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Snyder to host lots of activities

Terminal re-opening, trailer rally, White Buffalo Days

By Jo Ann Nunley
SDN Staff Reporter

Plans for upcoming events, granting a request from the Scurry County Museum for hotel/motel tax funds and routine business contributed to Monday's lengthy noon meeting of the chamber of commerce board of directors.

Polly Echols and Elizabeth Potts, representing the Scurry County Museum presented a request for hotel/motel tax funds for promotional purposes. The board agreed to give the museum $2,500 to promote the community and its heritage.

Board members reviewed several upcoming events. Among them were:

—Grand re-opening of the newly-renovated terminal building at Winston Field from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 7. Airplanes from the Confederate Air Force in Midland will be featured. Everyone owning an airplane in Scurry County is invited to place their aircraft on display. Rep. David Counts will fly in for the event.

—On Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from 23 West Texas Tourism Council-member communities will meet in the banquet room of the Spanish Inn to discuss tourism problems and ideas to improve upon them.

—A Holiday Rambler Trailer Rally will be here Oct. 1 for a week's stay. Some 500 people are expected.

—The White Buffalo celebration is set for Oct. 6-7 and will be kicked off with a parade headed by Donna Hutchinson. Other events are to include a quilt store, a 10-K run headed by Dalton Walton, Buffalo Kid and Calico Cutie contest headed by the band boosters, horseshoe pitching contest at the new court on the coliseum grounds and more.

Singer-songwriter Red Steagall will provide entertainment at a fund-raiser at the Hays ranch on Oct. 6. Tickets will soon be available at the chamber office.

A sign has been completed that will be placed on U.S. Highway 84 that will direct people to the site where the white buffalo was killed, near the Hays Ranch. S.D. and Judy Hays has donated land where a tourist area will include parking for RVs and a picnic area.

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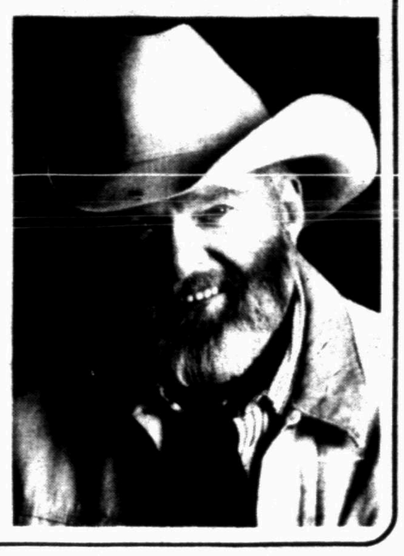
Red Stegall coming

COMING TO SNYDER - Red Steagall, noted recording artist and songwriter, will perform in Snyder during White Buffalo Days, scheduled for Oct. 6 and 7. Stegall will headline the entertainment on Saturday, Oct. 7. He is known for his Texas swing music, including such hits as "Here We Go Again" and "Lone Star Beer and Bob Wills Music." He has performed in countries throughout the world and is a regular on the television series Music Country USA. He is also the official Cowboy Poet of Texas.



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Ask Us

Q—When is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 7 election?

A—You can register to vote through the close of business on Oct. 8 at the county clerk's office.

Local

Backers

Ira Bulldog Backers will meet at 7 this evening in the school cafeteria.

Fluvanna

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual fund-raising Laredo supper and bake sale at 7 p.m. Saturday, in the community center. Everyone is invited.

Yearbooks

Distribution of the 1995 Tiger's Lair yearbook will continue this week in Worsham Auditorium from 7:45-8:05 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m.

Portraits

A make-up date for seniors who have not had their yearbook pose taken has been set for Aug. 29 from 3-7 p.m. SHS underclassmen will have school pictures taken Aug. 29-30.

Stanfield

The Stanfield Parent Council is selling school supplies for Stanfield students in grades K through 2nd. Call 573-1031.

Revival

The Church of God, 21st Street and Avenue O, will hold revival services through Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Rev. Jerry Pilley will bring the message. Everyone is welcome.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy early, becoming clear by midnight. Low around 70. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, sunny in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon. High in the mid 90s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 97 degrees; low, 73 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 74 degrees;. No precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 13.32 inches.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:19. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:14. Of 233 days in 1995, the sun has shone 218 days in Snyder.

DOG DAYS — Two-year old Beauty was pictured climbing into her pool trying to beat the heat during these summer days known as dog days, defined by Webster as the period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texas troops bound for the Persian Gulf

FORT HOOD (AP) — The Army turned to commercial airlines today to airlift about 1,300 soldiers from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division to military exercises in the Middle East as a deterrent to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The military had planned to deploy the troops by military aircraft on Sunday and Monday.

An advance party of about 80 soldiers in battle-dress uniform that left Fort Hood aboard a C-141 cargo plane this weekend have arrived in Kuwait, base spokesman Lt. Col. Randy Schoel said.

Another plane that left Monday with cargo and eight troops was "getting pretty close to its destination," Schoel said late this morning.

The delays were a result of organizational problems with acquiring airspace over Saudi Arabia, said a Clinton administration source, who asked that his name not be used. He added that the Saudis themselves granted permission for planes to fly over its territory almost immediately.

Once the bugs were worked out, flight regulations requiring crew rest after a long period of standby forced military officials to wait until today to ship out most of the troops.

The troop deployment from Fort Hood, near Killeen, for Operation Intrinsic Action was expected to be completed with several flights today.

Schoel said the first flight today took off at 9:30 a.m. after a minor delay. It carried cargo and 10 troops to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, its refueling stop before heading to the Middle East.

The second flight today was scheduled for noon, transporting about 400 soldiers, said Sgt. Major Owen Roach.

Except for the cargo flight that left Monday, all other flights were delayed. Troops stood by all day, waiting for clearance that never came before they were finally sent home to their families for one more night.

The four- to six-week exercise was planned for October but was moved up because of increasing instability in Iraq.

A son-in-law of Saddam's who defected to Jordan said Sunday that his departure foiled an Iraqi plan to invade Kuwait and Saudi Arabia earlier this month.

Time is running short for season ticket holders

Six home games in '95 campaign

Tiger football fans have until Friday to renew their season tickets.

Current season ticket holders may purchase their tickets for the 1995 season at the school administration building. There are six home games this year, and season passes are $24 per seat.

Tickets at the gate this season will be $5 each. Student tickets will be $2 in advance and $5 at the gate.

Season tickets not renewed will go on sale to the general public at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28. No season tickets will be sold after Sept. 8.

The first home game for the Tigers is Sept. 15 against Monahans. Other home games are Sept. 29 against Big Spring, Oct. 6 with Kermit, Oct. 13 against Levelland, Oct. 27 with Lamesa and Nov. 3 against Lubbock Estacado.

Road games for the Tigers include the season opener on Sept. 8 against Andrews. Other out-of-town games are Abilene Wylie on Sept. 22, Frenship on Oct. 20, and Sweetwater on Nov. 10.

Lawyer: new woman set to challenge The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Another woman has been found who wants to become a cadet at The Citadel now that Shannon Faulkner has dropped out, one of the lawyers in the case said today.

"It's hard to find somebody who is willing to put themselves in the middle of the hurricane," attorney Suzanne Coe said. "But there is a woman who will step in and take off in the same shoes that Shannon stepped out of."

Ms. Coe said she would file federal court papers on Wednesday seeking to add the woman to the case.

The lawyer would not identify the woman until the papers are filed, except to say she is from South Carolina and attends college. Like Ms. Faulkner, she would be a junior if she entered the corps next year but would take the freshman year of military training.

Ms. Faulkner, the first woman cadet in the 152-year history of the state military college, fought for 2½ years to join the corps, then withdrew last week after less than a week on campus. The 20-year-old woman said the stress of the

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Don't mess with Scurry County, either

The slogan, "Don't Mess With Texas", took on real meaning for a 30-year-old Snyder man today and he felt it where it hurt...

In his pocket book.

He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Darren Jackson for dumping 20 bags of trash along County Road 148, north of Snyder and fined $250 by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds. The infraction is a Class C misdemeanor which carries a maximum fine of $500.

The incident occurred on July 10 when the man threw out the bags of trash along County Road 148, north of Snyder. The man was identified through items found in the trash, said Jackson.

UN told to secure road or clear out of Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A Bosnian government minister gave the United Nations an ultimatum today: Secure the road into Sarajevo or clear out of Bosnia.

Hasan Muratovic, minister for relations with the United Nations, demanded that peacekeepers silence the Serb guns that have killed dozens of civilians on the Mount Igman road, the only route into Sarajevo the government controls.

After three U.S. diplomats were killed in a crash there Saturday, Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey called the route "the most dangerous road in the world."

If U.N. troops are not able to secure the Igman road, "then we really don't need them anywhere else," Muratovic was quoted today.

Last month, Bosnian officials were heartened by the arrival of 1,000 U.N. troops armed with heavy guns and radar to reinforce 1,000 peacekeepers on Mount Igman.

Since the force arrived, the Serbs have reduced their attacks on U.N. convoys using the route, but Lt. Col. Chris Vernon, a U.N. spokesman, said the rebels still fire frequently at non-U.N. vehicles.

The Bosnian government launched an offensive in June to break the 40-month-old siege of Sarajevo. The siege remains, and Bosnia now fears for the capital's last remaining link with the outside world.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Kids are too smart. Instead of playing cops and robbers, nowaday they are law enforcement and alleged perpetrators."

There is no traditional gift for a 29th wedding anniversary. We guess that allows you time to save and brace for the 30th. The traditional 30th is a pearl, but the modern gift is a diamond, or so says our personal pocket calendar.

Ole what's-her-name is like most women — cunning and crafty. Just last Sunday she began to read the wedding announcements, particularly the end where it revealed where the newlyweds had gone on their honeymoon.

She noted a lot of exotic places — Bahamas, Hawaii, Cancun, Mediterrian cruises and theme resorts.

In our day, an out-of-state honeymoon was the Lamplighter Motel in Hobbs, N.M. Nobody ever ventured as far as Ruidoso, because everybody had to be back at work on Monday.

Our 1963 Pontiac LeMans got us back to Lubbock where we had rented an apartment to finish the last year of college. We did splurge, a $29.95 room at the Villa Inn on Ave. Q.

The room wasn't ready on arrival, so we cooled our heels over a cup of coffee at the Pancake House. No wonder we're so naturally mushy.

But we think the talk about all those honeymoon spots is a mere hint about going someplace we've never been. Shoot, we've never been to Maryneal...

Wonder if the banker makes home improvement loans...either we take a trip next year or expect no improvement at home.

We did hear about one couple who decided to celebrate their 60th anniversary by staying at the same honeymoon hotel.

She asked if he remembered how he stroked her hair. He said he did.

She asked if he remembered how tight he cuddled her. He admitted he did.

She asked if he remembered how he nibbled on her ear. He nodded that he did.

"Will you do that again? The husband bounced out of bed. "Where are you going?"

"To get my teeth," he said.

After pet food sickens dogs, tainted wheat search begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Scores of dogs were sickened recently by pet food made with tainted wheat, and the government is investigating whether the same naturally occurring toxin is in food destined for human consumption.

The Food and Drug Administration, concerned by reports of fungus invading wheat fields in Kansas and elsewhere in the Midwest this year, plans to collect samples of flour and bran from mills and screen them.

Government officials stressed there have been no recent reports of people getting sick from the toxin, called vomatoxin for the stomach upset it can cause. The dog food was contaminated by wheat grown in 1994; the FDA's concern is this year's crop.

In July, Nature's Recipe Pet Foods recalled most of its dry dog food amid complaints from hundreds of owners that their dogs lost their appetite or threw up.

