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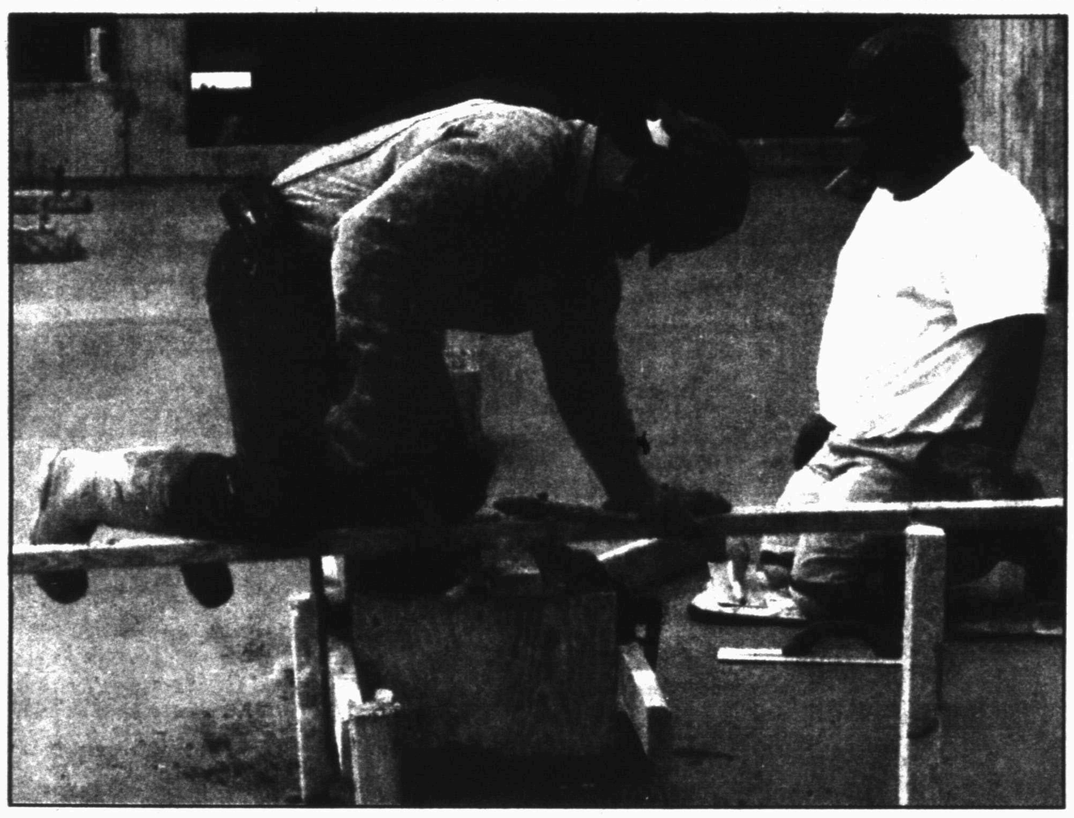
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Home of Lisa Tate



ELECTRONIC SCORING SITE WORK — Workers from Ballard Concrete in Abilene were busy Friday at the U.S. Air Force's electronic scoring site at Winston Field. The foundation for the structure is complete and contruction on the building will begin soon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Enrollment at WTC record for fall term

A record number of students reported to Western Texas College for the fall semester, the highest in the school's 30-year history.

Registration numbers show the college's enrollment to be 1,375, according to registrar Ann Galyean.

Last fall's enrollment was 1,233 students. The record for attendance was 1,319 students, set in 1984.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said everyone at the college is excited and proud of the "great turnout" by students this semester.

Dr. Williams said several factors have contributed to the increase in student population.

"There are a number of things that have helped us gain students and one of those is we've had a lot of good news here at the college lately and that has helped a lot," the first year president said.

"We've done well with our distance learning programs and we've increased our recruiting efforts. The entire faculty and staff have worked to bring more students to our campus and we're pleased with the results."

Although Dr. Williams is happy with the enrollment numbers, better numbers are anticipated. He has aspirations of 2000 students on WTC's campus within five years and pledges to continue to work to bring more students to the campus.

"Next fall, there will be even more students out here," he said. "Our new sports programs will bolster enrollment and we're looking at some new academic programs as well.

"Our drama program is back up and going and that will help us draw some students."

Dr. Williams said 1,500 students on campus this time next year is not too lofty a goal, rather he feels confident the school's enrollment will reach that mark in the fall of 2002.

"We're going to start reaching out to high school students more," he said. "We want to offer more scholarships to local students and try to reach students when they're in their junior year of high school or even younger to get them to look at WTC and consider us as a strong possibility when they graduate."

WTC already reaches many high school students through its concurrent course program. Twenty-five area high schools take advantage of the college's concurrent classes, 15 of which utilize ITV (Interactive Television) technology.

Williams said the WTC staff will continue to work hard.

"We plan to start a major fundraising campaign soon," he said. "We're working and I'm confident that we will continue to be in good shape."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Self-test to determine if you're in a rut - just try and remember the last time you did something for the first time."

Although school has been underway for a couple of weeks, Labor Day traditionally signals the official end of summer.

And since it's been a hot, dry one – we're ready for our favorite season. Hopefully, fall is a moist one. At least it's trying.

When classes resume, we're gonna be interested in the public school's enrollment reports since after-Labor Day census is normally more accurate than first-day.

At last month's opening session for WTC staffers, the new president gave his opening remarks.

Dr. Greg Williams said he has first-hand experience concerning the value of a community college.

Dr. Williams said his father died at an early age, and that money wasn't only tight around his house – it was practically non-existent.

The college chief learned the value of a community college, since staying close to home was the only financial alternative.

"The community college experience was one of the best experiences of my life," he said.

Williams said he never dropped a class while in college. "It wasn't because I didn't want to or didn't need to. It was because I couldn't afford the tuition to enroll again."

Since taking the high-profile job in Snyder, Dr. Williams has regularly been in the news.

But thanks to his mother, he now has everything back in proper perspective.

"I've been sending her all the clippings of the news stories. When I visited her recently, I carried her another clipping. She said, 'I don't need any more of these. It's time to stop talking and start doing."

Reality: Enjoy the Labor Day weekend, then back to the grind on Tuesday.

Retired minister Miller Robinson has given scores of talks and sermons throughout the years.

He says three things are helpful for a successful speech.

"One, stand up so you can be seen. Two, speak up so you can be heard. Third, and most important, sit down so you can be appreciated."

Hot air balloons featured...

Chamber to guide White Buffalo Days in October

Plans are well underway for the annual White Buffalo Festival set for Oct. 26-27.

This is the first time the festival will not be held on the day closest to J. Wright Mooar's anniversary date for killing the buffalo west of Snyder on Deep Creek.

Chairperson Judy Hays, who is the granddaughter of Mooar, said the activities will begin on Friday with the opening of vendors' booths, a roping in the coliseum annex, a dinner of chili and beans, and a dance.

The domino tournament will also begin Friday at the coliseum directed by Sheriff Darren Jackson.

Hays said additional vendors are welcome and reservations may be made by calling the chamber of commerce at 573-3558.

Saturday's activities will begin with a parade and everyone is invited to enter the parade by calling the chamber or by just showing up as it forms. The parade chairman this year is Mollie Shearer.

Activities will pick up at the coliseum following the parade and they include an art show, continuation of the roping, a senior citizens' cakewalk, the domino playoffs and a pet parade. There will also be a talent show with cash prizes.

Any age can enter the talent show for a $10 fee. A five-minute time limit has been set. A sound system, two microphones, CD player, tape player and operator will be furnished. To enter, call Jean Everett at 573-2763. The winner of each category will receive $50, and ribbons will be given for second and third prizes.

Stacy Browning is in charge of the White Buffalo Cook-Off on Saturday that will include brisket, chili, chicken, ribs and beans.

There will also be a horseshoe tourney at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

Mike Thornton, chairman of the hot air balloon rally portion of the festival, has events planned both Saturday and Sunday.

At least 10 balloons will be at the events set for Winston Field, including flights at daybreak each day.

Local schools receive grants

Snyder ISD elementary schools have been awarded Texas Education Agency grant funds of approximately $1,035,488.

Stanfield, East, Northeast and West Elementary campuses are receiving $23,372 each.

The grants will allow the campuses to continue with their family reading nights and provide professional development.

Stanfield and Central Elementary campuses are receiving a total of $942,000 over three years.

The three-year project includes the adoption of the Accelerated Schools Model that was established to bring "at-risk" students into the educational mainstream by the time they leave elementary level.

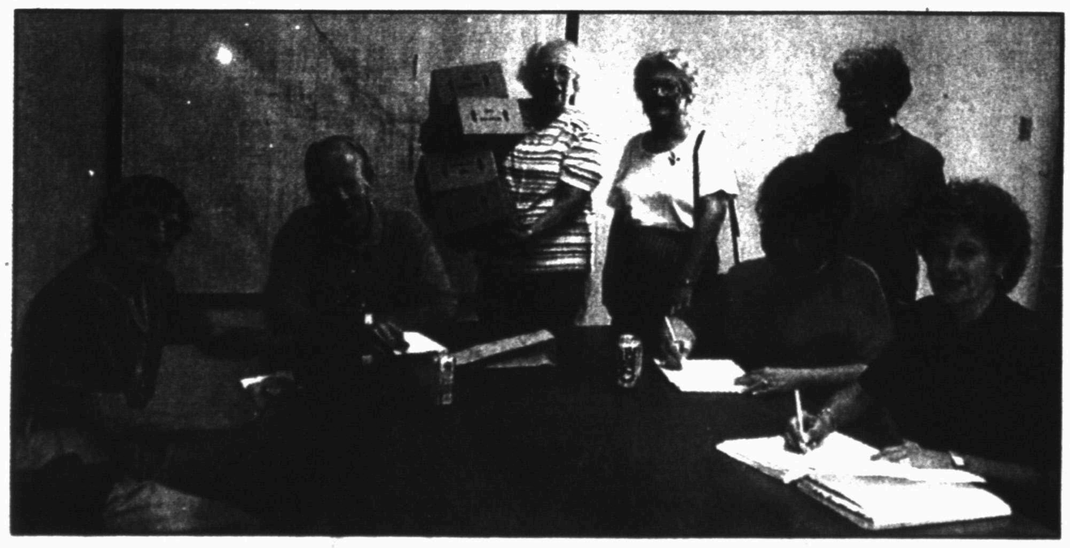
Labor Day is school holiday

Labor Day on Monday extends the weekend for most residents.

All three public schools – Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh - as well as Western Texas College will observe the holiday on Monday.

All financial institutions will be closed Monday as will the Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder City Hall, Scurry County Library, Scurry County Museum, Senior Center and Texas Workforce Commission.

Some retail stores will be closed Monday while others will conduct business as usual.



WHITE BUFFALO FESTIVAL — Judy Hays, chairman; Mike Thornton, Ann Smartt, Jean Everett, Jessie Scarbrough, Donna Fowler, chamber manager; and Mollie Shearer are pictured, from left, planning the White Buffalo Festival set Oct. 16-17. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Drug dealer gets sentence stacked in district court

A 48-year-old Snyder man, charged in an undercover drug investigation last year, pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Leo Jackson Jr. of 511 35th Street pleaded guilty to an Oct. 11, charge of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine, within 1,000 feet of a drug-free zone, Stanfield Elementary.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Jackson to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, a sentence that will not begin until his current state jail term is completed.

Last February, Jackson was convicted on a charge of forgery by passing and was assessed a two-year state jail sentence.

ASK US

Q—Will the Fox News Network be included in the new cable lineup?

A—Yes. Fox News will be channel 44.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 85 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Saturday, 66; no precipitation; total for 2001, 11.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, slight rain chance. Sunday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high upper 80s, SE wind, 5-15 mph. Sunday night, 20% rain chance, low near 70.

Nina Charves
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 243 days in 2001, the sun has shone 231 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you walk what you talk, people listen.

SEP 02 2001

Reno ponders running for governor

MIAMI (AP) — Wrapping up a summer on the road in Florida, Janet Reno is expected to reach a decision next week on whether to run for governor — a move that could pit her against the president's brother and give Democrats a chance for payback for last November.

The former attorney general's decisive lead in the polls over other potential Democratic candidates — plus the bad blood from the election fiasco last year — could make a matchup with Gov. Jeb Bush the most-watched political contest of 2002.

"I think it would make the Super Bowl look like a preseason game," said Susan MacManus, a University of South Florida political scientist. "It's going to be a major international media contest."

Reno is expected to reach a decision early next week, according to three sources close to Reno who spoke on condition of anonymity. While the sources said Reno has not made a final decision, others said they expect her to seek the Democratic nomination.

The Miami Herald, citing unnamed sources close to Reno, reported Saturday that Reno would announce on Tuesday that she is opening an account that allows her to begin raising money for the campaign.

"It's my understanding that she's going to run," former Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay, who described Reno as one of his closest friends, told the Herald. Reno was in meetings Friday and did not immediately return a call.

Once reluctant to mention Gov. Bush by name or to criticize his first term, Reno has been more vocal about his policies in recent weeks.

"We've got to beat Jeb Bush, but we've got to do much, much more. We've got to come together as a Democratic Party," Reno told party activists in Gainesville on Thursday.

"What you see ladies and gentlemen is what you get, someone willing to stand up and make the hard decisions whether it's popular or not, a person who cares about justice and the people of Florida."

The Miami native has yet to form a staff or open a campaign account that would allow her to raise money. She opened a personal office in Miami this month but said it was unrelated to the governor's race.

Some of the criticisms that dogged Reno during her term as attorney general could return if she entered the race, including her ordering of the assault at Waco in 1993 and her role in the seizure of Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives last year. Cuban-Americans have vilified her over Elian, and Reno has reached out to them during her speaking tour.

Reno, 63, was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1995 but has said the disease would not prevent her from serving as governor.

"I went to the doctors before I even talked about considering it and would never have considered it if they hadn't said, 'You should be able to be governor just fine,'" she said in a TV interview on Aug. 12.

A poll taken in late July found that Reno would easily win the primary but would lose to Bush in the general election. Bush would get 54 percent to 39 percent for Reno, according to the poll by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Only 7 percent of those surveyed were undecided, leaving some Democrats fearful that she will not be able to attract critical swing voters in a state virtually deadlocked in the 2000 presidential election.

During the chaotic recount in Florida, many Democrats accused the governor of working behind the scenes to help his brother — an allegation Bush denied. As for the role the controversy will play in the governor's race, Bush said earlier this year: "I'm going to stay focused on Florida."

Other Democrats who have filed to run include state Sen. Daryl Jones, House Minority Leader Lois Frankel, former Ambassador to Vietnam and one-time U.S. Rep. Pete Peterson, U.S. Rep. Jim Davis and lawyer Bill McBride.

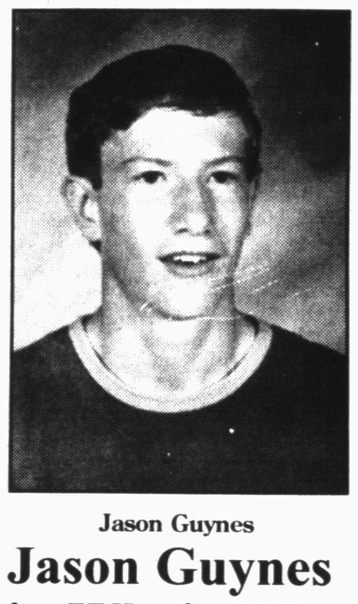


Glenn Burns

Glenn Burns in Who's Who

Glenn J. Burns, a junior at Snyder High School, will be recognized in the 2000-2001 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

He is the son of Glenn E. and Jeans Burns of Snyder and Wilbur and Bonnie Fry of Snyder.



Jason Guynes

Jason Guynes in Who's Who

Jason Guynes, a junior at Snyder High School, has been selected to be in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.*

Only five percent of students from the nation are honored each year. The United States Achievement Academy also named him an All-American Scholar for 1999.

Jason is the son of Lynn and Pat Guynes.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-4-0

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
8-14-28-32-35

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
16-32-2-34
Bonus number 13
Estimated jackpot: $1,000,000

New GED tests slated in January

Persons who are working on their GED diplomas are encouraged to finish by December as new GED tests will be introduced in January 2002.

To earn a GED by December, persons must pass all five tests. Or they can start all over again. After the new GED tests are introduced, only test scores from the new tests will count toward earning a GED diploma.

If you began testing after July 1, and need to retest in some area, you must attend classes and obtain permission from the instructor before re-testing.

For next testing dates and more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, Emily Hataway, 574-2112, or Western Texas College, 573-8511, ext. 297.

For information aboput GED classes call Margaret Corkran at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 322.

TAAS tests dates listed

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be administered on Oct. 23-25.

Enrolled 11th and 12th graders as well as individuals who are out of school are eligible to take any section of the exit level test on which they have not yet met minimum expectations. TAAS Writing Tests will be administered on Oct. 23. TAAS math will be given on Oct. 24 and TAAS reading tests will be taken on Oct. 25.

TAAS out-of-school examinees must register by Sept. 14 in order to test. These spring registration packets are now available in the Snyder High School counselor's office. A student can also register for the TAAS test online by accessing Web site http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos.

Anyone with further questions should call Debbie Phillips, high school counselor at 574-6050 or Melissa W. Jones, assistant superintendent at 573-5401.

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In 1760, about one-third of the ship tonnage of Britain was constructed in Britain's North American colonies.

Eubank wins subscription

Mamie Eubank, 1601 Ave G., is the August winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Lisa McNair gets HSU scholarship

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University's Speech-Language Pathology Department announces that Snyder resident Lisa McNair was awarded a Christi Rogers scholarship from the endowed account.

Norrises have baby

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For karate champ-turned-star Chuck Norris, it's a boy — and a girl.

Norris, 61, became the father of twins Thursday when his 33-year-old wife, Gena, gave birth about one month ahead of schedule, Norris' publicist, Jeff Duclos, said.

"They were about a month premature," Duclos said, adding that both children and their mother were doing fine.

"There are no complications," he said.

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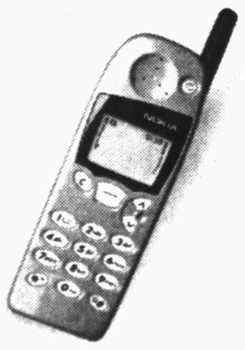
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You looked at me needing me so.
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And now I find we're all alone.

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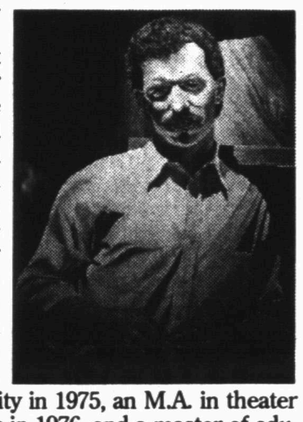


UNIT RECOGNIZED— Susan Compere, Special Olympics Texas Area IV director from Abilene, presented Price Daniel Unit senior warden Wilhelmenia Howard a check and recognition plaque for the Special Olympics fund-raiser for 2001. From left are Pam Bryant, risk management coordinator from the Price Daniel Unit; Compere; Warden Howard; Debra Cheyne, warden's secretary; and Connie Rushing, records supervisor. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Candace Keller's art on display at WTC

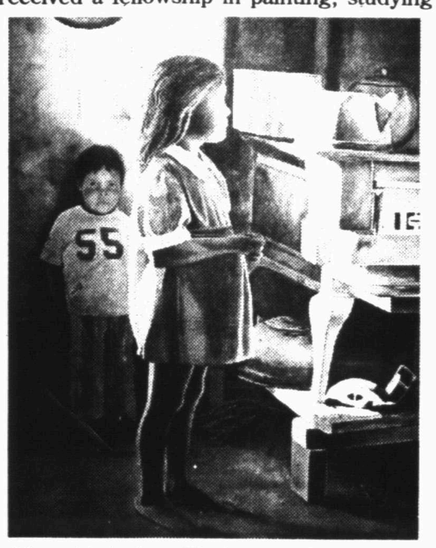
A collection of oil and watercolor paintings by artist Candace A. Keller is currently on display in the Fine Arts Gallery at Western Texas College.

The exhibit is scheduled to run through September 28. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.



The artist received her Ph.D. in Fine Arts in Visual Arts from Texas Tech University in 2001. She received her B.F.A. in painting with a minor in art history from Sul Ross State University in 1975, an M.A. in theater from Sul Ross in 1976, and a master of education in Arts in Visual Arts from Sul Ross in 1978.

She is currently an associate professor of art on the faculty at Wayland Baptist University, serving as art department head and as curator of art for the Museum of the Llano Estacado and Abraham Art Gallery. She received a fellowship in painting, studying



with artist Audrey Flack at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida in 1986, California in 1990, and was selected as associate by artist Ed Paschke for painting studies at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida in 1995. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key National Honors Society, Alpha Psi Omega, The College Art Association of America, Texas Art Education Association, Tau Sigma Delta, and the National Council of Art Administrators.

Recognition for her work include awards



from Fiesta de Santa Fe, Texas Caprock Art Festival, Lubbock Art Association, Lubbock Arts Alliance, Plainview Business and Professional Women's Organization, and Amarillo Art Association, among others. She also served as president of the Plainview Cultural Arts Council for 1999-2000 and was nominated for the Minnie Stevens Piper Teaching Award in November of 2000.

Sen. Hutchison adopts 4-month-old girl

DALLAS (AP) — Kay Bailey Hutchison has been a TV reporter, lawyer, state legislator, state treasurer and U.S. senator. On Friday, she became a mother.

Kay and Ray Hutchison have adopted 4-month-old Kathryn Bailey Hutchison, called Bailey. She is named for her mother and grandmother.

The Hutchisons describe Bailey as "beautiful beyond belief (except for a few occasions at 3:30 a.m.)."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is one of 162 members of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption. At least 15 have adopted children themselves.

Kerry Hasenbalg, executive director of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, predicted an even higher profile for Hutchison on adoption issues.

"The most active members of Congress in terms of the adoption issue have somehow been affected personally by this issue," she said.

The coalition's goals are to promote adoption-related issues and policy and raise awareness about the positive aspects of adoption.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is a co-chairwoman of the coalition and the mother of two adoptive children, ages 9 and 4. She said pairing the roles of working senator and mom is possible.

"Yes, it is going to be tough. Yes, their lifestyle will change, as any parent can tell you. But it's doable and it's manageable," Landrieu said.

Both she and Hasenbalg said a growing awareness of adoption issues has led recently to several important pieces of legislation, including a one-time $10,000 tax credit for parents who adopt infants or children with special needs; an international treaty setting uniform standards for out-of-country adoptions; and automatic citizenship for babies adopted internationally.

Hutchison, 58, has been in public service since 1972, when she won the first of two elections to the state House of Representatives. She was elected state treasurer in 1990 after the incumbent, Ann Richards, was elected governor.

In 1993, Hutchison entered a special election to replace Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. After topping a 24-person Democrat and Republican field, she trounced interim Democratic Sen. Bob Krueger in a runoff. She was re-elected to a full term in 1994 and again in 2000.

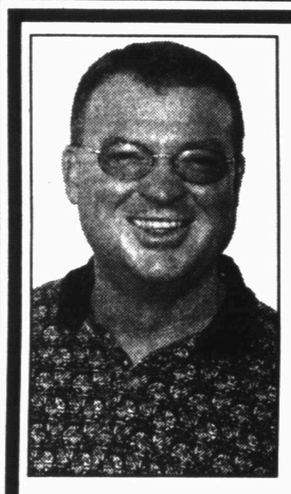
In March, two months before she began the process of adopting Bailey through an agency, Hutchison ended months of speculation by announcing she would not run for Texas governor in 2002.

Hutchison is sponsoring legislation this session that would make U.S. citizenship automatic for children living with and in custody of an American parent working abroad for the U.S. military or government. The legislation, pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee, would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Ray Hutchison, a Dallas bond attorney with the firm of Vinson & Elkins, is 68. He has two grown daughters by a previous marriage.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, co-chairman of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, said Sen. Hutchison always has been an ally on family issues.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Scurry County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed appraisal budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2001 @ 8:30 a.m. at the offices of the Scurry County Appraisal District located at 2612 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is $569,795.00

Salaries, Retirement, Insurance, Travel	$402,205.00
Registration	5,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	4,600.00
Building Maint & Utilities	19,000.00
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	26,390.00
Programming: Appraisal, Mapping & Imaging	23,000.00
Appraisal Service (Mineral & Industrial)	52,000.00
Board of Directors, Appraisal Review Board	10,000.00
Postage	8,500.00
Supplies, Furniture, Forms, Valuation Material, etc	12,100.00
Microfilming	2,000.00
Audit Fee	2,000.00
Attorney Fees	3,000.00

The total amount of INCREASE from the current year's budget will be $2,384.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 11.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 11.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors, this budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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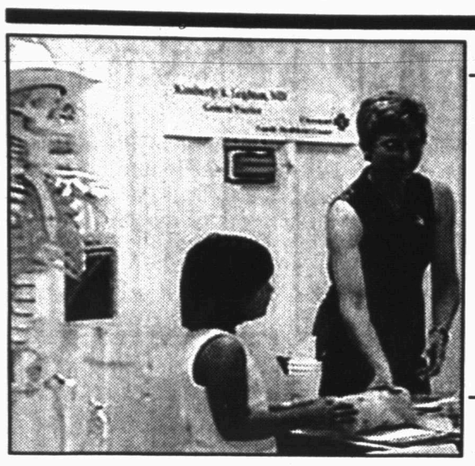
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HEALTH FAIR — Dr. Kimberly Leighton of the Snyder Covenant Family Healthcare Center, discussed health issues last Saturday at Nolan County's Health Fair. (Contributed Photo)

Financial Focus

Stage of Life Determines Type of Insurance You'll Ned

What type of insurance should you purchase? The answer depends a great deal on where you're at in life.

