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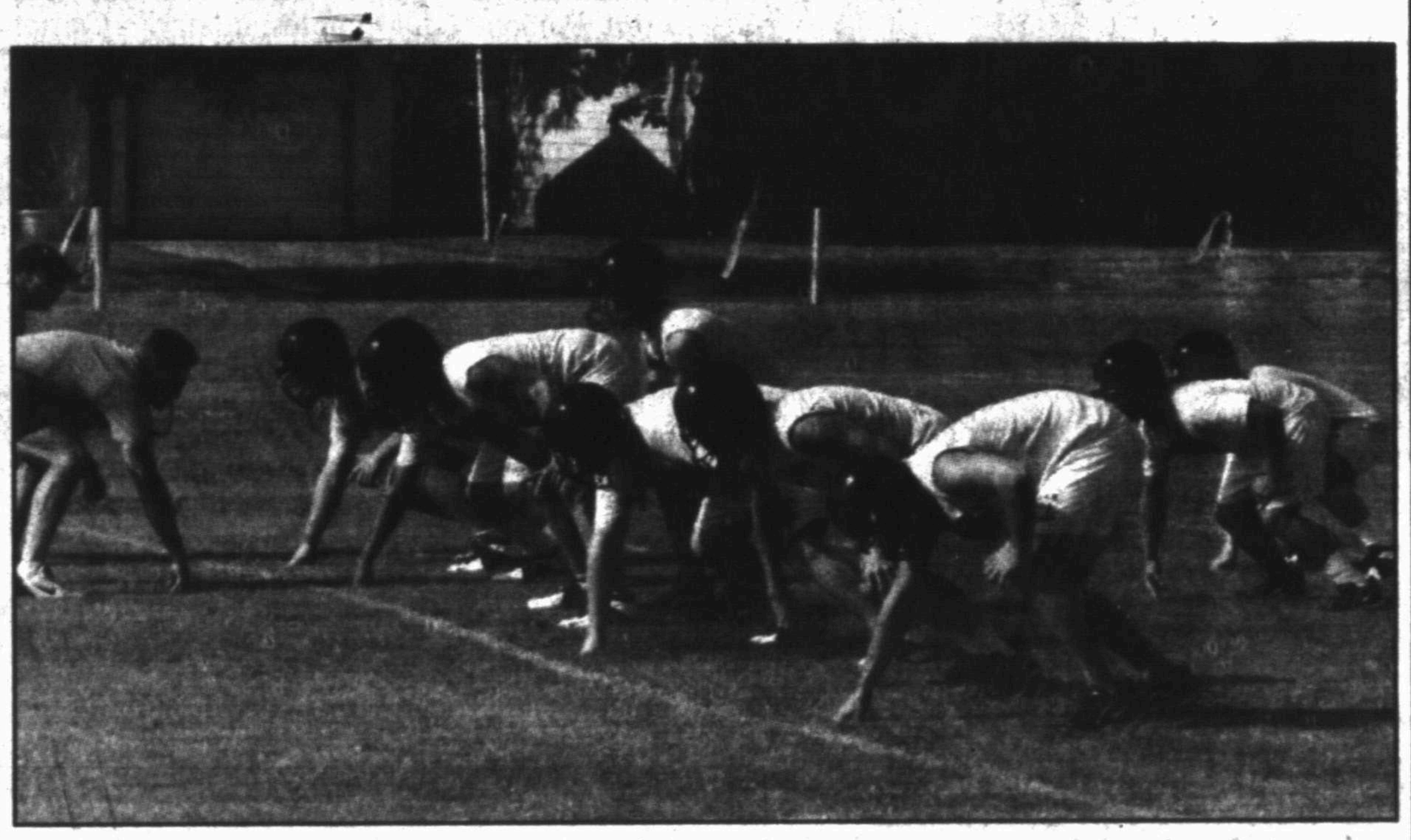
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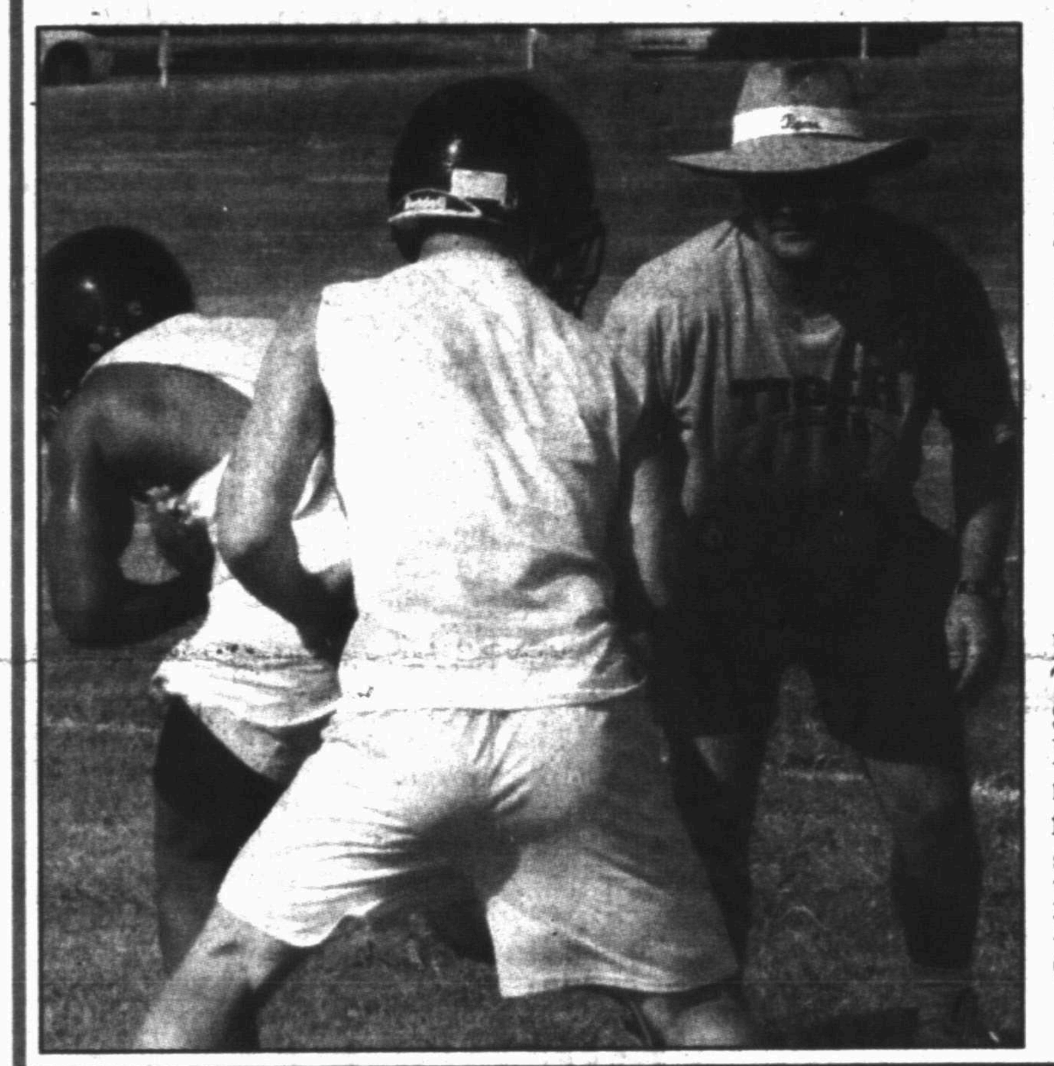
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IT'S THAT TIME...





READY TO RUN — The Snyder Tigers line up in their traditional wishbone formation this morning during the first official workout of the season. The Tigers return to the practice field at 4:30 this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

KEEPING AN EYE ON THINGS — Snyder High School head coach Chad Rogers leads a drill this morning during the Tigers' first workout of the season. Rogers is beginning his second year at the helm of the SHS program. (SDN Staff Photo)

County gives approval to interlocal agreements

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning okayed an interlocal cooperation contract with Nolan County calling for the creation of a full-time registered nurse position to track diseases in the two counties.

The position will be based in Sweetwater, according to County Sanitarian Bennie Marricle, with a rotating schedule of days between each county. "She will be in the health department and it will be a big plus," he said. He added that the nurse would be able to help out with other duties, such as the flu clinic.

"She will be the eyes and the ears," he said. "It will be a very public position."

Marricle said this program is being run state-wide. "Each county in the state that has a local health department in place and wants to participate is appropriated $20,000 and $1.48 for every person in the county."

Marricle said the county had been approved for $44,214 from the federal Center for Disease Control for a bioterrorism and preparedness grant given after Sept. 11.

Marricle said that Scurry and Nolan counties had already agreed to pool the money to create the position, and that once the grant expires, so will the position. He said the position would have zero costs to the county, and added that Nolan County commissioners had already approved.

In other business, the court updated an interagency agreement with Western Texas College for an equal exchange of services. The court entered a stipulation into the contract that county employees would pay the same greens fees at the golf course as WTC employees.

"It might make them money if the greens fees are half-price," said Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey. The stipulation does not cover the costs of cart rental or supplies purchased at the pro shop.

The county offers WTC seal coating for parking lots, free dirt work for college projects and no charge for the use of the coliseum floor covering or folding chairs.

In exchange, WTC offers the county the use of its backhoe, free access by county employees to the health and fitness facilities to include the pool, and free use of the firing range at least twice per year for sheriff's office personnel.

WTC also offers seedling propagation in greenhouses for county beautification efforts and the payment of fuel costs when county equipment is used.

The court also approved the use of the south lawn of the courthouse and electrical utilities for the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) for its back-to-school dance Aug. 16. The lawn will be used for food and beverage stands, and local band The Mumble Some will provide entertainment along with a DJ.

County Treasurer Nelda Colvin gave the second-quarter treasurer's report, noting the balance on all county accounts was $10,614,264.14. Interest for the quarter was $60,661.73, a decrease of $5,205.89 from last quarter and a decrease of $76,090.23 from last year to date. She said interest earnings are 1.8324 percent compared to average T-bill of 1.7519 percent.

In old business, the court approved the list of appointed election judges. County Judge Ricky Fritz said the list could change somewhat between now and November, but the court decided to approve the list it had available.

Approved judges include Clifford Hall, Jo Longbotham, Bob Ivey, Sid Wall, Wanda Falls, Bonnie Fry, W.J. Fuller, Doug Price, Maggie Barnes, Dale Stuard, Nona Williams and Cloyce Scarberry.

The court approved a line-item transfer for the county clerk's office for $1,258.46 to the voter registration, and $544.06 to travel from the other equipment maintenance repair and election expenses lines, and a request from the parks department to transfer $3,100 from pool expenses to contract labor expenses

The court split on the vote, which was approved 2-1 with Commissioner Ralph Trevey dissenting and Commissioner Roy Idom abstaining.

The court voted to approve three budget amendments, including $214.96 for the Justice of the Peace office to be taken from the technology fund to help tracking failure-to-appear cases. The county parks department requested and received two budget amendments including $7,500 for utilities, $1,500 for pool supplies and $4,400 for contract services related to Thursday's David Allan Coe concert.

The court again split the vote 2-1 with Trevey dissenting and Idom abstaining. Also, Trevey dissented and Idom abstained from the vote on payment of bills.

Howard Limmer, Idom, Lindsey and Trevey were present at the meeting. Judge Fritz presided.

Bush meets with rescued miners

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Bush said today that the against-all-hope rescue of nine miners trapped for over three days in a flooded coal mine "really represents the best of our country."

"Today we're here to celebrate life, the value of life and most importantly the spirit of America," the president said from the small Green Tree firehouse, firefighting gear arrayed behind him, after a 20-minute private huddle with the men and their families.

En route to Washington today from a long weekend stay at his family's coastal Maine getaway, Bush was briefly visiting western Pennsylvania to perform an array of modern-day presidential functions.

Sandwiched between the event with the miners and a 20-minute ceremony to sign a bill ensuring certain federal rights to a fetus born alive during an abortion, Bush was raising $1 million for the gubernatorial bid of Pennsylvania's Republican attorney general, Mike Fisher.