"It's a little unusual to have it affect dogs. You just don't hear too much about it in pet animals," said Dr. Robert Poppenga, a veterinary toxicologist at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary school.

Vomatoxin, or deoxynivalenol, is one of the milder toxins produced by a family of fungi that tends to flourish during a wet growing season, such as one experienced in the Midwest this year. Cases of people getting sick from vomatoxin have been reported in India and China.

"The primary effect is gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea and vomiting," said Sam Page, director of natural products at the FDA's Food Safety and Applied Nutrition unit, which is conducting the investigation.

Page said the government study was not prompted by vomatoxin's appearance in dog food. Indeed, federal regulators last year also checked whether vomatoxin was prevalent in human food because of a serious 1993 outbreak caused by large-scale Midwest flooding.

"To our knowledge, this isn't a real serious situation" like the 1993 fungus outbreak, Page said in a recent interview.

Vomatoxin-tainted grain poses an economic threat to farmers who raise pigs and other livestock because it can suppress appetite and weight gain. For humans, it's more likely to find its way into wheat products such as pasta rather than bread, since baking flour requires higher quality wheat.

Nature's Recipe Pet Foods, which is based in Corona, Calif., and has more than $50 million in annual sales, said it recalled and destroyed several thousand tons of dry dog food from stores and distributors. Tests detected vomatoxin in the food.

The company has since dropped its wheat supplier. Nature's Recipe would not identify the source except to say that it is a large business that operates out of Minnesota and North Dakota and supplies other pet-food manufacturers, too.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS — Western Texas College's faculty association officers for 1995-96 include, from left, Jan McCathern, president; Sue Freemyer, vice president; Janet Halbert, secretary; back row, Dick Lancaster, academic affairs committee; Juli Walters, nominations and elections; Donnie Brown, faculty welfare; Joe Carter, environmental; and Robert Adams, social committee. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cotton producers to be able to employ powerful pesticide

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Cotton producers in the Concho Valley will soon be taking some heavy artillery into their battle against the beet armyworm.

Pirate, a potent pesticide that's believed to be the best weapon available for such a fight, likely will be available for farmers by Thursday or Friday, a Texas A&M University entomologist said Monday.

"The company was making the product this weekend," said Rick Minzenmeyer of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center. "And they are making it as we speak."

About 60 West Texas cotton producers met Monday with officials at the center north of San Angelo to learn what they can do to beat the beet armyworm.

The worm appeared in the Concho Valley cotton patch earlier this month and it proceeded to consume it at such an alarming rate, producers may not be able to save it, even with Pirate.

The pesticide will be used on acres not yet severely damaged by the pests.

Runnels, Tom Green, Concho and McCulloch counties are eligible to use Pirate, Minzenmeyer said.

But only enough chemical for 30,000 acres has been allowed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"I don't know if we will be able to get Schleicher County added to that list," he said. "But we are going to look at what we can do to get that done."

The reasons Schleicher County was not on the list were unclear, but Minzenmeyer suggested it could be because less cotton is grown there or because the TDA has limited the amount of Pirate that can be used in the state.

Pirate will not be an all-out savior for producers still fighting the insect, he said.

"Pirate is not a miracle cure," he said. "It's not going to solve all the problems. No producer is going to go in and clean out his field with this stuff."

Some tests were done last Friday to determine Pirate's effectiveness on the beet armyworm, he said.

"At the maximum rate it did a good job of cleaning out the smaller worms," he said. "But it left the larger ones — a half-inch or larger."

Minzenmeyer used 17 ounces per acre in the test, but he noted that producers can only use nine ounces per acre under the Section 18 rules. The cost at that level is in the $14 to $15 per acre range, Minzenmeyer said.

Although most of the 200,000 acres of planted cotton in the Concho Valley are devastated beyond any hope, producers may be receiving some federal aid through a disaster declaration.

The chance for federal assistance money is slight because of new legislation which does not allow Congress to allocate money not already budgeted.

Sugar and salt receive easier treatment in new guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warnings about sugar and salt are less severe in a government advisory panel's new recommendations for healthy eating, but the overall message is still moderation.

The panel's recommendations to update nutritional guidelines also argue against routinely using supplements instead of food to get vitamins, minerals and fiber. Vegetarians are recognized for the first time, and get special advice on how to get by without meat, milk and eggs. Exercise is given greater emphasis.

Despite those changes, the basic message remains the same as it was five years ago: Eat a variety of foods, including lots of fruits, vegetables and grains; go easy on alcohol, cholesterol, fats, salt and sweets; watch your weight.

The recommendations are contained in a report completed this summer by the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. The report, obtained Monday by The Associated Press, revises the 1990 edition and is the first required by law.

The Agriculture and Health and Human Services departments will decide as early as November which of the recommendations to adopt when they revise the Dietary Guidelines for Americans to reflect current scientific understanding. The guidelines are used largely to guide nutritionists and doctors and educate the public.

The pyramid-shaped guide to daily food choices, issued in 1992, is based on the last set of recommendations. Since the last report, the government has required nutrition labels on most foods.

The committee changes slightly the language for salt, sodium and sugar consumption. Rather than saying they should be eaten "only in moderation," the guidelines should say "choose a diet moderate" in those ingredients, the panel of physicians and nutritionists said.

The report notes that added sugar hasn't been shown to cause hyperactivity or diabetes, is digested the same as naturally occurring sugars or carbohydrates, and enhances the flavor and texture of some foods. At the same time, sugar adds calories but no other nutrients.

The salt warning was changed because questions remain about the relationship between sodium use and high blood pressure. The link between high blood pressure and obesity is stronger, the report notes.

The report preserves the recommendation that no more than 30 percent of daily calories come from fat, and 10 percent from saturated fat.

Although the previous guidelines recommended food rather than supplements as a way to provide good nutrition, the new proposals are stronger.

"Some of the health benefits associated with a high-fiber diet come from other components present in these foods, not just from fiber itself," the committee recommended saying. "For this reason, fiber is best obtained from foods rather than supplements."

Vitamin and mineral supplements may be needed for the elderly or for pregnant women, but "the use of supplements cannot substitute for proper food choices," the committee said.

The report recommends that vegetarians who eat no animal products supplement their diets with vitamin B-12, found only in animal foods. These so-called vegans, especially children, should take care to find sources of vitamin D and calcium, the report says.

Vegetarians who still eat dairy products and eggs need to be sure they get enough zinc, iron and B vitamins found in meat, fish and poultry.

The message to exercise is made stronger, with a reminder to "try to maintain your body weight by balancing what you eat with physical activity."

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1995

The year ahead could be an extremely busy one for you with a number of new irons in the fire. Success is indicated after you sort out the productive projects from the unproductive ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not make comparisons today between a friend you're with and a friend who is not present. No matter how hard you try, what you say could seem unfair and unflattering. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make an effort to help others today, but be sensible regarding whom you help. Avoid assuming the burdens of goldbricker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are likely to get your fair share of opportunities today, but you might not recognize their true worth and fail to capitalize on them properly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Half measures won't count for much today if you're faced with a challenging development. The only way to score a true success will be to go all out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against seeing situations today as you would like them to be instead of as they are. Wishful thinking will distort the picture and work against you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions will be unusual today and you could be held accountable for the mistakes of others if you're not careful. Do not allow yourself to be misused.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Progress is indicated today if you serve as your own counselor. If you bring in outside advisers, the quality of your decisions will drop.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Extra responsibilities might be foisted upon you today. If you have a negative attitude, it may cause them to appear awesome and unmanageable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the sake of your image and relationship with close friends, stay on your best behavior today. Thoughtless actions could wound several pals at once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you launch an endeavor only to let it fend for itself later, the results will be undesirable. Instead, see it through to a satisfactory conclusion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Remain realistic today. If you view matters from a distorted perspective, it could cause you to take actions that don't serve your best interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You must exercise practicality and discipline in your financial affairs today. If you get careless, you may wipe out a portion of your accumulation.

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Pick 3

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

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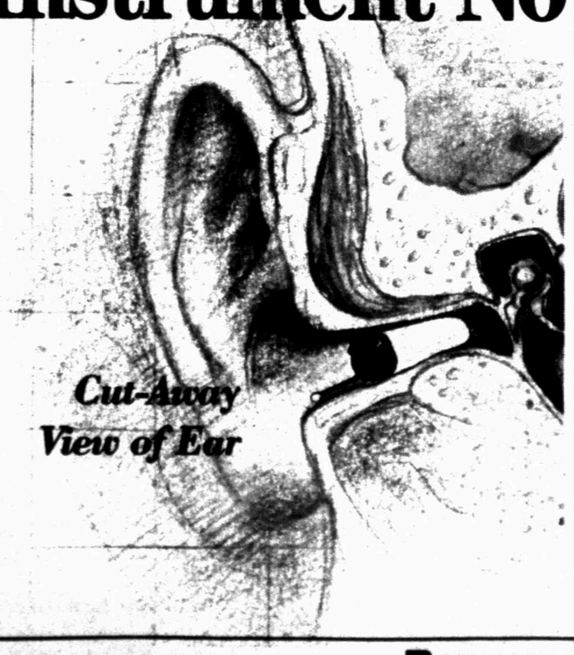

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BRIDAL AFFAIR — Valerie Rios, who plans to marry Cole Drum on Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, was given a bridal shower in the parish hall Saturday afternoon by several hostesses. Pictured from left behind the serving table are Anna Bell Drum, Cole's grandmother from Fluvanna; Shirley Drum, his grandmother; Melinda Gossett of Azle, his mother; the honoree, Sally Rios, her mother; and Diana Tovar, her grandmother. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Woolever annual reunions held

The 71st annual Woolever reunion, honoring the late Christi Ann Woolever held July 29-30 at Willow Park Inn, was followed by the 23rd annual Earl Woolever reunion, honoring longtime residents of Scurry County, the late Hattie and Earl Woolever.

A barbecue held July 22 in the home of Doyle and Fran Farmer, south of Snyder, also celebrated Clinton Lowery of Hayward, Calif., on his 18th birthday. The Local Yokels, Gloria Browning, Texa Ball, Velma Smith, Wana Fisher and Herman Richburg, entertained.

Tuesday night's entertainment included the Hoss Clayton Band and guests were served fried turkey with sea-food dressing, prepared by Dale Harris. The Pizza Inn was the site for a Wednesday's meal. Again, the Farmer's hosted a Mexican Fiesta and an auction to raise money for reunion expenses.

At the conclusion of the reunion, a hamburger/hot dog cookout was held at the home of DeVelva and Ricky Sorrells where Buck and Patsy Sitton won a 42 tournament.

Attending were Carolyn Stone, Clinton Lindy and Cody Lowery of Hayward, Calif.; Melania Chisum of Colorado Springs; Dot and J.C. Wall Jr. of San Saba; Kim Cooksey, Luke and Matthew of Big Spring; Melvena Coverdale of Slaton, Bill Babcock of Comanche; Tammy Stocker of Denver; and Brian Sitton of Waco.

Those from Snyder included LaOma and T.T. Floyd; Buck and Louise Woolever; Bobbie Woolever, Doyle and Fran Farmer, Dustin and Hayley; Paul Farmer; DeVelva and Ricky Sorrells; Nathan Sorrells; Angel Southern; Darlene and Bill Robbins, Brandon and Meggin; Dava and Brad Robbins, Josh and Cadra; Lisa and Dale Harris and Skyler; Kellie and Terry Miller; Stanley Woolever; Jayme and Julius Roemisch; Welda and Eddie McHaney; Darrell and Susan Bills and Cory; Gaylon and Jeff Mason, Molly Curtis; and Delwin Bane.

