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Happy Halloween!

Spooks and goblins are forecast tonight

It's trick or treat time across the country this evening, the spooky night when youngsters dress up like goblins, ghosts, witches, story book characters, cowgirls, pirates and everything else imaginable and go door to door collecting candy and other goodies.

Local law enforcement agencies are advising parents to supervise the younger kiddoes and reminding them that light-colored costumes and reflective tape are best for safety reasons. They urge motorists to be especially cautious. Parents should, of course, instruct their children not to eat any candy until mom and dad have had a chance to inspect it first.

To insure a more safe Halloween, parents may want to take their children to one or more controlled sites this evening. Among them:

—Youngsters are invited to trick or treat from 5 until 6 o'clock at Scurry County Courthouse.

—Snyder Police Department will be handing out candy from 5 until 7 in the foyer of the Law Enforcement Center.

—Cogdell Long Term Unit at Cogdell Hospital will host trick or treaters from 6 until 7.

—Snyder Healthcare, 5311 Big Spring Highway, will have a spook house from 7 until 9.

—SHS drama department is staging its annual spook house at Worsham Auditorium. The doors will open as soon as the football game at Tiger Stadium ends. Admission to the spook house is $3 per person.

—Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a Halloween costume dance in the Hermleigh Gym immediately following tonight's home football game. The dance will last until 1 a.m. Cost is $3 for those in costume; $4 without.

Ira festival set Saturday

Ira holds its annual Fall Festival in the high school gym Saturday.

The belated Halloween event will include a spook house, a cake walk, basketball throw, dime toss, needle in the haystack and other games.

A concession stand will be available.

The festival will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 9 o'clock.

SPLAT! — Winnie the Witch was flying a little too low in the area of the Field Crest Apartments this week as she was making practice runs for Halloween night. She whispered that she wants all trick-or-treaters to be extra careful tonight as they make their rounds in their neighborhoods. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pact reached for campaign finance vote by next spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks of Democratic pressure for an up-or-down vote on campaign finance overhaul legislation paid off as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott announced an agreement to hold the debate and votes by March 7.

In return, Lott will regain control of an overflowing Senate agenda as lawmakers race to finish their year's work by next Friday.

Democrats had blocked all but urgent legislation, such as spending bills for the budget year that began Oct. 1, to force Republicans to agree to a timetable and method for considering campaign finance legislation.

"After a great deal of communication and discussion and working back and forth, I think we've come up with a fair agreement on how to handle the campaign finance reform issue," Lott said Thursday. The agreement, he said, "would allow us to go forward on other issues this year."

Among the major non-spending bills awaiting Senate action are a six-year, $145 billion highway bill or a six-month temporary alternative, an Amtrak bill, Internal Revenue Service reform and fast-track trade authority sought by President Clinton.

At the White House, Clinton praised the agreement, saying, "At long last, we have an opportunity to give the American people the kind of election they deserve.

"I want to commend the entire Democratic caucus and a few brave Republicans whose steadfastness has now produced the first real opportunity to enact campaign finance reform," he said.

The turning point, said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was the fourth consecutive defeat of GOP attempts to cut off a Democratic filibuster on the highway bill.

"I think there was a sense that 'We'll grind them down,'" Daschle said. The fourth vote "was the critical demonstration that we were serious."

Early balloting period ends today

Early voting in the Nov. 4 constitutional amendments election ends at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Those who did not take advantage of the period can vote Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at four consolidated precincts.

According to the clerk's office, 139 people had voted in the early period by noon today.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Boo! Happy trick or treating."

It just wouldn't be the same.

If you can remember outhouses, you can recall the Halloween prank off tipping it over or relocating it to the courthouse square or on the roof of the school.

It was a prank then, but today it would be called criminal mischief — and at the cost of this outhouse — it definitely would be a felony.

While two-holers are an endangered species these days, there's at least one outdoor toilet that will be safe from gobblins.

We read where the federal government shelled out more than $333,000 of your tax dollars to build some lavish two-holers in a national park in Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

Those who use to frequent outdoor privies might not recognize the government model.

They feature a slate, gabled roof, cedar clapboard siding, cottage-style porches and a cobblestone foundation that can windstand an earthquake. (Forget tipping it over.)

Never mind that the outhouse is without running water and isn't open in the winter.

The outhouse costs between $333,000 and $445,000, based on different estimates. It is reported that $102,000 was spent on planning and design, $81,000 for an on-site engineer and between $150,000 and $262,000 for construction.

Said one government official, "We could have built it cheaper, but we wanted someone coming up the trail or off the road to encounter a nice restroom facility."

The baseboards in each outdoor john are painted with $78 a gallon custom-mixed epoxy resin that matches the surrounding hemlock evergreen wood. Wildflowers planted around the foundation are certified Joe Pye Weed Seed — costing about $720 a pound.

The toilets are $13,000 state-of-the-art composting models that eliminate water-quality problems. The capstone porch railings are made of quarried Indiana limestone, and the quake-proof foundation includes 29-inch thick walls.

Just have to wonder if there's a gold nail on which to hang the Sears catalog?

And the government didn't even knock and say, "Trick or treat."

How to really put the scare in your brother-in-law:

Show up at his house dressed as a job.

Au pair sentenced to life prison term

Dismissal hearing scheduled Tuesday

BOSTON (AP) — A teen-age British au pair received the mandatory sentence of life in prison today, a day after a jury decided she had murdered an 8-month-old baby by violently shaking him because he was being fussy. Louise Woodward will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

Judge Hiller Zobel set a hearing for Tuesday to consider defense motions to set aside the verdict, order a new trial and reduce the charge.

Before Zobel pronounced the sentence, the baby's mother, Deborah Eappen, read an emotional statement saying her other son, 2½-year-old Brendan, "cries, and I have no answers."

She said Woodward "didn't seem like a monster, or a child abuser or a murderer." And she said her own faith in life has been shattered: "The unthinkable has happened; now anything can happen."

"I'm not responsible for this death. I did not kill Mattie," the sobbing 19-year-old Woodward told the judge.

Ms. Eappen called Matthew her "sunshine," and spoke of the unforgettable moments of motherhood, such as planning for the future of two boys, and how those plans ended when they had to take their infant off life support, five days after he was hospitalized with brain damage.

"On February 4th, all our hopes and dreams were torn apart," Ms. Eappen said.

The child's father, Sunil Eappen, said his family's lives had been changed forever. Despite his "disdain" for Woodward, he said, he hoped she would find forgiveness.

"I think that Louise has done a brutal thing," Eappen said. "I truly hope that she may someday find the peace of God in her life again."

When the verdict was announced Thursday evening, Woodward wailed "Why?" and buried her face in her hands.

"The parents are devastated like we all are," defense attorney Andrew Good said.

"I didn't do anything!" she cried out as defense attorney Andrew Good embraced her. "Why did they do that to me?"

The parents, both physicians, watched the verdict on television.

One alternate juror denounced the verdict.

"I was wondering if these people were sitting in the same courtroom as I was for the last three weeks," Robert Mangold told WBZ-TV.

The verdict also stunned Woodward's attorneys, who lost a gamble that the jury be allowed to consider murder charges but not a lesser charge of manslaughter. They said they would ask the judge to reject the jury's decision.

Company G veterans reunite here

Snyder area veterans are invited to reminisce this weekend with Company G members at Willow Park Inn.

Matney's Raiders are in town for their 24th annual reunion.

Headquarters is at Willow Park Inn and veterans, guests and friends and invited to fellowship with the group.

A business meeting, open to the public, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Saturday's banquet and memorial service is set for 6:30 p.m.

Company G, of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, was comprised of guardsmen from Scurry County.

The company's history actually dates to World War I where it saw action in France, but was deactivated after the armistice.

It was reorganized in Snyder on April 18, 1924 by Capt. John E. Sentell.

As part of the Texas National Guard, G Company carried 65 men and three officers. But as Hitler overran Europe and the United States moved closer to war, Company G enlarged to about 250 men. On Nov. 25, 1940, it was mobilized under the command of Captain Tim O'Cook. Some 106 men from Scurry County were included Company G.

G Company's first stop was at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, where the men trained for more than a year. They were then sent to Camp Blanding in Florida to participate in jungle training.

They also trained in the Carolinas, at Camp Edwards at Cape Cod, Mass., and the A.P. Military Reservation in Virginia.

Company G's first assignment was hard duty in North Africa and they were part of the first wave in the Salerno Invasion of Italy.

Men from Company G participated in the bitter assault on the Maggiore Pass, fought in the Battle of Cassino, the breakout of the Anzio beachhead and in the liberation of Rome.

Many of the men were killed and most were wounded before the company was relieved about 140 miles north of Rome. It was refitted and took part as a unit of the 7th Army in the invasion of Southwestern France.

During the war, the 36th Division was credited with 15 Congressional Medals of Honor, 2,354 Silver Stars, 80 Distinguished Service Crosses, 5,407 Bronze Stars, 88 Air Medals and 12 Unit Citations.

During the same time, the division captured 175,806 of the enemy.

The division boasted 366 days of combat operation and 132 days of consecutive combat.

ASK US

Q—When was Social Security started?

A—President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it into law on Aug. 14, 1935. It was basically in response to the stock market collapse of 1929 when out of work families could not care for older or disabled relatives.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 82 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Friday, 39; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.20 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low upper 40s. Light W wind, becoming NW, increasing to 10-20 mph around midnight. Saturday, sunny, breezy. High 70-75.

Sydney Wright
Sunny

Sunset: 5:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.
Of 303 days in 1997, the sun has shone 190 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Elanor Roosevelt

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Ron Paul, Pete Sessions...

Democrats target two to be defeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rolling out their list of targets in next year's House races, Democratic leaders say the defeat of Republican congressmen Ron Paul and Pete Sessions will be their top priority in Texas.

"We will be very competitive in Texas," Rep. Martin Frost, the Dallas lawmaker who chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said at a briefing Thursday.

To help fund Texas campaigns, the DCCC is bringing Vice President Gore to Dallas on Nov. 24 for a fund-raiser.

Republicans professed little concern for the future of Sessions, whose Northeast Texas district lies south of Dallas, and Paul, whose sprawling district stretches from the outskirts of Austin down to the Gulf of Mexico.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, whose district neighbors Frost's, shrugged off his fellow Texan's prognostication.

"I hope he bets a lot of his personal fortune on the two races because I'll be there to take whatever bets he wants to put down," the Irving Republican said during his weekly conference call with Texas reporters.

Paul and Sessions are "well positioned to hold their seats," said Mindy Tucker, a spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Both men were elected in 1996. Sessions won on his third try. For Paul, a Surfside physician, his victory marked a return to Congress, where he had served several terms before leaving in 1985.

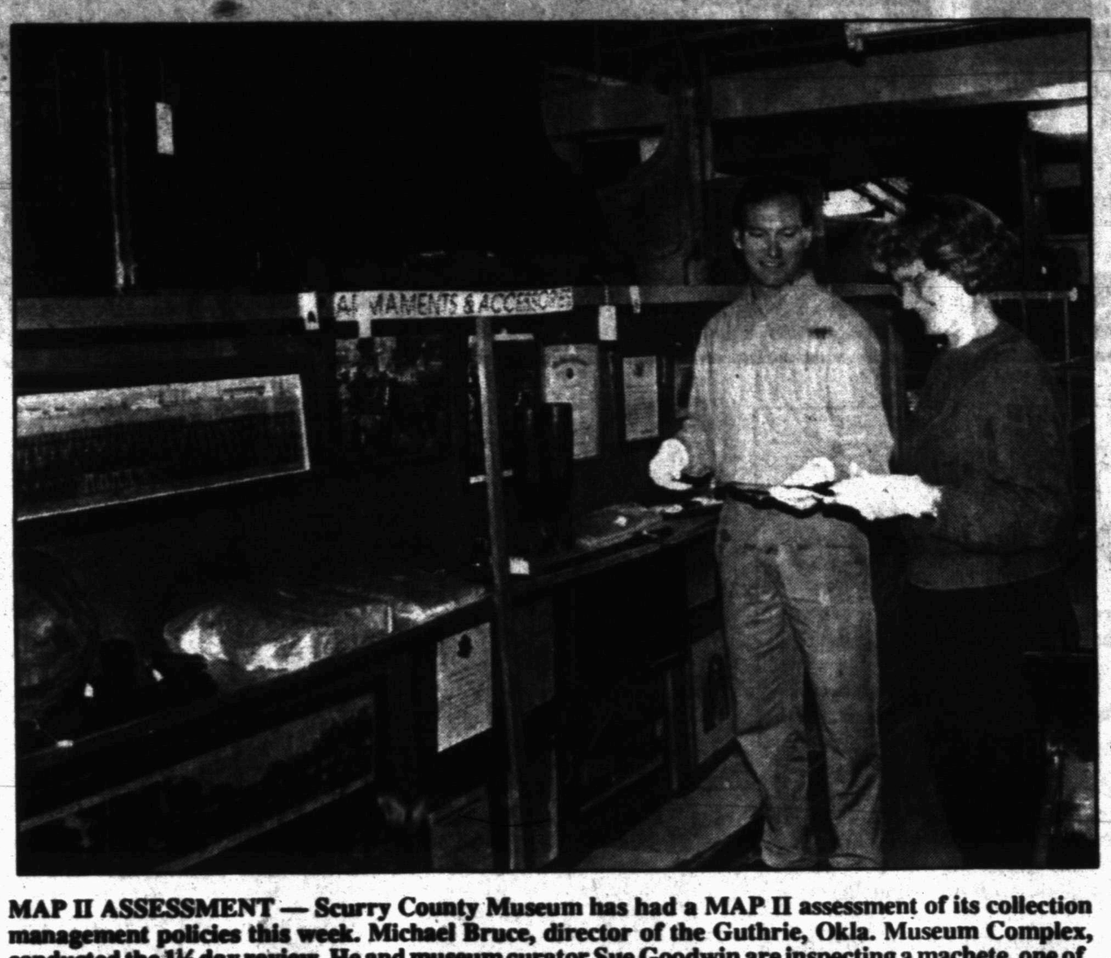
The NRCC, for its part, views Democratic incumbent Charles Stenholm of Stamford and Frost as the most vulnerable Texas Democrats, Ms. Tucker said.

