I'd have about 16 saves this year and he'd have about 16 home runs."

By the end of the first half of the season, Wagner had only 13 saves and 30 seemed a distant goal.

"When I have a lot of saves in a year, I usually get most of them the first half," he said. "I have about 22 or so by then. So it didn't look very good at the halfway mark."

But the Astros have gone 28-17 since the All-Star break and Bagwell has 25 home runs. Wagner set down three straight Padres to reach the 30 mark for the fourth time in his career. He had 30 in 1998 and 39 in 1999.

"Now it seems like everything has caught up," he said. "I've had 11 save opportunities this month, the most I've had this season.

"The important thing is that we're winning. When we win, everything seems to fall in place. I know this. You can't create your own saves. I've tried. The team has to put you in that position."

Another player who has improved dramatically is Craig Biggio, who was hitting in the .240s the first three months. Since June 28, Biggio has gone 54-for-171 (.316) and is even stealing bases again. He stole his 15th Wednesday, the most since he had 28 in 1999.

Local Calender

Today

Football: Snyder freshmen at Frenship, 5 p.m.

Football: Snyder JV at Frenship, 7 p.m.

Friday

Football: Frenship at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.

Softball Tourney: WTC at Seminole, Okla.

Saturday

Volleyball: Snyder at Justin Northwest, Ft. Worth, 8 a.m.

Baseball: WTC vs. New Mexico Military at Lubbock Christian, 2 p.m.

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Major League Standings

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	48	634	—
Boston	74	57	565	9
Baltimore	63	68	481	20
Toronto	57	75	432	26½
Tampa Bay	44	88	333	39½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	80	54	597	—
Chicago	63	70	474	16½
Cleveland	58	74	439	21
Kansas City	53	81	396	27
Detroit	50	83	376	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	83	51	619	—
Anaheim	78	54	591	4
Seattle	78	55	586	4½
Texas	59	72	450	22½

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

Thursday's Games
Seattle (Moyer 12-6) at Minnesota (Reed 12-6), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 11-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Driskill 8-7) at Texas (Myette 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-13) at Anaheim (Appier 12-9), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

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Florida	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	61	70	[illegible]	[illegible]

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	73	58	557	—
Houston	70	62	530	3½
Cincinnati	65	67	492	[illegible]
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Milwaukee	46	86	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Wednesday's Games
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Florida 7, N.Y. Mets [illegible]
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati [illegible]
Houston 2, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs [illegible]
Montreal at Philadelphia, [illegible]
San Francisco at Colorado, [illegible]
Arizona at Los Angeles, [illegible]

Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Glavine [illegible]) at Pittsburgh [illegible], 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (W. Williams [illegible]) at Cincinnati (Haynes 12-8), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement [illegible]) at Milwaukee (Lorraine 0-0), [illegible]
San Francisco (L. Hernandez [illegible]) at Colorado (Hampton 7-13), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence [illegible]) at Houston [illegible] 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Colon [illegible]) at Philadelphia [illegible] 5-8), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, [illegible]
Atlanta at Montreal, [illegible]
Pittsburgh at Florida, [illegible]
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, [illegible]
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, [illegible]
Los Angeles at Houston, [illegible]
Colorado at San Diego, [illegible]
San Francisco at Arizona, [illegible]

Sports Briefs

Bowling league

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a rules meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at Snyder Lanes. For more information, call 573-6761.

Snyder booster club

The Snyder Tiger football booster club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS film room.

Friday swingers

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Brady gets new deal

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have extended the contract of quarterback Tom Brady, who led the team to a Super Bowl victory last season.

Terms of the deal were not immediately disclosed.

Brady, as one of the league's lowest-paid starting quarterbacks, was set to make $375,000 this year. He made $298,000 last year.

Blue-Gray game cancelled

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Blue-Gray Classic, a Christmas Day tradition for 24 years, won't be played this year because organizers could not line up a corporate sponsor.

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Finalists named to host winter Olympics

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Abducted boy's mom asked to help

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Authorities searching for a 9-year-old who was abducted from his father's home by gunmen urged his mother and her former roommate to come forward to help find the boy.

Riverside County Sheriff-elect Bob Doyle said they wanted to question the mother, 38-year-old Debra Rose of Colorado Springs, Colo., but that she was not a suspect.

"Debra, please contact us, we need to talk to you," Sheriff-elect Bob Doyle said during a televised news conference Wednesday. "It is important that we talk to you."

Little Nicholas Farber, who was the subject of a bitter custody dispute, was taken by two gunmen Wednesday morning from the father's home in Palm Desert, about 120 miles east of Los Angeles, authorities said.

The gunmen forced their way into the home, beat the boy's father, Michael Farber, then left with the boy, fleeing in a white sport utility vehicle, authorities said.

In addition to Rose, authorities also were searching for Carla Bender, who lived with Rose in Colorado Springs. It is believed that Bender, who also has not been named as a suspect, is with her 12-year-old son, Doyle said.

"We are looking everywhere," Doyle said.

The boy came to live with Farber, 47, when Rose was arrested two weeks ago in Colorado and held for a day for allegedly violating a restraining order involving another ex-husband. A California court then granted Farber temporary custody. He was asking an Orange County court to make it permanent and bar Rose from contacting him or Nicholas.