Friends of the family in attendance were Marlene Richburg; Duke Ball; Emmitt Askins; Ann and Max von Roeder; Aubrey Wilson; Carl and Dot Stokes; Hoss Clayton; Nancy Blair; Jimmie and Norma Sorrells; Todd and Sheila Sorrels; and Chris and Tasha Blalock of Hayward, Calif.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon/game day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427 per person; serving begins at 11:30 and games will follow.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 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.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Some years ago I bought some onyx decorative fruit in Mexico. The onyx was bright and colorful when I purchased it, but through the years the color has faded. Is there any way I can re-dye or color to rejuvenate the onyx? — **MRS. H. WESLEY ALTMAN, Uniontown, Pa.**

DEAR MRS. ALTMAN: Your decorative fruit carved from onyx, which is a type of quartz, may just have gotten dirty over time, thus causing it to lose its luster and color.

If the fruit still looks dull after cleaning (use a mild, non-detergent soap and a soft brush), here's an idea for you to try. Anne's granny, who was a great collector of stones up and down the beaches of Canada's Bay of Fundy, used to rub the stones she had collected with Vaseline every few days or so. Over time, the Vaseline was absorbed into the stones and they eventually looked just as if they had been newly washed in by the tide.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I want a recipe for English tea biscuits. The one I've been using is too much like a cookie and is not what I want. Can you help? — **MRS. WILLIAM JADICK, Gwynned Valley, Pa.**

DEAR MRS. J.: We hope this recipe is the one you are looking for.

TEA BISCUITS

1 pound unsalted butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 egg plus one egg yolk
5 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Stir in eggs. Add flour, salt and vanilla. Mix well and shape into a ball. Refrigerate for 24 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

On a lightly floured board, roll dough to a 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out in 2-inch rounds. Bake 10-12 minutes. Watch CAREFULLY while the biscuits are baking as they can overcook in the wink of an eye. Store in a tightly sealed tin (they'll last for weeks). Makes 5 dozen.

STUMPED: Starting Early! Wanda Parker of Mundelein, Ill., wonders if any of you have patterns for crocheted tree ornaments of animals (bears, etc.) that you might be willing to share. Send them in, we'll pass them on.

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

Advice for those who wear leather

By The Associated Press

Chances are there is more leather in your wardrobe these days, with skins being made into all sorts of apparel and accessories. And chances also are that you might not know what to do with it when it needs freshening up.

"While silks and wools need the care of a dry cleaner to keep them fresh, leather requires a special, professional type of maintenance unique to itself," says Roz Schott, executive vice president of Schott Bros. Inc., a company that has been producing leather outerwear since her grandfather founded it in 1913.

She has some advice for leatherwear owners:

— If the elbows and cuffs on your leather jacket appear flat and dull, brush lightly with soft bristles over the flat-looking sections to restore the nap. Test the brush on the underside to make sure it won't damage the garment.

— White film often appears on wet leather after it dries; the "spew" is the skin's natural oil rising to the surface. To remove it, rub the leather with a piece of chamois. If this doesn't work, it may be the white spots are really mildew stains; if so, let a professional do the cleaning.

—Use mink oil to keep leathers (except suede) soft and supple. To maintain suppleness, store the garment at room temperature.

—If you want to shorten a leather skirt, cut the length with sharp shears, allowing a hem. Apply rubber cement sparingly on the underside with a cotton swab and let dry. When the glue is tacky, put the hem into position, then roll down smoothly along the hemline. Schott suggests using a rolling pin.

— If your leather jacket smells funny after being stored in a closet, air it out on a clear day. If the smell persists, take the jacket to a professional leather cleaner for deodorizing.

— Check the instruction tag that came with your leather gloves to clean them without shrinking them. If you can't find it or don't want to tackle the job, let the professional do it.

— Also let a professional remove food and beverage stains, "season" handbags to restore their luster, or remove scratches. Never use shoe polish to cover scratches; it will cover only temporarily and likely come off on other things.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

8-22-95

NORTH
♠ J 6 5
♥ Q 7
♦ K 9 8
♣ A J 10 8 7

WEST
♠ Q 3
♥ 10 9 8 6 5 4
♦ Q J 5
♣ 4 3

EAST
♠ A 10 9 8 7
♥ - - -
♦ A 6 3
♣ K 9 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K 4 2
♥ A K J 3 2
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Why did he double?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday's deal was shown to me by Englishman Tony Priday. He is one of the best bridge players ever, but since he is a reserved person, he is not as well-known or highly rated as some more extroverted but less able players.

Following that write-up, no doubt you are expecting a deal where Priday played or defended brilliantly. Wrong! Priday also showed me this deal, which he misplayed during a rubber-bridge game in London's Cafe Royal. But he spotted immediately how he should have made the contract.

Aggressive bidding led to three notrump, which West doubled because he had the hearts held and it was potentially the end of the rubber.

West led the spade queen: five, 10, king. Priday finessed the club queen, which held. Then declarer optimistically played a diamond toward the dummy, covered by the jack, king and ace. East returned a diamond to his partner's queen, and a second spade gave East four tricks in that suit. The contract was two down: 500 to East-West.

Priday had overlooked the inference about the heart suit. If West had five or six hearts, the winning line, after the club queen held trick two, was to play a heart to dummy's queen and continue with the ace and jack of clubs.

Unless willing to sacrifice a club trick, East must give the lead to the dummy in either spades or diamonds. South's nine tricks are four hearts, three clubs and either two spades or one spade and one diamond.

Phillip Alder's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for $14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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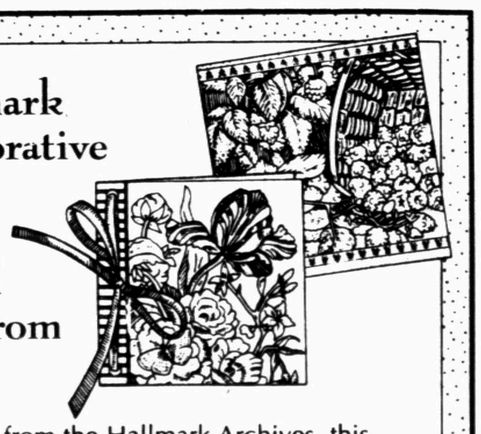

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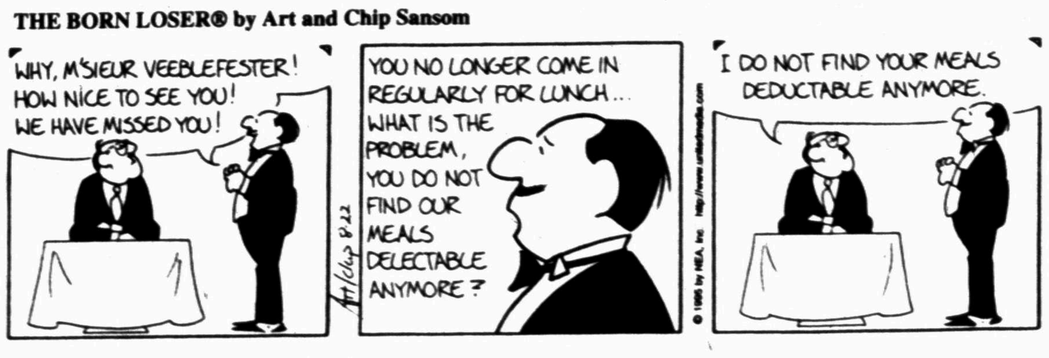

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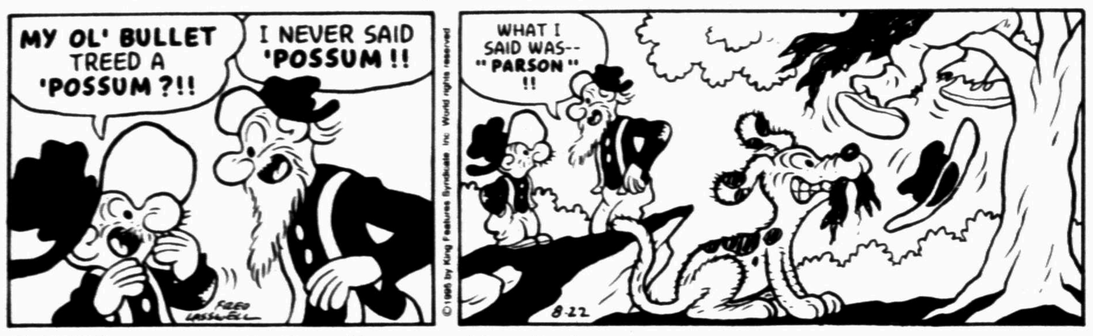

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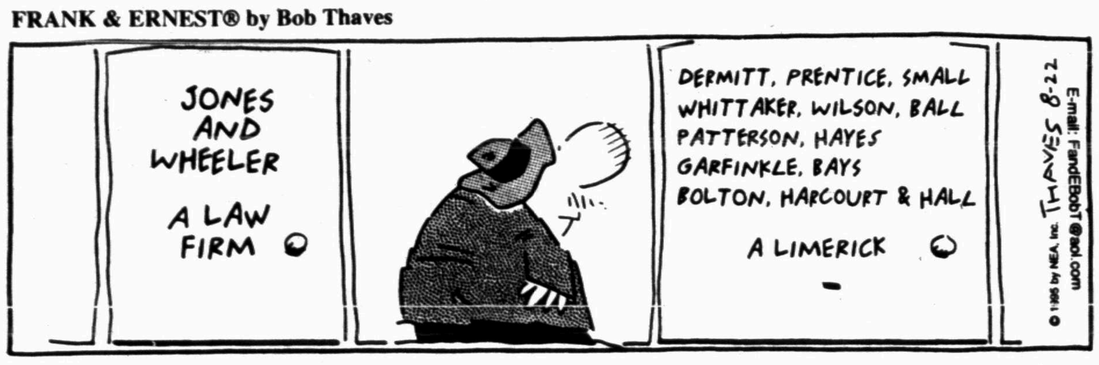

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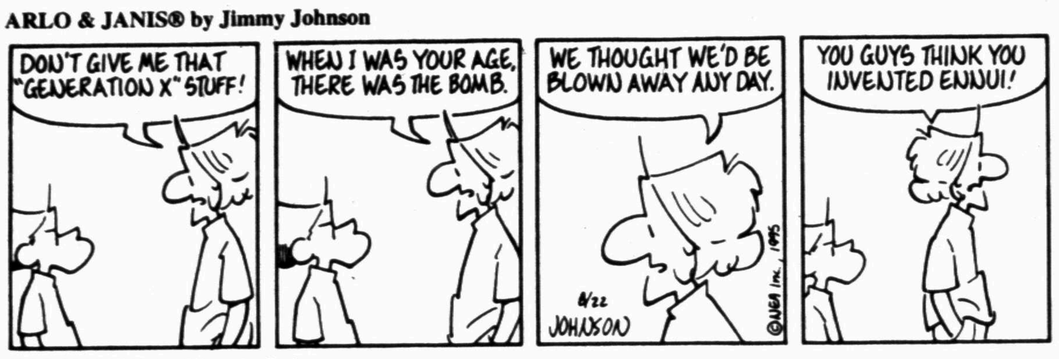