Democrats, who lost the House majority to Republicans in 1994, said they are poised to finish a job they began in 1996, when they gained nine seats held by Republicans.

In Texas, which was heavily contested last year, Democrats hold a 17-13 edge in the House delegation over Republicans. The GOP managed to pick up one seat in Texas in 1996, having boasted of a gain of at least several seats.

Texas was unusually ripe for GOP gains in 1996, with Democrats having to defend six open House seats because of retirement to the GOP's one.

This time, Frost and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt opined, Republicans will be playing defense nationally because they have more incumbents in vulnerable seats than the Democrats do.



MAP II ASSESSMENT — Scurry County Museum has had a MAP II assessment of its collection management policies this week. Michael Bruce, director of the Guthrie, Okla. Museum Complex, conducted the 1½ day review. He and museum curator Sue Goodwin are inspecting a machete, one of the pieces in the museum's permanent collection. Bruce evaluated the total operations of the museum. The assessment program is designed as a planning tool for the future. Arranged through the American Association of Museums, Bruce described the inspection program as "professionals helping professionals." Representatives of similar size museums often take part in these inspections. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Some vote absentee via Internet

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Some voters traveling overseas will be able to vote by computer during next year's primary elections, thanks to a pilot project that may lead to Internet voting for all Floridians, Secretary of State Sandra Mortham said Friday.

While Florida is the first to announce absentee voting by Internet, other states considering the possibility. Texas recently approved a law to let an astronaut vote by e-mail from space next week.

Mortham said she expects half a dozen counties to allow military personnel, business travelers and others outside the country to vote by laptop rather than trust multiple paper ballots to often-uncertain overseas mail.

"It's my hope that this project will be well received and expand in the coming years," Mortham said. "Through the use of the latest technology, the ballot box of the future will be available to all voters."

Though state law allows the Division of Elections to try new technology, lawmakers would have to act before all balloting would switch from polling places to personal computers, Mortham said.

Pilot project counties will be chosen in the spring. Those with the largest populations of business travelers and military personnel, such as Dade and Escambia, are most likely to take part, said David Rancourt, director of the state Division of Elections.

Anti-logging protesters are sprayed in eyes with pepper

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A congressman whose office was the target of a sit-in says deputies did nothing wrong when they dabbed pepper spray on the eyes of protesters to break up an anti-logging demonstration.

A videotape released Thursday shows protesters sitting around a tree stump in Rep. Frank Riggs' office in Eureka and screaming as deputies pulled back their heads, opened their eyes, and applied the burning material to their eyeballs.

The video, made by the sheriff's office during the Oct. 16 incident, was played for reporters Thursday as lawyers announced a federal lawsuit.

"I think under the circumstances, this was probably an appropriate use of force as opposed to the laying on of hands or some other technique," Riggs, R-Calif., said.

The U.S. District Court suit said officers violated standard police practices as well as guidelines from the National Law Enforcement Policy Center for use of pepper spray. Those guidelines specify that it should not be discharged into eyes at distances less than two feet, should not be used on people in restraints and should not be used as punishment, the suit said.

The suit was filed on behalf of nine demonstrators who were protesting Pacific Lumber's plans to log old-growth forests and a proposed federal settlement that the demonstrators considered inadequate.

Local hospital extends mammogram special

During the month of October, breast cancer awareness month, special emphasis has been placed on getting mammograms. As a result, Cogdell Memorial Hospital performed mammograms at a reduced price of $35, including interpretation.

Because the demand has been so great, that special has been extended until the middle of November.

A physician's referral is not needed, but women must make an appointment. To do so, call the radiology department at 574-7442.

The demand has been about 2½ times greater than normal. As of the first of this week, 108 mammograms have been given.

Sterling inducted into Alpha Chi

SAN ANGELO — Patsy N. Sterling of Ira was recently inducted into the Angelo State University chapter of the national honor scholarship society, Alpha Chi.

Sterling, a senior majoring in elementary education at ASU, was one of over 60 outstanding juniors and seniors inducted into the organization in ceremonies held recently.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to "promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students, and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

"In order to meet membership requirements for Alpha Chi, students must be either juniors or seniors "of good character" in any academic discipline, and have completed at least 60 to 95 semester hours with a GPA of 3.75 or better as juniors, or upwards of 96 hours with a minimum GPA of 3.60 as seniors.

Berry's World

The computer is down.

Bilano takes part in training effort

FHTNC — Marine Lance Cpl. Joe Bilano, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, recently participated in training exercises while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

While in Oahu, Hawaii, Bilano and fellow Marines received training on invading enemy training camps, basic infantry skills, small unit tactics, leadership and fieldcrafts. Bilano was also trained on supervised land navigation, patrols, ambushes and night land navigation.

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1996.

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Abandoned sawmill favorite spot for Halloween thrills

DEWEYVILLE — As the bright red sun sinks slowly in the west and darkness begins to fall across the countryside, the shadows inside the abandoned Peavy Moore sawmill start to stir.

Could it be a wandering opossum crawling across a charred rafter? Or maybe it's just a group of kids drinking beer in the corner of the hollowed-out concrete building.

Or maybe, just maybe, it's the ghost of one of the sawmill workers who perished in a fire in the early 1940s looking for a way out he'll never find.

Whatever "it" is, it's sent countless shivers down the spines of Deweyville residents who trekked down a wooded path to find the ruins of the sawmill, which the locals call Dracula's Hangout.

Nobody in Deweyville is really sure how vampires got connected to the sawmill; only that it's a spooky place that gets a little scarier when the sun goes down and things in the night start to go bump.

"You're not a teen-ager in Deweyville, if you haven't heard of Dracula's Hangout," said Pam West, who works for the school district.

Dracula's Hangout, or Drac's as it's sometimes called, is a popular draw in these parts around Halloween. Not just for the living, but for anyone who can muster the courage to crawl inside a gaping hole that leads inside.

Once inside the shell of the sawmill, you'll find huge square blocks of concrete placed evenly apart that served some kind of purpose at one time. Ashes from the fire that destroyed the building are strewn across the floor and graffiti covers the walls.

The graffiti is a sign of the place's appeal to an unsavory crowd. In recent years, teens have flocked to the place to smoke and drink.

But in earlier days, Dracula's Hangout was a place to go for a good scare providing the perfect opportunity for girls to jump into their sweetie's protective arms, which were readily offered by boys looking to show off how brave they were.

West can remember a time more than 20 years ago when she and her newlywed husband John arranged a memorable prank on some unsuspecting kids.

"For Halloween one year we took a big box that sort of looked like a coffin and laid it inside," she recalled. "Then a friend of ours climbed inside with a flashlight. My husband got a lowboy trailer and said to a bunch of kids hey let's go down to Dracula's Hangout. I hear there's a coffin down there. So we loaded them up and took them down there and just when they got close to the box our friend jumps out with a flashlight shining underneath his face. It must have taken us two days to round up all the kids."

For Gary Ebner, who owns Abba Restaurant in Deweyville, Dracula's Hangout served as a perfect fort for BB-gun wars with his friends as a child.

That was during the day, though. At night, Ebner was less likely to venture inside Dracula's Hangout.

"It's just a scary, dark place," he said. "There is absolutely no light. The moon has to be shining straight down to se e anything. That's what makes it fun."

Cop cleared in Mexican national's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A grand jury's decision to take no action against a police officer in the death of a Mexican businessman has angered government officials south of the border, who vow to fight for a federal probe.

San Antonio police Officer James A. Smith was no-billed Thursday by Bexar County grand jurors in the death of Eli Montesinos, who died six days after struggling with Smith on New Year's Day.

"We are very, very disappointed about the outcome of this case because have been asking for justice, and we feel there is more than enough evidence to prosecute Mr. Smith," said San Antonio-based Consul General of Mexico Carlos M. Sada.

"We will continue with this issue. There was a request from the Mexican government to open a federal investigation, and we are following what the FBI is doing in terms of the witnesses been interviewed.

"Once removed from local politics, we feel this issue will be handled in an appropriate and profound way at the federal level," Sada said.

The struggle occurred as Montesinos, a Mexican citizen from Monterrey, Mexico, living in San Antonio, was leaving the Rivercenter Mall with his wife and children through Dillard's department store on Jan. 1.

The mall was closing, and Montesinos cursed as he complained about having to exit through a particular door.

Police say Smith, a uniformed officer working security at the store, warned Montesinos not to curse at him or he would be arrested. That, according to police, is when Montesinos shoved the officer into a plate glass door and began to fight with him.

The man's widow, Susana Montesinos, and her lawyer, Pat Garza, said Eli Montesinos was not cursing the officer directly but was making a general complaint.

Bexar County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Vincent DiMaio ruled the death a homicide after finding Montesinos suffered a heart attack after being put in a choke hold.

The Montesinos family has filed a civil lawsuit against Smith, who was taken off enforcement duty and placed on administrative duty following the incident.

"It's going to be up to the chief, who will likely reassign him now that he's been no-billed by the grand jury," said San Antonio Police Sgt. Ernest Celaya. "Most likely he will be reinstated to his regular duties."

Mrs. Montesinos has said the police department did not question her in its investigation other than taking her initial statement.

"The integrity of this investigation was intact," Deputy Police Chief Albert Ortiz said Thursday. "I understand there are no winners in this case."

Ortiz said Smith "didn't want to come forward and make a statement, but he did say that he was very relieved."

The Mexican government earlier this year sent a communique saying it was not satisfied with an internal police investigation that cleared Smith in July.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Nov. 1, 1997

In the year ahead, you may establish some enviable relationships with the types of people you always wanted as friends. Collectively, major achievements are indicated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There is something mysterious about you today that will add an appealing dimension to your personality. You won't be role playing; you'll just be yourself. Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P O Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions will respond to your requests today if you appeal to their emotions instead of their logic. You are likely to win much support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your leadership qualities will be evident to others today. In your involvements with friends, all will be looking to you for cues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In competitive career situations today, the odds are tilted slightly in your favor. However, don't underestimate any of your competitors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rays of hope could start to break through today in a bleak situation. Be optimistic regarding the outcome of events.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you have the ability to mastermind developments at which others have failed. New ways for achieving your objectives will be evident.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you want to win points with your friends today, try to be sensitive to their needs. Thoughtfulness will gain you appreciative admirers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be the right day to negotiate a few points with your boss in order to improve circumstances at work. If prepared, make your pitch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not be reticent today about revealing your feelings if you've met someone you find appealing. Romance eludes the faint-hearted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if your methods and behavior confuse an observer, they'll make sense to you. You can achieve many meaningful goals today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sales skills will be honed to a razor's edge today. You will not promote anything in which you do not believe sincerely yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, your keen imagination will award you advantages in your financial affairs. All you need is the proper type of challenge to trigger it.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mother-in-Law Keeps Pushing Her Version of Family Love

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DEAR ABBY: Help! My husband ("Carl") and I have been married for 18 months. I have a 4-year-old son from a previous marriage and an infant daughter from this marriage.