"This is because she is known to be disruptive and emotionally disturbing to children, and I fear that she would take young Nicholas out of state without permission as she has done in the past," Farber said in his Aug. 23 filing.

A Sept. 5 hearing had been set on Farber's bid for permanent custody.

Their divorce was finalized in 1996.

Former councilman wants bribery retrial

DALLAS (AP) — Although prosecutors are still considering a federal appeals court's reversal of politician Al Lipscomb's bribery conviction, the former Dallas City Council member says his obligation is clear.

"I must clear my name; that's the bottom line," Lipscomb said Wednesday evening, adding that he wants to be retried on the charges.

In July, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans reversed Lipscomb's conviction on 65 bribery counts in connection with accepting money from the owner of a Dallas taxicab company in exchange for favorable votes on the City Council.

The appeals court also overturned his sentence and ordered a new trial for the 77-year-old black activist.

For almost six weeks, U.S. Attorney Jane Boyle and the U.S. Justice Department have been considering a response to the reversal of Lipscomb's 1999 conviction. Prosecutors could dismiss the case or offer a plea bargain, in addition to calling for a retrial.

"It didn't happen the way they said it happened. I've got a great-great-grandbaby, and I must clear my name," Lipscomb told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Lipscomb said he would prefer a trial over dismissal because the judges reversed his conviction on a technicality that left a cloud over him.

Two members of a three-judge panel endorsed the jury's findings that Lipscomb was guilty but reversed the conviction because U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall had improperly moved the trial from Dallas to Amarillo.

Lipscomb said he also believes that Floyd Richards, the cab company owner who pleaded guilty to paying him bribes, would testify on his behalf during the second trial.

Now serving about 10 months' probation, Richards said that he would expect to be compelled to testify if a second trial were called but that he could not alter statements in his plea agreement without risking a charge of perjury.

One of Lipscomb's attorneys, Billy Ravkind, said Wednesday that he thinks Lipscomb risks losing a retrial. But he doesn't believe the U.S. attorney's office will take that route because Lipscomb already has served 27 months of his 41-month home confinement, and it wouldn't be worth the cost.

"What I'm hoping is they know this is an old man trying to create a legacy," said Ravkind. "But they aren't in the legacy business. They are there to decide where federal resources should be spent."

Lipscomb's other attorney, Shirley Baccus-Lobel, has said a retrial would not benefit Mr. Lipscomb or the black community.

On Monday, a deadline passed for Boyle to request a rehearing of the case before the New Orleans-based appellate court. The solicitor general's office thoroughly examined the Lipscomb case and conferred with Boyle before the Monday deadline passed, said Kathy Colvin, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas.

Owner of property where girls' bodies found will demolish home

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The owner of the property where Ward Weaver lived and where the remains of two missing girls were found says he'll demolish the home.

"When (police) gave the place back to me yesterday I decided this place is going away in a hurry," Steve Hopkins said Wednesday. "I'm going to demolish the building and clear the land and let it breathe and heal so people can get back to normal."

He said an Oregon City demolition company has offered to do the job at no charge.

Searchers found the bodies of Miranda Gaddis, 13, and Ashley Pond, 12, on the property over the weekend. The girls, who lived in an apartment complex nearby, had been missing since last winter.

Miranda's body was in a cardboard box in a shed on the property. Ashley was discovered in a barrel under a concrete slab behind the house Weaver rented from Hopkins.

Authorities say they believe Miranda's remains were moved from somewhere else recently and were not there when dogs searched the property earlier.

Weaver, 39, is in the Clackamas County Jail on an unrelated charge that he raped his son's 19-year-old girlfriend. He has not been charged in the death of either girl.

The causes of death of the girls have not been released.

Weaver's 17-year-old son, Alexander, told NBC's Today show today that he'd helped his father dig the concrete slab under which Ashley Pond was buried.

"I dug it, I buried it," Alexander Weaver said. "I have no clue how he got the body in there."

Meanwhile, Weaver's 19-year-old son, Francis, said he turned his father in to police because he felt sorry for the families of the two girls the father is suspected of abducting and killing.

"I didn't want their families to go through life always wondering what happened with their daughters, still having that hope," Francis Weaver said in an interview with CNN's Connie Chung on Wednesday.

After the elder Weaver's arrest, Francis Weaver called 911 and told dispatchers his father had confessed to killing the girls. He has not repeated the confession claim in interviews since his father's arrest.

Francis Weaver said he doesn't plan to visit his father in jail and would testify against him if there is a trial.

"Do I still love my father?" Weaver said. "No, I don't love my father."

A public memorial service for the two girls was scheduled for tonight at Oregon City High School.

Agassi, Sampras invest in 24-hour tennis channel

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi is joining Pete Sampras as an investor in The Tennis Channel, a 24-hour cable network launching this year.

Agassi, a seven-time Grand Slam tournament champion, will be a spokesman for the channel, which will help promote the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation, it was announced Tuesday.

The Tennis Channel hasn't said when in 2002 it will launch, but it has deals that would put it in 38 percent of U.S. cable households.

