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Home Of Starcia Bohannon



SAFETY TRAINING — Billy Grimmett, Darrel Canada and Jack Pettyjohn look over a manual used in a safety training program Saturday at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

At WTC...

Renovated building in use

With the renovation complete on its continuing education building, Western Texas College is now preparing to take a giant leap into the future of education.

Not only will the 14,420 square foot structure house the workforce training center, a new computer lab and industrial lab, but the building will also be home to the college's distance learning lab.

The building was in use Saturday as over 50 employees of Grimmett Bros. were attending safety classes conducted by Jack Pettyjohn, program manager of Texas A&M's Construction Training Program, and Darrell Canada of The Paint & Safety Store in Big Spring.

John Gibson, director of workforce education at WTC, said Saturday's meeting was exactly what the building is designed for.

"A perfect match," Gibson said. "WTC's new facility and local industry."

The workforce training center is designed to provide skill-specific training and upgrading to business and industry, said Gibson.

"It's mission is to provide customized skills for business and training," Gibson said.

The training center will coordinate, or directly provide the training for businesses and industries such as Lorber Industries, Pennzoil, Amoco, or any other business such as Grimmett Bros., Gibson added.

"The businesses will decide what training they want and when they want it," Gibson said.

The distance learning lab, through the use of cameras and sound, will allow students and instructors to interact much like they are in a regular classroom.

Distance learning, administrators say, is the way of the future in education. It allows information to be passed back and forth, saving time and expense.

The lab, when fully operational, will also allow WTC to send instruction to other campuses and to not only provide and receive standard coursework, but interact with business and industry as well.

The distance learning lab could mean a savings in instructional costs to WTC and other community colleges as they can combine small classes and share the cost of one instructor.

Another possiblity of the lab is upper-level course offerings. Students could go to the WTC distance learning lab to take junior and senior level courses from four-year universities.

The lab could also provide faculty the opportunities to interact as well as take graduate courses which would provide faculty development.

The building — a renovation of the former auto-diesel lab — will also have classrooms, a breakroom and an industrial lab large enough to bring in textile or oil field type equipment for on-the-spot training.

Also housed in the building will be the offices of Gibson, director of community services Mark Bland, dean of continuing education Mike Thornton and director of prison processing, Linda Wright.

Director of correctiona! officer training Learnard Dodgen and correctional officer training instructor J.D. Barham will also office in the building.

The facility also has a business and industry conference room to be complete with two-way video conferencing which allows — again through the use of cameras and sound — for a person to see and hear who they are conferring with.

"You can see them and they can see you," Gibson explained.

Lots of entertainment...

Annual county fair ready to unfold on Thursday

Entertainment for the 33rd edition of the Scurry County Fair this week promises to be top-notch.

The three-day event opens Thursday and the first show on the coliseum stage at 6 o'clock will be Kathy Curry and the Family Singers.

At 7 p.m., First Baptist Church's S.M.A.K. Kids will take the stage followed by a performance by Judy's Dance Studio at 8 p.m.

On Friday, Hoss Clayton and his band will open the entertainment at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Senior Center Dancers at 7 o'clock.

At 8:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join the sounds of "An Old Record Party."

Entertainment gets underway early on Saturday with a style show at 10 a.m. followed by the Deep Creek Cloggers at noon.

Fair goers will have a special treat at 2 p.m. as a variety of students from Lynn Bethel's Music Studio will perform on the coliseum stage.

At 5 p.m., the Senior Center Kitchen Band will perform, followed by the Hoss Clayton Band at 6 p.m.

The fair will conclude Saturday night as Texas Mesquite will play for a dance from 8-10 p.m..

The fair should attract a large number of entrants this year as residents in Kent, Garza, Fisher, Borden and Mitchell Counties have been invited to participate along with entries from Scurry County residents.

Phil Robinson, president of the fair association, said the invitation went out to the surrounding counties due to the low number of entries in the fair in recent years.

The fair has categories in agriculture, textiles, baked goods, canned goods, sewing, handicrafts, art and flower show.

Baked goods, sewing and handicrafts have separate divisions for adults and youngsters.

Family members may also enter the fair to compete for the $100 "Hugh Taylor" award.

Besides viewing the entrants in the various categories, fair-goers will have plenty of other interesting displays to see in the coliseum

"We'll have a good representation from Snyder and Scurry County as always," said Robinson. "Plus this year, a variety of businesses from Abilene, Colorado City and Sweetwater will have displays."

Among the displays will be a variety of boats and recreational vehicles, said Robinson.

A number of activities are also scheduled during fair time for all ages.

The annual domino tournament will again be officiated by Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson and play will get underway on Thursday.

The championship play will be Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

The critter parade will again be staged and it, too, is set for Saturday.

Using satellites...

9-1-1 mapping is upgraded

Scurry County Emergency 9-1-1 coordinator Julie Bearden is encouraging all citizens who live outside the Snyder city limits to make their 9-1-1 numbers visible on their houses and mail boxes.

"They don't have to put their name, but if they will at least put their numbers it will help," Bearden said.

Numbering houses and mail boxes will enable emergency personnel to find residences quickly and easily.

If a citizen does not know their 9-1-1 number, they may call Bearden, who is also the county judge's secretary, at 573-8576.

Upgrading of the county's 9-1-1 system began over a year ago. With the use of specialized equipment carried in a backpack and a laptop computer, Bearden and county commissioners began mapping every house in the county.

"We went out to every house outside the city limits and and gave everyone a global position by satellite," Bearden said.

The group finished re-mappping near the end of August.

The work had to be done during regular business hours and working around regular jobs.

"The system in Abilene had to be up (operating) for us to work and it was only up between 8 and 5," Bearden said.

Entering every residence's global position into the computer will enable a digital map to be made of the county.

"It will help us to make digital maps in the near future. I can't say exactly when, but it will be in the next year," Bearden said.

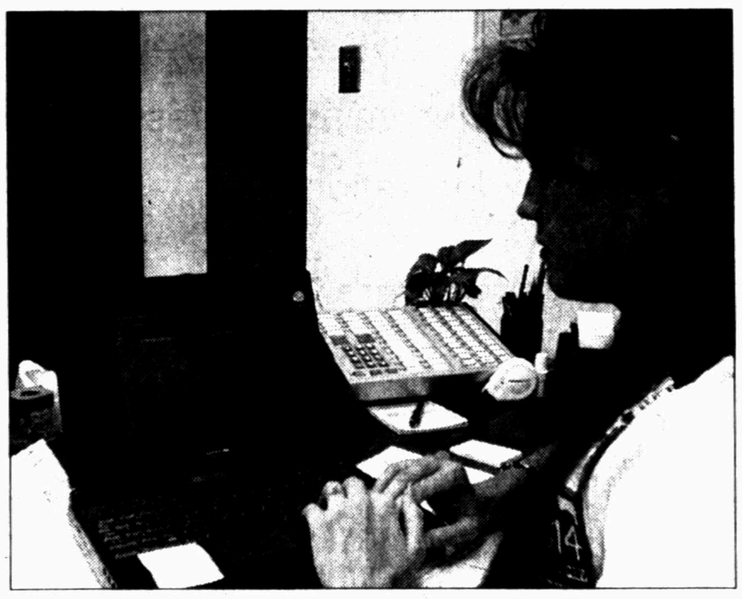
The local police department, sheriff's office and EMS service will then have equipment capable of accessing that map on a computer if there is an emergency.

"It will give them a direct path from their location to where the emergency is," Bearden explained.

The 9-1-1 emergency system provides a direct link from the caller to emergency personnel.

Citizens are reminded of the proper use of 9-1-1.

The number should be called only when there is a life-threatening situation such as an accident, family disturbance or any type of injury.



MAPPING 9-1-1 — Julie Bearden, Scurry County's 9-1-1 coordinator, checks the location of a residence on a computer used to update the system. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Rox McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Humans were born with two eyes and only one tongue — in order to see twice as much as they say."

We attended a wedding recently.

It would have probably been simpler and easier — and considerably less expensive — had the bride and groom just jumped over the broomstick.

A couple of times every year, we actually have to write a wedding story. We're still trying to figure out a couple of items that are always included — "lace bodice" and peau-de-soie."

We've observed the latter is never served at the reception.

But we did read one account of a marriage from the wire service and it dealt with being politically correct.

The bride and groom could not decide whether the couple should take his or her surname.

So the bride and groom in Kennebunkport, Maine rounded up family and friends for a softball game to determine which surname the that bride would use.

Chris Doherty, 33, made the play that cost Jo O'Connor the right to keep her maiden name. She lost 9-7.

The prospective bride was the last one at bat, and she had a runner on base. "So if I had been able to succeed, it would have been a tie game. I slugged one out, but the groom made the final play to get me out. Poetic justice."

The couple, both from Boston, made a big event of the softball game. They even had T-shirts with family logos printed on them.

The two have been an unusual couple since they met four years ago and discovered some strange coincidences.

Both are the ninth of 12 children, their fathers were born in the same town and both served in World War II. Both fathers attended the same college and medical school and are doctors. And both fathers are the oldest of three children.

The bride admitted that she was not surprised by the game's outcome. The groom also predicted a slaughter. "They're the athletic Dohertys and we're the musical O'Connors."

A little competition at each wedding. Just think of the possibilities. A picture of the mothers of the bride and groom — adorned in beige for the arm-wrestling event.

Or mud wrestling...

ASK US

Q—Will there be any local testing for jobs for the U.S. Census?

A—Yes. Tests will be administered Monday at Towle Park barn at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. A person must have two forms of identification to apply.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 87 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Saturday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy; 20% rain chance. Low, mid 60s. NE wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, 30% storms chance. High, mid 80s. E-NE wind 5-10 mph.



Ana Aguirre
Storm chance

Sunset: 7:53 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 254 days in 1998, the sun has shone 252 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"No house should ever be on any hill or on anything. It should be of the hill, belonging to it, so hill and house could live together each the happier for the other."

Frank Lloyd Wright

Parents who caged girl get 1-year terms

CHILTON, Wis. (AP) — Parents convicted of locking their 7-year-old daughter in a dog cage stained with urine and feces were sentenced to a year in jail by a judge who said they deserved compassion despite their despicable conduct.

Michael and Angeline Rogers, accused of beating four of their five children with sticks and pipes, could have received 40 years in prison. But Circuit Judge Steven W. Weinke opted Friday for one-year terms followed by 10 years of probation.

"The caging of a child is outrageous and inexplicable. There can be no doubt about that," Weinke said. "If torture was the goal of these parents, why would they have sought the help of professional services prior to these events occurring?"

The couple, he said, had sought help from social workers for a child psychologists said had disruptive behavior.

"In all these instances, we have parents reaching out for help and we have kids in a family situation like hell wouldn't have it," Weinke said.

The Rogerses, both 29, were arrested last November after their oldest son, who was 11 at the time, walked barefoot through snow 2½ blocks to a police station, seeking help for his sister.

At the home, the girl, now 8, was found locked in the basement in a wire cage described as the size of a 27-inch television set. A white blanket in the cage was smeared with urine and feces.

Rogers pleaded guilty to four felony abuse charges in a plea agreement. His wife pleaded guilty to failing to prevent mental cruelty to the girl and to aiding and abetting her husband.

"I think the year in jail is something you're not going to forget," Weinke told the couple. "It will be reminiscent a little of what the victim felt like going ... to that cage."

Rogers apologized to his children for spanking them with a stick.

"You deserve the most apologies," he said, referring to the caged girl. "I can never apologize

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Snyder High School

FFA Student of the Week



Tommy Gordon

Tommy Gordon, son of Randy and Tina Gordon, has been selected as the FFA student of the week by fellow agricultural students.

Gordon is a senior at Snyder High School and holds the chapter office of vice president in charge of the Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP).

He has received many awards including a state championship in agricultural marketing. His highest individual awards are two state proficiencies in landscape management and florticulture. According to Gordon, "I joined ag because I wanted to see what there was to do. I'm definitely glad I joined."

Upon graduating from SHS, Gordon plans to attend Texas Tech University and become a game warden.

Brandon Williamson, Snyder FFA's 1st vice president, "We are very lucky to have someone like Tommy in our chapter. He is a valuable asset and we appreciate his continuous hard work."

Locals' daughter is manager of Lovington, N.M. chamber

Andra Conner, 1978 Snyder High School graduate, has been named Lovington, N.M., Chamber of Commerce manager.

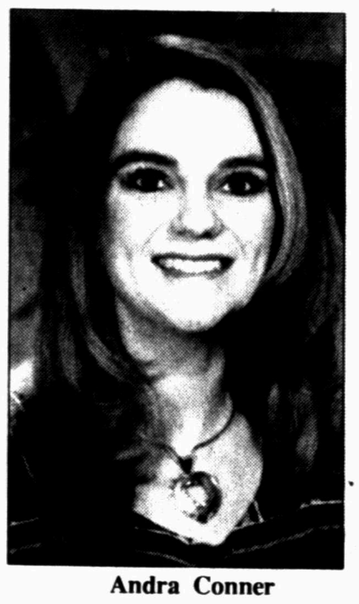
Mrs. Conner, also a graduate of Western Texas College, has been the librarian at Taylor Middle School since 1991 and also worked as program director at the Lovington Activity Center in the summers since 1995.

She moved to Lovington from Levelland in 1990 with her husband, Steve, and two daughters, Courtney and Brook.

In Levelland, she worked for South Plains College in college relations from 1984 to 1990. She also worked for a CPA in Levelland for one year.

Conner served as president-elect and conference co-chair of Desert High Inc. in 1996. She was part of the Wellness Team for Lovington Municipal Schools since 1994.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crenshaw of Snyder.



Andra Conner

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Swiss steak, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, ice cream cup

TUESDAY

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, jellied vegetable salad, garlic toast, apple cutie pie

WEDNESDAY

Cheesy chicken, fried okra, broccoli, perfection salad, peach cobbler

THURSDAY

Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, golden potatoes, sliced peaches, oatmeal cookie

FRIDAY

Fried fish, scalloped potatoes, brussel sprouts, cantaloupe, pineapple flop cake

Senior Center News

Sunday is Grandparents' Day. Have a good day!

The West Texas Audiology Mobile Unit will be stationed in the Senior Center parking lot on Monday and Tuesday. To make an appointment call 1-800-460-5485.

Bridge play begins Monday at 9:30 a.m. Exercise will follow at 11 a.m. and swimnastics is slated from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The Hoss Clayton Band will play at 11 a.m. Exercise begins at 11 and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon.

On Wednesday, bingo will be played from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a short break for the exercise class at 11 a.m. A trophy presentation is slated for 11:45 a.m. Winners of the J.B. Tate, Sr. Memorial Tournament will be recognized.

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a new clogging class at 2 p.m. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is slated from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Anyone interested in entering handmade items in the fair should check the schedule of events. Many items will need to be entered on Wednesday.

Thursday's Tri-Chem class will meet at 9 a.m. and the decoration of the Senior Center fair booth will be underway at the coliseum. The Senior Saints have canceled for this Thursday. The fair opens at noon.

Those interested in the domino tournament should check in at the coliseum in Room A by 5 p.m. Play begins at 6 p.m.

Friday will be a busy day. The bridge tournament and the blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m. Exercise is set for 11 a.m. and the Sing Along will begin at 11:30 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will be performing at the fair from 5:30-7 p.m. The Sparkle City Line Dancers will be dancing at the fair at 7 p.m.

Don't forget. Volunteers will be needed to help in the booth and the north entrance door from noon Thursday through Saturday at 9 p.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain at the fair at 5 p.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will perform from 6-7:30 p.m.

Unabomber...

Sexual frustration led to deadly rage

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski fantasized about mutilating a girlfriend, killing psychiatrists, having a sex-change operation and wrote that sexual frustrations sparked his desire to kill.

The information was revealed Friday in a long-awaited report from psychiatrist Dr. Sally Johnson, who spent 22 hours interviewing the confessed Unabomber in his Sacramento County Jail cell and reviewed his writings dating to the 1960s.

Johnson diagnosed Kaczynski, a former Berkeley mathematics professor and backwoods hermit, as a paranoid schizophrenic, but said he was competent to stand trial.

Kaczynski wrote that his 1966 visit to a psychiatrist to discuss his desire to become a woman was a major turning point in his life. He left the doctor's office without speaking of his fantasies, consumed with a visionary new hatred, according to Johnson.

"Like a phoenix, I burst from the ashes of my despair," Kaczynski wrote. "My very hopelessness had liberated me because I no longer cared about death.

"I no longer cared about consequences and I said to myself that I really could break out of my rut in life and do things that were daring, irresponsible or criminal," he said.

Kaczynski's mental state was a crucial issue during his federal trial, which ended in January when he confessed to being the elusive Unabomber who killed three people and injured 23 others between 1978 and 1995 with homemade bombs. He was sentenced to life without parole at a prison in Colorado.

National Food Service Week
September 13-19

Benny Gibbs, administrator of Snyder Healthcare Center wishes to salute the following members of the Dietary Department. Pictured are: front row, from left, Mary Guerra, Linda Hermosillo, DSM. Back row, Edward Castillo, Michelle Randle.



Benny "brags" on the Dietary Department for the vital and pertinent role they play. Happy Food Services Week!

Elaine Bragg named Teacher of the Year

Snyder Junior High School teacher, Elaine Bragg, is the local recipient of Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year award.

In appreciation for Bragg's dedication, Wal-Mart presented a $500 grant to the school, a certificate and a Wal-Mart vest to her.

SJHS principal Kellye Starnes said Mrs. Bragg always has a positive attitude."Mrs. Bragg is a highly certified teacher who daily instructs many students whose academic abilities range from gifted/talented to students who are limited in the English language. Even with this diversity, Mrs. Bragg individualizes instruction and works for the best potential in all her students."

She is also a yearbook sponsor, a facilitator in Technology In Education, and serves on the TAAS Review Committee in Austin. She previously served as UIL sponsor, member of the site-based decision making team and the state UIL Committee.

Bragg was one of more than 2,000 teachers from around the country who were selected to receive the 1998 award. Winners received a combined total of $1 million in grants for their schools or school districts.

Wal-Mart supports dozens of initiatives to increase educational opportunities for students, teachers and associates, including scholarships, internships, school-to-career programs, work-based education programs, support for the United Negro College Fund and other educational programs.

Wal-Mart Foundation contributed more than $102 million in 1997 to the communities it serves through education grants, economic development grants, matching contributions to community organizations and other programs.



WAL-MART NAMES HONORS TEACHER — Elaine Bragg was named Teacher of the Year for the Snyder area by the Wal-Mart Foundation through the local store. Making the presentation were manager Mark Stoxen, and support manager Debra Perez, left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ap correction...

CHICAGO (AP) — The Associated Press erroneously reported on Sept. 10 that McDonald's customers can buy Big Macs beginning Sept. 16 for 49 cents.

Under the promotion, customers must first purchase a Big Mac or medium or large soft drink for the full price to receive a game piece that offers discounts on their next purchase of Big Macs, hamburgers, french fries, soft drinks and Egg McMuffins that are comparable to 1968 prices.

Parents get year

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enough. I am more sorry about how I treated you more than anything else I have done."

Court-appointed psychiatrist Darold Treffert said the girl was "a very difficult child," though caging her was "ill-conceived and desperate." A criminal complaint said the father told investigators he sometimes left the girl in the cage overnight.

Three of the girl's four brothers testified about beatings with sticks, belts and a drain pipe and of being forced to stand for hours holding boards over their heads.

The children have been assigned to foster and relatives' homes.

With an 8-foot wingspan, the majestic trumpeter swans of North America are the largest of all waterfowl, according to National Geographic.

In 1967, motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road, instead of the left.

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Starr report alleges impeachment, strategy of deception

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr laid before Congress and the nation Friday a breathtakingly lurid description of President Clinton's sexual misconduct with Monica Lewinsky and declared he had gathered substantial evidence that "may constitute grounds for an impeachment."

Clinton "engaged in a pattern of conduct that was inconsistent with his constitutional duty to faithfully execute the laws," Starr declared.

The 445-page report — unsealed by a House vote and made accessible to millions of Americans via the Internet — accused Clinton of 11 possible impeachable offenses ranging from lying under oath to obstructing justice.

After months of leaks and conjecture, there were few surprises except in the steamy details. The president's lawyer was quick to criticize Starr for including such "lurid allegations" and emphatic that Clinton's conduct was wrong but not impeachable.

The report provided evidence of what prosecutors say was an effort to sway the testimony of his trusted Oval Office secretary, Betty Currie, and Ms. Lewinsky, the youthful former intern whose grand jury testimony about her unlikely affair with Clinton has dragged him to a vulnerable point in his presidency.

At a prayer breakfast hours before the report's release, Clinton apologized for the first time to Ms. Lewinsky, but vowed a vigorous defense against any effort to remove him from office. His lawyers unfurled a 73-page rebuttal to Congress even before the Starr report was unsealed.

"No amount of gratuitous allegations about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, no matter how graphic, can alter the fact that the president did not commit perjury, he did not obstruct justice, he did not tamper with witnesses, and he did not abuse the power of his office," David Kendall, the president's private lawyer, told reporters at the White House.

"There are a lot of lurid allegations in the prosecutor's referral, but there is no credible evidence of impeachable offenses," he added.

Indeed, the report graphically described sexual encounters between Ms. Lewinsky and the president — a cigar as a sexual prop, phone sex sessions and even oral sex performed while Clinton spoke on the phone with members of Congress.

Lawmakers who began reading it were aghast.

"It is gross and I don't know how to react to it," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

Starr himself apologized in the report for its lengthy and explicit details of 10 sexual encounters between the former intern and president but contended it was necessary to prove Clinton committed perjury — both in the Paula Jones lawsuit last January and again in his grand jury appearance last month.

Prosecutors said the detail showed Clinton lied before the grand jury when he insisted he gave "legally accurate" testimony in January in claiming he did not have "sexual relations" with Ms. Lewinsky.

Clinton's argument was based on the fact that the two never engaged in intercourse and that the definition he was given did not include oral sex. Prosecutors maintained that the definition was clearly meant to encompass numerous types of sexual contacts — such as those he engaged in with Ms. Lewinsky.

"The president has pursued a strategy of deceiving the American people and Congress since January 1998, delaying and impeding the criminal investigation for seven months and deceiving the American people and Congress in August 1998," Starr wrote.

Testimony from two of the president's closest advisers, deputy chief of staff John Podesta and adviser Sidney Blumenthal, indicated Clinton had given them false information that they in turn passed on to the grand jury.

But none of the testimony was more important or devastating

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Courtroom...

Juror complains to judge over McDougal's attitude

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — First, a judge warned Susan McDougal to behave, and then a juror got so exasperated with her that the judge temporarily halted her embezzlement trial.

A female juror handed Judge Leslie Light a note Friday complaining that the Whitewater figure was treating her trial as if it were "a social gathering." The note cited Mrs. McDougal's breezy attitude and chattiness with her boyfriend and brother.

Mrs. McDougal simply was not "taking these proceedings seriously," the juror complained.

Light temporarily stopped the trial to order all jurors from the room as he read the complaint into the record. He said Mrs. McDougal is court-savvy and may have been trying to manipulate jurors.

Upon their return about a half-hour later, Light instructed jurors to disregard reactions that people in the room registered toward others.

Mrs. McDougal is charged with embezzling $150,000 and with tax fraud involving her employment as bookkeeper and personal assistant to conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy, from 1989 to 1992.

Mrs. McDougal's lawyer contends she was only acting on orders from the maestro's wife, who was angry he had asked for a divorce and wanted to keep his money away from his children.

Light admonished Mrs. McDougal on Wednesday about her behavior, warning her to "keep your mouth shut" and sit still or be removed from the courtroom.

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Pancake Pups

TUESDAY
Fruit
French Toast Sticks

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks
Hot Biscuits
Cherry Cobbler

TUESDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Chilled Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Sloppy Joes
Parsley Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

THURSDAY
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Hot Rolls
Chocolage Pudding

FRIDAY
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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cheese Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger or
Chicken Pot Pie
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding

TUESDAY
Hot Dog or
Nacho Grande
Pinto Beans
Corn Bread
Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Sliced Carrots
Dinner Rolls
Cake

THURSDAY
Burrito or
Enchilada Casserole
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread
Cookies

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Golden Corn
Dinner Rolls
Chilled Fruit

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MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Orange

TUESDAY
Roast
Creamed Potatoes
Carrots
Rolls
Peanut Butter Chewies

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued Weiners
Parsley Potatoes
Corn
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THURSDAY
Sandwiches
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FRIDAY
Chicken Ala King
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Toast
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National Rehabilitation Week
September 13-19

Snyder Healthcare Center is proud to recognize their Rehabilitation Team during National Rehabilitation Week 1998. They are: front row from left, Olivia Long, Medicare Manager, Vicki Berkobien, CRTT, Esmeralda Vargas, Physical Therapist. Back row, Teresa Knauss, Occupational Therapy Assist., Leslie Hounshell, Speech Therapist, Chris Strobel, Physical Therapist Asst.