That's why it's important to look for more than just "an insurance policy." Instead, you need to first identify your financial needs and objectives — and then find the appropriate insurance products.

Here's a general timetable of what your needs and goals may be at various life stages, and what types of insurance you may need during these periods.

Ages 21-35: Career beginnings — When you're single and just starting out in your career, you may only need enough life insurance to cover any debts you have accumulated, such as student loans. And your employer may even offer a group term insurance plan that is sufficient for this need.

Once you start a family, you'll have to focus on how much money one spouse would need to raise the children and pay off the house, should the other spouse die prematurely. To meet these needs, you may want to consider either an individual term policy or some type of permanent insurance.

Ages 36-65: Prim earning years — At this long stage of life, you'll likely have established your career and watched your children grow up. You will need to review your insurance coverage to make sure it meets your changing needs: a second home, children approaching college, etc.

You'll also want to see how insurance can help you fund your retirement plans. This is especially important if you are already "maxing out" on contributions to your qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k), or if your income is so high that you run into Ira contribution limits.

To meet any of these goals, you may want to consider a permanent insurance plan, such as whole life, universal life or variable universal life. These policies allow tax-deferred growth of earnings, which means your money will grow much faster than it would in an account on which you paid taxes every year. An investment representative can help you choose the life insurance plan that's most appropriate for your needs.

Ages 66-85: Retirement and wealth transfer — At this stage in life, your needs for insurance generally diminishes. Yet, you can still find valid uses for insurance, such as the transfer of wealth to your heirs. If you've set the policy up properly, your beneficiaries won't have to pay income or estate taxes on the proceeds. Furthermore, the money won't have to go through the time consuming and expensive legal process of probate.

Life insurance also can be useful in an estate-planning context. For example, if you plan on leaving significant assets to a charity, but you don't want to deprive your heirs of these resources, you may want to establish an irrevocable life insurance trust. Under this arrangement, the trust purchases enough life insurance to replace the full value of the asset you leave to a charity. At the same time, the trust names your heirs as beneficiaries of the policy.

As you can see, insurance is a multifaceted, flexible tool that can help you in many stages of your life. But remember; fit the policy to your needs — not the other way around.



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Iowa town tries to understand the deaths of 7 people

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — School counselors had a difficult task in trying to comfort classmates of five children who were found brutally slain along with their mother.

"It's something the entire city and region will wrestle with for some time," said school Superintendent Larry Williams. "It's going to be traumatic."

Leticia Aguilar, 31, and her children, Claudia, 12; Zach, 11; Larry, 9; Lisa, 7; and Michael, 6, were found Thursday in their home. Police said they had been dead several days but didn't say how they were killed. A man described as the mother's boyfriend was arrested.

Michael, Lisa and Larry were in the first, second and fourth grades at Everett Elementary School, principal Michaela Hansen said. Counselors spoke with children at the school Friday, as well as at West Middle School, where Claudia and Zach attended.

"They were truly wonderful kids," Hansen said. "My heart just goes out to that family. Words cannot express how badly I feel."

Williams said the tragedy was especially hard for the children's classmates to understand because of the sheer number slain.

"There is always trauma for kids when a favorite teacher is lost due to sudden death," he said. "There's trauma when a parent or close friends are lost. Here we have classmates — and a large number of them — who are dead."

Rianna Whitebeaver, a sixth grader who said she had known Claudia since kindergarten, described her friend as a good listener who was also good at keeping secrets.

"I never thought this would happen to her," Whitebeaver said, tears streaming down her face.

Police said the slayings of the six family members and another man, whose body was found at a home across town the same night, may be the worst mass murder in the city's history.

"This community was scared to death," Police Chief Joe Frisbie said. "Everyone was worried about their children and the schools and wondering if they were safe in their homes."

Aguilar's boyfriend, Adam Matthew Moss, 23, was arrested Friday morning hiding behind a pile of plywood outside a shack police had been watching, Frisbie said. A frantic all-night search had been conducted across the city.

Formal murder charges won't be filed until next week, authorities said. Moss was to appear in court Saturday on a charge of stealing a car from Ronald E. Fish, 58, the seventh victim.

Frisbie said they recovered a weapon believed to have been used in the slayings, but he wouldn't elaborate. Autopsy results were pending.

Police offered no motive for the slayings.

Neighbors said Moss could be friendly and helpful but had a history of violence. His own brother filed a restraining order against him last week; court officials would not explain the cause.

Fred Scaletta, spokesman for the Iowa Corrections Department, said Moss was sentenced to a year of probation in 1995 for assault. The next year, he was placed on two years' probation for burglary and theft.

Former Snyder High teacher has retired

Linda Treviño of Midland, former Snyder High School teacher, retired in May of this year. She has taught a total of 29 years in Texas schools.

Mrs. Treviño taught Spanish and ESL (English as a Second Language) from Aug. 1994 to May 1999. In 1997, she was named one of two Teachers of the Year at SHS. She also sponsored the Pan American Student Forum (PASF) and was elected to the PASF State Board of Directors as Publicity Director in April 1997.



Linda Trevino

She also served as a substitute teacher at Snyder ISD for the spring semester in 1994, and she taught ESL during summer school that year.

Her husband, Arthur, worked for Mobil Oil and was transferred to Snyder in 1993. He was transferred to Midland in May 1999 and retired in June 2000.

The Treviños will move to the Texas hill country area where they will perform volunteer work and pursue interests in crafts.

They will also travel, including visits to their children, Ann, who lives in Corpus Christi and James who lives in Abilene.

Mrs. Treviño graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio in May 1970 with a BA in English and Spanish. She began her teaching career in Houston in Aug. 1971, and taught reading and English at Houston ISD for six years.

She also taught in English and Spanish at Rosenberg (Lamar Consolidated ISD) from 1978-1987. Her husband transferred to Dallas in 1987 with Mobil Oil.

She later taught Spanish for 61/2 years in Desoto (Desoto ISD), from 1987-1993.

Keep Labor Day driving as safe, stress-free as possible

AUSTIN — As summer draws to a close this Labor Day weekend, many families will take advantage of the last vacation opportunity before school begins. With more than 30 million Americans taking to the roads, remembering these simple tips will make getting there and back a lot safer for you and your loved ones.

• Before you take off, make sure your car is in good working condition. Check the oil; tire pressure and the brakes; cooling; steering and battery fluids. This will give you peace of mind and prevent unnecessary car problems.

• Stop every few hours for food, restroom breaks or just to stretch your legs. Eating while driving can be hazardous, as can restless children and frustrated parents.

• Don't drive through the night. Be fully refreshed for the continuation of your road trip by getting a good night's sleep in a hotel. If you feel sleepy, pull over for a quick nap. If you can't pull over, bring an alternate driver with you so you can take turns driving.

• Avoid road rage. If someone is provoking you, let him or her pass and then let it drop. If you find yourself yelling and getting angry, play it safe and pull over for a short break.

• Always wear your safety belt! Remember, air bags with safety belts provide the greatest protection for your front seat passengers. And remember to use an infant, toddler, or booster seat, as appropriate, for your children's safety.

• If possible, take your road trip in the largest vehicle available to you. This will provide more room and comfort for passengers and provide the best protection in case of a crash.

With these simple tips, you and your family can make getting there and back part of the vacation fun.

With school back in session, more children are on the road each weekday, walking and biking to and from school, and waiting for and exiting school buses. Toni Barcellona of the Texas Coalition for Vehicle Choice, urges all drivers to be extra careful when driving in and around school zones and bus stops. "It's better to exercise special caution on the roads and be a couple of minutes late to work, than to rush there and possibly kill or injure a child."

*According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the death rate in small passenger cars is more than double the rate in the largest.

Nominations for service academies are being sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm has announced that he is seeking applicants for nominations to the United States Service Academies.

Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kingsport N.Y. may be obtained by writing to Stenholm's Washington office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, and not past their 23rd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July 2002. Nominees are selected by a competitive process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability and community involvement.

The academies offer a four-year degree in a variety of areas ranging from civil engineering and physics, to American studies and behavioral science. While attending the academies, cadets and midshipmen will earn an annual salary from which expenses for books, uniforms and incidentals are taken. Tuition, room, board, medical and dental expenses are paid for by the academies. Upon graduation from the academies the cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of six years.

Any person who may be interested in applying for a nomination, or who would like to obtain additional information, should write to Cong. Charles W. Stenholm, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Applications must be submitted and filed completed, no later than Dec. 1, 2001, Nominations will be made toward the end of December.

Hope responds to treatment

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Bob Hope was continuing to make a rapid recovery from pneumonia and could be home from the hospital by the end of the Labor Day weekend, his doctor said.

"I'm impressed with how quickly he has responded," Dr. Lee Kagan told a hospital news conference Friday. "He has turned around as quickly as I might have expected from a much younger person."

The 98-year-old entertainer remains weak, however, and will likely need several weeks to regain his strength, Kagan said. Hope is listed in serious but stable condition at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, where he was taken Sunday after having trouble breathing at his Toluca Lake home.

Hope has been able to speak, although with limited ability, Kagan said.

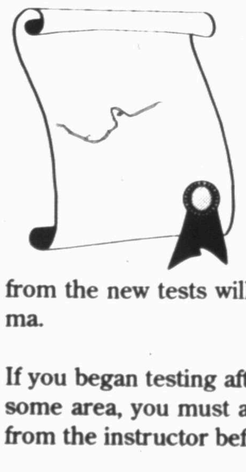
"Had this not been treated quickly, it could have gone downhill very quickly and the result could have been catastrophic," Kagan said.

Hope was receiving antibiotics, intravenous fluids and respiratory therapy. He had no fever and was not placed on life support machinery.

His wife and daughter, Linda, have been by his side since he was admitted.

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Class 5A
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Austin Westlake 35, SA MacArthur 7
Brownsville Rivera 22, Harlingen 20
Dallas Carter 19, Dallas Jesuit 13
Dallas Skyline 16, Odessa 10
EP Del Valle 18, Plainview 15
Evangel (LA) 27, Longview 7
Killeen 9, Round Rock Westwood 0
Lubbock Monterey 19, Andrews 7
Mesquite 35, Allen 14
Midland 21, Irving Nimitz 14
Odessa Permian 25, Del Rio 20
Plano East 35, Garland 21
Rockwall 29, Rowlett 10
Temple 9, Tyler Lee 6
Tyler John Tyler 35, Katy 3

Class 4A
Brenham 71, Houston Reagan 0
Brownwood 32, San Angelo Central 0
Denton 28, Justin Northwest 6
Dumas 13, Amarillo Tascosa 7
FW Arlington Heights 44, Birdville 14
FW Western Hills 49, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 21
Huntsville 23, Lancaster 7
Kilgore 36, Jefferson 8
Mesquite Poteet 55, Mount Pleasant 36
Paris 21, Denison 0
SA Kennedy 14, SA Jefferson 11
Silsbee 35, New Caney 0
Smithson Valley 28, Killeen Ellison 7
Snyder 49, Monahans 0
Texarkana Texas High 14, Arkansas High 0

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 21, San Angelo Lakeview 7
Alvarado 27, La Vega 14
Ballinger 27, Breckenridge 15
Bonham 39, Paul Pewitt 16
Bridgeport 27, Lake Dallas 0
Bullard 14, Eustace 0
Cameron 19, Gatesville 13
Cameron Yoe 19, Gatesville 13
Columbus 10, Needville 0
Daingerfield 6, Brownsboro 0
Denver City 15, Portales (N.M.) 6
Elgin 62, Smithville 6
FW Castleberry 27, Glen Rose 12
Forney 14, Aledo 0
Gainesville 67, FW North Side 6
Gladewater 20, Gilmer 14
Greenwood 48, Stanton 0
Lindale 17, Crandall 7
Lubbock Roosevelt 12, New Deal 2
Luling 14, Kenedy 6
Madisonville 35, Fairfield 0
McGregor 51, Moody 0
North Crowley 54, Polytechnic 14
Perryton 14, West Texas 0
Splendora 28, Huffman 0
Sweetwater 28, Big Spring 25
Tatum 36, Center 16
Teague 7, Palestine Westwood 0
Troy 14, Salado 9
White Oak 36, Linden-Kildare 0
Wills Point 21, Quinlan Ford 7
Wimberley 17, Blanco 7

Class 2A
Abernathy 10, Springlake-Earth 7
Alto 16, Timpson 0
Axtell 20, Texas Christian Academy 0
Blooming Grove 28, Cayuga 2
Boyd 35, Olney 7
Buffalo 28, Thorndale 25
Celina 14, Hillsboro 7
Coahoma 40, Hawley 12
Colorado City 14, Stamford 3
Corrigan-Camden 21, Hampshire Fannett 7
DeKalb 38, James Bowie 18
Dilley 6, Lytle 0
Edgewood 40, Crossroads 0
Farmersville 13, Anna 6
Floydada 12, Tahoka 7
Garrison 35, Grapeland 0
Groveton 23, Colmesneil 6
Hamilton 32, Whitney 0
Hamlin 22, Post 11
Hardin 50, Burkeville 20
Henrietta 14, S&S Consolidated 7
Hico 40, Palmer 0
Holliday 14, Iowa Park 12
Hubbard 17, Grandview 7
Hughes Springs 25, Karnack 12
Italy 43, Scurry-Rosser 0
Jacksboro 28, Lindsay 6
Jarrell 35, Bartlett 14
Jewett Leon 15, Kerens 14
Johnson City 14, Holland 0
Karnes City 38, Poteet 0
Leon 15, Kerens 0
Lockney 21, Slaton 14
Louise 38, Mt. Carmel 0
Quanah 18, Anson 7
Ralls 47, Lorenzo 6
San Saba 6, Ingram 3
Shelbyville 10, Huntington 0
Sonora 28, Reagan County 6
Van Alstyne 40, Leonard 6

Class 1A
Anton 18, Hale Center 6
Bosqueville 47, Covington 12
Burton 51, Allen Academy 0
Charlotte 53, La Pryor 0
Crowell 46, Rising Star 26
Fannindel 28, Maud 0
Harper 34, Eden 7
Hart 34, Meadow 0
Iola 50, Tomball Concordia Lutheran 7
Mount Enterprise 41, Overton 0
Nazareth 42, San Jacinto 13
Paducah 19, Crosbyton 9
Rice Consolidated 1, Hallettsville 0
Robert Lee 50, Bronte 0
Roscoe 55, O'Donnell 0
Saint Jo 12, Perrin-Whitt 0
Sterling City 39, Water Valley 6
Whiteface 13, Kress 12
Windthorst 74, WF Notre Dame 0

Six-Man
Benjamin 45, Bryson JV 12
Groom 62, Higgins 0
Trinidad 40, Bryan Brazos Christian 14
Whitharral 52, Happy 6

Private Schools
Arlington Grace Prep 26, FW Nolan 9
Arlington Oakridge 57, FW Temple Christian 0
Brownsville St. Joseph 41, Santa Rosa 0
Dallas Bishop Lynch 59, FW Trimble Tech 0
Dallas Greenhill 21, Trinity Valley 3
Denton Liberty 20, Dallas Christian 16
FW Christian 14, Dallas St. Mark's 0
Granbury Happy Hill 33, Grand Prairie Evangel Temple 6
Happy Hill Farm 33, Evangel Temple 6
Harlingen Marine-Military 48, Tamaulipas Mex 9
Rowlett Christian 52, Arlington St. Alban's 25
SA Central Catholic 28, SA Memorial 0
SA St. Gerard 39, SA St. Anthony 6
San Marcos Academy 56, Austin St. Andrews 0
Tyler Gorman 12, Quitman 6
Victoria St. Joseph 33, West Columbia Christian 6
Watauga Harvest 47, Savoy 22

Here's how teams ranked in The Associated Press' high school football poll fared this weekend:

Class 5A
1. Austin Westlake (1-0) beat SA MacArthur, 35-7.
2. Midland Lee (0-0) vs. 4A No. 5 Stephenville, Sat. 7:30 p.m. in San Angelo
3. Lufkin (0-0) is idle.
4. Tyler John Tyler (1-0) beat No. 6 Katy, 35-3.
5. Aldine Eisenhower (0-0) is idle.
6. Katy (0-1) lost to No. 4 Tyler John Tyler, 35-3.
7. The Woodlands (0-0) is idle.
8. Duncanville (0-0) is idle.
9. Galena Park North Shore (0-0) is idle.
10. Arlington Lamar (0-0) is idle.

Class 4A
1. Bay City (1-0) beat 3A No. 2 La Grange, 9-0.
2. Denton Ryan (0-0) is idle.
3. Ennis (0-0) is idle.
4. West Orange-Stark (0-0) is idle.
5. Stephenville (0-0) vs. 5A No. 2 Midland Lee, Sat. 7:30 p.m. in San Angelo.
6. La Marque (0-0) vs. Schertz Clemens, Sat. 3:15 p.m. in Alamodome.
7. San Antonio Roosevelt (0-0) is idle.
8. Corpus Christi Calallen (0-0) at Corpus Christi Miller, postponed until 7 p.m. Saturday.
9. Killeen Harker Heights (0-0) is idle.
10. Corsicana (0-0) is idle.

Class 3A
1. Forney (1-0) beat Aledo, 14-0.
2. La Grange (0-1) lost to 4A No. 1 Bay City, 9-0.
3. Commerce (0-0) is idle.
4. Everman (0-0) is idle.
5. Abilene Wylie (1-0) beat San Angelo Lakeview, 21-7.
6. Sinton (0-0) is idle
7. Newton (0-0) is idle
8. Sweetwater (1-0) beat Big Spring, 28-25.
9. Cameron Yoe (1-0) beat Gatesville, 19-13.
10. China Spring (0-0) is idle.

Class 2A
1. Celina (1-0) beat Hillsboro, 14-7.
2. Mart (0-1) lost to Waco Reicher, 9-6.
3. Sonora (1-0) beat Reagan County, 28-6
4. Arp (0-0) is idle.
5. Refugio (0-0) vs. Aransas Pass, postponed until Sept. 21.
6. Corrigan-Camden (1-0) beat Hamshire-Fannett, 21-7.
7. Pilot Point (1-0) beat Gunter, 21-14.
8. Farmersville (1-0) beat Anna, 13-6.
9. Stanton (0-1) lost to Midland Greenwood, 48-0.
10. Blanco (0-1) lost to Wimberley, 17-7.

Class A
1. Stratford (0-0) is idle.
2. Roscoe (1-0) beat O'Donnell, 55-0.
3. Shiner (0-0) is idle
4. Beckville (0-0) is idle
5. Windthorst (1-0) beat WF Notre Dame, 74-0.
6. Rankin (1-0) beat Irion County, 7-0.
7. Collinsville (0-0) vs. Frost, Sat. 8 p.m. in Bedford
8. Celeste (0-0) is idle.
9. Burkeville (0-1) lost to Hardin, 50-20.
10. Itasca (1-0) lost to Wortham, 26-20.

Investigation discovers Bronx Little League hurler is over age

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Little League pitcher Danny Almonte is no longer perfect — because he's no longer 12.

The boy who dominated the Little League World Series with his 70 mph fastballs was ruled ineligible Friday after government records experts determined he actually is 14, and that birth certificates showing he was two years younger were false.

The finding nullified all the victories by his Bronx, N.Y., team, the Rolando Paulino Little League All-Stars, and wiped out all its records — including Almonte's perfect game and an earlier no-hitter.

It also left his father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, facing criminal charges for falsifying documents, and may lead to charges against his mother as well.

"Clearly, adults have used Danny Almonte and his teammates in a most contemptible and despicable way," said Stephen D. Keener, president and CEO of Little League Baseball in South Williamsport, Pa. "We're clearly sad and angry that we were deceived. In fact, millions of Little Leaguers around the world were deceived."

The Bronx league's founder, Rolando Paulino, was banned for life from any association with Little League, although the team's charter was not revoked. Almonte's father also was banned for life from associating with Little League.

A week that began with Almonte pitching a two-hitter to win third place in the World Series started unraveling the next day, when Little League officials opened an investigation after Sports Illustrated uncovered a document that said he was born in 1987.

Almonte's mother, Sonia Rojas Breton, who lives in the town of Moca, produced a handwritten, photocopied birth certificate that said her son was born April 7, 1989. But Moca's official records office had another birth certificate that said he was born April 7, 1987.

Another handwritten document from Dr. Toribio Bencosme Hospital in Moca surfaced, saying a woman named Rojas gave birth to a boy there on April 7, 1987. Rojas, who says she gave birth to Almonte at home in the nearby town of Jamao, insisted all documents but hers were false.

Little League rules prohibit any player born before Aug. 1, 1988, from competing this year.

Victor Romero of the public records office in Santo Domingo investigated Almonte's birth documents in Moca. He also investigated records from the nearby town of Jamao and spoke to witnesses.

"There are a number of contradictions in the second birth certificate," Romero said, referring to the document listing the 1989 date. "Neither the witnesses, the hospital, nor the local authorities could confirm Almonte was born in Jamao."

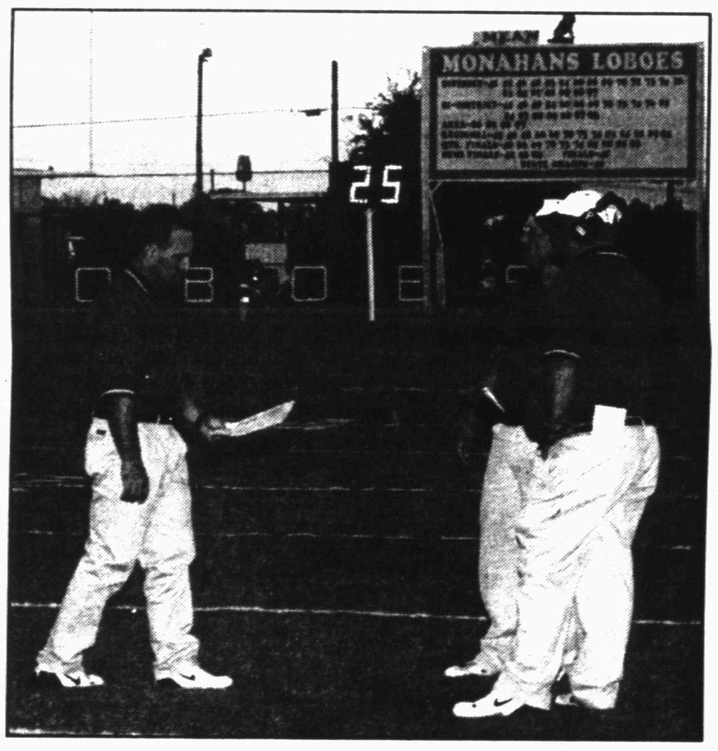
The witnesses denied knowing the family or having signed the birth certificate, said Ramon Morel Cerda, the president of the Dominican Electoral Committee, which is in charge of most public records.

The government plans to charge the boy's father with falsifying documents, and was considering charges against the mother, Morel said.

The town official from Jamao who registered Danny's age as 12 last year has been suspended, he said.

On Thursday, a U.S. official who asked not to be identified said Almonte and his father are in the United States illegally. They applied to come to the United States in June 2000 and were issued tourist visas, but the visas expired six months after their arrival, the official said.

The boy also has not been enrolled in school during his time in the United States. A city investigation could lead to his removal from his father's home and placement in foster care, although it is more likely officials will try to work out another solution.



HOW ABOUT THIS PLAY? — Snyder High School head coach Chad Rogers, left, visits with assistant coaches Charlie Bollinger and Armando Martinez during the first quarter of the Tigers' 49-0 victory over Monahans on Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Roddick steals show at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — The last place Jack Brasington ever expected to be playing tennis at the U.S. Open was on center court at Arthur Ashe Stadium, in the feature match at night.

That's Agassi-Sampras territory, usually reserved for the tournament heavyweights. Brasington, an anonymous refugee from tennis' minor league tour of futures and challenger events, is the perfect outer court guy.

But the luck of the draw gave him golden boy Andy Roddick as a second-round opponent Friday night and all of a sudden, there he was, thrust in the center court spotlight. He decided to make the most of it and pushed the match to four sets before Roddick prevailed 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (4).

Roddick is the hot property of this tournament, a 19-year-old player who walks around with a headset over his backward baseball cap and is viewed as the next great American tennis performer. He comes equipped with a 130-plus mph serve and a first-year resume that includes three titles and wins over former or current No. 1s Marcelo Rios, Carlos Moya and Gustavo Kuerten. And, of course, Sampras.