The network now has rights to more than 1,400 hours of tournament tennis, including five WTA Tour events and seven ATP Tour events.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Show leands new meaning to 'sitting pretty'

Q: I'm not complaining — just curious. On "Judge Judy," when you're looking from the door to the bench, the spectator section on the right side is nearly always full of good-looking girls. Is this just a coincidence, or are they models and/or extras that are paid to sit there and look pretty? **— S.L., Roseburg, Ore.**

A: It's not a coincidence. The show uses an agency that recruits people to "sit there and look pretty." They do this so they can control the look and the atmosphere of the show. Reality television gets more unreal all the time.

Q: What happened to "Monsters, Inc."? I saw it twice with my granddaughter and waited for it to come out on video. It never did. It is such a cute movie that I can't believe it would just disappear. **— A.B., Kokomo, Ind.**

A: It didn't disappear, and your wait is almost over. "Monsters, Inc." will be released on VHS and DVD on Sept. 17. Check with your local video store. "Monsters, Inc." was a popular movie, and I'm sure they'll be selling copies.

Q: Where can I find a copy of the original "La Cage Aux Folles"? I loaned it to a friend and never got it back, to my great regret. "The Birdcage" is a complete dud in comparison. **— A.P., Springville, Calif.**

A: Good news: You can replace your missing tape at Movies Unlimited for $17.99. Call (800) 668-4344, or visit www.moviesunlimited.com. And keep this copy hidden when your friends visit.

Q: I hope you can tell me if Tristan Rogers is doing voice work for the Outback Steakhouse TV commercials. He used to be on "General Hospital." — A.R., Saginaw, Mich.

A: Yes, that's Rogers. He has been doing Outback Steakhouse commercials for over 10 years.

Q: Is the actor who plays Tony DiMera on "Days of Our Lives" the same actor who played Manolito on the old TV series "The High Chaparral"? — L.D., Mountain Rest, S.C.

A: No. Thaao Penghlis, who plays DiMera, never appeared in "The High Chaparral." You're thinking of Henry Darrow, who played Manolito. Both actors have daytime television shows in their credits. Darrow co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful," "Santa Barbara" and "General Hospital"; Penghlis, who appeared on "Santa Barbara" and "General Hospital," recently returned for another stint on "Days of Our Lives."

Q: There are three movies that I would love to see again, but I can't find them in my local video store. Can you tell me where I can buy them? The movies are "Moment to Moment," with Jean Seberg, Arthur Hill and Honor Blackman; "Terror Train," with Jamie Lee Curtis; and "The Midnight Man," with Burt Lancaster and Susan Clark. — P.P., Pelzer, S.C.

A: "Moment to Moment" is for sale at Barnes & Noble for $12.99. Visit one of their retail stores, or go online at www.bn.com. The other two movies are out of print, but I found a few copies of "Terror Train" on eBay (www.ebay.com) for $9.99 and up.