"The vital role that each therapist plays is of great significance and importance at our facility", stated Benny Gibbs, Administrator of Snyder Healthcare Center.

Snyder Band Boosters will sponsor annual baby contest

Snyder Band Boosters are again sponsoring the "Buffalo Kid and Calico Cutie Contest," in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival.

Children 0-4 years are eligible to enter. Boys and girls compete in separate categories. Prizes will be awarded on a date to be announced at approximately 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, (Snyder's last home football game), next to the Snyder High School band hall. Contestants need not be present to win.

Winners will be determined by money votes. For example, 25 cents equals 25 votes.

To enter, send 2 pictures (no larger than 2x3 or standard wallet size, $4, and an entry form to Vicky Rowland, 3100 Hill Avenue, Snyder, 79549. The child's name should be written on the back of each photo.

Entries and photos must be received no later than Monday, Oct, 19. All photos will be returned,

Boards featuring each child's picture will be displayed at IGA #400 and Wal-Mart. They will be set up as soon as at least one contestant's picture is received.

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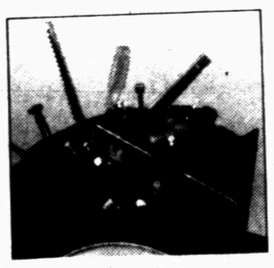
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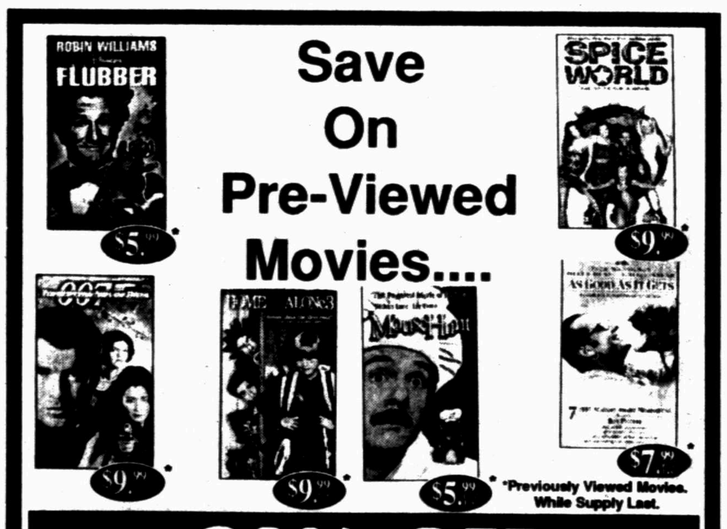
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Rubin, Greenspan working to steady jittery world

WASHINGTON (AP) — If recessions in one-third of the world's economies and the crumbling Russian ruble weren't enough, a worried Wall Street now is also anxious about President Clinton's future.

Investors are counting on two men to keep the U.S. economy humming — and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, like Alan Greenspan before him, is signaling he'll be there.

Rubin showed up on the White House lawn after an emotional Cabinet meeting with the president Thursday night, assuring the world via television that Clinton's troubles wouldn't divert his attention from the financial firestorm raging out of Asia.

"We have been totally focused" on the economic crisis, Rubin said.

The underlying message: Rubin, the savvy Wall Street veteran and architect of much of Clinton's economic success, has his eye on the ball and, most importantly, isn't going anywhere, despite widespread rumors that he would soon leave the Cabinet.

Last week Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, signaled that the central bank stood ready to lower interest rates to keep the U.S. economy out of recession.

Those words were enough to power Wall Street to its biggest one-day point gain in history Tuesday, a rise of 380 points for the Dow Jones industrial index. But the market's extreme nervousness was underscored by the following two trading sessions, when the Dow slumped by 400 points. That drop was triggered by the announcement that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report — outlining possibly impeachable offenses by Clinton — was being released.

The potential government crisis is affecting the markets "because a beleaguered presidency could mean the inability to deal with risky world situations ranging from terrorism to economic turmoil," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Primark Decision Economics.

After those two down days, Wall Street rallied Friday, in part bolstered by Rubin's appearance and by rising hopes that Greenspan will follow up last week's hint with an actual cut in interest rates, possibly as early as the Fed's session Sept. 29.

The Dow was up 179.96 points for the day to close at 7,795.5. That leaves it still down 1,542 points, or 16.5 percent, from its July 17 record.

To underscore that the administration and the Fed are keeping in close touch, both Rubin and Greenspan will testify on the international economic troubles next Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Rubin's appearance Thursday was in marked contrast to his low profile after Clinton's Jan. 23 Cabinet session, right after the Lewinsky scandal broke.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998

That for which you've worked long and hard could bear fruit in the coming year. In fact, it might be a bumper crop that will make up for the long drought in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't limit your perspective to your present concerns. Strive to be a visionary today, and look for additional ways to brighten your tomorrows. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Early in the day, you're likely to be more ambitious than you will towards evening. Put tough tasks at the top of your must-do agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Important decisions should not be made in haste today. Time is your ally, so make ample use of it to weigh and balance your choices. Winners operate on detail awareness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You won't be deceived by surface appearances today. That which escapes detection by others will be clearly perceived by you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be appreciative of small opportunities today, as good may come from things others overlook or cast aside. You'll know how to get blood from a rock.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of looking out for your interests today, try to be of service to others. When helping them, you will benefit in equal or better ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Those you associate with today will be impressed by your methods and conduct. You'll know how to assert yourself in ways worthy of emulation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pay heed to your fundamental business instincts, as they could put you on the power side of the ledger. Keep an eye not only on dollars, but pennies, nickels and dimes as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The results should turn out to your liking today if you make realistic evaluations of matters that directly affect your personal interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Continue to be financially-aware today. There's an opportunity around you presently where substantial gains can be generated from small starts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're the strong person friends are likely to lean on today if they have problems beyond their scope. Help counsel these seekers where you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The best two assets you possess today are perseverance and resourcefulness. Use both liberally to achieve worthwhile objectives.

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Date Book

Sept. 13, 1998

Today is the 256th day of 1998 and the 85th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the words to "The Star Spangled Banner."

On this day in 1939, Igor Sikorsky made the first helicopter flight.

On this day in 1965, the Beatles released the American single of "Yesterday."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter Reed (1851-1902), bacteriologist; John J. Pershing (1860-1948), U.S. Army general; Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941), writer; Roald Dahl (1916-1990), writer; Mel Torme (1925-), singer, is 73; Judith Martin (1938-), columnist, is 60; Nell Carter (1948-), singer-actress, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, tennis player Margaret Court completed her Grand Slam by defeating Rosemary Casals in the final of the U.S. Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The work of the individual still remains the spark that moves mankind ahead even more than teamwork." — Igor Sikorsky

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, heavy rains in southwestern New York (6.37 inches in Greenwood) led to flooding.

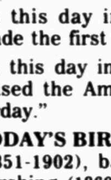
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TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Sept. 12).

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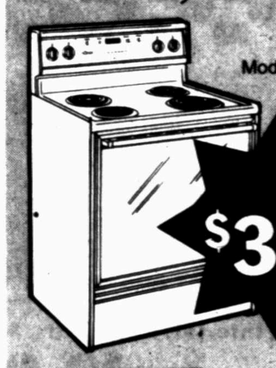
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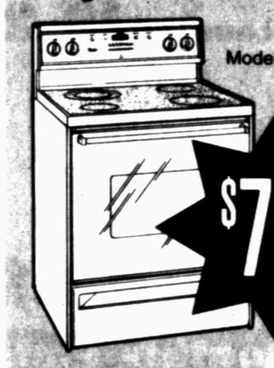
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SPORTS

Frenship steals another one; Snyder falls in third overtime

Fans shouldn't have expected any other type of ballgame.

After edging Snyder in overtime two years ago, then sneaking out with a 12-10 decision in '97, Frenship stole another one Friday night.

Following a Snyder rally in the final minute of regulation, Frenship dodged three bullets in overtime before posting the game's only touchdown in the third extra session to top Snyder, 12-6.

The setback leaves Snyder at 2-1 on the season, heading into the Tigers' homecoming date with Abilene Wylie. Frenship improves to 2-0.

The low scoring affair, which was knotted at 3-3 at halftime, was no surprise to Snyder coach David Baugh.

"I expected it to be low scoring," Baugh said. "Our defenses are very similar. They are both very aggressive and hard to run against. And that makes it hard to move the ball."

The Snyder defense, which has proved to be one of the best in the area, turned in another stellar performance Friday night to keep Snyder in the game.

Following a muffed punt return by Snyder at its own 10-yard line with just 4:20 left in the contest, the SHS defense held Frenship out of the endzone on three consecutive plays.

Steven Todd then booted a 19-yard field goal, giving Frenship a 6-3 advantage with 2:42 left on the clock.

But five plays later, Snyder would answer the bell with its longest play from scrimmage this season.

With the clock counting under a minute, and facing fourth and 15 from his own 15-yard line, Snyder QB Sonny Cumbie lofted a pass to fullback Paul Camp at the 40.

Camp hauled it in and scampered all the way to the Frenship 25 before being hauled down.

Three plays later, Andy Parker split the uprights with a 35-yard field goal as time expired to force the extra session.

After Cheyene Robinson blocked a Frenship field goal attempt to begin the overtime, Snyder took possession.

The SHS offense had to settle for a 44-yard Parker try, after losing two yards in three plays.

Frenship dodged its first bullet when the attempt sailed wide right, setting up the second OT period.

Snyder took the ball to begin the session and Frenship dodged its second bullet on the first play of the series when Robinson had a Cumbie pass slip through his hands at the 5-yard line.

Two more plays for no yards brought Parker back out for 42-yard attempt which missed to the left.

Two Frenship penalties on its next possession, forced the visiting Tigers into a 49-yard Todd try. The kick never got off after a bad snap, forcing the third overtime.

Snyder, which netted minus 10 yards on its three OT possessions, turned the ball over on a Cumbie interception to end its series.

Frenship responded with a six-play drive, capped by Ruperto Vega's 3-yard plunge for the victory.

"Our defense played an outstanding game tonight," Baugh stated. "If we don't give them (Frenship) the ball twice deep in our end, it could've been a different outcome.

The SHS defense held Frenship to only 101 total yards and four first downs through regulation.

Frenship's first field goal came in the second quarter, following a misplayed punt snap by Snyder. The 23-yard boot gave FHS a 3-0 lead with 8:43 left in the second quarter.

Snyder answered with a short drive, highlighted by completions from Cumbie to Brad Roemisch and Brady Hackfield and capped by a Parker 38-yard field goal with 28 seconds left in the half.

The two squads swapped scoreless possessions through the third quarter, until Frenship's field goal in the final period to set up the Snyder rally.

Snyder will be in action again Friday for its homecoming contest against Abilene Wylie at 7:30.



THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO — Snyder defensive coaches Joe Granato and Matt Gutierrez discuss strategy with Sam Bedell (40), Aaron Stanley (51) and Joe Esparza (78) during Friday night's game against Frenship. The Tiger defense surrendered only 144 yards and eight first downs through four quarters and three overtimes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Game Summary

Frenship	00	03	00	03	0	0	6	— 12
Snyder	00	03	00	03	0	0	0	— 6

Second Quarter

Frenship — Steven Todd 23-yard field goal, 8:43.

Snyder — Andy Parker 38-yard field goal, :28.

Fourth Quarter

Frenship — Todd 19-yard field goal, 2:42.

Snyder — Parker 35-yard field goal, :00.

Third Overtime

Frenship — Ruperto Vega 3-yard run.

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First downs	8	11
Rushes-yards	40-128	48-135
Passing yards	16	99
Comp-Att-Int	1-8-0	7-14-1
Punts	4-36	5-38
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-60	8-55

RUSHING — **Frenship:** Peters, 10-52; Shelby, 21-51; Privitt, 3-9; Scroggins, 1-7; Ritter, 3-6; Vega, 2-3. **Snyder:** Robinson, 23-60; Camp, 11-49; Hodges, 4-31; McNair, 6-4; Martinez, 1-0; Cumbie, 3-minus 9.

PASSING — Frenship: Scroggins, 1 of 6 for 16 yards; Roy Privitt, 0 of 2. **Snyder:** Cumbie, 5 of 10 for 91 yards, 1 int.; McNair, 2 of 4 for 8 yards.

RECEIVING — Frenship: Kirby, 1-16. **Snyder:** Camp, 3-68; Robinson, 2-12; Martinez, 1-10; Roemisch, 1-9.

Coyotes rip New Home, win 17th straight game

NEW HOME — It was just another day at the office for the top-ranked Coyotes.

For the second week in a row Borden County's first-team defense held its opponent without a first down and the Coyote offense was effective as usual in a 54-22 win over New Home.

Borden County, now winners of 17 straight, forced three Leopard fumbles and picked off two passes on the night.

The Coyotes took control in the first quarter with a 22-point outburst within a three-minute span.

Fernando Baeza opened the scoring with a 1-yard plunge, followed by a Colt McCook PAT for a 8-0 advantage.

Following a New Home fumble a minute later, Ryan Grant crossed the goal line from two yards out, for a 14-0 margin.

After another Leopard turnover, Colt McCook connected with Colt Miller on a 31-yard scoring strike. McCook booted the two points, putting Borden up, 22-0.

Baeza and Preston Sharp both found the endzone in the second period. Baeza on a 5-yard jaunt, followed by Sharp's 45-yard scamper. McCook was true on both extra points to extend the lead to 38-0.

New Home broke onto the board with just eight seconds left in the half, cutting the deficit to 38-8.

The Leopards scored again to open the third quarter, before McCook and Miller hookd up again on a 22-yard scoring play. The McCook kick pushed the margin to 42-16.

Both squads registered touchdowns in the final period, with Borden County's John Harding capping the scoring with 45-yard fumble recovery and sprint to the endzone.

Sharp and Kevin Pinkerton notched an interception apiece, with Grant, Harding and Ed Rodriguez recovering Leopard fumbles.

Baeza ran for 93 yards on 10 carries, while Rodriguez toted the ball three times for 51 yards.

McCook finished the night with three completions on six attempts for 85 yards and two TDs. All three completions were to Miller.

Borden County (2-0) will be in action again Friday when it hosts Highland at 7:30.

5-4A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	0	0	2	0
Sweetwater	0	0	2	0
Snyder	0	0	2	1
Lake View	0	0	2	1
Big Spring	0	0	1	2
Ft. Stockton	0	0	0	2

This week's results: Frenship 12, Snyder 6 3(OT); Brownwood 19, Lake View 14; Andrews 35, Hereford 14; Sweetwater 24, Levelland 0; EP Riverside 42, Ft. Stockton 6; Big Spring 26, Monahans 14.

Next week's games: Abilene Wylie at Snyder; Andrews at Monahans; Borger at Sweetwater; Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring; Lake View at Del Rio; Ft. Stockton at Pecos.

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SPORTS



IN THE TRENCHES — Snyder defenders Nick Barboza (28) and Tremaine Johnson (62) gang up on a Frenship runner Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Snyder fell to the visiting Tigers, 12-6, in triple overtime. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs blank Veribest, 45-0

VERIBEST — The 1998 season is only two weeks old, but already the Ira Bulldogs have matched their number of wins from the past two years combined.

Freshman quarterback Nathan Smith threw for four touchdowns Friday night and the Bulldogs got stingy on defense in a 45-0 rout of the Veribest Falcons, giving Ira a 2-0 mark on the season.

Smith's first scoring aerial was a 77-yard strike to Jerek Brown, as Ira took a 6-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Midway through the second period, Smith hooked up with Logan Daves on an 8-yard completion to stretch the margin to 12-0.

The Bulldog defense came up big just before halftime when Jose Juarez pounced on a Falcon fumble.

The Ira offense took advantage of its opportunity.

On the very next play, Brown scampered 58 yards to paydirt and Daves added the two-point kick for a 20-0 tally.

The Bulldogs picked up right where they left off to begin the third quarter.

Less than a minute in, the Smith-to-Daves connection struck again, this time for a 10-yard TD. Once again the conversion failed, for a 26-0 Ira lead.

The Bulldogs got the ball right back after a failed onside kick attempt by Veribest.

Perry Jamison ran the ball 18 yards to the Falcon 8, before Brown toted it in from there. Daves threw to Brown for the extra point, pushing the margin to 33-0.

Smith threw his fourth TD pass of the night only seven seconds into the final quarter, a 20-yard effort for a 39-0 lead.

Ira capped the scoring and ended the ballgame at the 3:52 mark, as Daves hauled in a 17-yard pass from Brown.

The Bulldogs travel to Paint Creek on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	24	15
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	15	24
NewEngland	0	1	0	.000	21	27
N.Y.Jets	0	1	0	.000	30	36
Central						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	23	14
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	13	20
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	14	23
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	27	21
KansasCity	1	0	0	1.000	28	8
SanDiego	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	38	0
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	8	28

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	38	10
N.Y.Giants	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	10	38
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	0	38
Washington	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Central						
GreenBay	1	0	0	1.000	38	19
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	31	7
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	23	24
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	19	38
TampaBay	0	1	0	.000	7	31
West						
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
NewOrleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
SanFrancisco	1	0	0	1.000	36	30
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	14	19
St.Louis	0	1	0	.000	17	24

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at New York Jets, noon.
Buffalo at Miami, noon.
Carolina at New Orleans, noon.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, noon.
Cincinnati at Detroit, noon.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, noon.
Minnesota at St. Louis, noon.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, noon.
San Diego at Tennessee, noon.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon.
Arizona at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

San Francisco at Washington, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

OPEN: Atlanta, Carolina, New Orleans, San Francisco
Detroit at Minnesota, noon.
Green Bay at Cincinnati, noon.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, noon.
Pittsburgh at Miami, noon.
St. Louis at Buffalo, noon.
San Diego at Kansas City, noon.
Tennessee at New England, noon.
Washington at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21

Dallas at New York Giants, 7:20 p.m.

Blackwell tops Cards

BLACKWELL — Friday's contest against Blackwell was somewhat of an experiment for the Hermleigh Cardinals.

With two players out due to injury, Hermleigh was forced to experiment with players at new postions and Blackwell took advantage of the situation to grab a 38-18 win.

Hermleigh, now 0-2 on the season, grabbed the initial lead when Caleb Callaway raced 69 yards for the game's first score. The PAT was unsuccessful, leaving the Cards with a 6-0 advantage.

The Hornets, held out of the endzone by the Hermleigh defense in the first period, posted three touchdowns in the second.

Hermleigh's Andy Luna responded with a 59-yard scamper to trim the deficit to 20-12 at halftime.

Blackwell scored once in the third quarter and twice in the fourth, before Luna capped the Cardinal's output with a 3-yard plunge.

Callaway led the Hermleigh ground game with 175 yards on 23 carries, with Luna toting the ball 19 times for 120 yards.

Callaway and Luna, along with Joey Garza, also had stellar defensive performances.

Callaway registered seven tackles and recovered a fumble. Luna posted five tackles and a recovery, while Garza stopped the ball carrier five times and pressured the Hornet quarterback twice.

The Cardinals will be on the road again Friday when they visit Klondike for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Storm wreaks havoc on games

HOUSTON (AP) — Street flooding from Tropical Storm Frances caused chaos for the high school football schedule Friday, causing several dozen canceled or postponed games up and down the Texas coast.

More than 40 games in the greater Houston area were put off until Saturday. Three stadiums scheduled tripleheaders and several had doubleheaders on the schedule.

Superintendents and athletic directors said widespread street flooding caused their concerns.

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Darcee Purcell

NY Giants looking forward to match-up with Oakland

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

A team can't play much worse than the Oakland Raiders did in the first quarter of their NFL opener. Not that things improved much in the next three periods at Kansas City, either.

After allowing 10 sacks and losing 28-8 to the Chiefs, the Raiders came home, licking their wounds and hoping for a turnaround. Unfortunately for them, the defense they face Sunday is no less intimidating.

The New York Giants had eight sacks against Washington in winning their opening game. They just can't wait to get a shot or two — or eight or 10 — at Jeff George, and the Raiders know it.

"We hope not to get into a desperate situation where every down is an obvious passing situation and we are suspect to every blitz under the sun," said new Oakland coach Jon Gruden, making his home debut.

"If we can keep the game where we want it to be in the fourth quarter, maintain some balance and not get into those predictable situations, that will help us more than anything."

What won't help is a repeat of the myriad mistakes Oakland committed in Kansas City, including five lost fumbles and 15 penalties for 134 yards. The Giants had a plus-25 turnover differential last season and had three takeaways last week in beating Washington.

"The way the defense is playing — they keep making plays and giving us field position," quarterback Danny Kanell said. "It makes my job a whole lot easier."

The Giants could be without one of their prime defenders. All-Pro linebacker Jessie Armstead has a sprained right ankle.

"I am going to give everything I have to go out there and play," Armstead said. "I want to play. I look forward to playing. I don't want to stand on the sidelines. I haven't missed a game since '90."

Last season's top defensive player, Dana Stubblefield, gets to face the team he earned that honor with as San Francisco visits Washington on Monday night. Stubblefield left the 49ers as a free agent to sign with the Redskins.

"When San Francisco's defense is on the field, I'll feel like I should be out there," he said. "Because a lot of those guys, they've been there with me through thick and thin."

Stubblefield's absence was felt by the Niners, who allowed 415 yards passing to the New York Jets, but still won their opener 36-30. They generated little pass rush against New York and know how disastrous that can be against first-line passers.

But Washington is starting a third-stringer, Trent Green, who was 17-for-25 in relief of injured Gus Frerotte and completed nine straight passes at one point against the Giants.

Elsewhere Sunday, it's Baltimore at the Jets, Carolina at New Orleans, Chicago at Pittsburgh, Cincinnati at Detroit, Kansas City at Jacksonville, Minnesota at St. Louis, Philadelphia at Atlanta, Tampa Bay at Green Bay, Arizona at Seattle, Dallas at Denver, and Indianapolis at New England.

The Oilers make their regular-season debut in Nashville where they face San Diego at Vanderbilt Stadium. They're not complaining about yet another temporary home, because at least they don't have to commute to Memphis for home games, as they did last year.

And by next year, their 67,000-seat stadium near downtown Nashville will be ready.

"This is a Nashville team now," quarterback Steve McNair said. "We're looking forward to the fan support and the support they are going to give us throughout the year.