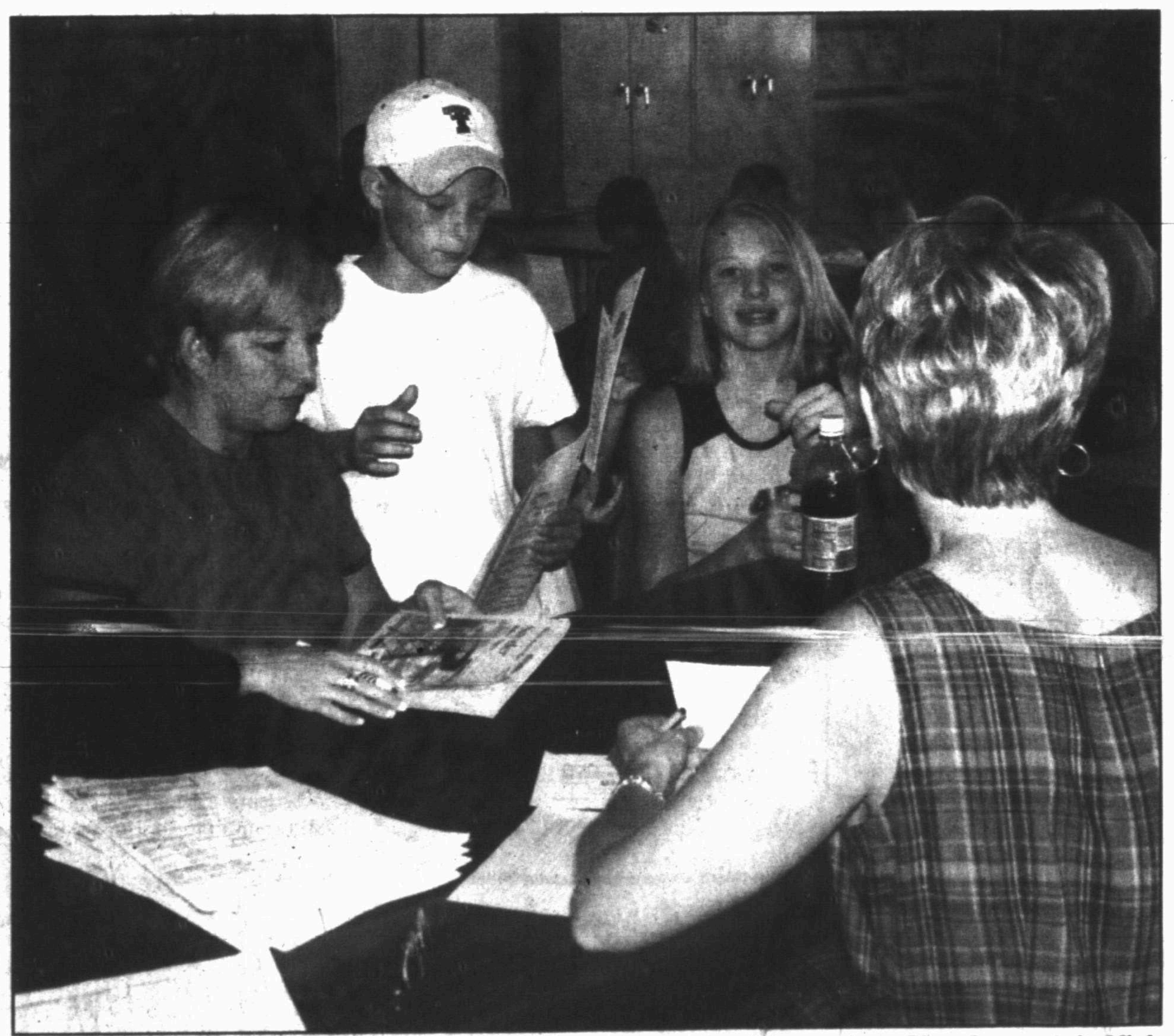
Bush thanked those who performed the middle-of-the-night miracle, many of whom were in his audience along with the miners themselves, dressed casually in shorts, T-shirts and ballcaps.

"What took place here in Pennsylvania really represents the best of our country," Bush said. "There are nine lives here who can testify that we're some of the best at rescuing our fellow citizens."

While in the Quecreek Mine near Somerset, Pa., the miners had broken through a wall to an abandoned mine filled with decades of storm-water runoff, pinning them 240 feet underground. The rescue just over a week ago used water pumps to stem the flooding, while a small air shaft and larger escape shaft were drilled.

The miners survived by finding higher ground, then huddling together to keep warm and sharing a paltry food supply.

Outside the fire department, a crowd had gathered in anticipation of the president's arrival. Some signs held aloft were positive — "9 for 9 outta the mine!" said one.



COUNTING DOWN — Fifth grade teacher Teresa Wall, far right, assists Gina Jones, left, Nick Zajicek and Lesa Jones during registration this morning at Northeast Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

Autopsy says boy died of heat stroke

MIDLAND (AP) — The 4-year-old Fort Stockton boy who was missing and later found in the trunk of a car a few feet from a relative's home last week died from heat stroke, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

Schyler Lee Fain probably only lived about 30 minutes in the trunk of the 1982 Volkswagen two-door hatchback, physicians said. His body was found in the car's spare tire compartment by search dogs on Friday.

Council sets budget work this evening

The Snyder city council continues work on the proposed 2003 budget when it meets for a special work session at 6:30 this evening.

City Secretary Jeannie Johnson said the meeting will give council members another opportunity to provide their input on next year's budget. The council met for almost seven hours on July 2 during a budget presentation by staff.

"Hopefully, they will settle on some numbers," she said. "The sooner they get the numbers for me to run through, the better, so they can see where they stand."

This year's proposed budget of $9.0 million is [illegible] than the current year's budget. It includes a 2.7 percent cost-of-living pay increase for all employees.

Also included in the proposed budget is a utility rate hike of seven percent, which would increase a residential utility bill $2.99 per month. A 10 percent increase in sanitation fees is also proposed.

The first reading on the budget and tax hearing is scheduled Aug. 12. A public hearing and a second reading are set Sept. 3.

ASK US

Q—Where does Scurry County rank among oil-producing counties in Texas?

A—In May, the latest reporting period, Scurry County ranked ninth, producing 724,342 barrels that month.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 96 degrees; low, 71; high Sunday, 96; low, 70; 7 a.m. Monday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low lower 70s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy; high mid 90s; SE winds 10-20 mph.



Baylee Lewis
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Sunset:
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Of 216 days in 2002, the sun has shone 209 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have.
—Thomas Jefferson

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Miners honored at church service

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — The nine miners trapped for three days in a flooded mine attended a church service to give thanks for the rescue some have called a miracle.

Hundreds of family, friends and neighbors filled the Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church on Sunday. The church is just 100 yards away from where the men were trapped for 77 hours in a cramped shaft at Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania.

Jerry Davis, an assistant district manager for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, was one of the first on the scene and was there when rescuers bored through the ceiling of the mine at 10:16 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

"I spent a number of hours of my life here, three or four days. I wanted to share some of the blessings they received," Davis said following the service.

Coal miner William Ronan and his wife Carol said they knew two of the trapped men. Carol Ronan said they were at the Sunday night service "thanking the Lord for bringing our family and a friends out."

The miners did not speak during the service, attended by religious leaders from different denominations, but did pose for photos outside with those in attendance.

Randy Housel, one of the drillers who assisted in the rescue, said he sent down the first can of chewing tobacco to the trapped miners and met them after the service.

"I told them, 'I'm so glad to see you above ground,'" said Housel, 45.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-16-20-30-41-42.

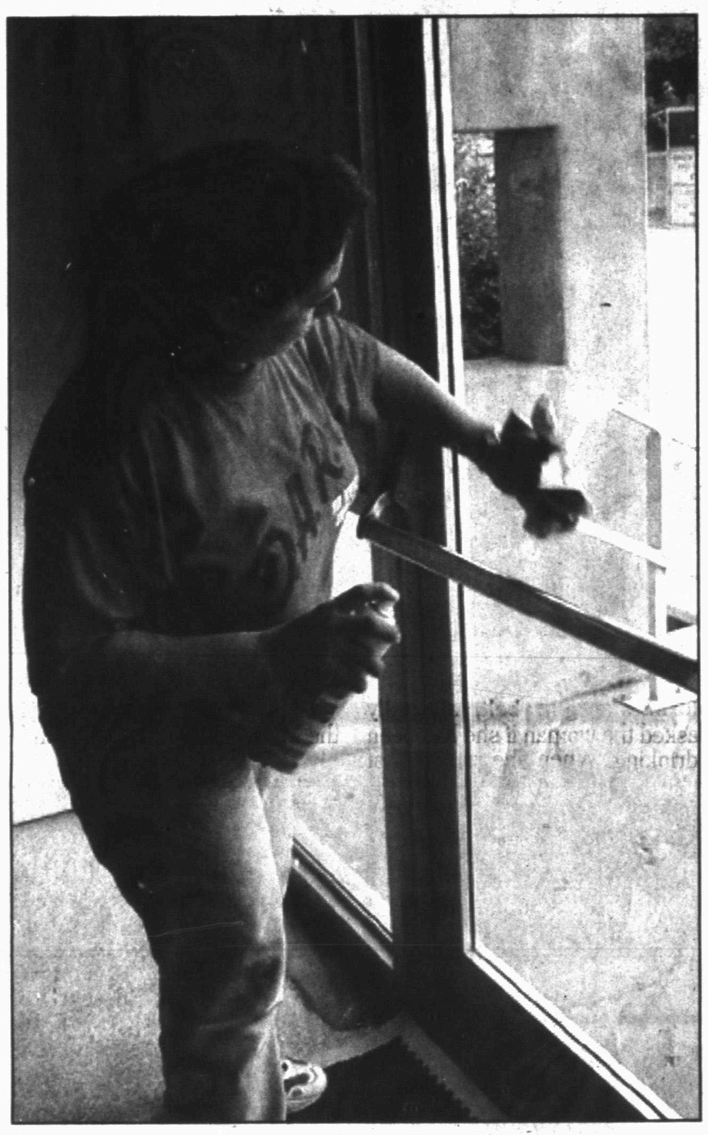
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Pick 3

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

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GETTING READY — Work continues at Central Elementary School as the first day of class — Aug. 19 — approaches. Adela Sanchez (top photo), new library aide, dusts books on a shelf. Maggie Garza (bottom photo) cleans the front door. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Mother bear and cub die in house fire

FOREST FALLS, Calif. (AP) — A mother bear and cub died in a fire they started after breaking into a home in a San Bernardino National Forest mountain community to look for food.

A 300-pound black bear and her cub entered the house through an open front window Sunday afternoon while the family was out grocery shopping, fire spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

The bears knocked down a living room lamp, sparking the fire, but continued to the kitchen in search of food, Martinez said.

The two were trapped inside the burning home and died. Firefighters discovered the carcasses when they doused the flames, Martinez said.

"It's my understanding that the bears have been kind of terrorizing the neighborhood and broke into several other houses," Martinez said.

About 400 black bears roam the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountain ranges, according to state Fish and Game wildlife biologist Kevin Brennan.

Forest Falls is about 90 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

The Marine Corps was created in 1789 by an act of Congress.

To enroll students, parents will need background checks

DALLAS (AP) — Parents who want their children to attend a Dallas Catholic school this fall will have to undergo a little testing of their own. But not the kind they can study for.

St. Rita Catholic School has adopted a policy requiring parents to undergo background checks, partly in response to revelations of child molestation that have rocked the Roman Catholic church.

"We want to make sure the school environment is as secure as it can be," said Elena Hines, St. Rita's principal.

Kenneth Trump, a national expert in school safety programs, said he hadn't heard of a public or private school taking security as far as St. Rita has.

"It sounds like they're taking it to the next level," said Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services in Cleveland. "Lots of private schools do an informal screening of parents, but it's not commonly phrased from a school safety perspective."

Hines said the heightened security is meant to ease concerns all parents have about their young children at school.

"If we have every parent have a background check, then every other parent will know their child will be safe," Charles LeBlanc, director of schools for the Dallas Diocese, said in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Since the mid-1990s, the school has required fingerprint-based background checks for all volunteers who spend time with children.

Under the new policy, those volunteers would still be fingerprinted. But now, Hines said, all other parents will be asked to undergo a separate, "very thorough" screening process even if they never plan to volunteer for the school.

The names of parents will be checked against the contents of state criminal databases. They won't be fingerprinted, but school staff will check three personal references for each parent. Parents will then attend a 31/2-hour training session on "what is appropriate behavior with children, what's inappropriate, and how you can be alert to watch for trouble," Hines said.

The new screening is being required of all new parents at the school of about 660 students, and is strongly encouraged of all other parents.

Hines said news of widespread child molestation by Catholic priests was a major factor in toughening the school's security.

"Because of everything that came to light this year, it just made this something for us to do to be certain, absolutely certain that we had covered all our bases," she said.

Hines said since the K-8 school began fingerprinting seven or eight years ago, "about two" people have been found to have backgrounds that kept them from being appropriate school volunteers.

Hines said parental reaction to the new policy has been positive.