He is feature match fodder every time he advances. He's played twice now at the Open, both matches at night, both on national television.

Wimbledon winner Goran Ivanisevic played a day match Friday. So did the two No. 1s, Kuerten and Martina Hingis. And Monica Seles. And Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Roddick, seeded No. 18, played at night.

Brasington almost stole the show.

"The first two sets, I just couldn't settle in," he said. "Finally he made some errors and got my confidence going and that helped a lot."

Roddick learned an important lesson.

"You've got to keep a high level of play the whole time," he said. "I was lucky to get out of there in four."

In Friday night's other featured match, No. 3 Lindsay Davenport advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over No. 27 Angeles Montolio.

Friday's other winners included top-seeded Martina Hingis, No. 16 Tommy Haas, No. 14 Jelena Dokic, No. 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, No. 4 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 10 Serena Williams.

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Dominating debut...

Tigers crush Loboes in opener, 49-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — So much for the questions surrounding the Snyder Tigers.

Will they effectively execute the wishbone offense? Can they use speed rather than size to fuel their defense?

The Monahans Loboes learned those answers the hard way Friday night.

Snyder put to rest all doubts about the wishbone, and kept alive its tradition of tenacious defense with a 49-0 thumping of Monahans in the season opener.

The victory also marked the debut of Head Coach Chad Rogers, and erased a bad memory for the Tigers' program.

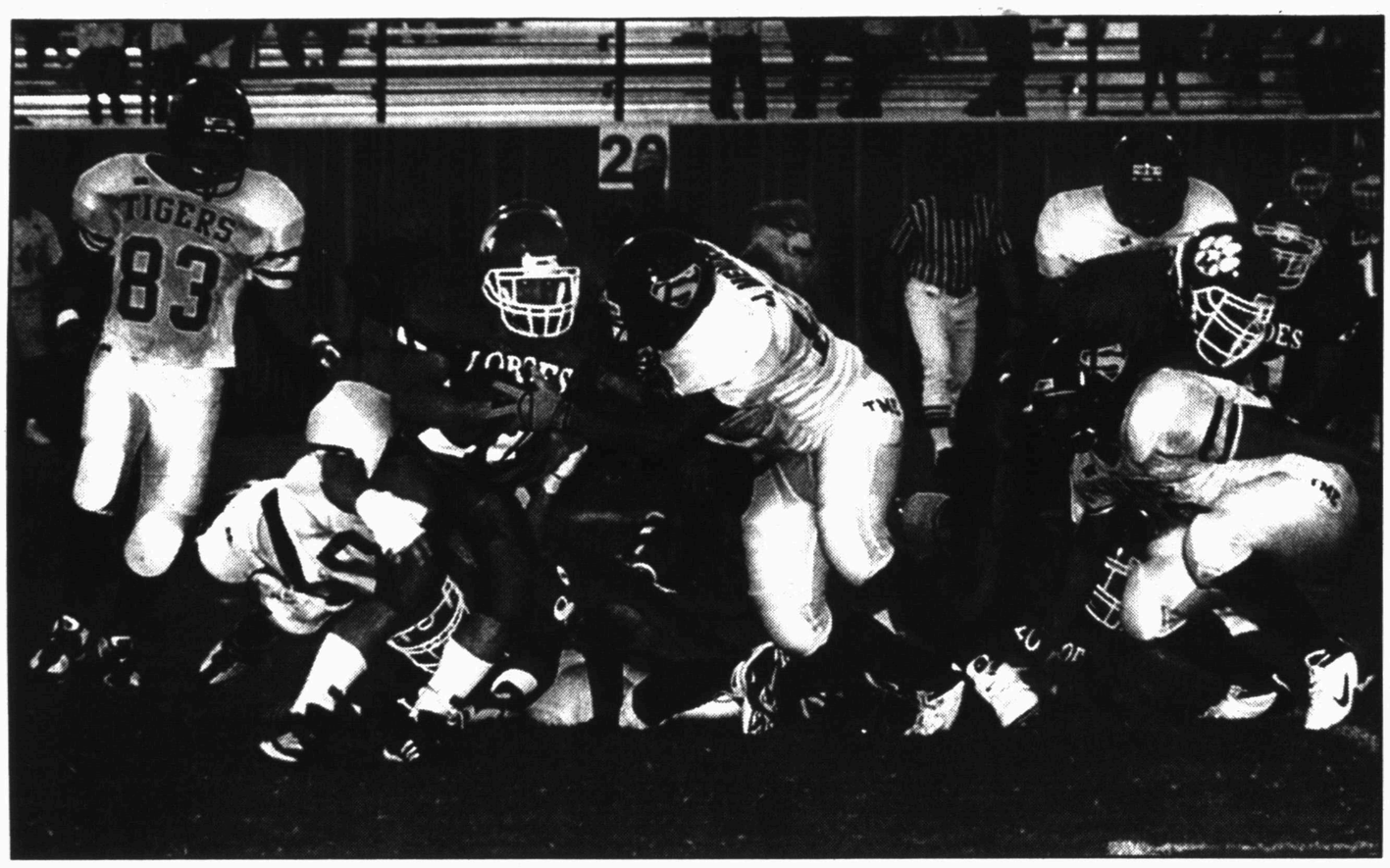
"This feels a little better than the last time we were down here," said Rogers who served as an assistant coach in the Tigers' 39-6 loss to the Loboes two years ago. "We're going to enjoy this victory for a day, then we're going back to work to continue the process of becoming the football team we want to be."

This time around, Snyder had virtually no problems handling the Loboes who were battling injuries as well as a focused Tiger squad. Monahans was forced to start third-string quarterback Joey Aguilar, and lost starting middle linebacker Chris Vasquez on the first play from scrimmage.

Not that Vasquez or first-string quarterback Noah Miles could have closed the gap Friday night. The Tigers were simply ready to play, according to Rogers.

"The kids were very intense. They weren't just running on emotion, because emotion can come and go," explained the first-year head coach. "It showed in the way we executed in all four quarters. The kids kept their intensity, even when we had built a good lead. They played with the same focus all night."

Snyder got busy building its lead right from the start. After taking the opening kickoff, the Tigers marched 62 yards in only six plays, with junior signal-caller T.J. Jones toting it the final yard. With Isaac Ramon's extra-point boot, Snyder built a 7-0 advantage and seized the momentum.



SURROUNDED — Monahans running back Chad Greenfield is wrapped up at the line of scrimmage by Snyder's Josh Mendoza (85) and Brooks Nunley (20) during Friday night's season opener at Loboe Stadium. Moving in to assist on the tackle are Craig Bowen (83) and Josh Montoya (30). (SDN Staff Photo)

The stunned Loboes never answered the bell, gaining only five yards in the first quarter and committing one turnover.

After a 26-yard scoring pass from Jones to tight end Josh Mendoza capped the Tigers' second drive of the evening, Josh Montoya's fumble recovery at the Monahans 31-yard line set up Snyder's third touchdown of quarter.

Chance Greenwood, one of five Tigers to carry the ball in the opening period, plunged in from two yards out to stretch the gap to 21-0 only 10 minutes into the game.

"Going into the game we really didn't have any idea exactly what we could do," Rogers said. "But our offensive line did a tremendous job and we were able to dictate the action, rather than trying to react to what their defense was doing."

With its offense clicking on all cylinders, Snyder found the end-zone on its first five possessions and finished the night with 375 yards rushing.

The Tigers' defense followed suit. Snyder's speedy defensive front continually trapped Monahans ball carriers in the backfield, and the Tigers held the Loboes without a first down until the 8:24 mark of the second quarter.

"Our speed made a big difference tonight," said SHS defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey. "I think it surprised Monahans. There were several times when one of their backs would see a hole, and then all of the sudden one or two of our kids would come flying in to close it up."

Snyder added two more scores in the second quarter on a 19-yard scamper by Jones and a 5-yard jaunt from Jammall Pruitt.

On top 35-0 at the midway point, Snyder continued to frustrate the Loboes in the second half.

Monahans gained only 83 yards of total offense in the game and never crossed the Tigers' 35-yard line.

"This was a total team effort by our players and our coaches," Rogers stated. "Even though this was the first game for a lot of our coaches to work together, everyone was on the same page."

Snyder padded its cushion with a 10-play, 53-yard drive in the third quarter that chewed more than five minutes off the clock. Pruitt's three-yard dive and Ramon's ensuing kick made it 42-0.

Pruitt polished off his sparkling performance five minutes into the fourth quarter with a nine-yard sprint around the right end that capped the scoring.

The 6-2, 190-pound senior led all rushers with 93 yards on 15 carries. Montoya added 82 yards on only five attempts, thanks to a 50-yard burst that helped set up the Tigers' final touchdown of the first half.

"The kids were focused and attentive all week during practice, and they played with intensity," Rogers said. "When you put those things together, you give yourself a great chance to come out on top."

The Tigers put their 1-0 record to the test Friday in the home opener against Littlefield.

Four of Snyder's District 4-4A counterparts were in action Friday night, with all four suffering defeats.

Big Spring fell to Sweetwater, 28-5. Lake View dropped a 21-7 decision to Abilene Wylie. Andrews bowed to Lubbock Monterey, 19-7, and Plainview came out on the bottom end of an 18-15 battle with El Paso Del Valle.

Game Summary

Snyder	21	14	07	07—49
Monahans	00	00	00	00—00

First Quarter

Snyder — T.J. Jones 1-yard run (Isaac Ramon kick), 9:30.

Snyder — Josh Mendoza 26-yard pass from Jones (Ramon kick), 4:34.

Snyder — Chance Greenwood 2-yard run (Ramon kick), 1:25.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Jones 19-yard run (Ramon kick), 9:23.

Snyder — Jammall Pruitt 5-yard run (Ramon kick), 2:10.

Third Quarter

Snyder — Pruitt 3-yard run (Ramon kick), 4:47.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Pruitt 9-yard run (Ramon kick), 7:19.

	Sny	Mon
First downs	21	7
Rushes-yards	50-375	30-62
Passing yards	26	21
Comp-Att-Int	2-3-0	2-8-0
Punts	1-37.0	6-24.2
Fumbles-lost	2-1	5-3
Penalties-yards	6-40	5-30
Time of poss.	27:28	20:32

RUSHING — Snyder: Jammall Pruitt, 15-93; Josh Montoya, 5-82; Billy Pena, 7-48; Chance Greenwood, 7-47; T.J. Jones, 7-43; Clay Williams, 4-34; Wade Pinson, 1-20; Shay Franks, 1-5; Logan Hill, 3-3. **Monahans:** Michael Roberson, 12-36; Chad Greenfield, 7-24; Derrek Carter, 3-22; Ryan Harrison, 2-16; Derek Jordan, 1-minus 12; Joey Aguilar, 5-minus 24.

PASSING — Snyder: T.J. Jones, 2 of 2 for 26 yards, 1 TD; Logan Hill, 0 of 1. **Monahans:** Joey Aguilar, 0 of 4; Derek Jordan, 2 of 4 for 21 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Josh Mendoza, 1-26; Riki Dorsett, 1-0. **Monahans:** Mark Covington, 2-21.

District 4-4A Football

	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	0	0	1	0
Frenship	0	0	0	0
Estacado	0	0	0	0
Levelland	0	0	0	0
Plainview	0	0	0	1
Andrews	0	0	0	1
Lake View	0	0	0	1
Big Spring	0	0	0	1

Friday's results: Snyder 49, Monahans 0; Sweetwater 28, Big Spring 25; EP Del Valle 18, Plainview 15; Abilene Wylie 21, Lake View 7; Lubbock Monterey 19, Andrews 7. Open — Frenship, Estacado, Levelland.

Next week's games: Littlefield at Snyder; Andrews vs. Borger at Frenship; Lake View at Kerrville Tivy; Plainview at Amarillo High; Pampa at Estacado; Frenship at Canyon; Palo Duro at Levelland. Open — Big Spring.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	3	1	0	.750	73	41
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	36	57
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	98	93
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	55	50
Miami	1	4	0	.200	66	91
Central						
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	67	47
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	92	79
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	62	59
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	68	93
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	58	45
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	67	83
West						
Denver	3	1	0	.750	93	59
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	64	70
Oakland	3	2	0	.600	78	75
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	70	58
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	62	62

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	3	1	0	.750	63	46
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	36	32
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	78	80
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	50	74
Washington	1	3	0	.250	46	105
Central						
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	100	59
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	55	53
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	69	77
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	83	101
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	47	62
West						
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	99	40
St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	82	73
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	67	78
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	61	69
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	69	105

Friday, Aug. 31
Baltimore 38, New York Giants 9
Minnesota 20, Miami 7
Atlanta 36, Tampa Bay 7
Carolina 23, Cleveland 20
St. Louis 21, Kansas City 17
Denver 35, San Francisco 7
Oakland 24, Green Bay 13
Arizona 16, San Diego 3

Saturday, Sept. 1
New Orleans at Seattle, 4 p.m.

End of preseason

WNBA Finals

(Best-of-3)
Charlotte vs. Los Angeles
Thursday, Aug. 30
Los Angeles 75, Charlotte 66, Los Angeles leads series 1-0
Saturday, Sept. 1
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

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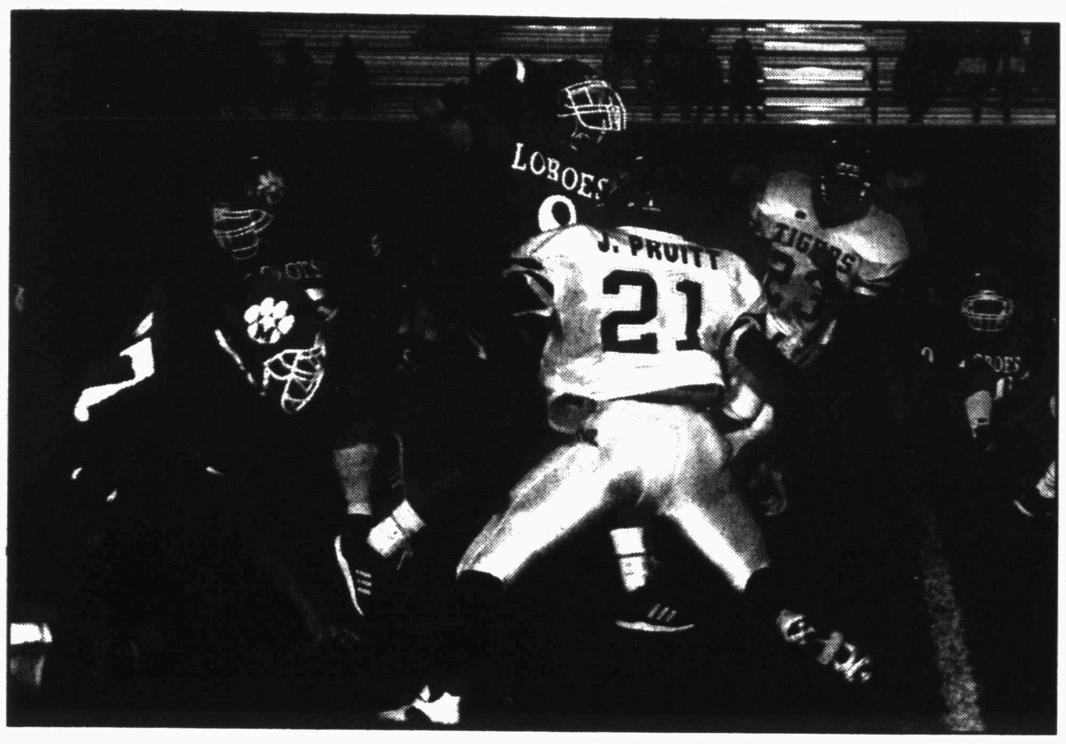
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SPORTS



UNDER PRESSURE — Snyder senior defensive ends Jammall Pruitt (21) and Shay Franks (23) pursue Monahans quarterback Joey Aguilar during the Tigers' season-opening shutout Friday. Snyder registered four sacks on the night, and limited Monahans to only 83 yards of total offense. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cowboys' rookie QB welcomes criticisms

IRVING (AP) — Quincy Carter wasn't worth a second-round draft pick. No NFL team should consider him its quarterback of the future, and certainly not the present.

His passes are wobbly. So is his decision-making. For gosh sakes, he even has trouble taking the snap from center.

Any other criticisms?

Bring 'em on, says the Dallas Cowboys' rookie quarterback, who has faced doubts his entire athletic career.

"I like it like this — actually, I love it like this," Carter said. "I thrive off it."

For a guy with the physical tools to play in the NFL and a resume featuring more success than failure, Carter has been taking a beating from football insiders and outsiders.

He ignores most barbs and laughs at the ones he hears, like the newspaper poll in which readers voted that he'd never be a starting quarterback in the NFL.

Carter is too humble to say "I told you so." He's also realizes he's only earned a chance. What he does with it will determine who has the last laugh.

"I know how people are," Carter said. "It's what have you done lately?"

Troy Aikman was the last rookie quarterback to start a game for the Cowboys. He also started Dallas' last 12 season openers. Both streaks should end next Sunday.

Carter will become only the fifth rookie QB starter in team history. His predecessors are a combined 3-16, so in one respect he has little to live up to.

But Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has upped the ante. He predicts Dallas will go 10-6, despite coming off a 5-11 season, and he believes Carter eventually will reach the Super Bowl standard set by Aikman and Roger Staubach.

Why?

At 6-foot-2 and 231 pounds, Carter is big enough to be an NFL quarterback. With 4.6 speed over 40 yards and a strong arm, he fits the hot trend of quarterbacks who can pass and run.

Yet the package isn't complete, which is why Dallas got him with the 53rd draft pick.

He has trouble reading defenses, leading to incompletions or interceptions that leave people wondering where he was throwing. Some throws go into double or triple coverage. And a little more touch would be nice.

"His skills are fine and he has a ton of natural athletic ability," Dallas quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson said. "It's just a matter of getting down the proper techniques, and he's been real receptive to it. I think his potential is unlimited."

COWBOYS' ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS

Dallas has started only four rookie quarterbacks in 41 seasons, using them in 19 of 610 games. The Cowboys are 3-16 in those games.

1960 — Don Meredith, third-round pick, started one game (0-1)

1987 — Kevin Sweeney, seventh-round pick, started two games, both with replacement players (2-0)

1989 — Troy Aikman, No. 1 overall pick, started 11 games (0-11); Steve Walsh, a supplemental pick who cost Dallas the No. 1 overall pick in 1990, started five games (1-4).

2001 DRAFT

A look at the 11 quarterbacks taken in this year's draft and their expected role this season:

No. 1, Michael Vick, Atlanta — Third-string.

No. 32, Drew Brees, San Diego — Backup.

No. 53, Quincy Carter, Dallas — Starter.

No. 59, Marques Tuiasosopo, Oakland — Third-string.

No. 106, Chris Weinke, Carolina — Likely starter.

No. 109, Sage Rosenfels, Washington — Fighting for roster spot.

No. 125, Jesse Palmer, New York Giants — Third-string.

No. 149, Mike McMahon, Detroit — Third-string.

No. 155, A.J. Feeley, Philadelphia — Fighting for roster spot.

No. 172, Josh Booty, Seattle — Fighting for roster spot.

No. 177, Josh Heupel, Miami — Released.

Castilla's homer fuels Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Things have worked out rather well for Vinny Castilla in Houston.

Castilla, signed in May after being released by Tampa Bay, hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Houston Astros a 3-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday night.

"I couldn't be in a better situation," Castilla said. "We're playing great, everybody's getting along and it shows in the field."

The first-place Astros were down to their last out against Jamey Wright (9-9). But Wright fell behind 2-0, hung a curve and Castillo hit it 420 feet to straightaway center field.

"That's something we've done three or four times this year, hit home runs in the eighth or ninth innings that have changed the game from a loser to a winner," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "That's what maybe gets you to thinking that maybe you're destined to do something."

Wright (9-9), who struck out a career-high 12, took a five-hitter and a 2-1 lead into the ninth inning.

"Just like anybody else, hang one to him and he's going to get it," Wright said. "I threw him a slider, just didn't throw it for a strike. Then I wanted to show him a fastball ... then I hung a curveball and it cost me the game."

Until the ninth, Wright was in complete control.

"That guy was nasty tonight," Dierker said. "He was throwing breaking ball that were unhittable."

Lance Berkman opened the ninth with a single before Wright retired the next two batters. Castilla, who also had an RBI single in the seventh, then hit the decisive home run.

Brewers manager Davey Lopes said he didn't consider bringing in a reliever to start the ninth.

"It was (Wright's) game to win or lose," Lopes said. "He had great control of everything, good command of all his pitches. He had it all going. He stayed out of trouble virtually the whole game."

Mike Williams (4-4) pitched the eighth for the win and Billy Wagner got three outs for his 32nd save in 34 opportunities.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	72	62	.537	—
Philadelphia	71	63	.530	1
New York	64	71	.474	8½
Florida	62	72	.463	10
Montreal	58	76	.433	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	79	55	.590	—
Chicago	75	59	.560	4
St. Louis	73	61	.545	6
Milwaukee	59	74	.444	19½
Cincinnati	54	80	.403	25
Pittsburgh	49	84	.368	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	78	57	.578	—
San Francisco	74	61	.548	4
Los Angeles	73	62	.541	5
San Diego	67	68	.496	11
Colorado	59	74	.444	18

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 1
Houston 3, Milwaukee 2
Arizona 4, San Diego 1, 1st game
San Diego 6, Arizona 5, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 1
Colorado 5, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:15 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	56	.585	—
Boston	71	62	.534	7
Toronto	65	70	.481	14
Baltimore	55	79	.410	23½
Tampa Bay	48	87	.356	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	76	58	.567	—
Minnesota	71	64	.526	5½
Chicago	68	65	.511	7½
Detroit	55	78	.414	20½
Kansas City	54	81	.400	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	96	39	.711	—
Oakland	79	56	.585	17
Anaheim	69	66	.511	27
Texas	61	74	.452	35

Friday's Games

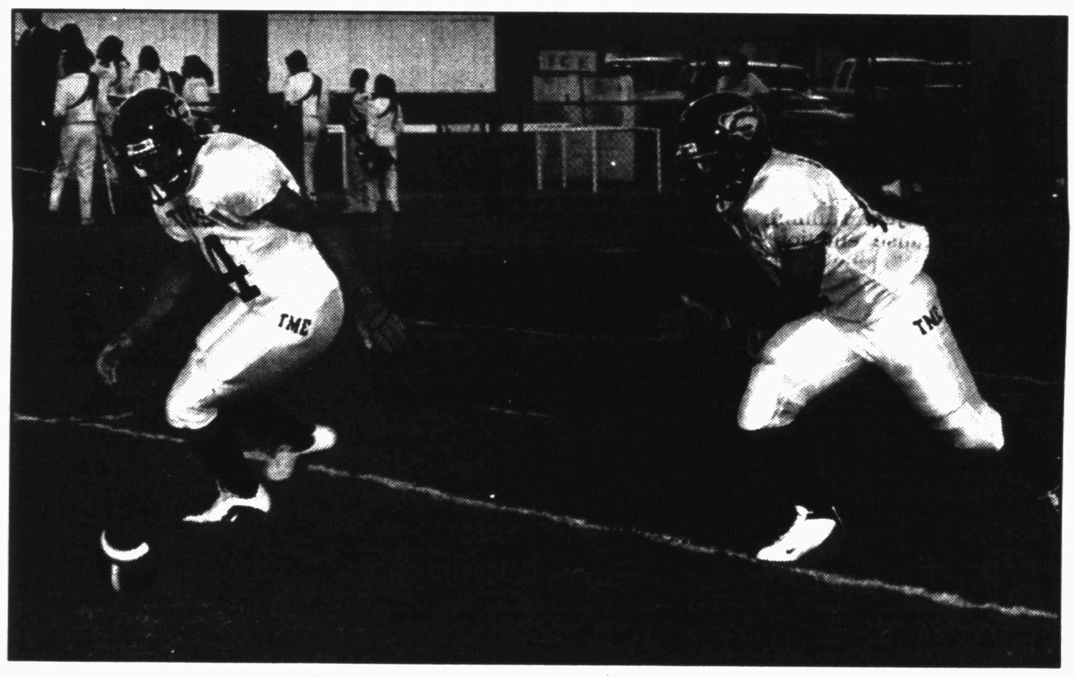
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Oakland 9, Tampa Bay 5
Baltimore 3, Seattle 0
Texas 7, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 4, Anaheim 1
Chicago White Sox 11, Cleveland 8

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 1:15 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
Seattle at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 8:05 p.m.



WE HAD BETTER GET THAT — Snyder's Wade Pinson (24) and Josh Montoya (30) scramble for the ball on the opening kickoff Friday at Monahans. On the ensuing drive, the Tigers drove 62 yards in six plays to score their first of seven touchdowns. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Labor Day Scramble

Snyder Country Club will host a Labor Day Scramble at 10 a.m. Monday. Entry fee is $20. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Volleyball tourney

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Ministry will host a co-ed volleyball tournament Sept. 16. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The 10th annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held next Saturday at Western Texas College. Proceeds benefit Snyder ISD golf programs.