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Dallas Samuell 46, Adamson 0
Dallas Spruce 12, Rowlett 8
Denton 14, Azle 6
Duncanville 33, Plano 14
EP Americas 30, San Elizario 8
EP Andress 18, Midland 15
EP Austin 27, EP Del Valle 19
EP Bel Air 54, EP Bowie 6
EP Coronado 21, EP Eastwood 13
EP Montwood 17, EP Ysleta 7
EP Socorro 20, EP Irvin 14
Euless Trinity 28, Grand Prairie 7
FW Eastern Hills 33, FW Western Hills 14
FW Paschal 19, Dallas Madison 6
Garland 22, DeSoto 13
Garland Forest 38, Richardson Pearce 0
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Hobbs (N.M.) 31, Lubbock High 16
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Kingsville 28, Laredo United 0
Lewisville 21, Tyler John Tyler 19
Longview 19, Lake Highlands 7
Lubbock Coronado 3, Odessa 0
McKinney 31, Rockwall 7
Midland Lee 41, EP Franklin 0
Nacogdoches 10, Henderson 0
New Braunfels 21, SA Brackenridge 14
Odessa Permian 36, Allen 9
Plano East 23, Irving MacArthur 12
Richardson 18, Arlington Bowie 12
SA Churchill 17, SA Marshall 14
SA Clark 21, CC Calallen 20
SA Highlands 36, Pleasanton 13
SA Lee 14, SA Holmes 10
SA MacArthur 27, Central 10
SA Madison 31, SA East Central 14
SA South San 44, SA Central Catholic 13
SA Southwest 28, CC King 21
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South Garland 44, Dallas South Oak Cliff 16
South Grand Prairie 34, Grapevine 3
Tyler Lee 28, Irving 14
Waco 24, Abilene Cooper 10

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Big Spring 26, Monahans 14
Borger 17, Dumas, Amarillo 9
Bridge City 35, Beaumont Kelly 7
Brownwood 19, Lake View 14
Calhoun 28, Stroman Vicoria 7
Canyon Randall 16, Amarillo Palo Duro 14
Carthage 35, Diboll 21
Colleyville Heritage 24, Cedar Hill 6
Conroe Oak Ridge 17, New Caney 14
Corsicana 20, Jacksonville 7
Crowley 20, Keller Fossil Ridge 11
Dallas Smith 27, Roosevelt 6
Dallas Wilson 27, Monina 7
Dripping Springs 40, Burnet 6
EP Riverside 42, Fort Stockton 7
El Campo 27, Victoria High 13
El Paso 21, Clint 18
Everman 35, Brewer 0
FW Dunbar 40, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 6
FW Northside 14, FW Trimble Tech 6
FW Wyatt 12, FW Poly 7
Fabens 31, EP Cathedral 8
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Pflugerville Connally 47, Johnston 0
Plainview 23, Clovis (N.M.) 12
Port Lavaca Calhoun 28, Victoria Stroman 7
SA Alamo Heights 35, Laredo Alexander 0
SA Kennedy 13, SA Fox Tech 12
SA Lanier 13, SA Memorial 0
San Marcos 33, SA Edison 0
Schertz Clemens 14, New Braunfels Canyon 7
Smithson Valley 27, SA O'Connor 0
Springtown 48, North Crowley 0
Stephenville 31, Round Rock 12
Sulphur Springs 2, Whitehouse 0
Sweetwater 24, Levelland 0
Tyler Chapel Hill 28, Irving 14
Waco Midway 30, Marlin 6
Weatherford 21, Burleson 9
West Mesquite 26, Paris 21
West Orange-Stark 17, Silsbee 0
Wilmer-Hutchins 39, North Dallas 6
Wylie 23, Midlothian 10

Class 3A

Abilene Wylie 10, Graham 0
Alvarado 27, Joshua 0
Aransas Pass 37, Goliad 13
Barbers Hill 14, Little Cypress Mauriceville 7
Bonham 20, Van Alstyne 6
Bowie 28, Decatur 2
Brady 14, Sonora 6
Breckenridge 47, Burkburnett 0
Cameron 15, Rosebudd Lott 7
Canton 14, Edgewood 6
Carrizo Springs 35, Crystal City 7
Cleveland 12, Hull-Daisetta 7
Colorado City 17, Stamford 7
Comanche 20, Bangs 7
Commerce 55, New Boston 6
Corrigan-Camden 8, Madisonville 0
Crane 46, McCamey 0
Cuero 21, Columbus 8
Daingerfield 24, Queen City 14
DeKalb 22, Jefferson 6
Dimmitt 21, Lamesa 17
Dublin 11, Hico 8
Eustace 13, Winona 0
Ferris 18, Rains 12
Forney 14, Kaufman 7
Fredericksburg 27, Bandera 7
Friona 49, Brownfield 3
Gainesville 6, Wichita Falls 0
Gatesville 23, Groesbeck 18
Giddings 21, Elgin 18
Gladewater 34, Van 6
Gonzales 23, Manor 12
Hardin-Jefferson 19, Kirbyville 6
Hempstead 12, Hearne 6
Hillsboro 26, Fairfield 19
Hondo 21, Uvalde 7
Industrial 27, St. Joseph Victoria 0
Ingleside 7, Orange Grove 0
Iowa Park 21, WF Hirschi 17
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Kennedale 15, Mineral Wells 14
Kountze 12, Shepherd 7
La Vega 27, Lampasas 6
LaGrange 7, Hallettsville 6
Lake Worth 43, Henrietta 13
Liberty Hill 14, Blanco 7
Linden-Kildare 33, Atlanta 6
Littlefield 35, Tulia 0
Llano 35, Ballinger 6
Lorena 17, Teague 14
Marble Falls 29, Boerne 0
Marion 21, Luling 14
Mathis 27, George West 0
Mexia 38, Caldwell 7
Muleshoe 17, Denver City 0
Needville 16, Wharton 6
PA Austin 13, Woodville 0
Pearsall 20, Medina Valley 14
Perryton 14, Dumas 7
Pittsburg 13, Pleasant Grove 12
Poteet 36, Somerset 0
Raymondville 40, PSJA Memorial 0
Robinson 7, Glen Rose 0
Rockdale 52, Austin Anderson 7
Rusk 33, Lindale 12
SA Southside 23, SA Antonian 7
Sanford-Fritch 34, Caprock 12
Sanger 22, Celina 19
Seminole 15, Greenwood 6
Sinton 12, Bishop 0
Smithville 19, Schulenburg 6
Tarkington 12, Hull-Daisetta 7
Vernon 14, Lubbock Estacado 10
Waco Connally 10, Waco University 2
Waco LaVega 27, Lampasas 6

Class 2A

Alto 21, Groveton 12
Amarillo Highland Park 42, Claude 6
Anna 54, Blue Ridge 8
Archer City 15, Windthorst 0
Beckville 14, Hawkins 0
Big Sandy 39, Ore City 6
Blooming Grove 9, Elkhart 6
Boling 42, Edna 0
Boyd 28, Fort Worth Christian 7
Boys Ranch 44, Vega 21
Bullard 32, Troup 12
Caddo Mills 52, Fannindel 0
Canadian 45, Panhandle 7
China Spring 35, Clifton 0
Comfort 58, San Saba 0
Community 41, Aubrey 28
Como-Pickton 34, Boles 0
Cooper 26, Leonard 6
Crawford 38, Hamilton 13
Crossroads 21, Apple Springs 12
DeLeon 21, Early 6
Dilley 19, Cotulla 16
East Bernard 26, Yoakum 0
Electra 30, Nocona 12
Farmersville 22, Whitewright 12
Farwell 48, Crosbyton 6
Franklin 15, Riesel 13
Ganado 22, Lexington 6
Goldthwaite 6, Eastland 0
Grandview 13, Hubbard 0
Harleton 23, Union Hill 0
Harmony 22, Chisum 16
Holland 32, Bruceville-Eddy 6
Holliday 17, Childress 13
Honey Grove 39, Maud 0
Hughes Springs 19, Rivercrest 0
Ingram 21, Junction 6
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Italy 25, Trinity Christian Addison 24
Jacksboro 50, Valley View 0
Kerens 34, TCA Cedar Hill 21
LaVernia 28, Jourdanton 6
Leon 28, Bremond 12
Lone Oak 8, Wolfe City 0
Malakoff 7, Quitman 6
Mart 25, Rogers 0
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Navarro 26, Florence 6
New Deal 35, Petersburg 10
Nixon-Smiley 30, Randolph 6
Olton 26, Ropesville 24
Omaha Paul Pewitt 34, Clarksville 8
Overton 40, Alba-Golden 0
Pilot Point 43, Howe 0
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Pottsboro 41, Little Elm 14
Reagan County 21, Wall 2
Redwater 28, New Diana 6
Refugio 9, Odem 6
Rio Vista 7, McGregor 2
Royse City 10, Crandall 7
Sabinal 19, LaPryor 18
Salado 13, Moody 8
Scurry-Rosser 10, Godley 7
Seagraves 20, Kermit 0
Shamrock 41, Clarendon 7
Shelbyville 22, Frankston 0
Shiner 22, Rice Consolidated 14
Stockdale 7, Karnes City 0
Tatum 39, Center 0
Three Rivers 42, Pettus 6
Troy 14, Whitney 0
Union Grove 39, Mount Enterprise
Warren 20, Hardin 14
Waskom 28, Hemphill 8
Weimar 44, Flatonia 12
West Rusk 13, Timpson 0
Winters 33, Merkel 0
Woodsboro 14, Banquete 0

Class 1A

Amarillo River Road 31, West Texas High 30
Bartlett 22, Valley Mills 19
Booker 13, Beaver (Okla.) 12
Center Point 28, Johnson City 0
Christoval 13, Roby 12
Charlotte 36, Leakey 16
Chillicothe 48, Woodson 32
Dawson 7, Cayuga 0
Dell City 58, Roswell Christian 8
Evadale 7, Deweyville 0
Evant 20, Waco Christian 0
Falls City 35, Yorktown 0
Fort Davis 6, Presidio 0
Frost 8, Palmer 6
Gorman 16, Throckmorton 14
Gruver 36, Texhoma (Okla.) 6
Gunter 20, Celeste 0
Hart 39, Smyer 0
Hedley 50, Lefors 28
Hutto 17, Jarrell 0
Itasca 51, Rice Consolidated 0
Knox City 28, Bryson 0
Kopperl 18, Parkview Christian 8
Kress 48, Lubbock Christian 7
Louise 30, Runge 12
May 29, Harper 0
Memphis 20, Paducah 13
Meridian 30, Venus 6
Nazareth 14, Valley 0
Nueces Canyon 52, Asherton 20
O'Donnell 22, Happy 20
Paradise 31, Muenster 6
Petrolia 27, Crowell 7
Ranger 34, Holly 14
Rankin 26, Bronte 0
Robert Lee 27, Miles 8
Rocksprings 20, Mason 13
Roscoe 13, Forsan 0
Santa Anna 29, Rising Star 0
Skidmore-Tynan 12, Taft 7
Sterling City 17, Ozona 8
Sudan 22, Plains 13
Sundown 20, Springlake-Earth 12
Tenaha 27, Logansport La 16
Tolar 20, Cross Plains 0
Trinidad 48, Blum 6
Turpin (Okla.) 27, White Deer 7
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Wortham 31, Bosqueville 13

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Blackwell 38, Hermleigh 18
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Rangers stung by Devil Rays, 3-2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Smith hit a two-run homer and Rich Butler snapped a seventh-inning tie with an RBI triple Friday night to give the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Tony Saunders (5-14) allowed three hits in seven innings, and the Devil Rays stopped Juan Gonzalez's 20-game hitting streak in preventing the second-place Rangers from gaining ground on AL West-leader Anaheim.

Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

Texas scored twice in the top of the seventh to wipe out the 2-0 lead Tampa Bay took on Smith's opposite-field homer in the sixth. Paul Sorrento led off the Devil Rays seventh with a single and scored one later when Butler tripled to center off Todd Stottlemyre (3-4).

Gonzalez, who began the night with the longest hitting streak in the majors, went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts against Saunders, who struck out five and walked four. He popped out against Jim Mecir in the eighth to finish 0-for-4.

The second-longest hitting streak also fell as Tampa Bay's Quinton McCracken, who tied an expansion team record by hitting safely in 18 straight games, went 0-for-3 against Stottlemyre.

Both starting pitchers took one-hitters into the sixth inning, with Saunders allowing Rusty Greer's first-inning single and Stottlemyre limiting the Devil Rays to Fred McGriff's leadoff single in the second.

Saunders, who's received the lowest run support in the AL this season, retired 10 in a row between walks to Ivan Rodriguez in the second and Mike Simms in the fifth.

Stottlemyre was slightly better during his strongest stretch of the game, getting 11 straight outs before walking Boggs and allowing Smith's 10th homer with two outs in the sixth.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	94	54	.635	-
NewYork	82	66	.554	12
Philadelphia	68	79	.463	25½
Montreal	58	90	.392	36
Florida	48	100	.324	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	95	53	.642	-
Chicago	82	66	.554	13
St.Louis	72	75	.490	22½
Milwaukee	70	78	.473	25
Cincinnati	68	80	.459	27
Pittsburgh	67	79	.459	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	93	55	.628	-
SanFrancisco	79	68	.537	13½
LosAngeles	75	74	.503	18½
Colorado	71	78	.477	22½
Arizona	58	90	.392	35

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 13, Chicago Cubs 11
Cincinnati 13, Arizona 1
Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 8, Florida 2
Houston 8, St. Louis 2
San Diego 1, Los Angeles 0
Colorado 7, San Francisco 6

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Daal 7-10) at Cincinnati (Parris 4-4), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 3-2) at Houston (Johnson 7-1), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roque 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Morgan 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 11-14) at San Francisco (Gardner 12-5), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 16-9) at Montreal (Vazquez 4-14), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Dessens 2-3) at Philadelphia (Portugal 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 10-11) at Atlanta (Neagle 14-11), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 8-7) at San Diego (Spencer 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Sanchez 6-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-8), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Andy Benes 12-13) at Cincinnati (Bere 1-1), 1:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 5-8) at Montreal (Batista 3-5), 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 12-12) at Philadelphia (Byrd 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 7-8) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 14-8), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 10-9) at San Diego (Clement 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 8-10) at San Francisco (Ortiz 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 10-11) at Houston (Bergman 12-7), 8:05 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-NewYork	103	42	.710	-
Boston	83	62	.572	20
Toronto	79	68	.537	25
Baltimore	74	72	.507	29½
TampaBay	57	88	.393	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	80	65	.552	-
Chicago	69	77	.473	11½
KansasCity	66	80	.452	14½
Minnesota	65	81	.445	15½
Detroit	55	92	.374	26

West Division

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Anaheim	80	66	.548	-
Texas	78	68	.534	2
Oakland	67	79	.459	13
Seattle	67	79	.459	13

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Friday's Games

Seattle 6, Kansas City 3, 1st game
Kansas City 8, Seattle 5, 2nd game
Tampa Bay 3, Texas 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Cleveland, 2
Baltimore 8, Anaheim 3
Boston 6, Detroit 2
Oakland 3, Minnesota 2
Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 4

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 10-5) at Cleveland (Burba 13-9), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 9-3) at Baltimore (Mussina 13-8), 1:15 p.m.
Detroit (Florie 7-9) at Boston (Schourek 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 10-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 17-3), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 18-7) at Tampa Bay (Santana 5-3), 6:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 13-8) at Kansas City (Belcher 12-12), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 11-15) at Minnesota (Milton 7-11), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit (Moehler 12-13) at Boston (Avery 9-6), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 6-5) at Cleveland (Wright 11-9), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-7), 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim (McDowell 4-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-8), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 5-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 19-5), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Suzuki 0-1) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-11), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 7-10) at Minnesota (Hawkins 7-14), 2:05 p.m.

Astros stifle St. Louis hitters, 8-2

HOUSTON (AP) — For Mark McGwire, 63 seems to be the tough one.

McGwire went 1-for-4 with a single Friday night, remaining at 62 home runs in the St. Louis Cardinals' 8-2 loss to the Houston Astros.

Before 52,186, the second-largest crowd in Astrodome history, Houston stretched a winning streak to seven for the third time this season, winning for the 12th time in 14 games.

McGwire, who has five homers off Houston this year, is homerless in nine at-bats since connecting off Chicago's Steve Trachsel on Tuesday night for No. 62. McGwire grounded out in the first and fourth innings, struck out in the sixth and singled to left in the eighth.

The come-from-behind victory, coupled with Chicago's 13-11 loss to Milwaukee, cut the Astros' magic number for clinching the NL Central to two.

Houston trailed 2-0 before tying the score in the sixth on Derek Bell's two-run homer off Matt Morris (5-5), who allowed all eight runs and 13 hits in 7 1-3 innings.

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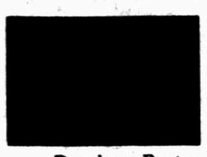
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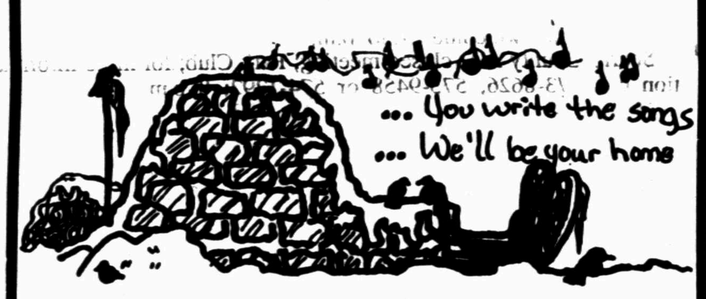
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Doors * Gas Cook Stove * Washer * Bath Tub * Lavatory * Kitchen Sink * Toys * Clothes * Books * Carpet * Vinyl * Dog House * Travel Trailer Cook Stove * (6) Dining Chairs * $1500 Dining Table w/6 Chairs, now $300.

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SUNDAY 1:30-6:30
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Saturday, September 19, 1998 —— SALE TIME 9:37 a.m.

Located: Post, Texas from intersection of US Hwy 84 and US Hwy 380, East 1 mile on US Hwy 380 (Located at East city limit on US Hwy 380)

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1-Turnmaster 17" x 80" Turret Lathe
1-Defiance 3" Vertical Boring Mill
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1-Cincinnati Backford Turret Drill Press
1-Speed Ford End Milling Machine
1-Imperial Bead Buster & Dust Collector
1-Johnson Band Saw, On Rollers
1-Kalamazoo Band Saw
1-15 Ton Hyd Press
1-10 Ton Hyd Press, Manual Table
1-Miller DC 500 Wire Welder
1-Miller-Matic 30-E Wire Feeder
1-Miller Two Fifty Twin Welder W/ Leads
1-Miller 45E Wire Feeder Welder
1-Miller 250 Amp Welder
1-Powermatic Electric Floor Drill
1-Large 220 Volt Shop Air Compressor
1-HD 5 Hp Shop Air Compressor
1-Rigid 535 Electric Pipe Threader, Bolt & Pipe Dies
1-Rigid Portable 1"-2" Pipe Threader
1-Rigid 1/8"-1" Threader
1-Aqua 8" Indexing Chuck
1-Cryotherm Hot Process Torch Kit
1-Cryotherm Cold Process Torch Kit
1-Snap-On Large Tap & Die Set
1-Snap-On Small Tap & Die Set
1-Snap-On 5" Machinist Vice
1-Snap-On 5" Hand Grinder
1-Snap-On 21 5 Ton Floor Jack
1-Snap-On Parts Washer
1-Snap-On Battery Charger
1-Snap-On Tool Chest
1-Snap-On Air Sander & Grinder
1-Minute Man Large Key Seater
1-Minute Man Small Key Seater
3-End Mill Vises
1-End Mill Clamp Set
1-Heath Automatic Torch
2-Victor Pattern Torch
1-NCG Cut-O-Matic Torch
3-Victor Cutting Torches, Gauges, Hoses
1-Carboloy Threading Bar
4-Carboloy Flute Mills (2 & 4 Inserts)
2-Boxes Carboloy Cutting Tools

EQUIPMENT (cont.)
1-Large Lot Double End 4 Flute End Mills & Collets
1-1.5 Ton Arbor Press
1-Allours Tool Post C-A
6-Allours Tool Holders
6-Insert Tool Bars
18-Box Cutting, Threading, & Grooving Inserts
1-Large Set Taps, 1/8"-2"
1-Large Lot 1/8"-0.5" Box Cobalt Drill Bits
37-Large #2-#5 Morris Taper Drill Bits
1-Large Lot 1/8"-1" Drill Bits
1-Rockwell Drill Press
1-Aurora Drill Press
1-Portable Boring Bar
1-Large Boring Indexing Tool And Holder
1-Brillant Cut-Off Saw
1-Makita Cut-Off Saw
1-36" Shop Fan On Rollers
1-High Speed Forced Air Fan
1-Johnson Gas Forge
1-Portable Electric Band Saw
1-1/2 Ton Electric Hoist (Loadstar)
2-1 Ton Electric Hoists (Cuffing, Budget)
2-Manual Chain Hoists (1/2 Ton & 1 Ton)
1-120' Monorail
5-Monorail Trolleys
1-Binks Paint Gun
1-D/A 6" Pedestal Grinder
2-D/A 12" Pedestal Grinder
1-D/A 10" Pedestal Grinder
1-Tool Post Electric Grinder
1-Metric Tap & Die Set
1-3 Jaw Chuck
1-4 Jaw Chuck
1-Lot Welding Hoods
1-Lot Squares, Levels
1-Traveling Rest
1-Centering Rest
4-Morris Taper Reducer Sleeves
3-Jacobs 1/8" Super Chucks
3-Bottle Carts
3-7" Hand Grinders
2-5" Hand Grinders
2-Shop Creepers
2-Space Ray Shop Heaters
1-5 Gallon Air Grease Gun
1-Paint Gun
1-Lot Automatic Reels, Air & Electric
1-Lot Power Tools, Air & Electric
1-Lot Hand Tools, Pullers, Sockets, Chain Tongs

EQUIPMENT (cont.)
1-Lot Bits, Chucks, Tapers, Reamers
1-Lot Tap & Dies, Thread Chaser, Cutters
1-Lot Vises, C-Clamps, Bar Clamps
1-Lot Metal Saw Horses, Feeder Stands
1-Lot Lathe Tools, Files, Rollers
1-Work Tables, Vises, Bolt/Part Bins, Metal Cabinets, Rollers, Carts, Shelving
1-Lot Items Too Numerous To Mention

INVENTORY - SUPPLIES
1-Lot Sand Paper, Key Stock, Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Screws, Bearings, Welding Rods, Grinder Rocks, Bending Material, Clips, Repair Parts, Beads And Sand, Air Packs, Mask, Oil, Grease, Disk, Brushes, Caps, U-Bolts, Brass Tubing, Pins, Shafts, Spacers
1-Lot Shop Metal, Various Lengths And Sizes
1-Lot Items Too Numerous To Mention

OFFICE EQUIPMENT
1-Cincinatti Time Clock
2-Office Desks
5-Office Chairs
1-4 Drawer Filing Cabinet
1-Stencil Machine

NON-CLASSIFIED
1-5 Way Hyd. Control Valve
3-Large Hyd. Cylinders
2-Metal Pipe Racks
1-2500 Gallon Metal Tank On Skids
1-Lot Fire Extinguishers
1-Lot Barrels
1-Lot Chains, Boomers
1-Sand Hopper
1-Lot Floor Mats
1-Lot Rolls, Shaft
1-Lot Tool Boxes
3-Post Drivers
3-Framed Out 3' Gates
1-Small Lot I-Beams
1-Lot Various Size Pipe, Drill Stem, Casing, Sucker Rod
1-Lot Scrap And Junk Iron
1-Lot Items Too Numerous To Mention

Announcements sale day take precedence.
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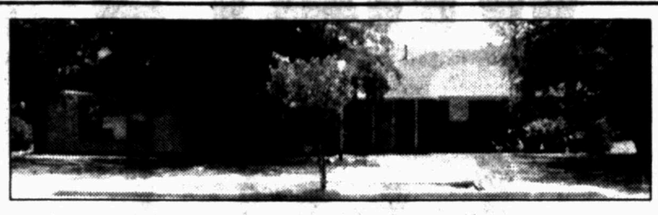
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Case No. _____
Date September 11, 1998

On the 2nd day of September 19 98, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal Goats
Breed Barbedoe
Color (2) black, (1) white (1) brown/white
Sex Males
Age 2-4 yrs.
Size 100-120 Lbs.
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics _____

and, on the 11th day of September, 19 98, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Scurry County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Scurry County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 18th day of September, 19 98, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at 195 CR 466, Hermliegh, Tx 79526

WITNESS my hand this 11th day of September, 19 98.

Darren Jackson
Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas

(Designee of Sheriff of _____ County, Texas)

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Estray Record No. 108
Case No. 9800182
Date. 9/1/1998

On the 20th day of August, 1998, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal	Cow
Breed	Charlais/Brahma Cross
Color	Mottle Faced Light Yellow
Sex	Female
Age	2-4 years
Size	Approximately 900 pounds
Brand, Marks, & Identifying Characteristics	Flying W brand on left hip, S brand below W, S brand left shoulder

and, on the 21st day of August, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Scurry County, Texas

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Scurry County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 14th day of September, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale on September 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the J.A. Merritt place at 195 CR 466, Snyder, Texas, 79550, on September

WITNESS my hand this 1st day of September, 1998

Darren Jackson
Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas

(Designee of Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES :

1. 1979 CHEVROLET 4DR. TX.LJF 33T VIN. 1N69G9S116090
2. 1990 FORD P-U TX NS 8585 VIN. 1FTEF15N9LLB10000
3. 1980 DATSUN 200SX CA 1AKP746 VIN. PS110-811449
4. 1973 GMC P-U MN 7185 VIN. TCY143F723637
5. 1981 MERC. 4 DR. MFB 25P VIN. 1MEBP85FXBZ637085
6. 1987 CHEVROLET 2DR. RVV 43H VIN. 1G1JE1114HJ232179
7. 1974 FORD VAN BS6832 VIN. E24GHU20803
8. 1992 CHEVROLET 2DR WJZ 46J VIN. 1G1JC144XN7323414

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 15,1998,AT 10:00 A.M. AT BILL'S AUTO SALVAGE AND AT 10:30 A.M. AT NICHOLS WRECKER SERVICE,TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

THESE VEHICLES ARE DEEMED ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TEXAS ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, SECTION 683 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTION CODE, AND WILL BE SOLD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE.

DARREN JACKSON,SHERIFF
SCURRY COUNTY

BOBBY GOODWIN,DEPUTY

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is filing an application with the Texas Water Development Board for grant money not to exceed $1,234,065 to partially fund the water planning activities described in Senate Bill No. 1. The District has been declared the political subdivision representing Region F, a region located in west Texas which includes Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties.

Public comments on this funding request will be taken at the District's Headquarters located at 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas until October 14, 1998. Comments and questions may be mailed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720-0869, or taken by telephone at (915) 267-6341. Comments and questions may also be addressed to Mr. Craig Pedersen, Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, or by telephone at (512) 463-7850.

Lewinsky thought she might marry Clinton someday

WASHINGTON (AP) — At one point, "I just knew he was in love with me," Monica Lewinsky told prosecutors. The 22-year-old intern even thought the president might leave Hillary Rodham Clinton someday and marry her, a friend said.

Kenneth Starr's report, much of it based on Ms. Lewinsky's own testimony, depicts the former White House intern as a naive, star-struck young woman who viewed her relationship with the president as something much more than a few sexual encounters — and became frustrated and bitter when he cut it off.