"I respect that they're trying to do everything they can," parent Anne O'Brien said.

Boy dies days after parents get married

DALLAS (AP) — A 9-year-old boy who realized one of his last wishes with his parents' wedding on Friday died Sunday of cancer at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, hospital spokesman Reyes Avila said.

Juan Merlan Jr. had been paralyzed by a tumor in his spine and wasn't expected to live through the weekend.

His parents were married at the hospital with their son in a wheelchair next to them. He held his father's hand during the ceremony.

The boy was diagnosed with a mixed germ cell tumor in November. He went into remission around the first of the year and then the cancer returned in March or April, said Juan's doctor, Robert Bash.

Date Book

Monday, Aug. 5, 2002

Today is the 217th day of 2002 and the 46th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the first income tax levied by Congress, to be effective Jan. 1, 1862, was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln. The law was never enforced, however, and was rescinded in 1872.

On this day in 1864, the Battle of Mobile Bay began. Over the course of the battle, a Union fleet, under the command of Admiral David Farragut, ran through a minefield, past three Confederate forts, to take one of the South's last major ports.

On this day in 1962, Marilyn Monroe died from an overdose of sleeping pills. She was 36.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893), writer; Conrad Aiken (1889-1973), writer; John Huston (1906-1987), director; Neil Armstrong (1930-), astronaut, is 72; Loni Anderson (1946-), actress, is 56; Patrick Ewing (1962-), basketball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Joan Benoit won the first Olympic marathon event for women.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every government has as much of a duty to avoid war as a ship's captain has to avoid a shipwreck." — Guy de Maupassant

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 1) and new moon (Aug. 8).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter responds defiantly to her parents' tough love

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are near retirement age. We have a daughter, "Annette," who has five children by four different men. Annette has always managed to dump the father after each child was born. She was married to the last one, but after he caught her cheating, he asked for a divorce.

When each relationship ended, Annette would come home to live with us. We felt it was our obligation to help until she got back on her feet. However, she continued to reproduce haphazardly.

We love our grandchildren, Abby, but the last time Annette told us she was coming back, we told her this time she was on her own. We have six other children who occasionally have problems. We didn't think it was fair to devote all of our attention to Annette when her problems are self-inflicted.

Two years ago, Annette disowned us. We're at an impasse and miss our grandchildren terribly. Do you think we did the right thing? What should we do now? — **TWO GRANDPARENTS IN TWIN FALLS**

DEAR GRANDPARENTS: Stick to your guns. You gave your daughter a dose of reality — because the truth is, you won't always be there to rescue her. Being told to stand on one's own two feet is never pleasant, but she shouldn't have retaliated in the way she did. Wait it out and pray she grows up before her children do.

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DEAR ABBY: A longtime family friend's son is being married at the end of the month. Our families were extremely close and the boys have been best friends for years. I say "were" close because about six years ago, I was terribly despondent and attempted suicide. After that, these close family friends would have nothing to do with me. We had gone everywhere together and they were my son's godparents.

I can't begin to tell you how traumatic the loss of this friendship has been. We run into each other occasionally, and she is always friendly toward me, but that is where it ends. Her son still stops by to see me and we get along well.

Today my son received an invitation to the wedding addressed only to him. He is 25 years old and has his own apartment. He called to tell me the date and told me to mark it on my calendar. I said, "I'll check my invitation when it arrives." He replied, "You won't be getting one."

Abby, am I supposed to be his guest? I don't know how to take this. I feel very hurt and slighted that I wasn't sent my own invitation. This is causing problems between my son and me. Could you please help? — **SAD IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SAD: Since you did not receive a wedding invitation, it's safe to assume your presence is not welcome. I agree that you should not attend.

Your "longtime friend" might be a member of a religion that considers suicide an unpardonable sin, or she may have felt incapable of dealing with your emotional problems and therefore chose to distance herself from you. Whatever her reason, it's clear she doesn't understand that what caused your suicide attempt was depression, not a flaw in your character.

Instead of attending the wedding as your son's "guest," send the happy couple a lovely congratulatory card with a personal note. Your thoughtfulness will send a strong message that you are the same kind, loving person you always were.

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Some trucks do not meet regulations

DALLAS (AP) — The debate over allowing Mexican trucks on U.S. highways has centered around safety regulations, but officials say Texas highways already are teeming with unsafe vehicles that don't meet regulations.

Texas, the unofficial truck capital of the world, has become the capital for commercial vehicle fatalities, with 10 percent of the nation's annual share, according to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

More than half of the trucks in Texas' heavy truck traffic zones such as Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston don't meet state safety regulations, authorities say.

"If it's not safe, it's just a matter of time before he kills somebody," Lee Jackson, a Fort Worth police officer trained to inspect trucks, said in Sunday's edition of The Dallas Morning News. "The high standards we have in this country sometimes aren't high enough."

Texas truckers opposed to the North American Free Trade Agreement say opening the border to Mexican trucks before summer's end will introduce substandard vehicles to Texas roadways, home to a half-million trucks.

But the danger of truckers who drive deficient trucks is nothing new to the state, officials say. Texas' enforcement system often allows truckers to avoid fines for faulty equipment if repairs are promptly made.

In Houston, an international port city where more than 14,000 trucks travel each day, officers in the truck enforcement unit respond to at least one wreck daily, said Sgt. C.J. Klausner, head of the Houston Police Department's truck enforcement division.

Jackson said Fort Worth averages more than two truck accidents a day. Dallas' average is about the same, police said.

According to data compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, factors such as speed, alcohol and sleep deprivation as well as defective tires and bad brakes cause most truck wrecks.

"Most people who talk about this issue want to talk about trucks, not the driver," said Dave Osiecki, vice president for safety and operations for American Trucking Associations based in Alexandria, Va. "If we were to put a lot of emphasis on following traffic laws, a lot of safety would be gained. So much of truck safety is rooted in traffic safety."

Mechanical defects are what state truck inspectors such as Jackson find most often when they crawl over, under and inside trucks during routine roadside inspections. They also check logbooks and interview tired truckers during almost 1 million truck inspections annually.

"It keeps us in check," said Sheila Cherry, a truck owner and operator stopped recently off Highway 360 by Officer Jackson and his partner Robert Miller. "I think about my safety also."

Cherry's truck had a chunk torn from the front. The rig was cited for a missing front bumper, no fire extinguisher, insufficient mud flaps, a cracked suspension system and loose shocks.

Cesareo Perez, owner and operator of Perez Trucking in Dallas, blamed a trucking industry slowdown.

"The problem now is work is too slow and too cheap," he said. "We don't have money to do maintenance."

Failed inspections cost truckers money, too. Perez was restricted to the roadside for more than two hours waiting for a mechanic to readjust his steering axles and brakes, and replace missing bolts and headlight bulbs.

Two hours equals two loads, he said, or about $50 in revenue. He pays the tickets, often $200 each, in installments. If he gets the problems fixed within 10 days the tickets are dismissed, providing little incentive to take extra care on maintenance.

David Wallace, director of the Center for Transportation Safety at the Texas Transportation Institute in College Station, said brakes are the primary problem in one-third of the trucks inspected on Texas roads.

Anastasia "Nan" Robson is still pushing for prosecution of the driver and owner of the 18-wheeler that jackknifed on a rain-slicked highway in South Texas, killing 20-year-old daughter Natalie Bredthauer in July 1999.

Authorities in Kansas and Florida prohibited the driver of the Alabama-registered truck from driving the rig, which had bad brakes and bald tires. In both cases, the owner provided papers showing that the truck was fixed.

"This scenario shows a lack of enforcement," Robson said. "It shows a lack of correct legislation. It embodies everything that could have gone wrong."

Robson has testified before state and federal legislators that preventive truck maintenance should be more stringently enforced.

Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, supports the bill as well as building separate toll lanes for trucks.

Private security guard arrested for kidnapping

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A private security guard was arrested early Sunday after he allegedly abducted and raped a Florida woman while pretending to be a police officer, authorities said.

Brentwood Patrol security guard Loren Charles Janosky, 25, of Murfreesboro, was charged with two counts of aggravated rape and one count of aggravated kidnapping.

The 22-year-old victim was driving in Nashville at 2:45 a.m. Saturday when a black car with green flashing lights on its roof pulled out behind her, authorities said. The victim, who was visiting Nashville from Miami, believed the car to be a legitimate law enforcement vehicle and stopped.

Janosky, wearing a dark uniform and gun belt, allegedly asked the woman if she had been drinking. When she replied that she'd had one glass of wine, Janosky conducted a field sobriety test by watching her eyes and asking her to walk a straight line, Nashville Police said.

He then told her she failed the test and that she was under arrest. The woman was handcuffed and driven to a swim club for which Brentwood Patrol provides security.

Once there, Janosky removed her from the car, told her he wasn't a real police officer and raped her at gunpoint, the victim told police. Afterward, she was ordered to take a shower at the club and then driven back to her car.

Police said Janosky let the woman go after she promised not to tell anyone what had happened.

The woman called 911 after losing sight of the patrol car, and Janosky was taken into custody after officers spotted his car just before midnight Saturday.

Janosky admitted to the incident during questioning, police said.

He was being held Saturday in the Metro Jail on $300,000 bond.

Pastor unhappy with rules against contraband in jails

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — An area pastor is upset with a rule that doesn't allow him to take a Bible to a prisoner at the Bi-State Justice Center Jail.

Bill Wilson, who lives on the Texas side of the border city, says he has taken Bibles to inmates before with no problems. But he said that, when he tried to do so recently, he was denied.

Dina Tyler, spokeswoman for the Arkansas Department of Corrections — which runs the jail — says contraband is the problem.

"Inmates are allowed to have religious materials, but they cannot be brought in by (visitors)," Tyler said.

She said the policy requires religious texts to be sent directly from a publisher or vendor, be provided by donations or be given by jail chaplains.

The policy is not new, she said, but apparently had not been enforced at the jail in the past.

Larry Caulley, warden of the facility, says leather covers on Bibles can be peeled back to insert money, pictures and other items.