Format is four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded with $600 going to the winning team.

Entry deadline is Friday. Registration forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

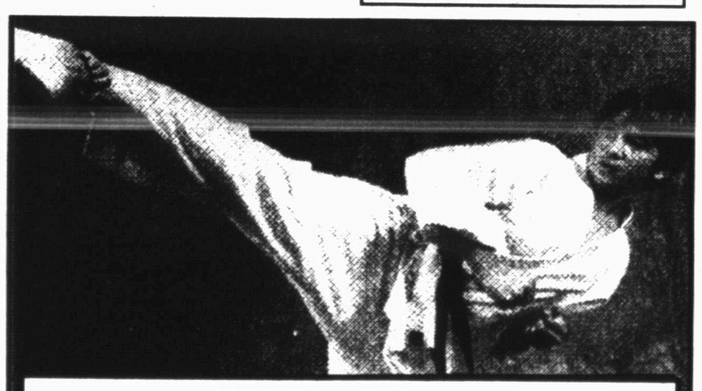
WGA play day

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USSSA is looking forward to a big year in 2002 in Snyder. Thanks again.

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Tom Valentine
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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE CLUB REGISTRATION PERMIT

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2805 Ave. V 3-1.....$42T
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2808 47th 3-2-2.....$69.9T
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2701 34th 3-2-2.....$86T
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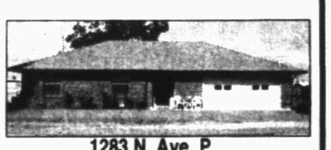
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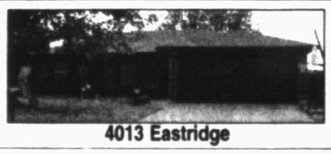
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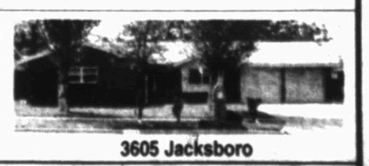

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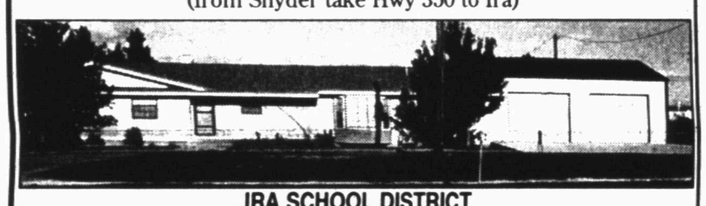
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Disc disease responds to various therapies

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic disc problems for which my friends have offered conflicting advice. How do I solve the issue?

DEAR READER: The vertebral bones in the neck and back are shaped like doughnuts to permit the spinal cord to pass through them. Each vertebra is separated from its neighbor by a ring of gristly tissue called an intervertebral disc. The discs act as washers between the bones; they absorb shock (during walking and running), separate the vertebrae and provide an area of non-bone through which spinal nerves enter and exit from the spinal cord.

When a disc becomes too thin (as can occur with age) as when its normal architecture is disrupted (as happens when the soft center portion slides out of position), the spinal nerves — or the spinal cord itself — can be pinched or pressed. This is called "discogenic disease," a common condition marked by spasm of the surrounding muscles, shooting pain into the buttocks or thighs and — sometimes — weakness and numbness of the lower extremities.

Treatment depends on the severity of the misalignment. A mild degree of protrusion can be treated by special exercises to relieve muscle spasm, and by bed rest, hot packs and pain medicine. Chiropractic manipulation is often successful in releasing spasm and allowing the disc to regain a more normal configuration.

Moderate degrees of disc herniation may respond to epidural steroid injections, corsets or lumbar supports, in addition to the therapy I mentioned above.

Severe disc protrusion is almost always a surgical problem. A neurosurgeon must repair or remove the offending disc in order to prevent irreversible nerve damage, leading to permanent weakness (often in the form of a "foot-drop") and other disability.

Thus, the treatment of discogenic disease depends on the extent of the disc slippage and the location of the abnormal disc. Deteriorated discs in the neck, for instance, are generally treated with surgery because, if not repaired, they can cause extensive neurological disability. Slipped discs in the lower back, on the other hand, tend to cause fewer serious potential problems.

The extent of your "disc problem" should be assessed by an MRI scan. If you haven't had such a test, you should obtain one. I also suggest that you ignore your "friends'" advice (even if they are M.D.s!) and seek a consultation with a neurosurgeon. Such a specialist can determine which type of treatment would be appropriate for you.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following cataract repair, I have watering eyes and sticky tears. Is this related to the surgery?

DEAR READER: Cataract surgery involves the implantation of an artificial lens, which can cause eye irritation during the post-operative period, until the tissues have adjusted to the new lens. Although temporary tearing and discomfort are relatively routine, such symptoms should disappear within a few days after surgery. Therefore, depending on the duration of your symptoms, you may or may not have a problem. Ask your ophthalmologist about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why can't medical societies monitor doctors' charges and punish the offenders, without the federal government becoming involved?

DEAR READER: Good question.

Doctors have become greedy. Not all of them, mind you, but enough to worry about. The number may be growing exponentially.

This is one reason why national health insurance is such a preoccupation among politicians. Although physicians' and surgeons' fees comprise only a fraction of burgeoning health-care costs, price gouging is so personal and so obvious (when it happens to you) that it's getting a lot of attention. No one seems to know what to do about the problem; so all practitioners are being tarred with the same brush.

Sometime ago, I had occasion to discuss this subject with an economist who exerts some influence over the Medicare budget and regulations.

"Hey," I complained, "you guys are killing us general doctors with all the restrictions and paper work. Now, if we fail to record the proper code on Medicare forms, the claim is rejected and we get paid nothing. This is hardly fair."

"I know," he replied. "We're well aware that the average, honest doctor is being hassled. But you must remember that about 10 percent of practitioners are crooks."

"C'mon, isn't that too strong a term?"

"Not on your life. Our records show that at least 10 percent of all doctors cheat Medicare by submitting fraudulent claims for imaginary or superfluous services. For example, we have identified several eye surgeons who billed Medicare for a third cataract operation on patients who already had both eyes successfully repaired."

"That surprises me," I said, chastised. "What can you do about it?"

"Well, we'll go after them of course but, in the process, everyone suffers. The medical profession appears unwilling to identify the rotten apples and punish them. The whole issue is left up to the government."

This brief conversation opened my eyes.

A few days later, I was approached by a patient who, because of diminished hearing, had gone to an ear specialist. She complained about her bill and asked me to examine it, even though Medicare had already agreed to pay it.

"All he did was look in my ears, remove some wax and schedule me for a hearing test," She said. "I wasn't there more than 10 minutes."

The bill showed a code for an office visit ($100) and another for "minor surgery" ($75). Total $175. I thought this was a little on the high side for removing earwax, when most doctors I know charge about $50 for the same service. It was a rip-off and I told her so.

The specialist's little game with Medicare was entirely legal. Yet, I view it as another example of greed, an epidemic that is threatening our profession. I'll never bring up the subject with the specialist because this would constitute a social faux pas, poor taste, sort of like questioning him about how often he changes his underwear.

What control do I have over the colleague who charges a flat $70 for even the most trivial office service or the cardiac surgeon who bills $10,000 for a single heart operation (and does three a day)? I don't fancy myself to be a Hippocratic Ralph Nader. However, it seems to me that some committee or watchdog group within the medical establishment itself ought to be monitoring this kind of thing.

Of course, organized medicine has not stepped forward to correct such excesses — and, as a medical guild designed to protect doctors' privileged status, it is unlikely to do so. Therefore, our government has to assume the burden by default, making all our lives more complicated and stressful.

I used to think that any young person who chose a career in medicine to become rich was nuts. This involved the same kind of naive trust as buying a used car from your ex-spouse. A person entered medicine to serve and to enjoy intellectual and emotional satisfaction. In the old days, we were content to be merely well off, not rolling in dough.

But now I'm not so sure. Money seems to be the predominant motivation for many new doctors. This is not only sad, it's disturbing because the profession is not inclined to step in and insist on reasonable financial limits. We do not effectively police ourselves.

Consequently, when times change and future healers grumble about their piddling government salaries, will we have anybody to blame but ourselves?

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

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Severely burned boy flies home to Chile

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A 7-year-old who had been severely burned by his mother in Chile was released from a Tucson hospital after extensive surgery and began a long flight home to Santiago where his new adoptive family waited Saturday.

Just before boarding the plane, Manuel Eduardo Gutierrez Sotomayor waved a miniature American flag and held up a poster thanking Tucson for caring about him.

Residents had donated nearly $5,000 for his care, along with toys and stuffed animals.

Waiting in line with him Friday to board was Erik R. Andersen, the international educator who had obtained temporary guardianship and brought him to Tucson in June for medical treatment.

When Manuel was 4, his mother doused him with gasoline while drunk and set him on fire, burning more than 30 percent of his body. Police determined it was an accident, but authorities took custody of Manuel and his two sisters.

In August, Dr. Jeffrey Nelson, director of the burn unit and chief of plastic surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, operated on Manuel for free. He rebuilt the boy's left ear lobe and released skin tension on his neck and left shoulder that had prevented movement and also injected steroids into his thighs to help smooth the skin.

Andersen, who taught at an embassy school in Santiago, met Manuel last year while doing community service at an impoverished government-run orphanage.

A woman who worked at the orphanage plans to adopt the boy when he returns.

"I am very anxious and a bit nervous," Ana Maria Rozas, 36, told the Arizona Daily Star by telephone from Chile.

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU

The family of Morris Ashley wish to express their deep heartfelt thanks for the abundance of food, cards, flowers, prayers and the donations made to the Parkinson's Foundation that were expressed during the passing of our beloved dad and husband. Many thanks also to Wright Funeral Home and to Brother Roy Rosson for the beautiful service.

May God's richest blessings be with all of you.

Lillian Ashley
John & Betse Rosson & family
Randy & Margo Lambert & family
Wade Ashley

THANK YOU

The family of Milton Wall would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of love shown to us during this time of great sadness. Words cannot begin to show our gratitude for your prayers, the visits, phone calls, food, cards, floral offerings and donations made in memory of our loved one.

A "special" thank you to Dr. Burleson, Cogdell nurses/staff, and Home Health – your care & concern touched our hearts – we will always be grateful. And also, thanks to our church family for providing such a wonderful meal. Our appreciation to Bell-Cypert-Seale, First Baptist Church, Bear Williams, Billy Hudnall, Cindy Nix, Russell Wall, Jody Nix, Betty Watts and Rick Hopper for making the Memorial Service so special.

Each act of kindness has helped to ease our pain. We are so blessed to have such wonderful family and friends. May God Richly Bless Each of You!

Libby Wall
Fielda & Larry Blair Family **Larry & Teresa Wall Family**
Bobby Wall Family **Donna & Kim Billingsley Family**

Berry's World



Senior Center Menu

Monday

Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday

Barbecue on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, onions/pickles/peppers, chocolate chip cookies

Wednesday

Pork chop, au gratin potatoes, chopped spinach, pickled beets & onions, pineapple upside down cake

Thursday

Chicken salad, tomato wedge/lettuce leaf, potato rounds, strawberry shortcake, assorted crackers

Friday

Fried fish, broccoli/rice/& cheese casserole, hominy, jellied citrus salad, cherry cobbler

Senior Center News

Welcome back Kitchen Band and Sunshine Choir members. Newcomers are always welcome to join any of our activities as well as the Kitchen Band and/or Sunshine Choir. Also, there is no membership fee for participation in Senior Center activities. If you stay for the noon meal, the suggested donation is $2.50 per senior and $4 for people under 60.

If newcomers are interested in joining the Golden K Kiwanis or AARP there are membership fees for those organizations; and, the center will assist you in contacting those officers for more information.

We invite all senior citizens to join us at the center. In addition to all of the scheduled activities listed below, seniors may participate in pool, dominoes, eighty-eight, bridge, quilting, and the volunteer programs throughout the week.

Swimnastics at Western Texas College for senior citizens, age 60 and over, is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, 1-2 p.m. A senior volunteer leads the class and there is a lifeguard on duty. The classes begin Aug. 28, so it is a great time for newcomers to join. Call the center at 573-4035 for further information.

Monday

The Senior Center will be closed for Labor Day. See you Tuesday.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The Volunteer Western Band will perform in the dining room at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet in the conference room. Swimnastics is at Western Texas College from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday

Join us for ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. Choir practice begins at 10 a.m. in the dining room. Swimnastics is at WTC from 1-2 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11. Join us at 11:30 for the sing-a-long.

Saturday

The community sing begins at 6 p.m. at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M. Volunteers provide the music and everyone is invited.

Families of autistic children sue vaccine manufacturers

BOSTON (AP) — Two Massachusetts families are suing several vaccine makers, claiming the companies' use of a controversial preservative caused their children's autism.

In the lawsuit filed in Middlesex Superior Court, the families allege that the children "were poisoned with toxic mercury" in the preservative thimersol.

The Boston Globe reported Saturday that the lawsuit is the second of at least 15 being prepared by a team of lawyers from Medford and Portland Ore.

"No one can tell you what caused the autism," said Michael Chmura, whose 4-year-old autistic son is a plaintiff in the case. "But you find out you're injecting poison into your kid's bloodstream, the same poison they tell you not to give them via tuna fish."

Thimersol is used in a number of childhood vaccines for everything from hepatitis B to diptheria/tetanus. The Food and Drug Administration has long asserted that the vaccines are safe.

"Certainly mercury is not good for you, but at the concentrations that were present in the vaccines, there's no indication that they were harmful," said Dr. William Egan, deputy director of the vaccine office at the FDA.

A spokesman for Aventis Pasteur, named in the lawsuit, said he couldn't comment on pending litigation.

Several studies are underway to investigate the possible connection between the vaccines and autism.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001

Although you may not at first fully appreciate your opportunities in the year ahead, exciting improvements in your social life are likely. Once recognized, take full advantage of things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you believe you are right about your thinking today, stand by your guns. Just because an associate can speak louder or faster doesn't make his or her ideas better than yours. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astrograph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astrograph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Instead of handling difficult assignments today in your usual methodical manner, you may create complications for yourself that could easily be avoided.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — By not excluding guests who don't get along too well, you could be asking for trouble at a social function you're having. Sometimes it doesn't pay to try to please everybody.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Timing could be everything today if you are hoping to finalize a matter of consequence. Do not to try to close prematurely, but don't wait until the opportunity has passed either.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — For whatever reason, you're not apt to be too receptive to the suggestions of others today, even of those who you know are trying to help you. Don't shoot yourself in the foot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — No matter how hard you try today, financial situations could seesaw on you. There's a chance you could gain in one situation, but then take a drubbing in another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It can be done if you put your mind to it, but it will take resourceful measures to circumvent negative developments today. Keep a cool head and think your way through obstacles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's all up to you today. If you think about the rewards you can garner from your labors, you can be quite successful. If you think about the difficulties involved, you'll accomplish nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Just because someone is a good friend, don't make the mistake of taking him or her for granted today. All relationships must be constantly nurtured and respected to remain healthy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should an objective for which you've been striving show that its potential may not be as great as first thought, don't use this as an excuse to abandon the endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Sparks could fly today because you may not have too much tolerance for those who do not share your ideas, and those you encounter may feel equally as protective about their own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — No joint endeavor is likely to work if it is out of balance. So if you get involved in an arrangement today, make sure the requirements for both parties are equal.

Monday, Sept. 3, 2001

Ventures or enterprises that are in the realm of the unusual could provide you with your greatest successes in the year ahead. Be alert for opportunities that fall into that category.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Kindness and understanding will help you accomplish your objectives more easily today when dealing with someone on a one-on-one basis. Take extra pains to be so. Major changes are ahead in the coming year. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.** Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The most rewarding projects with which you could deal today will be those that require your imagination and resourcefulness. You'll thrive on creative endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — People with whom you'll be socializing today will see the exceptionally quiet, but deep qualities you possess that are to be admired and enamored. You could make quite an impression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Completing something you've had in the works will become important to you today, because there's a new project you'd like to start. It'll give you gratification to finish what you began.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Interestingly you might be a bit shy about taking on a challenge today, but don't be intimidated by its size or scope. Once you take it on, you'll realize it was only a paper dragon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your problem won't be stinginess today, it will be just the opposite. You could be a pushover for every sob story that comes along and want to help even those who don't deserve it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take a back seat today if you are being called to come up front. Your leadership qualities are very much in evidence to your peers and they'll want your direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Dealing with uncertainties today isn't apt to disturb your blithe spirit. You'll find all kinds of ways to enjoy the moment regardless of the circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you might feel a need for companionship and socializing with friends today, you won't want to find yourself in a loud atmosphere. Select a quiet restaurant to meet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The subtle, authoritative charisma you have about you today makes for an enviable asset that would enable you to take command of situations without shaking everybody up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take the time today to sift through all the available information at your disposal when some kind of judgment call is asked of you. Each fact could be of significance.

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Redistricting plan may hurt Condit re-election

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Rep. Gary Condit got a glimpse of what "Condit Country" could become through proposed boundary changes that would add 40 percent new voters to his district.

Under a new congressional map unveiled Friday, the 18th Congressional District would have a strong Democratic edge with the new voters in Condit's district.

While that partisan breakdown would help most Democrats, the map is "certainly not designed to help" Condit, said Ed Costantini, a retired University of California, Davis, political scientist and expert on congressional redistricting.

Condit would lose part of his base in Stanislaus County and pick up new voters primarily know of the seven-term congressman through news reports about missing Washington, D.C., intern Chandra Levy, with whom Condit has admitted having a close relationship.

Condit's political future, and whether he would have a friendly House district in which to run for re-election next year, have been the subject of intense speculation since Levy's April 30 disappearance. Democratic Party leaders have said he shouldn't seek re-election.

The congressman's chief of staff, Mike Lynch, said it was "a very, very good district for a Democratic candidate," adding that he believes the new lines are unrelated to the recent scandal.

Legislators were drawing new lines long before Levy disappeared, Lynch said.

"While some in the media and some analysts have drawn a conclusion that any change to Gary Condit's district is punishment for the Chandra Levy situation, that just doesn't make sense," Lynch said.

Condit, who regularly wins election with more than 65 percent of the vote, has admitted having a relationship with Levy and has not said if he will run again. A poll taken last weekend showed his constituents giving him high job performance ratings, but only 27 percent said they would vote for him again.

The proposed new district would have 51.7 percent Democrats and 35 percent Republicans, a 16.7 percentage point difference from its current 7 percentage point split. It also would include more urban, Hispanic Democrat voters. Condit, a conservative Democrat, has thrived on his appeal to his rural district's Republicans and conservative Democrats.

State Sen. Don Perata, the Democratic chairman of the Senate elections committee, said the redrawn district keeps it in Democratic hands with or without Condit.

The changes to California's congressional boundaries are required because of population shifts within the state. California's population gain, document in the 2000 Census, gave it an additional House seat, its 53rd.

With Democrats controlling redistricting in the state because they hold majorities in the Legislature and the governor's office, national party officials had hoped to see two to three districts that could easily be won by Democrats. Instead, the plan appears to guarantee Democrats only the new 53rd District, in a heavily Democratic area of Los Angeles County.

Democrats currently hold 32 of California's 52 House seats.

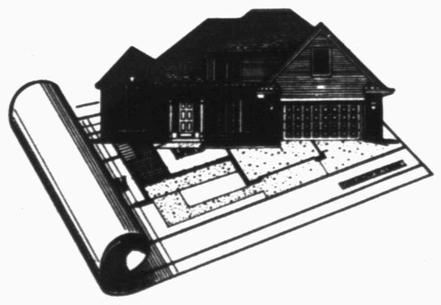
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44 killed in Tokyo explosion

TOKYO (AP) — In one of Tokyo's worst fire disasters ever, 44 people were killed Saturday when an explosion and blaze ripped through a crowded gambling parlor and bar in the capital's most popular late-night entertainment area.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation. But questions were immediately raised about the safety of the nightspot and thousands of others like it in urban Japan.

After working through the night to extinguish the blaze, Tokyo Fire Department officials confirmed 44 people had died — 32 men and 12 women — and three remained hospitalized. Autopsies showed most died of smoke inhalation, police said.

All three of the survivors jumped several stories to the ground. None suffered life-threatening injuries.

"I want a thorough investigation," Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said. By coincidence, Saturday was Disaster Prevention Day in Japan, and millions of people were scheduled to hold fire and earthquake drills throughout the day.

According to police, the blast occurred at about 1:00 a.m., shortly after an employee of the mah-jongg parlor smelled smoke, opened a door and saw flames coming from the outside staircase. The fire rapidly engulfed the third-floor parlor and the bar on the floor above it.

Fire Department spokesman Hiroyuki Hamaoka confirmed that the fire was believed to have started near the third-floor stairway. He said the high death toll reflected the lack of escape routes and the failure of a fire door, which did not close properly.

Police said that arson was among the possible causes under investigation — as well as a leaking gas pipe.

"We believe the situation will become more clear after we investigate," Hamaoka said.

Witnesses said they heard a loud bang, which was followed by billows of black smoke from the building. The building also houses a restaurant, casino and adult club.

Emergency crews quickly cordoned off the area as hundreds of onlookers crowded around. The fire was put out after about five hours.

Rescuers struggled to reach the victims, and the last one was removed more than three hours after the blaze erupted. Identification was slowed because many of the dead were badly burned.

Bush prepares for meeting with Fox

WASHINGTON (AP) — It will be a state visit with all the trappings: an elaborate arrival ceremony on the White House south lawn for the visiting foreign dignitary, a 21-gun salute, a review of troops and, in the evening, a glittering state dinner.

And as is typical for such visits, substantive issues will be discussed. But when President Bush sits down with Mexico's President Vicente Fox on Wednesday, the main item on the agenda — Mexican immigration — will have as much to do with domestic policy as foreign affairs.

Bush acknowledged on Friday that the problem of 3 million Mexicans living illegally in the United States is proving too complex to reach agreement in time for the meeting.

Rather than the detailed immigration proposals Bush had hoped to announce next week, the two presidents will outline only broad principles for change.

"Immigration is one that is a complex issue," Bush said. "President Fox knows that the issue will require more than just the administration's involvement; it requires a willing Congress to address the issue."

Bush and Fox both want to reform the current system to make it legal, safe and humane. But if they are to get anywhere, they will have to deal with those such as Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., chairman of the congressional immigration reform caucus.

Lingering storm system hits Texas with heavy rain Friday

By The Associated Press

A lingering storm system deluged Texas with heavy rain on Friday, turning roadways into rivers, closing schools and prompting the evacuation of several homes. No injuries were reported, however.

All major roads in Bee County were closed and people were being urged to stay home, said Bee County Sheriff Bob Horn.

Numerous roads also were closed in Duval, Goliad, Jim Wells, Live Oak, San Patricio and Victoria counties. Classes ended early at schools in Goliad County.

The biggest problems were in Central Texas along the Guadalupe River, where rain had fallen for most of the week.

Schools in Cuero, Yorktown and Myersville were closed Friday, where officials said the Guadalupe could crest at flood level by noon Saturday.

After getting 4 inches of rain overnight, officials in Jim Wells County declared a state of emergency and opened three emergency shelters for more than 100 people who were evacuated from their homes when the San Felipe Creek spilled its banks.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 31-Leon Gutierrez, Boley Blackard and Carol Vanous.

DISMISSALS: Billy Guynes, Floy Kimzey of Hermleigh, Consuela Rodriguez of Sweetwater, Leslie Smith of Justiceburg, Durrell Freeman and Jim Underwood.

CENSUS: 43 (Med. III-9, Med. II-8, Long-term Care-26)

Suicidal woman threatens to jump from Avenue E bridge

Suicide threat

A woman requested an officer at the Ave. E bridge over U.S. 84 at 6:10 p.m. Friday in reference to what she thought was a man trying to push a woman off the bridge. When the officer arrived at the bridge, the couple was gone.

9-1-1 dispatchers then received a second call from a man who advised that his sister and her boyfriend were involved in an altercation in the front yard of his residence. His mother then got on the telephone and told dispatchers that her daughter had threatened to jump off the Ave. E bridge.

Officers made contact with the subjects at the residence and transported the female to the sheriff's office to meet with MHMR. She was later released to her mother. Officers submitted a report for threatening suicide.

Arrests

A traffic stop by a DPS trooper resulted in the arrest of three men Friday afternoon.

A 27-year-old man was taken into custody for driving without a license, a 51-year-old man was arrested on a bench warrant for felony theft and a 35-year-old man also was arrested on a warrant for felony theft. The 3 p.m. traffic stop was at U.S. 84 and CR 253.

Forgery

A woman requested to speak with an officer in reference to a forgery on a closed account. An officer responded and advised an offense report for forgery would be submitted.

Burglary

A woman in the 100 block of Browning called police in reference to the dome light being on in her car that she hasn't driven in two weeks. Officers responded and advised that the car had been burglarized and a CD radio had been stolen. The officers began a close patrol of the area.