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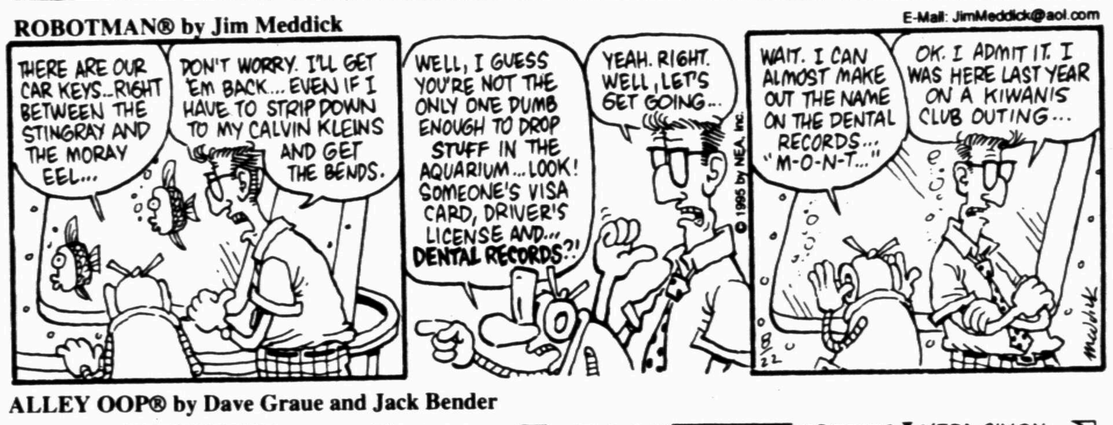

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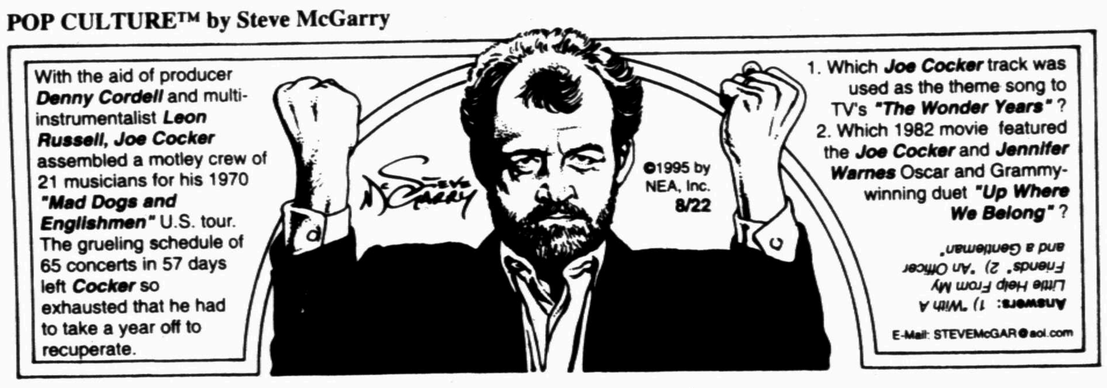

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ACROSS

1 Pecans, e.g.
5 Hurry
9 Rep.'s counterpart
12 Rat- — - —
13 Black
14 ... — I saw Elba
15 Holding device
16 Respect deeply
18 Fraternal member
19 Barbara — Geddes
20 Dill seed
21 Money back — — satisfied
23 Kennel dweller
25 Lack of muscle tone
26 Silliest
30 Order
32 Boxing-victory abbr.
33 12th mo.
34 State of possessing
36 Free from bacteria
38 Believe
39 Baseball's Mel —
40 Seamount
41 Senator Sam —
44 Gloomy one
45 Ingrid Bergman's daughter
47 Not indelible
50 Indication
51 Horse relative
52 Entre —
53 Actress Madeline —
54 Stadium cheer
55 Cutting tools
56 Division word

DOWN

1 Church part
2 Public services
3 Group with a mission (2 wds.)
4 Sault — Marie
5 Strengthen a levee
6 Biblical character
7 Swindle
8 Chem. suff.
9 College VIP
10 Art deco illustrator
11 Run into
17 Cereal grass
19 Protesters' action
22 Comp. pt.
23 Pianist Brubeck
24 Troublesome
25 Sand lizard
26 Metal
27 Abyssinian
28 Like some jeans
29 Buddhist shrine
31 Taunt
35 James Bond, e.g.
37 Singer Lily —
40 Surmise
41 Close
42 — Major
43 Poet Ogden —
44 Paste
46 — Domini
48 Literary miscellany
49 Crate
50 Glide on snow

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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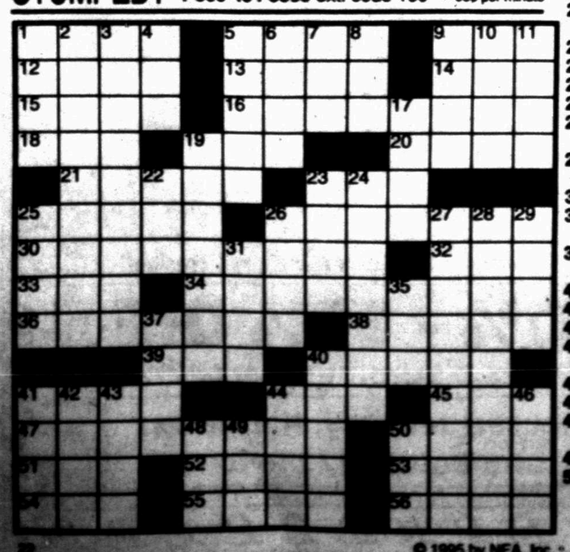

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CONDITIONING RUNS—The Ira Bulldogs are busy getting ready for their 1995 football season. First year coach Russell Gee will be trying to improve over last year's 0 & 10 record. The Bulldogs will scrimmage Blackwell, Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Blackwell. On Aug. 31, they will host Borden County and Midland Trinity in a three-way scrimmage at 6 p.m. The first regular season game will be held in Meadow on Sept. 8th against Three Way. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Snyder High School Volleyball 1995 Schedule

Aug. 22 Tue	Midland/Lake View	Midland	6:15
Aug. 26 Sat	Plains/Bronte	Snyder	12:00
Aug. 29 Tue	Midland Lee/Pecos	Midland	4:00
Sept. 1-2Fri,Sat	Denver City Tourney	Denver City	V only
Sept. 2 Sat	Snyder Tourney	Snyder	JV only
Sept. 5 Tue	Lakeview/Watervalley	Lakeview	5:00
Sept. 8-9Fri,Sat	Birdville Tourney	Fort Worth	V only
Sept. 12 Tue	Big Spring	Snyder	5:00
Sept. 16 Sat	Seminole	Seminole	2:00
Sept. 19 Tue	Bronte	Bronte	5:30
Sept. 23 Sat	Plains Tourney	Plains	JV only
*Sept. 23 Sat	Levelland	Levelland	3:00
*Sept. 26Tue	Estacado	Snyder	6:30
*Sept. 30Sat	Lamesa	Lamesa	1:00
*Oct. 3 Tue	Sweetwater	Snyder	5:30
Oct. 7 Sat	Lubbock Christian	Lubbock	4:00
*Oct. 10Tue	Levelland	Snyder	5:30
*Oct. 14Sat	Estacado	Lubbock	2:00
*Oct. 17Tue	Lamesa	Snyder	5:30
*Oct. 21Sat	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	1:00
Oct. 24 Tue	Andrews	Snyder	6:00

*District Game

Varsity Coach Patty Grimmett
J.V. Coach Carmen Bohannon
Freshman Coach Vanessa Gutierrez

Freshman open season with split in Abilene

The Snyder High Freshman vollyeball team started their 1995 season Monday afternoon in Abilene against Cooper. There were two freshman teams that participated.

The first team defeated Cooper 15-9, 15-10. Scoring in the match were Shannon Hall with 12, Starla Davis with 9, Fatima Burks with 4, Erica Arellano and Amy Ricks with 2 and Felsha Biggers with 1. Also playing, but not scoring were Maurica Sergent and Terra Lyons.

The second team lost two very close games. They were defeated 14-16 and 13-15 by Cooper. Scoring were Keila Helms with 10, followed by Brittany Drummond with 5, Mary Hollis and Darcee Purcell with 4, Bradi Johnson and Sharika Wofford with 2. Playing, but not scoring were Alissa Peoples and Nicole Canales.

"The first group did very well," said Coach Vanessa Gutierrez. "The second group had problems with communications on the court, but I am proud of both groups."

Next action for the freshman spikers will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Denver City. It will be a three-way match with Andrews, Denver City and Snyder.

Broncos buck Cowboys

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos' new offense is a lot like the old one — possessing plenty of firepower. Last year's porous defense, however, has yet to prove it has improved.

In their fourth preseason game — the first in which they worked from a game plan — the Broncos generated 455 yards, a preseason high in the NFL this season, and beat the Dallas Cowboys 20-17 Monday night.

Denver (3-1) had 233 yards at the half against the Cowboys' defense, No. 1 in the NFL last year.

Denver's first-string defense, on the other hand, yielded 237 yards in the first half, and Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin hooked up almost at will. Irvin, finding gaping holes in the secondary, hauled in six passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns in the half, then sat out the second half, as did Aikman.

The Aikman-to-Irvin combination helped stake Dallas (1-3) to a 17-10 halftime lead.

Denver reserve quarterback Bill Musgrave outdueled his counterpart, Wade Wilson, in the second half.

Musgrave, battling Hugh Millen for the No. 2 spot behind John Elway, completed 14 of 23 passes for 155 yards, including a third-quarter touchdown pass to tight end Jerry Evans.

Rookie Terrell Davis helped the Broncos maintain ball control, carrying 10 times for 73 yards, including a 38-yard romp in the fourth quarter.

"This kind of game makes our job very difficult," Shanahan said, referring to today's mandatory NFL cutdown to 60 players. "We've got 80 guys who have really been committed. It's the best group I've been around. It appears there are some players who made the team tonight based on what we saw.

"One game is not the final test, but Bill didn't hurt himself. We have two excellent backup quarterbacks. We're not going to make a decision until after the Jacksonville game (final preseason game on Aug. 25)."

Musgrave's 1-yard TD throw to Evans produced a 17-17 tie, and Jason Elam's 27-yard field goal with 9:37 left accounted for the difference.

Aikman and Elway, who both played only the first half with the other starters, had identical 12-for-17 passing statistics, with Aikman throwing for 194 yards and Elway for 165.

"We accomplished what we wanted to tonight," Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said. "We went out and played hard and won the first half, and we came out of the game healthy. The offensive line protected Troy and Wade very well. On special teams, we blocked a field goal and had some good returns."

On his first series, Musgrave drove the Broncos 76 yards in 13 plays for a 17-17 tie with 7:17 left in the third quarter. He completed seven passes on the drive, including a 22-yarder to Evans. On second-and-goal from the 1, Musgrave faked to a back into the line, then hit a wide-open Evans in the end zone.

"We really fooled them on the quarterback keeps," Musgrave said. "The fake plays worked because we ran the ball so well. We called some pretty basic plays because we didn't want to show them everything since we play them in a couple of weeks (Sept. 10)."

Early in the third quarter, Musgrave completed five straight passes and Elam kicked the deciding field goal.

Both Elam and Dallas' Chris Boniol missed short field goals in the second half.

MGA Day-Night tourney results

The results of the Day-Night tournament of the WTC Men's Golf Association held Friday, Aug. 18 have been released.

In the day play, Glenn McCathern shot a 30 to take first place in the low man in a foursome, less handicap. Other scores from the day play were; Raymond Drury, 31; Gene Hall and Ray Atkinson, 32; Mike Carter and Jeral Beard, 33; James Liner 34; Pete Rios, Gary Murphy, Mark Harless and Levi Hill, 35.

Night play was a scramble format with the A-B flight playing a 2-man scramble and the C-D flight a 3-man scramble. Winners in the A-B flight were Mike Carter and Wayne Monroney with a 32. Second place went to Rusell Fink and Raymond Drury with a 34.

Winners in the C-D flight were Blaine Long, Johnny Barrow and Wayne Knox with a 39.