TRIVIA: Judith Sheindlin's ("Judge Judy") hobbies include ice skating, snorkeling and bargain shopping.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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AT&T Corp	12.30	11.80	12.22	+ .15
Albertsons	26.81	26.00	26.00	—1.17
Alltel	43.33	42.61	43.05	+ .08
AmEl Pw	36.11	34.93	34.95	—1.33
AndarkPtr	43.80	43.20	43.25	— .69
ATMOS Egy	21.80	21.35	21.65	+ .25
Aviall	12.24	12.07	12.13	+ .08
BP PLC	46.84	46.44	46.57	— .07
BakerHughes	28.00	27.22	27.25	— .75
Bank of Amer	70.75	68.60	70.25	+ .24
BellSouth	24.35	23.76	24.13	— .31
BurlNoSFe	28.48	28.10	28.35	— .36
Caterpillar	43.60	42.70	43.30	— .93
ChevronTex	76.75	75.81	75.85	—1.15
Citigroup	33.36	32.12	33.11	— .04
CocaCola	51.25	50.58	50.59	— .69
ColgatePal	53.58	53.00	53.46	— .20
CmclMetals s	18.75	18.34	18.41	— .18
Cooper Inds	32.46	32.25	32.36	+ .04
DaimlrChry	42.89	41.90	42.39	— .45
DeltaAirl	17.90	17.00	17.82	+ .11
Dillards Inc	24.72	23.60	23.84	—3.10
DowChem	29.70	29.31	29.41	— .19
DuPont	39.77	39.00	39.48	— .30
EastmanChem	44.45	44.05	44.10	— .43
EstKodak	30.95	30.52	30.53	— .63
EDS Corp	39.90	39.05	39.81	— .17
Entergy	42.95	41.90	41.95	—1.03
ExxonMobil	35.38	34.98	34.99	— .63
FootLocker	9.89	9.51	9.59	— .55
GenDynam	75.24	73.90	74.86	— .54
GenElec	30.70	30.15	30.35	— .95
GenMills	42.33	41.68	41.68	—1.05
GenMotors	48.15	46.75	48.08	+ .60
GaPacific	20.68	20.40	20.53	— .39
Goodrich	20.12	19.82	19.90	— .30
Goodyear	14.10	13.77	13.81	— .30
GtAtlPac	10.98	10.60	10.71	— .27
Halliburtn	15.04	14.71	14.76	— .19
Hanson ADS	30.90	30.40	30.83	— .37
HarteHanks s	20.55	20.00	20.42	— .03
HomeDepot	32.98	32.10	32.65	— .05
Honeywellntl	29.19	28.66	29.10	— .30
IBM	76.80	75.15	76.01	— .05
IntlPaper	37.05	36.77	36.77	— .43
JohnsonJn	54.45	53.70	53.81	— .55
vjK mart	.68	.66	.67	+ .01
KinderMorg	41.80	41.03	41.03	— .88
Kroger Co	18.27	17.53	17.59	—1.91
Lockheedlvt	61.87	60.51	61.80	— .28
Lowes Cos	41.18	40.40	40.87	— .18
Lubys	5.32	5.00	5.32	+ .30
LucentTech	1.76	1.66	1.74	+ .05
MarathonOil	24.68	24.35	24.45	— .29
MayDeptStr	29.58	29.18	29.30	— .27
Medtronic	41.01	40.49	40.76	— .41
Motorola	12.15	11.71	12.05	— .05
NCR Corp	28.94	27.95	28.83	+ .47
Navistar	24.73	23.94	24.54	— .12
PNM Rescs	44.00	21.57	21.80	— .20
Penney JC	17.40	16.86	17.24	
PepBoys	14.40	14.01	14.40	+ .15
PepsiCo	39.98	39.40	39.50	— .43
Pharmacia	43.70	42.60	43.53	— .08
PhelpDodge	32.51	31.93	31.95	—1.04
PhilipPet	51.38	50.70	50.70	— .80
PilgrmPrd B	10.15	9.99	10.10	+ .10
Praxair	56.38	55.21	55.57	— .90
ProctGamb	89.40	88.10	88.25	—1.48
RadioShack	22.00	21.52	21.67	— .35
ReliantEngy	11.91	11.63	11.67	— .33
RoyalDut	45.01	44.57	44.68	— .22
SBC Comm	25.65	25.18	25.65	— .16
SaraLee	18.65	18.40	18.50	— .41
Scripps EW	72.52	71.90	72.38	+ .38
SearsRoeb	44.90	44.00	44.43	— .65
SherwinW	26.75	26.20	26.62	— .03
SouthernCo	28.79	28.25	28.27	— .35
SwstAirl	14.24	13.85	14.20	— .14
SprintFON	11.94	11.65	11.90	— .11
SprintPCS	4.11	3.86	4.05	— .02
Sunoco Inc	35.64	34.82	34.92	—1.04
TXU Corp	49.03	48.01	48.03	— .97
Templeinland	50.78	50.42	50.75	— .31
Texinc	27.93	27.56	27.57	— .09
Texasinst	20.75	19.50	20.40	+ .16
Textron	38.90	38.40	38.85	— .38
Trinitylnds	35.60	17.75	17.88	+ .08
TylerTech	3.79	3.65	3.71	+ .05
UnionPacif	60.25	59.60	60.04	—1.11
USSteel	13.44	13.27	13.35	— .09
UnitedTech	58.58	57.39	58.33	— .96
Unocal	33.27	32.89	32.89	— .37
VerizonComm	30.70	30.02	30.35	— .61
WalMart	53.25	52.52	52.77	— .63
WellsFargo	52.00	51.30	51.90	— .15
WstnGasRs	68.04	33.93	34.02	
WinnDixie	16.95	16.02	16.07	— .92
Xerox Cp	6.82	6.60	6.71	— .05
YumBrands s	31.00	30.03	30.20	— .79

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Pearl Harbor researchers find Jap sub

HONOLULU (AP) — Nearly 61 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, researchers say they have found evidence that the U.S. military fired the first shot against Japan with the discovery of a sunken Japanese submarine.

The 78-foot sub was found Wednesday by two research craft on routine training dives about three miles from Pearl Harbor, in an area described as a "military junkyard" about 1,200 feet below the surface.

"To actually come across it was a sobering moment, realizing that was the shot that started the Pacific war," said Terry Kerby, chief pilot of the Pisces IV deep-diving submersible.

Although the surprise Japanese aerial attack is most widely associated with Pearl Harbor, the U.S. military has long asserted that an underwater skirmish occurred first.

The military says it inflicted the first casualties when the USS Ward sank the approaching Japanese sub at 6:45 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, about an hour before the aerial attack.

Historians have had no proof of the sinking until Wednesday's discovery, researchers said.

Although it has been known the submarine was somewhere outside the harbor, previous expeditions — including a November 2000 National Geographic expedition headed by the team that found the wreckage of the Titanic — failed to locate it.

"The thing is quite difficult to find because of all the massive amounts of junk out in the area, and we were simply fortunate because we've run our test and training dives through here and know where a lot of the junk is," said John Wiltshire, associate director of the Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory, which found the sub.

"Local boys make good sometimes," he said.

Underwater video of the sub shows the hull rusted and slightly leaning to its port side with the periscope up. Two Japanese crewmen are believed still inside.

The sub led four other Japanese midget submarines to Pearl Harbor before the Sunday morning attack by Japanese planes that lasted two hours and left 21 U.S. ships heavily damaged, 323 aircraft damaged or destroyed, 2,390 people dead and 1,178 wounded.