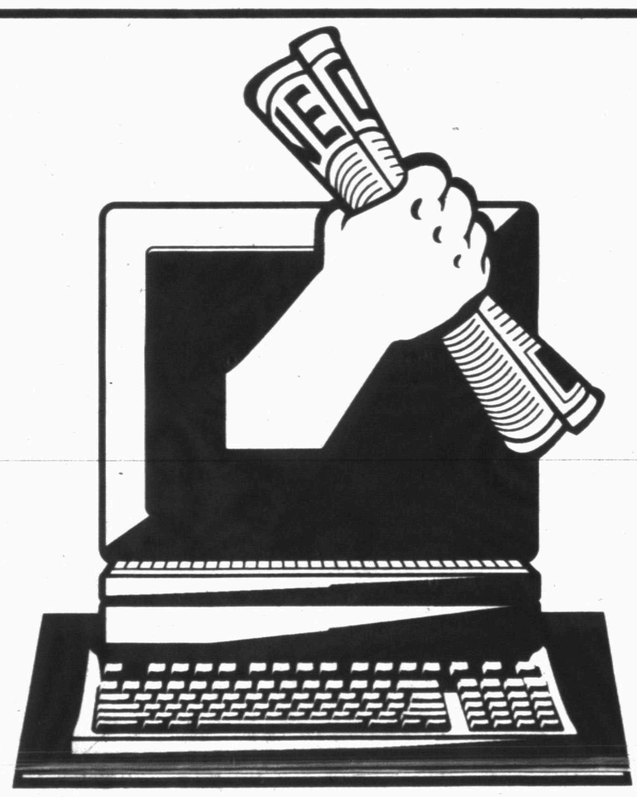
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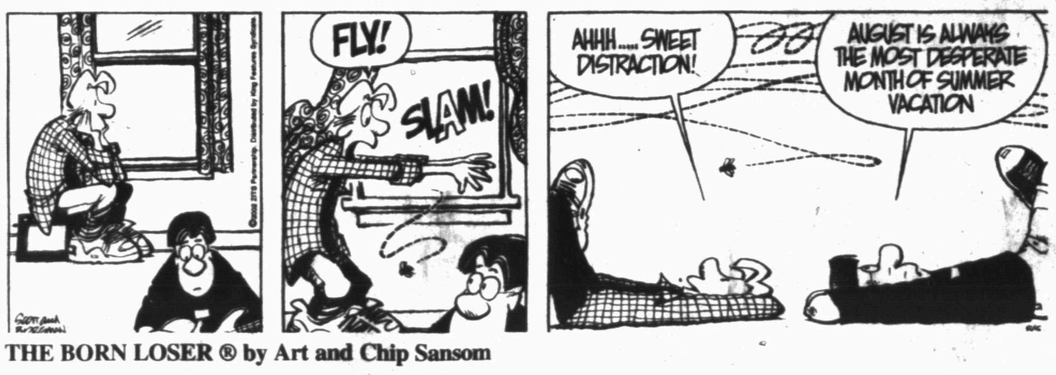
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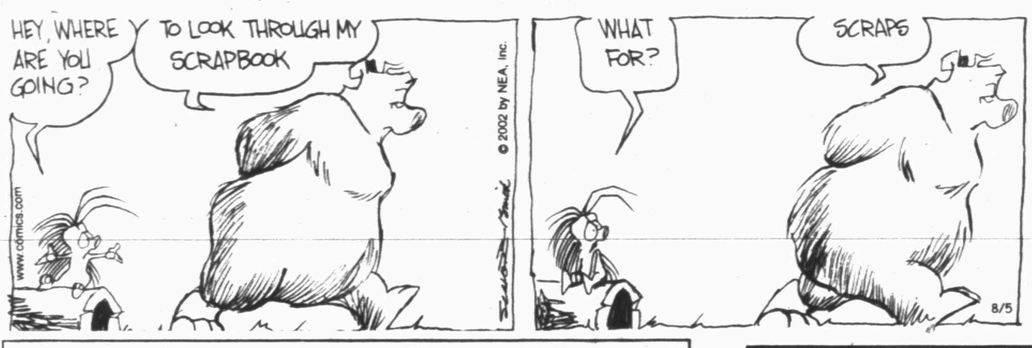
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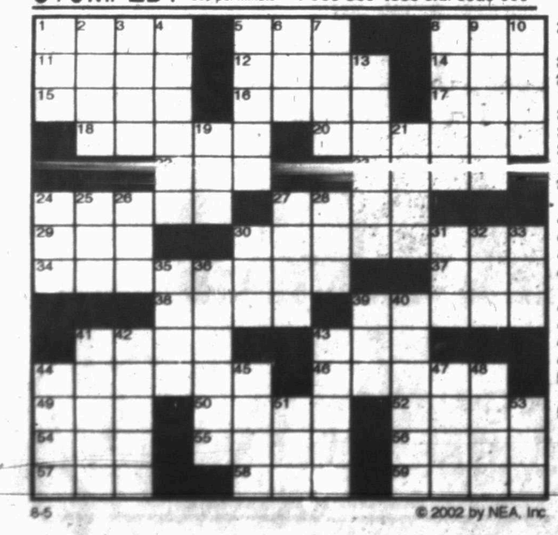
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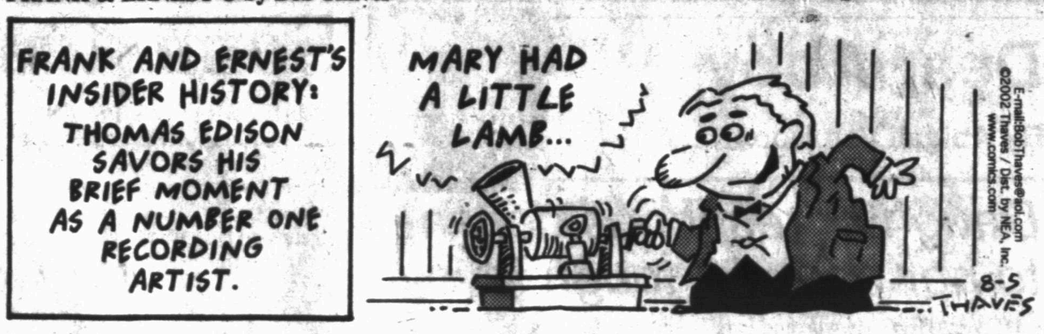
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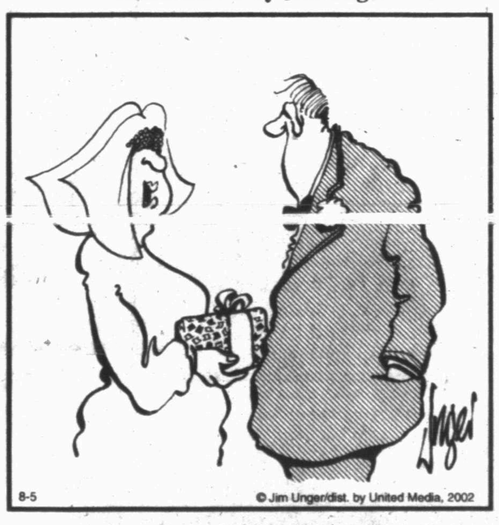
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Texans make NFL debut tonight against Giants

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — David Carr is just a rookie, but Houston's young quarterback understands the significance of where he'll take his first NFL snap.

"Just footsteps from the Hall of Fame," the expansion Texans' No. 1 draft pick and franchise cornerstone said. "That's pretty neat."

The Texans, who have only existed since Oct. 6, 1999, will take another historic step tonight, when they make their preseason debut against the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game.

Houston will make its long-awaited opening in 23,000-seat Fawcett Stadium — a long touchdown pass from the front doors of the Hall — with a national TV audience watching.

"It seems like it's taken forever to get to this point," said Carr, who led the nation in passing and TDs for Fresno State last season. "This is the best part."

The Giants think it's pretty cool, too.

"I'm glad to be a part of history, to be in the first game they ever played," said New York defensive end Michael Strahan.

The Texans won't be the only team working through some growing pains tonight, either.

John Madden will move into ABC's booth for the first time with Al Michaels on "Monday Night Football," a pairing the network hopes will improve sagging ratings for seven years.

But the eyes of Texas and nearly everywhere else will be on Carr and the Texans.

It would be understandable if they were feeling a little pressure.

No time for that, though.

"You never know how fast you're going to progress, but the most important thing is you continue to progress," Capers said. "These guys have been working hard, and now they've got to get ready for the Giants.

"We don't have much time to sit around and evaluate this. We have to look forward to the next game."

It's been nearly three years since the league awarded Houston an expansion franchise, and now the Texans will get a chance to showcase what they've been up to.

Carr is expected to play the first quarter and maybe part of the second, but Capers said not to expect any offensive fireworks. Houston will keep its game plan "fairly simple," Capers said.

The Texans have been pleased with Carr's progress, and their young QB won over a few more teammates by jumping into the middle of a fight with the Dallas Cowboys in a scrimmage Friday.

Capers has informed Houston's rifle-armed $60 million investment that it was his last fight.

"I've been instructed to walk toward the sideline," Carr said with a smile.

Carr wants to improve upon his performance in the Texans' scrimmage Friday night against the Dallas Cowboys.

After his first attempt was batted down, Carr went 2-of-4 for 36 yards. He made a nice throw over the middle for a 35-yard gain to tight end Billy Miller.

"We'll try to do more than we did in the scrimmage," Carr said. "We want to try and expand things a little bit."

Houston's defense is eager to make a good first impression as well.

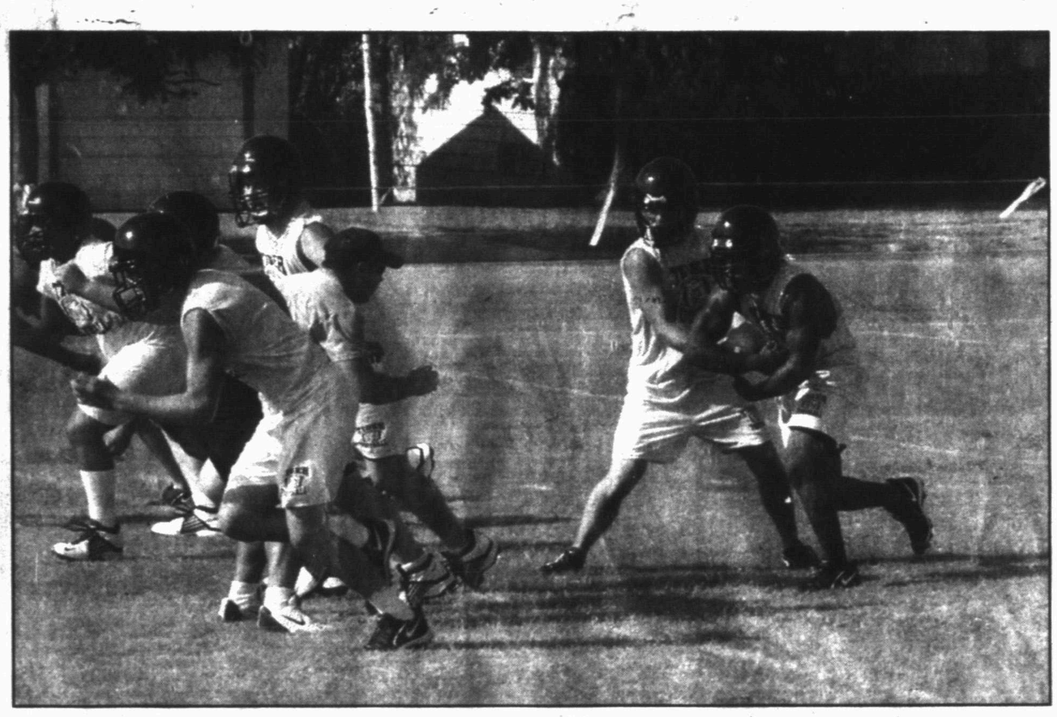
"It's time to see where we are," linebacker Kevin Mitchell said. "It's time to stop talking and take this chance to see how far along we are as a defense."

Following a rough first week in the NFL, Giants rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey is eager to get started.

On his first day in training camp after the first-round pick ended his contract holdout, Shockey got into a fight in the team's dining room with linebacker Brandon Short.

All seems to be forgiven, however.

"I've been very happy with what I've seen in Jeremy so far," coach Jim Fassel said. "He has shown a great deal of competitiveness out there."



TIGERS IN TRAINING — Snyder High School players run the option this morning during the Tigers' first workout of the season. The team works out twice a day this week with practices starting at 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Saarloos spurs Astros' win

MONTREAL (AP) — Kirk Saarloos was more impressed with his hitting than his pitching.

Saarloos shut out the Montreal Expos over five innings to win his fourth straight start, but thought his first career RBIs were the keys to the Houston Astros' 5-4 win Sunday.

Saarloos (4-2), the NL Rookie of the Month in July, hit a two-run double — one of the four Houston hit off Javier Vazquez (8-7) — with runners at first and second and two outs to open the scoring in the second.

"With the final score being what it was, it was big, but I'm just up there trying to survive half the time when I'm hitting," Saarloos said. "I just got a pitch over the middle of the plate. I didn't try to do much with it other than put the bat on the ball. Luckily, it went into the gap and I got two big RBIs."

The pair of runs helped build a lead just big enough to hold, as Houston won two of three for the second straight series to finish a 4-2 road trip that began in New York.

"It's a good trip for us because we know the kind of clubs we've been facing," Astros manager Jimy Williams said.

The Astros made it 3-0 on Geoff Blum's RBI single in the fourth and added two more when they got three straight hits leading off the fifth, including Daryle Ward's RBI single to chase Vazquez.

Saarloos allowed four hits through five before leaving in the sicth after Jose Vidro's RBI single.

Bryant makes strides at camp

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — What makes rookie wide receiver Antonio Bryant such a prize to the Dallas Cowboys is what made him such a risk to all of the other teams that let him slip in the NFL draft.

The athleticism, the competitiveness and the confidence, often mistaken for cockiness, evoke images of the Dallas Cowboys' most prolific and flamboyant receiver.

"We've seen all that before," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, lowering his voice to almost a whisper. "We've seen it in Michael Irvin."

Bryant wasn't highly recruited as a Miami high school player, but immediately became an impact player at Pittsburgh. Following his junior year, Bryant entered the NFL draft as a projected first-round pick. He boasted impressive credentials: winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver as a sophomore, Pitt's first All-American selection in 15 years and the school's all-time leading receiver in yards.

Bryant also developed a reputation for being a selfish, arrogant player. He earned suspensions for fighting with teammates and arguing with coaches, dropping his stock as the draft approached.

The Cowboys couldn't believe their luck when Bryant slipped to the second round of the draft, and scooped him up with the 63rd pick after nine receivers were selected before him.

"We had no indication from his coaches or teammates that he was anything other than a great player with an impressive work ethic," Jones said. "He's letting his play and work speak for himself."

Bryant, who once said he was using his draft-day drop as motivation, said that it no longer bothers him.

"I don't think about that first-round stuff anymore," he said. "That's old to me now. I'm just trying to work hard to be one of the best receivers on the team."

Through nearly two weeks of training camp, the 6-foot-2, 188-pound rookie has impressed coaches and teammates with his highly developed receiving skills and craftiness.