Baseball Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	66	41	.617	-
NewYork	53	53	.500	12½
Baltimore	49	58	.458	17
Toronto	46	60	.434	19½
Detroit	45	62	.421	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	72	34	.679	-
Milwaukee	53	54	.495	19½
KansasCity	51	54	.486	20½
Chicago	45	60	.429	26½
Minnesota	38	67	.362	33½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	66	42	.611	-
Texas	57	50	.533	8½
Seattle	54	53	.505	11½
Oakland	51	58	.468	15½

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 3, Kansas City 1, 1st game
Kansas City 18, Milwaukee 9, 2nd game
Chicago 7, Detroit 3
Cleveland 7, Toronto 3
Texas 12, Minnesota 5
Boston 6, California 4
Oakland 13, New York 4
Seattle 6, Baltimore 0

Tuesday's Games

New York (Kamieniecki 3-4) at Oakland (Van Poppel 2-4), 3:15 p.m.
Chicago (Righetti 3-1) at Detroit (Lima 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Martinez 9-4) at Toronto (Leiter 8-7), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-4) at Texas (Pavlik 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gordon 8-8) at Milwaukee (McAndrew 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 13-7) at Seattle (Belcher 8-7), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 4-4) at California (Harkey 7-7), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New York (McDowell 11-8) at Oakland (Prieto 2-6), 3:15 p.m.
Chicago (Alvarez 5-7) at Detroit (Bergman 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Clark 7-5) at Toronto (Carara 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Parra 1-1) at Texas (Witt 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Krivda 1-2) at Seattle (Wolcott 1-0), 10:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 14-2) at California (Abbott 9-6), 10:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	67	39	.632	-
Philadelphia	55	53	.509	13
Montreal	52	55	.486	15½
Florida	46	58	.442	20
NewYork	46	60	.434	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	66	39	.629	-
Houston	57	50	.533	10
Chicago	53	53	.500	13½
Pittsburgh	46	60	.434	20½
St.Louis	43	64	.402	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	57	51	.528	-
Colorado	56	51	.523	½
SanDiego	53	53	.500	3
SanFrancisco	48	59	.449	8½

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 3, San Diego 1
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 3
Los Angeles 7, Montreal 2
New York 5, San Francisco 4, 11 innings
Atlanta 5, Houston 4
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 6

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles (Tapani 1-1) at Montreal (Perez 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (B.Williams 2-9) at Philadelphia (Greene 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Leiter 8-7) at New York (Cornelius 1-2), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Rapp 7-7) at Chicago (Bullinger 10-3), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Avery 5-9) at Houston (Brocail 4-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 13-6) at St. Louis (Barber 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 7-5) at Colorado (Reynoso 5-4), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco (Mulholland 2-10) at New York (Jones 7-8), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Weathers 3-4) at Chicago (Navarro 10-5), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 12-7) at Montreal (Fassero 12-9), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Dishman 4-5) at Philadelphia (Green 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Mercker 6-8) at Houston (Hampton 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Wells 2-1) at St. Louis (Watson 5-4), 8:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 11-5) at Colorado (Bailey 1-5), 9:05 p.m.

Astro's loose fifth straight game, 5-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Ryan Klesko went 3-for-4 and hit an RBI double that broke a seventh-inning tie as the Atlanta Braves beat Houston 5-4 Monday night and extended the Astros' losing streak to five games.

The Braves trailed 4-3 entering the seventh. Jeff Blauser reached on Ricky Gutierrez's second error of the game, and went to third when Chipper Jones doubled off Craig McMurtry (0-1).

Dean Hartgraves came on to face Fred McGriff, whose grounder to first scored Blauser with the tying run. Klesko's double scored Jones with the go-ahead run.

Atlanta reliever Mark Wohlers entered the game with runners on first and third and one out in the eighth, and struck out Tony Eusebio and Dave Magadan.

In the ninth, the Astros had runners on first and third with no outs when Craig Shipley led off with a double and pinch-hitter Milt Thompson popped a bunt over Wohlers' head for an infield hit.

Shipley was thrown out at home when pinch-hitter Derrick May grounded to third baseman Jones for the first out. Brian Hunter grounded sharply to first baseman McGriff, moving runners to second and third. James Mouton flied out to right to end the game for Wohlers' team-record 18th consecutive save.

Klesko also singled and hit an RBI triple in the sixth.

Tom Glavine (12-5), who is 7-1 in his last eight decisions, pitched seven innings, struck out three and gave up eight hits.

The Astros took a 4-3 lead in the sixth off Glavine, who didn't allow a runner to second base until pinch-hitter John Cangelosi singled and went to second on Glavine's wild pitch. James Mouton reached on shortstop Blauser's fielding error and Glavine walked Derek Bell to load the bases.

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Rangers continue hot streak with win over the Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez hit a grand slam and an RBI single during an 11-run first inning that included three homers for the Texas Rangers against the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Gonzalez's five RBIs in an inning was one short of the major league mark accomplished 11 times, most recently by Boston's Carlos Quintana in 1991.

Rusty Greer had a three-run homer and Benji Gil hit a solo shot as the Rangers sent 15 batters to the plate against rookie pitchers Scott Klingenbeck and reliever Oscar Munoz. The Rangers had eight hits and three walks in the inning.

On Sunday, Texas scored six runs in the first inning in beating Chicago 6-4.

The Rangers' record for runs in an inning is 12, done in the 15th inning against Oakland on July 3, 1983. The 11 runs tied a Twins' mark for most allowed in an inning.

The post-1900 major league record for runs in an inning is 17 by the Boston Red Sox in 1953 in the seventh against Detroit. In that game, Gene Stephens became the only player since 1900 to get three hits in an inning.

Will Clark had an RBI triple and Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez contributed run-scoring singles to help the Rangers to the second-highest scoring inning in club history.

Klingenbeck lasted two-thirds of an inning in his 10th major league start, allowing seven runs and six hits.

Sheldon Bass lost for season

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech split end Sheldon Bass, the team's leading receiver, has fractured his collarbone and will be sidelined indefinitely.

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The Red Raiders open their season Sept. 9 at Penn State.

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ABC gives on air apology to 2 tobacco giants

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — ABC News settled more than $10 billion worth of libel lawsuits by apologizing on the air for reporting that two tobacco giants "spike" cigarettes with extra nicotine to addict smokers.

ABC's "Day One" newsmagazine reported in February and March 1994 that Philip Morris Cos. and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. added significant amounts of nicotine from outside sources.

"That was a mistake that was not deliberate on the part of ABC but for which we accept responsibility and which requires correction," Diane Sawyer said Monday night during the "World News Tonight" broadcast.

"We apologize to our audience, Philip Morris and Reynolds," she said, reading from a network statement.

A fuller apology was read on the air later Monday, during halftime of the Denver Broncos-Dallas Cowboys preseason football game. The full apology was to be read again Thursday during "Day One."

ABC also will pay attorney fees, costs and out-of-pocket litigation expenses incurred in the lawsuits. The network declined to release the total.

"We are extremely pleased that the case has been resolved and that the 'spiking' charge is now behind us," said Charles R. Wall, senior vice president and deputy general counsel for Philip Morris.

Said ABC spokeswoman Patricia Matson: "There was a mistake; we corrected it."

ABC News said in a statement that it stood by the "main focus" of the report — whether cigarette companies use the reconstituted tobacco process to control levels of nicotine in order to keep people smoking.

In the 13-minute report, ABC contended that the company added nicotine during the manufacturing process. R.J. Reynolds and Philip Morris denied adding nicotine for any reason during manufacturing.

In almost all of its cigarettes, Philip Morris uses some reconstituted tobacco, a filler that includes stems and crushed leaves. Nicotine is removed, then added later, but the final product has a lower nicotine content than the raw materials, the tobacco companies say.

The Food and Drug Administration began an investigation of tobacco companies three days before the ABC program aired last year. Much of its early focus followed angles that ABC reported.

The FDA concluded last week that nicotine was an addictive drug and that tobacco companies had manipulated the chemical in cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

The tobacco companies, led by Philip Morris, immediately filed a federal lawsuit challenging the FDA findings as wrong.

Philip Morris sued ABC in Richmond, where it has a cigarette factory, in March 1994 seeking $10 billion in damages. R.J. Reynolds sought unspecified damages of more than $10,000.

Jane Kirtley, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Arlington, Va., said the settlement may send a message that "big business can ... intimidate journalists into silence."

"This case was about pure and simple intimidation and an attempt to deflect reporting about the tobacco industry," she said.

"This is a triumph of bottom-line thinking over news judgment," Richard Daynard, a professor at the Northeastern University law school and chairman of the Tobacco Products Liability Project, told The New York Times. "Philip Morris has bullied a major television network into apologizing for what is essentially a true story."

"Members of the anti-smoking industry immediately jumped on the spiking charge as a rallying cry in their crusade against tobacco," Wall said. "Now it will be interesting to see if they too offer an apology or whether they continue to pretend the issue never existed."

Kevorkian's actions wake up call for all doctors

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Leaving a woman's body in a hospital parking lot was Dr. Jack Kevorkian's way of telling doctors to support his push for physician-assisted suicide, his attorney said.

"Prosecutor, get out; police, get out," attorney Geoffrey Fieger said Monday. "Doctors at Beaumont Hospital, come on in. Step up. That's what we're saying."

Esther Cohan, a 46-year-old former secretary who suffered from multiple sclerosis, was found dead Monday in the back seat of an old car parked outside William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, a Detroit suburb.

Cohan, who lived in Skokie, Ill., died of carbon monoxide poisoning, said Oakland County Medical Examiner L.J. Dragovic, who ruled the death a homicide.

Her death was at least the 25th Kevorkian attended since 1990.

"As things went from bad to worse and I was nothing more than a bed veg, I knew it was time to say, 'See ya,' " Cohan wrote in an Aug. 9 letter addressed "to all."

Her sister, Judy Cohan, who also attended the death, said Cohan backed Kevorkian even before her condition worsened 15 months ago. By then she had stopped working and could no longer even go to the bathroom unaided, her sister said.

Esther Cohan wanted "to make a statement," her sister said. "This was what she wanted and she was given the option to back out several times, and she refused."

Kevorkian, who lost his medical license during his crusade, faces possible murder charges. The prosecutor's office said a decision on the Cohan case would await the police investigation.

Dr. Nancy Dickey, who serves on the board of the American Medical Association, said her group wants Kevorkian prosecuted. "There is a fine, but definite line beyond which physicians should not go in actively taking a patient's life," she said.

A state ban on assisted suicide enacted in 1993 to stop Kevorkian was ruled unconstitutional on various grounds by lower courts.

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Refugees begin leaving Zaire

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Soldiers expelled 3,000 Rwandan refugees today and marched 8,000 others toward their homeland as Zaire ignored international protests and stepped up the forced repatriation of refugees.

As many as 60,000 other refugees have fled their camps along Zaire's eastern border into surrounding hills to avoid being sent home.

While thousands of refugees were being herded out or fleeing, gunfire was reported today at some of the refugee camps. It was not immediately clear who was shooting or if there were any casualties.

There were other reports of Zairian soldiers looting and raping refugees and torching their huts as they tried to force them out.

Zaire began expelling the refugees Saturday, but today's forced exodus was by far the largest. Officials have given no explanation, but aid workers say Zaire is trying to pressure the United Nations to find another country to take the refugees.

With nine countries along its border, Zaire has the largest refugee population in the world.

At the southern edge of Lake Kivu, some 11,000 Rwandan refugees were expelled today from the Zairian city of Bukavu. Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said 3,000 were forced back into Rwanda, and 8,000 more had been marched to the border.

The Bukavu area is home to more than 300,000 Rwandan refugees.

U.N. refugee agency workers were sent today to Cyangugu, on the Rwandan side of the border across from Bukavu, to care for the arriving refugees.