Juveniles

Jeff Allen requested an officer in the 2500 block of 26th Street in reference to two juvenile girls taking mail out of his mailbox then running away. An officer responded to the call and attempted to locate the juveniles. Allen advised they might have taken his phone bill.

An employee at Cinema I and II requested an officer drive through the parking lot there in reference to juveniles using foul language. An officer arrived on the scene and made contact with several juveniles and advised them of the complaint.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off. The clerk did not give a description of the vehicle.

Another drive off was reported at the Allsup's in Hermleigh. The driver of a black and blue Ford pickup left the station without paying for $27.01 worth of gas.

Obituaries

Mendia Hunter

1941-2001

Mendia Delora Hunter, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Aug. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services for Miss Hunter, 59, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 4, 1941 in Snyder, she was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Hunter.

Survivors include two brothers, Don Williams of Midland and Martino Widjaja of Columbia, S.C.

Tiffany Robison

1976-2001

HOBBS, N.M. - Tiffany Lynn Robison, the daughter of Jerry Robison of Snyder, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, in Hobbs Health Care Center.

No services for Miss Robison, 25, are planned at this time. Cremation will be under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

Born on April 4, 1976 in Abilene, other survivors include her mother, Melinda Watson of Abilene; her grandfather, Woodrow Robison of Plano; her grandmother, Jessie Crow of Abilene; two brothers, Joshua Robison and Zach Robison, both of Abilene; two stepbrothers, Lonnie and Michael Byram, both of Oklahoma City; and one stepsister, Jenny Dajani of Houston.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Jose Cervantez

1918-2001

SAN ANGELO – Jose Y. Cervantez, the father of two Snyder residents, died Friday, Aug. 31, at his home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mr. Cervantez, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Centro Cristiano Emanuel Church. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born on March 24, 1918 in Remolino Coah Mexico, he was a professional sheep shearer. A resident of San Angelo, he was a member of the Centro Christiano Emanuel Church.

Survivors include two sons, Efrian Cervantez and Elias Cervantez, both of Snyder; and four daughters, Elva Rodriguez, Emma Dominguez, Enedina Martinez and Elvera Oliva, all of San Angelo.

Robby Allison

1975-2001

BLANCHARD, La. – Robby Dale Allison, the great-grandson of Newell Hazelwood of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 30, from injuries sustained in an oil rig accident near Mooringsport, La.

Funeral service for Mr. Allison, 26, is set for 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the McGuire Funeral Home Chapel in Vivian, La. The Rev. Mark Crook, pastor of the Benton Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Blanchard Memorial Gardens.

Born July 8, 1975 in Odessa, Mr. Allison had lived in Blanchard for the past 18 years. He worked as a roughneck for McCormick Drilling Co. and had formerly worked for Nabors Drilling Co. He was a bull rider and a member of the Blanchard Baptist Church.

A grandfather, Kenneth Ray Hazelwood, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Shannonray Allison of Blanchard and Lance Allison of Sulphur Springs; his parents, Michael and Brenda Allison of Odessa and Connie and Kenneth Sims of Oil City, La.; other grandparents, Peggy Hazelwood of San Antonio, and Rena and Dale Allison of Odessa; five sisters, Melissa Forsythe and Crystal May of Blanchard, Kattie Sims and Brittani Sims, both of Oil City, and Cassie Allison of Odessa; two aunts and an uncle, Mary Ellen Coy and Johnny and Ruth Hazelwood, all of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

VFW membership meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a meeting of members at 7 p.m. Monday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Fascinating People in the Life of Paul," followed by "Miracles in the Church."

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider six felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

WTC adult basic education

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

SHS tennis booster club

The SHS tennis booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the 2001-2002 tennis season. All parents of junior high and high school players are invited.

SHS school pictures

SHS school pictures will be taken during English classes Wednesday and Thursday. All pictures must be pre-paid and students will be given an information packet to take home.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services, a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, will offer a volunteer training class from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the shelter in Snyder. To RSVP, call 573-1822 and ask for Yvonne.

SHS choir boosters fundraiser

SHS choir boosters will sponsor a fiesta stack-up dinner before the Littlefield home game Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased from any choir student or at the door. Carry outs will be available. Call 573-1499.

SHS choir yard signs

All ex-Snyder High School choir students who no longer want their yard signs are asked to please return them to the school so they can be used for new choir students.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner at First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. next Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

Gateway support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a support group for victims of family violence on Mondays, beginning Monday, Sept. 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the facility. Call 573-1822 in advance to reserve a place.

Retired teachers association

All retired teachers and their spouses are invited to a homemade ice cream and cookie social at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, at First United Methodist Church. Leon Manley, District XIV president, will address the group.

Speech team boosters

There will be a Snyder High School Parent Speech Team Booster Club and team member meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in room 109 at the high school. Topics to be discussed will be upcoming tournaments, fundraising and orientation.

Jamaica Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will host a Jamaica Festival from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the church campus. Activities include a volleyball tournament, live music from a variety of bands, Folkloric dances, talent shows, games, raffle, and a variety of foods.

Cosmorama Club

The Cosmorama Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The Hawaiian Aloha Festival will feature foods, fads and fun.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ira Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. For more information, call Louise Layne at 573-2012, or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

Ira 2001 annuals

The Ira 2001 Bulldog annuals are in and can be picked up from Becky Hudgins at the high school. Extra copies are available for $22 each.

SHS 1982 reunion

The SHS class of 1982 needs held in finding classmates' addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, family member names and occupations for a reunion directory. Many classmates can be found at Classmates.com. Contact Stockton Roberts, 8049 Sunscape Lane, Fort Worth, 76123, or e-mail stockrob@prodigy.net., or Kathryn Roberts at 573-8347.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

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

WTC pool opens

The WTC swimming pool opens this evening for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Byars' life story includes World War II years

When J.L. Byars of Snyder reached his 18th birthday, he registered for military service like all 18-year-old men were required to do in 1940.

He received a number and when that number came up he knew he would have to report for one year of service. A popular song of that era was *I'll Be Back in a Year Little Darlin.*

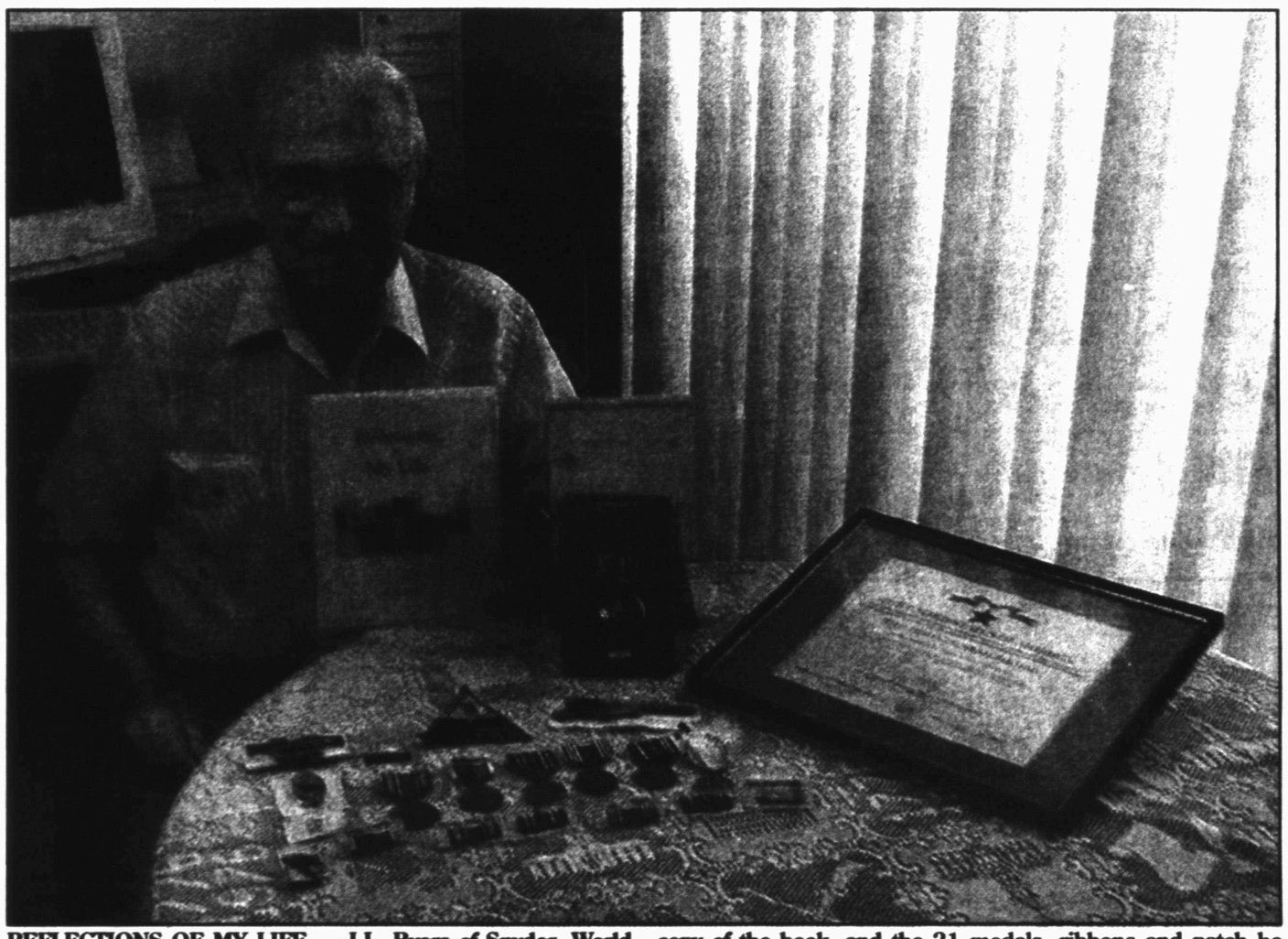
When his number did come up a few months later, he expected to return in 12 months. "...But Pearl Harbor changed all that," Byars said in *Reflections of My Life*, a recount in frank detail of his World War II experiences.

Then working for the Southern Pacific Railroad out of Houston, Byars could have deferred his year of service because he had a defense job. He chose not to and left for Army service on July 3, 1941, stopping in Sweetwater to catch a train to El Paso where he was sworn in as a private. A few months later he was promoted to Buck Sergeant and then Staff Sergeant. That was as high as he could go without attending Officers Candidates School, and that was something he said he did not want to do.

Thinking he would be home in a few months, Byars and Doris Grant decided to get married on Oct. 25, 1941. He was home on leave from Camp Polk, La. where he helped train other recruits for the divisions that were being formed.

The Church of Christ minister in Snyder was on vacation, so they found a Methodist preacher at home. However, they had to wait for him to get out of the bathtub before he could marry them. They only had time for a "one night honeymoon" in Sweetwater.

By July 25, 1941 Byars said the Third Armored Division consisted of men from all states in the East and Central United States. Originally known as "Hell on Wheels," the division's name was later changed to "Spearhead" because in combat it was always out in front.



REFLECTIONS OF MY LIFE — J.L. Byars of Snyder, World War II veteran, recently wrote about his war years and other parts of his life in Reflection of My Life. He is pictured with a copy of the book, and the 21 medals, ribbons and patch he earned while fighting overseas. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

In early September Byars said they began to help form more divisions. The 7th, 8th and 11th Armored Tanks Destroyers were formed out of the 3rd Armored Division, and more units were formed later.

On Oct. 14, 1941, Byars said he was assigned to spend three months at a Mechanic School in Fort Knox, Ky. Then he returned to Camp Polk to train more recruits. He also attended many First Aid classes. "I thought they were trying to make a doctor out of me," Byars said. "This training really paid off later when we were in battle."

He was later assigned to McDill Field, Fla. for more training.

He and a buddy were enjoying "a quiet peaceful weekend pass" when they learned that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. They rushed back to camp expecting to be sent to the South Pacific but instead they returned to Camp Polk for "more serious training."

Rumors that they would be sent to Africa proved to be false, Byars said. Around the middle of July, they loaded their vehicles with supplies and headed for California , setting up camp at Freda near the east edge of the Mojave Desert. The temperatures hovered around 130 degrees or higher. Byars and the other soldiers lived in tents and consumed salt tablets like they were candy. He said that they were soon tanned the color of a saddle and their lips became severely chapped. Relief was provided by an unlikely source for a GI: crimson lipstick.

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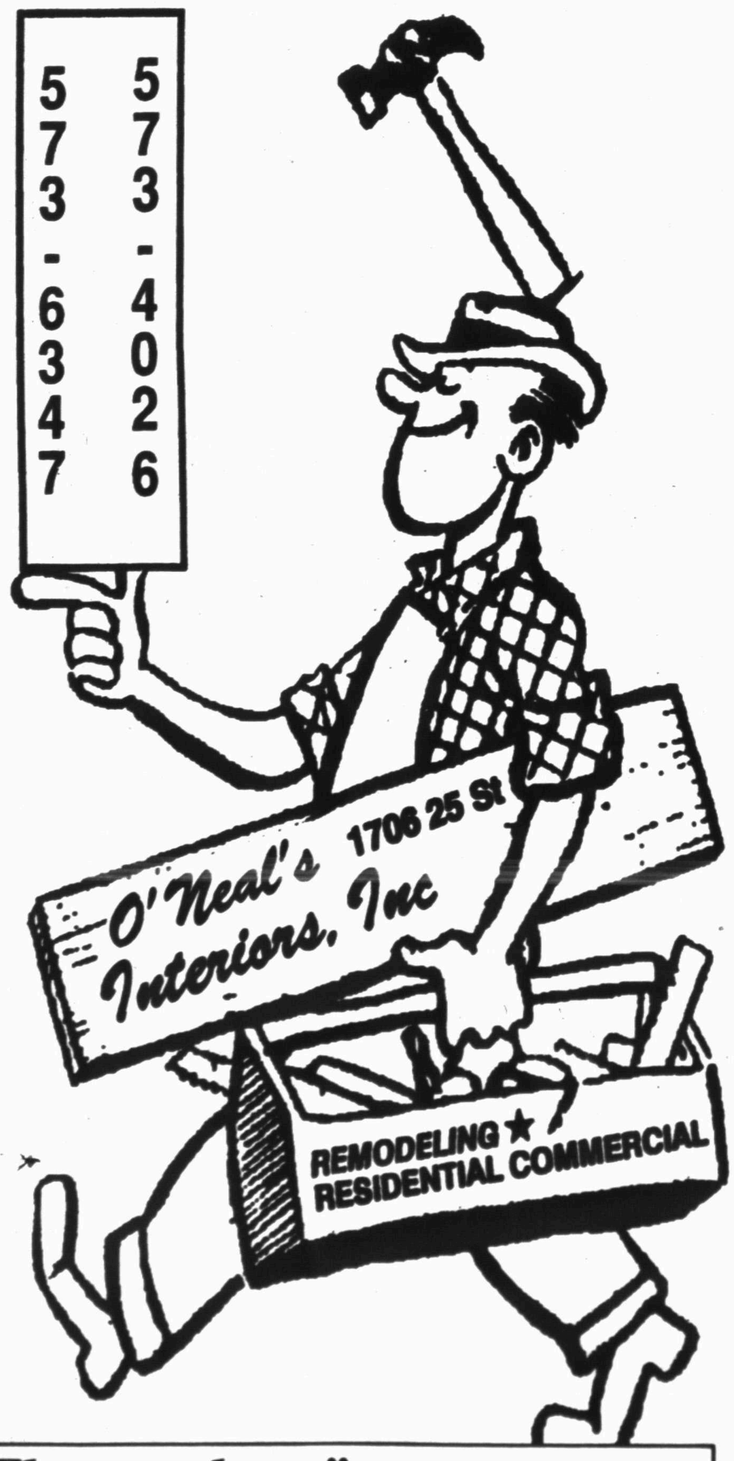
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; fire station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; Zoe Kirkpatrick from Post will give the program; guests are welcome; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001

Gaining pleasure from excellent play

By Phillip Alder

Many famous people enjoy(ed) bridge. One was Malcolm Forbes, who said, "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge."

How did East intelligently defeat this three-no-trump contract?

South's two-no-trump rebid is effectively forcing. It shows 18-19 or 19-20 points, depending on your range for a one-no-trump opening. If North has six points, he must go on to game, since the partnership could have 25 or 26 points between them. North may pass only if he "miscounted" on the first round.

	North	09-01-01
	♠ 10 7 5 4	
	♥ K 7 6	
	♦ Q J 3	
	♣ Q 6 5	
West		**East**
♠ A 9 3		♠ K J 8 2
♥ 10 8 4 2		♥ A 9
♦ 9 8 7 5 4		♦ 10 2
♣ 10		♣ J 9 8 7 3
	South	
	♠ Q 6	
	♥ Q J 5 3	
	♦ A K 6	
	♣ A K 4 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 9

Declarer had six top tricks in the minors. Going for three heart tricks, he won trick one with dummy's diamond jack and called for the heart six: nine, queen, four. Back to dummy with a club, another low-heart lead brought out East's ace.

Now the spotlight was on this defender. Based on West's top-of-nothing lead and the play so far, South seemed ready to run for home with at least three hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. If so, the defense's only chance was to take four spade tricks immediately. Yet that needed accurate carding.

East switched to the spade king — and no other card would have worked. West played his part by unblocking — signaling encouragement with — the nine. East continued with the spade two: queen, ace, five. And the spade three through dummy's 10-7 into East's J-8 completed a successful, intelligent and — for East-West at least — fun defense.

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Actor is arrested for drunk driving

·LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Charmed" cast member Greg Vaughan was arrested for investigation of drunken driving after he was pulled over for speeding, police said.

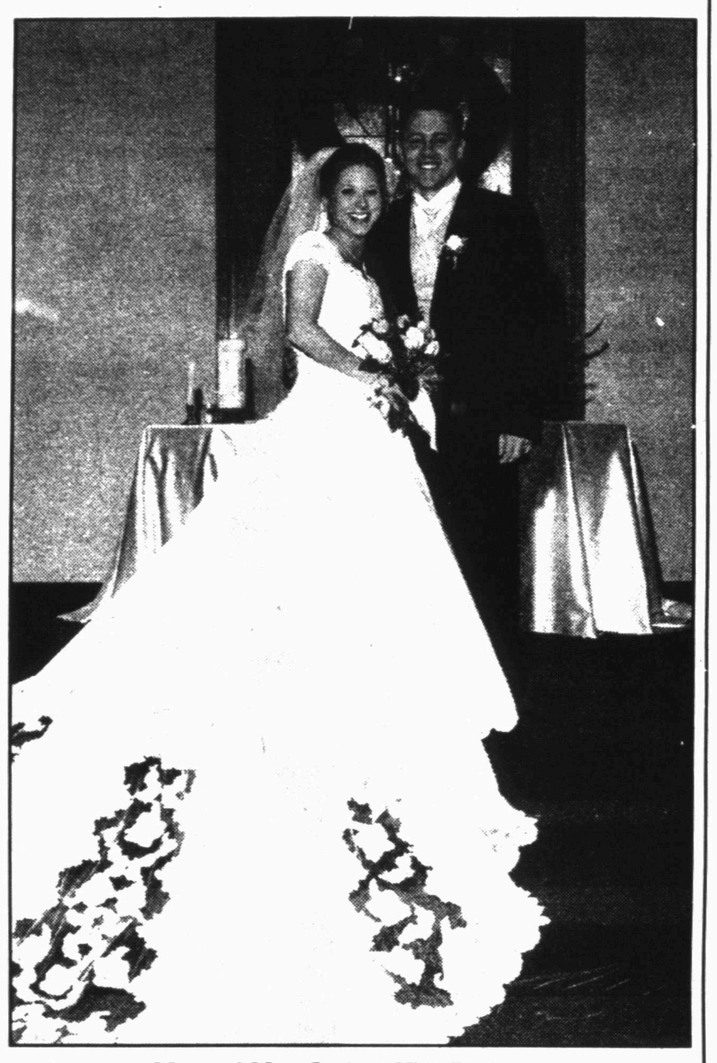
The 28-year-old actor was stopped Thursday morning in Hollywood.

"He was speeding and straddling the lane," police spokeswoman Victoria Diaz said.

A breath test showed he had a blood alcohol level of .08, the legal threshold for making an arrest, she said. He was booked for investigation of drunken driving and released pending a court appearance, police said.

Vaughan plays construction worker Dan Gordon on the popular WB TV show.

Jones, Rodgers pledge vows in East Side Church of Christ



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Kirk Rodgers
(Contributed Photo)

Tiffany Chere' Jones and Joshua Kirk Rodgers, both of Lubbock, were married in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on March 24 in East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, officiated.

Joe Dan and Linda Jones of Snyder are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Charles and Glenna Jones of Snyder and the late Eldon and Loyce Thompson.

The groom's parents are Richard and Patti Rodgers of Plainview and his grandparents are Sidney and Oneta Rodgers of Plainview, Mrs. Neta Miller of Utah and the late Keith Miller.

Bows of blue tulle, pink flowers and string pearls decorated the pews. The altar table was covered with large fresh flower floral arrangement, the unity candle and tapers with which the couple lit during the ceremony.

Linda Cobb, second cousin of the bride from Santa Fe, N.M., sang "He Is Lovely." She also sang a duet, "Household of Faith," with Joe David Ward, the bride's second cousin from San Angelo.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a traditional gown of white Italian satin and Alencon lace. Her short sleeved gown featured a V-neckline and back. The fitted bodice was covered in beaded Alencon lace further ensembled with sequins. The basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-cathedral train. The skirt was accented with Alencon lace. The skirt back featured lace and satin panels that trailed the entire length. The bottom of the gown was finished in matching hem lace.

To complete her ensemble the bride selected a pearl and crystal demi-band veil with white elbow-length illusion. She completed her attire with a pearl necklace, earrings and bracelet. She carried a bouquet of assorted fresh flowers and white roses tied with white ribbon and a handkerchief that belonged to her late maternal grandmother, Loyce Thompson.

For the reception, the bride's train was nestled into a bustle that made the dress floor-length.

The bride's three sisters were maids of honor — Alicia Jones of Lubbock, Vanessa Jones of Lubbock and Melissa Jones of Snyder. They wore floor-length gowns of crystal blue satin with crystal blue chiffon overlay trimmed with string pearls and matching shoes. They wore matching pearl jewelry given to them by the bride. Each attendant carried a bouquet of assorted pastel fresh flowers tied with blue ribbon.

Flower girl was Haylee Ward, third cousin of the bride from San Angelo. She wore a matching dress of crystal blue satin and chiffon made by her grandmother, Betty Cooper, the bride's great-aunt. Haylee carried a white lace basket decorated by the bride's paternal grandmother, Glenna Jones.

Ring bearer Bailey De LaVan, cousin of the groom from Lubbock, carried a pillow embroidered by Betty Cooper, the bride's great-aunt.

Jon-Michael Rodgers, brother of the groom from Plainview, was best man. Groomsmen were Brannon Rodgers, cousin of the groom of Crosbyton, and Kirk Rodgers, cousin of the groom from Lubbock. Ushers were Justin Rodgers, brother of the groom from Plainview, Tyson Cromeens and James Berry, both of Lubbock.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a silver vest and tie with a rosebud boutonnier. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with charcoal vests and ties and rose boutonnieres. Holly Bullard from Lubbock registered guests at a table decorated with a lace cloth, wedding book, decorative lamp, the couple's picture and a floral topiary in a heart-shaped basket.

The reception was held in the multipurpose building next to East Side Church of Christ.

The bride's table was decorated with a white lace cloth and Cherished Teddy wedding party figurines, a bouquet of fresh flowers, and mints made in the shape of a bride and groom standing in front of a heart-shaped arbor.

Serving at the bride's table were Kimberly Brade from Lubbock and Sara Ashley, cousin of the bride from Slaton, and Stephanie Mann, cousin of the bride from Arlington. Cynthia Kuehler, second cousin of the bride, was the reception coordinator.

The groom's table held a single-layer German chocolate cake, nuts and coffee. The table was decorated with a picture of the couple and porcelain pharmacist figurines.

Serving at the groom's table were Jan and Cameron Cartwright from Plainview.

The couple flew to Los Angeles to take a Carnival Cruise that took them to Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico. They made their home in Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1995. She graduated in May from Texas Tech University Pharmacy School with a Doctor of Pharmacy. She is employed as a pharmacist at Walgreen's Company.

The groom graduated from Plainview High School in 1995 and attended Wayland Baptist University for his undergraduate work. He continued his studies at Texas Tech School of Pharmacy and is in his third year of graduate school and anticipates graduation in May of 2003.

Sweepstakes queen does anything to win

SNELLVILLE, Ga. (AP) — She is the self-described queen of sweepstakes, and she will grope around inside a dead chicken, climb a pyramid of soda cans and clip a mountain of coupons to prove it.

And what does Margaret Hodgson have to show for it? A million dollars, a new car and enough detergent, cigarettes and toothpaste to last her for years.

She's also won enough aftershave to fill a tanker.

"All I do is play sweepstakes," she said. "My job is to go through the newspaper and clip out coupons."

Hodgson won $1 million, paid out annually, in the Bud Bowl sweepstakes in 1994.