"His athleticism is ridiculous," said Cowboys receiver Raghib Ismail. "I love his desire and his willingness to fight. He's got a lot of potential."

In Friday's scrimmage against the Houston Texans, Bryant pulled in a 46-yard pass from Chad Hutchinson with a defender draped over his back. Jones has even compared Bryant's route-running ability to Irvin's.

So far, Bryant appears to have the inside track on the Cowboys' third receiving spot behind starters Joey Galloway and Ismail.

But at times, Bryant has displayed the surly demeanor that scared off some teams during the draft.

"We're pleased with what he's doing for us," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said, "but sometimes he's going to be in a funk if things don't go his way. He's just got to work on the mental aspect of the game."

Bryant insists he's not having problems, just trying to learn the nuances of being a professional.

"I'm the youngest player of the Cowboys team," said Bryant, who turned 21 in March. "I've made mistakes, but I'm growing and getting tips from veterans on how to handle myself."

Sports Briefs

Boys club meeting

A coaches meeting for Boys and Girls Club football, volleyball and soccer will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the club. For more information, call Brad Hinton at 725-8576 or Chad Welsh at 338-0497.

Junior high football

Snyder junior high football players will receive equipment Aug. 15 at the SJHS field house. Eighth graders should be there from 1-2 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 2-3 p.m.

Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tiger football program should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Ad prices are $75 for 1/2 page, $60 for 1/4 page and $40 for 1/8 page. Proceeds benefit the student council.

Football booster club

Snyder Tiger Football Booster Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS athletic film room. The public is encouraged to attend.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Friday through Sunday at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Thursday.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Saturday.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Friday. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-[illegible]. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Saturday at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is fairway everywhere on the front nine. Also, a luncheon and business meeting will be held following play.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	38	.658	—
New York	55	55	.500	17½
Florida	55	56	.495	18
Montreal	55	56	.495	18
Philadelphia	52	58	.473	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	49	.546	—
Cincinnati	58	52	.527	2
Houston	57	53	.518	3
Pittsburgh	50	61	.450	10½
Chicago	47	62	.431	12½
Milwaukee	39	72	.351	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	69	43	.613	—
Los Angeles	62	49	.559	6
San Francisco	61	50	.550	7
Colorado	50	61	.450	18
San Diego	46	65	.414	22

Saturday's Games
Arizona 8, N.Y. Mets 5, 10 innings, 1st game
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 8, Philadelphia 6, 12 innings
Arizona 9, N.Y. Mets 2, 2nd game
Colorado 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 5, Montreal 3
Florida 11, Milwaukee 7
San Francisco 11, Pittsburgh 6
Cincinnati 4, San Diego 3

Sunday's Games
Arizona 12, N.Y. Mets 7
Houston 5, Montreal 4
San Francisco 10, Pittsburgh 5
Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 1
Florida 7, Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 15, San Diego 10
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1

Monday's Games
Los Angeles (Nomo 11-6) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-8), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 15-4) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 4-8), 1:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Florida (Beckett 4-4) at Houston (Mlicki 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 5-13), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 2-4) at St. Louis (Finley 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Moehler 1-1) at Colorado (Stark 6-2), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 10-6) at Arizona (Schilling 18-4), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 7-7) at San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 10-7) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-7), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smyth 0-0) at San Francisco (Jensen 10-7), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	41	.627	—
Boston	65	45	.591	4
Baltimore	52	56	.481	16
Toronto	48	61	.440	20½
Tampa Bay	37	73	.336	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	69	43	.616	—
Chicago	52	60	.464	17
Cleveland	48	62	.436	20
Kansas City	44	67	.396	24½
Detroit	41	69	.373	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	43	.616	—
Anaheim	65	45	.591	3
Oakland	64	48	.571	5
Texas	47	64	.423	21½

Saturday's Games
Baltimore 8, Toronto 4
Seattle 12, Cleveland 4
Oakland 8, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
Texas 8, Boston 6
Anaheim 5, N.Y. Yankees 4

Sunday's Games
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
Tampa Bay 10, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 5, 12 innings
Oakland 4, Detroit 0
Cleveland 10, Seattle 8
Boston 11, Texas 3

Monday's Games
Baltimore (Lopez 12-3) at Toronto (Parris 4-2), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Sedlacek 1-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8) at Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 4-4), 2:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 2-2) at Detroit (Powell 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Texas (Park 4-5) at Detroit (Sparks 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 7-7) at Toronto (Halladay 13-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 12-6) at Boston (Wakefield 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-4) at Cleveland (Nagy 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13-7) at Baltimore (Erickson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Fu.Hernandez 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 13-5), 7:05 p.m.

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Saturday's Game
Washington 38, San Francisco 7

Monday's Game
Houston vs. New York Giants at Canton, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Game
New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 9 p.m.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	17	10	.630	—
Washington	15	12	.556	2
Charlotte	14	14	.500	3
Orlando	14	14	.500	3½
Miami	13	16	.448	5
Indiana	12	15	.444	5
Cleveland	10	17	.370	7
Detroit	8	20	.286	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	22	6	.786	—
x-Houston	21	7	.750	1
Utah	18	10	.643	4
Portland	16	13	.552	6½
Seattle	15	14	.517	7½
Sacramento	10	17	.370	11½
Minnesota	9	19	.321	13
Phoenix	9	19	.321	13

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Sunday's Games
Miami 55, Washington 50
Minnesota 73, Seattle 60
New York 71, Charlotte 58
Orlando 63, Portland 61
Detroit 91, Phoenix 75
Los Angeles 90, Utah 86

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

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Iraqi offer rejected by White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today quickly rejected an Iraqi offer to let members of Congress tour suspected biological, chemical and nuclear weapons sites.

Iraq's parliament speaker, Sadoun Hammadi, invited U.S. lawmakers on a three-week visit, accompanied by arms experts of their choice, to sites in Iraq where they suspect weapons of mass destruction are hidden.

Bush administration officials said the offer was hardly worth commenting on, saying visits by members of Congress would not satisfy the president's demand for rigorous inspections in Iraq.

"Our position on inspections and disarmament is well-known," said Sean McCormack, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

The White House suggested the invitation to Congress was a delaying tactic by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, who has refused to allow United Nations weapons inspectors into Iraq since 1998. Bush has said he is committed to Saddam's ouster and accused Iraq of stockpiling chemical and biological weapons and seeking nuclear weapons.

The Bush administration similarly dismissed Iraq's offer last week for chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix to visit Iraq for technical talks that could lead to a resumption of inspections.

Members of Congress, meanwhile, say President Bush should make the case to them before sending the U.S. military after Saddam.

On Sunday, lawmakers from both parties said Bush has much work to do to sell the country, allies and Iraq's neighbors on the need to use force to oust the Iraqi leader.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., who led hearings last week that highlighted both the gravity of the threat to other nations posed by Saddam and the huge military operation needed to remove him, said he saw little chance of avoiding a confrontation down the road.

"I believe there probably will be a war with Iraq," said Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "The only question is, is it alone, is it with others and how long and how costly will it be?"

Similar sentiment was expressed by other lawmakers appearing on Sunday television talk shows. But, like Biden, they said the administration must make the case.

Administration officials were absent from the shows, letting lawmakers drive the debate.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Congress must weigh in before America goes to war. "I don't think the president has the authority to launch a full-force effort" without congressional approval, he said.

"We all support strongly a regime change," Daschle said on ABC's "This Week." "But I think we hd Bush last fall to use all necessary force against nations or groups that aided the Sept. 11 hijackers or harbored such terrorists.

Few, if any, solid leads have come out linking Saddam to the al-Qaida terror network tied to the attacks and the debate remains unsettled over whether Bush must come to Congress specifically to get approval to attack Iraq.

Biden, citing expert testimony in his hearings, said it is clear Iraq has chemical and biological weapons of some sort. Less certain is whether Saddam has the means yet to use them effectively, he said.

"We have no choice but to eliminate the threat," he said. "This is a guy who's an extreme danger to the world."

Does that mean war? "I think that's where we end up," Biden said.

He said the United States, acting alone if necessary, probably could oust Saddam, but America would then face a long rebuilding job in Iraq.

Also today, warplanes from the U.S.-British coalition patrolling southern Iraq bombed an Iraqi military command and control facility.

A statement from U.S. Central Command said the strike was in response to Iraqi actions that threaten the coalition planes patrolling the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. Coalition planes struck Iraqi targets six times last month.

The no-fly zones were created after the 1991 Gulf War to protect Iraqi dissident populations from Saddam's military. Saddam says the zones are a violation of Iraqi sovereignty and his military often tries to shoot down warplanes patrolling the areas.

Emergency loan to Uruguay approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration announced Sunday it was providing an emergency $1.5 billion loan to Uruguay to help stabilize the small South American nation rocked by financial troubles in the region.

It marked the first time the Bush administration has provided direct economic support to a country in financial crisis. The action served to underscore the administration's growing concern about the widening economic troubles in Latin America.

Those problems include financial market turmoil last week in Brazil, Latin America's biggest economy, and a deepening recession following a record government debt default in December by Argentina.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who arrived in Rio de Janeiro Suday, the first stop on a swing that will also include Uruguay and Brazil, said the $1.5 billion temporary loan being provided to Uruguay was in recognition of the strong economic program the country was putting in place to address its problems.

"We are confident that this enhanced program will help Uruguay address the intense external pressures it has faced in recent months," O'Neill said in a statement that was also released in Washington.

The U.S. assistance will come in the form of a temporary bridge loan that will be repaid in a matter of days once the South American nation receives a new loan package from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

The IMF issued a statement late Sunday announcing its additional support after Uruguay's Congress earlier in the day enacted new legislation governing bank withdrawals.

The Bush administration took office pledging to oppose the type of direct financial assistance and big bailouts the Clinton administration used during the 1997-98 Asian currency crisis. But the deepening economic woes in Latin America have a reconsideration of that stance.

Deputy Treasury Secretary John Taylor, traveling with O'Neill, told reporters in a conference call Sunday that the administration believed the temporary U.S. loan was justified because it would allow the country to reopen its banks on today without waiting for the IMF loan to be processed.

He said the type of bridge loan Uruguay is receiving had been provided to a number of other countries by the United States during the 1980s and was different from the long-term assistance the Clinton administration provided Mexico in 1995 and to other countries during the 1997-98 Asian crisis.

The administration will tap the Treasury's Exchange Stabilization Fund for the loan to Uruguay and Taylor said that members of Congress had been consulted about use of the fund.

During the Clinton years, Republicans in Congress were highly critical of the use of the stabilization fund, which was created during the 1930s to support the value of the dollar, to provide billions of dollars in loans to Mexico.

Taylor said the $1.5 billion represented full backing for checking account deposits held by banks in Uruguay.

The banks were shut down last Tuesday after suffering heavy withdrawals by investors worried that the country was about to impose the same lengthy freeze on assets that Argentina was forced to implement.

The IMF earlier this year granted Uruguay a $3 billion credit line, saying the money would help the country withstand the economic fallout from the troubles in neighboring Argentina.

The new $1.5 billion loan package includes an extra $800 million in support and an acceleration in the disbursement of the money already approved.

The Bush administration has softened its hard line in recent days against large IMF aid packages, given the troubles in Latin America.

The IMF is in negotiations with Brazil over an increase in its credit line, which now totals $15 billion. Published reports have said that amount could be boosted by $10 billion to $20 billion in an effort to calm increasing worries about Brazil's ability to meet payments on its $264 billion foreign debt.

O'Neill said last week that the administration supported more assistance to Brazil and Uruguay because those countries were following the appropriate policies to deal with their economic troubles. He did not include Argentina in that list.

Kidnap survivors recount ordeal in 'Today' interview

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man who abducted two girls from a teen hangout told them he would kill them and started a countdown, the teens said in an interview broadcast today.

Days after they were freed from their attacker when police killed the man, 16-year-old Tamara Brooks and 17-year-old Jacqueline Marris recounted their ordeal while holding hands in the recorded interview shown on NBC's "Today" show.

In her first interview, Brooks said that when the ordeal began [illegible], she felt that "it's all a bad dream ... I was terrified. I started praying."

The girls were abducted by Roy Dean Ratliff, 37, from a remote area where they were parked with their dates. Kern County Sheriff Garl Sparks said they were raped.

The girls said they supported each other during the ordeal.

"I was touching her, letting her know I was there," said Marris, who also gave a television interview on Friday.

"I wasn't going to leave her alone at all. ... I wouldn't want to live like that," Brooks said.

The pair said they communicated without words, writing in each other's hands.