The most recent outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus appeared in February in the Zairean city of Kikwit. Named after a river in northern Zaire, the virus first struck in Yambuku, Zaire, in 1976, then in Nzara, Sudan, in 1976 and 1979.

Citadel

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court battle and her isolation as the only woman in the corps were taking too great a toll on her health.

If the new woman is permitted to enter the case, Ms. Coe said she expects the court ruling that made Ms. Faulkner part of the cadet corps also would apply to the new woman. In that case, she would become a cadet in the fall of 1996.

Citadel spokesman Terry Leedom said, "The Faulkner case applies only to Ms. Faulkner and it's not a class-action suit."

Two women have applied to join the corps, but the applications have not been processed, Leedom said. The school has received inquiries from about 200 other women, he said.

Lawyers will ask U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck on Wednesday to make Ms. Faulkner's case a class action representing all women who want to become Citadel cadets, Ms. Coe said.

Even if the college doesn't process the new woman's application, Ms. Coe said the judge could determine whether she meets Citadel admission requirements.

"There is no doubt that the woman who says she will intervene meets all those requirements," she said.

Several weeks ago, attorneys for Ms. Faulkner told the judge they had found a second woman who wanted to become a cadet. Then a few days later, they said the unidentified woman decided against seeking admission because of family concerns.

High bank official sentenced to death for stealing funds

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A senior Iranian banker was condemned to death today and two accomplices were given life sentences in the biggest embezzlement scandal to go to trial in Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The state-run Islamic Republic News Agency said the trio were among five defendants found guilty of stealing up to $235 million from the state-run Bank Saderat. The case highlighted rampant official corruption slowing government efforts to resuscitate the economy.

The trial also had taken on political dimensions because one of the defendants, Morteza Rafiqdoust, is the brother of a senior Iranian official and related by marriage to President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran. He was one of the two sentenced to life in prison.

Mohsen Rafiqdoust, the defendant's brother and brother-in-law of the Iranian president, is a former Revolutionary Guards Corps Minister and head of the multibillion-dollar Foundation for the Oppressed and Disabled. The agency is one of several state conglomerates that are supposed to help Iran's poor, who make up most of the country's 60 million people.

He was dismissed as Guard Corps Minister following a no-confidence vote by parliament in 1988 after he was linked to major corruption scandals.

In addition to the embezzlement charge, Fazel Khodadad, the key defendant, was convicted of "sabotaging the country's economic system," for which he was condemned to death.

Like Rafiqdoust, Abutaleb Ibrahimi was found guilty of misappropriating public funds and sentenced to life in prison, the report said.

Two other accomplices, Ebrahim Arya and Jamshid Arqand, were sentenced to 15 years in prison each and ordered to pay fines, while a sixth suspect, Khosrow Vaseqi, was acquitted, the Cyprus-monitored report said.

Chamber

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Following review and approval of previous minutes and financial statements, chamber manager Donna Fowler presented favorable reports on past events including the July 4th Celebration, the motivational dinner co-sponsored with SISD and Saturday evening's annual chamber awards banquet.

She stated this year's July 4th Celebration's financial status was in the black due to projects and several donations. She said figures were not conclusive on Saturday evening's annual awards banquet.

Lang Tire and Supply was selected as the business of the month. A ribbon cutting ceremony for Springer Laser Service & Design is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at the chamber office.

Board members in attendance were Daryl Thomas, Ronnie Shields, Art Feinsod, Gary Luft, Keith Hackfeld, Pearlene Nolan and Paula McWilliams.

No swimming yet at college

The Western Texas College pool will not open for its regular swim schedule until Tuesday, Sept. 5, college officials have announced.

During annual summer repairs to the pool workers discovered a damaged pipe. The pool was to have opened Wednesday.

The HPE building on campus will open at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday for the general public.

When the pool opens, hours will be: Monday through Friday, 6:30-8:30 a.m. and noon until 1 p.m. The pool will also be open from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Commuter crash survivor: owe's life to pilot's actions

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — A survivor of a fiery commuter plane crash says he owes his life to the pilot, who maneuvered the plane over houses, trees and power lines to the relative safety of a hayfield. Another survivor said he heard an explosion and saw damage to an engine before the plane went down.

Pilot Ed Gannaway and four passengers died after the Atlantic Southeast Airlines turboprop crashed into the field Monday and broke into three large pieces. But the 24 other people aboard the plane survived.

"The pilot seemed to do an outstanding job of bringing that plane down as best he could and I think that's what saved most of us," said passenger Chuck Pfisterer.

"He missed the wires and landing on the houses, and found an opening," said Frances Boone, who lives near the crash site. He "had to be a marvelous pilot."

The plane, on a flight from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss., left a scarred path in the hayfield, indicating it barely cleared trees before hitting the ground. Some of the passengers fled the wreckage with their clothes ablaze.

The flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder have been recovered from the crash site and sent by plane to a laboratory in Washington, D.C., National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Alan Pollock said today.

He said reports of engine trouble before the crash would be checked out, stressing that "everything is preliminary at this point." NTSB investigators met this morning at a Carrollton motel and planned to visit the crash site later today.

Air Force Maj. Chuck LeMay of Bellevue, Neb., said he and other passengers heard an explosion from the left engine just before the crash.

"From that we all looked out over the left wing. All of the metal around the engine was all peeled back," he said. "The propeller had thrust over to the left and appeared stuck in the wing."

Of the 26 passengers, one was dead at the scene, a married couple died later at separate hospitals, and a fourth passenger died today. At least eight people were in critical condition today at burn centers.

Passenger Kevin Bubier of Waterboro, Maine, said he found himself hanging upside down after the crash.

"'My clothes caught fire. It must have been the fuel because my one pants leg was burning and I couldn't put it out. I was trying to take off my shoes and my pants.

"There were other people who were worse. They were totally engulfed (in flames)," said Bubier, 37.

Polona Jeter, who lives nearby, said she saw the front of the plane "rolling and tumbling and on fire" as the aircraft came apart.

"I could see about 10 people getting out," she said. "Some were burning. They were running. People were trying to get them down and get it out."

One injured man arrived on her front porch and used the phone to leave a message for his wife in Maine. "His clothes were burned off. His undershorts were all that was left," she said. "The skin just rolled off his body."

The Brazilian-made Embraer 120 two-engine turboprop was about 15 minutes into its 362-mile flight when the pilot radioed he was having engine problems.

Quiet day for police

Local law enforcement officials had a relatively quiet day Monday as no one was booked into Scurry County Jail.

Officers were notified of a gas drive-off from Allsup's at 6:27 a.m. with a motorist leaving without paying for $13.44 worth of gas.

A minor accident was reported at 7:54 a.m. in the 2500 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1974 Volkswagen driven by Joy Shepard of 1805 38th St. and a 1987 Chevrolet driven by Felix Martinez of 706 26th St.

A minor accident was reported at 3:15 from the 1100 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1995 Ford pickup driven by Kenneth Porter of 3602 Jacksboro and a 1989 Oldsmobile driven by Sarah Rodriguez of 416 32nd St.

At 6:10 p.m., officers investigated a report of a broken window at the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

An offense report for two stolen tricycles was made at 6:53 p.m. from 2809 Ave. N. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

A report for a dog bite was made at 7:01 p.m. from Cogdell Hospital. Bitten was a 7-year-old male who was treated and released.

An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was made at 8:09 p.m. in reference to an amplifier being stolen from a vehicle while it was parked at Snyder High School during the afternoon.

Obituaries

Ethel Weems

1907-1995

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale for Ethel Mae Weems of Snyder who died at 6:20 a.m. today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Weems, born on May 4, 1907, married Floyd Thomas Weems on Oct. 14, 1927 in Colorado City. He died on Nov. 12, 1987.

Also preceding her in death were a son, James Emmitt Weems; a daughter, Josephine Merle Weems; and three brothers, Tom Chapman, Jones Chapman and Harry Chapman.

She is survived by three sisters, Jerry DeShazo of Hermleigh Nannie von Roeder of Snyder; Ruby MacKenzie of El Paso.

D.W. McCommas

1928-1995

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of First Baptist Church for David W. McCommas, 67, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. McCommas died Monday at 9:45 p.m. in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born in Olney on March 3, 1928 in Olney, he married Jean Wilson on Aug. 18, 1951 in Snyder. She survives. Mr. McCommas had lived in Snyder 45 years and was retired from Monsanto Oil Co. in 1971. He was a Navy veteran and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors also include a son, David W. McCommas Jr. of Rio Hondo; a daughter, Suzanne Doolittle of Snyder; a sister, Idavon Porter of Alamogordo, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

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Chevron	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛	+ ⅛
Chrysler	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛	— ⅛
Coastal	32	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
CocaCola	63½	63	63½	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	67⅛	67⅛	67⅛	+ ⅛
ComclMetals	28⅞	28⅞	28⅞	— ⅛
CooperIn	38⅞	38⅞	38⅞	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	29⅝	29	29⅛	— ⅛
DalSemicn		24⅛	24	24⅛
DeltaAirl	77⅞	77	77⅛	— ⅛
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Dillard	31	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
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GtAtlPac	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	+ ⅛
Halliburto	41	40⅝	41	+ ⅛
Hasbro ADS		17⅛	16⅞	17
HoustInd	43	42⅝	42⅞	— ⅛
IBM	107⅝	105⅝	106⅝	— ⅛
IntlPaper	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝	+ ⅛
JohnsnJn	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
K mart		14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Kroger	32	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
Litton		37⅞	37⅞	37⅞
Lowes Cos	37⅞	37	37⅛	— ⅛
Lubys		20	19⅝	19⅞
MayDeptStrs		44⅞	44½	44⅞
Medtronic s	91⅞	89⅝	91⅝	+ ⅛
Mobil	96⅞	96	96⅛	— ⅛
Monsanto	97⅞	97 3-16	97⅛	— ⅛
Motorola	75⅛	74	75⅛	+1⅛
Nationsbk	59⅝	59⅛	59⅛	+ ⅛
Navistar	13⅛	13	13	— ⅛
NoramEngy		7⅛	7	7
Nynex	44⅛	44	44⅛	— ⅛
OryxEngy	13⅝	13⅛	13⅜	— ⅛
PacTelesis		27⅞	27½	27⅞
PanhECp	25⅛	24⅞	25	— ⅛
Penney JC	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
Pennzoil	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
PepBoys		28⅛	28	28⅛
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SearsRoeb s		34⅛	34	34⅛
SherwinW	35⅛	34⅞	35⅛	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS	46½	46½	46½	+ ⅛
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SouthernCo	22	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
SwstAirlines		28⅛	27⅞	28
Sprint		34⅛	34⅛	34½
SterlingChm	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
SunCo		27	26⅞	27
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Tandy	59⅞	59	59⅞	— ⅛
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Tenneco	48⅞	48⅛	48⅞	+ ⅛
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TexasInd		46⅛	46⅛	46⅛
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Textron	68⅝	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
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WestghEl	13⅛	13	13⅛	— ⅛
WinnDixie	57⅞	57	57	— ⅛
Woolworth	13⅞	13⅝	13⅝	— ⅛
XeroxCp	124⅛	123	123⅛	+ ⅛
ZenithE	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+ ⅛

Charges pending in bridge incident

DETROIT (AP) — Dortha Word condemns the people who watched as her daughter was attacked and then plunged off a bridge to her death as being "guilty as the ones that did it."

Dozens of onlookers gathered, and some cheered, as three men pulled Deletha Word from her car, ripped off her clothes and chased her until she either jumped from or was forced off the Belle Isle bridge.

None of the 40 or so passersby tried to help the 33-year-old woman during the confrontation, said Sgt. John Morel. Three suspects have been arrested.

"I can just feel it," Dortha Word said Monday, crying into her hands, pictures of her family filling the walls of her home. "My baby was down there all by herself. I know she was scared to death."