Before I met Carl, he had a one-night stand that resulted in a child (a little girl I'll call Sally). He and the mother of the child agreed a long time ago that Sally would be legally adopted by the mother's new husband (but Carl hasn't signed the papers yet). Carl made the decision to have nothing to do with his daughter. I totally support him in that decision.

Carl and I have a loving and strong relationship. The problem is my mother-in-law.

At our wedding reception, Carl's mother brought along pictures of Sally and showed them to members of my family. Somehow, the photographs got propped up against our wedding toast glasses next to our wedding cake. My husband confronted his mother. She turned it around and tried to make him feel guilty for ignoring the child. To this day she has never apologized for it.

My mother-in-law showed pictures of Sally to my son and told him she was his sister. She has asked me to visit the child and not tell my husband. She also has called me a "twit" (and worse), and told me that my husband was her son, and he loves her more than he loves me.

Carl and I have asked her not to see Sally, but she insists she doesn't need our permission to see her family.

I am upset and very hurt by her attitude and actions. As a family, what should we do?

GERI IN TEXAS

DEAR GERI: Your feelings are valid. Your mother-in-law seems determined that all the children Carl has produced should be blended into one big happy family, regardless of his or your feelings.

It would be in everyone's best interests for Carl to sign the adoption papers as soon as possible. It will then be up to the child's mother and adoptive father to decide if they still want your mother-in-law involved in their and their daughter's lives.

If you distanced yourself from this woman, it would be understandable in the light of her behavior.

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DEAR ABBY: In reply to the advice you gave to "Feeling Unloved in St. Cloud, Minn.," whose husband wouldn't touch her unless he had a drink first — I'd like to share the other perspective:

While she likes to tie quitting drinking to her husband's reluctance to show his feelings, she is only partially correct.

One of the greatest fears people have is rejection. Rejection by the one you love is even worse. She should know that — she feels it! Imagine what it is like for her husband, who awakened several times in the night to find his wife out of the bed — and in another bedroom. Talk about rejection!

The reason he doesn't come to her bed for sex is he doesn't want *more* rejection. Only when he takes a drink does the fear subside.

If she wants sex, why doesn't she go to his bed? I've never yet seen a man refuse a woman's advances. She should be glad he hasn't moved out. Most men would nowadays.

Someday when she's a widow, she can look back at all the nights she didn't hear and feel him in bed next to her. I know. I'm a "Minnesota Twin" to this guy.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-31-97
♠ K Q 5
♥ Q J
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ K J 6 3

West
♠ 8 4 3
♥ A K 5
♦ A J
♣ Q 10 7 5 4

East
♠ A J 10 7 6
♥ 10 4 3
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ 9

South
♠ 9 2
♥ 9 8 7 6 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♣!!	Pass	2 ♣	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ K

Understandably, North passed his awful 12-point hand. After East's pass, South couldn't bring himself to pass, as he was at favorable vulnerability. Yet to psych one club was truly weird. Perhaps he thought the opponents would never think he would do that.

After West passed, North raised to two clubs, which showed a maximum pass and club support: an inverted minor-suit raise. Now East bid two spades. At the prevailing vulnerability and with both opponents apparently strong, this was dangerous. (Some would have opened one spade for this reason: It is safer to open than to overcall.) Yet here it proved vital to get his side into the bidding. West cue-bid to show his strong hand. Now North made a poor choice. He should have doubled. Three no-trump gave the opponents all the options. (If North had doubled, East would have bid three diamonds, and West would have jumped to four spades, which would have made easily enough, perhaps doubled by North.) East should have doubled three no-trump, but it didn't matter — West knew what to do.

Four clubs doubled was no fun, and South didn't give of his best, dropping an unnecessary trick and finishing *six* down for minus 1400. Not surprisingly, this put the match out of reach for North-South's team.

Give South a Halloween mask!

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Grotesque, but real

By Phillip Alder

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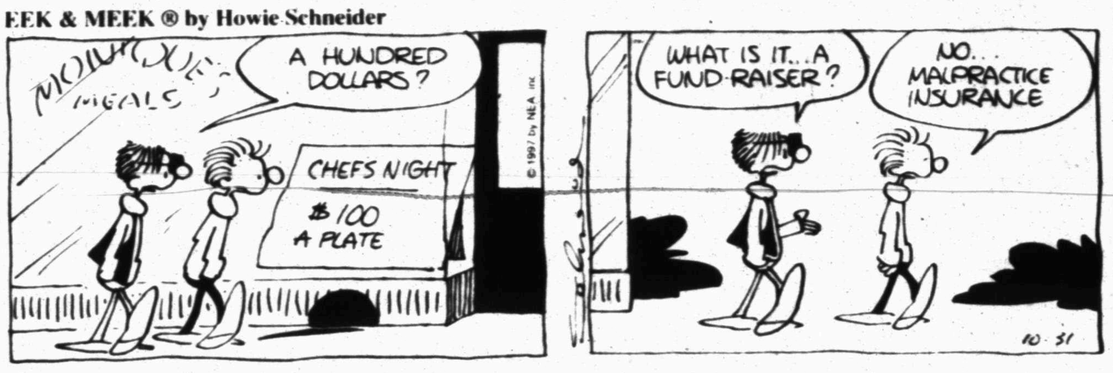

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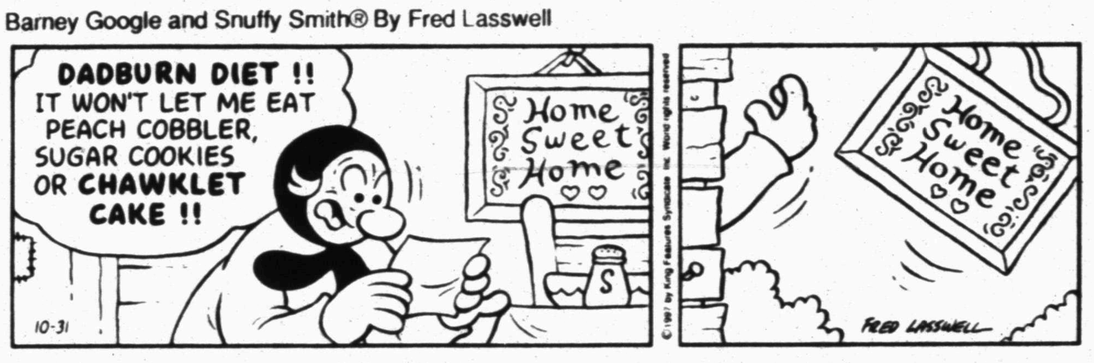

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1 Gab
4 Like clouds
9 Kennel sound
12 Actor Wallach
13 Tori's dad
14 Room shape
15 Bible book
17 New (pref.)
18 Crystal-containing stone
19 Overturn
21 We — the World
23 Apiece
24 Balanced proportions
28 Actor Ray
32 Cry of affirmation
33 Clothes tinter
34 Possessive pronoun
35 Zola heroine
37 Meter —
39 Compass pt.
40 Plains Indian
41 Hopeful state
43 Do the marathon
45 Adam's mate
46 Exclaim joyously
49 Map feature
53 Hebrew letter
54 Weaken
58 Society-page word
59 Brother's daughter
60 Negatives
61 Gun grp.
62 Musicians' tapes
63 Noun suffix

DOWN

1 Safecracker (sl.)
2 Wings
3 Metric weight
4 Used a hose
5 Bali —
6 A Gershwin
7 Shipping unit
8 Follow
9 Cravings
10 On the sheltered side
11 Intrigue
16 First man
20 Entreat
22 Earlier form of a word
23 Fool's gold
24 Unison
25 365 days
26 Lion's pride
27 Harvest
29 Entertainer Anderson
30 Seeks payment from
31 City in Utah
36 Flying prefix
38 Foretells
42 Waiter's handout
44 — — coming
46 Comedian Ed —
47 Cultivator
48 Concert halls
50 Rational
51 — jacket
52 Quiz
55 Even score
56 Pro — (for the time being)
57 Author Umberto —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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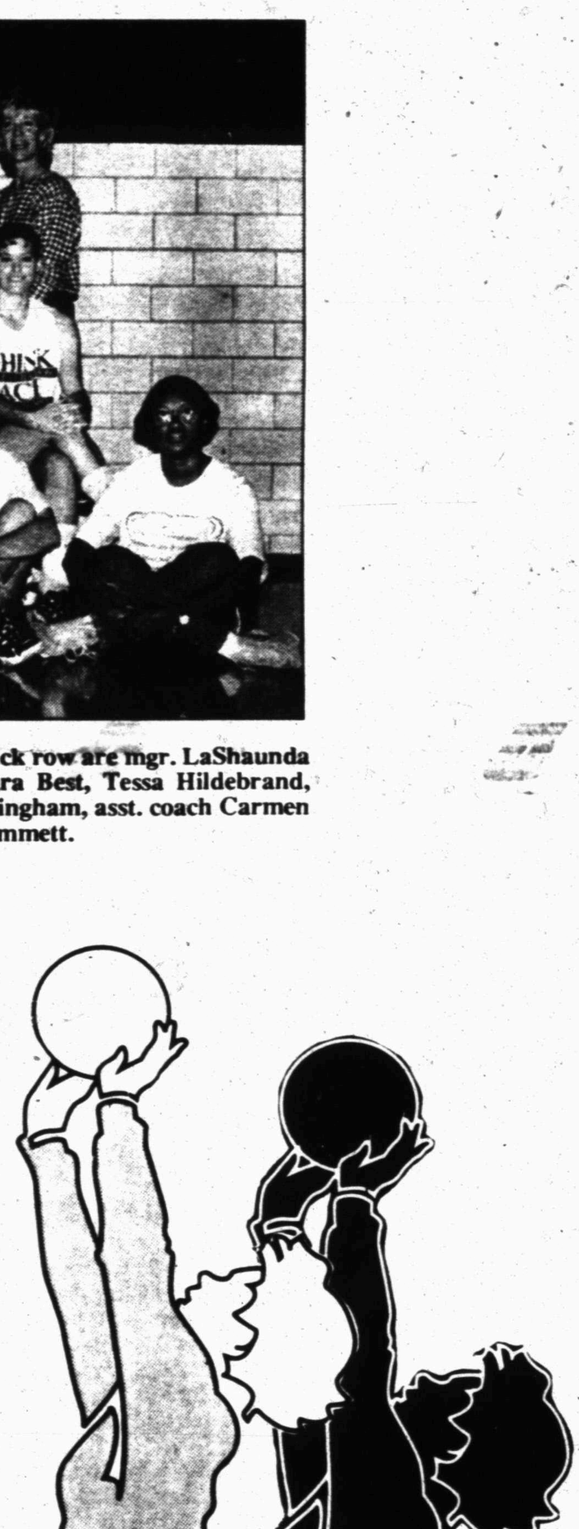


SPORTS

Playoff hopes are on the line when Tigers battle Bulldogs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It doesn't matter to the Snyder Tigers and Plainview Bulldogs that Nov. 14 is the scheduled date for the bi-district game.

For these two teams, the playoffs start tonight.

Snyder and Plainview square off at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium, in a District 2-4A contest with major postseason implications.

For the Tigers, the case is simple.

A victory keeps playoff hopes alive, while a loss would mean next week's game at Levelland would be the season finale.

Snyder enters tonight carrying a 1-2 district record and 1-7 mark overall, while the visiting Bulldogs are 1-2, 2-6.

District Recap

The Tigers began 2-4A competition with a resounding 52-8 thumping of Lamesa.

But in Week 2, a 46-yard Frenship field goal in the final minutes of play left Snyder 1-1 in district and facing a road game against highly-touted Estacado.

Although the Tigers came out on the short end of the 19-10 battle, Snyder held the Matadors well under their district scoring average of 37 points and managed 10 of their own — a feat which neither Levelland nor Plainview could accomplish.

The Bulldogs opened up with a 21-13 loss at Frenship, before returning home to face EHS.

Plainview gave up almost 400 yards rushing to Estacado in a 34-0 blowout loss.

But the Bulldogs redeemed themselves last week, with their 14-12 win over the Lobos, setting up tonight's playoff-like affair.

Plaiview's offense vs. Snyder's defense

The Plainview offense hasn't posted remarkable statistics this season. The Bulldogs are averaging only 173 yards per game and have scored just 67 points all year.