"I never expected to fall in love with the president. I was surprised that I did," she told prosecutors.

It all began, she said, shortly after her internship started in the summer of 1995. She would try to make eye contact with him and told her aunt "the president seemed attracted to her or interested in her or something."

Then, during the government shutdown in November of that year, she got a chance to be alone with him in a White House office and coyly lifted the back of her jacket, revealing the top of her thong panties peeking out above her pants.

That night, in a dimly lit White House office, Ms. Lewinsky told Clinton she had a crush on him. He asked if he could kiss her, leading to their first sexual encounter.

In December, after other such encounters, "I asked him why he doesn't ask me any questions about myself, and ... is this just about sex?" The president, Ms. Lewinsky said, assured her that he cherished their time together.

At times her description of the relationship that followed sounds like two teen-agers in puppy love: They held hands, exchanged token gifts, talked on the telephone for hours, engaged in heavy petting. He called her "Sweetie" and "Baby"; she called him "Handsome." In a Valentine's Day ad for "Handsome" in The Washington Post, she quoted from "Romeo and Juliet."

But other details make clear this was the dalliance of an older man — the nation's most powerful male — with an impressionable young intern. The 10 sexual acts she described were noticeably one-sided.

He told her the two of them were "full of fire" and she made him feel young. But one night, as they chatted after telephone sex, the president dozed off, still on the line.

It was not the first time Ms. Lewinsky was involved with an older, married man. Andy Bleiler, a stage technician in the drama department at Beverly Hills High in California, said their affair began when he was 27 and Ms. Lewinsky was 19, and lasted five years. It continued, he said, even after Ms. Lewinsky became a White House intern.

Although she knew the president wanted their affair to be secret, Ms. Lewinsky told at least 11 people, including her mother and Linda Tripp, the friend who secretly tape-recorded her conversations and turned them over to prosecutors.

Ms. Lewinsky, now 25, also saved the most conclusive evidence of their trysts — a semen-stained dress — for almost a year and a half, even after signing an affidavit for the Paula Jones lawsuit denying the affair. She told prosecutors that she meant to have the dress cleaned but never got around to it.

Soon after the affair began, Ms. Lewinsky began calling her psychotherapist from the White House to reel off details of their sexual encounters.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; MAWC; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course, Monday and Tuesday; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; for further information call 573-2850; no reservations needed; 6 p.m.

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

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:
The City of Snyder has completed, in accordance with the plans and specifications, the construction of water lines, sewer lines and a 250K gallon overhead storage tank within the SnTx Park 1 (Industrial Park) funded by Texas Capital Fund Grant #715262.
Public Comments:
All interested agencies, groups or persons wishing to comment on this project may do so in writing to:
City of Snyder
P.O. Box 1341
Snyder, Texas 79550
Atten: Grant Administrator
or
You may attend the public hearing to be held September 14, 1998, 6:30p.m., The City Council Chambers, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of RAY HOLLISTER, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,451:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of RAY HOLLISTER, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 3rd day of September, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to DONALD REX HOLLISTER, 29 Z Street, Daleville, AL 36322, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 18th day of August, 1998.
(s) DONALD REX HOLLISTER
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
RAY HOLLISTER, deceased

Cards Of Thanks

Thank You

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all the cards, flowers, food, moral and spiritual support given to us in the recent loss of our loved one.

The family of Flora Pherigo
Dola Fae Wood & family,
Dayton & Mary McCarter & family
Truman & Janie Pherigo & family,
Barnie & Gaynell Greenfield & family
Wayne & Genie Pherigo & family
Celita Ainsworth & family
Tommy & Mary Pherigo & family



Thank You

The family of John D. Ward would like to express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness. We appreciate very much the many calls, visits, the beautiful flowers, cards and the abundance of food. The wonderful service by Brother Tom Atwell and Pam Black. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was a great help and did a wonderful job. We thank Morningside Baptist Church for the wonderful food and their many prayers. We will all miss him very much.

May God bless you all.
Wanda, Johnny, Linda & family,
Helen, Danny, Carol & family,
Sam, Cynthia & family, Kathy

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Carol Davis, Marie Dollins, SanJuanita Guzman, Latrice Hammitt, Maizie Redden of Roby, Verna Roe.

DISMISSALS: Julia Filler, Latrice Hammitt, Mary Powell, Mary Wampler, Eunice Yandell, Maizie Redden.

CENSUS: 34 (Med., Surg.-7, Long-term Care-25, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Thomas and Barbara Minton, new residents of Snyder, announce the recent birth of their grandchild, Eric Thomas, born on Aug. 7 to Wesley and Alana Minton Sheldahl of Lexington, Ky. Eric Thomas joined his sisters, Bethany, 4, and Maia, 2.

Great-grandparents are Opal Minton of Snyder, Doyle and Doris Taylor of Belton, and Dorothy and Eric Sheldahl of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Wayne and Leigh Holloway of Abilene announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Louise Holloway, on Sept. 1. She weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Tom and June Holcomb of Snyder and Debby Loving of North Richland Hills.

SanJuanita Guzman announces the birth of her six-pound, 10-ounce son. He was born at 1:07 p.m. on Sept. 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Starr turns in report

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than that of Mrs. Currie, who told prosecutors she believed Clinton had twice summoned her to the Oval Office after his deposition in the Jones case because he "wanted her to agree with him" on his false testimony.

At a Sunday meeting the day after the Jones testimony, Clinton told Mrs. Currie he was asked several questions about Ms. Lewinsky and then asked his secretary a series of questions that sounded "more like statements," she testified.

She quoted him as telling her: "You were always there when she was there, right? We were never really alone. You could see and hear everything. Monica came on to me, and I never touched her, right? She wanted to have sex with me, and I can't do that."

Mrs. Currie said she indicated her agreement with each of the president's statement, even though she knew the pair had been alone together in the president's study, the report said.

Mrs. Currie, frequently present when Ms. Lewinsky came to visit Clinton, told prosecutors "she suspected impropriety in the president's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky" but tried to avoid learning details.

The White House rebuttal report said Clinton testified that he did not "in any way attempt to influence her recollection."

The Starr report also alleges that Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had an understanding that they would lie under oath in the Jones case about their relationship and that Clinton tried to obstruct justice by suggesting that Ms. Lewinsky file an affidavit so that "she would not be deposed, she would not contradict his testimony and he could attempt to avoid questions."

Specifically, it charged that Clinton coached Ms. Lewinsky, after she was identified as a potential witness in the Jones suit, to use her friendship with Mrs. Currie as a cover story to hide the true reason for her visits to the Oval Office. But it noted Ms. Lewinsky insisted the president never told her directly to lie.

In his own grand jury testimony, Clinton acknowledged he "might well have" suggested Mrs. Currie as a cover story to Ms. Lewinsky. "I certainly didn't want this to come out, if I could help it," Clinton was quoted as testifying.

The report also said:

—At a breakfast last Dec. 31, when Ms. Lewinsky told presidential confidant Vernon Jordan that she had drafts of notes to the president, Jordan said, "Go home and make sure they're not there." Ms. Lewinsky testified that she understood Jordan was advising her to "throw away" any copies she had sent to the president. She went home and discarded some 50 draft notes.

—Clinton asked Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles as late as last January to help find Ms. Lewinsky a job.

—Clinton informed Ms. Lewinsky that she was about to be called as a witness in the Jones case during a 2 a.m. call to her apartment last December, and that he reiterated a cover story she could use to hide their relationship.

—Starr is investigating the possibility that some of the secret tape recordings made by Linda Tripp, which prompted the investigation, may have been doctored.

2 arrested; thefts probed

Officers made two arrests and investigated three reports of theft Friday and early Saturday.

At 9:17 a.m., a 31-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at the adult probation office on outstanding warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male in the 2000 block of 26th Street at 12:43 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

Elizabeth Blair requested to speak to an officer at 11:10 a.m. Friday to report a theft of service from Video 1. An offense report was filed.

S.D. Hays requested to speak to a deputy at 2:01 p.m. Friday at his residence on Hays Road in reference to the theft of a cellular phone from his vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

At 6:07 p.m. Friday, Mike Culpepper requested an officer at the American Motor Inn in reference to his golf clubs being stolen out of the back of his pickup. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

In other activity Friday, a woman reported at 10:40 a.m. that her 15-year-old daughter had run away. Officers filed an offense report.

At 5:42 p.m., Claudine Atwood requested an officer in reference to a check forgery. An offense report for forgery was filed.

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Chairman outlines tax-cut proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee Saturday outlined a five-year, $80 billion package of proposed tax cuts that could put Congress on an election-year collision course with President Clinton.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, said in the weekly Republican radio address that the measure would benefit millions of two-earner couples who pay a "marriage penalty" tax rate, allow the self-employed to fully deduct health insurance premiums and extend business tax credits that are expiring.

The measure also would help farmers suffering from low prices and speed up credits for estate-tax relief, using about 10 percent of the projected $1.6 trillion budget surplus over the next decade. The other 90 percent would be set aside to preserve Social Security.

"If we don't return a portion of the surplus to you, the taxpayers who sent it here, the big-government types will find a way to spend it," Archer said. "Our plan protects Social Security and reduces the worst penalties in the tax code, but it's also a safety check against big government and wasteful spending."

The Ways and Means Committee, which writes tax bills, is scheduled to begin considering the measure on Thursday.

Details of the proposal were welcomed by Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., who must persuade reluctant GOP moderates and at least some Democrats to support the measure in order to reach the 60-vote Senate procedural threshold needed to pass the bill.

Clinton and his Democratic allies in Congress, however, oppose any use of the surplus for tax cuts, arguing it should all be reserved to shore up Social Security. The ranking Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, said this week the president would veto a tax bill that dips into the surplus.

"Let's work out Social Security while we've got the chance," Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, added.

Archer, however, said in the radio address that if the surplus projections remain high, Congress next year could pursue even larger tax cuts, including a possible across-the-board reduction in the income tax rate.

Hospital employee given 20 years for poisoning workers

DALLAS (AP) — A former hospital lab employee was sentenced to 20 years in prison Friday for feeding bacteria-laced pastries to her co-workers.

After hearing a full day of testimony, State District Judge Molly Francis sentenced 27-year-old Diane Thompson, who afterward was booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

Ms. Thompson pleaded guilty last month to four felony counts of tampering with consumer products, for which she received four concurrent 20-year prison terms.

She also admitted to poisoning her boyfriend with a needle and then switching a laboratory sample of his stool to prevent detection of the bacteria. She received a two-year state jail term for that crime, which she will serve concurrently with the prison term.

Ms. Thompson pleaded guilty to charges she sickened 13 co-workers in October 1996 by feeding them pastries tainted with a rare bacteria.

In nearly an hour of testimony in her own defense Friday, Ms. Thompson was unable to say why she committed the crime. She became emotional at times and often seemed confused.

According to testimony, the former St. Paul Medical Center lab employee served her co-workers muffins and doughnuts that were tainted with shigella bacteria, which is rarely found in the United States and causes dysentery.

The most severe cases can prove fatal, particularly with unhealthy people, children or the elderly.

A stock culture of shigella was readily available in a deep-freeze in the lab at St. Paul where Ms. Thompson worked, testimony showed.

Thirteen people became ill and several were hospitalized, but none of the cases was fatal.

Clinton's job approval OK, but signs of trouble surface

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans say President Clinton is doing a good job but a growing number say he should be impeached if he encouraged Monica Lewinsky to lie about their relationship, says a poll taken a few hours after the House released a report on the Lewinsky matter.

The report by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr detailed Clinton's sexual relationship with the former White House intern and claimed substantial evidence of impeachable offenses.

An ABC News poll taken Friday evening placed the president's job approval rating at 56 percent, about where it was just before the report's release. But it suggested that he may run into trouble over claims he tried to orchestrate a coverup.

The poll says 57 percent think he should be impeached if he encouraged Ms. Lewinsky to lie about their relationship — an increase of 14 points on that question since Aug. 21 and 6 percentage points since Wednesday.

A CNN/Gallup poll released late Friday placed the president's job approval rating at 62 percent. Slightly more than six of 10 in that poll said they believe he should not be impeached or removed from office.

The Gallup poll question did not include the phrasing "if he encouraged Ms. Lewinsky to lie," a distinction that could become important as Congress deals with the report.

More than half in the Gallup poll, 58 percent, said Congress should vote to censure the president for behavior that has eroded the public's respect for his ethics and truthfulness.

That total had not shifted since Thursday night, either. Almost 60 percent said they thought Clinton was fit to be president.

Analysts caution that such polls taken immediately after an event may not pick up shifts in public opinion, which can take longer to register. For example, six out of 10 in the Gallup poll taken Friday night had not read or heard details of the report.

The Gallup phone survey of 631 adults had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. The ABC poll of 510 adults had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Report says Bin Laden placed under house arrest by Taliban

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The Saudi dissident accused of masterminding the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania has been placed under house arrest in Afghanistan by his Taliban hosts, according to a London-based Arabic newspaper.

Osama bin Laden is being held in a house in the Kandahar region of southern Afghanistan, Al-Quds Al-Arabi reported Friday.

The Taliban religious army has "prevented any contacts between him and his followers, and have prohibited" access to the media, the newspaper said, citing sources close to bin Laden.

There was no immediate way to confirm the report. But it comes less than a week after a ranking Taliban official said that bin Laden could stay in Afghanistan as long as he wants, even if his presence invites another barrage of U.S. missiles.

The United States fired Tomahawk cruise missiles into Afghanistan and Sudan in retaliation for the Aug. 7 bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, which killed 258 people and wounded thousands.

In Afghanistan, two alleged terrorist training camps were hit in the Aug. 20 attack, including one believed to have been operated by bin Laden. He was not harmed in the attack.

Al-Quds Al-Arabi said the Taliban, fearful of the repercussions of bin Laden's growing notoriety, put him under house arrest to prevent him from making contacts with international media.

The Taliban controls 90 percent of Afghanistan and has alienated many with its strict interpretation of Islam. But it has said it does not share bin Laden's hatred of the United States.

Obituaries

Julia M. Filler

1913-1998

Julia M. Filler of Snyder died Friday, Sept. 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lenghy illness.

Graveside service, for Mrs. Filler, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. C.J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1913 in Knapp. Her husband, Cecil Filler, died in 1980. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Levon Fitts in 1990; and two other husbands, Leon Fitts and Prentice Riley.

Survivors include one daughter, Glynda Dupuy of Snyder; one brother, R.B. (Dent) von Roeder of Snyder; a sister, Patsy Dolliver of Snyder; a stepdaughter, Eunice Jerry Knight of Denton; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Fitts of Snyder; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Mary Jane Powell

1923-1998

Service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Mary Jane Powell, longtime Snyder resident. The Rev. Marvin Collier will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Powell, 75, died at 3:55 a.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

She was born on April 16, 1923 in Georgetown and married Alvin "Slim" Powell on June 25, 1945 in Georgetown. He died on Feb. 4, 1988. She was a housekeeper and a member of Friendly Will Church.

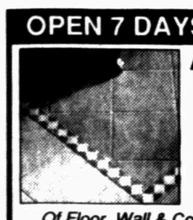
Survivors include one sister, Ophelia Braziel; four brothers, A.C. Thompson, Willie Thompson, Autris Thompson Jr., all of Snyder, and Henry Lee Brooks of Temple; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ratite Association meeting

The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Shack.

Fiesta talent show

Persons wishing to participate in the Fiesta '98 talent show next Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church may call Josie Hernandez at 573-7397 or Francis Rios at 573-0311. Entry fee is $5.

Varsity Tiger moms

Varsity Tiger moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS Student Center.

F.A.C.T. meeting

A F.A.C.T. (Fast Action for the Children of Texas) meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. Former employees of the Texas Attorney General's office will speak.

Meet the Tigers night

Meet the Tigers Night is scheduled Monday at Tiger Stadium as football teams from varsity level to the 7th grade will be introduced. A $3 brisket supper begins at 6 p.m. Cheerleaders will also be introduced and the band will perform.

Band meeting cancelled

The SHS band boosters meeting set for Monday had been cancelled.

SHS choir boosters

The choir boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school choir room.

Snyder girls hoops club

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center for the girls hoops club.

Retired teachers and personnel meeting

Scurry County retired teachers and personnel will meet for an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God's Plan for the Church," followed by "Faith and Newness."

Meet the WTC athletes

The annual Meet the Athletes ice cream supper for Western Texas College will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the WTC Student Center.

Tiger basketball parents

Parents of boys varsity and junior varsity basketball players will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS Student Center to discuss plans for the coming season.

Marriage enrichment seminar

A 10-week marriage enrichment seminar will be held at First United Methodist Church beginning Wednesday. The one-hour weekly sessions will be taught by Dr. Craig Curry and his wife, Kathy. The seminar will cover such topics as "How to affair-proof your marriage" and "How to have a healthy argument." The sessions will be at 6:30 p.m. and persons may enroll by calling the church office at 573-5416.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder diabetes support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Prime Rehab building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

SJHS choir hamburger supper

The Snyder junior high choir's annual hamburger supper in the high school cafeteria will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday prior to the homecoming game with Wylie. Tickets are $5 each and are available from any choir member.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church will host a fajita supper prior to the football game with Wylie Friday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for ages 12 and under. Order tickets by calling 573-6115 and leaving a message. Eat and walk to the homecoming game.

Garage and yard sale

Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission will have a garage-yard sale next Friday and Saturday at the Dermott School. Items are being solicited. Call 573-3822 or 573-2763 to donate, or bring the items to the school Wednesday after 2 p.m.

Band selling Tiger Paws

Snyder Band Boosters are painting Tiger Paws to show support for the Snyder Tigers. Call 574-1454 or contact any band student.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
15-23-20-8-25
(fifteen, twenty-three, twenty, eight, twenty-five)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
62-77-67-48
(sixty-two, seventy-seven, sixty-seven, forty-eight)

Let's dance!

Folklorico Dancers ready for next weekend's fiesta events

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

The Guadalupe Folklorico Youth Dancers will be an integral aspect of next weekend's annual Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta.

Snyder's fiesta marks Mexico's independence after 300 years of Spanish rule.

Dressed in bright, colorful costumes that delight the eye, the dancers, all ranging in age from 6 to 16, will combine their talents to help celebrate their heritage.

They will perform liturgical dances during next Saturday's 6 p.m. outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. They will also perform folklorico dances at 8 p.m. next Saturday and at 6 p.m. next Sunday.

The current Folklorico Dancers are divided into two groups. They include Jackie Alvarez, Nick Salazar, Missy Vasquez, Ashley Hagins, Justin Rios, Orlando Vasquez, Johnny Alaniz, Christy Garcia, Valerie Hernandez, Roel Ruiz and Bianca Gonzales. At times, Luis Alaniz, instructor, also performs with the dancers.

Under the direction of Luis, who began this group about two years ago, the Folklorico Dancers have spent months practicing for next weekend's activities. "The fiesta is the main reason we perform," he said.

After the dancers regrouped, Luis said one of their first performances was last September's fiesta. After that, they received so many requests that they continued to perform at various functions until Christmas.

Other local performances included the coliseum and riding in the July Fourth parade. They have also performed at out-of-town fiestas including Loraine, Colorado City and Big Spring, and they danced during Post's Trade Days.

They began learning the liturgical dances last November and their first performance was in December.

In April, they also performed liturgical dances at a youth rally in Lubbock. The presence of Bishop Placido Rodriguez gave the occasion deeper meaning, Luis said.

The folklorico group's repertoire also includes the chihuahua and jalisto dances. They are are now learning the machete dance and he will eventually teach them the Vera Cruz as well.

When they have learned all of the dances, Luis said they should be able to put on a two-hour program, featuring both younger and older members. One group will perform while the other changes clothes, Luis said.

The folklorico music, the costumes the dancers wear and the dances they perform represent various Mexican states.

Girls wear colorful dresses and boys don charro suits and big sombreros for jalisco dances. Chihuahua dances require western style clothing such as jeans, white shirts and bandanas around the neck for the boys, and skirts, white shirts and hair pieces for the girls.

Brightly colored satin costumes highlighted with peacock feathers are worn for the liturgical dances.

Since the Folklorico Youth Dancers are part of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, they practice at the Latin American Center on Wednesday nights after Luis gets off work, usually from 6 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year and from 7 to 9 or 9:30 p.m. during summer months.

Practicing during summer is more difficult because of vacations. When dancers miss practices, it is harder for us to learn new dances, Luis said.

He begins each session by reviewing what they learned the previous week. Then they go on to something new.

He will do anything to help his students learn the many steps involved, including putting on a skirt to demonstrate how the girls are supposed to move their hands when they perform.

As the only instructor, Luis tries to balance the time he spends with each group so that everyone learns the dances.

Various versions of the Guadalupe Folklorico Youth Dancers have performed on and off since the early 1980s when they were first organized by Salome Barrera, a deacon at Our Lady of Guadalupe. They have disbanded and reformed several times since then.

When Luis was 14, Barrera recruited him to join the Folklorico Dancers. He accepted because he loved to dance. He recalled that they danced at the fair in Lubbock. Though the group eventually broke up, Luis never lost his love of dancing.

At the time, two of the boys quit and so did Luis. One of the difficulties in keeping the Folklorico Dancers together is getting teen-age boys to dance, he said.

When Luis was 18, he said Barrera restarted the Folklorico Dancers, so he rejoined the group. The other dancers were from 5-15 years old.

Being the oldest didn't bother Luis. He didn't care how old he was. He loved

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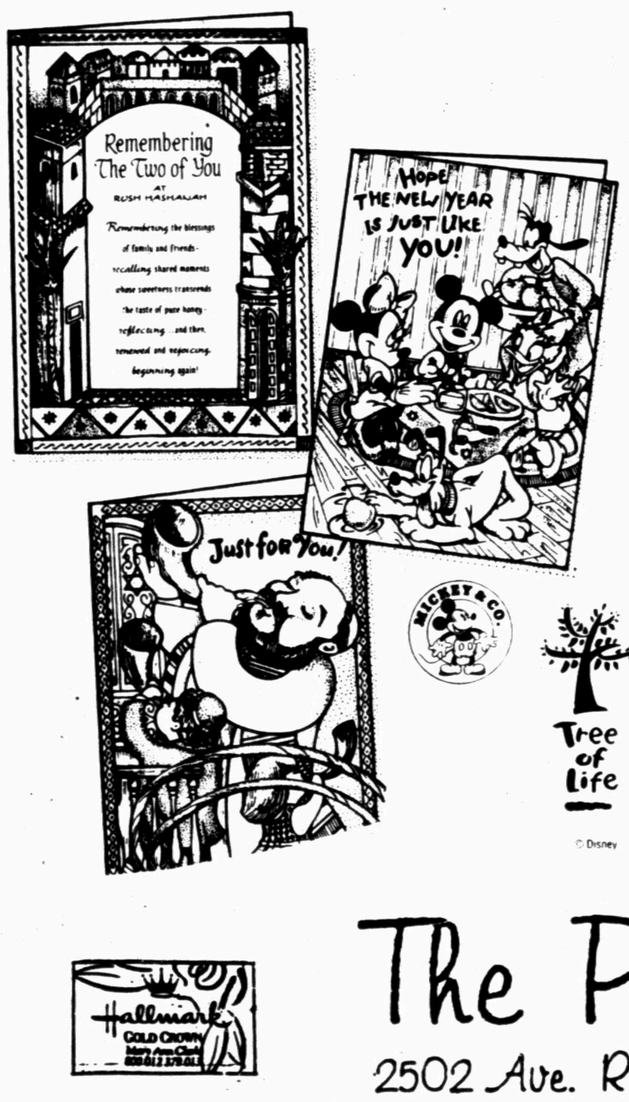


FOLKLORICO DANCERS — The Guadalupe Folklorico Youth Dancers will perform next weekend during the annual Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta. Luis Alaniz, instructor, and Jackie Alvarez are performing a jalisto dance. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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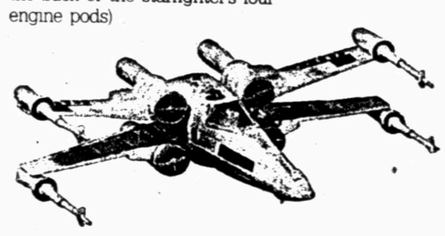
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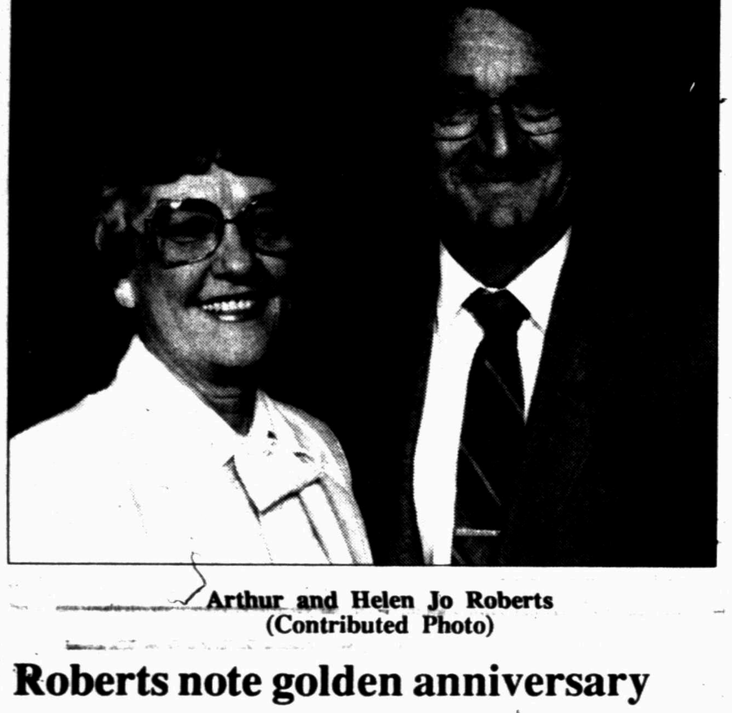
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Spence, Seilhant pledge vows





Arthur and Helen Jo Roberts
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Roberts note golden anniversary

Arthur M. and Helen Jo Graham were married on Sept. 14, 1948 in Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Due to health, the couple will celebrate with a private family event.