Wiltshire said the crew is certain that the sub was sunk by the Ward because of a bullet hole in the conning tower and because it still has both torpedoes. Three of the subs have been previously accounted for. One is still missing, but it had fired both its weapons.

Until the submarine was found, historian Daniel Martinez said, eyewitness accounts were unconfirmed. Martinez, a historian for the USS Arizona Memorial, has interviewed the crew who fired the first shot, and a pilot who saw the submarine sink.

"What they saw and what they felt was their recollection, now the proof has been found," he said.

Immediately following the sinking of the midget sub, the USS Ward sent the message: "We have attacked, fired upon and dropped depth charges operating in defensive sea area."

But the military base and ships were not immediately placed on alert, which would have prepared the United States for the ensuing attacks.

"They notified the Navy headquarters (in Washington) and they needed confirmation before they would act," Martinez said. "Remember, there was nothing to tell them that it was a Japanese submarine. It could've been anybody and it could've been friendly."

Yoshiaki Yoshimi, a historian at Tokyo's Chuo University, said the finding was not likely to change historians' interpretation of the Pearl Harbor attacks. It was already well known that Japan had sent subs to scout the harbor before the attack.



Court should consider ending the execution of teen-age murderers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unusual public statement about the death penalty, three Supreme Court justices said the time is right to consider abolishing capital punishment for killers who committed their crimes as minors.

Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer could not persuade the rest of the court to delay Wednesday's execution of a Texas inmate for a killing committed when he was 17. Toronto Patterson had asked the high court to delay his execution and consider whether such executions are unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

The three justices, part of the court's liberal wing, said Patterson's execution should be put off at least until the Supreme Court next meets in September to consider cases for the coming term.

"Given the apparent consensus that exists among the states and in the international community against the execution of a capital sentence imposed on a juvenile offender, I think it would be appropriate for the court to revisit the issue at the earliest opportunity," Stevens wrote in a dissent.

All nine justices vote on whether to halt dozens of executions nationally each year. Usually, the vote is kept secret and the court issues only a dry, one- or two-sentence order denying the inmate's request for a delay.

In Wednesday's public dissent, Stevens said he opposed executions of minor killers when the court last considered the question in 1989, and would do so again. Ginsburg and Breyer did not go as far. They said only that the court should revisit the question considering the June decision on retarded killers.

The dissents follow the court's landmark ruling this year abolishing executions of the mentally retarded. The court said it is unconstitutionally cruel to execute those who may be mentally incapable of fully understanding their situation or unable to help their lawyers.

Death penalty opponents predicted the same reasoning could be applied to the execution of those too young to fully understand their crimes, and Stevens himself has predicted that the question will be the next death penalty issue the court decides.

It is impossible to know when that reconsideration might come. In the meantime, there is nothing to stop executions such as Patterson's unless state legislatures or governors step in, lawyers said.

The statement on retardation was the most significant among several rulings in the court's most recent term that re-examined the mechanics of capital punishment without addressing the constitutionality of the practice as a whole.

Family slain, teen, baby missing

RUTLEDGE, Ala. (AP) — Leah Hudson shook her head in disbelief as she peered over yellow crime scene tape at the rural Alabama homestead where six family members were shot to death.

With no motive, a possible killer on the loose and a 16-year-old girl apparently missing with her infant daughter, local residents were left bewildered and afraid.

Hudson said she collected rent every month for more than a decade from 62-year-old Mila Ruth Ball, who lived in a tin-roofed home on the property where Ball, her daughter, three grandchildren and her daughter's common-law husband were found dead.

After learning of the killings, Lynn Pickens, 37, said she took her four children to stay with relatives in Greenville. Stopping back at her house Wednesday as she headed for work, she said she plans to move.

"I got four young 'uns. I can't put my children in danger like that," she said.

The bodies of the victims, including three teenage boys, were discovered late Tuesday night and Wednesday morning on a tree-shaded property surrounded by southern Alabama pastureland. The bodies were found inside and outside a house and nearby mobile home on the property.

District Attorney John Andrews said there were no suspects and there was no official comment on what might have provoked the violence. Authorities said they were looking for two people described as potential witnesses.

Andrews did not identify the victims. But Coleman Ball of nearby Greenville said law enforcement officials told him they were all members of his family.

He said his mother, Mila Ruth, was killed, as was his sister, Joann Ball, 35. He said the other victims were Joann Ball's sons — Jerry Ball, 18, Tony Ball, 16, and John Ball, 14 — and Willie Haslip, 40, her common-law husband.

Coleman Ball said Joann Ball's daughter, 16-year-old Janice Ball, and her baby were missing. They lived in a second mobile home at the site, and he said she had a boyfriend who sometimes visited her there.

Authorities would not say whether the 16-year-old and her boyfriend were the two potential witnesses being sought.