But PHS did execute well enough to top Levelland a week ago, and can make the big play when neccessary.

"They will run some different things," Snyder coach David Baugh said. "They can throw it with play-action or three-step drops. They're a better football team than they were last year."

Leading the Bulldogs' rushing attack is Richie Sigala. The senior broke free for a 52-yard scoring scamper in his last outing, while Tony Evans and Chris Coleman help with the running load.

When the Bulldogs decide to pass, it will be from the arm of QB Ian Boster.

The 6'1" 210-pound senior is 22 of 75 for the season for 318 yards.

After blitzing quite a bit last week against the speedy Matadors, Snyder might stay at home more often tonight.

"We probably won't blitz as much as we did last game," Baugh stated. "They (Plainview) aren't as fast as Estacado, but we will bring some people when we need to."

Snyder's offense vs. Plainview's defense

Plainview's defense ranks second to last in the district, which bodes well for a Tiger offense looking to get back on track after gaining only 63 yards against Estacado.

Although the Tigers have been a run-oriented team, they have had some success throwing the ball at times and Plainview's pass defense has been suspect.

Against Levelland, the Bulldogs surrendered 218 yards through the air, as the Lobos threw the ball 37 times.

Snyder QB Chad Carter has completed 42 percent of his passes this season, going 39 of 92 for 389 yards, one TD and four interceptions.

If Carter isn't doing the hurling, junior Justin McNair will be.

McNair, who saw some action against Estacado, has thrown for 155 yards and one touchdown on five completions.

But the heart of the Tiger attack is still the running game, which is spearheaded by Cheyenne Robinson.

The junior TB has tallied 804 yards on 150 carries and has found the endzone eight times for Snyder.

The Tiger ground game could be bolstered by the return of guard Sean Duncan.

Duncan has been out of action with an injured shoulder, but was expected to workout on Thursday.

"If Duncan is able to play," said Coach Baugh, "then we'll probably move Aaron Stansell to strong-guard and put Sean at the quick-guard."

Stansell started in Snyder's last outing, replacing Toby Zalman who now starts on defense for injured LB Kevin Kerr.

Other Notes

Tonight is Senior Recognition Night for the Tigers. All senior football players, managers, trainers and cheerleaders will be recognized with their parents or guardians prior to the start of the game.

Snyder controls its own destiny for the playoffs. A Tiger victory tonight and next week over Levelland would advance Snyder into the postseason, regardless of all other outcomes.

The Snyder Tigers (1-2, 1-7) host the Plainview Bulldogs (1-2, 2-6) at 7:30 tonight in Game 4 of the District 2-4A season. Here's a look at how the two teams match-up statistically.

OFFENSE	Sny	Plv
Rush	1103	1061
Pass	572	322
Total	1675	1383
Avg	209	173
Points	117	67

DEFENSE	Sny	Plv
Rush	1392	1715
Pass	570	664
Total	1962	2379
Avg	245	297
Points Allowed	160	181

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player, Team	Car	Yds
Robinson, Sny	150	804

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Player, Team	Yds	Rec
Hodges, Sny	167	17
Ansley, Plv	190	9

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

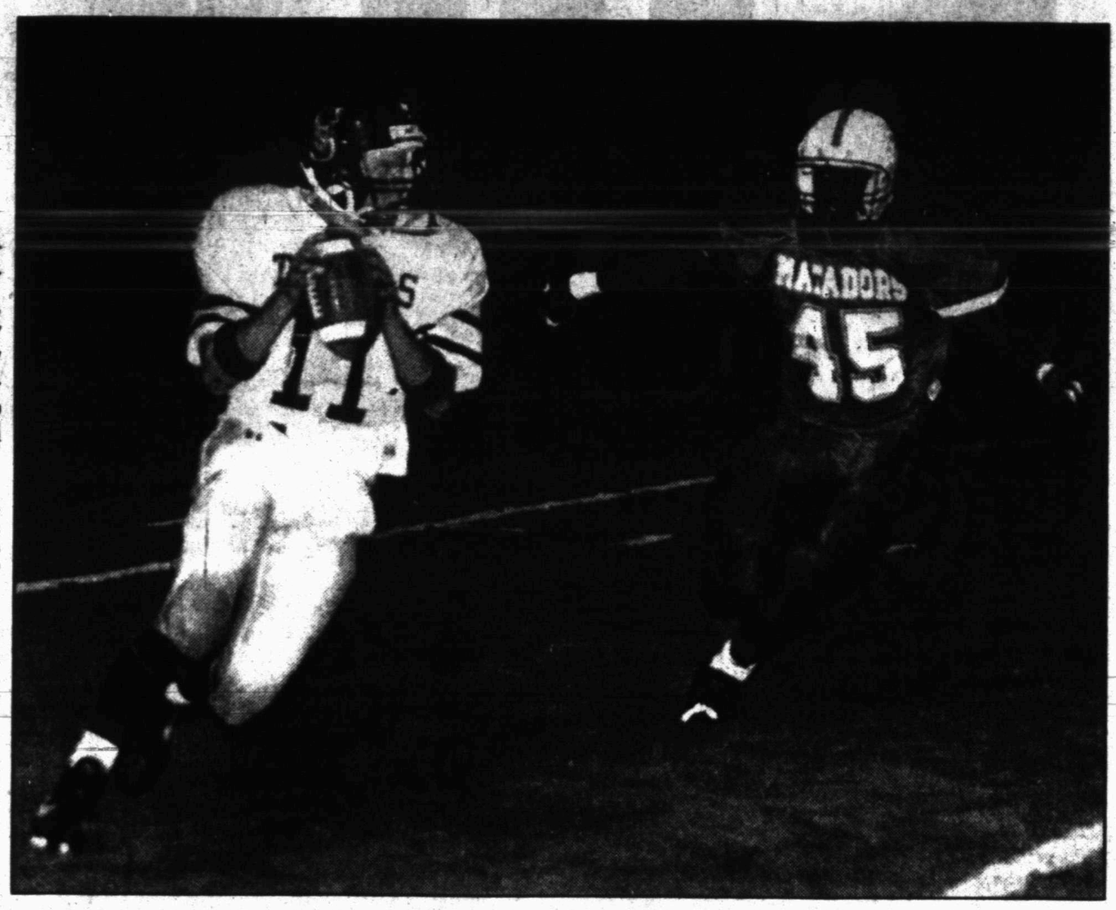
Player, Tm	Com	Att	Int	TD	Yds
Carter, Sny	39	92	4	1	389
Boster, Plv	22	75	3	0	318
McNair, Sny	5	16	1	1	155

SNYDER RECAP

Opponent	Site	Res	Score
Andrews	away	L	42-0
Sweetwater	home	L	27-7
Wylie	away	L	7-3
Big Spring	home	L	20-14
Lake View	home	L	25-21
Lamesa	away	W	52-8
Frenship	home	L	12-10
Estacado	away	L	19-10

PLAINVIEW RECAP

Opponent	Site	Res	Score
Palo Duro	away	W	13-7
Clovis	away	L	30-6
Pampa	home	L	14-7
Amarillo	home	L	28-7
Tascosa	home	L	35-7
Frenship	away	L	21-13
Estacado	home	L	34-0
Levelland	away	W	14-12



UNDER PRESSURE — Snyder's Justin McNair is forced to scramble by an Estacado defender last week in Lubbock. The Tigers hope to keep their playoff hopes alive tonight when they face Plainview at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Red Raiders prepare to chase Wildcat QB in Big 12 contest

LUBBOCK (AP) — You know the Texas Tech Red Raiders are playing well when coach Spike Dykes starts to poor-mouth his bunch.

"I imagine they're licking their chops," he said, referring to Saturday's guest, No. 13 Kansas State. "We've got a lot of work to do, and we've got a lot of casualties. Hopefully we'll get a pretty good amount of those guys back we've been wanting to get back."

Star receiver Donnie Hart's strained left hamstring is Dykes' most pressing concern. Hart, who averaged 113 yards per game until the injury three weeks ago, missed last week's 16-13 victory over Texas A&M and remains questionable for the Wildcats.

It's not as though the Raiders (4-3, 3-1 Big 12) are scuffling, having vaulted into a first-place tie with No. 19 Oklahoma State in the South Division. Threatening that lead is Kansas State (6-1, 3-1), Tech's fourth ranked foe this season.

The Wildcats' highly regarded defense hasn't allowed a touchdown pass in 26 quarters, but no single player threatens the Raiders more than scintillating quarterback Michael Bishop.

"Over the past few years, the quarterback draw has hurt ... because we're an attacking defense," said Tech defensive end Montae Reagor, one of the league's top pass rushers. "We'll try to put a spy on Bishop."

The Raiders might need James Bond. Bishop has rushed for 378 yards and seven touchdowns this season, including a 196-yard, two-TD performance against Missouri. He's also the second-rated passer in the Big 12.

Bishop's offense has scored 31 times in 33 trips inside its opponent's 20-yard line, with 23 touchdowns and eight field goals. The only failures came as the Wildcats ran out the clock in two victories.

Bishop, 30-1 as a college starter counting his days at Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas, reminds Kansas State coach Bill Snyder of Tech's Zebbie Lethridge, who threw for 190 yards and almost led Tech back from an 18-point deficit in a 21-14 loss in last season's Big 12 inaugural.

"He's a young man we have the greatest respect for," Snyder said. "Last year he was certainly a thorn in our side. It was an extremely close game."

Tech won the yardage war 392-160, but three turnovers and four missed field goals sealed the Raiders' fate. Kicker Tony Rogers lost his job afterward, then returned to make the game-winner against A&M last week.

Dykes also recognized the quarterback similarities. Each ranks among the best rushing quarterbacks in his school's history, though both have endured ankle sprains this season.

"It'll take more than a sprained ankle to slow (Bishop) down, because he's that kind of guy," Dykes said.

DISTRICT 6 SIX-MAN OUTLOOK

Westbrook (2-1, 6-2) at Hermleigh (1-2, 5-3)

The Cardinals are flying high after their victory last week over Ira, while the Wildcats have been a dominant power in the district in the past. Tonight the two teams square off in District 6 Six-Man action at 7:30.

Hermleigh should stick to its basic sheme of playing tough defense and running the ball on offense.

"I've always said defense wins ballgames," Cardinal coach Juan Rios stated. "If our defense can give us field position, we can run the ball effectively on offense and put some points on the board."

The ground game is centered around the speed of Ricky Luna and the power of Billy Joe Digby.

In last week's outing, Luna raced for 122 yards and 2 TDs on only 14 carries, while Digby rumbled for another 103 yards and 2 TDs.

Westbrook needs a victory to keep its playoff hopes alive. A loss by Highland tonight against Borden County would set up a battle next week between the Wildcats and Hornets for the second postseason slot.

Loraine (0-3, 0-8) at Ira (0-3, 1-7)

The Ira Bulldogs will be looking to post their first district win tonight when they host the Loraine Bulldogs at 7:30.

Ira is coming off a 43-6 loss to Hermleigh a week ago, in which the Cardinals posted three TDs in just over four minutes to pull away.

The Ira offensive attack is led by the running of Jose Juarez and the passing of Jerek Brown.

Brown has shown the ability to throw the ball deep, mainly to his favorite target, 6'6" Logan Daves.

"We're still young," Ira coach Russell Gee said. "But the kids are really working hard and the effort is there."

Borden County (3-0, 8-0) at Highland (3-0, 5-3)

The Highland Hornets have the daunting task of trying to derail the third-ranked Borden County Coyotes tonight at 7:30 in Highland.

The Coyotes are fresh off a 59-14 trouncing of Westbrook, in which RB Fernando Baeza ran for 139 yards and 4 TDs.

When Baeza isn't toting the pigskin for Borden County, QB Colt McCook is tossing it. McCook hurled TD passes last week of 19 and 45 yards.

The Coyotes have yet to be tested in district competition, but Highland is looking to return to the playoffs after getting there last year with a 10-2 record.

B&G Club sets All-Star games

Local All-Star games for the Boys & Girls Club youth football program will be played Saturday at Tiger Stadium.

Midget All-Stars will play at 1 p.m. Juniors start at 2:30, followed by the Seniors at 4 o'clock.

All boys who finished the regular season will play.

Raffle tickets for a trip for two to the NFL game between the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants will be on sale at the concession stand.

DISTRICT 6 SIX-MAN STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Borden Co.	3	0	8	0
Highland	3	0	5	3
Westbrook	2	1	6	2
Hermleigh	1	2	5	3
Ira	0	3	1	7
Loraine	0	3	0	8

Tonight's games: Loraine at Ira; Westbrook at Hermleigh; Borden County at Highland.