Their daughter and son-in-law are Sherry and James Merritt of Snyder.

The Roberts family moved to Snyder in 1941 and lived next door to the Graham family.

Roberts, born on April 30, 1927 in Sweetwater, and Mrs. Roberts, born on Jan. 19, 1930 in Snyder, are retired. Roberts was owner and operator of Joe Graham Cleaners for 35 years and Mrs. Roberts worked 31 years for ASCS-USDA and eight years for American State Bank. They are members of 37th Street Church of Christ.

They have five granddaughters and nine great-grandchildren; one deceased grandchild; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jennifer Kay Spence and James Wesley Seilhant were joined in marriage at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Charlie Reynolds, local justice of the peace, at 10 a.m. on Aug. 8.

Jim and Janet Spence of Snyder are the bride's parents and her grandparents are Bertha Holdridge of Hermleigh and the late Jess Holdridge, Ona Mae Spence of Snyder, Sammie Spence of Mesquite, and the late Leonard Spence.

The groom's parents are Marvin and L'Jean King and J.E. (Buddy) Seilhant, all of McCamey. His grandparents include Joy Moody and the late Sidney James Moody of McCamey, Bobbie Cooper of Kilgore and the late James William Seilhant, and Doris King of Imperial.

Guests were seated to piano music by Bailey Stoker, cousin of the bride. She played "Forever," "Nothing's Gonna Change My Love for You," "The Vows Go Unbroken," "The Wind Beneath My Wings," "Everything I Do, I Do For You," "Sea Nocturne," and "To a Wild Rose."

Mothers and grandmothers were seated to the love theme from "Titanic." Bridesmaids and the bride entered to "Canon in D," by Pachebel. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach, was played as the bridal party exited the church.

Given in marriage by her parents, Jennifer was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a gown, by Bonny, of candlelight satin and lace. The satin bodice featured an overlay of lace and was richly beaded with sequins and pearls. Pearl covered lace sleeves tapered to button at the wrists, and her portrait neckline was edged in tiny pearls. The waist extended into a V in front and back that featured a candy box bow of satin with beaded lace appliques.

Her floor-length skirt swept into a chapel-length train. Cutwork appliques of beaded lace highlighted the skirt and train, and the entire hemline was bordered with lace encrusted with pearls.

In her hair, she wore a halo of miniature roses with streamers of candlelight ribbon and pearls fashioned by the groom's aunt, Mary Gunnels of San Antonio.

Her dress constituted something new. For something old, Jennifer wore a pearl necklace and a blue satin lace garter, both worn by her mother at her wedding. Pearl earrings were borrowed from her aunt, Peggy Smith of Brownwood. Brenda Lee furnished pennies for the bride's shoes that were minted in the couple's birth years.

The bride's bouquet was a nosegay of red roses, delphinium, baby's breath, springeria and alstromaria lilies, accented with candlelight ribbons. She carried a lace hankderchief given to her by a great-aunt, the late Johnnie Bishop of Snyder.

Matron of honor was Michelle Burnett of Abilene, lifetime friend of the bride. College friends Tammy Mason of Canyon and Robbi Hoelscher of San Angelo served as bridesmaids. Their burgundy crepe dresses featured an empire waist tied in the back, an ankle-length A-line skirt, cap sleeves and a jewel neckline. Burgundy shoes and pearl accessories completed their attire.

Their garden-style bouquets were of fresh flowers and candlelight ribbons matching the bride's bouquet.

Flower girl Blair Burnett of Abilene was attired in a dress like the bridesmaids' and carried a basket of rose petals trimmed with navy, hunter green and burgundy ribbons.

Tim Welling of Big Lake was best man. Groomsmen were Chris Smith of Wimberly and Snyder Mitchell of Fort Stockton. Ushers were Brian Spence, brother of the bride from Albuquerque, Monty Bohanon of McCamey and Colby and Justin Stoker, cousins of the bride.

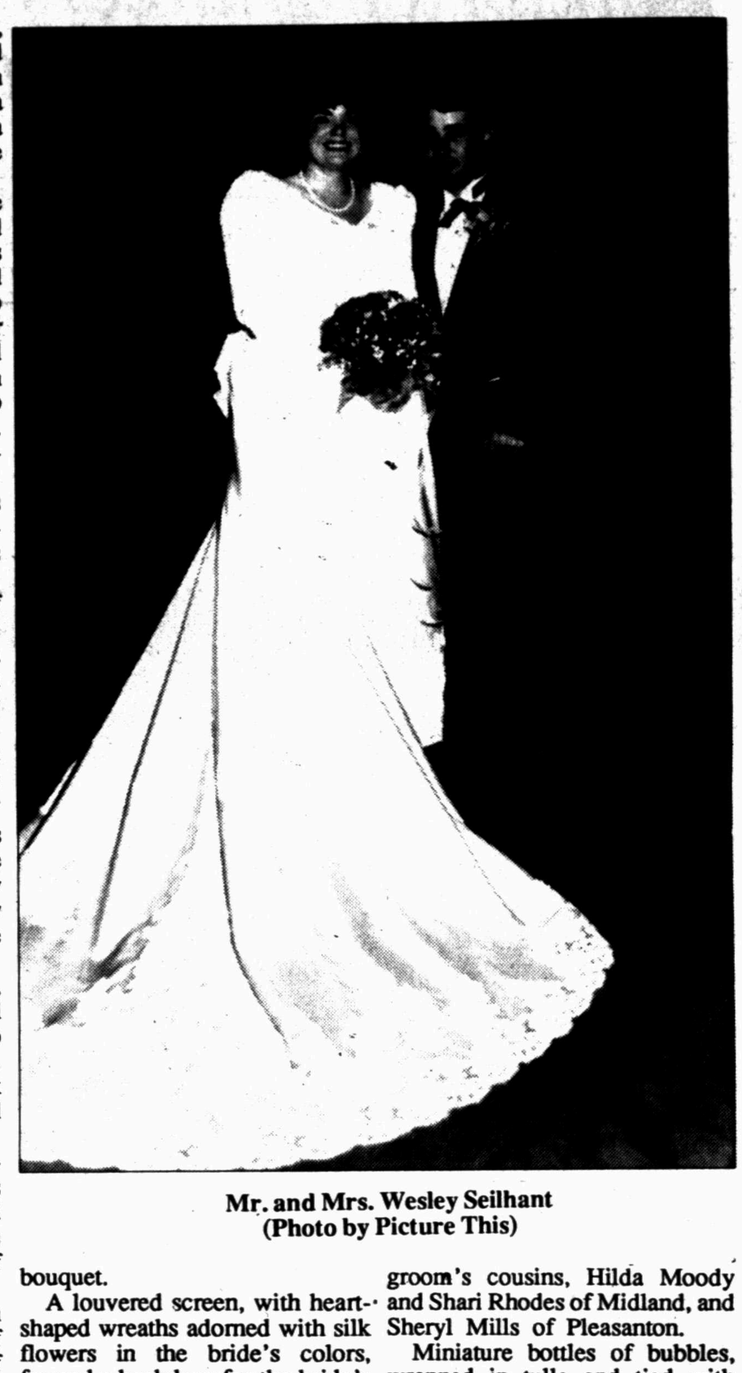
The groom and his attendants, as well as the bride's father, all wore black western-style tuxedo jackets with tails and black jeans. Candlelight shirts with dark paisley vests and black crossed ties completed their ensemble.

Rankin Mitchell of Fort Stockton served as ring bearer. He was dressed like the groomsmen and carried a pillow created by the groom's aunt, Kathy Moody of Houston.

Presiding at the registration table were Stephanie Warren of Anson and Paige Kimmel of Haltom City, cousins of the bride. Decorating the table were a picture of the bride and groom and a favorite poem, both in engraved pewter frames, and a silk flower arrangement in the bride's colors.

The altar area was decorated with ficus trees and arangements of white lilies, along with garlands of greenery entwined with white roses and baskets of white lilies and roses.

A reception was held in Wesley Hall. The bride's table featured a wedding cake of four free-standing tiers. The basket weave designed, candlelight icing and was topped with fresh flowers matching the bride's bouquet. Also on the table were silver toasting goblets which fit together to form a heart. In addition, were crystal dishes filled with candy hugs and kisses and the bride's bouquet.



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Seilhant
(Photo by Picture This)

A louvered screen, with heart-shaped wreaths adorned with silk flowers in the bride's colors, formed a backdrop for the bride's table. Janice Warren, cousin of the bride from Anson, and Linda Cozart, another cousin of the bride, served the wedding cake.

On the beverage table, was a bowl of punch and a hand-painted china water pitcher, made by the bride's grandmother, Sammie Spence. Coffee was served from a silver service belonging to a family friend, Phyllis Haley. Cousins of the bride, Anne Scamardo of College Station and Sherette Kimmel of Lubbock served.

The groom's table also had a lattice backdrop covered with greenery, and a swag of flowers to match the bride's lattice decor. The table held a chocolate cake covered with chocolate basket weave icing along with chocolate dipped strawberries. In addition it held crystal dishes of chocolate hugs and kisses. Serving were the groom's cousins, Hilda Moody and Shari Rhodes of Midland, and Sheryl Mills of Pleasanton.

Miniature bottles of bubbles, wrapped in tulle and tied with colorful ribbons, and birdseed packets were distributed to guests so they could escort the bride and groom from the church.

A rehearsal supper was hosted by the groom's parents at the Spanish Inn. The bride was honored with a luncheon in her parent's home, hosted by her aunt, Peggy Smith. Wedding showers were held in Snyder, McCamey and Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Seilhant live in Midland where the groom is employed by Western Gas Resources in Fort Stockton, and the bride is employed as a teacher with the Greenwood ISD.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1990 and from Angelo State University in 1994. Seilhant graduated from McCamey High School in 1989 and attended Odessa Junior College.

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Local garden club to host November district meeting

Snyder Garden Club will host the District VIII Garden Club Inc. fall meeting on Nov. 6-7. Co-hosting is the Colorado City Garden Club.

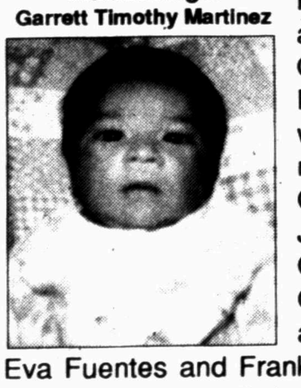
Pre-fall meeting activities include registration Nov. 6 at Willow Park Inn at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to the Wagon Wheel Ranch for dinner and entertainment. Western wear or denim is appropiate dress, and the meal will be a steak or chicken dinner.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, registration will continue and a continental breakfast will be held at the Western Texas College Student Christian Center from 8:30 to 10. An executive committee meeting is scheduled at 8:30, followed by a general business session at 10. A luncheon and program at the Martha Ann Woman's Club will conclude the event.

Oct. 28 is the deadline for registration and for more information call LaVerne Hood at 573-9736.

Chairman for the district meeting is Bonnie Fry of Snyder and co-chairman is Terry Ann McAdams of Colorado City.

Introducing...
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Frank and Jessica Martinez, Jr. announce the birth of their son, Garrett Timothy Martinez, born Friday, August 28, 1998. He weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams & Nancy Nash-Cummings





DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Could you please give me the address and zip code for Steven Spielberg? I want to write to him about his very true movie, "Saving Private Ryan." It seems that Congress has forgotten about us veterans. — **LAURENCE N. DENSMORE, Honaker, Va.**

DEAR LAURENCE: We're happy to oblige. We found Mr. Spielberg's address in the "Celebrity Directory" (Axiom Information Resources, 1998). His address is P.O. Box 8520, Universal City, Los Angeles, CA 91608.

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STUMPED: HOW TO CARE FOR BEANIE BABIES — Rose Scott of Ocala, Fla., is wondering how to best preserve these little dears. So are we!

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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MAWC PROGRAM TOPIC — Martha Ann Woman's Club president Margaret Dillaha, left, and treasurer Francene Noah, right, reviewed the board of directors' duties, standing and house rules, and bylaws to members of Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women. They were introduced by a MAWC board member and ABWA member, Anita Felan. (Contributed Photo)



BABY SHOWER — Mrs. Glen (Lisa) Gray of Borden County was honoree at a baby shower at the First United Methodist on Aug. 1. Hayley Marie Gray was born, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces, at 8:59 p.m. Thursday in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. Pictured from left are Gussie Gray, Glen's grandmother; Dana Gray, his sister-in-law from Coppell; Dorothy Gray, Glen's mother; the honoree; Annette Waller, Lisa's mother; Carli Payne, the honoree's niece from Big Spring; and Susan Payne of Big Spring, the honoree's sister. (Contributed Photo)

Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library receives books on loan from the Big Country Library System in Abilene once a month. These books will be available for several months. They may be checked out for a two-week period on a current library card.

The books on loan are large type editions which include westerns, mysteries, biography and fiction.

BOOK FEATURE

"Into the Unknown: Solving Ancient Mysteries," by Brain Fagan Archaelogical sleuths now use high-tech methods rather than picks-and-shovels to analyze even very minute clues, both in the trench and in the lab.

They use space-age imagery, ground-penetrating radar, and other modern tools to re-create long-vanished landscapes. This is a triumphant tale of modern-day adventures using science to rediscover lost worlds.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Legal Adoption Guide," by Colleen Alexander-Roberts.

"Backyard Design," by Jean Breskind.

"Internet Directory for Dummies," by Brad Hill.

NEW FICTION

"Tanner on Ice," by Lawrence Block

"The Tin Man," by Dale Brown.

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"The Blue Corn Murders," by Nancy Pickard.

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Milk becomes state drink

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Ben Nelson isn't shy about official state stuff.

Four months after naming Kool-Aid the official state soft drink, he picked milk as the official beverage on Thursday.

Since the Legislature last year gave the governor the ability to make official designations, Nelson has also named the channel catfish the official state fish.

The milk choice did not sit well with the animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"We hope he thinks about the fact that there is a hunk of veal in every glass of milk," said Bruce Friedrich, a PETA spokesman in Norfolk, Va. "Cow's milk belongs to baby cows, not to human beings."

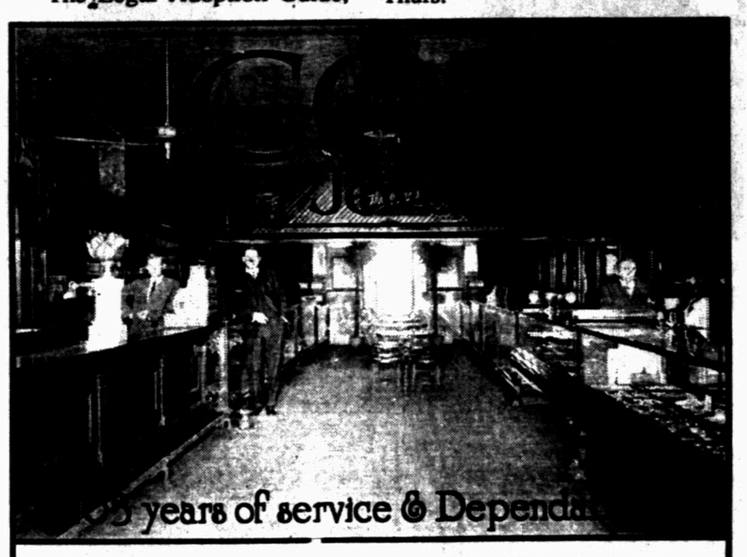
Nelson brushed off the criticism: "They have a mindset that goes one direction and I think that's a minority point of view."

Stone Pony now Vinyl

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (AP) — The Stone Pony is nearing its last ride.

The music club that used to feature New Jersey acts like Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi and Southside Johnny is calling it quits and reopening as Vinyl, a dance club.

The Stone Pony will go out with a series of shows Sept. 18-20 featuring young Jersey Shore groups and Pony regulars from the '70s and '80s. Vinyl opens the following weekend.



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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Would you be a timepiece?

One wonders how many bridge players (and others) would agree with Thomas Huxley when he wrote, "If some great Power would agree to make me always think what is true and do what is right, on condition of being turned into a sort of clock and wound up every morning before I got out of bed, I should instantly close with the offer."

For sure today's East would sign on the dotted line. If you had been in his place, how would you have defended against three no-trump? Your partner leads the diamond two.

Normally, when one has 27 combined points and no weak suit, three no-trump waltzes home. And it did here. After winning the first trick with the diamond ace, East mechanically returned the diamond six. Declarer won in hand with the king, played a heart to dummy's jack, and finessed the spade queen. West won with the king, but had no winning riposte. A moment later, after losing two club tricks to East, South claimed nine tricks, having lost one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

From the points that appeared in the dummy, East knew West had little. Also, as West had led a fourth-highest diamond two. South had to have three cards in the suit. So, the defenders had no sparkling future in diamonds. It was necessary to look elsewhere. East should have switched to the club six at trick two. Then, as long as West started with at least two clubs and could win a trick before declarer had accumulated nine, a club return through the dummy would give East four tricks in the suit.

Think first, defend second.

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Zippy Chippy has trouble at the gate

FARMINGTON, N.Y. (AP) — Zippy Chippy was becoming a sure bet and it cost him.

The 7-year-old gelding ran to his 85th consecutive loss Monday, tying the record for the most losses to begin a racing career. The thoroughbred was promptly banished from the Finger Lakes race track.

"It was for the public's protection," Finger Lakes Racing Association steward Rick Coyne explained Thursday. "He was sort of a cult figure. That's half the problem."

Everyone figured the horse would lose, but bet on him just the same.

The problem lately, Coyne said, was that Zippy Chippy wasn't much for coming out of the starting gate. It wasn't that he was coming out slow. He just wasn't coming out.

He did it in losses 83 and 84 and got a 60-day ban to think things over. It didn't help.

"He just stands there and looks at the rest of the horses go on and decides to go out at his pleasure," Coyne said. "If he's starting 10 or 15 lengths behind the field, it's not giving the betting public the best shake."

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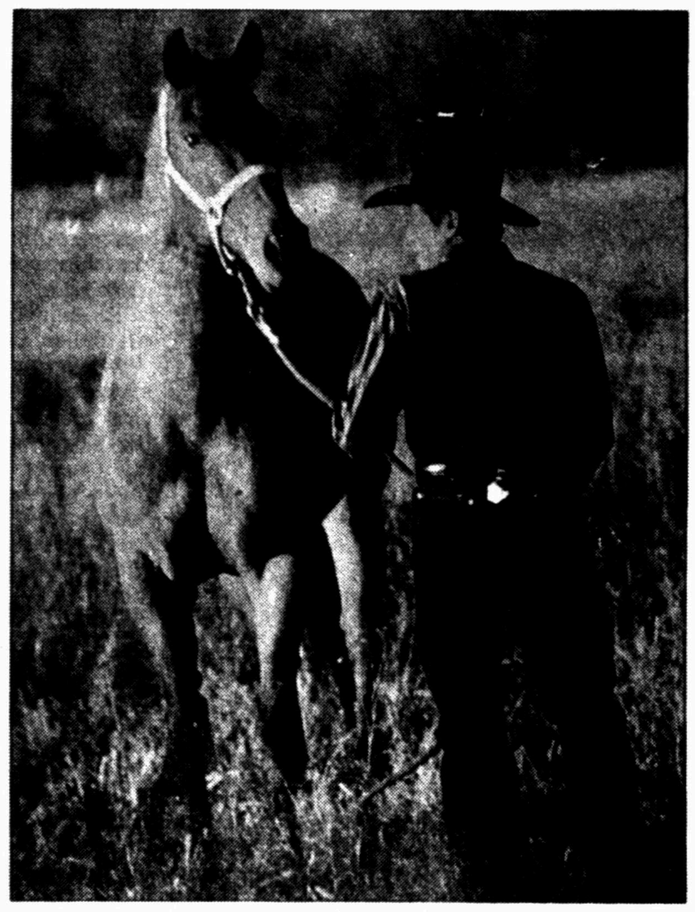
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Folklorico Dancers celebrate their heritage

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dancing and that is why he got back into it.

Barrera arranged for a dance instructor from Juarez, Mexico to come to Snyder for two months to teach them.

Javier, 17, the instructor, spoke to the local group in Spanish. His dance partner was Isabell, 20, who was also from Mexico.



FOLKLORICO TRIO — Missy Vasquez, Ashley Hagins and Jackie Alvarez, from left, are dressed up for a jalisto dance. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



CHIHUAHUA DANCE — Orlando Vasquez and Ashley Hagins are performing a chihuahua dance. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Once they learned the dances, Luis said they "stayed in our heads."

Barrera had met Javier in San Antonio and he agreed to come to Snyder that summer. That was about seven years ago. Luis said they practiced some two hours a day and then about three hours at night.

That group lasted a year before they disbanded. Some members moved away and others in the 14-15 age group did not want to dance, Luis explained.

The next summer the Folklorico Dancers regrouped and Javier returned to present a month of instructions. That included redoing the choreography and teaching them a new dance — the machete dance.

By then, Luis was working so he had to practice during his lunch hour, then catch up with Javier during the afternoon. Because he was older, he said he learned the steps quicker.

They stayed together long enough to record one performance then they disbanded, Luis said.

Also, some six years ago, a woman from San Antonio came to Snyder for a week to teach the local group the liturgical dances. She told them that these dances are just another form of worship, like preaching, praying or singing, Luis said.

He enjoyed working with the children so much that a few years later he decided to reorganize the dancers himself, with four dancers from the previous group.

To refresh his memory, Luis reviewed two videos of dances performed by previous Folklorico Dancers.

One video contains several including the Vera Cruz, three chihuahua dances, the jalisco and the machete dance.

The other one features liturgical dances.

Studying the videos "brought it (the dances) all back to me," Luis said.

The newly reformed group needed costumes to dance in so Luis and a couple of families traveled to Juarez, Mexico where Javier had helped them find a woman who would make 12 dresses for the girls. While there, they also bought six charro suits for the boys at a market. Since the dresses weren't ready in time for their first performance, Luis said they borrowed 12 from Javier who has a dance studio. When they received their dresses, Luis said he returned the others to Javier.

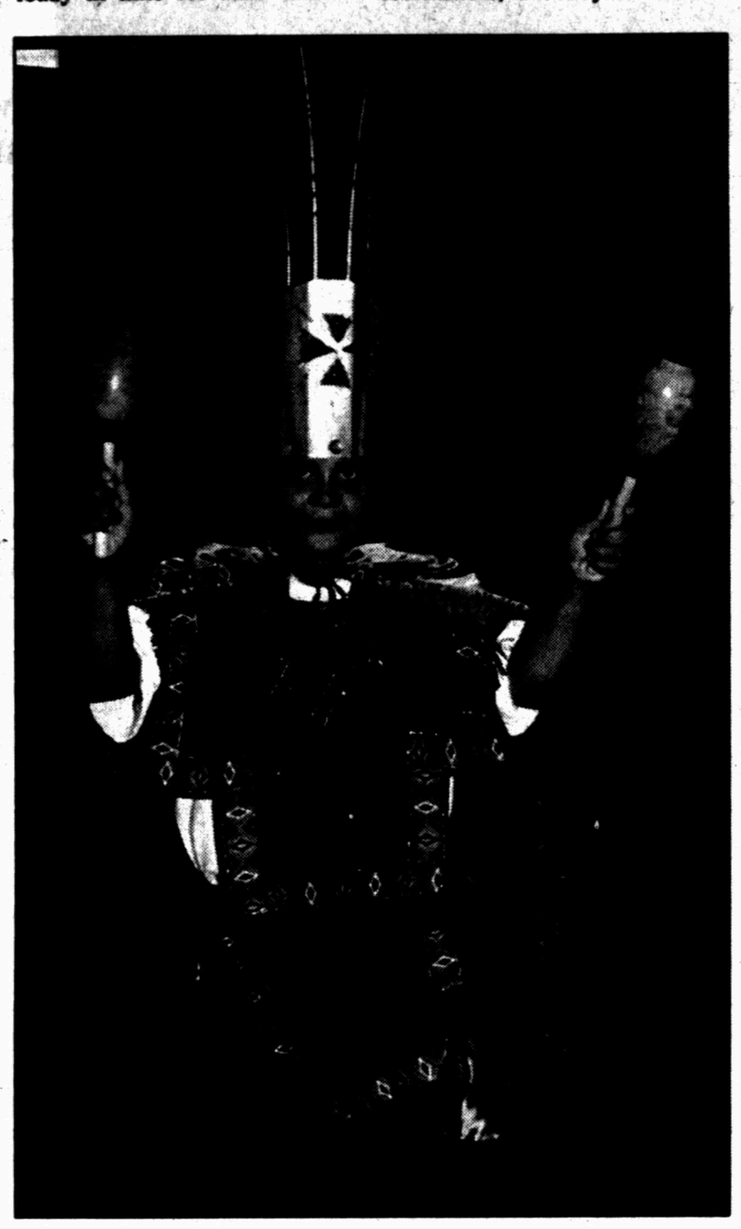
To raise the money, Luis said they sponsored a softball tournament, a volleyball tournament and various food sales.