"I want to know who did it and why they did it," Coleman Ball said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 30, 2002

The possibilities for fulfilling several large ambitions look very good in the year ahead. However, what you accomplish will not be done solely on your own. The efforts of others will play a role as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Find the easiest routes towards achieving your objectives today and avoid any rocky paths. Your possibilities for attaining your desires are excellent if you don't get in your own way. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful to keep your eye on your targets today so that you don't aim above or below your marks. By being realistic about your goals and hopes, you can avoid disappointments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although things might appear sunny on the surface, business conditions can get a bit tricky today. Don't take anything for granted. A deal isn't closed until it's signed, sealed and delivered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It may take a bit more effort today to win the race. By cruising only the avenues of least resistance there may not be much for you to speak of in the way of accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If those with whom you are working are unable to keep pace with you, break away and go it alone today. You are likely to be more productive minus any slowpokes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — In some cases today you may be prudent and cautious while in others you may be extravagant and impulsive. Don't allow your attitude about financial affairs to become ambivalent.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — How you conclude matters today could become far more important for success than how you begin them. Follow through to the last detail when you're finalizing anything of consequence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Everything you do today will be done with good intentions for all those involved, but there is a possibility that your methods might not meet with the approval of everyone. Don't let it bother you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Wait until another day to bring a proposal you are endorsing to the attention of your friends if it's going to cost them any money. They are not likely to want to cough up what is needed at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be on guard today so that you don't find yourself in the middle of a squabble or problem that other members of your family or in-laws may have. Let them work things out for themselves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are not apt to be successful today in trying to use guile to mask your intentions. When dealing with either friends or business associates, keep all that you do or know out in the open.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful how you treat your friends today. Someone close to you could get hurt feelings if this person thinks you are showing greater concern for a new acquaintance than you are towards him/her.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Heart attack probably not stress-related

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the relation between a heart attack and post-traumatic stress disorder? I suffered a heart attack in 1986. I'm a Korean War Veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress from the deplorable conditions of being held prisoner for three years, one month and 12 days. The VA has turned down my request for an increase in compensation, determining the stress disorder is unrelated to my heart attack.

DEAR READER: I'm not going to place myself in the no-win situation of arbitrating your disagreement with the Veterans Administration, so I'll give a general answer to your question.

No one knows what causes a heart attack. However, doctors do understand many of the factors that play a role: diabetes, hypertension, excess blood cholesterol, smoking, obesity, a genetic tendency (very important) and - possibly - stress.

It's this last factor that leads to much disagreement among experts. Clearly, some patients suffer heart attacks as a direct result of stress - fear and severe pain, for example - which raises the blood pressure and increases the work of the heart. But the role of chronic stress (such as domestic dissatisfaction, occupational demands and post-traumatic stress disorder) is much less clear.

To one degree or another, each of us experiences stress; this is simply part of the human condition. But as a cause of physical and mental disease, the stress itself is less important than our attitudes toward it. For example, many adults seem to thrive in demanding and stressful situations that would bring the rest of us to our knees. Therefore, stress is often more a perception than a fact — and it is precisely our reactions to perceived stress that may be the determinants of disease. Anyone whose life appears to be adversely altered by stress (or its consequences) should seek counseling.

Finally heart attacks most commonly affect middle-aged adults, most of whom (even without heart disease) experience stress on a regular basis. Therefore, in the opinion of experts, chronic stress is not as important a contribution as are the factors I mentioned.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my newly revised and updated Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had my left knee replaced, and my dentist now requires me to take antibiotics on the day of any dental cleaning. Why is this?

DEAR READER: Any dental procedure that causes bleeding — even minor bleeding from professional cleaning — will allow bacteria normally present in the mouth to enter the bloodstream. Under normal circumstances, these bacteria are quickly gobbled up by infection-fighting white blood cells; the germs cannot find refuge.

In contrast, people with artificial joints and certain disorders of the heart valves are susceptible to infection because, before being killed, the bacteria (which circulate throughout the body) can land on and attach to the operative sites (or valves) and set up a severe infection. Your dentist is on the money. The antibiotic on the day of your visit should prevent this serious complication from developing. I should add that prophylactic antibiotics should also be administered in preparation for other surgical procedures that are known to release bacteria into the bloodstream. Such procedures include sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, cystoscopy (examination of the bladder), bowel surgery and so forth.

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Lady Bird opens exhibit to her husband

STONEWALL (AP) — A new exhibit commemorating President Lyndon B. Johnson opened at his one-time Hill Country ranch with a ceremony that called for his daughter Luci Baines Johnson to cut a patriotic-colored ribbon.

But at the last second, she handed the scissors to someone else.

"It wouldn't be right for me to be cutting this ribbon," she told a small crowd on Tuesday. "It should be the lady of the hour. C'mon, Mama!"

Lady Bird Johnson, just a few months shy of her 90th birthday, reached over and together they snipped the red, white and blue ribbon to mark the opening of "A Hill Country Heritage: The Land and People That Inspired a President and First Lady."

The debut came on what would have been Johnson's 94th birthday. He died in 1973 at 64.

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Drug treatment urged not punishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — High school students who use drugs should be treated and counseled, not simply suspended or expelled, according to a new guidelines from the Bush administration.

Issued today by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the guide says the aim of drug testing "is not to trap and punish students who use drugs. It is, in fact, counterproductive simply to punish them without trying to alter their behavior."

John P. Walters, who directs the office, said such testing should be done to get help for students, not to punish them.

"The goal is to say we believe we can do a better job of making kids healthy," he said.

It strongly cautions against suspending or expelling students without treating them, noting that expulsion can create "drug-using dropouts," an even bigger problem.