Belle Isle, a popular island park in the Detroit River between Michigan and Canada, was packed with people early Saturday morning.

Trouble started around 3 a.m., Morel said, when Word was involved in two minor traffic accidents. A car with three men inside chased her onto the bridge connecting the island to Detroit and rammed her car, forcing her to stop.

One of the men smashed her car with a crowbar and pulled her from the car, ripping off some of her clothes, said Cmdr. Gerald Stewart. The man pushed her against the car and beat her, he said.

When Word tried to run, police said the man with the crowbar chased her. What happened after that is unclear.

Mrs. Word was sure her daughter was forced into the river.

Police arrested two 20-year-olds and a 19-year-old on Sunday with help from witness tips, said Lt. Billy Jackson. Charges against the men were expected today.

Friends and relatives described Word, who had a 13-year-old daughter and worked at a grocery store while earning a bachelor's degree in marketing, as ambitious, quiet and popular. Mostly, they said, she loved to help others.

"If she had been on that bridge, and somebody was beating somebody, she wouldn't have stood and watched," Dortha Word said. "She would have helped them. She might have got hurt trying but she would have helped."

Hospital Notes

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Can gout attacks be prevented?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes gout? I take one allopurinol daily when I experience symptoms. How can I avoid this painful problem in my foot? Do certain foods like animal parts, shrimp or sardines trigger it?

DEAR READER: Gout is caused by a genetic tendency that leads to an over-accumulation of uric acid in the blood and tissues. Uric acid is a byproduct of protein metabolism.

Normally, it is dissolved in body fluids. Under certain circumstances (minor injuries, for example), the uric acid crystallizes into sharp, microscopic needles that can inflame joint linings, leading to the painful arthritis we call gout. At the same time, these uric acid spikes may crystallize in the kidneys, causing painless kidney damage.

Gout is diagnosed by a blood test or analysis of the fluid obtained from an inflamed joint.

The treatment for acute gout attacks is prescription drugs, such as Indocin; however, more powerful medicine, such as colchicine may be required.

Gout can be prevented by the prescription medication allopurinol. This drug is not used to treat acute attacks, for which the other products I mentioned are more appropriate, but is taken once or twice daily for an indefinite period.

High uric-acid foods, such as organ meats, should not be eaten. In most cases, no other dietary prohibitions are required.

This is a 30-second "take" of gout. For more complete information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "About Gout." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As we are on low-salt diets, we would appreciate your opinion regarding water-softened drinking water. Our home is set up so all water in this house comes through the softener. Would drinking this water be in conflict with our low-salt diet?

DEAR READER: Most water softeners exchange a soft mineral (sodium) for a hard mineral (calcium) in the water supply. This leads to an unavoidable but trivial increase in sodium chloride in the tap water.

In most instances, this amount is too small to be of consequence, even for patients on low-salt diets. In my opinion, you can safely continue drinking your softened water.

However, should you or your doctor be concerned, it is easy enough to quantitate the salt in your water. Most municipal or town departments of health can give their residents the names of reliable water-testing labs that can check not only the salt level, but other components as well, including lead and coliform-bacteria.

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Is failing education system making U.S. nation at risk?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is America still "A Nation at Risk" because of a failing educational system? Not according to Education Secretary Richard W. Riley who points to a report that shows increasing success.

Students are taking tougher math and science courses now than a decade ago, testing better and dropping out of school less, the record indicates. But Riley cautioned Monday that minority students still must improve their performance to attain the same academic levels as their white classmates.

And all students, from kindergarten through 12th grade, need to increase their English skills, which have shown little or no improvement for two decades, he said.

"We must continue our efforts to reach children who need to learn the basics and core academics," Riley said.

"We're on the right path," he added. "This is no time to retreat from our efforts to keep education a national priority."

The annual "Condition of Education" report pulls together statistics from the most recent available data, including academic testing scores, dropout rates and what courses students are taking.

Some highlights:

—Between 1982 and 1992 the number of high school graduates who had taken a package of recommended "core courses" — English, sciences, social studies, math and computer science — increased from 12.7 percent to 46.8 percent. The numbers increased from 19.8 percent to 50.7 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders; from 13.8 percent to 48.5 percent for whites; from 10.8 percent to 43.7 percent for blacks; from 6.7 percent to 36 percent for Hispanics; and from 6 percent to 30.6 percent for American Indians and Alaska natives.

—More students are taking more difficult math and science courses. The percentage of high school graduates who had taken geometry increased from 48 percent in 1982 to 70 percent in 1992. The percentage who had taken chemistry rose from 32 percent to 56 percent.

—Between 1982 and 1992, math scores of 17-year-olds on the National Assessment of Educational Progress increased 9 points and on science 11 points — equivalent to a full year's education, the department said.

—Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for college-bound seniors increased for math, from 467 in 1982 to 478 in 1993, but dropped slightly for verbal skills, from 426 to 424. Again racial differences show up, with Asian Americans testing highest on math at 513 in 1982 and 535 in 1993. Blacks tested lowest in verbal skills, with 341 in 1982 and 353 in 1993.

—The high school dropout rate improved from 13.9 percent in 1982 to 11 percent in 1993. For whites, the dropout rate fell from 11.4 percent to 7.9 percent; for blacks from 18.4 percent to 13.6 percent; and for Hispanics from 31.7 percent to 27.5 percent.

—Between 1980 and 1993, the proportion of high school graduates going directly to college increased from 49 percent to 62 percent.

The 1983 "A Nation at Risk" report painted a dire picture of national education, with falling test scores and attendance, prompting federal and state governments to increase spending and improve school programs.

"If you listen to critics you would think we're still on a downward slope. We're not," said Deputy Secretary of Education Madeleine Kunin. "We have made progress. We need to maintain the momentum for change."

Riley said Congress is threatening harmful budget cuts that could impede progress. The House has voted to reduce education spending by nearly $4 billion in the coming fiscal year and has proposed cuts of $36 billion over the next seven years. President Clinton's budget plan would increase education funding by $40 billion during the same period.

Records show U.S. prepared for atomic attack by Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials feared the Soviet Union would try to kidnap American atom bomb scientists or attack the U.S. nuclear testing grounds in the Pacific at the outset of the Cold War, newly declassified military records show.

To prepare to respond, the Pentagon put together a secret plan, code-named Operation Lazybones, in early 1951 as the Truman administration was about to begin the first full-scale tests of the hydrogen bomb in the Pacific.

The plan spelled out how the Army, Navy and Air Force would attempt to hold off Soviet attackers long enough to evacuate the nuclear test scientists and critical bomb materials from tiny Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

"The Soviet Union has the capability of conducting raids or attacks against Eniwetok Atoll by ocean vessels or aircraft," Air Force Lt. Gen. E.R. Quesada wrote in a Jan. 26, 1951, intelligence annex to the Operation Lazybones plan.

"The primary purpose of such raids or attacks," Quesada wrote, "would be to capture or destroy test installations, weapons components or key scientific personnel."

The Quesada note and other formerly top-secret documents shedding new light on the nature and extent of U.S. concerns about the security of the Pacific testing grounds were declassified at the request of The Associated Press. The records are in the files of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

Lazybones was put together as part of preparations for nuclear test explosions in April and May 1951 at Eniwetok that included one blast, called Shot George, that was the first significant U.S. thermonuclear reaction.

Eniwetok, a ring of small islands about 2,400 miles southwest of Hawaii, was used for 43 U.S. nuclear tests between 1948 and 1958 — the most at any Pacific site. A military publication in 1949 called Eniwetok an "atomic wonderland."

It is unclear from available public records whether Moscow ever contemplated military action against the American atomic bomb program, but U.S. officials clearly believed the island proving grounds were vulnerable.

One reason the government decided in December 1950 to start nuclear testing on the U.S. mainland, at the present-day Nevada Test Site, was its desire for a location where "basic security and general accessibility cannot be jeopardized by enemy action," according to a formerly secret Atomic Energy Commission memo written five days before President Truman approved the Nevada site.

The concern about Soviet intentions toward the U.S. nuclear testing program, as reflected in the newly declassified documents, was a mixture of fear that the Soviets would, at the very least, aggressively spy on the new hydrogen bomb tests from submarines and aircraft, and at the worst launch a direct attack.

"The greatest potential threat to the successful conduct of JTF-3 operations in 1951 lies with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which has approximately 80 submarines in the Pacific, 18 of which are long-range types capable of operating off Eniwetok," Quesada wrote in a Jan. 26, 1951, outline of Operation Lazybones.

Quesada was commander of Joint Task Force-3, or JTF-3, which had military responsibility for the Eniwetok area.

Spying was a given. The Operation Lazybones plan said the Soviets were able to monitor the Joint Task Force's communications and decode its encrypted messages. An Aug. 29, 1950, memo indicated the Soviets had spied on the first U.S. nuclear tests at Eniwetok, in 1948, "by clandestine submarine observation."

The Soviets had detonated their first atomic bomb in August 1949 but had not yet developed the more powerful hydrogen bomb. (The first Soviet H-bomb test was in 1953). Also at this time, the Korean War was raging and the Soviets were known to be backing communist North Korea against U.S. and U.N. forces.

Quesada warned that "full-scale combat operations against the U.S. or a hostile attack on JTF-3 forces in the (Eniwetok) area may commence without warning as a result of a degeneration of the present world situation."

The general judged that a Soviet attack probably would not happen unless Moscow was ready to "risk or precipitate war" with the United States, but he and other military leaders clearly were worried that the Soviets would make trouble of some kind.

New AT&T plan being unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T Corp. has introduced a plan similar to those of its biggest rivals that gives discounts to customers based on their monthly bills for a variety of services.

Unlike many discounted calling plans, the one AT&T announced Monday, dubbed True Reach Savings, applies to more than just regular long-distance calls. The discounts also apply to cellular long-distance calls, directory assistance, conference calls, operator-handled calls, calling card calls and True Connections 500 service.

This is how it works: Customers who spend $25 or more a month on that variety of long-distance calls and services within the United States get a 25 percent discount. Customers who spend $10 to $25 a month receive a 10 percent discount.

The plan took effect last Friday, said spokesman Dan Lawler. AT&T says the plan is the industry's first that applies to such a wide range of services.

Rivals Sprint and MCI have offered similar discount plans since January.

July federal deficit less than '94 figure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal budget deficit swelled by $13.6 billion in July, but the increase was 60 percent smaller than the gap a year earlier.

The Treasury Department said Monday the latest monthly deficit compared with $33.2 billion in red ink in July 1994 and raised the imbalance for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 to $137.2 billion. At this time last year, the deficit totaled $183.6 billion.

The Clinton administration's midyear budget review forecasts the fiscal 1995 deficit will be $162.8 billion.

But economist Kathleen Stephansen of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. predicted the gap could be even smaller. She noted the July imbalance was only half as large as expected, which she said was "extremely favorable" for the fiscal outlook.

The fiscal 1994 deficit was $203.3 billion, down from $255.1 billion in 1993 and a record $290.4 billion in fiscal 1992.

Stephansen said the smaller deficit so far this year is the result of increased revenues, due in large part to a stronger economy, and continued government efforts to cut spending.

Also contributing to the July improvement was the inclusion in the July account of $7 billion from earlier license and spectrum sales by the Federal Communications Commission, Stephansen said.

Overall, the government collected $92.7 billion in July, up from $84.8 billion a year earlier. At the same time, it spent $106.3 billion, down from $118.0 billion in July 1994. The deficit is the difference between receipts and expenditures.

Individual income taxes totaled $42.8 billion compared to $37.4 billion in July 1994, although corporate tax collections dropped to $3.4 billion from $3.8 billion a year earlier.