While in Mexico, Luis said they were able to see many other dances, featuring different steps and higher jumps. The dancers also used sticks and stones. And some wore jackets. "It was beautiful to watch," he said.

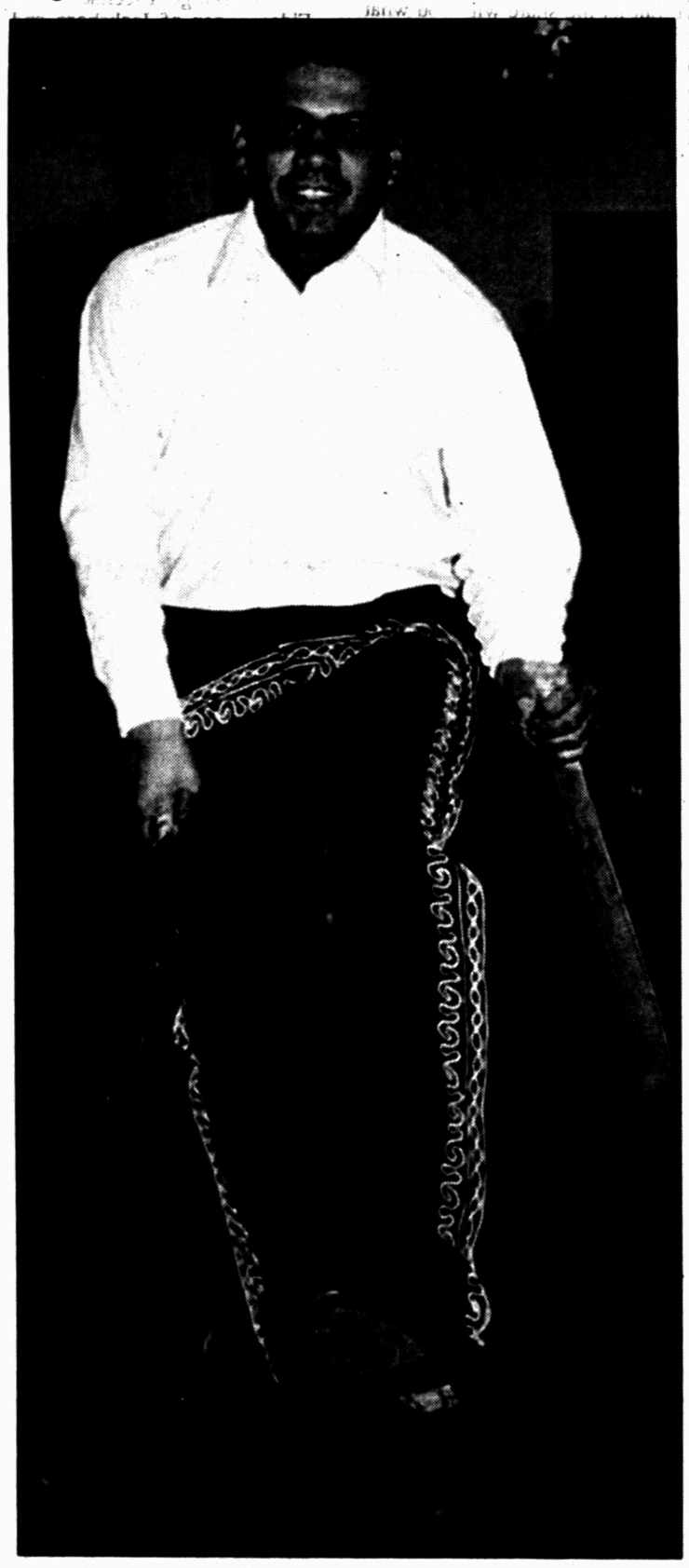
Luis loves working with the children. That's one reason why he decided to reform the group about two years ago. The other is because "it keeps our heritage going."

He noted that it is important for the dancers, especially the younger children, to learn what their heritage is all about.

Luis has lived in Snyder since he was one year old and graduated from Snyder High School in 1990. He works at Earnest Upholstery and is married to Lavinia.



LITURGICAL DANCE — Nick Salazar, dressed in bright satin clothes highlighted by peacock feathers, is ready to perform a liturgical dance. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



MACHETE DANCE — Luis Alaniz is demonstrating the machete dance, a new dance the Folklorico Dancers have been learning. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Fiests marks Mexico's independence

Every year on Sept. 16 in Dolores, Mexico, the birthplace of that country's independence, the people gather at midnight to begin celebrations with the famous Grito de Dolores, Viva Mexico!

History, culture and tradition explain why the Dieciseis de Septiembre is such a special day for the Mexican people and for Americans of Mexican descent. For the Mexican nationals in the United States, it is a national holiday away from home, and to the Mexican American, the 16th of September is a time to reflect on Mexican history, pass on the Mexican culture and tradition, and enjoy in the celebration of freedom.

LIke the Fourth of July, the 16th of September is an independence day. On this day, Mexico celebrates its independence from 300 years of Spanish rule.

Before dawn on Sept. 16, 1810, Miguel Higalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest in the village of Dolores, made a monumentous decision that revolutionized the course of Mexican history and marked the first struggle for Mexican independence. Hours after Ignacio Allende and Criollo (Mexican born Spaniards) revolutionary leaders informed Hidalgo that plans of the revolution had been leaked to the gachupines or native Spaniards, Hidalgo ordered the arrest of Dolores, native Spaniards. Then Hidalgo rang the church bell summoning Indians and mestizos to mass as was customary.

In his famous "Grito de Dolores," Hidalgo called on his people to retaliate against the gachupines who had exploited and oppressed Mexicans for generations. He urged the embittered Mexicans to recover lands stolen from their forefathers. In this calling, Hidalgo tapped into powerful forces that had been simmering for several hundred years. The people of Mexico were more than ready to win back their country.

The revolution spread, and Hidalgo and Allende led the people to Mexico City. When the Indian forces reached the city, they acquired a picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The Virgin of Guadalupe became the banner of the revolutionary forces.

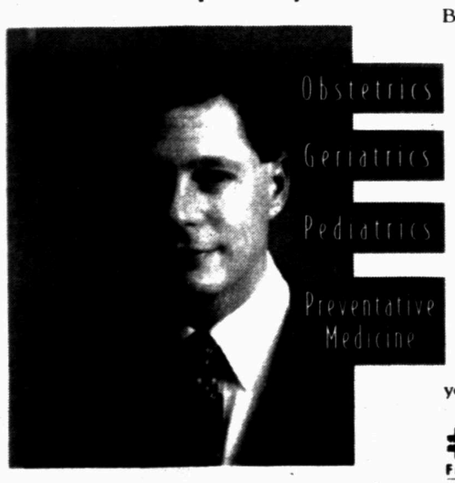
Hidalgo later regretted the bloodbath he had incited with his fateful cry of Dolores. When he made his hasty decision in the pre-dawn hours of Sept. 16, he had not foreseen the mass slaughters of Spaniards. Before the revolutionary troops descended upon Mexico City, Hidalgo retreated with only a few associates to Dolores, where he would be executed by the gachupines only a year later. Hidalgo is still to this day revered as the father of Mexican Independence.

Eleven years of war, decades of despotic Mexican rulers and political unrest preceded Hidalgo's cry of Dolores. Yet throughout the years of turmoil, El Grito de Dolores, "Mexicans, viva Mexico," has perservered.

During World War I, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson purchased a flock of sheep to graze on the White House lawn. She auctioned off the flock's wool to benefit the Red Cross.

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Idaho representative admits to relationship

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Rep. Helen Chenoweth, who campaigned on family values and first won office after the disclosure of her opponent's illicit affair, admitted having a long-term affair with a married man in the 1980s.

In a story Friday, The Idaho Statesman quoted the two-term conservative Republican as saying she regretted her six-year affair but finds her situation markedly different from that of President Clinton, whose resignation she has sought since April over the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"Fourteen years ago, when I was a private citizen and a single woman, I was involved in a relationship that I came to regret, that I'm not proud of," Chenoweth said. "I've asked for God's forgiveness, and I've received it."

Her comments come less than a week after another conservative Republican, Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, admitted to fathering a child from an extramarital relationship in the early 1980s. Burton has been a leading critic of Clinton, but has focused mainly on campaign fund-raising, not his private life.

Chenoweth's office in Boise did not immediately respond this morning to a request for further comment.

Chenoweth's admission came as her campaign began airing television advertisements in which she accuses Clinton of damaging the presidency and then pointedly asks Democratic challenger Dan Williams, "Where do you stand, Dan?"

"I believe that personal conduct and integrity does matter," Chenoweth says in the ad. The newspaper, in an editor's note, said it decided to pursue a story about the relationship because of the ads. There had been rumors about the relationship for years.

But in admitting her own indiscretion, Chenoweth told The Statesman, "My private life was my own life. I am a single woman. After the divorce, I dated.

"As a member of Congress I'm concerned about the president's ability to lead our nation in this time of worldwide economic crisis. And I think you have to look at the facts squarely. You have to tell the truth. It's not a matter of whether one forgives the president. It's a matter of trust."

Williams, running again after narrowly losing to Chenoweth two years ago, was out of town. Campaign spokesman Chip Azano said he had not spoken with Williams about the disclosure.

Dan Sallick, a spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said Friday Chenoweth's admission showed "she acted with sheer hypocrisy" when she had the anti-Clinton commercial produced.

Chenoweth, 60, who has made family values a major focus of her congressional career, defeated incumbent Democrat Larry LaRocco four years ago. The election that came just a week after the disclosure that LaRocco had misled the public when he denied during an earlier campaign that he had had an affair before he was elected to Congress in 1990.

Chenoweth, at the time, did not personally make an issue of the report, saying LaRocco's affair was none of her business. But the affair and LaRocco's denials were widely believed to have contributed to her victory.

In defending her attacks on Clinton, Chenoweth said a distinction must be made between a person's private life before holding office and what the person does while in office.

Chenoweth's affair was with her longtime business partner, Vern Ravenscroft. Ravenscroft, 78, a former state legislator and unsuccessful Republican gubernatorial nominee, acknowledged the affair to the newspaper. He said the affair ended 14 years ago when he and Chenoweth decided their families had to come first.

His wife of 57 years, Harriett, told The Statesman that Chenoweth brought on the disclosure of the affair: "I want it forgotten and put behind us."

Considered one of the most conservative members of Congress, Chenoweth has gained national attention — and often criticism — for a number of her stands.

She condemned the Oklahoma City bombing but defended militias in general as legal, leading critics to label her the "poster girl for the militia movement."

Chenoweth also drew protests with her comments that blacks and Hispanics did not move to northern Idaho because it was too cold, describing them as the "warm-climate community."

Judge: Fondling of children not sexual abuse

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge's ruling that a man's fondling of his two children was not sexual abuse because such behavior is culturally acceptable in his native Sicily has angered Italian-American groups.

Juvenile Court Judge Fe Fernandez ruled in February that the father's alleged actions — tweaking his 10-year-old daughter's breasts and buttocks and his 8-year-old son's genitals — were clearly inappropriate and, along with reports of physical violence, contributed to an injurious environment.

She decided that the fondling was not for "physical gratification" and did not rise to the level of sexual abuse because of the father's Sicilian background.

Fernandez declined to be interviewed, telling the Chicago Tribune in a story today, "I cannot comment on a pending case."

The judge ordered the children removed from the home but allowed the father unsupervised overnight visits. An appeals court blocked the judge's ruling pending legal arguments. No date has been set.

Joseph Cecela, general counsel for the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, an umbrella group for about 75 Italian clubs representing about 100,000 people, called the judge's comments "asinine."

"Any suggestion whatsoever by anybody that perhaps culturally Italian people condone or advocate sexually abusing their children is an asinine proposition."

In her ruling, the judge said, "This might be something that the father might be brought up thinking that this is cute — you pat somebody on the butt or you grab them in the breast area." She said the father should know that fondling is inappropriate in the United States.

No criminal charges were filed.

The father's attorney, John Gonnella, said he had grown up in an Italian family. "In terms of expression," he said, "pinching your daughter's buttocks or saying she has a cute butt is a term of affection."

"Poppycock," said attorney Leonard Amari, a co-founder of the Sicilian American Cultural Association. "That kind of familiarity is not acceptable in the Sicilian household," Amari said.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Jerry D. Pechacek, dba Mesquite Oil Tools, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Johnny Ward, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

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Marriage License

Fidel Lopez of Jacksboro and Benita M. Garza of Snyder.

Jay Royce Lightsey and June Ozella Hardin, both of Snyder.

Wesley Tyson Shifflett and Amy Elizabeth Baker, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Bryant Douglas Scott vs. Donald Dwayne Robertson, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Eva Andrade Rodriguez, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Juan Ortegon, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Donald McVey, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Glenda O. Valentine, aka Glenda O. Hibbitt, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Randy N. Davis, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Herby Thomas, et al, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Sabrina Jo Lail and Billy Scott Lail, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Windle Earl Cave and Judy Glyn Cave, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Brenda K. Meurer to George K. and Regina Jo Kiker, all of the south 45 feet of Lot 8 and the north 15 feet of Lot 9, both in Block 3, Section 2 of the Martin Addition.

Richard and Ladelle Nicholson to Orvis Kay Burr, the south part of Lot 30 and the north 5 feet of Lot 31 in Block 2 of the Park Place Addition.

D.L. Burch Family and R.T. Helton Family to Snyder Oaks Partnership, 5.587 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jessie Pauline Reynolds to Jerry T. and Virginia M. Reynolds, all of Lot 5 of the Winston Company Inc. replat of Block 32 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Howard and Eloise Smith to Headquarters Organization of Jesus Christ Inc., all of Lot 3 in Block 20 of the T.N. Nunn's 1st Addition.

Doris May Byars to Ira Independent School District, the east one-half of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Runez Solomon Hill, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of John C. Hill, to Charles and Jerry Mullis, 53.603 acres in Section 63, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Michael F. and Cindy Sanders to Gary D. and Gloria Cato, a 5-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 76, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John P. and Marilyn L. Wormeringer to Herbert T. Gerstner and Gloria I. Cramer, a parcel out of Lot 2, Block 2, Park Place Addition.

Three on TSTC rolls

SWEETWATER — Three Snyder students who attend Texas State Technical College have been named to the President's Honor Roll for the Summer 1998 Quarter.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll.

Included on the roll are Dale Harris, computer network/electronics technology; Craig Leatherwood, autobody repair; Delton Wilson, computer network/electronics technology.

Reef Canyon 4-H elects new officers

The Reef Canyon 4-H Club elected new officers during its Sept. 1 meeting. Dana Stribling presided.

New officers include Dana Stribling, president and senior delegate; Jacinda Judah, vice president; Kellie Dodson, secretary; Jenna Neff, treasurer; Leah Phillips, reporter; Tatum Gruben, junior delegate.

The next 4-H meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. in the County Extension Office. 4-H welcomes boys and girls, ages 9-19 and their parents.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merritt
Community Coordinator

Some have probably wondered "What is AARP and what is it for? A statement not grammatically correct, but let me share with you what AARP is.

AARP is for older people across this nation, regardless of color, creed, or race — AARP is for you! To prove that statement, AARP's top priority right now is Social Security. We will have numerous articles on Social Security, but the reason for them is to keep you informed. Believe you me, our legislature will be discussing the pros and cons very soon after they convene. We must be ready to voice our opinion and let them know how we feel.

AARP is for strengthening Social Security. National dialogue is going on across the nation right now, concerning the range of long-term solvency options. This is a necessary prerequisite to the adoption of legislation restoring Social Security's long-term health.

AARP is for a long-term solvency package. A package that includes a number of modest changes to various elements of the current Social Security system.

A package that is implemented sooner than later.

A package that spreads the sacrifices among all who participate in the system; employers, workers, and beneficiaries. Any change should be designed to protect those most vulnerable and provide all with an opportunity to adjust to change.

It is important that we look at the overall impact of the package of changes as a whole. While of course, we have our priorities, we are willing to look at many elements as part of such a package to determine fairness and consistency with our principles.

A bipartisan approach is a must. An incremental approach that builds on the program's success and maintains Social Security's role in providing income protection (e.g., retirement, death, disability and inflation) through out a lifetime. AARP is for improving pensions and savings. How can pensions be improved? Pensions can be improved by expanding pension coverage, with particular focus on extending coverage to smaller businesses' contingent workers. Pensions can be improved by raising the level of pension coverage, for today only half of the workforce is covered.

Today's workers need to do a better job of planning for retirement. Retirement should be planned as a housewife plans a meal. Each hour we become one hour older. This is a fact. That is life. Not only should retirement be planned, but today's workers need to do a better job of educating themselves on how to save. Employers need to encourage workers to save by conducting seminars and stressing the importance of saving.

What is AARP for? AARP is for seeing that the Social Security system founded some 60 years ago, is reformed now in order for it to be able to continue to meet the purpose for which it was designed beyond the year 2029: providing protection against financial hardships.

Are you for using the surplus to restore Social Security? Think about it and then call or write your congressman and let them know how you feel ... your opinion can and does make a difference. We have 33 million members in AARP and if all will voice their opinion on this matter you will see change.

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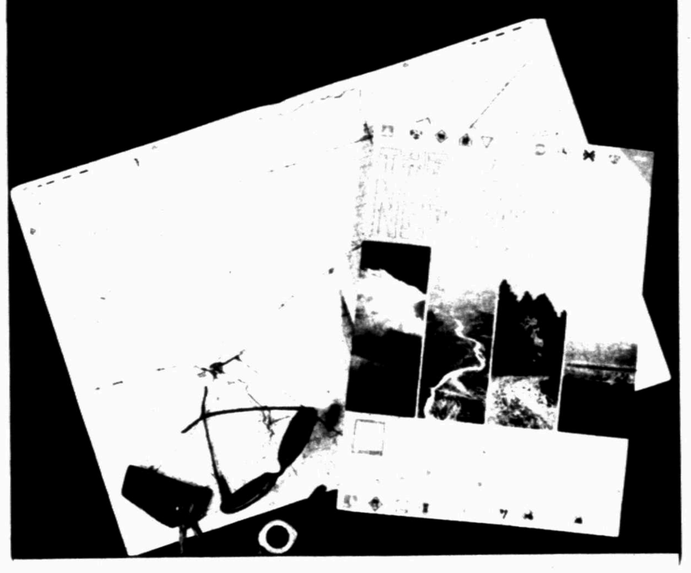
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Dear Robby and Cindy...



Deanie Francis Mills

A few days ago I received joyous news from my "adopted" younger brother, Robby Trevey. (Okay, we're not REALLY related; we're just close buddies, but as far as we're concerned, I'm his big sister, OKAY?) Robby is the son of Ludie Trevey and the late, great, Buddy Trevey. He called to tell me that his lovely wife, Cindy, had just given birth to their first baby, Kaitlyn Nicole.

I've spent the past few days wondering what I could give to this terrific young couple to honor Kaitlyn's arrival. And I got to thinking about all the things nobody tells you when you have your first baby. All anybody ever does is coo and rave and carry on — all appropriate responses, of course — but nobody gives you any warning as to the parts that aren't so pleasant.

It reminds me of something my grandmother said to me on my wedding day, "The first year is the hardest." She was the only person I ever knew who made such an honest statement on the day of celebration, and I came to appreciate it more than any of the gaily wrapped gifts we opened.

There are very few times in a couple's life together — even a happily married couple like my little brother and sister-in-law there — that presents more upheaval and chaos than the birth of your first baby.

For the young mama, it's a time of tremendous self-doubt and anxiety — you want to do everything "right" and you're so afraid of making some kind of crucial mistake that will put your kid on the Oprah show someday.

For the daddy, it's a time of feeling, for the first time perhaps, the full stress of being a grown-up and of having another human being absolutely and completely dependent upon you.

So I thought I'd use my space here to write a letter of love to Robby and Cindy and all young couples just starting new families — some words of advice from a battle-scarred old war-horse, straight from the trenches of the parenting campaign.

The first thing I want to say is that this is a time to savor. It's so easy to let it get by you in a blur of diapers and bottles and baby baths and sleepless nights. One of the reasons this often happens is that sometimes mama feels pressure to keep a nice neat house as she may have done before. Forget about it. Nobody cares, and if they do, what do you care? It's far more important to spend time sitting in the rocker, tracing your fingertip over a downy cheek and singing lullabyes than it is to make sure the dishes have been done and the carpet vacuumed.

Secondly, everybody is going to want to tell you the "right" way to feed or bathe the baby, how to sterilize this or baby- proof that, when to pick them up and when to put them down. They may criticize openly or just disapprove silently. No matter what you do with your baby, there may be someone dear to you who thinks they can do it better.

Ignore them. This is YOUR baby. Nobody knows your baby better than you do. If you want to breast feed or bottle feed — that is YOUR decision and nobody else's! If they don't like your way of raising your child, they are just going to have to learn to live with it. The bottom line is this: you are so very much wiser than you know. God has gifted you with marvelous common sense and good instincts. (And I know for a fact that Robby and Cindy could not have asked for better parents of their own.) So you already know how to do this — just trust yourself and do whatever feels right to you and don't worry about it. Babies have a remarkable knack of thriving in spite of us!

One quick note on baby competitions — every time young mothers and daddys compare notes, they can't resist bragging that their baby is doing this or that, and sometimes a young parent can begin to worry that their baby is slow or not developing at the same pace. So what? We are all individuals, our children are little people with minds and talents of their own. Don't let anybody else tell you otherwise, but if you should see something that worries you, then by all means discuss it with your pediatrician or family doctor.

And finally, another thing to keep in mind while you are going through all these other changes is that this is a very stressful time on a young marriage. If, like Cindy, one of you chooses to stay home with the baby, then the family income is substantially reduced just when expenses skyrocket. At the same time, you give up so many things you once took for granted — going out to eat whenever you like, seeing the latest movies every weekend, impulse splurges at the mall.

It's tough — there is no way to sugarcoat this. Mama especially is exhausted and her hormones are in a riot and Daddy is worn out and often clueless as to what is expected of him, and the bills are pressing ... you quarrel more during that time than you ever have before.

The thing to remember is this: IT'S OKAY. Your marriage is not in trouble. The baby will get older, your routine will smooth out, you'll get more rested, and then one day you will look at one another over the high chair and realize this one miraculous fact: YOU ARE A FAMILY!

At that moment — and it will come — you realize that you love each other more than you ever dreamed possible. And when that happens, believe me, you will know that it was all worth it.



JOSEPH SPEAR

A serious worrier...

I tell you, the Lord looks after Serious Worriers.

There we were, fretting all summer about what to worry about when Labor Day rolled around and the 1998-1999 Official Worrying Season got underway, and along came a stock market plunge of 500-plus points. Voila, a worthy worry! Months of anxiety to look forward to. Bear markets. Depleted pension plans. Financial melt-down. Global recession. Nirvana!

Things were looking desparate there for a while. I mean, how much more worrying can one do about Bill Clinton's pathological need to commit political suicide? Or about asteroids and the perils of near-Earth objects — now that exploitation flicks like "Deep Impact" and "Armagedon" have turned these heretofore wonderful worries into big yawns? Or about the looming Y2K disaster, which every pedestrian worrier in America is on to by now? No, Serious Worriers needed fresh material, and the stock market came through just in the nick of time.

I should probably pause here and explain to the uninitiated that Serious Worriers — "SWs," to the cognoscenti — are people who were born to brood. Normal People fret over moldy cheese and tire pressure and such; SWs pace the floor at night, stewing over who owns Antarctica and whether termite flatulence is contributing to the global warming problem. NPs worry about hurricanes when there's one making a beeline for their hometown; SWs worry about them when they're itsy-bitsy cloud swirls off the coast of Africa.