The advice challenges policies in many districts that automatically suspend or expell students caught with drugs.

Dan Langan, an Education Department spokesman, said the department believes schools should be free to make their own decisions on how to treat drug offenders.

"The guide is a tool and it's a helpful tool, but how a district and a school chose to implement any recommendations in the guide is up to them," Langan said. "How it's carried out in a school district would be a local issue."

Bush's deep investment in elections raises the stakes

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush's vigorous campaigning to elect Republicans in November could make the elections a referendum on his presidency.

Bush has been more active than most presidents in the midterm election cycle. He has personally recruited candidates, raised millions of dollars and traveled to dozens of states in an effort to help the GOP take control of the Senate and keep a narrow majority in the House.

"If Republicans lose ground in the House and Senate, it'll be a major embarrassment to him," said Gilbert St. Clair, political science professor at the University of New Mexico. Still, he also said a president "doesn't have much control" over such elections.

The gain or loss of just a few seats could make a major difference in how Congress treats Bush's proposals during the final two years of his term. A GOP gain of a single seat in the Senate could return it to Republican control. The loss of six seats in the House could put the Democrats in the majority.

Strategists in both parties say that while congressional elections depend heavily on local issues and trends, the war on terrorism and Bush's hands-on effort in many races have made him an issue, too. He's always welcomed by Republican candidates, but things don't always go smoothly.

He stood with Senate candidate John Thune this month and promised relief for drought-stricken South Dakota. "We want to help the hurting people," Bush said.

Airline passengers won't be asked some routine questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline passengers, starting immediately, will no longer be asked the routine security questions about whether they have kept a close eye on their baggage.

Ticket agents have been required for the past 16 years to ask passengers two questions: "Has anyone unknown to you asked you to carry an item on this flight?" and "Have any of the items you are traveling with been out of your immediate control since the time you packed them?"

The questions are being phased out because they create a hassle and have never prevented a bombing or hijacking, said James Loy, head of the Transportation Security Administration.

"Over the years, they have lost whatever original value they contributed and can now be safely eliminated," Loy said Wednesday.

The questions take about 20 seconds to ask and that adds up to a longer wait for someone standing in line behind 20 people, Loy said.

The TSA, which was created after Sept. 11 to oversee aviation security, has already begun to notify the airlines of the decision, Loy said. "They are delighted," he said.

Police officers responded to several accidents Wednesday

Accidents

Snyder police officers responded to several accidents Wednesday.

The first mishap was reported at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop just after 11 a.m. and involved a 1997 Mack tractor-trailer rig driven by William Taylor, 31, of Joshua and a 2002 Dodge Caravan driven by Vallie Humphries, 95, of Lovington, N.M.

Officers responded to another accident at 12:15 p.m. at 40th Street and College Ave. Involved were a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Ashley Rodriguez, 17, of 500 31st Street and a 1998 Plymouth Breeze driven by Jimmy Linch, 63, of Fort Worth.

At 2 p.m. officers responded to an accident in the 3600 block of College Ave. involving a 1978 Ford pickup driven by Felipe Amarillas, 40, of 1105 26th Street and a 1980 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Mable Cottle, 85, of 2502 30th Street.

No injuries were reported in any of the accidents.

Arrest

Deputies arrested a 27-year-old man in the 1700 block of Hwy 208 for driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

Family violence

A woman reported problems with her ex-husband Wednesday regarding child visitation. Officers spoke with her and submitted a report for family violence and threats.

Grass fire

Firefighters responded to a small grass fire at Snyder Country Club Wednesday evening. Fire Marshal Cy Posey said sparks from a cutting torch ignited blaze.

Thirteen firefighters responded to the scene with two fire trucks.

Close patrol

A woman on CR 2173 reported someone letting the air out of her tires twice this week and requested a close patrol of her residence.

Noise disturbance

Dispatchers received a noise complaint from Park Village apartments at 9:35 p.m. and officers contacted several subjects who advised they would lower the volume.

Obituaries

Vera Hamilton

1913-2002

Funeral service for Vera Helen Hamilton of Snyder is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Danny Williams and Bear Williams will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Vera Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton, 89, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born April 1, 1913 in Milsap, she married Joe Hoy Hamilton on Jan. 19, 1942 in Snyder. He died on May 3, 1992. They were ranchers. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Veola Norris and Lois Snowden; a brother, Earl Parker; two nieces, Betty McLeod and Ethyl Norris; and two nephews, Jim Norris and Melvin Parker.

Survivors include two sisters, Johnnie B. Chambers of Snyder and Audie Grace Cunningham of The Grove; eight nephews, Vick Chambers and Richard Chambers, both of Snyder, Frank Parker of Wofford Heights, Calif., Harold Cunningham of Crawford, Elmer McLeod and Kenneth Cunningham, both of Austin, Jack Norris of Lovington, N.M., and S.W. Norris of Sweetwater; three nieces, Hattie Ruth Woodle of Columbia, S.C., Jocie V. Bieger of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Anita Blair of San Angelo; a great-niece, Deanne Hamilton of Odessa; and a nephew, Joie Hamilton of Houston.