Next week's games: Ira at Borden County; Hermleigh at Loraine; Highland at Westbrook.

Big XII Standings

South	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
Oklahoma St	3	1	6	1
Texas Tech	3	1	4	3
Texas A&M	2	2	5	2
Texas	1	3	3	4
Oklahoma	1	3	3	5
Baylor	0	4	1	6

North	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
Nebraska	4	0	7	0
Kansas St	3	1	6	1
Missouri	3	2	4	3
Colorado	2	2	5	2
Kansas	2	3	4	4
Iowa St	1	3	1	6

Saturday's games: Kansas St. at Texas Tech; Oklahoma at Nebraska; Texas at Baylor; Oklahoma St. at Texas A&M; Iowa St. at Kansas; Missouri at Colorado.

DISTRICT 2-AAAA STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	3	0	7	1
Frenship	3	0	5	3
Snyder	1	2	1	7
Levelland	1	2	3	5
Plainview	1	2	2	6
Lamesa	0	3	0	8

Tonight's games: Plainview at Snyder; Levelland at Frenship; Estacado at Lamesa.

Next week's games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.

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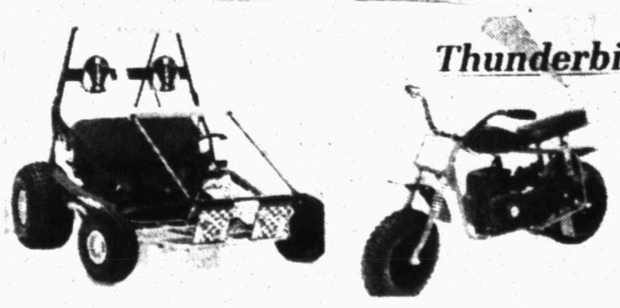
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SPORTS

Lady Westerners' season opener

Jackson to debut as WTC head coach tonight vs. Howard

Valery Jackson returns to the hardwood tonight for Western Texas College, but this time as its coach.

The Lady Westerners open non-conference play tonight at Scurry County Coliseum against Howard College. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. and admission will be free to all fans.

Jackson, a former WTC player from 1988-90, will be making her debut on the bench for the Lady Westerners, and her biggest problem might be that too many of her athletes will have to be sitting next to her.

Five Lady Westerners have suffered injuries heading into tonight's contest, including Snyder's Erica Garvin.

The six-foot freshman forward, straight off a 26-point outing against Hill College, suffered a season-ending knee injury during a scrimmage with Cisco.

"Erica is a big loss for us," Jackson remarked. "Losing her took a lot from our post game."

Also missing down low for WTC will be Celestine Otuoro and Destine Vital.

Otuoro is expected to be out another three weeks, while recovering from knee surgery and Vital won't be available until December, also due to a knee injury.

Another inside player for the Lady Westerners, Whitney Kimbley, has been bothered by back spasms, but will suit up.

"With all the injuries, it makes it hard on the healthy people," Jackson said. "They get overextended in practice, from getting all the action. But they do get to see a lot of playing time."

One player who has been hampered by injuries, but will start, is Rachel Ashmore. The 5'5" guard has "bad tendons" in both feet, but will be on the floor for the tipoff tonight.

Joining her at guard will be 5'3" Lacedra Miller.

Starting in the paint for WTC will be 5'10" Christy Wells, 5'11" Jennifer Shuttlesworth and 6'2" Pamela Oduoug'o.

A key for the Lady Westerners tonight might be the defensive play of Miller at the point against the quick guards of Howard.

"They (Howard) have two or three of the best junior college guards, probably in the nation," Jackson stated. "We want to try to slow them down, because they like to get up and down the floor."

The Lady Hawks, considered to be among the top 10 teams in the country according to Jackson, are a conference opponent of the Lady Westerners.

While that might look to be a disadvantage, the first-year WTC coach doesn't see it that way.

"A lot of people look at it like its a bad thing, but I don't think so," Jackson remarked. "This way we start off against good competition and we'll get an idea of what to expect when conference starts."

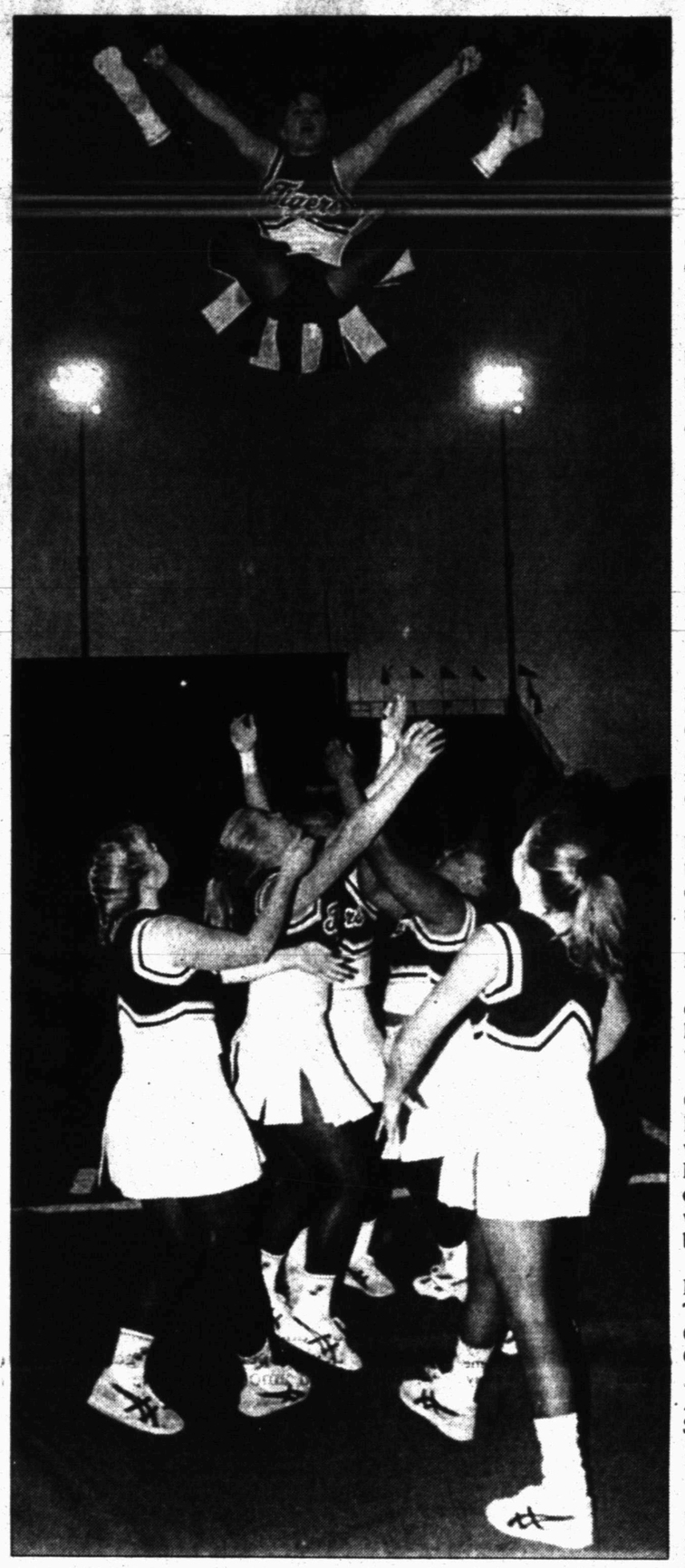
The Lady Westerners begin WJCAC play Jan. 12 at home against New Mexico, and Coach Jackson is hopeful that her squad will be injury-free by then.

"We will be a totally different team by January," she said. "Right now we're just really young and the injuries haven't given the girls a chance to mesh yet.

"We just have to keep it in our minds to work hard, and while it might not come together right now, it will later. We'll be a better team come January."

After Howard, WTC plays at Cisco on Monday, before traveling Thursday to Athens for a contest with Trinity Valley.

The Lady Westerners' next home game will be Nov. 18 against Cisco.



BLAST OFF — Snyder High School cheerleader Ashley Grimmett is tossed high in the air during routines prior to last week's game against Estacado. Fellow cheerleaders Shannon Hall, Starla Davis, Brooke McGuire, K.K. McLain and Mary Hollis, from left, provided the propulsion. (SDN Staff Photo)

Familiar faces are back for start of NBA season

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Larry Bird is back. So are Chuck Daly and Rick Pitino. No one is quite sure about Charles Barkley, though. Maybe, not even Barkley.

Bird begins a new chapter in his basketball career tonight when he makes his debut as coach of the Indiana Pacers in one of 14 games on opening night in the NBA.

Daly and Pitino return to the NBA sidelines, charged with breathing new life into the Orlando Magic and Boston Celtics.

Barkley, meanwhile, was pondering retirement on the eve of the season, leaving the Houston Rockets, at least for the moment, in limbo.

Bird's Pacers open at New Jersey. Daly and the Magic are at home against Atlanta. Pitino's opener may be the toughest assignment of all, at home against Michael Jordan and the defending champion Chicago Bulls.

And Michael Jordan, who will be without injured teammate Scottie Pippen for a few months, is energized in his bid for a sixth title.

"I'm gearing myself up for a long season — all 82 games and 15 playoff games," he said. "I don't know what burnout is. I haven't burned out so far, so why worry about it?"

Houston opens at home against Cleveland, with no guarantee Barkley will be there. The 14-year veteran spent Thursday at his Phoenix home, weighing his options after being arrested last weekend for allegedly throwing a bar patron through a window.

Tonights other openers have Milwaukee at Philadelphia, Toronto at Miami, New York at Charlotte, Washington at Detroit, Golden State at Minnesota, San Antonio at Denver, the Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix, Seattle at Portland, Utah at the Los Angeles Lakers, and Dallas at Vancouver.

Certain to get a close watch will be Violet Palmer and Dee Kantner, the league's first two female referees. The NBA is the first major team sport to use women officials. And the two women are ready if anyone gets nasty.

"We'll treat them just like any other player," Palmer said. "Confrontation is part of being a referee. If they cross a line they're not supposed to, they'll get a technical like any other player."

Of the three new coaches, Bird had the best preseason, guiding the Pacers to a 6-2 record. Daly's Magic finished 4-4 while Pitino's reconstruction project in Boston got off to a 1-7 start.

Other teams changed coaches as well. Larry Brown moved from Indiana to Philadelphia, P.J. Carlesimo went from Portland to Golden State, Mike Dunleavy switched from Milwaukee's front office to Portland's bench, Denver hired longtime assistant Bill Hanzlik and Sacramento picked Eddie Jordan.

Barkley's situation was unclear on the eve of the new season.

"Right now, I'm leaning toward retirement," he told the Houston Chronicle. "If the league is not going to stand by me, then I'll just say thank you very much and move on."

Barkley said he was upset the league is considering suspending him.

"Am I sure (about retiring)?" he said. "No. But right now, I'm leaning that way. Can I walk away? I don't know. I'm going to think long and hard about this."

"Sure it's disruptive. You don't know if he'll show up or not," teammate Clyde Drexler said. "It just came at an inappropriate time when we were getting ready to start the season. He made a mistake and he's trying to evaluate his choices."

Besides Pippen, a few other big names are sidelined with injuries. Alonzo Mourning of Miami (knee) and John Stockton of Utah (knee) will be out for several weeks after off-season surgery. Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers will miss the start of the season because of a strained stomach muscle.

Perhaps the league's most intriguing newcomer is No. 1 draft pick Tim Duncan, who has seemed to fit right in alongside rejuvenated David Robinson with the San Antonio Spurs.

In New York, the Knicks reshaped their team, trading all of their four draft picks of the last two years to acquire center Chris Dudley and forward Chris Mills.

Cowboys and Niners will continue rivalry

IRVING (AP) — Games against San Francisco are always special, no matter the record of the participants.

This year, the 49ers have a chance to put the Dallas Cowboys into a deep hole from which there may be no recovery.

While San Francisco rides high at 7-1, the Cowboys are limping along with a 4-4 record and are in danger of falling too far behind to defend their NFC East title. The New York Giants lead the division the Cowboys have won for the last five years with a 6-3 ledger.

Bill Bates, the Cowboys' special teams captain who has been around for every San Francisco-Dallas game in the last 15 years, said the 49ers would take special delight in beating the Cowboys Sunday.