Among her tips for the amateurs: Always read the fine print. Follow the instructions. And play contests that require contestants to do something, like inventing a name for a new product.

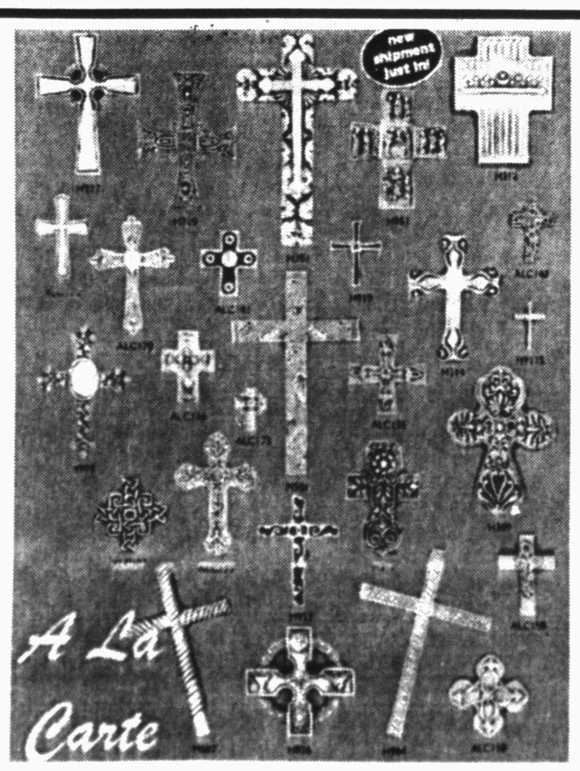
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School Menus

Snyder

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BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield)

Monday
No School–Labor Day
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
Cereal
Thursday
Cinnamon Texas Toast
Friday
Toasted Cheese Wedge

OTHER SCHOOLS' BREAKFAST

Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Biscuits w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas or
King Ranch Chicken
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Sugar Cookie
Wednesday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Chicken Nuggets w/Dip
French Fries
Peas & Carrots
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
or
Pizza
Broccoli w/Dip
Garlic Bread
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Burrito or
Nacho Grande
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday
Juice
Glazed Donuts
Wednesday
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Tuesday
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Potato Wedges
Relish Cup
Peach Crisp
Wednesday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
White Cake/Chocolate Frosting
Thursday
Pork Rib Patties
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Fruit Cup
Friday
Sloppy Joe
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Iced Graham Crackers

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
Wednesday
Banana Nut Muffins
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
Friday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

LUNCH

Tuesday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Biscuits
Peaches
Wednesday
Tacos
Corn on the Cob
No Bake Cookies
Thursday
Hamburgers
Chips
Cantaloupe
Shape-ups
Friday
Chicken Patties
Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Apple Crisp

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library staff reminds everyone that the library will be closed Labor Day. It will be open on Sept. 4. Have a safe and happy holiday.

BOOK FEATURE

"The FBI: A Comprehensive Guide From J. Edgar Hoover to *The X-Files.*"

Every aspect of the famous law enforcement agency is detailed in this remarkable history. This book follows the agency from its inception to its role in contemporary society. It covers notable cases, key figures, and the traditions and culture of the agency.

NON-FICTION

"Gifts From Your Scrap Basket: 25 Patchwork, Applique and Quilting Projects for Special Occasions," by Gail Lawther.

"Cats on the Counter: Therapy and Training for Your Cat," by Larry Lachman.

"Beauty in the Beasts: True Stories of Animals Who Choose to Do Good," by Kristin Van Kreisler.

"Super Life, Super Health," by the Editors of FC&A Medical Publishing.

NEW FICTION

"Sentimental Journey," by Jill Barnett.

"Triple Pursuit: A Father Dowling Mystery," by Ralph McInerny.

"Lord of the Silent," by Elizabeth Peters

"American Gods," by Neil Gaiman.

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"Murder One," by William Bernhardt.

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Messages sent accidentally

SPRINGFIELD , Ore. (AP) — In a back-to-school message accidentally sent to parents and students at Briggs Middle School, the principal described students as "snot-nosed" and "hormonally charged juvenile delinquents."

Mike Riplinger, who says the letter was tongue-in-cheek and not meant to be publicly distributed, offered a letter of apology to the school, students and parents.

In the letter, Riplinger said he made an "error in judgment" and wrote, "I am privileged to get the opportunity to work with your children ... to share in their growth and help shape their futures."

The school district accepted Riplinger's apology and some parents also seemed ready to forgive but it was a different matter for some students.

"The (students) who were at my house felt betrayed," said Briggs parent Bonnie Sinyard. "My own daughter's comment was, 'These are the things he tells us not to do.'"

Band goes shopping

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Members of the Australian band INXS got their fangs into some serious shopping while in Transylvania for a concert, a newspaper reported.

The five band members bought woolen sweaters and T-shirts with Vlad the Impaler's portrait during a visit Wednesday to Bran Castle, the daily Ziua reported. The castle is popularly known as Dracula's castle.

The legendary Dracula portrayed in Bram Stoker's 1897 book is based on Vlad the Impaler, a 14th-century Romanian prince known for his penchant to impale his enemies on spikes.

INXS, Cyndi Lauper and UB40 were scheduled to perform during the three-day "Golden Stag," which opened Wednesday in Brasov.

SGC begins new year Thursday

Snyder Garden Club begins a new year at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Zoe Kirkpatrick, recognized naturalist and author of *Wildflowers of the Plains,* will speak on plants used by Native Americans.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

The garden club meets every first Thursday of each month at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.



ARTIST OF SNYDER'S BUFFALO — "The Spirit Within Us" is the name of Snyder's newest life size figure painted by Ruth Jackson of Abilene. It is one of a dozen differently painted and shaped buffalo done by the Center for Contemporary Arts, a public art and cultural tourism project. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Painted buffalo is now on display

Ruth Jackson recently stopped by Snyder during a trip to visit with chamber officials and "The Spirit Within Us," a lifesize buffalo she painted. The painted buffalo project was organized by the Center for Contemporary Arts in Abilene in cooperation with the Abilene Outdoor Sculpture Committee.

This buffalo is one of 12 that has been on tour to events such as the "Back to Rath's Trail" celebration in Hamlin, "Texas Cowboy Reunion" in Stamford, the "Fandangle" in Albany, "West Texas Western Swing" in Snyder, in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda in Austin, Buffalo Gap, Eastland, Perini Ranch, Abilene's Everman Park and will now remain in Snyder.

The buffalo purchased by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, now on display in the foyer at American State Bank, was sponsored and purchased because the white buffalo is a Snyder symbol. Experts estimate that the odds of an albino or white buffalo calf born in the 1800s were 1 in 10 million. Because of its rarity it was sacred to the Cheyenne, Sioux and other nomadic tribes of the Plains.

In her colorful artwork, Jackson used the theme of the Native American culture featuring Cynthia Ann Parker and her son, Quanah Parker, and her daughter, Prairie Flower.

Jackson is a versatile artist and has won numerous awards. She has a bachelor of fine arts from Abilene Christian University and a master of art education from Texas Tech University.

She is a member and artist-in-residence at the Center for Contemporary Arts and has taught at Abilene Christian University and in the Center for Contemporary Arts, ARTREACH, a program that takes art to the aged, disabled and disadvantaged. She especially excels in working with special needs children. Jackson feels that this is a God given gift and is thankful to be able to share it with others and seems pleased that the artist, the project and Snyder made a compatible trio.

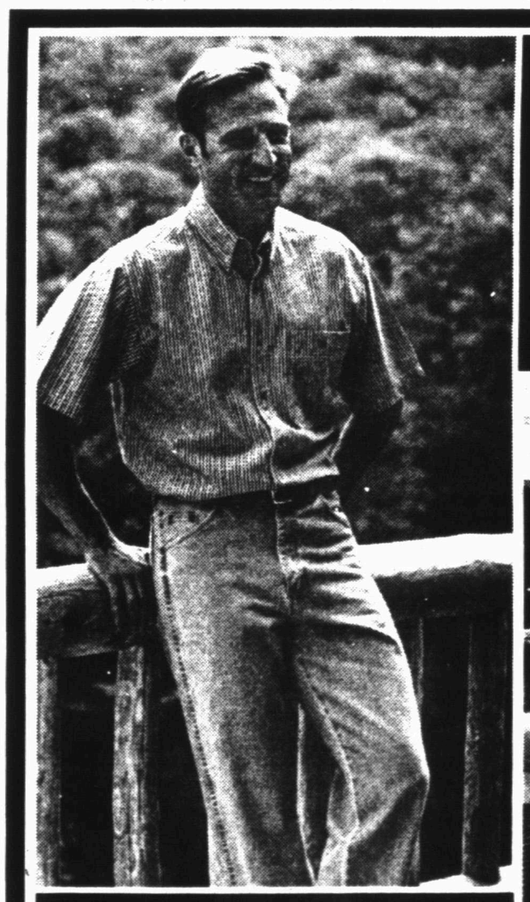
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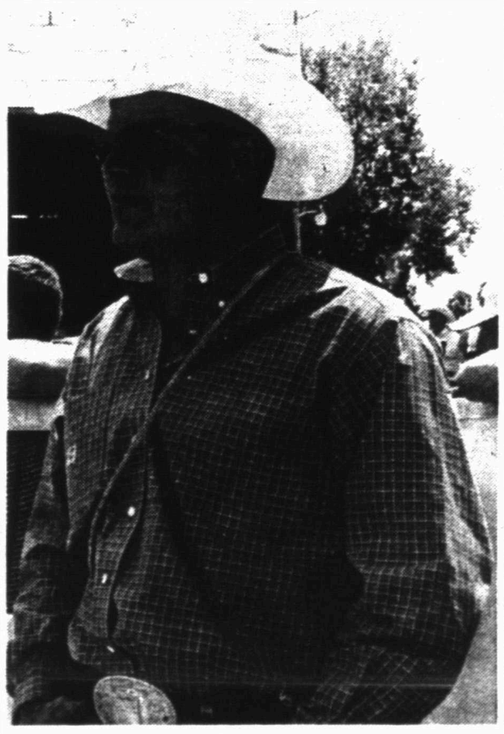
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Byars remembers World War II experiences

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Byars said it was so hot that they would fill their canteens at the water tank and then pour the water on their army cots and lay on them.

Byars said they experienced one of the worst sandstorms the desert had ever had. It was 36 hours long and by the time it was over they had lost all of their tents and most of their clothing.

After being issued a pass for a few days, Byars said he thought he would get to go home for "one last time," but it did not turn out that way.

Byars and about five others boarded a freight train heading to El Paso, but as soon as they arrived they were called back to camp to pack their equipment and supplies. Then they headed East.

"Somewhere in the middle of the trip," Byars said they came back through Snyder, but the train never stopped. They arrived at Camp Pickett, Va. in September 1942.

They were getting tired of the constant training which "seemed so useless." Later, he said, they realized just how important it would turn out to be.

By Aug. 26 or 27 of 1943, Byars said they arrived at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. On Sept. 1, 1943 they were put on "strict alert, a complete blackout, no passes and no telephone calls." On Sept. 4, they left Camp Kilmer on a train headed to the New York Harbor.

"Crossing the Atlantic was like the end of one epoch and beginning of a another," Byars wrote. "There were about two dozen ships in this convoy. There was a few destroyers checking in and out of our group."

Byars said there were allowed two meals per day and suffered seasickness because the ocean was so rough. Often they spilled their food trays and had to rely on the ship's PX for food.

Byars said they docked at Liverpool on Sept. 15, 1943. A Nissen hut or barracks became their new home. Mattresses were made of straw and were very uncomfortable.

Some three weeks later, Byars said their tanks and other equipment began to arrive. Tanks were road tested and ammo was unpacked and sent to different units to be fired to be sure that they were okay.



J.L. and Doris Byars were married on Oct. 25, 1941. The bombing of Pearl Barbor meant Byars had to serve more than one year in the military. (Contributed Photo)

Byars noted that England was bring bombed almost nightly.

That was about the time he learned in a telegram from home that he had a "beautiful little daughter," Delia Kay. But he would not get to see her for nearly two years.

"After hearing about Kay, it made it harder to stay there and keep my mind on what was going on and what was ahead of us," Byars said.

As D-Day (June 6, 1944) approached, Byars said they had to waterproof all vehicles and guns because they did not know how much water they would have to unload in. Infantry and paratroopers were given the task of clearing the way for the tanks and other equipment that would follow. The day that Byars and other in his division were to cross the channel to France kept getting pushed back because of the weather. Then on June 18 or 19 he said they loaded their tanks on LSTs, motorized barges which carried the troops and equipment.

It was not until June 23 that the first elements reached French soil at Omaha White Beach, below Isigny, he said.

Most of the 3rd Armored Division vehicles were able to get to land without mishaps. Assigned an area a short distance from the beach, Byars said they spent the first few days removing waterproofing and preparing for their first combat action.

He said their first contact with the enemy occurred around Villiers Fossard. "This is where we found out you either 'kill or be killed.' We also found out our tanks were not equal to the Germans as we were led to believe and their tanks could not be penetrated very easily from the front. Their large guns left holes in our tanks, which we had been taught were the best. The only place our tanks could damage or demobilize theirs was from the side."



HITTING THE BEACH — Allied infantrymen swarmed along the Normandy coast of northern France on D-Day — June 4, 1944. Byars and the rest of the 3rd Division brought their tanks ashore several days later. (World Book Encyclopedia Photo)

During those first few days of fighting, Byars said they saw a lot of dead soldiers and many wounded ones. "You wanted to stop and try to help them, but you had to keep your vehicle moving. If you did stop, you were a very good target for the enemy."

Byars said, "You can use all the ways in the world to describe a battle, yet it comes no where near the graphic description of a shell that suddenly hits and erupts in a heart sickening crash near by. Almost any way you looked you would see wounded soldiers and more dead ones than wounded. Seeing your buddy laying helpless was very heartbreaking, but you try to forget and keep moving."

Byars' said their next contact with the Germans was at Pont Hebert, "where we got our baptism of fire. It gave these well-trained men a sudden shocking plunge into action. Here we learned there is no glory in combat, that death strikes friend and foe alike."

At Pont Herbert, Byars said the 33rd Armored Regiment lost all of their command tanks. Fighting continued there and at Haut Vents and Belle Lande. "We would take a town only to be run out by the Germans," he said.

As the fighting continued, he added "Most all of our battles were very, very hard ones to win. We would be pushed back and have to fight our way up again. After we began to liberate the French people, they were very friendly and were a lot of help locating the enemy troops."

He praised the unarmed medics who were on the front lines taking care of the "wounded and less fortunate."

The fighting around Falaise Gap intensified as the soldiers would gain ground only to be pushed back and then retake the same territory. As the troops prepared for the next attack, Byars' First Sergeant called him out of his tank to inform him that his dad had died and he would not be going out with the attack. "That night my tank was hit and demolished and most of the crew were killed. In a way, my life was saved by the death of my father," Byars said.

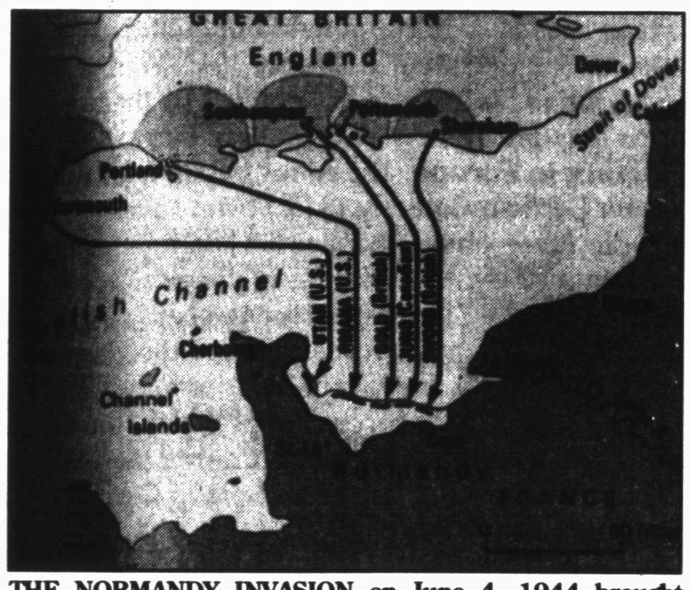
"Again, I was out of a tank — the fourth one lost" he said. "Sometimes we would get a good replacement, but not very often. "The thing that was so bad was that I had lost all of my crew out of my command tank except for my driver, Prasek, who was one of the finest soldiers I ever met. He made sure that the tanks were serviced each time we had a break. He made by job as platoon commander much easier."

His father's death made it much harder for Byars to keep going in the war, but "I could not give up. I had a wife and beautiful daughter, Kay, to protect."

Having a new tank, one that had been repaired the best the mechanics could do, was not as hard as getting used to a new crew, "most of which may never have been in a tank," he wrote. They learned the meaning of "kill or be killed" very fast.

Sometimes the battles fought were hand to hand combat, but Byars said they knew they could not allow the enemy to reorganize, get new troops or supplies.

In September 1944, Byars said the closer they came to the Siegfried Line, the worse the German's resistance became. He described the Line as "Concrete piers about three to four feet tall above the ground and about two or three feet below, with barbwire and cable all through the piers. These piers were very hard to get through while we were under heavy artillery fire all the time. One of our company tanks was the first unit through."

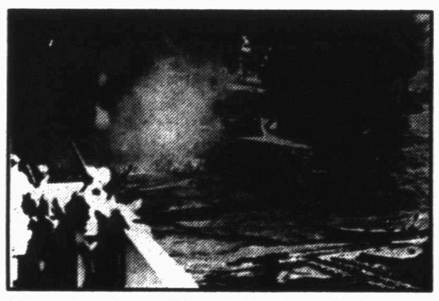


THE NORMANDY INVASION on June 4, 1944 brought Allied forces ashore on five beaches, shown with their code names. Within a week, the Allied held the area outlined in black. (World Book Encyclopedia map)

To accomplish that, Byars wrote that the tank had to use a blade on the front and push dirt up and cover the concrete piers and drive over them. When the tank got entangled in the barbed wire and cable, Byars said the crew had to get out under fire, and cut the cable away.

The Germans had erected concrete pillboxes, similar to bomb shelters, all along the side to protect the Siegfried Line. Each held Germans armed with bazookas and machine guns. He said they were given the opportunity to give up and when they didn't they (American soldiers) used the dozier blade that had helped the tanks cut through in the hedgerow battles and seal up the entrance.

Again, it was "kill or be killed," Byars wrote. "The army had programmed us to do what we had to do to stay alive. The Siegfried Line was long, but after we broke through, the fighting let up some."



The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese planes on Dec. 7, 1941 drew the United States into World War II. (World Book Encyclopedia photo)

After several days of fighting, Byars said they had managed to get ahead of their supply vehicles and were low on drinking water, gasoline and ammunition. While waiting for the supplies, he said they could hear the German soldiers talking on the other side of a high wall that separated them.

When they received word that the Germans had broken through our lines, Byars said they were ordered to move out at once. They drove for two days and almost two nights before they reached their destination.

When they arrived, he said the French soldiers told them to sleep the rest of the night while they kept watch. "The snow was one to two feet deep, so we took our shovels, and dug a hole in the snow, large enough for our bedrolls and we went to bed. You can sleep anywhere when you are as tired as we were," he said.

As the fighting got underway, Byars said they met stiff resistance, noting that one company lost seven tanks, and a large group of men. About a week before Christmas, they received the news that the German soldiers had penetrated their lines "in great force."

Dec. 16, 1944 was the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge, also called the Ardennes offensive. (Its name was taken from the bulging shape of the battleground on a map. —*World Book Encyclopedia)*

The fighting was fierce and the weather conditions included heavy fog, rain, mud and snow, sometimes as deep as 16-24 inches. Byars said that the Germans "had the advantage over us. They had fresh troops (their best we heard), new equipment, plenty of fuel, men and food. They knew that it was now or never. If the Germans lost, they knew it would be over. The Germans took no prisoners alive, they also killed anyone who got in their way, including women, children and old men.

Byars continued, "We had so many places we needed to be that we had to divide up our troops.... Some of these units were completely surrounded and cut off."

Byars said they later learned that they had fought against some of the best units of Nazi Germany. Statistics for the Battle

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'Reflections' include memories of WWII

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of the Bulge show that 600,000 Americans were eventually involved in the fighting, with 81,000 casualties including 19,000 killed and 15,000 captured.

Even though the Germans had lost the Battle of the Bulge, they continued to fight. Around April 25, 1945, Byars said they were billeted in Sangerhauen, a small German town, when they learned Germany had surrendered.

Byars noted that the First Army had traveled over 700 miles from invasion to the peace signing in Germany. They captured over 76,000 prisoners from June 29, 1944 when they entered combat until May 8, 1945.

He fought in five western European campaigns — Normandy, Northern France, The Rhineland, The Ardennes, and Central Europe. He earned a total of 21 medals, ribbons and a patch including a separate bronze star for each campaign and a large bronze star for all of them. In all, he spent one year, 11 months and three days overseas.

After the Peace Treaty was signed, Byars said they were assigned to different groups depending on their "Point Ratins," determined by years in service, overseas time, combat time, etc.

Though he didn't have enough points for his turn, Byars got the opportunity to go home early. Several bomber planes were leaving for the U.S. but some soldiers were afraid to ride in them because they had had holes shot in them.

Byars wasn't afraid. The next morning, he and other soldiers rode a boxcar train to the town where the airfield was located.

"They (the planes) looked pretty bad, but after all we had been through, we figured we could handle it," Byars said.

They flew across France, England and the White Cliffs of Dover and landed in North Africa where they stayed one week. They boarded a hospital ship that had no seats, just room for stretchers and beds. They fueled up in the Azore Islands and later boarded a train to San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston where they were mustered out.

Byars said mustering out pay was $300. Each soldier was given $100 ($50 in cash and a $50 check) with the rest to be sent later, along with their discharges.

> *"I think the thing that made it the easiest was the fact that Kay acted like I'd been there all the time. She wanted to be by me always," J.L. Byars*

Byars and two others traveling north of San Antonio, toward either Big Spring or Lubbock bought a ticket on an autobus. It blew out a tire east of Colorado City and did not have a spare. (Rubber was very scarce.) One of the soldiers hitched a ride into town and arranged for a tire to be brought out.

They arrived in Colorado City early one morning and Byars started walking toward Snyder. Doris and Kay, the 22-month-old daughter he had never seen, lived with her parents, Edgar and Exa Grant, a mile east of Dunn. A Colorado City dentist offered him a ride and drove him to Dunn, where a milk truck carried him to the Grants' home.

Doris wasn't expecting him as he had had no way to let her know that he was coming home early. (They didn't have a telephone.) Kay, who was playing under the tree in the front yard, started yelling, "Daddy, my daddy" as she ran to meet the father she had only seen in an 8 by 10 photograph.

The adjustment was not easy for either Byars or his wife. To survive the war, he had been programmed to be a "good soldier, a robot." His nerves "were shot" and any noise made him feel like he was back in the war. "I was very nervous, a door would slam and I would dive for cover."

Also, the young bride he had left when he was sent overseas was now a woman and a mother. And he had a stepmother too.

"I think the thing that made it the easiest was the fact that Kay acted like I'd been there all the time. She wanted to be by me always," Byars wrote.

After a few days of visiting, they moved to Springtown, where Byars had been born on Sept. 2, 1916. His stepmother, Lillie, moved in with them.

He could have returned to the Southern Pacific Railroad job he held before he enlisted, but he did not want to move from town to town. Instead, he went to work for a previous employer, a Mr. Tidwell, who had built a larger store while he was in the service. Doris also found work there as the bookkeeper.

A year later, Byars and Doris' father and two brothers built a garage in Ira. Business was good because of the oilfield boom. Later, they sold the garage and went to work in the oil field. He worked on a lot of rigs in the Sharon Ridge field and later on the G.S. Taylor's rotary rigs.

After the drilling slacked off, he said he found work as a carpenter, helping to build an oil field camp southwest of Snyder.

After that Byars went to work for Lemay Oil Co. out of St. Louis, Mo. as a lease-pumper. The lease was located between Ira and Dunn near the Colorado River. He worked for Lemay and Midland oil for 15 years.

In the early 1960s, Byars said they operated Ira Oil Well Service, which had pulling units and water hauling trucks. From 1968-1978, he worked as a maintenance man and bus driver for Ira ISD.

Then he started doing carpentry and general repair work until Doris retired from the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College in 1986. When they traveled, they made almost monthly trips to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to see their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They often stopped along the way to check out garage sales and flea markets.

They don't travel as much now but their large family usually spends one weekend each summer at a lake.

Writing *Reflections of My Life* wasn't easy for Byars but he did it because he wanted his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know what World War II was really like. He was also motivated by "false war movies" that don't give true accounts of the war. He also thinks it is very important for students to learn all about the war.

In the book's acknowledgments, he wrote, "The one thing I would like to express to the younger generation is not to take our freedom lightly, for it was earned by a high price by many American soldiers...."