As usual, the biggest spending categories were Social Security, military, Department of Health and Human Services and interest on the national debt.

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DATE BOOK

Aug. 22, 1995

Today is the 234th day of 1995 and the 63rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1762, Ann Franklin took the reins at the Newport (R.I.) Mercury, becoming America's first female editor in chief.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Claude Debussy (1862-1918), composer; Dorothy Parker (1893-1967), writer; John Lee Hooker (1917-), musician, is 78; Ray Bradbury (1920-), writer, is 75; Norman Schwarzkopf (1934-), former Army general, is 61; Carl Yastrzemski (1939-), baseball great, is 56; Cindy Williams (1947-), actress, is 48; Paul Molitor (1956-), baseball player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Texas Ranger Nolan Ryan fired a heater past Rickey Henderson to mark his 5,000th strikeout.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's a helluva distance between wisecracking and wit. Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words." — Dorothy Parker

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1922, much of Phoenix's west side was flooded by runoff from heavy rain.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 17) and new moon (Aug. 26).

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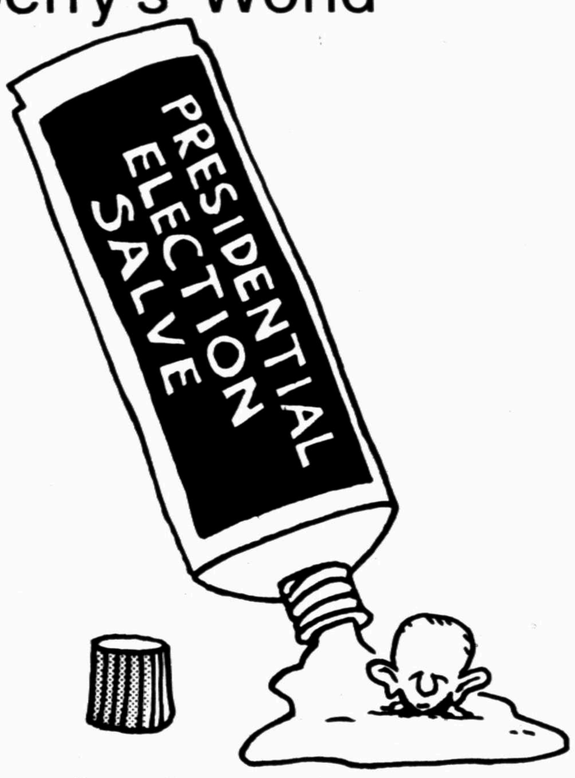

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Family's Love Is Positive Support for Man With HIV

DEAR ABBY: About six years ago, you printed a letter from a young man infected with HIV. He wanted to tell his family, but he was afraid of the repercussions.

You told him in a firm but gentle way that he should inform his family immediately because he needed their love and support. This response affected me profoundly.

Seven years ago, I was diagnosed as HIV-positive. After reading that letter and your response, I felt compelled to inform my family of the diagnosis. First, I discussed it with my companion (who is also HIV-positive), then I spoke with my oldest brother, who has been a buddy to me since childhood.

Upon his visit from the Midwest, my whole family was together, except for one brother. It was difficult to tell them, but their reaction was wonderfully warm, loving and supportive.

A year later, when my other brother returned from overseas duty, he was also informed. It was more difficult to tell him, because he is my twin.

Since then, my companion and I have received much-needed emotional support from my family. Without it, I never could have made it.

If you print my letter, please sign me ...

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DEAR LOVED AND LUCKY: God bless you. You are indeed lucky. Unfortunately, not all families are as loving and supportive as yours.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Alice," and I need to settle a serious difference of opinion.

"John" and "Mary" were our closest friends. My wife recently informed me that she had a "thing" for John. (She called it a "crush.") John became obsessed with her when he was having trouble at home. During the day, John would call me at work to make sure I wasn't home, then he'd jog over to our house to see Alice. These visits were unsolicited and unplanned on her part, but she didn't exactly discourage him. To make matters worse, our children and theirs are very close.

One day after calling me, and lying to his wife, John jogged over to our place, and his wife followed him. When he saw her, he ran out the back door and jumped the fence. Needless to say, even though we have openly discussed the situation, I no longer trust John.

My wife sees nothing wrong with continuing our friendship with this couple as though nothing has happened. Now I can't stand the sight of John and don't want to socialize with him, but we can't avoid seeing them at church, school activities and sporting events.

I say, with friends like these, who needs enemies? Am I wrong?

BURNED BY A "FRIEND"

DEAR BURNED: No, you're not wrong; your feelings of betrayal are justified, and no one could fault you for wanting to distance yourself from this couple. To continue the friendship as though nothing has happened would be tempting the fates.

You and your wife would be wise to make new friends, and make sure things remain strictly on a friendship basis.

* * *

DAY-BRIGHTENER: An anonymous reader sent me the "joke" page of her church bulletin. On that page was a cute story with a terrific message:

Mother Mouse was crossing the street with her three little children. She got about halfway across the road when she spotted a cat, crouched and ready to pounce upon them. The cat and Mother Mouse eyeballed each other for two to three minutes. Finally, Mother Mouse opened her mouth and let out an enormous "WOOF." The cat quickly scurried away.

Mother Mouse turned to her three little ones and said, "*Now* do you see the advantage of a second language?"

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Vermont couple bets farm on organic milk

CABOT, Vt. (AP) — For Caleb Pitkin and Mary Carpenter, organic milk is more than just a natural product that fits neatly into their lifestyle. It also could bring some financial security to their lives.

After a slump in milk prices drove many dairy farms out of business, Pitkin and Carpenter decided not to wait and see what the next shift in the economy might bring. This summer they applied for certification as an organic farm, to formalize the farming principles to which they have long adhered — and sell their milk for a higher price.

"We want to be certified now so we can sell our milk as certified organic milk," said Pitkin, 37.

The designation, which was awarded, could put an extra $11,000 in their pockets annually, with little change in the way they have been farming their 330 hilltop acres and raising their 20 Jerseys.

"Also, it's kind of a larger issue than that," Pitkin said. "I think farming is a way of life that contributes a lot to a community. I believe in agriculture as a viable economic development strategy. We also think it's a great way to raise kids."

In 1994, about 0.1 percent of total U.S. farmland was being used in organic production, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department. Some 0.2 percent — 4,050 — of U.S. farms were certified, producing organic versions of everything from fruit, vegetables and meat to cotton and tobacco.

In Vermont, 100, or 5 percent, of the state's 2,000 farms have been certified as organic, including 13 milk producers. This means they do not use synthetic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers on their crops and buy only organic feed for their livestock.

Organic-milk producers are also barred from using bST, a genetically engineered version of a hormone that increases milk production in cows.

Controversy over the hormone may have helped boost the popularity of organic milk, but "there has always been a big demand for organic milk," said Enid Wonnacott of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, which certifies farming operations as organic.

While the costs of organic farming are sometimes higher than with traditional techniques, environmental and human health concerns are overriding issues for some farmers.

"For some people it's deeply philosophical. They want to mimic as closely as possible a natural condition," Wonnacott said.

Although Pitkin and Carpenter have always used methods similar to those promoted by the Northeast association, organic farming now has a practical side for the family and their efforts to continue working the land their ancestors farmed 130 years ago.

Pitkin said he got about $12.50 a hundredweight for his milk last year. When he ships organic, he expects that figure to be $17.50.

A growing number of farmers have been applying to the state and private organizations that provide organic certification, the Agriculture Department said. It attributed that to next year's implementation of national standards under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, which the industry sought.

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Overhaul taxes: easy to say, hard to do

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter used to heft volumes of the federal tax laws as visual aids in campaigning for a total rewrite of a system he said was a disgrace to the human race. That was two decades ago, and it hasn't happened yet.

Now there's another push on, with powerful backing in the Republican Congress, this time for a flat tax to replace the current income tax system. An idea originated in libertarian and conservative circles, the flat tax has a populist appeal, evidenced when Democrat Jerry Brown, the former California governor, promoted it during his 1992 presidential campaign.

Such a drastic change won't come any time soon. The topic surely will still be on the political table during the 1996 campaign.

Overhauling taxes, not for more money but to reform a complicated, intricate system, is easy to talk about and very hard to do. For all of Carter's emphasis on the issue in his campaign for the White House, he didn't get anything done about it once he got there. Indeed, during his term, new wrinkles were added to the old system — for example, tax deductions for energy conservation.

Tax breaks for a purpose, a region or, in some cases, a constituent, are how the system got that way in the first place. The flat tax would strike such politically favored features as the breaks for home mortgage interest and property taxes. The National Association of Realtors already has issued a study saying that would have dire consequences for housing and the entire economy. Advocates say a simplified tax system would bring economic growth, lower interest rates, and savings that would offset any negative impact.

AP analysis

The American Enterprise, a journal published by the institute of that name, tracks the income tax system back to Abraham Lincoln and a Civil War levy of 3 percent on incomes over $600 a year that continued, with variations, until 1872.

When a 2 percent tax on upper-income Americans was imposed in 1894, the Supreme Court rejected it. The dispute over constitutionality wasn't settled until the 16th Amendment was adopted in 1913, empowering Congress to levy graduated income taxes, the percentage tax increasing with income.

Flat tax proposals date back more than 30 years; the Enterprise credits economist Milton Friedman and his wife, Rose, with writing the earliest proposal in 1962.

While the idea has been discussed ever since, the mainstream political emphasis generally was on lowering rates and limiting deductions. That was the thrust of the Ronald Reagan era: tax cuts first, then a 1986 reform and simplification act that eliminated deductions while reducing rates to keep the total tax burden roughly the same.

But in subsequent administrations, rates increased again, and deductions erased by reform were not restored. Even advocates of the flat tax concede there is no guarantee that wouldn't happen again were it adopted.

So Rep. Dick Armey of Texas, leader of the House Republican majority and sponsor of a bill for a 17 percent flat tax on earned income, would require three-fifths majorities in both the House and the Senate to increase the rate, change the income level above which it would apply, or restore the kind of tax breaks written into the current system.

Under that proposal, a couple would pay the 17 percent tax on earnings or pensions above $22,700 a year, the threshold increased by $5,300 for each child in the family. For a single person, the tax would apply above $11,350 a year.

It would not apply to interest, dividend or capital gains income. A rival Democratic proposal sponsored by Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, the minority leader, would apply to such income, and at the same time continue graduated tax rates, with brackets ranging from 10 percent for most taxpayers to 34 percent for the wealthiest. Gephardt also would continue the deduction for mortgage interest.

There also are proposals for a value added tax, a national sales tax, and a tax on income that is spent rather than saved or invested. A panel headed by Jack Kemp, the former congressman, Cabinet member and presidential candidate, is trying to sort out tax reform ideas for Republican congressional leaders, with its findings due this fall.

While the gap between talking and enacting will remain a wide one, the case for a simpler, straightforward tax system is a powerful one. Making that argument at the conservative Heritage Foundation, William E. Simon, once secretary of treasury, urged: "Let's design a system that looks like it was done on purpose."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Americans more satisfied with vehicles made in U.S.

DETROIT (AP) — Consumer satisfaction with American cars and vans has grown since last year while satisfaction with Japanese brands has declined, the American Society for Quality Control said Monday.

The group's quarterly American Customer Satisfaction Index also shows the auto industry is better able to satisfy customers than the national average of 40 industries and services measured.

"These numbers show the auto industry is building a great financial asset," said Claes Fornell, an economist at the University of Michigan Business School, which cosponsors the index with the society. "But clearly, competition is tough and the temptation to increase short-term profits at the expense of customer satisfaction is very real."

Fornell said the nation's slowing economy can contribute to declining customer satisfaction by forcing companies to boost productivity at the expense of quality.

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