"They see us down and they want to be the first team to dig in a sword and twist it," Bates said. "This series has always been so competitive. ... There have been some great memories of some of the games we've lost and some of the games we have won."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said games against the 49ers mean more than the average NFL regular-season game.

"Both franchises have a lot of pride," Aikman said. "We're always excited about playing them. This year this may be a bigger game for us than for them. We're not as good as we've been in the past but we're still a pretty good team. But there always seems to be a lot at stake when we play the 49ers."

Aikman said San Francisco "has a good a defensive team as you can find in the NFL."

Then, almost as a warning to his own teammates, he added: "If we don't play better we'll get embarrassed. Our team doesn't have a whole lot of chances left. There is no room for error. Our goal is still to win the NFC East and I still feel we can do that."

Running back Emmitt Smith said he knows the 49ers will be geared to stop him.

"They always play the run tough," Smith said. "They always get up for the Cowboys. We need to correct our problems quickly. We're starting to run out of real estate. If we do correct our problems there are a whole bunch of teams out there who are in a lot of trouble."

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said he has noticed a different feeling in his training camp this week.

"I've sensed a different atmosphere at our facility," Mariucci said. "Dallas is all you can hear on the talk shows. Everybody seems to be getting jacked up. It's always a huge game between two teams who have won 10 of the last 15 Super Bowls."

Tar Heels top Rambling Wreck, 16-13; five match-ups feature ranked teams

ATLANTA (AP) — North Carolina was tied with Georgia Tech at halftime. So what?

The No. 5 Tar Heels love the second half, as they proved again Thursday night in a 16-13 victory.

"I wasn't frustrated we didn't score more often," said quarterback Oscar Davenport, who had a career night along with tailback Jonathan Linton. "I never felt like we were losing the game."

North Carolina (8-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) went to the half tied 6-6, having squandered numerous chances in the first two quarters, as demonstrated by a 317-109 advantage in total yards. But the final two quarters always belong to the Tar Heels, and Georgia Tech wasn't about to break that trend.

The Tar Heels, who have outscored their opponents 158-43 in the second half, will take a perfect record into a Nov. 8 showdown against third-ranked Florida State. The winner will have the inside track to a spot in the bowl alliance's national championship game, the Orange Bowl.

There are five games Saturday between ranked teams: No. 14 Georgia against No. 6 Florida; No. 9 Ohio State at No. 21 Michigan State; No. 10 Washington State at No. 20 Arizona State; No. 18 Purdue at No. 15 Iowa; and No. 19 Oklahoma State at No. 25 Texas A&M.

Other games involving ranked teams are: Oklahoma at No. 1 Nebraska; No. 2 Penn State at Northwestern; North Carolina State at No. 3 Florida State; Minnesota at No. 4 Michigan; Southern California at No. 7 Washington; and South Carolina at No. 8 Tennessee.

Also, Mississippi State at No. 11 Auburn; No. 12 UCLA at Stanford; No. 13 Kansas State at Texas Tech; No. 16 LSU at Kentucky; No. 17 West Virginia at Syracuse; Miami, Ohio at No. 22 Toledo; Alabama-Birmingham at No. 23 Virginia Tech; and No. 24 Southern Mississippi at Cincinnati.

The game between Georgia and Florida — known as the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party" — has been pretty one-sided throughout the '90s.

Florida has won the last seven games, and the last few haven't even been close.

The Gators have scored more points in the seven games of the 1990s (293) than they did in the previous two decades combined (288). They have scored at least 30 points in six of seven games under coach Steve Spurrier after doing that just twice in 67 previous games against Georgia.

Ira pounds Loraine JH

Ira junior high ended its grid season on a high note Thursday, pounding Loraine 53-26.

Jerry Jamison, who scored five Bulldog touchdowns, rushed for 188 yards on nine carries. Also adding to the offensive explosion was Tod Wall who accounted for two TDs and racked up 52 yards on five carries.

The Bulldogs finished with a 4-4 season, but were 3-2 in district play.

Ira scored first when Wall scampered in from 30 yards out with 5:28 left in the opening stanza. The extra point attempt failed.

Ira upped its lead to 13-0 on a 24-yard TD run by Jamison, followed by a Michael Allen to Cade Tucker pass for the PAT.

Loraine got on the board at the 3:08 mark as Eliaz Barrera returned the kickoff 70 yards. Ed Lujan ran the extra point.

With 2:40 still in the opening quarter, Ira got six more points on a 43-yard run by Jamison, and Ira led 19-7.

In the second period, Wall's eight-yard run pushed Ira's advantage to 25-7 with 2:46 remaining.

Loraine tallied with with just three second left in the half, on an eight-yard run by Elias Barrera, closing the gap to 25-13.

In the third period, Jamison intercepted and returned the pigskin 25 yards for a TD with 4:45 left. John Gainer passed to Cade Tucker for the extra point.

With 1:04 remianing in the third, Jamison raced 24 yards for yet another Bulldog TD. The run for extra point failed. With six seconds left in the third quarter, Cade Tucker picked up a Loraine fumbled and returned it 27 yards for a TD and Eric Dickerhoff ran for the extra point.

But the quarter wasn't over. Loraine recovered the on-side kick and Elias Barrera sprinted 50 yards for a TD. Ed Lujan ran for the point after, but Ira still enjoyed a 46-20 margin going into the final period.

In the fourth, Loraine struck again on a 20-yard ry by Lujan. But Ira responded at the 3:43 mark as Jamison galloped 56 yards for his fifth TD. A Gainer to Tyler Frey pass connected for the extra point.

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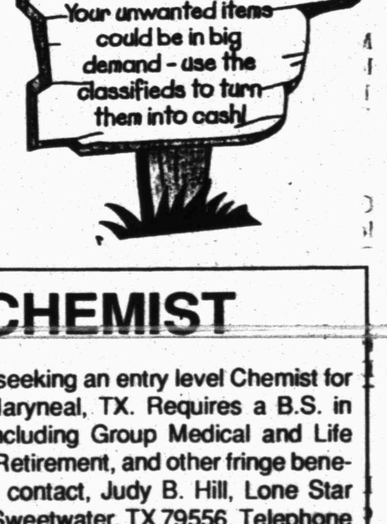

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Area law officers handle variety of calls Thursday

Local law enforcement authorities handled a variety of calls Thursday ranging from a smashed pumpkin to theft. One person was arrested.

At 6:54 a.m., Henry Treat reported to deputies that someone had stolen equipment from a combine near FM 1611. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Officers were called to Lawrence IGA #400 at 9:55 a.m. as the store had received a forged check. An offense report for forgery was submitted in the incident.

A report for harassment was made at 12:35 p.m.

At 1:09 p.m., a person reported a smashed pumpkin in the street in the 300 block of 36th Street.

An officer was requested in the 2300 block of Avenue O at 1:45 p.m. as a city employee reported someone possibly shooting a .22 firearm. The officer discovered a juvenile popping firecrackers.

Representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation reported that traffic was not stopping for a school bus around 2 p.m. at a bus stop on Highway 84 near Ezell-Key Grain Co.

An offense report for a cat bite was made at 2:56 p.m. as a 28-year-old male was bitten by a cat shortly before 3 p.m.

Sulema Martinez told officers at 4:29 p.m. that someone had taken a heater from her front porch at 212 35th St. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Reports for prowlers were made at 8:12 p.m. from the 2400 block of Avenue B and from the 2100 block of 41st Street at 8:38 p.m.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 8:46 p.m. as Kathy Atlee reported a window broken on her vehicle while it was parked at G&G Grocery.

A deputy responded to reports of possible gun shots on Brick Plant Road at 9:22 p.m. No one with firearms was located.

An officer responded to a call from Western Texas College security at 11:30 p.m. as a resident in the dorm had received threatening telephone calls.

A woman called the police department at 5:28 this morning in reference to her son being in the STAR program and she could not find him to take him to school.

The person arrested Thursday was a 24-year-old male who was taken into custody in the 1300 block of Coliseum Drive for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	116¾	114⅝	114	9-16— 5-16
AT&T Corp	49	48	48	1-16— 1-16
AirTouch	40	39¾	39	5-16+ ⅝
Albertsons	37	3-16	36⅝	37 + ⅛
AlldSignal s	36	11-16	35¾	36⅛+ 7-16
Alltel	35¼		34¾	35¼+ ⅛
AmerOnline	77⅛		76	76⅛+ 7-16
AmStores s	25	11-16	25¼	25⅜+ ⅝
Ameritech	65⅝	63	15-16	64⅛— 5-16
Amoco	91¾	90⅝	90	11-16— 5-16
AndarkPr	71⅛		71	71 — ⅝
Amncolnc	5	9-16	5	7-16— 1-16
AtlRichfld s	82	15-16	81	81 1-16— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	25	1-16	24	15-16 24 15-16— 3-16
Aviall	13	3-16	13⅛	13 3-16+ 1-16
BakerHughes	46¼		45¾	45⅝+ 9-16
BellAtl	80¾	79	7-16	79 13-16+13-16
BellSouth	46¾		46	46 — 1-64
BethSteel	10⅛		10⅛	10⅛+ ⅛
BritPet s	88	7-16	87⅞	88 + 1⅜
BurlNoSFe	96	1-16	93¾	93⅝— 2
Caterpillar s	52	11-16	51⅝	51 5-16—13-16
CenSoWst			21⅜	21⅛ 21 9-16
Chevron	82	15-16	80⅝	80¾+ ½
Chrysler	35	15-16	35⅛	35 9-16+ ¼
Coastal			60⅜	60 60 + 1-16
CocaCola			57⅞	56¾+ ¼
ColgatePalm s	6		68¼	65¼ 65¼—2 11-1
ComclMetals	32	5-16	32⅛	32⅜— 3-16
Cooperin	52		51	9-16 51⅞+ 5-16
CyprusAmax	21¼		20⅞	20⅞— ⅛
DallSemicn	48⅞		48⅛	48⅝+1 1-16
DeltaAirl	100		98	9-16 99 7-16+ ⅞
DigitalEq			50¾	50 50⅝
Dillards Inc	37⅝		37⅛	37⅛+ ⅛
DowChem	90	15-16	90¼	90¾+ 3-16
Dresserlnd	42⅝	41	15-16	42⅛+ 9-16
DuPont s	57⅛		55¼	55 11-16— 9-16
EastmanChem	61¼		60⅝	60⅝— 1-16
EstKodak	60	9-16	59⅝	59⅝— 1-16
EDS Corp	38	15-16	38¼	38½+ ⅜
Entergy	24¼		24⅛	24 7-16— ⅛
Exxon s	61⅛	59	13-16	60 1-16— ⅜
FstBksAm	17	5-16	17	5-16+ 1-16
Flowers s	19		18	11-16 19 + ⅛
FordMotor	44	11-16	43¾	43 11-16— 3-16
GTE Cp	43¼	42	3-16	42 5-16+ 1-16
GenDynam	81⅛		81	81⅛+ ⅜
GenElecs	65		63¾	64⅛+ ⅜
GenMills	66	7-16	65½	65 9-16— ⅛
GenMotors	66⅛		64½	64 9-16—1 7-16
GaPacif	87⅛		84¼	84⅜— 2⅛
GlobalMar	31⅞		31¼	31 3-16+ ¼
Goodrich	43¾	43	7-16	43½+ ⅛
Goodyear s	63		62½	62⅝+ 7-16
GtAtlPac	30⅛		29¾	30⅛+ ¼
Halliburtn s	60⅜		60	60 1-16+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	25⅛		25¼	25½+ ⅛
HarteHanks	34¾	34	11-16	34⅛+ ¼
HomeDepot s	55¼	54	11-16	54⅝+ ⅛
HoustonInds	21	11-16	21	7-16 21 11-16+ 3-16
IBM s	98	7-16	96⅜	96⅝+1 1-16
IntlPaper	46	13-16	43¾	43 15-16—2 7-16
JohnsonJn			57⅛	56¼ 56¾
K mart	13	9-16	13¼	13 5-16+ 3-16
Kroger s	32⅜	32	1-16	32 9-16+ ⅜
Litton	50⅜	49	13-16	50⅜+13-16
LockhdMart	95¼		94¾	94⅜+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	42	3-16	41⅞	42 + 5-16
Lubys	19⅜	19	1-16	19⅜— 3-16
LucentTech	82⅛	80	15-16	81 — 5-16
MayDeptStrs	53	15-16	53	11-16 53 13-16+ 3
Medtronic s	44	9-16	43¾	43 9-16+ 3-16
Mobils	72	13-16	71	11-16 72 + 9-16
Monsanto	43	7-16	42	13-16 43¼+ 9-16
MorganJP	111⅛	108	108	7-16—1 15-16
Motorola	61	5-16	60⅜	60 15-16+ 2⅜
NCR Corp n	30⅝		30⅛	30¼+ 5-16
NationsBk s	60⅛	59	9-16	59¾+ 1¼
Navistar	23¼	22	9-16	22 13-16— 3-16
Norwests	32⅛	31	15-16	31 15-16+ ⅛
OryxEngy	27⅛		27	1-16 27 1-16
Penney JC	57	9-16	57	57 1-16+1 3-16
Pennzoil	74⅝		73	73 — 7-16
PepBoys	25¼		25	25 3-16+ 3-16
PepsiCo	36⅜	36	5-16	36⅛+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	75		74	74 5-16— ⅛
PhilipPet	48	5-16	48	48 + ⅛
PilgrmPrd	14		13⅜	13⅝+ ⅜
Polaroid	44⅛	43	15-16	44⅛+ 3-16
Praxair	44	43	5-16	43 5-16— 9-16
ProctGamb s	69	3-16	67	9-16 67 15-16+ 9-16
PubSNwMx	19	3-16	19	1-16 19⅛— 1-16
RoyalDut s	53⅜		52⅝	52 11-16+11-16
SBC Comm	63¾		63¼	63⅜— ⅛
SaraLee	50⅛		50⅛	50⅛+ ⅜
Scripps n	41	13-16	41¼	41 13-16+ 5-16
SearsRoeb	41	13-16	41	3-16 41 5-16+ ¼
SherwinW s			27⅝	27⅜ 27 9-16
SmthBc ADS s	48	5-16	47	5-16 47⅜+ 1¼
SouthernCo	22	15-16	22	11-16 22 11-16+ 1-16
SwstAirlines	33	5-16	32¾	32 15-16+ 7-16
Sprint	52⅜		51	9-16 52¼+ 1⅜
SunCo	40	1-16	39¾	39 15-16+ ⅛
TNP Ent	26¼		25¾	26 1-16+ ⅜
Tandy s			35⅛	35⅝ 35⅝
TempleInland	58	15-16	57⅝	57⅞— 1⅜
Tenneco	46		45⅝	45⅝— ⅛
Texaco s	58		56⅞	57 1-16— ¼
TexInd s	48		44⅞	46¼+ 2¼
TexasInst	109		104⅛	104 13-16+1 15-16
TexasInst wi			54¾	53 53 + 1
TexUtil	35	15-16	35	11-16 35 13-16+ 3-16
Textron s	57⅞		56⅜	56 11-16— 9-16
Travelers s	71		69	15-16 70⅛+13-16
TriconGlbR n	30		29⅛	29 11-16+ 3-16
TrinityInds	45		44⅞	45 + 3-16
TritonEngy	39¾		39⅜	39⅝+1 1-16
Tyler	4⅞		4¾	4¾+ ¼
US WestCm	39⅜	39	7-16	39 9-16+ 5-16
USWstMda	25	11-16	25¼	25 5-16+ ¼
USX Delhi	18	13-16	18¾	18⅝
USX-Marathn	35⅛		35	35¼+11-16
USX-USS	34¼	33	13-16	33¾+ 5-16
UnCarbde	46	15-16	46¼	46 5-16— 3-16
UnionPacif	62	9-16	61	9-16 61⅜— 7-16
UnitedTech s			70⅛	69 13-16 69 15-16
Unocal	40	11-16	40⅛	40¼+ 5-16
WalMart	35	9-16	34	9-16 34 13-16+ 1-16
WstnGasRs			25	24⅞ 24⅞+ ⅛
WestghEl	27	5-16	26¼	26 15-16+ 5-16
WinnDixie			37⅛	36½ 36½+ 1-16
Woolworth			18	15-16 18 9-16 18⅜
Xerox Corp	80¾		78⅝	78 15-16+11-16
ZenithE			8¼	8 1-16 8 1-16