Reflections is based in part on his memories and a book that chronicles the day by day battles of the Spearhead Division.

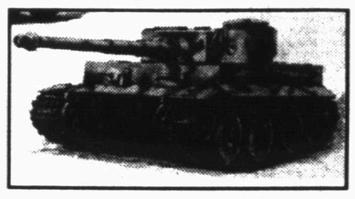
He would work on it and then have to put it aside because the memories were too painful. The worst being the loss of so many of the men he served with.

Byars' daughter Kay typed, proofread and edited what he wrote. Her husband, Joe, did the formatting, print layout and photo inserts. Their son, Kevin, had it printed and put together for his granddad for Christmas.

Towards the end of *Reflections of My Life*, Byars said, "I am very proud to have been able to help in the defense of my country in WWII...."

Besides the Dungans, the couple's other children and their spouses include Linda (Jackie) Sullivan of Springtown; Jean (Ed) Morris of Ballinger; Jimmy (Debbie) Byars of Fort Worth; and Connie Hash of Plano. They also have 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Byars will celebrate his 85th birthday Sunday and the couple will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 25.



The German Tiger was a heavy tank that could outgun almost all Allied tanks. (World Book Encyclopedia photo)

3rd Armored Spearhead Division 'firsts'

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***First to fire an artillery shell on German soil, Sept. 19, 1944;**
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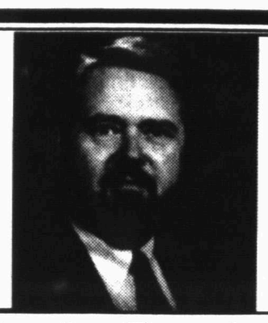
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Buyer's Remorse - Good ways to avoid it

We've all experienced it. We know the feeling. We have purchased something we really didn't need, or we were sold something we really didn't want. The end result is an emotion called "buyer's remorse."

By definition, buyer's remorse is a sense of guilt or regret caused by the purchase of a good or service. The buyer regrets the purchase, and all too often blames the seller for their remorse. And, at least some of the time the seller deserves a portion of the blame.

Here are some guidelines for helping customer's select only goods and services they need, or want and will be happy with. Follow these practices and you'll eliminate most "buyer's remorse" problems.

*** Sell the customer what they can afford.** Most of us have tastes that exceed our budget. We call this situation having "champaign taste and beer budgets."

While it's natural to want nice things, some of the worst cases of "buyer's remorse" come from over selling or over buying. Though you can't always keep a customer from over buying, you can influence the selling end.

By listening to your customers, you can often find signals that will guide you in the selling process. For example, if a customer has credit problems he or she may ask questions about payments or if a credit check is required. If you're selling to a married couple and one has obvious objections to the purchase, it usually means there's a problem. Suggest to the couple that they think it over for 24 hours.

Anytime you sense that a customer may be buying more than he or she can afford, offer a lower-cost option. You still generate a sale, but you also end up with a happy customer.

*** Sell the customer what's right for them.** Helping customers decide what's best for them takes focus and concentration. First, you have to ask the right questions. Then you have to consider the advantages and benefits they will receive from each choice.

I learned some great lessons years ago selling garden tillers. Let me give you a quick example.

One of our customers was an elderly gentleman who had accumulated some wealth. He loved to garden and he gave away bushels of good eating year. He even took a few blue ribbons at the fair each year.

One day he brought his old tiller in for repair. It was big, heavy and worn out. Since I knew he was an avid gardener, I suggested that he take the rear-time tiller I used as a demonstrator back home to try in his garden. Based on what I knew about his age, physical strength and love for gardening, I thought the rear-time tiller would be just right for him.

An hour later I got a phone call from his wife. "Don't fix that old tiller," she said. "We want this one. It's so easy to use, even I can run it." And, she did.

The next day we completed the transaction, and both the husband and wife were happy. You can't go wrong selling the customer what's right.

*** Take it back, make it right.** This is easier for some businesses than others. But, there are times when a little wisdom here will generate great repeat business. If it isn't right in the customer's mind it isn't right. Take it back, exchange it for another or refund the customer's money.

You're always better off losing the sale and keeping the customer, than keeping the sale and losing the customer. Particularly, if when the customer leaves he is suffering from "buyer's remorse." Unhappy customers tend to talk to lots of other people.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You can write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Date Books

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001

Today is the 244th day of 2001 and the 73rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Gen. William Sherman captured Atlanta for the Union.

On this day in 1890, the Single Tax League met for a national conference in New York City. The league proposed the elimination of all taxes, with the exception of a tax on land.

On this day in 1939, German forces invaded Poland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: "Gentleman" Jim Corbett (1866-1933), boxing great; Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1950), writer; Walter P. Reuther (1907-1970), labor leader; Yvonne DeCarlo (1922-), actress, is 79; Rocky Marciano (1923-1969), boxing great; Conway Twitty (1933-1993), singer; Lily Tomlin (1939-), actress-comedian, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Mississippi State defeated Kentucky State 86-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you're not big enough to lose, you're not big enough to win." — Walter Reuther

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Sept. 2).

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001

Today is the 245th day of 2001 and the 74th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1910, Blanche Scott became the first American woman to fly an airplane solo.

On this day in 1944, president-to-be George Bush was shot down over the Pacific while on a bombing mission. He was rescued by a U.S. submarine.

On this day in 1978, ex-Beatle George Harrison and Olivia Trinidad Arias were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cleveland Amory (1917-), writer, is 84; Marge Champion (1923-), dancer-actress, is 78; Terry Bradshaw (1948-), football great-commentator, is 53; Mark Harmon (1951-), actor, is 50; Jimmy Connors (1952-), tennis star, is 49; Eric Dickerson (1960-), football star, is 41; Keanu Reeves (1964-), actor, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Randy "Stump" Williams won the belly-flopping competition at the Cannonball and Belly-flopping Diving Contest in Gainesville, Fla.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The desire for glory is the last infirmity cast off even by the wise." — Tacitus

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Kmart removes price comparion signs

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp. has removed its "Dare to Compare" signs from its stores after being accused of deceptive advertising in a lawsuit brought by its discount rival Target Corp.

As a result of Kmart's removal of the signs, Target withdrew its request for a court order requiring Kmart to take them down. Target has not withdrawn the lawsuit, however.

Target has charged that the signs comparing Kmart's prices with those of its competitors often cited outdated or inaccurate prices.

James T. Hale, Target executive vice president and general counsel, hailed Kmart's decision to remove the signs.

"It all had to do with competing honestly," he said Friday.

Kmart said in a statement that the study on which Target based its accusations was "seriously flawed" and had numerous errors.

Man must listen to polka music for blaring radio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (AP) — A man was sentenced to listen to four hours of polka king Frankie Yankovic's greatest hits for driving through the city with his windows rolled down and his truck's stereo blaring.

Municipal Judge John Nicholson found Alan Law guilty of disorderly conduct and ordered him to pay a $100 fine or listen to polka tunes.

Law chose to face the music.

Nicholson picked Yankovic's music because he thought the 19-year-old Law would not be a fan of the Cleveland polka legend, who died in 1998.

"Most of the time I try to impart the Golden Rule to people: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. You may enjoy listening to your music, but many people do not want to hear your music," Nicholson said.

Law listened to the full four hours of Yankovic's hits, which include "Blue Skirt Waltz," "Who Stole the Kishka" and "Too Fat Polka," in a police station interview room Thursday.

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The last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence was Charles Carroll of Maryland. He died in 1832 at the age of 95.

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The state tree of Vermont is the sugar maple.

Q & A

Senate Bill 55

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse devote this column to current information about substance abuse.

Texas Senate Bill 55 Summary
1997 FINAL ENROLLED VERSION

Texas Senate Bill 55 offers a comprehensive approach to reducing A minor's access to tobacco products, and provides for educating the public regarding the dangers of tobacco use. The bill includes the following provisions:

1.Continue the existing penalty for the store clerk who sells tobacco to a minor which is a Class C misdemeanor. (Effective 9/97)

2.Requires tobacco retailers to verify the age of purchasers younger than 27 years of age through the use of photo identification. (Effective 1/98)

3.Existing signage is amended to include that it is BOTH illegal to sell to minors and illegal for minors to buy tobacco products. The sign will say:

PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A MINOR UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW; SALE OR PROVISION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. UPON CONVICTION, A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR IMPOSED. VIOLATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. (Effective 1/98)

4.Vending machine and self-service tobacco sales are restricted except in places not open to those under 18 years of age or in places used as cigar humidors. (Effective 1/98)

5.Giveaways of free samples and coupons to anyone under 18 is prohibited. (FDA regulations prohibit sampling of products to anyone.) (Effective 9/97)

6.Sales of cigarettes of less than 20 per package (Kiddie Packs) are prohibited. (Effective 9/97)

7.A retail permit fee of $125 for 1998-99 and $180 for 2000-01 is assessed (a permit is required now but no fee is attached), and the fee funds administration of the bill and enforcement and awareness programs.

8.Retailers are subject to the following penalties upon failure to adequately supervise or train an employee. All offenses must be within a 12-month period. (Effective 9/97)

First offense: up to $500 fine
Second offense: up to $750 fine
Third offense: up to $ 1,000 or 3-day permit suspension
Four or more offenses: permit revocation (can reapply after six months)

9.Retailers must inform employees that tobacco sales to minors are illegal. (Effective 1/98)

10.The retailer is protected from permit revocation if his employees attend a comptroller approved training program. There is no protection from permit revocation if a retailer has eight violations within a two-year period. (Effective 9/97)

11.Minors are penalized for purchasing or possessing tobacco products and must attend a tobacco awareness program and do tobacco-related community service. Failure to attend the awareness program or do the community service may result in suspension of the minor's driver's license. A violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed $250. Upon producing evidence of attending a tobacco awareness program or doing the community service, the charge may be dismissed except in the case of repeated offenses. (Effective 1/98)

12.Tobacco-related outdoor advertising is prohibited within 1,000 feet of a church or school. (Effective 9/97)

13.Tobacco-related outdoor advertising will be subject to a fee of 10% of the gross sales price. The funds are to be appropriated for enforcement, education advertising campaign, and youth grant program. (Effective 9/97)

14.Cities may adopt ordinances stronger than the state law.

The following information was provided by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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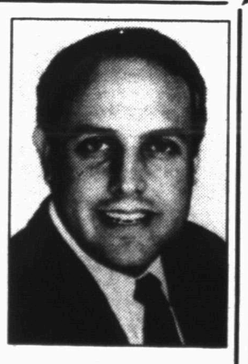
To the Citizens of Scurry County:

My wife Andrea and I would like to extend thanks to all of the people in Snyder that we were hosted by and met during our recent visit.

We look forward to meeting everybody that would like to visit with us between now and the November 6 election.

We would also like to give special thanks to Bob Dupree for agreeing to serve as our Scurry County Chairman.

Please call us at 903-271-7877 if you have any questions.



Thank you,
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Marriage License

Dennis Shawn Blum and Lisa Ann Alonzo, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Snyder Daily News vs. Scurry County Commissioners' Court, writ of injunction.

Isaac M. Castro vs. Germania Insurance Company, suit on contract.

Action in District Court

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Dewey Lee Hasty, order of nonsuit.

Raymond and Adelia Alarcon vs. Annette Lee Chesser, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Geneva Smith, Carl Witte, individually and as spouse of Effie Witte and as next friend of minor Catherine Witte, and Effie Witte vs. Glenna Belle Roggenstein, independent executrix of the estate of Mozell Roggenstein, release of judgment.

In the marriage of Shelia Marie Brewer and Jeffery Mark Brewer, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Norma D. Wadzeck to Walla D. Fish, the north 2.0 acres out of a 5.10-acre tract in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Glenn Tate to Donald Tate, the southeast one-quarter of Section 94, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Gloria Cato, independent executrix of the estate of Rosa L. Bigham to Gerrel Watson Bigham, tract one being five tracts out of a 38 acre tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 2.0 acres in Section 183, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David Glass to W.A. Cooper Jr., Lot 12 in Block 17 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Anthony and Virginia Arispie to Ricardo Cerda, a part of Lot 1 in Block 14 of the Scarborough Addition.

Audrey Bailey to Anna Bailey Sears and Jo Bailey Flynn, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Ruby P. Smith to Gary P. Smith, 9.99 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James and Ruth West to John and Irene Martinez, Lots 3-6 in Block 5 of the Sturdivant Subdivision of Block 5 of the Cody Addition.

James and Ruth West to John and Irene Martinez, Lots 7-10 and the north 25 feet of Lot 11 in Block 5 of the Sturdivant Subdivision of Block 5 of the Cody Addition.

Successor Trustees of the Patricia Finger Trust and the Milan Murray Trust to Richard M. Murray, Kay E. Bird and Marilyn Jo Wright, tract one being Section 636, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the east 80 acres of the north one-half of Section 633, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the northwest one-quarter of Section 188, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the south one-half of Section 202, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being the south 40 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 205, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being the west 40 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 205, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract seven being the south 40 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 205, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being the east 248 acres of the south one-half of Section 255, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract nine being the east one-half of Section 631, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bob Dupree to Michael Humphrey, Lot 15 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

Betty Jo Cobb to Charles Allen King, a 50x75-foot tract in the northeast corner of Lot 4, Block 18, T.N. Nunn Addition.

Truett W. and Mona Bryan to Billy D. Jones, tract one being Lot 22 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition; tract two being all of Lot 4 in Block K of the Towle Place Addition.

Edward D. and Judith Barkowsky to Oleta Fay Harrell, Lot 3 in Block 7 of the Correction of the Bassridge Addition.

Donny L. Gray to Karen J. Duff, a 225x150-foot tract in Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Myron Fenton to Bobby D. Clinkinbeard, a 3.0-acre tract in Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joe W. and Muriel Vincent to Chris and Xalyn Palacious, Lot 2 of the Replat of Block 12 of the Highlands Addition.

Vatican monsignor arrested

CLEVELAND (AP) — A monsignor who has served on a board that provides legal counsel to Pope John Paul II has been charged in an international insurance scam involving disgraced former financier Martin Frankel.

Monsignor Emilio Colagiovanni was arrested Thursday and charged with wire fraud and conspiracy to launder money, the U.S. Attorney's office for Connecticut said.

Colagiovanni, 81, is accused of helping Frankel use the Saint Francis of Assisi Foundation to acquire insurance companies, while concealing Frankel's involvement, according to a complaint.

He clung to a lectern for support while questioned Thursday in the Cleveland courtroom of Magistrate Nancy A. Vecchiarelli.

When Vecchiarelli asked whether he understood the charges, Colagiovanni said: "I don't understand what they're about." He was then flown to Hartford, Conn.

His attorney, Paul Mancino, said his client has done nothing wrong, and that authorities want to secure his testimony against Frankel.

"I think he was duped and taken advantage of," Mancino said.

Prosecutors say Colagiovanni made false statements to representatives of insurance companies and regulators, and said the source of the foundation's funds were the Holy See and other Catholic entities. The source of the funds was Frankel, using the alias David Rosse.

Colagiovanni had agreed to help "Rosse" set up a charitable foundation in the British Virgin Islands, prosecutors said.

The monsignor, who lives in Rome, was arrested in the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills while visiting his sister.

Frankel, 46, is being held in a federal prison in Connecticut, awaiting trial on racketeering, fraud and money laundering charges. He was arrested in Germany in September 1999 after a four-month search.

Frankel is accused of hiding behind associates to create Thunor Trust, the holding company for six insurance companies in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee. Regulators in those states are seeking more than $600 million in damages from Frankel in civil cases.

Colagiovanni, who is president of the Monitor Ecclesiasticus Foundation, which publishes a journal of Roman Catholic canon law, is accused of scheming to defraud Capitol Life Insurance Co., Western United Life Insurance Co. and the Thunor Trust companies and their policy holders.

Gunman shoots deputy then barricades himself

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — A gunman shot and wounded a sheriff's deputy, then barricaded himself inside a home, forcing neighbors to evacuate as officers surrounded the house and lobbed tear gas inside.

Witnesses said the man fired hundreds of shots at the onset of the standoff.

"ATF agents were trying to serve a search warrant and it went bad," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David Cervantes.

A deputy was shot in the upper body and critically wounded, Cervantes said. The deputy was taken to Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital. His name wasn't disclosed.

There was an early report that a federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent was wounded, but Cervantes said the agent was OK.

Officers arrived around 8:30 a.m. to search the home of James Beck, a man who allegedly had been posing as a deputy U.S. marshal and stockpiling weapons, the U.S. Marshals Service said.

The gunman fired randomly out of his house, Sgt. Ken Davidson said.

"We believe he is armed with numerous weapons," Davidson added.

SWAT officers surrounded the home and lobbed tear gas inside. Gas clouds were billowing from second floor windows.

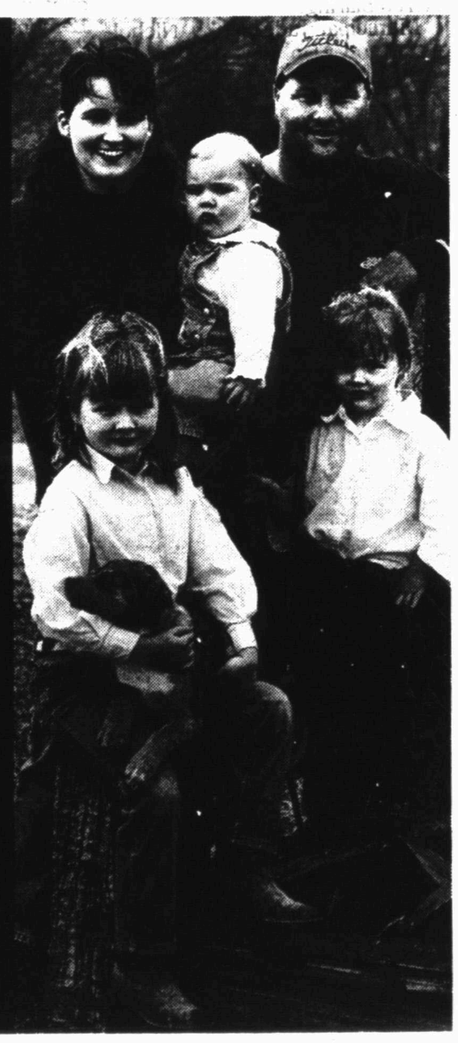
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Dr. Gary Nussey should be recognized for his selfless humanitarian ministering to the sick and poor in Honduras. He has volunteered his services to needy people in Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Dr. Nussey is working toward expanding his work in Honduras to full time in the future.

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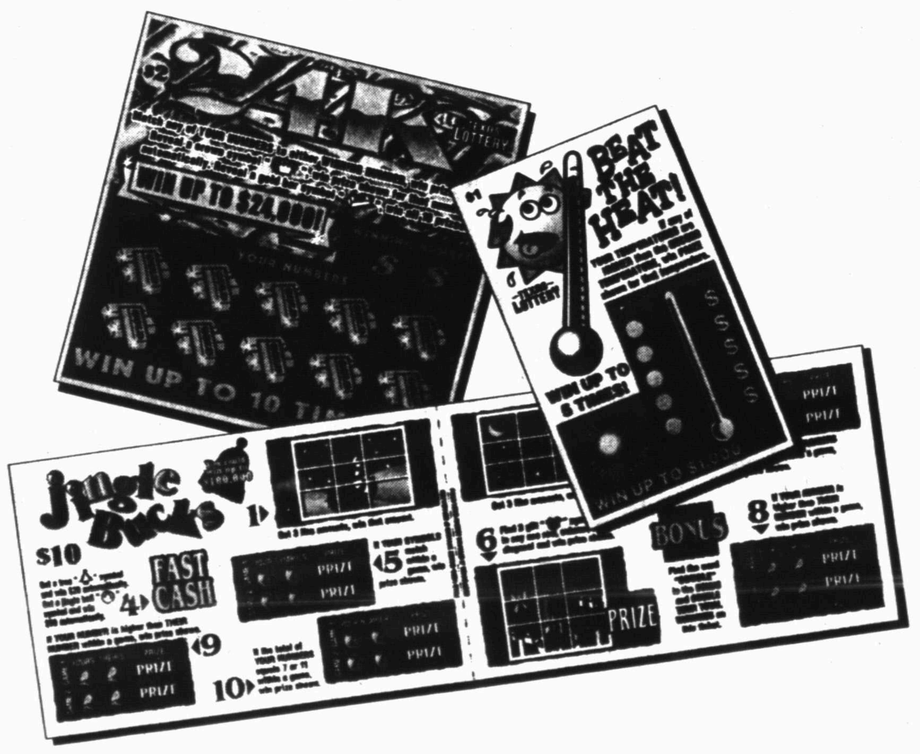
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Letters to the editor

Watch dog service

Dear Editor:

I simply want to take this opportunity to thank the SDN for their watch dog stance and having the good citizenship to challenge any potential wrongdoing in our local government.

I have had the honor of serving on both the SISD board and the city council for Snyder and have always appreciated SDN's open and honest reporting of the actions our local governments are undertaking.

People such as Wade Warren continually strive to keep the public informed of important life-impacting activities of our local government. The newspaper is one of the few sources of information for the general public. Please keep up the good work keeping us all informed of the issues and various stances of our elected officials.

Terry J. Martin

Thanks for support

Dear Editor:

The children, parents, staff and board of directors of Discovery Pre-School of First United Methodist Church would like to publicly thank all those who donated garage sale items or baked goods for our combination garage-bake sale this last weekend.

Also we would like to thank Wal-Mart for the use of their facilities, Margaret Beaver for donating clothes hangers, Davidson's IGA for donating soft drinks and Howard and Carolyn Limmer for donating clothes racks.

Everyone joined with the directors of our school, Nancy Candanoza and Evelyn Liccardi, to make this a successful venture for the children of our community.

Mary Williams
Board Chair
FUMC Discovery School

Open government

Dear Editor:

Just a note to commend you on your action about Open Government, I feel if more of us,"the people" would follow your lead we would have a better government.

It is sad when people do not pay any attention to what the local government is doing true enough, But it is worse when the government shuts the door and does not let the public know what they are doing with public affairs.

Keep up the good work.

Charles R. Lee
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Former citizen comments

Dear Editor:

As a former citizen of Scurry County, I wish to say that during my years in Snyder I found that the county commissioners and county judge believed themselves to be above the law and able to make their own laws.

If the commissioners will listen to the citizens of Scurry County, they will find that the citizens are very interested in their county and want the best for the county.

It seems that if something is good for the citizens, the commissioners court will do what they can to ruin it. If one will go back through the records over the past few years, many examples can be found.

There was the roll back on the taxes. From what has been told to me, the commissioners of the preceding years should have been raising taxes a little each year because the oil royalties were not going to be there forever and a reserve should have been built up for the lean times. A prime example was the hospital issue. It does not matter how one felt, but the commissioners tried very hard to sell the hospital without bringing it to a vote.

Commissioners, you need to listen to the people. Visit with the people that you represent on issues rather than deciding what you think is best for the people. The county judge represents all the people and needs to listen to them.

There are always problems [illegible] with the issues and interests of many people. Everyone does not see the problem in the same way, but I urge the commissioners and judge to listen to the people and follow the rules. During the hospital issue, I personally know that they will play by the rules if it serves the commissioners court's purpose.

Listen to the people. Follow the rules.

Carol Davis
Granbury

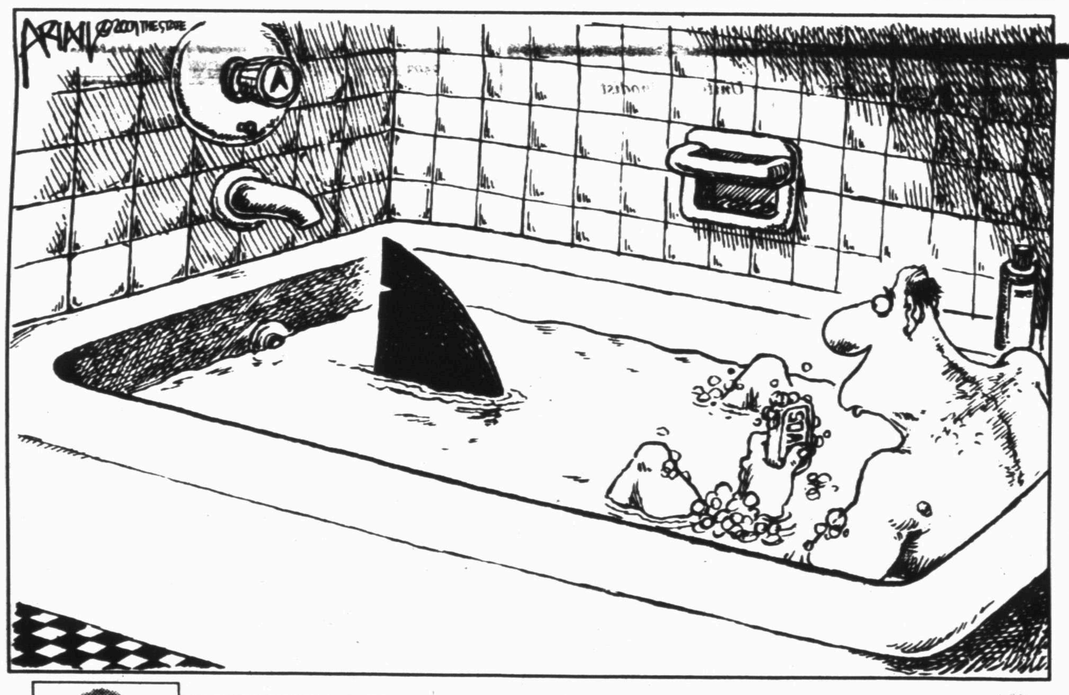
Cable too high

Dear Editor:

How come Cox Cable premiums are so high and they keep adding more paid programming to the schedule?