At one point, Marris said, Ratliff told them: "'I'm going to kill the both of you.' We were hysterical."

She said Ratliff started to count down "one ... two ... then he collapsed."

She said he was bleeding and drinking a lot. Marris had said earlier that they tried to kill the man by stabbing him.

Twelve hours after they were kidnapped, sheriff's deputies closed in on Ratliff's stolen car in a remote location and shot him to death.

"When you see a life taken in front of your eyes ... it's the worst feeling in the world," Brooks said

After it was over, the girls ran out of Ratliff's car and hugged.

"After all that, it's done," Brooks said. "Oh my God, we made it, we made it."

The Associated Press, which usually does not report names of sexual assault victims, stopped identifying the girls by name after authorities said they had been raped. The AP resumed reporting Marris' name Friday after she came forward and used Brooks' name after she appeared on national television today.

No cue cards in NY

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Jerry Stiller has definite opinions about the difference between working in New York and Los Angeles.

"People in New York are very sharp," Stiller, a Brooklyn native, told [illegible] Aug. 10 issue. I hate to say this, but I think it's because the weather in California is so warm and tropical that people tend to fall asleep while you're talking to them.

"We never had cue cards in New York," the "King of Queens" actor said. "When I got to California, I saw cue cards. They (the actors) couldn't remember their lines, they were out there having a great time.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-05-02
♠ A Q
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ 9 6 2

West
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 3
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ J 8 7 3

East
♠ K 10 8 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ K 10 8
♣ K Q 10

South
♠ 7 4
♥ A K Q 8 5 4
♦ Q J
♣ A 5 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♠ 2

The alphabet of bridge

By Phillip Alder

What is the best way for your partner to improve her or his play? In my opinion, it is to take much longer at trick one. Develop a routine and follow it carefully.

A friend of mine from England, Dave Huggett, recommends an excellent routine in his articles for Bridge Plus magazine — the A to E of bridge.

First, the most important: C is for Count Your Tricks.

To play well, you must count, count, and count again.

Here, you are South in four hearts. West leads the spade two. How would you count on making the contract?

North's response is a limit raise, promising four or more trumps and 10-12 support points.

When in a suit contract, count your losers first. Here, you might have one in spades and one in diamonds (if the finesses lose), and you might surrender two club tricks as well.

What is your winner count? You definitely have one spade, six hearts, two diamonds (even if the finesse fails) and one club. How many is that? Right — 10. So, if you win trick one with dummy's spade ace, draw trumps, and take the diamond finesse, you must end with those 10 tricks.

Can it hurt to take the spade finesse at trick one? Can it! Here, East will win with the king and shift to the club king. You win, draw trumps, and try the diamond finesse, but it loses, and the opponents cash two club tricks to defeat you.

If you play golf, count all four players' shots on every hole. Although no one will get near 13 shots on one hole, it would be excellent practice for counting the suits at the bridge table.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		10.00	9.70	9.80
AOL TimeWrn		10.25	9.90	9.91—.39
AT&T Corp		9.62	9.00	9.00—.60
Albertsons		27.95	27.55	27.79 + .31
Alltel		40.79	39.31	39.50—.88
AmEl Pw		31.85	30.89	31.64 + .58
AndarkPtr		41.57	40.78	41.26 + .02
ATMOS Egy		21.22	20.60	21.21 + .71
Aviall		11.75	11.52	11.55—.19
BP PLC		45.09	44.30	44.80 + .37
BakerHughes		24.05	23.21	23.27—.64
Bank of Amer		63.75	62.21	62.23—1.28
BellSouth		25.80	24.80	25.10—.85
BurlNoSFe		28.25	27.87	27.95—.07
Caterpillar		41.81	41.20	41.35—.25
ChevronTex		71.85	70.75	70.90 + .10
Citigroup		30.25	29.49	29.50—1.38
CocaCola		50.10	49.20	49.55—.55
ColgatePal		52.29	51.38	51.80—.55
CmclMetals s		17.47	17.25	17.46 + .21
Cooper Inds		29.11	28.77	28.77—.23
DaimlrChry		40.64	39.71	39.71—1.15
DeltaAirl		14.50	13.76	13.84—.03
Dillards Inc		22.50	21.75	22.33 + .52
DowChem		27.93	27.00	27.50 + .01
DuPont		39.98	39.00	39.05—.04
EastmanChem		42.96	42.12	42.46 + .48
EstKodak		29.35	28.58	28.58—.65
EDS Corp		33.60	32.01	32.75—.75
Entergy		40.54	39.30	40.30 + .77
ExxonMobil		34.24	33.61	33.86 + .25
FootLocker		9.65	9.48	9.57 + .11
GenDynam		82.85	81.02	81.15—1.25
GenElec		29.69	28.16	28.92—.58
GenMills		41.64	41.17	41.40 + .24
GenMotors		43.23	42.50	42.57—.71
GaPacific		21.15	19.95	19.95—.53
Goodrich		21.85	21.61	21.61—.12
Goodyear		15.85	15.45	15.55—.16
GtAtlPac		11.10	10.41	10.74 + .04
Halliburtn		12.05	11.82	11.91—.05
Hanson ADS		28.62	28.51	28.51—.49
HarteHanks s		19.35	19.05	19.26 + .14
HomeDepot		28.84	28.10	28.12—.31
HoneywellIntl		31.09	30.01	30.10—.25
IBM		68.35	67.30	67.50—.38
IntlPaper		38.10	37.26	37.32—.28
JohnsonJn		52.50	51.07	51.07—1.18
vjK mart		.68	.65	.67 + .01
KinderMorg		40.90	39.85	40.57 + .55
LockheedM		61.92	61.00	61.60—.18
Lowes Cos		34.70	33.47	34.10 + .60
Lubys		5.40	5.33	5.35 + .01
LucentTech		1.64	1.55	1.60 + .07
MarathonOil		22.64	22.30	22.50 + .20
MayDeptStr		28.35	27.45	27.95
Medtronic		39.60	38.90	38.90—.08
Motorola		11.11	10.56	10.56—.48
NCR Corp		25.02	24.55	24.55—.49
Navistar		23.80	23.02	23.03—.67
PNM Rescs		20.11	19.55	20.08 + .43
Penney JC		16.30	15.94	16.14 + .13
PepBoys		11.79	11.34	11.71 + .23
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SearsRoeb		43.24	42.69	42.85—.05
SherwinW		27.80	27.15	27.40 + .36
SouthernCo		28.23	27.72	28.23 + .59
SwstAirl		12.85	12.52	12.69—.16
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SprintPCS		3.49	3.29	3.30
Sunoco Inc		34.54	33.31	34.28 + .64
TXU Corp		42.58	41.81	42.40 + .46
TempleInland		51.80	50.74	51.00—.38
TexInd		26.65	26.45	26.65 + .20
TexasInst		20.05	18.80	18.80—1.17
Textron		37.44	37.00	37.07 + .07
TrinityInds		18.29	18.00	18.23 + .22
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California officials monitor chickens for signs of virus

WEST COVINA, Calif. (AP) — With West Nile virus making its steady march west, California is playing an enormous game of chicken with the deadly virus.

About 2,000 chickens in a county- and state-run program stand guard against the virus around California, armed with no more than the warm blood mosquitoes love. Health officials are betting the fowls will be the first to signal West Nile's inevitable, and perhaps imminent, arrival in the nation's most populous state.

Authorities like Amanda Colombo, a summer employee of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, regularly draw blood and test it for antibodies that would indicate the chickens have been bitten by virus-carrying mosquitoes.

On a recent morning in this suburban city east of Los Angeles, Colombo took samples from six Rhode Island red hens. Drawing them one by one from their coop, she gripped them between her legs unceremoniously but firmly, then pricked their combs with a needle.

So far, no trace of the virus has been found in California or other western states, but its arrival appears guaranteed.

"It's no longer if it's going to come, it's when," said Stan Husted, supervising public health biologist for the California Department of Health Services.

Since West Nile was first detected in New York in 1999, it steadily has spread to 33 other states and the District of Columbia — almost every state east of the Rocky Mountains.

There have been 185 confirmed human cases of the virus, including 22 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Four people have died in Louisiana this year in what marks the biggest outbreak of the virus since it was discovered.

Infected mosquitoes carry the West Nile virus in their saliva and pass it on when they bite. Several mosquito species of the genus Culex act as vectors for the virus and more than 110 North American bird species can serve as hosts, according to the CDC.

Mammals, including humans and horses, can catch the virus when bitten by an infected mosquito, but do not serve as hosts like birds do.

Once susceptible birds are infected, the virus can rapidly multiply in their bloodstream, and they can pass it back to uninfected mosquitoes that bite them, continuing the cycle.

Chickens, among other bird species, are immune to the virus, making them valuable sentinels. Other species, most notably crows, jays, magpies and ravens, die from the virus within two weeks of infection. During that period, they remain infectious for up to five days.

Scientists believe migrating birds play a role in dispersing the virus, but aren't certain.

"This virus needs birds as part of its transmission cycle and birds are everywhere. It also needs Culex mosquitoes and Culex are everywhere, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't spread to all regions," said Nicholas Komar, a CDC research biologist in Fort Collins, Colo.

On the Net:
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Three Texas cities attract people from rest of nation

AUSTIN (AP) — Older centers of regional growth and economic power are losing people and their creativity to cities such as Austin, Houston and Dallas, according to an analysis by the Austin American-Statesman.

The Texas cities produce much of the nation's software and high-tech goods and services and are where many new ideas are patented. They also are cities that have cultures and politics that are turning away from traditional American values.

The American-Statesman found that from 1992 through 2000, the five-county Austin metro region gained 57,045 people from other cities in the United States. Families coming into the area had average incomes 17 percent higher than those who left. The net gain for Austin in yearly income was $2.15 billion.

Dallas gained 119,139 people from outside Texas. The net gain in income for the city was $2.1 billion, the study showed.

Houston gained 71,472 people from the rest of the country. It had a net increase of $1.23 billion in income.

"What's more important than the numbers are the patterns," said Don Hicks, a political economy professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. "What you are seeing is that these cities are gaining from everybody. It's not an even exchange."

The study published Sunday in the American-Statesman uses data compiled by the Internal Revenue Service, which tracks people and their income as they move around the country.

The study shows that Austin trades people and incomes rather evenly with other high-tech cities such as Atlanta, Seattle and Boise, Idaho.

Austin's most important connection with other U.S. cities is the design and production of semiconductor chips and computer software. Two of the top four cities contributing people to Austin are San Jose and Phoenix, also chip and software centers.

"Cities are increasingly linked by common knowledge and industries," said Joe Cortright, a Portland, Ore., economic development specialist.

All the large Texas cities gained people from Los Angeles, although the average family wages of migrants from southern California were relatively low.

San Antonio picked up a large group of people from St. Louis. In 1993, SBC Communications Inc. moved its headquarters from St. Louis to San Antonio.

Atlanta and Dallas, two fast-growing cities with large telecommunications industries, traded workers at a furious pace.

Austin lost people to just a few cities, including Portland, a chip producer. Another was Nashville, where Round Rock-based Dell Computer opened a branch office.

The study illustrates the way cities are building their economies. Cities traditionally grew by pulling in the poor, said Barton Smith, an economist at the University of Houston. Now, cities are building their economies by importing creative, knowledgeable workers, largely from other urban areas, Smith said.

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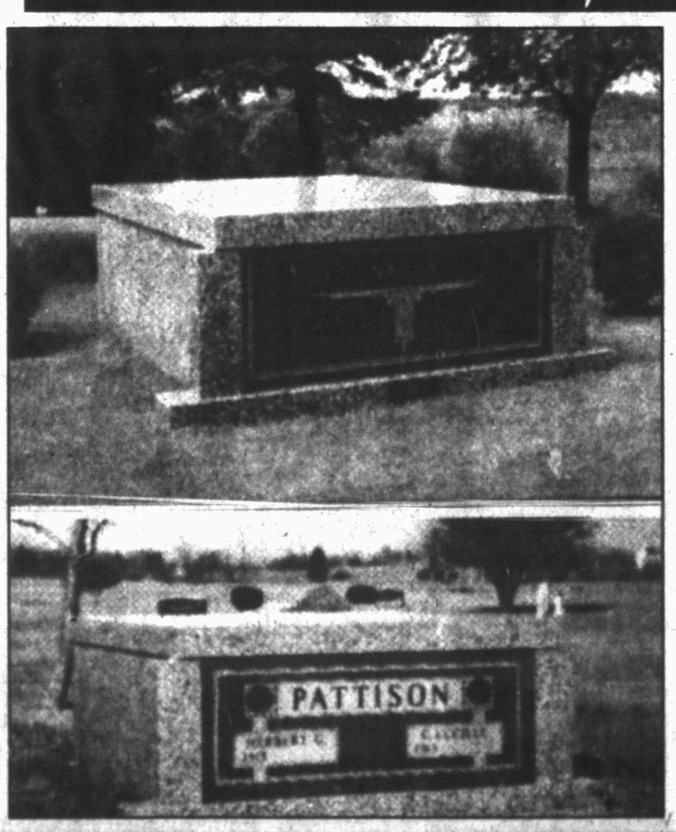
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Homeschoolers seek greater freedom

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Mary Ann Eagleson's garage is crammed with reminders of how cumbersome it has been to educate her four children at home, including 10 cardboard boxes full of assignments completed over 14 years.