Theoretically, SWs have a schedule. They supposedly put aside their anxieties until summer is over, fret until Christmas, pick up the pace again after New Year's, and worry all the way to Memorial Day. In truth, they never stop chewing their nails.

SWs are easy to spot. They have wrinkled foreheads and a furrow between their eyebrows. They're always checking to see if they forgot their wallets. They study their moles for discoloration. And they always say "be careful" to loved ones when they leave the house — even for a walk around the block.

To give you an idea of how a major-league worrier thinks, here are some of the items on the SW agenda for the new season:

Are vast numbers of Americans suffering from vitamin overload? Are long-haul truck drivers getting enough sleep? Are young Americans losing interest in politics? Are hotels doing away with minibars? Is balding becoming a thing of the past, and if so, where will we find the Yul Brynners of tomorrow? Is my sunscreen filtering out ultraviolet "A" rays? Will artists throw away their brushes and paints and go completely digital? Does snoring damage the arteries and contibute to heart disease? Are jetliner contrails adding to the earths cloud cover? Will Camillia Parker Bowles ever be Mrs. King Charles?

And then there are these lollapaloozas:

—Having conquered earth, will corporations take over outer space? I call to your attention a quote from that great futurist publication known as Newsweek: "With plans for floating spaceports, lunar rovers and missions to asteroids, business is viewing the heavens as the final (profit-making) frontier."

—Is a mass extinction currently underway? The American Museum of Natural History in New York polled 400 biologists this year, and 70 percent of them predicted that as many as one-fifth of all species currently living could disappear within 30 years.

—Does the Internet cause depression? A social psychology professor supervised a two-year study of 93 Pittsburgh families that determined that the more time people spend on the Internet, the more isolated, stressed and depressed they feel.

—Is there a spiritual side to cyberspace? Can it be a religious experience? Can baptisms and confessions and other rituals be performed online? Jeff Zaleski, a Buddhist author, examines such questions in a book called "The Soul of Cyberspace." He's not so sure of the transformational potential of the Internet, but others think it shows real promise.

This one could keep SWs occupied for an eon or more.

Letters to the Editor

A Democrat

Dear Editor

Demo since 1929, for Clinton "I" vote. Bush no vote, Bush Jr. no vote.

I vote to transplant the Bushes back in Maine, if they will have them.

I know what Herbert Hoover did to this country.

This paper is Republican. You better be high up or you could be selling pencils too.

J.W. Lane,
Demo, close to 80 not dead.

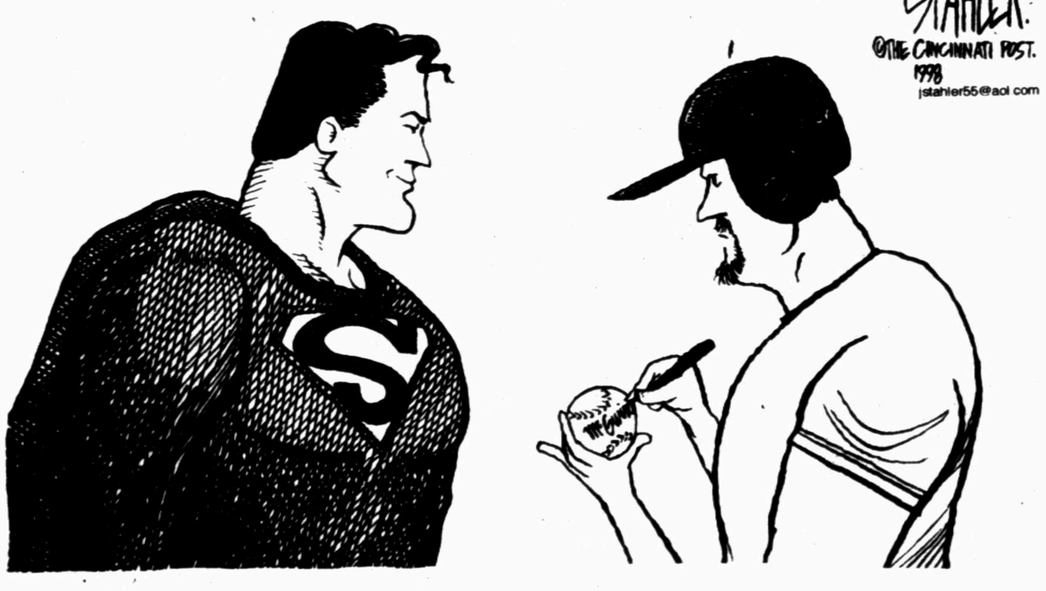
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Opinions in favor of or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.



EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Military border patrols

El Paso Times

Joint Task Force-6, the Department of Defense's antidrug support agency, is to be commended for scheduling a series of 10 meetings with the public from September through November. ...

JTF-6 provides a vital, but little-known, service by coordinating military counter-drug support requested by civilian law-enforcement agencies in the 48 contiguous states and by supplying military personnel from all four military branches for intelligence analysis, training teams, construction projects and more. It is headquartered in El Paso at Biggs Army Airfield.

The agency is not free of controversy. In May 1997, a Marine assigned to JTF-6 shot and killed a 19-year-old goatherd in Redford, Texas. Since the fatal shooting, anti-drug patrols by armed military personnel have been suspended.

The organization provides a coordinating center and information clearinghouse that's desperately needed in the ever-widening war on drugs. And it promotes the cooperation of law-enforcement agencies, which is vital to a comprehensive and effective anti-drug campaign.

When JTF-6 meets with the public, it should serve to clear up concerns and misinformation about the agency. Although the meetings will focus on the environmental impact of JTF-6 and Immigration and Naturalization Service operations, other ancillary matters will undoubtedly come up. JTF-6 and other government officials should make certain that all legitimate concerns are fully addressed. ...

Organ donor awareness

San Antonio Express-News

Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano is proposing a desperate idea.

With only 18 organ donations in the island state last year and 191 people on the waiting list, Cayetano is suggesting that the state government pay the families of organ donors.

The governor's suggestion is understandable, but the idea can go no further. Paying for harvested organs is an invitation to open a black market, a plague rife with moral and ethical dilemmas that quickly could spread to the mainland United States. Further, it's against federal law.

Cayetano is not alone in his desperation. A shortage of donated organs exists in every state. About 20,000 Americans received organ transplants last year, but about 4,000 died waiting for them.

Meanwhile, more than 55,000 people are on the waiting list for transplants, up from 16,000 in 1988.

Hawaiian officials observe that cultural and ethnic beliefs keep most islanders from even discussing organ donation with their loved ones. Similar situations are found on the mainland.

In South Texas, only 76 donors had their organs recovered last year. And that, according to organ bank officials, was a record year.

Education, in Hawaii as in the rest of America, is a key. So is family communication.

Organ donors must know, for example, that their wishes may not be followed by family members even if they've signed an organ donor card. The tragic result is that many Americans needlessly die preventable deaths.

Campaign finance reform

Houston Chronicle

The nation can be grateful to the major tobacco companies for performing at least one beneficial service:

While the tobacco companies for years denied that their product was addictive, they have made abundantly clear the link between money spent in aid of political campaigns and votes cast in Congress.

In 1997, tobacco companies spent more than $30 million on contributions to congressional campaigns and other lobbying aids. It wasn't even an election year. The companies did not spend such a sum merely to make their case; they spent the money based upon the expectation that their money, not their arguments, would have the most influence on legislation.

The Justice Department is investigating whether Republicans in the U.S. Senate this year traded their votes in exchange for tobacco lobbyists' promises to finance independent advertising campaigns leading up to the November elections. The outright sale of votes for campaign dollars is only alleged at this point, but the quid pro quo is crystal clear. The tobacco companies, after all, will not be financing the campaigns of senators who voted against tobacco interests and attacking those who befriended Big Tobacco.

The Democrats have their own campaign finance disgraces to repent. Attorney General Janet Reno has requested a 90-day inquiry into whether Harold Ickes lied to Congress about the fund-raising techniques of the Clinton White House in 1996.

At that time, Ickes was a top aide to President Clinton and chief organizer of the controversial White

House coffees for large campaign donors. Fresh evidence indicates that Ickes' testimony on government help for organized labor — source of much Democratic campaign cash — may have been inaccurate.

A week before, Reno reopened the Justice Department's investigation of Vice President Al Gore's campaign solicitations from his White House office. Notes taken by other officials suggest Gore conspired to divert unregulated money given to the Democratic Party toward the highly regulated coffers of the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

At least the Democrats support campaign finance reforms that would outlaw some of the worst sources of campaign cash traded for votes and favors. The bold generosity of the tobacco companies makes clear why many Republicans are reluctant to go along.

Chemical weapons site

The Dallas Morning News

The Clinton administration may have been justified in attacking a suspected chemical weapons site in the Sudan on Aug. 20. Certainly, in the aftermath of the terrorist bombing of U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam, the White House deserves the benefit of a doubt for destroying the site with at least 20 Tomahawk missiles.

But that benefit of a doubt is good only up to a point. The limit was reached when the administration began answering reporters' questions about the strike in a sloppy and inconsistent manner. That simply cannot continue.

After two weeks of constantly changing spin, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and Defense Secretary William Cohen need to lead the way in shoring up the administration's credibility.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Couple Seeks to Find a Way Of Making Love and Not War

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I fight a lot. It has been going on for a year now. Every day we have an argument in which we yell, scream and put each other down. The language gets very ugly. These episodes are triggered by trivial things. We resolve these arguments by ignoring each other or by going to sleep. The next day, it's as if nothing had happened and we're fine until the next argument.

Our families and friends have no idea, since we're very private about our fighting. They all think we're a "perfect" couple and frequently ask about our wedding plans. I don't want them to know because I feel embarrassed about our behavior.

We both grew up in emotionally abusive homes and both sets of parents are divorced. I was abandoned by my father and my boyfriend was abandoned by his mother. We don't want to end up like our parents, but I'm afraid the cycle is continuing. We want to marry and have children, but I'm afraid of how our family would turn out if we did.

I am depressed and stressed because of this. We love each other very much and want to get help to change our behavior, but money is tight. We're both college students and can't afford therapy. Any advice, Abby?

IN LOVE AND FIGHTING

DEAR IN LOVE AND FIGHTING: Go to the student health center and ask to speak with a counselor. Free or low-cost counseling is offered to students on most college and university campuses. You and your boyfriend need to understand what is triggering these outbursts and learn to constructively vent your frustrations.

Since you both recognize there is a problem and are willing to work on it, I'm sure it can be solved. I commend you for wanting to do something about it before this relationship goes any further. That's mature thinking. I wish you both the best.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have taken several vacations with his mother ("Jane") in the past. Because last Christmas was her first holiday as a widow, we took her with us to the Caribbean. The trip was a disaster. Jane complained incessantly that she didn't like the island because it wasn't as nice as her home. I told my husband that I wouldn't spend another vacation with her because she ruined it for all of us.

This year we planned a vacation to Maui where my sister-in-law lives. We planned on keeping this a secret because we wanted to go with just our immediate family. Unfortunately, our daughter spilled the beans.

Jane now plans to go to Maui at the same time we'll be there. We are staying in a home and will have an extra bed. I am worried that she will stay with us, or plan to spend all the time with us and ruin another vacation. My husband does not want to tell her she is not welcome to come along because he's afraid it may destroy their relationship.

Abby, we work very hard and look forward to spending our annual week's vacation with our children. How can I let Jane know she is not welcome to come with us?

DESPERATE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR DESPERATE: Face it — you can't. Your daughter spilled the beans and you are stuck. There's no way you can tell your mother-in-law you don't want her to join you without causing a rift, so be a good sport. If I were you, I'd start looking for a place where Jane could stay in Maui — someplace close to you that's "as nice as her home." Better luck next year.

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DEAR ABBY: Please answer as soon as possible, as I am in deep trouble. My husband and I went on a gambling excursion. We had an agreement that if either of us won more than $100, we would divide the amount with each other.

He won $150 on a poker machine. I asked him for my half. Our friend, Olivia, who was standing nearby, said to me, "Oh, don't take half his winnings." I told her we'd had an agreement, and I insisted, but my husband wouldn't give me the money. After that, Olivia wasn't even civil to me.

Abby, if I had won $150, I would have given my husband the agreed-upon half. I feel it's a matter of principle.

You may think this is a trivial problem, but in this house, nothing is trivial, it seems. I'm sitting here in tears. Abby, if I'm wrong, please tell me.

WINNER'S WIFE WHO'S WANTING

DEAR WIFE: A deal's a deal, and your husband should ante up the half of his winnings he agreed to give you. However, since he didn't, dry your tears and forgive his selfishness. In the future, don't count on him to take the high road when it comes to money.

P.S. I suggest you watch out for Olivia. With friends like that, who needs enemies?

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DEAR ABBY: The following came from a local magazine dedicated to our furry companions. I think it is important enough to ask you to share with your readers.

WINONA MANCUSI, CAMARILLO, CALIF.

DEAR WINONA: You bet it is.

TEN WORST EXCUSES NOT TO SPAY OR NEUTER A PET

1. Just one litter and then we'll have Fluffy spayed.

(Studies show that virtually the entire pet overpopulation stems from the "just one litter" mentality.)

2. My dog doesn't run loose, so he doesn't need to be fixed.

(Murphy's Law says otherwise.)

3. We always find homes for the kittens.

(And that means that an equal number of kittens at the pound will be killed.)

4. I want the children to witness the miracle of birth.

(Rent a video.)

5. My dog is so cute and unique, there should be more of her.

(The shelters and pounds are full of cute and unique dogs, most with only a few days to live.)

6. It's not natural.

(There hasn't been anything "natural" about dogs since we began to develop breeds thousands of years ago.)

7. I just couldn't look my dog in the eye if I had him castrated.

(Watch it, you're anthropomorphizing.)

8. A female dog or cat should have at least one litter for health reasons.

(Medically, factually and ethically indefensible.)

9. Neutering my dog will make him fat and lazy.

(Too much food and not enough exercise make a dog fat and lazy.)

10. Fixing my pet will change its personality.

(The primary influences on an animal's personality are the kindness and care with which it is raised.)

Readers, if your pet is not spayed or neutered, make an appointment with your veterinarian or a pet clinic today.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Q&A

What is your drug IQ?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse. The current series is dedicated to supplying general information to our readers. Getting back to the basics, we are using the ABC's as a structured guideline. Each week, the column will concentrate on such topics as Gamblers Anonymous, High-Risk vs. Protective Factors, Improving Your Drug "I.Q." etc. Readers may want to cut out the articles and save them as a resource for future reference.)

ABC's of Substance Abuse
(Article 9 of 26)

I ~ WHAT IS YOUR DRUG "I.Q."?

Almost as dangerous as the drugs themselves are the myths and half-truths that surround them. Take the following true-false quiz and test your knowledge about alcohol, marijuana, LSD, cocaine, heroin and inhalants.

Questions:

1. Wine coolers are "softer" and therefore not as harmful as "hard" liquor, like whiskey or vodka. T F
2. Alcohol is more dangerous for young people than it is for adults. T F
3. Smoking a marijuana joint is just as dangerous as smoking tobacco cigarettes. T F
4. LSD is identical to a natural substance already present in the brain. T F
5. Occasional cocaine use can kill a person. T F
6. Heroin is used most often by people from lower socioeconomic levels. T F
7. Breathing inhalants can cause "sudden sniffing death." T F

Answers:

1. False ~ There is no such thing as "hard" or "soft" liquor. A 12-ounce wine cooler contains just as much alcohol as a 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1-ounce of whiskey. No matter what form or flavor, alcohol is a powerful depressant drug that leads to heart disease, liver damage, respiratory depression and death.
2. True ~ Due to the fact that their brains and body systems are still growing, adolescents are more vulnerable to the toxic effects of alcohol.
3. True ~ Many of the toxic elements contained in tobacco are also found in marijuana. In terms of cancer-causing agents, one joint can cause as much damage to the lungs as five tobacco cigarettes. Marijuana smokers tend to inhale more deeply and hold in smoke longer, causing chronic lung damage in some abusers.
4. True ~ LSD tricks the brain by mimicking some of its natural chemicals called endorphins. Our brains know exactly how much of an endorphin we need to feel good, but people using LSD have no way of knowing the strength of the dose or how their bodies will react.
5. True ~ Considered one of the most highly addictive of the drugs of abuse, cocaine is a very powerful central nervous system stimulant that can produce both physical and psychological dependence. No matter what form – powder, freebase, crack – there is no safe way to use cocaine. Even first-time abusers can experience seizures and breathing problems. Cocaine tightens blood vessels, making the heart work harder and faster. This can lead to heart attacks and sudden death, even in young healthy people. A single dose of cocaine can prove fatal.
6. False ~ Heroin is used by people from all social and economic classes. Dealers who sell heroin want to keep people hooked, no matter what their age, race or income level. Dealers will sometimes give away free doses to first-time abusers. By getting people addicted, they keep a steady supply of customers.
7. True ~ Some of the volatile substances contained in inhalants can produce fatal effects. Known as "sudden sniffing death," this term is used to explain the condition in which the heart rate increases erratically resulting in cardiac arrest and death.

How did you do? Now that you have accurate, up-to-date facts, you can avoid the risks and make the smart choice to be drug-free.

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August makes it record 8 hot months in a row

WASHINGTON (AP) — The news arrived like an old phonograph record with a scratch: Last month was the hottest on record.

August was the eighth month in a row to set a new average high temperature worldwide, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration reported Thursday.

"The trend is up, and it will keep going up," Vice President Al Gore commented at the White House. Gore is a prime proponent of the view that the Earth is gradually warming due to a buildup of man-made gases in the atmosphere. There is disagreement on this theory in the scientific community.

According to the NOAA analysis, the average global temperature for August was 61.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

That broke the previous August record of 61.1 degrees set in 1997 and is 1.3 degrees above the long-term average of 60.1 degrees for August.

"Each month this year has set new all-time record global near-surface temperatures," the agency noted.

For the year to date, the average global temperature of 58.5 degrees Fahrenheit was also 1.3 degrees above the long-term average of 57.2.

That average is based on data from 1880 to 1997, according to the National Climatic Data Center, the NOAA's record-keeping division.

During August, surface warmth was evident over much of the globe, with cool areas in Europe, Alaska, Siberia, Bangladesh, the South Atlantic and the Central Pacific, the agency said.

In the Central Pacific, sea surface temperatures were below normal, an event commonly referred to as La Nina, although ocean temperatures off the northwest coast of South America remained warm.

In the United States, the January through August period has been the fifth-wettest and fourth-warmest on record.

For the year to date, the nation has had an average of 22.77 inches of precipitation. The normal for the period is 20.05 inches. The wettest January through August period was in 1979, with 23.34 inches of precipitation.

Grimes sheriff gives up badge

GROVETON — Grimes County Sheriff Bill Foster has relinquished his badge as part of a sentencing agreement for a perjury conviction.

Two months ago, a Trinity County jury found Foster guilty of misdemeanor perjury for lying to a 1995 Grimes County grand jury that was investigating his official spending practice.

The grand jury had initially returned a 244-count theft indictment and Grimes County trial jurors found him innocent on 180 of those. The panel was deadlocked on the remaining 64 counts.

Because the original grand jury that had come up with the indictment was later found to have been improperly formed, the case was moved to Trinity County and jurors there convicted Foster on July 20 of one count of misdemeanor perjury.

At issue was one statement he made to the grand jury. Three years ago, he told them that he hadn't changed a battery in the pickup truck he drove for official business. Evidence was later produced that the battery had been changed.

"It doesn't have to be a material issue," explained defense attorney Kenneth Keeling. Any incorrect statement to a grand jury can result in a perjury charge.

24-year-old manquerades as teen-ager

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 24-year-old fugitive from France has accepted a plea bargain that could land him behind bars for 25 years for pretending he was a boy who was reported missing four years ago at age 14.

Frederic Bourdin had rejected a similar deal on Wednesday, but on Thursday he accepted a plea bargain requiring him to admit he lied to obtain a passport and used the fraudulent document to pose as Nicholas Barclay.

Barclay was reported missing four years ago. Bourdin surfaced and lived with Barclay's family for several months.

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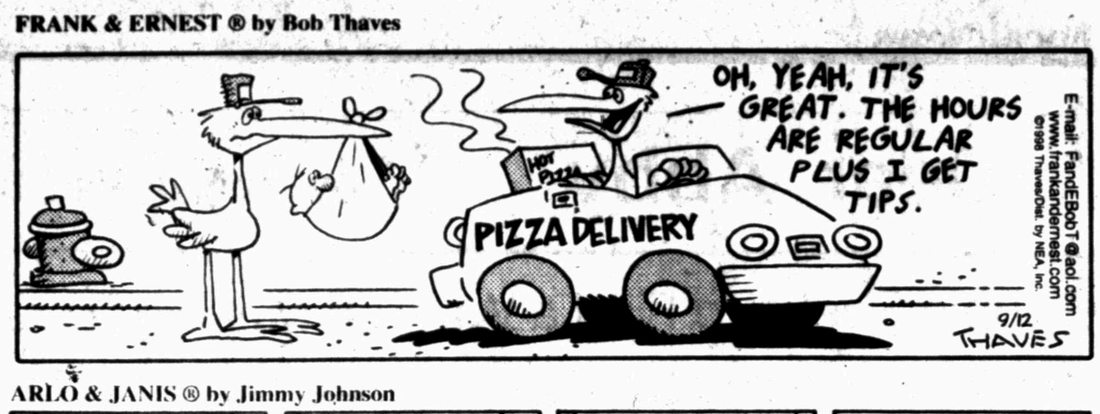
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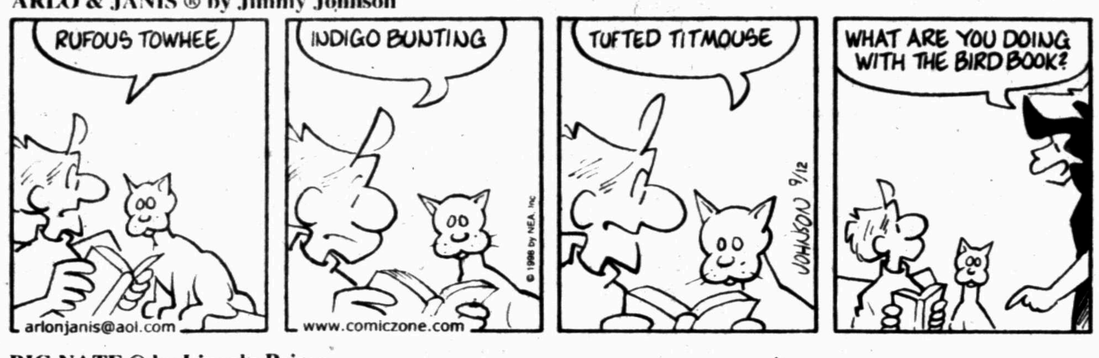
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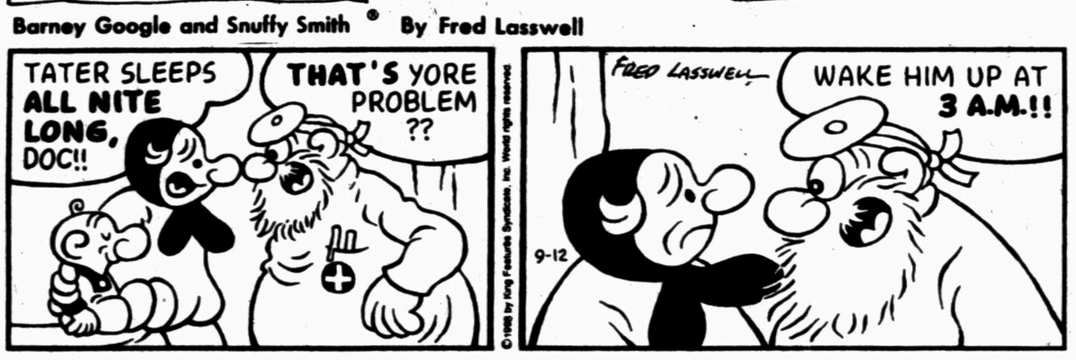
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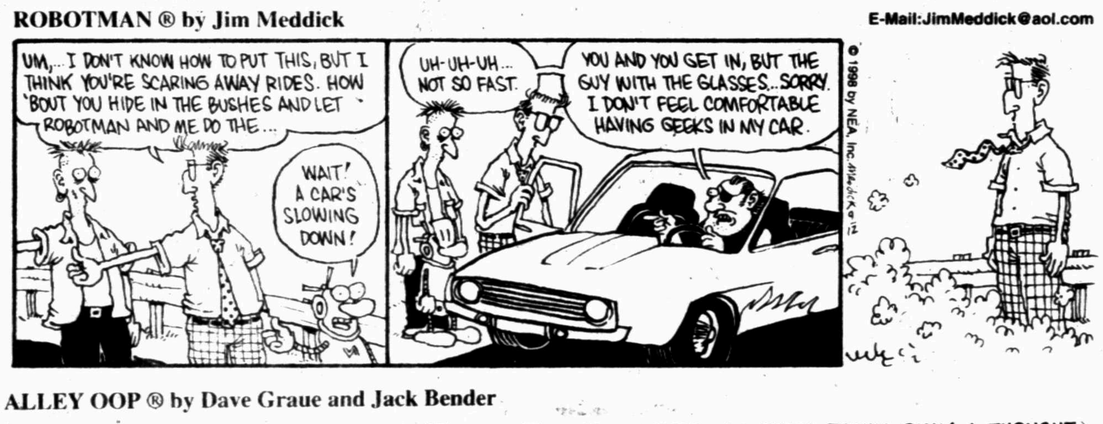
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12 Pressure
14 Act like a dockworker
15 Deadly fly
16 Dawn goddess
17 Household god
19 Wax
20 Apparel
23 Skater's figure
26 Airport info
27 Toothpaste top
30 Dissolved substance
32 Gum tree
34 Kind of power
35 In dreamland
36 Labor org.
37 Atty.'s deg.
39 Facilitates
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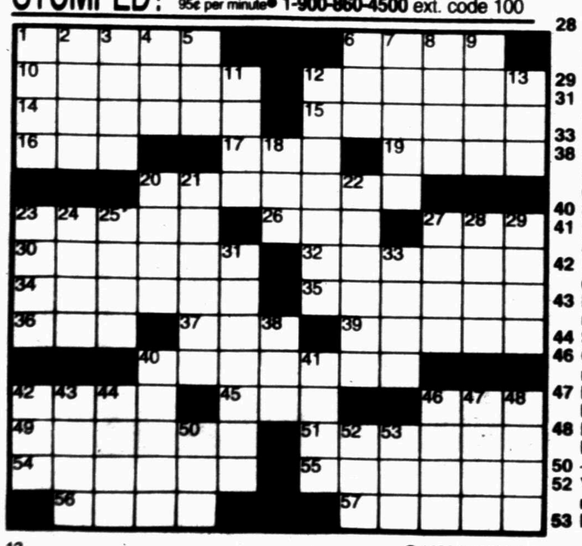
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11 Sandwich shop
12 Certain musical passage
13 Look at
18 Soul (Fr.)
20 Baba au — King of the Huns
21 Queasy feeling
22 Brother of Jacob
23 Least bit
24 Shine
25 Average marks
27 On the sheltered side
28 Bursts
29 Solar or lunar event
31 Frolic
33 Diner sandwich (abbr.)
38 Sonata part
40 Beer ingredient
41 Food additive (abbr.)
42 Harrow's rival
43 Stubborn one
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48 — Pan Alley
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52 Fleur-de- —
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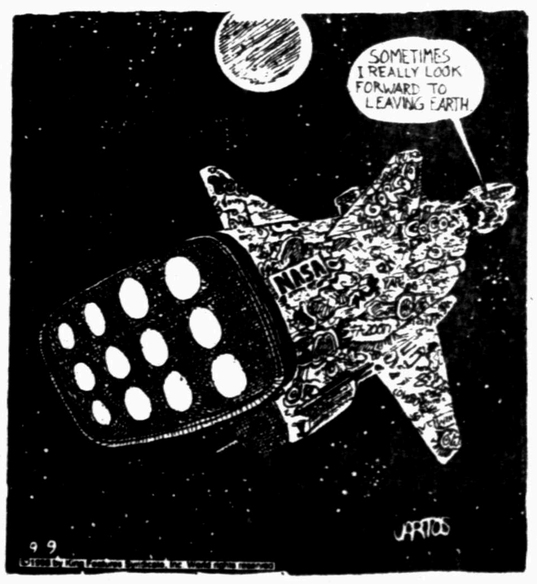
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FDA appoves new rheumatoid arthritis drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 2 million Americans with rheumatoid arthritis won the first new treatment against their crippling disease in over a decade Friday, a drug that promises to relieve their pain and stiffness and slow the erosion of their joints.