Juanita Salazar

1913-2002

BIG SPRING — Juanita Marez Salazar, the mother of Gilbert Salazar of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 26, in a Big Spring care center.

Rosary for Mrs. Salazar, 89, is set for 7 this evening in the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Born on Feb. 26, 1913 in La Grulla, Tex., she married Roberto Salazar on Oct. 11, 1930 in La Reforma, Tex. He died June 5, 1992.

Mrs. Salazar, a homemaker, had lived in Colorado City since 1959 and moved to Big Spring in 1995. She was a Catholic.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, five daughters and three sons.

Survivors include another son, Leo Salazar of Big Spring; five daughters, Hope Munoz of Michigan, Rosa Angeles of Fallbrook, Calif., Frances Garcia of Stockton, Calif., Lydia Del Bosque of Big Spring and Gloria Gomez of Tuscola; a brother, Macario Marez; a sister, Porfiria Solis; 65 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Travis Brackeen

1932-2002

Travis Brackeen, Hermleigh justice of the peace, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, in the Plano Medical Center in Plano.



Travis Brackeen

Service for Mr. Brackeen, 70, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born May 21, 1932 in Roswell, N.M., he was a longtime resident of Hermleigh, graduating from Hermleigh High School in 1950.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Brackeen worked for Boss Electric in Snyder and purchased the company in 1972. He operated the firm as Boss-Linman Electric Inc. until the mid 1980s when he went into the commercial and residential development business.

Mr. Brackeen was elected Precinct 2 Peace Justice in November, 2001 as a Republican. He took office last January.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Brackeen of Snyder; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve and Lisa Brackeen of Royse City, and Ed and Jennifer Brackeen of Mesquite, and Richard Brackeen of San Antonio; two brothers, Harold Brackeen of Graham, Wash., Kenneth Brackeen of Hermleigh; numerous grandchildren, including Jason Brackeen of Royse City.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tigers Lair yearbook arrives

The SHS yearbook is being distributed at the high school from 8–8:10 a.m. and 3:30–4 p.m. daily through Friday. Bring receipt.

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS choirs and booster club will host a Fiesta stack-up dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria before the football game with Frenship. Cost is $5 each, and carry-outs are available.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at573-6301.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 through Monday, Sept. 9. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Technology booster club

SHS technology association booster club will meet at 6:30 this evening in the shop classroom. Parents, employers and others interested in supporting the high school technical programs are urged to attend and help plan for the activities. The first fundraiser will be a $1 chance on a handmade Oak cedar-lined chest.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 each and the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50. Children under nine eat free.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Monday at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

SISD family literacy

SISD's Family Literacy Program will begin Tuesday. Classes will include ESL, beginning computers and basic reading. Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 for more information.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will offer two CPR courses this semester. The first is Heartsaver CPR for the public from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday with a cost of $35. The second is CPR for Health Care Providers, Sept. 10-11, 6-10 p.m. with a cost of $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens begin Sept. 3 and will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office has rescheduled regular trips to Snyder. Reps will be at the Senior Citizens Center next Thursday.

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 p.m. next Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Retired teachers fellowship

Scurry County Retired Teachers will have an ice cream fellowship at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

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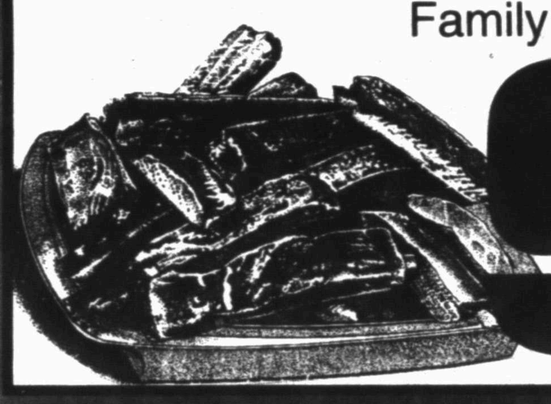

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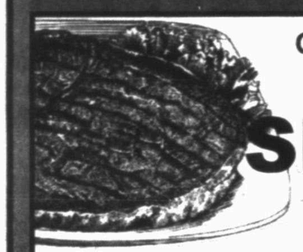

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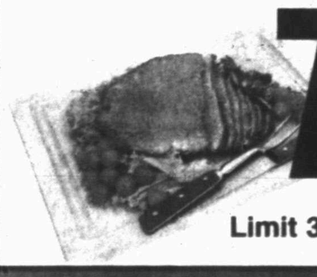

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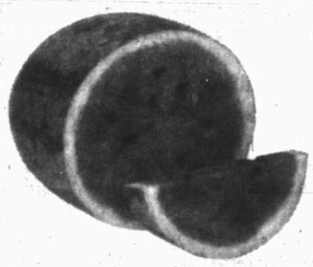

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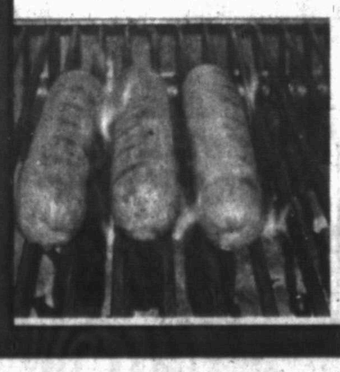

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