Her two oldest are adults now, but there is still plenty of paper to chase for the two younger children under Pennsylvania's 1988 homeschooling law.

Because of the law, which requires a rigorous accounting of instructional time at home, Eagleson estimates the family has spent 1,300 cumulative hours, or nearly an academic year, just on paperwork.

"As the kids have gotten older, I've transferred more of those responsibilities to them, but it becomes somewhat of a bone of contention," said Eagleson, who lives in Hershey, about 10 miles east of Harrisburg. "They read from their science books and they just want to write down 'science' in the assignment log, but I keep telling them we have to be more specific."

Eagleson hopes that a bill recently introduced in the state General Assembly will eliminate the need to fret over so many details. The proposal would erase many of the law's mandates, including standardized testing, the keeping of assignment logs and year-end evaluations of student work portfolios.

Homeschooling advocates say Pennsylvania's law is one of the strictest in the nation. They say that as more research and anecdotal evidence suggests that homeschoolers can perform as well as their public-school peers, more states have been willing to relax the rules.

"Initially, nobody was certain that homeschooling really works — thus the need for heavier regulation, or in some cases, complete prohibition," said Christopher Klicka, senior counsel for the Home School Legal Defense Association in Purcellville, Va. "I think the two factors driving this are that homeschoolers are pushing for it and studies are showing there is no need for all this regulation."

According to the most current estimate by the U.S. Education Department, about 850,000 of the nation's 50 million children are homeschooled. Their parents' reasons for keeping them at home vary widely, from concerns that public schools will undermine their religious beliefs to fears of bullying and violence.

Thirty-seven states have adopted laws or regulations governing homeschoolers since 1956, when Nevada became the first state to do so. More recently, some states have revised their laws to reduce the frequency of standardized tests for homeschoolers or to eliminate test requirements entirely.

Arkansas, for example, had required annual standardized testing of homeschoolers under its 1985 law. Students who fell below a certain achievement threshold had to be retested, and if they failed to improve their scores they could be required to attend public or private school.

In 1997, state lawmakers changed the requirement so that homeschoolers only would be required to be tested in grades five, seven and 10, the same years as public school students.

"Under the old law, it was quite an intensive process of setting up statewide testing for homeschoolers," said Dottie Hughes, homeschool program administrator for the Arkansas Department of Education. "I think the parents objected to the yearly monitoring of their children, and traditionally we've seen that homeschooled students have scored higher than other students."

After the changes were enacted, homeschooling parents felt they were finally receiving equal treatment under the law, said Jerry Cox, executive director of The Education Alliance, which represents about 6,000 Arkansas homeschoolers.

"I think the biggest change was that it helped homeschoolers in the state of Arkansas not feel discriminated against by the state," Cox said. "On one hand, you have private schools, which are not regulated at all. They don't test. They don't register with the state. ... Then you had the poor little homeschool family that had to be able to jump through all kinds of hoops."

School administrators remain concerned that some states still provide no regulation. They believe some guidelines are necessary so they can track students' progress and be sure that their learning environments are safe.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002

There are strong indications that you will finally be able to complete an important endeavor in the year ahead. The results could have a favorable effect on your lifestyle. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Put your intuition to work for you today in furthering your ambitious objectives, be they career or personal. You have the ability to tune in to the core of matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't have it in you today to knock yourself out trying to please a bunch of strangers. You're more apt to feel fulfilled spending your time with old pals with whom you feel at ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be sure to establish some meaningful objectives today, because substantial achievements are very possible. Don't be reluctant to be a bit more assertive than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Lessons learned from your own personal experiences will serve you as a better guide today than will other sources. Should a delicate matter need handling, rely on private knowledge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Participation in a project masterminded by another could prove profitable for you. Chances are good that you will be invited to take part today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you have anything to say about where the spotlight should be focused today, choose to direct it on your mate or that special someone. By doing so, you make s/he feel really important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Put your hand to working on a favorite hobby or labor of love today. It will have a calming effect on your nervous system and overall outlook, and do more good for you than anything else.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your protective nature and pleasant disposition are your greatest assets today. Your chart indicates that you will find several ways to put them to constructive use.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — More than anything else today, your interests will be focused on the concerns and needs of those you love. What you do for them will serve to enhance your feelings of self-worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Chances are, you are going to be better equipped today for handling mental task than physical ones. Exercise your cerebral faculties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — From something that develops in a very casual manner today your financial aspects could take a rather interesting turn and allow you to purchase something your family would love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not leave a matter that personally affects you in the hands of others today. They could get things off course far too easily whereas you would keep things on track.

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Shelby says terror attacks may precede Sept. 11 anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida operatives may try to prove they still can do harm with a strike timed for the run-up to the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Senate Intelligence Committee's top Republican says.

"Although they've been dispersed around the world, they're beginning to reassemble in areas," Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama said Friday in an Associated Press interview. "We have not killed enough of them. We have not captured enough of them."

Shelby said he had no information about any specific al-Qaida strike. One counterterror official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his colleagues have observed no particular spike in terror threats — the "chatter" — so far as Sept. 11 approaches.

While al-Qaida is capable of launching an attack at any time, U.S. officials have no evidence the terror network is in a hurry to strike before the anniversary of the attacks, the official said. "They operate under their own timetable, and strike when it's logistically doable."

While officials acknowledge concern that al-Qaida might attempt a strike on the anniversary of Sept. 11, they note the group has not struck in the past on dates symbolic either to Americans or to Muslims.

A few attempted strikes tied to al-Qaida have occurred close to holidays: the attempted millennium bombings in Los Angeles and Jordan, and Richard Reid's alleged attempt to blow up an airliner before Christmas last year.

But counterterror analysts don't think holidays hold any particular significance to al-Qaida leaders; they simply prefer large gatherings of people that can serve as targets.

Shelby also said he believes Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction at multiple sites, and a pre-emptive strike is warranted to stop President Saddam Hussein from doing "irreparable damage" to Americans.

Shelby, who met Thursday with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on the Iraq situation, said a new American strike to take out Saddam is inevitable.

It would be foolish to wait while the Iraqi leader builds his arsenal of chemical, biological and perhaps even nuclear weapons, Shelby said.

Most stolen motorcyles announced

DETROIT (AP) — Owners of Yamaha, Honda or Suzuki motorcycles are more likely to have their "Easy Rider" days cut short by thieves than owners of other brand bikes, according to a study released Sunday.

Of the 25 most stolen motorcycles in 2001, eight were Hondas, seven were Suzukis, six were built by Yamaha, three by Kawasaki and just one by Harley-Davidson, according to the study by CCC Information Services Inc.

The single most stolen motorcycle in 2001 was the 2001 Yamaha YZFR6.

The study found that Honda was the most stolen motorcycle make, regardless of model or year, with 23 percent of all theft. Yamahas accounted for 20 percent and Harley-Davidsons 18 percent.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



No alternative therapy for mono

DEAR DR. GOTT: My teenage daughter has mononucleosis, for which an alternative healer urges herbal remedies. Is this appropriate therapy?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't.

Acute infectious mononucleosis is an illness caused by the Epstein-Barr virus and has been estimated to affect over 90 percent of the world's population. In most instances, patients are not even aware of the infection; however, their immune systems are activated to produce antibodies to the virus. These antibody markers, which can be identified in blood tests, may persist for months or years, long after the infection has disappeared.

In many cases, patients become quite ill with overwhelming exhaustion, swollen glands, sore throat and fever, which may progress to rash, jaundice and liver inflammation. In the majority of cases, the spleen swells, too. Occasionally, patients will exhibit neurological signs, such as Bell's palsy (facial weakness), blurred vision, confusion and paralysis. These signs are more common in older adults and rarely appear in youngsters and adolescents.

Being a virus infection, mononucleosis is untreatable with current means. Although some practitioners advocate various therapies, such as herbal remedies, these methods have not been proven to be effective.

Most patients with mono recover uneventfully, after several days of symptoms, followed by a few weeks of fatigue and malaise. If sore throat and tonsillitis are severe enough to inhibit swallowing, short-term steroid therapy is often beneficial.

I suggest that you disregard the alternative healer's advice and take your daughter to your family doctor for further guidance.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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: Because of endometriosis, I suffer from periodic severe pain in my left abdomen. I've been prescribed hormone pills for relief. Can certain foods aggravate my condition?

DEAR READER: Endometriosis is a common congenital affliction marked by abdominal pain and cramping due to the presence of endometrial tissue (the lining of the uterus) in abnormal locations, such as the abdominal organs. During menstruation, when the normal endometrium sheds and bleeds, these aberrant "islands" also bleed, leading to inflammation and a buildup of pressure.

Treatment consists of suppression of menstruation, using supplemental hormones. Although usually effective, this therapy may be associated with weight gain from fluid retention, breast tenderness, fatigue and depression.

For moderate/severe endometriosis, surgery is recommended: The abnormal nests of endometrial tissue are removed.

Diet bears no significant relation to endometriosis, which is a disorder of the reproductive tract; therefore, the avoidance of certain foods plays no role in treatment. You can obtain further guidance from your gynecologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take care of my grandchildren after school, and they always want to snack. The youngest one, age 8, craves sour pickles. He just loves them. My husband, however, discourages the practice, claiming that the vinegar will dry up the child's blood. I don't want to harm my grandson. Is my husband correct?

DEAR READER: No, he isn't. Vinegar, a weak acid, is harmless when consumed in moderation and will not, to my knowledge, affect the blood in any way. Obviously as with any type of food, moderation is the key. But I fail to see how a sour pickle after school could lead to problems.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 3-B Snyder Kelley southeast, a 7,400-foot wildcat located three miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp. will drill the No. 212W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 2,500 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 105 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 213W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The venture is planned for 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1855-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1859-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles of Colorado City.

Energen will drill the No. 3704-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