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 29--R.C. Nixon of Hermleigh, Billy Dodson and Miguel Sifuentes. Oct. 30--Doris Bennett, Felipa Garcia, Rudy Joe Luera, Jessie Leyva and Joe McCravey.

DISMISSALS: Oct. 29--Eric Clifton, Evelyn Elliott, Bertha White. Oct. 30--Clayton Foster, Billy Dodson and Miguel Sifuentes.

CENSUS: LTC 28; MED, 31. Total 40.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

After 5 years, Texas Lottery at crossroads, several agree

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery, dealing with a year of controversy, a decline of enthusiasm for its numbers games and orders to increase the state's share of profits is suffering its first real slump in sales.

The head of the lottery's three-member governing commission says a look at the five-year-old agency's successful past could point the way for its future.

But a lottery industry analyst said Thursday that Texas is risking "the wrath of players."

And the latest causality of the agency's internal turmoil, former executive director Lawrence Littwin, says Texans are being ripped off.

Littwin was fired Wednesday, less than six months after being hired. Members of the Lottery Commission, Chairman Harriet Miers, John Hill and Anthony Sadberry, wouldn't talk about Littwin's dismissal. Gov. George W. Bush said he believes the commission realized it made a mistake hiring Littwin.

"I trust the judgment of Harriet Miers and John Hill and the other commissioner named by my predecessor," Bush said.

But an anticipated cut in prizes — to increase the state's take as ordered by the Legislature — and a year of questions about top lottery officials and lottery contractor GTECH have added up to lower sales.

James Rinn, financial director for the agency, says sales could end up slightly below projections for $4 billion this year. GTECH officials say sales could fall as much as $1 billion short.

Ms. Miers says none of the controversies have related to the integrity of the games themselves.

And lottery prize cuts, from an average of 57 cents per $1 to roughly 53 cents per $1, won't be as drastic as many players think, other lottery officials say.

But Barry Miller, lottery columnist for the (New York) Daily News, says a combination of less advertising and lower prizes could hurt the state.

"There is no question that Texas risks the wrath of players by cutting advertising and cutting into the players' prize pool," he said.

Cuts in advertising came after questions by a lawmaker who thought the games' mascot, Scratchman, may have been too influential on children.

Rep. Rob Junnell, D-San Angelo, made those comments. On Thursday, he said he never put any pressure to dump the advertising and doesn't know that anyone else did.

Lawmakers also cut some of the lottery's advertising budget, but only by about $4 million from $80 million for a 24-month period, Junnell said.

Prize cuts also came from the Legislature, but Junnell said current sales drops can't be blamed on new laws that only took effect on Sept. 1.

Renn said that while those prize cuts have not fully taken effect, players believe they have. He said the year of controversy also hasn't helped.

Questions began swirling last November, when newspaper reports first revealed that GTECH had employed a close friend of Littwin's predecessor, Nora Linares. Ms. Linares said she knew nothing about it, went through weeks of questioning and then was fired. She sued the lottery, dropped that lawsuit and now is suing GTECH.

Questions also were raised about GTECH's business practices — including paying a percentage of GTECH profits to a Texas lobbyist — that led to an effort to get new bids for the services GTECH performs, such as running the on-line lotto games.

"The reality is, a constant repetition of issues has a negative impact," Ms. Miers said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Do problems exist (in the agency)? Absolutely," she said. "The commission can just deal with those as they are presented to the best of our ability."

One problem the commission may not be able to control is the historic decline in lottery-player interest. Few established state lotteries have not suffered a leveling and slight downturn in sales.

Miller said the state's reaction will be key in determining what happens.

"Let's compare it to the baseball situation," he said. "Owners are still feeling the affects of the baseball strike of a couple years ago."

The basic monetary unit of Argentina is the austral, and its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

Denton man claims $2.1 million prize

AUSTIN (AP) — After playing the numbers game since its inception, Henry Mitchell of Denton has claimed a $2.1 million lotto prize.

He's planning to take a little time off.

"It's been eight to 10 years since I've had a vacation — a real vacation," said Mitchell, 44, the city's first lotto winner.

Mitchell works as a ranger for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and weekends at a bowling alley.

It was at his second job that he realized that he won the lottery. Mitchell said he heard coworkers talking about a "mystery man" that had not claimed a jackpot.

"I didn't know anything about a mystery man. I didn't even know someone had won the lottery," Mitchell said Thursday.

After scanning the winning numbers in the newspaper, Mitchell said he realized that he was the mystery man.

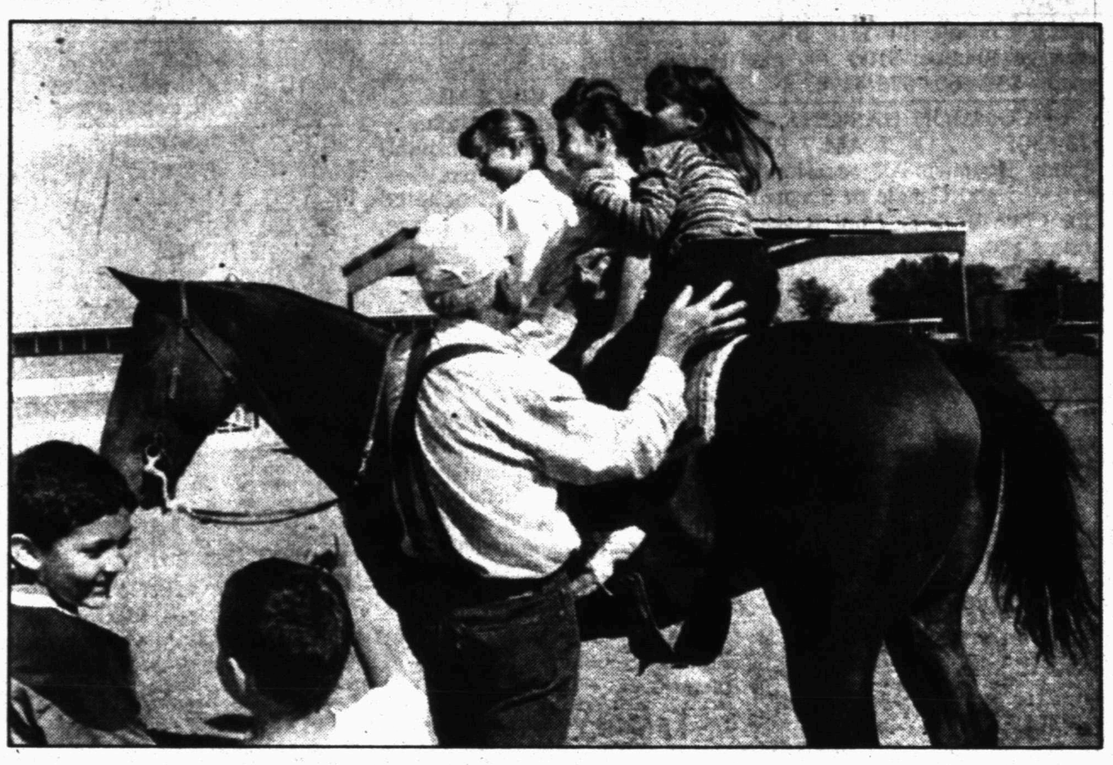
Instead of immediately leaving work to claim his prize, Mitchell said he took the news calmly.

"I wanted to stay and finish out the day," Mitchell said. "I was happy but I'm not a very excitable person."

Mitchell said he will continue to work, but only part-time at the bowling alley. Other plans for his prize money and the vacation are still up in the air, Mitchell said.

He won the $4 million drawing on Oct. 22, and chose the lump sum option for his prize.

ZOO DAY — Vickie Sargent brought McIntire to Stanfield during Zoo Day. Pedro Silva and Ryan Claxton are petting the billy goat while Matthew Arguello looks on. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



RIDING A HORSE — Stanfield's Kelby Seale, Amanda Sanchez and Ashley Maldonado, from left, enjoyed a horse ride during Stanfield's Zoo Day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Officials accused of targeting black-owned firms for closure

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers have ordered an investigation into allegations that black-owned home health care companies are targeted for closure.

Austin lawyer Gary Bledsoe said he will file a federal lawsuit alleging "an attack, basically, on black-owned home health facilities."

Among the allegations is that 78 percent of the Houston-area home health companies kicked out of the Medicare program for health or financial violations have black owners.

"Obviously, the numbers are pretty disturbing, but I don't know what the conditions were," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, chairman of a special committee studying home health care.

The Texas Department of Health was asked to investigate the allegations.