Arava, made by Hoechst Marion Roussel, is not a cure. But the Food and Drug Administration approved Arava on Friday as comparable to today's standard therapy, methotrexate, giving patients a long-needed alternative.

Doctors say studying Arava has brought new understanding in how to treat rheumatoid arthritis — that patients need powerful therapy in the disease's earliest stages to help protect joints from irreparable damage.

The new studies suggest taking either methotrexate or Arava is important for patients in the first one to three years of their disease — a window of time before they feel too bad, but when their joints are undergoing a silent, serious attack, said Dr. Michael Schiff of the Denver Arthritis Center. Yet many early rheumatoid patients today take only anti-inflammatory painkillers.

"That doesn't do anything more than make patients feel better," said Schiff, who helped research Arava. "We now realize you need to do more than that, and can do more. ... The (joint) damage occurs very early."

Arava must be used carefully by women of childbearing age, the FDA cautioned. Those women must use effective birth control while taking Arava because animal studies suggest the drug can cause numerous birth defects.

And unlike most drugs that rapidly clear out of the body after patients take their last dose, Arava can linger for six months. Thus, women who wish to become pregnant must tell their doctors in advance, so they can take medication to help flush out the drug before conception.

Rheumatoid arthritis is not the type that plagues the elderly as their joints essentially wear out. Instead, it is an autoimmune disease — the immune system goes awry and attacks patients' own cartilage. It typically strikes between ages 25 and 50, and afflicts mostly women.

The best treatment has been methotrexate, also a cancer drug. But it causes troublesome side effects and its effectiveness wanes over time, leaving patients with few options.

Arava is the first in a slew of new rheumatoid arthritis medicines poised to hit the market in coming months. Next week, an FDA advisory committee will consider a novel biologically engineered treatment that promises few side effects.

With Friday's approval, Arava beats the competition to pharmacy shelves. It will be available by mid-October, with an average wholesale price of $8 a day, Hoechst said.

Arava, known chemically as leflunomide, works by blocking the overproduction of immune cells that are responsible for most arthritis-caused inflammation.

In one study of 480 Americans with moderate disease, 41 percent of Arava patients saw their arthritis improve, compared with 19 percent of patients taking dummy pills. That's about as much improvement as patients got taking standard methotrexate.

Then Hoechst took X-rays of patients' hands and feet to track the disease's progression by studying how it erodes bone and eats away cartilage. Arava patients did worsen. But in a year of study, placebo patients worsened four times more quickly than Arava patients.

The FDA said methotrexate also slowed rheumatoid progression as effectively as Arava.

Like methotrexate, Arava can cause such side effects as diarrhea, hair loss and liver toxicity. Arava patients will need regular liver monitoring, but any toxicity typically occurs soon after patients begin taking the drug, the FDA said.

San Antonio, Austin eye commuter train service

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Proposals for a commuter train to link the Austin-San Antonio corridor have taken a step forward.

The San Antonio City Council voted Thursday to join Austin in exploring the long-envisioned service, which would run from Kelly Air Force Base to Georgetown, north of Austin. Officials see the train as a way to relieve Interstate 35 traffic congestion in the fast-growing corridor.

"I'm glad to see this step," said San Antonio mayor Howard Peak, who supported the corridor-rail concept while serving as chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization prior to becoming mayor.

The council has authorized the mayor to appoint a representative to a facilitation committee.

Results of a Texas Department of Transportation study of the project's feasibility are expected in about six months.

A 1997 state law authorizes San Antonio, Austin and Bexar and Travis counties to jointly create a commuter-rail district to oversee development of the service, possibly on tracks just west of I-35 now used by freight trains.

The Austin City Council passed a resolution in March supporting creation of a rail district. But Travis County commissioners opted in June to wait until more is known about the project's funding and feasibility.

Board considering slate of proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposals to raise teacher salaries, fund optional prekindergarten for all 4-year-olds and reduce class size in the lowest grades are up for consideration by the State Board of Education for recommendation to state lawmakers.

Those proposals, along with several others suggested by various board members, would cost an estimated total of $8 billion to implement over two years.

Board members discussed them Thursday and will look at them again Friday, although a final vote may not come until November. The Legislature next convenes in January.

One of the most expensive items — raising the average teacher pay in Texas to the national average, at an estimated cost of $3.2 billion over two years — drew support from several board members.

"I want to pay anybody who will teach with us and get certification a living wage," said board member Will Davis of Austin, a Democrat.

The Texas Federation of Teachers and Texas State Teachers Association are pushing for at least a $6,000 pay raise. So is Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro. The average Texas teacher salary in 1996-97 was $32,426, compared with $38,436 nationally.

Supporters cite a shortage of certified teachers. Pay raise proposals come as the state comptroller projects a $3.7 billion surplus when the current two-year budget period ends next year, plus an anticipated $2.6 billion revenue increase the following biennium.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush's campaign has criticized Mauro's pay-raise plan as ignoring both merit and the differing needs of Texas school districts.

Instead, Bush's proposals include sending $1 billion to school districts so local officials "can make the right decision for teacher pay and classroom size" and devoting $2 billion to school property tax cuts.

While not mentioning Bush by name, Democratic board member Alma Allen of Houston said, "We have a surplus of money. Before we go cutting taxes and divvying it up and giving it back just do something political and be something impressive, we certainly need to include teachers in there."

But James Crow of the Texas Association of School Boards said budget decisions including teacher salary increases are best left to local boards, which he said already have worked to raise teacher pay.

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Swiss bog records history of humans

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the wealth of ancient Persia to Roman pipes, from medieval German mines to modern antiknock gasoline, lead has been a constant companion of mankind.

The rise and fall of that relationship now has been traced back almost to the last ice age by scientists probing the muck of a Swiss peat bog.

Plumbing nearly 21 feet into the damp, swampy bog, researchers studied sediments that accumulated over more than 14,000 years. Bog waters do not mix with nearby rivers or underground water and their only source for material like lead is what settles out of the air.

So, the team was able to measure the saga of lead in the air and airborne dust as it increased and decreased, changed in type and mixed with other elements, providing the first complete record for such a long time span. Their findings are in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

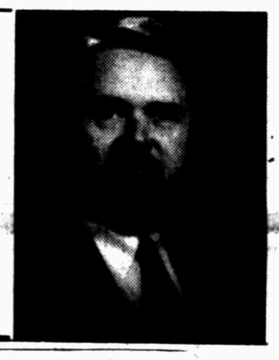
These days, the study confirmed, lead levels in the atmosphere are decreasing due to the success of efforts to reduce lead emissions from industrial sources and the removal of lead from gasoline.

Looking back over the centuries, the team lead by William Shotyk of the University of Berne, Switzerland, found changes in lead that correlated with major changes in European history.

Lead "was the first metal extracted from its ore and with this discovery, humankind awakened to metal technology," notes Jerome O. Nriagu of the University of Michigan.

Lead is often found in conjunction with highly prized silver, so the wealth of Persian kings and medieval German miners produced large amounts of lead that was melted off, much of it going into the air as smoke in smelting processes. It also has had many uses.

Minding Your Own Business



By Don Taylor

The Power of Positioning for Profit
(Part one of a three-part series)

I watched the business begin to grow after a shaky start. I wondered if the owner really knew what she was doing. Her prices seemed very high to me. Three years later, she was enjoying splendid success.

"I only wanted the very top the market," she said. "I'll leave the price buyers to Kmart and Wal-Mart. My goal was to have the best names (brands), the best quality and unmatched service. That's my market position."

The little bank soared in assets. I don't think any of the principals expected the skyrocketing growth. In a casual conversation, one of the executives described the operation "We didn't set-out to become the biggest bank in the market," he said. "Our goal was — and still is — to be the best bank. If we do become the largest, it will be because of our people. Our position is people who know how to build personal relationships."

The catalog publisher promises 24-hour turnaround on all orders. "The only thing that makes us different from all of our competitors is how fast and how accurately we fill our customers' orders. That is our strength, that is our position," he said.

These three successful businesses have three completely different market positions. The owners understand the power of good positioning and their respective positions ensure their success.

Position Defined

There are probably as many definitions of positioning as there are marketing authors. I prefer simple explanations, so I define market position in this way: Your position is the advantages and benefis you give your customers that they can't get anywhere else. Your position then, is what makes you unique.

Be careful here that you don't fall into a common small-business trap. Being different or unique does not ensure your success. Just being different is not a market position. You must give your customers an advantage or benefit. The reason some business fails is they don't give the customers any good reasons for buying their products or services. The customer must see and understand the benefits.

Four Fatal Positions

•**The Market Dominator Position**. The market dominator (M.D.) wants to be number one. The M.D. will cut prices to gain market share. The M.D. will trade margin, income and long-term wealth for short-term bragging rights. The M.D. must be the biggest. Unfortunately, the focus of the business often shifts from satisfying customers to increasing revenues. **Positioning Tip**: Focus on taking care of customers and growth will come — naturally.

•**The Monkey See, Monkey Do Position**. This marketing strategy is based on doing what your competitors are doing. If your competitor cuts prices, you cut your prices. If your competitor buys a big yellow page ad, you buy one, too. **Positioning Tip**: You'll never learn what your customers need and want by watching your competitors.

•**The Business As Usual Position**. This position assumes that because last year was a pretty good year this one will be a pretty good year. The owner will often say, "I've been in business 31 years and I don't see any reason to change what I'm doing now." **Positioning Tip**: If the speed of change outside your business is faster than the changes you're making inside your business, you may already be in trouble.

•**The Low Price Leader Position**. While your position is clear, there is nothing unique about the market position. When you are the low-price leader, you are always vulnerable to a "lower price" competitor. History records the failures of many who tried to undersell everyone. **Positioning Tip** Don't become the low-price leader; become the low-cost provider.

Next week in part two, I'll describe some powerful positions for small-business owners. Don't miss, "The Power of Positioning for Profit part two.

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Proposed bills listed below

AUSTIN (AP) — Some proposed legislative recommendations suggested by one or more State Board of Education members, and the estimated cost if available:

— Raise teacher pay to the national average, costing $3.2 billion over the two-year budget period.

— Reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in prekindergarten through third grade to 15-to-1, or add teacher assistants. Class size now is capped at 22 students per teacher in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Cutting the pupil-teacher ratio would cost $3.5 billion. That includes $1 billion annually for additional teachers, plus a one-time cost of $1.5 billion for additional classrooms.

— Fund an optional full-day or half-day kindergarten program open to all 4-year-olds at a two-year cost of $1 billion.

The state now funds half-day prekindergarten for students who are at least 3 years old and are homeless, disadvantaged or can't speak or comprehend English.

— Expand funding for a reading initiative at a two-year cost of $178 million.

— Create a mathematics assessment similar to the statewide reading initiative at a two-year cost of $32 million.

— Create grants to fund the development of computer software and websites that provide training for educators in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum rewrite, at a cost of $30 million annually.

— Fund grants to public school districts with teacher shortages to contract with private-sector employee recruitment services, for $10 million annually.

— Board adoption of an anti-voucher resolution. Vouchers would allow tax funds to pay for private school tuition.

— Board adoption of a resolution in support of bilingual education and opposing any action similar to California's Proposition 227.

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Paint-maker accused of concealing chemicals

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The paint is familiar to hikers in many of the nation's national forests — a commercial splash in the middle of nature designating the trees picked by the Forest Service for logging.

But Carla Tipton, a Forest Service timber sale officer, claims the paint is making workers sick — even causing miscarriages — because the manufacturer lied about its chemical contents.

"I think there are employees out there across the country who have been exposed to these hazardous chemicals," Tipton, who works at the Wallowa Whitman National Forest in Oregon, said Thursday.

In a lawsuit filed against Niles Chemical Paint Co. of Niles, Mich., Tipton alleges the company knew the paint it manufactured for the Forest Service contained chemicals prohibited by the U.S. government.

The banned chemicals included toluene, a solvent that the state of California says is known to "cause reproductive toxicity," according to the lawsuit.

A federal health study completed in May concluded that hundreds of female employees at the Forest Service who worked with herbicides or the special tree-marking paint were at an increased risk of miscarriage. It did not single out the paint as the cause.

The paint has been used widely at national forests throughout the Pacific Northwest, Lake Tahoe basin, Southeast and elsewhere over the past 10 years. In 1993, an estimated 3,000 people — 80 percent of them men — worked on Forest Service crews using tree-marking paint.

Tipton said she filed the lawsuit under the federal False Claims Act in Tacoma, Wash., "because nothing had been changing."

Andy Stahl, executive director of the Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, said damages in the case could exceed $10 million.

"The paint cans that the paint comes in say very prominently on the label, 'No Toluene,'" Stahl said from Eugene, Ore. "One could argue that each can of paint was a false claim."

The company, which could face civil penalties of up to $10,000 for each alleged false claim, had no immediate comment. The lawsuit was filed in April and unsealed Wednesday.

Tipton, of Baker City, Ore., said she collected complaints from employees for years and finally hired two private labs that detected toluene in the paint last year. She led a group of workers who volunteered an extensive anecdotal report about miscarriages and other health problems to the Forest Service's regional office in Portland in December.

Employees have complained of nausea, headaches, diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue, blurry vision, chronic sinus irritation, chronic cough, mental confusion and disorientation.

The Forest Service began disposing of some of the paint in May after the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health found that work as a forester was associated with an increased likelihood of miscarriages compared with other Forest Service jobs from 1986-96.

The NIOSH stopped short of blaming the paint for miscarriages or other health problems, but concluded foresters who mark trees for logging suffer above-normal miscarriage rates.

Madonna shares spotlight with politics

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — For a minute, it seemed as if the MTV Video Music Awards show was getting serious on us.

A member of the Beastie Boys attacked U.S. policy. Wyclef Jean of the Fugees complained about a perceived slur of Haitians in the movie "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

But before long, Thursday night's ceremony retreated to the silly banter and antics that have marked its 15-year history — actor-rapper Mark Wahlberg urged actress Jennifer Lopez to shed some clothing; Madonna philosophized about the "thin line" between genius and nonsense; and Best New Artist winner Natalie Imbruglia confessed to a disturbing fashion trend.

"I've been wearing these pants for three days. That's the truth," she said backstage.

Madonna was the big winner, capturing five trophies for her "Ray of Light" video and one for "Frozen." She also wore an near-sheer top during her performance and was bleeped by censors at one point. Still, the singer said she was "more interested in inspiring people rather than shocking people."

Actor and rapper Will Smith picked up two awards for "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," and "Just The Two of Us," a song about fatherhood. He brought his young son to the podium to pick the latter award.

"It's really a song about the other side of divorce," he said. "So I really want to thank my wife and, actually, I want to thank my ex-wife for both of them being mature enough to make the situation turn out on the positive, happy side."

Things briefly turned political when the Beastie Boys were presented with the special Video Vanguard Award. Up stepped Adam Yauch.

"I think it was a real mistake that the U.S. chose to fire missiles into the Middle East. .... I think it's very important the U.S. start to look toward nonviolent means of resolving conflicts," said Yauch, apparently referring to U.S. attacks in the Sudan and Afghanistan in response to the bombings of American embassies in Africa.

Jean, accepting the R&B video award for "Gone Till November," also got serious by criticizing "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" for a comment in which a character links Haiti to AIDS.

"I was saddened and offended to see my country used as a brunt of an AIDS joke in the movie. AIDS is a crisis and not a ... comedy," said Jean, who contributed to the film's soundtrack.

Not everyone had a political statement to make. When she was asked about President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, Courtney Love said backstage: "That is so retarded. I can't believe you would ask me that. ... I think it's none of our business."

More typical of the night, however, was Wahlberg's plea to Lopez to take off the long coat he complained was hiding her body.

Home-run king Mark McGwire and slugger Sammy Sosa struck out in an appearance via videotape, bumbling through a band introduction.

And MTV couldn't do anything about the obscene gesture Green Day member Billie Joe Armstrong jokingly made to a friend in the audience. Green Day won the alternative video award for "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)."

Many immigrants face hazards on job

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Once an angry red, the scars on Benny Orosco's burned forearms have faded to a light purple. Eight months after surviving a chemical plant explosion that killed four co-workers, he again walks without a limp.

Now, the worst scars Orosco carries from the accident are on the inside.

"I have nightmares. I see my friends talking to me just before. Then I see them dead," said Orosco, 24, through a translator. "Now I sleep with the light on."

The January blast that left a 40-foot-wide crater at the Sierra Chemical Co. plant and killed four Hispanic workers brought fresh attention to the workplace hazards that face many immigrants.

The issue arose again in June when four Mexican immigrants were among six people killed in the DeBruce Grain elevator explosion in Haysville, Kan.

There are common threads in the stories — low-paid Mexican immigrants working long hours, and charges that unsafe working conditions went uncorrected.

Immigration experts say the same problems exist at farms in California, meat packing houses in Kansas, ship-scrapping facilities in Texas and food processing mills across the Midwest.

"It's a very difficult situation," said Joel Najar, immigration policy analyst for the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights coalition.

"They work long hours for low pay and they know they are very replaceable so they don't want to complain," Najar said. "We see this a lot in the construction industry. A worker falls off the roof and has to pay everything out of their own pocket. But sometimes things can be worse than that."

Often, the workers lack citizenship documentation and fear that complaining could cost them their jobs, or more importantly, cause vengeful employers to notify authorities about their whereabouts, said Pasquale Lombardo, staff attorney for the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles.

"It's a problem that seems to be growing. But it's hard to get figures," Lombardo said. "Historically, we have been talking about farm work but we are seeing more Hispanic and Asian immigrant workers in the meat packing industry. We are almost always talking about dangerous work."

Policing the nation's 6 million workplaces is not easy with 2,000 inspectors, said Charles Jeffress, the assistant labor secretary who oversees the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

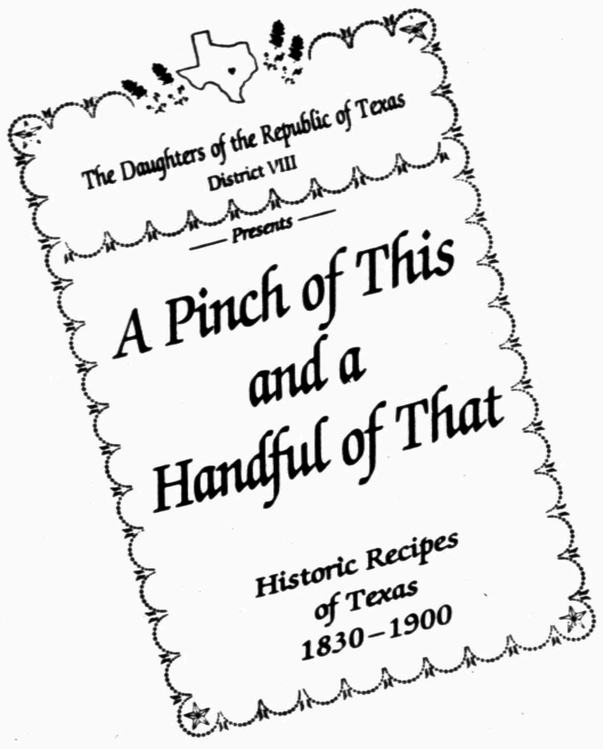
To improve inspection of dangerous workplaces, Jeffress said, OSHA has changed from a policy of random inspections to targeting industries with higher than normal injury and death rates.

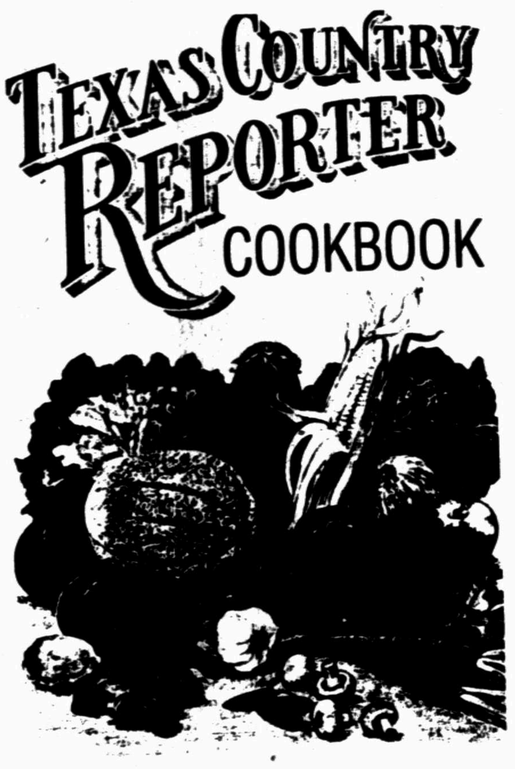
"We are trying to give inspections some sense of priority," Jeffress said. "We are hoping it will pay dividends."

Jeffress said new immigrants often find themselves in low-skill, high-turnover jobs where injury rates can be high.

Safety questions had been raised about both the Sierra Chemical and DeBruce Grain facilities.

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