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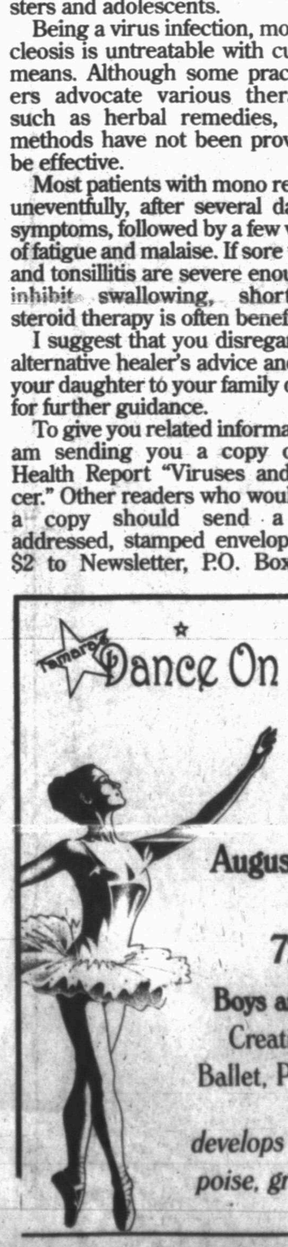
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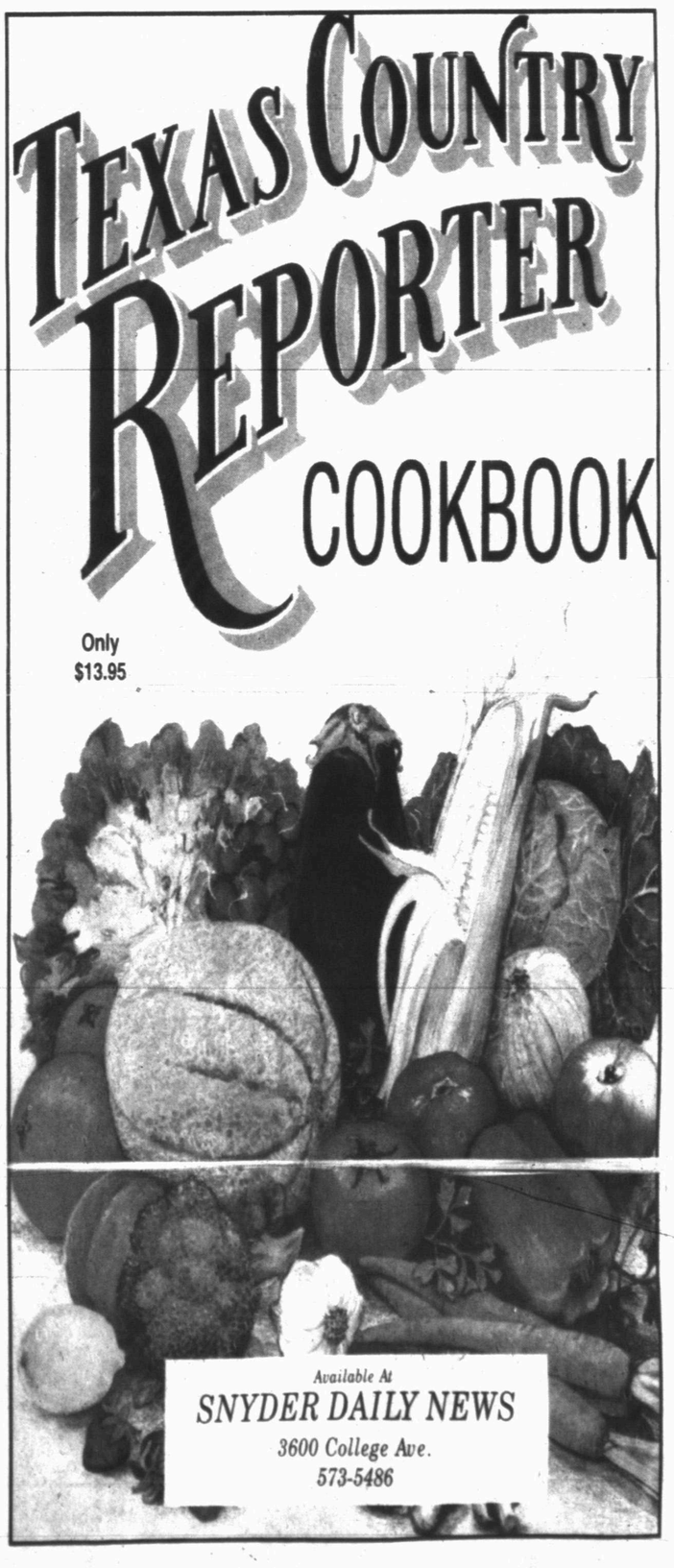
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Israel tightens travel bans in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel announced a "total ban" on Palestinian travel in much of the West Bank and sealed off a chunk of the Gaza Strip with tanks today in response to Palestinian attacks on Israelis that killed 13 people over 24 hours.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said restrictions would be tightened further, and that troops were planning operations to "maintain a much bigger closure than what we are doing now."

The new restrictions were imposed after a bloody 24-hour period in which a Palestinian suicide bomber blew up an Israeli bus and gunmen carried out shooting attacks in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Thirteen people were killed in these attacks, including 11 Israelis, both Jews and Arabs, and two women from the Philippines. Three assailants also died.

Israeli troops today arrested Mazen Foqha, a senior Hamas activist in the West Bank, on suspicion that he supplied the explosives for Sunday's bus attack. Palestinians said Fokha headed the Hamas military wing in the Jenin district.

Under the new ban, Palestinians will not be able to drive in the northern half of the West Bank, between the towns of Nablus, Jenin, Qalqiliya, Tulkarem and Ramallah, the army said. Some movement will be permitted in the southern West Bank, including the towns of Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho.

Ben-Eliezer said there was "total closure" in the northern West Bank. "Nobody enters and nobody leaves. There is no movement between the towns and villages."

Stringent restrictions on Palestinian travel have been in place since the outbreak of fighting in September 2000, with Palestinians confined to their communities for extended periods as Israeli troops try to prevent terror attacks.

Palestinians trying to get to jobs and schools often use dirt roads to evade military checkpoints. The military said blockades would be strictly enforced, with exceptions made for humanitarian cases.

In Gaza, about 25 tanks took up positions on the main north-south road.

Arrests occupy local law officers

Arrests

Baldemar Antonio Gonzales, 28, of 310 20th St. was arrested by police at 12:37 a.m. today and charged with felony assault, family violence.

DPS troopers arrested a 25-year-old man just after midnight Sunday in the Wal-Mart parking lot for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and for evading arrest.

Troopers took a 33-year-old man into custody at 7:15 p.m. Sunday on U.S. 84 for misdemeanor DWI.

A 25-year-old man was arrested by troopers at 5:35 p.m. Sunday on U.S. 84 near FM 1611 on outstanding warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Burglaries

Just after 1 p.m. Sunday, Michelle Stahl reported someone attempting to break into her son's car in the 200 block of 36th Street.

Ramsey Tercero requested officers at 1:39 a.m. Sunday at the Primitive Baptist Church in reference to his mother hearing breaking glass and someone kicking on the door. A burglary report was filed.

Jolene Chaidez contacted police at 11:27 a.m. Sunday in reference to male subjects removing property from a residence and loading it into a car in the 100 block of Birch. A 32-inch television was taken from the property and an offense report for burglary was submitted.

Thefts

Cecil Langford reported at 7:45 a.m. Saturday the theft of a barbecue pit in the 2400 block of Beaumont.

Diane Land flagged down officers at 4:44 p.m. Saturday to report a computer taken from her residence.

Criminal mischief

At 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Mary Ann Gonzales reported tires slashed on a vehicle in the VFW parking lot.

Just after 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Lakrisha Koslor reported the rear window on a vehicle being smashed out with a hammer.

Live wires

Joe Botts requested TXU at 11:22 Saturday morning in reference to live electrical wires being on the ground. The city inspector was notified and authorized TXU to cut power to the box.

Car fire

Eleven firefighters and one truck responded to a car fire in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Oil leaked onto the manifold and ignited a small fire in the engine compartment. The fire was out prior to the fire department's arrival.

Gas drive offs

Just after 11 a.m. Saturday, a clerk with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off worth $19.02 and a clerk with All-sup's reported one in the amount of $6.75.

A clerk with Ton and Country east reported the theft of $10 worth of fuel at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Births

Emmah Leigh Hilburn was born to Mycah Hilburn of Snyder at 7:19 p.m. on Aug. 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Emmah weighed six pounds, eight ounces and her paternal grandparents are Mario and Stella Herrera of Snyder. Her maternal grandparents are Phil and Shanna Covington of Snyder and Rick and Leigh Hilburn of Big Spring.

Joey and Veronica Selvera of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Daniel Robert Selvera, at 2:04 a.m. on Aug. 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Daniel weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Frank and Mary Selvera and maternal grandparents are Jose and Lucia A. Lopez, all of Snyder.

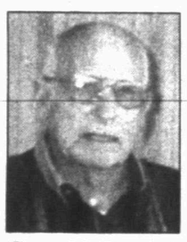
Obituaries

Sam McDaniel

1929-2002

Claude U. "Sam" McDaniel, longtime Snyder oilfield contractor, died Saturday, Aug. 3, at his home after a lengthy battle with emphysema.

Funeral service for Mr. McDaniel, 73, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church with Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor, officiating.



Sam McDaniel

Burial was to follow in the McDaniel Family Cemetery northeast of Hermleigh. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 18, 1929 in Jackson, Miss., he was a graduate of Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M. He married Shirly Beth Coffee on Aug. 26, 1950 and she died on July 15, 1990. He married Beth Sims on Aug. 3, 1991 in Snyder.

A resident of Snyder since 1949, Mr. McDaniel was owner and operator of Sam's Fishing Tools for 12 years and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, C.U. and Beatrix McDaniel; and three sisters, Cora Smith, Bodie Long and Mary Webb.

Survivors include his wife, Beth McDaniel of Hermleigh; five daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and John Paul Rogers, Shelby and Tommy Clayton, all of Snyder, Sammye and Wayne McClure, Sharon and Terry Gray and Brigette and Paul Thompson, all of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Karrie Brunson of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and LaVada McDaniel of Snyder; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Bett and Bill Young of San Diego, Connie and Weldon Swann of Anton, Nancy and Bud Dennis and Sandy Smith, all of Snyder; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Weldon Buchanan

1932-2002

James Weldon Buchanan, longtime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, Aug. 3, at his home in Hermleigh.

Funeral service for Mr. Buchanan, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Steve Highfield, associate pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Mr. Buchanan

Born June 7, 1932 in Sulphur Springs, he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He married Juanita Brumit on Jan. 26, 1967 in Snyder.

A Baptist, Mr. Buchanan was a pumper for Dunigan Petroleum for 13 years and was shop foreman at McCormick 66 Super Service on East Highway for a number of years until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Louise Wells; two brothers, J.C. and Wayne Buchanan; and his parents J.C. and Eula Mae Buchanan.

Survivors include his wife, Nita Buchanan of Hermleigh; a daughter, Stephanie Buchanan of Hermleigh; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Don Ray and Lisa Mills, James Buchanan and Kenneth Wayne and Becky Buchanan, all of Snyder; five sisters, Louise Tatom and Joyce Buchanan, both of Snyder, Ruby Johnson of Ira, Evelyn Wiggins of Colorado City and Geneva Shier of Cooper; five brothers, C.L. "Buck" Buchanan, V.L. "Red" Buchanan, W.D. "Dub" Buchanan, all of Snyder, J.B. Buchanan of Hermleigh, and Tommy Buchanan of Houston; and five grandchildren.

Elnora Clark

1916-2002

Elnora Clark, 86, died Sunday, Aug. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Clark is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born June 4, 1916 in Bell County, she married A.E. "Pete" Clark on March 11, 1932. He died in 1989. She also was preceded in death by two daughters, a granddaughter, three brothers and one sister.

A longtime resident of Coleman, Mrs. Clark had lived in Snyder since 1996.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Vera and Joe Pruitt of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Lorene and Don Snyder of Odessa; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Billie Strickland of Tyler; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Golda Redwine

1942-2002

COLORADO CITY — Golda Lenorah Cary Redwine, director of the Colorado City Senior Center, died Friday, Aug. 2, in the Mitchell County Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Redwine, 59, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City. John Horton, her cousin, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

A lifelong resident of Mitchell County, Mrs. Redwine was born on Oct. 7, 1942 in Loraine.

She was preceded in death by her father, Garland Cary Ritchey; and a brother, Mickey Cary.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Ruth Cary, and her stepfather, Elks Jones of Loraine; her son, Cary Redwine of Fort Worth; her daughter and son-in-law, Cami and Arthur Rivera of Colorado City; a brother and sister-in-law, Richey and Deanna Cary of Rockdale; two sisters, Linda Baker of Navasota and Glenda Cary of Stamford; and three grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Head Start registration is being held through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders is being held from 9 a.m. to noon through Friday.

VFW auxiliary

VFW Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight in the post home.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "How Did the First Converts Become Christians?" followed by "I Can Do All Things."

4-H horse Club

The 4-H Horse Club will have its final point night at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the rodeo grounds. Warmup begins at 6:30 p.m.

SHS registration

Snyder High School registration for students new to the district will be held from 9 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Freshman and new student orientation will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Worsham Auditorium.

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.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 Wednesday evening in the school cafeteria. The agenda includes a discussion of a membership drive, and the election of officers.

Bulldog car wash

The Ira Bulldog football players will have a car wash from 1-6 p.m. Thursday at the school. Donations will be accepted.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Garage sale donations

Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders will accept donations for a garage until Friday to raise money for cheerleading camp and uniforms. Call Joyce Lionberger at 863-2755.

West Texas Alzheimer's Association

The West Texas Alzheimer's Association will have an educational program at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Presenter is Janet Cross, association program coordination. The public is invited.

Distribute supplies

School supplies for needy children will be distributed Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Region 14 Satellite Office. To be eligible, parents must provide proof that their child is on the free or reduced price lunch [illegible].

Medical expense account

An account has been set up at First American Bank for John Hardin who is battling cancer. Donations can be mailed or made in person at the bank for the John Hardin Account, #0328385407.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Thursday, Aug. 15, and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is [illegible] Thursday, Aug. 15. Call 574-1900 for more information.

Weigh Down registration

Weigh Down registration and orientation is 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th St. Classes will begin Thursday, Aug. 22. Contact Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615.

Joy School registration

Joy School registration will be from 4-6 p.m. Aug. 15. Joy School begins Aug. 19. School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 573-3554 or 574-1789 for more information.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Elementary's meet the teacher open house is from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18.