Moncrief plans a series of hearings on the home health care industry, which provides nursing, therapy, social work and respiratory services in a patient's home. Medicare pays for the services if ordered by a doctor.

Health Department officials denied that they were discriminating against black-owned businesses, pointing out that they don't keep track of the race or ethnicity of company owners.

But Bledsoe, president of the Texas NAACP, said the black companies were being held to a higher standard than other companies.

"They're charging black companies with almost anything," said Carrie Hamilton, president of Affiliated Professional Home Health Care in Houston, which will stop receiving Medicare supplements Nov. 15. "The things they're closing us down for would shut down every hospital in Texas if they'd enforce the rules."

Ms. Hamilton said her agency was cited for insignificant deficiencies, including a nurse who charted eyedrops were placed in one eye instead of both.

Doug McBride, spokesman for the Health Department, said inspectors found "uncorrected conditions" at the agency.

"We think the charges (by black owners) will be found baseless and without merit," McBride said. "We take charges of racial discrimination seriously, but we take inadequate, hazardous and fraudulent home health-care performance seriously as well."

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

One-track minds can miss diagnoses

DEAR DR. GOTT: In 1996, my 69-year-old husband was admitted to a hospital for chest pain and shortness of breath. He was examined by a cardiologist, who ordered a heart catheterization. Nothing abnormal was discovered, and he was discharged.

Six months later, my husband was found to have inoperable lung cancer. His oncologist says that had a chest X-ray been performed during the hospitalization, the tumor would have been discovered and could have been cured. My husband's doctors claim that Medicare didn't authorize a chest X-ray, so it wasn't performed. What can be done to convince the government "experts" that some X-rays are necessary?

DEAR READER: As much as I rant and rave about government interference in medical care, I cannot place the blame on Medicare for the tragic sequence of events that you describe.

In my view, your husband was the victim of what I call the "shoe-store syndrome". When you go to a shoe store, they're going to sell you shoes. The cardiologist, to his discredit, was thinking only of heart problems when he examined your husband. He forgot that chest pain and breathlessness have causes other than heart disease.

Prudent medical practice dictates that a routine chest X-ray should be taken on any adult with chest pain. This is simply an accepted procedure. Medicare doesn't prohibit it, and even if it did, a chest X-ray costs only a few dollars — far less than a heart catheterization. I am puzzled as to why the X-ray was neglected. Someone dropped the ball.

I am also puzzled that the tumor was not identified during the catheterization, when doctors look at the heart — and, by necessity, part of the lungs — with a fluoroscope.

Having directed the responsibility to your husband's doctors, I must point out, in all fairness, that diagnosing the tumor six months before may not have made any difference in the outcome. Once a lung cancer has reached the stage where it causes pain and shortness of breath, it has usually spread and would not necessarily be amenable to cure. Thus, by the time your husband experienced symptoms, the die may have already been cast.

Nonetheless, this observation doesn't absolve your husband's doctors, who should have ordered a chest X-ray during the initial hospitalization. Later, they compounded their error by claiming that it was the fault of Medicare. I don't buy that. We all make mistakes and, from time to time, sell shoes when we ought to be selling something else.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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After latest train wrecks...

Feds send RR inspectors to Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Railroad Administration said Thursday it will dispatch 85 inspectors to Texas and other states after the two latest train wrecks involving Union Pacific rail cars.

Administrator Jolene Molitoris, speaking at a railroading conference, said the move was necessary because an inspection team sent several weeks ago has not eliminated all of the problems.

Even after inspectors spent two weeks auditing safety 24 hours a day, "Union Pacific is still experiencing collisions," Molitoris said.

The federal agency earlier deployed 90 inspectors to monitor Union Pacific operations after a string of crashes over the summer that killed seven people. All but a dozen inspectors have since returned to their regular duties.

Last Saturday, two days before a Surface Transportation Board hearing on service problems in the West and Midwest, two Union Pacific trains collided near Houston, injuring four crewmen. A fifth worker was injured Wednesday when two Union Pacific freights collided near Navasota, Texas.

"Two collisions within a week is too much," Ms. Molitoris said. "They know they have a problem."

She said the inspectors will monitor crew fatigue and other issues. About half the inspectors will go to Texas.

Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said the company will cooperate fully. On Monday, railroad executives apologized for the service problems and said they were on their way to resolving them by year's end.

Molitoris' remarks came during a conference sponsored by Traffic World magazine on a proposal by CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. to carve up Conrail and control virtually all rail traffic east of Kansas City.

Last year's merger between Union Pacific Corp. and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. was on the minds of many participants as CSX and Norfolk Southern offered assurances that problems plaguing the West would not be repeated with their acquisition of Conrail.

Reform Party plans to draft platform during convention

By The Associated Press

A convention in Kansas City, Mo., gives activists from across the nation a chance to sort out the Reform Party's future, but one key question is the role of founder Ross Perot.

Between 400 and 600 delegates are gathering for the event, described by the party as a "founding" convention. They also plan to discuss how to make the party a rival nationally to the Republican and Democratic parties.

The delegates are supposed to approve a constitution, draft a party platform and elect national officers. Perot, a Dallas billionaire, is scheduled to give the keynote address Saturday night.

Questions about Perot's role led to a dissident movement that formed a separate party. But delegates to the Kansas City meeting said they are looking to him for advice — and energy.

"We get tired," said Linda Diehl, a party activist from Abilene, Kan. "But, boy, we go to one of these things and Ross gets up there and goes to town, and we get excited."

Delegates plan to debate and approve a party platform Saturday afternoon. They also are scheduled to hear a speech from Harry Wu, a human rights activist and former Chinese prisoner.

But the big event is Perot's speech, which follows an address by Pat Choate, Perot's presidential running mate in 1996. Perot could talk about his political plans, but some delegates want him to talk about issues and give them encouragement.

The goal for some delegates is to create an organization that attracts thousands of people who are so fed up with politics that they do not vote.

"The more people we get involved at the county and township level, the better off we'll be," said Raejean Overholtzer, treasurer of the Missouri party.

Reform Party members acknowledge creating a strong, national party will be difficult.

For one thing, they said, some states' laws make it difficult for a third party to gain recognition so that candidates can list their affiliation on the ballot.

For example, in Colorado, Chairman Mike Corbett noted, the party needs to submit petitions with more than 111,000 signatures.

Ida True Terry, an Overland Park, Kan., activist said Perot needs to tell delegates: "Be patient. Realize this is going to take time."

"I think they need a recognition of how hard they work," she said.

Mark Marney, who ran for the U.S. Senate in 1996 as a Reform Party candidate, said not enough Americans are upset because they believe the economy is strong.

Marney, who operates a travel and charter bus company in Wichita, said he cannot attend the convention because of his business.

Obituaries

Dean Horsley

Dean Horsley

1927-1997

Opal Dean Horsley, longtime Snyder resident, died at her residence Thursday, Oct. 30, following a sudden illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 5, 1927 in Stanton, she married Chesley Wade Horsley on June 1, 1951 in Snyder. He died on Nov. 7, 1985. Mrs. Horsley, a homemaker, had worked as an operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She was a member of East Side Church of Christ where she was a Bible class teacher.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Royce Wittie of Lubbock and Vicki and Jerry Don Craig of Del City, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kent and Sherry Horsley of San Angelo and Jerry Don and Carol Horsley of Cedar Creek; a twin sister, Ima Jean Prather of Plainview; another sister, Lee Johnson of Marietta, Ga.; one brother, Jody Johnson of Oklahoma City; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Rev. Lightfoot

1917-1997

CONROE — A.B. "Augustus" Lightfoot, former pastor of Snyder's First Baptist Church, died Thursday, Oct. 30, in Conroe.

Funeral service for Rev. Lightfoot, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Mims Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Kendrick officiating.

Entombment will follow in the Mausoleum of the Cross in the Conroe Memorial Cemetery. Cashner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 10, 1917 in Santa Anna, Rev. Lightfoot was pastor of Snyder's First Baptist Church from 1962-69. He also served as pastor of the Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa and First Baptist of Big Lake. He also served as vice president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood and was an evangelist for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Lightfoot of Conroe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley and Barbara Lightfoot of Oklahoma City and Richard and Patricia Lightfoot of Newberg, Ore.; a stepson and his wife, Ernest and Lori Hunter of Bancroft, W. Va.; a sister, Louis Oden of Waco; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the A.B. and Rose Lightfoot Scholarship Fund in care of Howard Payne University.

Claudine Peebles

1944-1997

LUBBOCK — Claudine Kelley Peebles, the sister of Jon Allen Kelley of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 30, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Peebles, 53, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Keith Wiseman, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Jayton Cemetery.

Born Aug. 27, 1944, she married Mike Peebles on Dec. 22, 1973 in Hobbs, Tex.

Mrs. Peebles had been a resident of Lubbock since 1992, moving from Round Rock. She had taught at Parkway, Mahon and Jackson Elementary schools. Mrs. Peebles was a member of the Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

Survivors also include her husband, Mike Peebles of Lubbock; a daughter, Tyler Peebles of Austin; her mother, Sue Kelley of Llano; and two sisters, Rhoda Rehders of Mabank and Pat Watkins of Seguin.

Diabetes pushes to record levels in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP) — A fatter, less active and older America has helped push diabetes to its highest levels yet in the United States.

As of 1997, about 10 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. Nearly 6 million more people have the disease and don't know it. The figures represent a sixfold increase from 1.6 million in 1958.

"We are becoming a more overweight population, we are less active and we are also getting somewhat older," said Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the CDC's diabetes division. "If you put all of those factors together, we are seeing a chronic disease epidemic occurring."

It isn't just a U.S. problem. The CDC and the World Health Organization estimate that 125 million people worldwide have diabetes, a number expected to double by the year 2025.

"Diabetes is a common disease, a serious disease and it's a very costly disease," said Linda Geiss, surveillance chief of the CDC's diabetes division.

Diabetes — a condition in which blood sugar levels rise out of control, causing nerve damage — is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States. It also is a leading cause of kidney failure, non-traumatic amputations, heart disease, stroke and blindness.

The American Diabetes Association estimates the disease costs patients and health care providers $140 billion in medical expenses, disability and lost wages each year.

The CDC estimates 15.7 million people in the United States currently have diabetes. In its early stages, the symptoms are not very apparent. They can include excessive thirst, frequent urination and weight loss.

Ford recalls vans, Mustangs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is recalling 769,000 Windstar minivans and Mustang sports cars after complaints the hoods were flying off some of the vehicles.

The government's highway safety agency received 45 complaints that the top panel of the hoods detached from the lower panel, flying off or up against the windshield while the vehicle was moving, according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report released Thursday.

NHTSA spokesman Tim Hurd said the recall involves 769,000 Windstars, model years 1995-96, and Mustangs, model years 1994-96.

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Snyder senior football players, managers, trainers and cheerleaders will be recognized along with their parents or guardians at the last home football game tonight. Parents are asked to be on the track in front of the pressbox no later than 7:05 p.m. so that the presentation may begin promptly at 7:10.

PTK garage sale

Phi Theta Kappa, WTC's international honor society, will hold a garage sale starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at 304 36th Place. All money raised will be used toward the Nashville trip.

Grace Lutheran annual bazaar

Grace Lutheran Church Women's Group autumn bazaar is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church, 5500 College Avenue, near Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Springers bake sale

Snyder Springers will hold a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Proceeds will go toward 1998 competition. The Springers will hold exhibitions during the sale at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Booster meeting cancelled

The November Snyder Band Boosters meeting has been cancelled.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Pleasing God," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Snyder FFA boosters

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the ag building.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. The junior homecoming will be among the topics.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will have a free blood pressure clinic at the Fluvanna Cafe from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Tiger Times on sale

The 1997-1998 Tiger Times Yearbook is on sale. To order, pay the full amount of $14 or a deposit of $7 and the balance of $7 when yearbooks arrive in the spring. No extra copies will be ordered; anyone wanting a yearbook must order early.

Orders will be accepted through Nov. 14 in Room 113 or the office. Checks should be payable to Snyder Junior High School.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Museum seeks items for angel display

Scurry County Museum needs angel related items to display Nov. 20-Jan. 5. These may include angel pictures, calendars, statues, jewelry, craft objects, even clothes with angel motifs on them. Call 573-6107 for more details.

Church rummage & bake sale

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church will have a rummage and bake sale in the parish hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 8. Donations will be accepted from 2-5 p.m. Nov. 3-6. Call 573-8824 for more information.

Pick 3

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

4-8-7

(four-eight-seven)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

13-14-24-26-31

(Thirteen, fourteen, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-one)