Omer (Dissatisfied) Pointer







North of Forty by Red Green

Taking it back

We all need understanding at various times in our lives. But for the average person, compassion is never more appropriate than when you're returning a broken product to a store. You stand there at the customer service counter with a weed whacker in three pieces and a big burn mark on the side of the motor. The clerk asks "What happened?" You say "I don't know," which is a lie, and "It broke," which is obvious. At that moment, you accidentally make eye contact, and both of you are painfully aware of the awful truth. It didn't just break. You broke it using some portion of your stupidity. Now the insensitive, inexperienced part-time, minimum-wage clerk will refer you to the manager, refuse the return, or have you arrested.

That's your fault for picking the wrong clerk. You don't want a high school student. You need an older, married person. Someone who's been there. Someone who knows that you are a person at risk. Someone who understands that you have a spouse at home who knows you broke the weed whacker and is going to give you weeks of unrelenting grief if you don't get your money back. Someone who understands that having someone else take the blame is the closest most of us get to a miracle in this life.

Someone who realizes that if they give you your money back, you will shop at that store, and only that store, forsaking all others, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, 'til death do us part.

THE HAIR APPARENT

Life has taught me many things, but one of the most surprising has been that your hair is a lot like your kids. You don't have any at first. Then when you do, there's a period of unmanageability, and it takes a fair bit of greasing to make things go your way. For a few years, they become the center of your universe. Over time, they change and seem less interested in your needs; many of them leave to strike out on their own. Then they're gone, and you have to decide whether you should be dwelling on the trauma of their departure, thinking back to what once was, or act like their absence is just part of the maturing process. Either way, you can't help but blame yourself. But don't. If you truly love something, you have to set it free. That's why bald men make better fathers.

LOWERING THE BAR

Simple pleasures for a middle-aged guy:

— Holding a TV remote — being able to control one thing in his life.

— Eating a meal with no regrets.

— A day when nobody phones him.

— Old pants that still do up.

— Attending the annual staff meeting and not having his name mentioned.

— Being able to remove his shoes at a social function.

— A mall with a hardware store in it.

— Any gasoline engine that starts.

— Opening the fridge and seeing four beers.

ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM

When you watch sports on television, you see examples of what I would call true fans. These are people who support the home team, no matter what. Oh sure, they might be critical when discussing some of the trades or some of the coaching strategies, but once the game is underway, they are clearly and consistently rooting for the home team. I admire that. In fact, I think it's essential. Maybe we all should apply that same blind faith to our belief in ourselves. Because the game is underway, and each of us is the home team.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "The expression 'the best things in life are free' is not an invitation to steal." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Jury awards

Jurors in personal injury cases have a difficult, if not impossible, job: They are asked to put a price tag on dreams. They are asked to assign a dollar value to potential.

An ongoing debate over whether jurors overvalue dreams and potential is likely to be reignited as the various defective product cases targeting the Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. move forward.

Last week, the first of those cases to reach trial was settled for $7.5 million even as the jury deliberated in the case filed by a South Texas physician against the tire manufacturer.

Dr. Joel Rodriguez of Pharr sued as the result of a March 2000 crash of a Ford Explorer that left his wife, Marisa Rodriguez, a 39-year-old mother of three, brain-damaged. His wife was injured when the Ford Explorer in which she was riding rolled after the right rear tire separated. The rollover crushed the vehicle's roof over the back seat.

Rodriguez filed a $1 billion lawsuit against Bridgestone/Firestone. A month before trial, he settled a separate case with Ford for $6 million.

Tire company lawyers settled on the fourth day of jury deliberations. Obviously, lawyers were wary of rolling the dice with the jury. It's difficult to know how the jury was leaning, because U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela advised jurors not to discuss the case.

The judge noted that there were similiar cases pending all over the country and a public discussion of the case by jurors might have an impact on pending litigation.

In reaching the settlement, the tire manufacturer admitted no liability for the accident. Evidence was presented that the tire manufacturer knew the risks posed by the tires. Bridgestone/Firestone contends that Ford Explorers were poorly designed and prone to roll over. The litigation will go on for years.

It's reported that 200 cases have already been settled and 300 more are waiting to be tried. Each contains a story of families who can't retrieve the lives they had before the accident. In the unlikely event that all those cases reach trial, juries will be asked how much those lives are worth.

Waco Tribune-Herald

Aquifer drain:

The race is on to drain the Ogallala Aquifer. And the Edwards. And the Trinity.

And with them, Texas' future.

There's water to be mined in remote reaches of Texas, and in populated stretches as well. Because of antiquated laws, the people racing to suck Texas aquifers dry say they essentially have no choice. If they don't, someone else will.

Like jackals squared off over carrion, two water mining companies are in court now over whose rights will prevail in the quest to harvest and sell Panhandle underground water from the Ogallala. Other companies have designs on Texas aquifers.

Most prominent is oil man T. Boone Pickens, who thinks he has dibs on water he seeks to harvest in Roberts County. He is suing the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority over drilling which Pickens' group says will drain away its wells and its profits.

A sheriff say, the state legislature needs to fire a gun in the air and tell these feuding companies to halt. Both are right in effect. Each is infringing on the other's quest for gold. But more ominously they are infringing on the fortunes of all Texans, and particularly West Texans who rely on the Ogallala.

A scary notion has emerged. Some West Texas farmers are talking like the most profitable thing to do is forgo farming and sell the water under their feet. Though it could kill off a region for short-term gain, it would be in keeping with the profit motive.

Except on a piecemeal basis, Texas maintains an antiquated "rule of capture" method of regulating groundwater.

Texas is one of only six states that essentially leave ground water unregulated.

Under the rule of capture, the person who owns the land owns all the water under the land. That principle allows individuals to pump out, use or sell as much water as they want, even if they drain the underground so that their neighbors and other Texans go without.

San Angelo Standard-Times

Farm subsidies

Charlie Flagg, the double-tough rancher from the drought-stricken 1950s, was immortalized in Elmer Kelton's classic novel, "The Time It Never Rained." What made him memorable was his stubborn refusal to accept government handouts, even in the face of economic disaster. Out of deep conviction and principle, he would not reap where he had not sown.

Charlie lived in a world of fiction. His is a wonderful myth and legend. But if his kind ever existed, it's unlikely they survive today. A contemporary Charlie would quit the hardscrabble ranch and take up driving a truck for Wal-Mart. Is that best for our country? For Charlie?

The latest news from Washington reports that 1,249 farms in Tom Green County have reaped more than $41 million in taxpayer support since 1997. That averages about $8,200 per year for each recipient.

Critics decry subsidies as wasteful and unfair. Over the years, lots of politicians mostly Republicans have tried to end farm subsidies. They insist farming and ranching are businesses, entitled to no special consideration. For such believers, farmers and ranchers like other businesses should compete in the free market and succeed or fail on their own merits with no intervention from Washington.

We respectfully disagree. In most cases, farming and ranching are not businesses. They are ways of life. In strictly business terms, it hardly makes sense to burn 85-cent-a-gallon diesel in $100,000 tractors to produce 35-cent-a-pound cotton.

Consumers can pay at tax time, or we can pay in the grocery line. Either way, the laws of economics require us consumers to settle up with producers. If we want to keep producers producing, we must provide incentives to keep them working the farms and ranches.

Agriculture is unique in that it buys others' goods and services at retail rates. Then it sells its own goods and services at wholesale rates. That is backwards to all other enterprises.

To understand the effect of ending farm subsidies, look at what has happened to growers of wool and mohair. For years, the U.S. government collected tariffs from foreign producers in order for them to market their products in this country. Seventy percent of that money went into the U.S. Treasury and 30 percent went to American producers many of whom live in West Texas.

The program cost American taxpayers nothing, but the subsidy bought lots of pickups, groceries and blue jeans in San Angelo. That program died because U.S. Rep. Dick Armey (R-Denton and now House majority leader) persuaded lawmakers that free world trade is good for us. Tell that to West Texas sheep and goat raisers, whose market for fiber is kaput. Tell that to retailers, nonprofits and others who must survive on less.

We support the idea of subsidizing farmers and ranchers in the belief that they deserve a hand up, not a handout.

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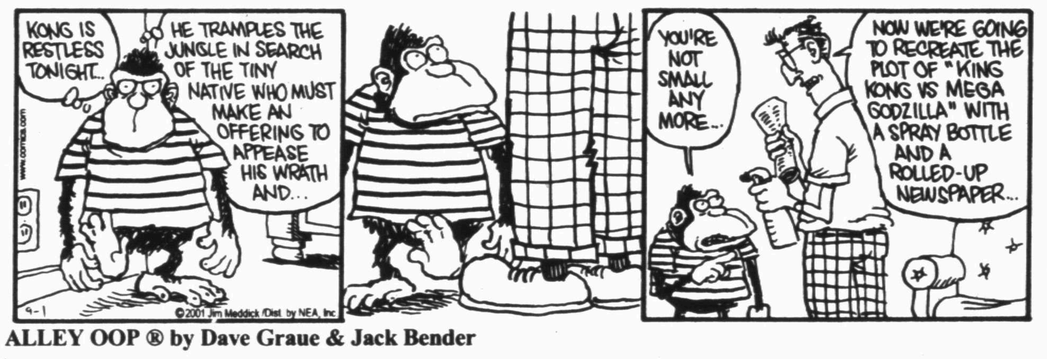
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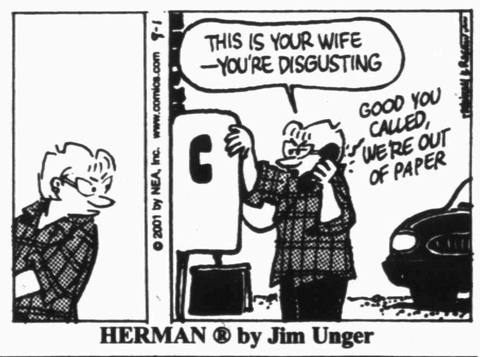


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1 Poetic foot
7 Of medicine
13 By mouth
14 — Mary
15 Settler
16 Gladdens
17 That thing's
18 Comparative suffix
20 Make an edging
21 At the house of
23 Hawaiian garland
24 Dampens
25 Lemony drinks
27 Small narrow valley
29 War area, for short
31 Author Anais —
32 "Rose — — rose"
33 Sault — Marie
34 At the back
37 Wild buffalo
40 Hebrew letter
41 Kimono sash
43 Arizona city
45 Man-mouse connector
46 Mil. school
47 Tavern
48 Strong fabric
51 Put oil on
54 One devoted to religious work
55 Scratch
56 Swarmed
57 1971 film, "— Knowledge"

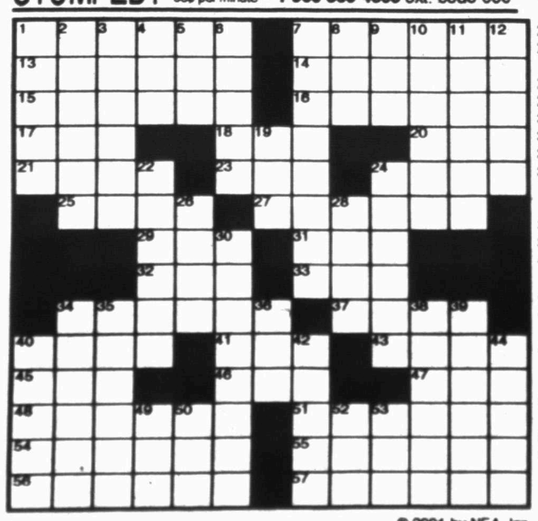
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1 Order of Greek architecture
2 Singer Franklin
3 Gathered
4 Sandwich type (abbr.)
5 — de France
6 Actor — Ritchard
7 Spaniards and Portuguese
8 Everything
9 — — fault (overmuch)
10 Corrupt
11 Conceive
12 Sacs
19 "Auction" finish
22 Highest point
24 Napa Valley establishment
26 Writer's encl.
28 Biography
30 Stranded
34 Germ
35 Metal fastener
36 Tom Brokaw's network
38 Type of goat
39 Actress Blake
40 Go — — (deteriorate)
42 Violinist Stern
44 Russian co-op
49 On the — (running from the cops)
50 "Graph" finish
52 Cagers' org.
53 Hockey great Bobby —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Supervisors unpleasand odor has her employee in a funk

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small corporation. I report to two people — a husband and wife. The wife is my supervisor; however, I am an administrative assistant to her husband as well.

The wife is extremely intelligent and I stand to learn a great deal from her, but she has the worst body odor I have ever encountered. Not only does the entire office smell of her, but when she gets close, I'm afraid I will be ill from the stench. I don't know how to handle this.

With the hot weather here, the problem has worsened. The only good thing that has come out of it is that I have lost my appetite when she's around and am losing quite a bit of weight.

I would appreciate your advice. If the problem isn't solved soon, I'll be forced to find another job. **— OVERCOME IN GARDENA, CALIF.**

DEAR OVERCOME: You would be doing your supervisor a great favor to tell her what you have told me. She needs to have a complete physical examination to determine the cause of the problem. (I am assuming that the woman bathes or showers daily and wears clean clothes.)

Since you cannot go on the way things are, you have nothing to lose by speaking up, as long as you do it in a kindly manner.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in my 80s, and in fairly good health. I still drive a car, do my own cooking, baking, vacuuming, etc.

My wife has been in a nursing home for more than four years with Alzheimer's. She is well cared for. They feed her, dress and bathe her, and do everything necessary to keep her comfortable. I visit her twice a day.

When I meet people, or they call me on the telephone, the first thing they ask me is, "How is your wife doing?" I appreciate their concern about her, but nobody ever asks, "How are you doing?" "How are you getting along?"

I'm not looking for sympathy, Abby, but on the other hand, sometimes I could use a kind word or an invitation. - **LONESOME IN SEAL BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR LONESOME: Yours is a common problem and you have my sympathy regardless. People do not mean to be insensitive, they simply haven't experienced what you're going through and don't understand how emotionally isolated you are.

The Alzheimer's Association gives referrals to family support groups nationwide. The toll-free phone number is 1-800-272-3900. Please don't wait to call them. Trust me; you'll be glad you did.

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DEAR ABBY: Is there a kind way to direct houseguests to the main bathroom? For some reason, some of our guests — even after repeated requests to do otherwise — will use only the small private bathroom located off our bedroom.

These are well-meaning people (I think) who don't want to "mess up" the main bathroom, but we want our privacy! That's our private turf. We have even had some of them go through our closed bedroom door!

Is there any way other than not inviting these people over to get them to stay out of our private bathroom? Please don't reveal my name, city or state. We don't want to lose friends. We ... **JUST WANT OUR PRIVACY**

DEAR JUST: **Yes,** Keep the door to any room that is off limits locked. If anyone questions you about it, tell that person exactly what you told me. (With a smile, of course.)

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DEAR ABBY: No live-in mother-in-law, no boom-box neighbors; nevertheless, I've got a problem.

I was flying home from a European vacation recently, when I realized fate had plunked down beside me the answer to my prayers. A graduate of Brown, "Janis" had been working in an olive grove in Italy. She was everything: pretty, demure, Irish, intelligent, svelte, "with it." All that and a great sense of humor as well. We talked, we laughed, and during the movie our arms accidentally touched more than chance would dictate. We were falling in love at 37,000 feet as clouds raced past beneath us.

Too soon, the image on the screen told us we were nearing New York's Kennedy Airport and the end of our "summer romance." As we unloaded the overhead bins, Janis said, "I guess we won't be seeing each other again — unless it's at the baggage carousel?" A definite opening. She looked stunned when I replied, "Have a nice life, Janis."

Abby, how could I have said such a stupid thing? What possessed me after God had gone to all that trouble setting up the right day, the right flight, the right seat, next to the right woman? I rationalize that maybe it was the geography. She in Seattle; I in L.A. More likely it was fear of rejection.

Balzac wrote something like: "No lady, no matter how chaste, is ever really offended by an overture of love." I keep forgetting that at crucial moments. And unlike streetcars, another Janis won't come along in 20 minutes.

It would be interesting to know, Abby, how many of your readers have lost a love, a "happily ever after," because they were too shy, too governed by propriety, to reveal what was in their hearts. Probably thousands. When you think about it, what's to lose? Really nothing compared with what's to gain. **— STILL KICKING MYSELF IN FRAZIER PARK, CALIF.**

DEAR STILL KICKING: Please stop kicking yourself. It has happened to everybody. I'm sure many of my readers will agree.

P.S. If your airplane angel sees this letter and writes to me, I'll see what I can do.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are planning to have a child. We've been told we're an attractive couple, and my husband often mentions what a "good-looking" child we will have. He also discusses the "cute pug nose" that runs on his side of the family.

When I was a teen-ager I had nasal surgery to correct a deviated septum and shorten a rather prominent nose. I've never told my husband about my surgery.

Abby, do you think I should tell him our child may inherit a large, bumped and/or crooked nose — or take my chances and see what "physical characteristics" our son or daughter inherits? **— LOSING BY A NOSE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR LOSING: I see no reason to rush into a true confession session about what a child who hasn't even been conceived "might" look like. From my perspective, each successive generation of children is becoming more beautiful. There's a strong possibility that your children will inherit their father's nose. So hold your tongue, as well as a good thought. You can always bring up the subject if the need arises.

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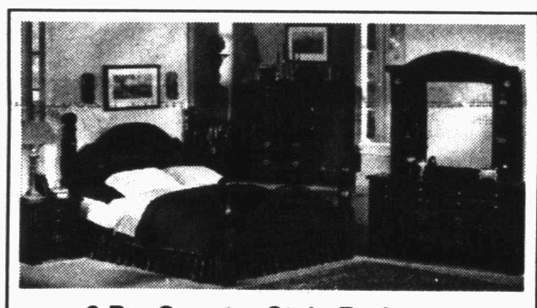
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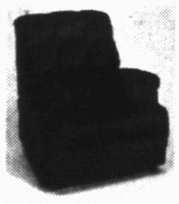
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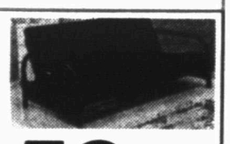
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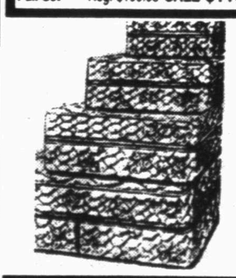
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N.M. records first fatal bear attack in century

CLEVELAND, N.M. (AP) — At 93, Adelia Trujillo still got around without a cane. She was spunky and strong-willed, stubbornly insisting on staying in her small adobe house with its tin pitched roof. But she was no match for the animal that broke into her kitchen.

Trujillo was killed Aug. 18 in the first fatal bear attack in New Mexico in a century of record-keeping.

The 250-pound, 4-year-old black bear was tracked down by dogs and shot hours later a half-mile away.

In New Mexico this summer, dry conditions and a killer frost have sent bears out of the mountains and into people's homes in search of food.

Trujillo's neighbors and friends in and around Cleveland, about 45 miles of northeast of Santa Fe, were shocked and sickened by her death.

"I'm scared at night," said Tita Martinez, 73, a widow who played bingo with her at the senior citizens center in Mora. "I just pray to God to help me."

In North America in the last century, black bears killed 45 people, according to Stephen Herrero, a bear expert from the University of Calgary, Alberta. Three-fourths of those deaths were in Canada.

Trujillo's death was the second this year, Herrero said; a camper in Canada was fatally mauled in June.

"The odds of being killed by a black bear in an attack can't be anything but extremely slim, because each year there are millions and millions of interactions between people and bears," said Herrero, author of "Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance."

Residents of villages at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains are used to seeing bears. The animals lumber down from the hillsides every summer to raid the apples, plums and chokecherries that dot the meadows and line the roads in this lush river valley.

But this year, the bears have been deprived of much of their usual food — berries, grass and other young vegetation — in the mountains. And they are not finding much in Mora's orchards.

Around the state this summer, hungry bears have attacked wildlife and farm animals, dragged a camper from his sleeping bag, broken through doors and windows and torn apart kitchens.

"My kids play outside, and it's really scary — even in the daytime," said Beatrice Vigil, who lives in Monte Aplanado, near Cleveland. "We don't trust the bears now, that's for sure."

The state Game and Fish Department regional office some 80 miles away in Raton, near the Colorado line, has been logging about 100 bear complaints a day, four times as many as in the previous worst year, said Joanna Lackey, chief of operations in the state's northeastern quarter.

One tried to break through a window into Lackey's office and another tried to enter her house.

Trujillo, a widow since 1989, worked for 15 years in the elementary schools' "foster grandparent" program, helping teachers in the classroom. The kids called her Grandma. She heated her home with wood, cooked her beans and tamales on a wood stove, grew and canned some of her own food, and began each day with prayer.

"She had the means to get updated things and she didn't want it. She wanted to stay as simple as possible," said her grandson, Richard Ortega.

The bear apparently got in by smashing a pane of glass in a door. Trujillo was found dead in the kitchen.

Lackey said investigators will never know what prompted the bear to break into the home, in an area where houses are scattered along a two-lane road with open fields behind them.

Meningitis victim swam in Lake Limestone

AUSTIN (AP) — State health officials said Friday a Houston-area boy who died earlier this month from a rare form of meningitis contracted the disease after swimming in Lake Limestone in Northeast Texas, not Lake Travis near Austin as they had originally reported.

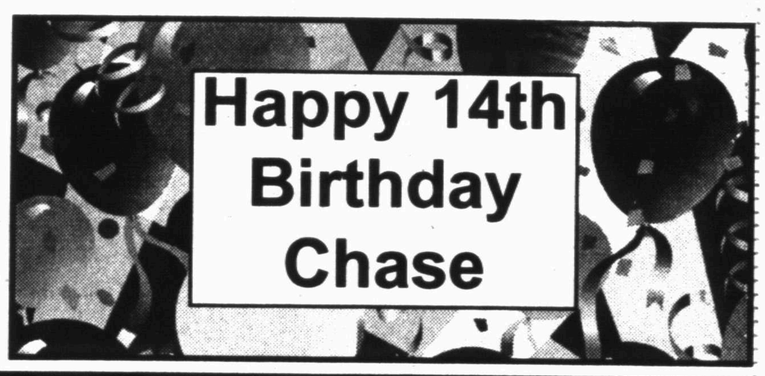
Texas Department of Health officials said they had been told the boy had been in Lake Travis. Family members later said that while some of them were there, the victim was at Lake Limestone, which covers part of Limestone, Robertson and Leon counties.

Three people have died this summer from primary amebic meningoencephalitis, which is caused by a common amoeba found in almost all untreated surface water and in soil.

The amoeba thrives in fresh water when temperatures are high, usually above 80 degrees.

Infection is believed to occur when the water containing the microorganism is forced into the nasal passages, usually when diving or jumping into the water or skiing, and the amoeba then enters the brain and spinal cord.

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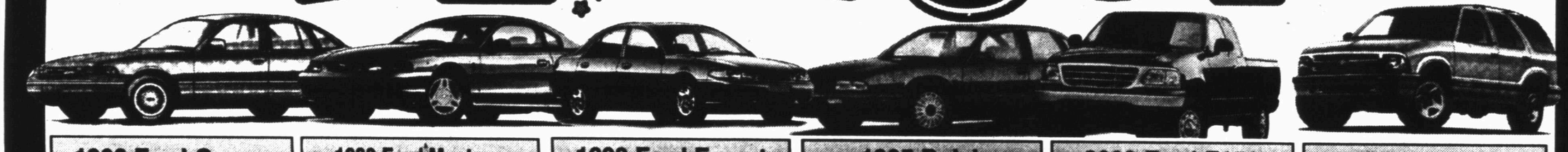
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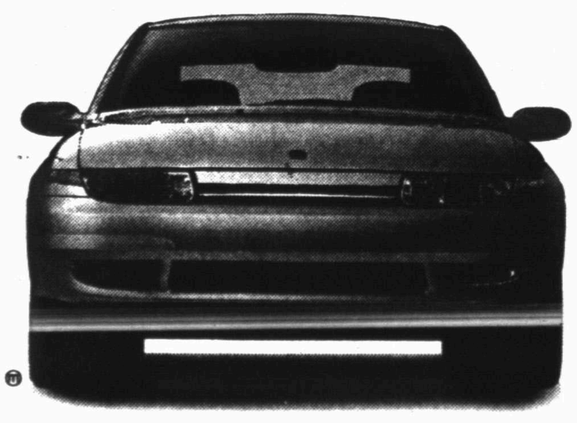
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