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At 7:30 a.m. Monday...

Hospital district on Cogdell board's agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will meet in a called session at 7:30 a.m. Monday and one agenda item is a discussion on the creation of a hospital district in Scurry County.

The idea has been floated in previous hospital board meetings as one possible way the county-owned hospital will be able to serve in its current capacity in the future.

Board chairman Carl Williams has said he feels a hospital district would be a positive step for the facility, but board member Dink Foree has taken the opposite approach.

"It would be the worst thing that could happen to the community," Foree said in an earlier meeting.

Last Tuesday, the county commissioners' court and the hospital board both met in the county courtroom, but there was little interaction between the two.

County Judge Rod Waller told the hospital board that he doubted the court would instigate any action concerning a taxing district.

Commissioners Ralph Trevey and Howard Limmer agreed with Waller.

On Wednesday, Williams said he doubted that the hospital board would call for a vote on a hospital district. "We have a little difference of opinion, and each board member will have to follow his own instinct. It looks like it would be 2005 (before legislation could be filed) and we're just trying to get through this year."

To ease the hospital's financial crunch, the commissioners voted unanimously last month to fund the hospital an additional $300,000 to meet operating expenses. It also increased the tax subsidy for 2004 from $395,000 to $700,000.

George Scofield, an attorney with the San Antonio office of Fulbright and Jarwoski, attended the meeting at the county's request and he described several procedures for creating a hospital district, with emphasis on legislative creation.

He said that this is the best way to tailor a system that would specifically meet Scurry County needs. It would combine in one body the operations and the purse strings of the hospital. The county would have no authority over a hospital district and elected officials would make all decisions pertaining to the hospital, including a tax rate. The maximum tax rate would be 75 cents.

Another option similar to the legislative measure is creating a hospital district under section 286 of the Health and Safety Code. The difference of creating a hospital district under this Texas administrative code as opposed to the legislative method is that the operation is subject to general law that could be changed by the legislature. It also has a maximum tax rate of 75 cents. An election to create such a district requires a petition signed by 100 registered voters.

The board also will get an update on the hospital's current financial position from chief financial officer Jared Squires.

This comes as a result of statements made at the last board meeting where members said they would like to receive a more up-to-date financial picture as opposed to the one in their board packet that is outdated by the time the board meets each month.

An executive session is also scheduled and the agenda lists personnel matters.

Attempts to reach Williams and hospital CEO George Parsley about what the personnel topic pertained to were unsuccessful.



REVIEWING APPLICANTS — Members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director search committe began reviewing resumes Friday as they began the replacement process for the late Donna Fowler. From left are Darren Jackson, Bill Dryden, Nancy Smith, Dayton Robertson, Mike Thornton, Jeffrey Martin and Elois Pruitt. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deadline Tuesday for UW kickoff

Scurry County United Way will have its kick off luncheon for the 2004-2005 campaign Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Those planning to attend the luncheon are asked to RSVP by calling Rana Anderson, UW secretary, at 573-5311 by Tuesday.

This year's goal is $85,000.

The United Way is governed by local directors and volunteers who raise money for 11 agencies in the community.

Dayton Robertson, plant manager for Y-Z Systems, will be the keynote speaker.

UW board president Stephen Covey will give an educational presentation on agencies supported by the United Way that includes the Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Scurry County Youth Outreach and the Volunteer Fire Department.

The city provides office space for the agency at 2311 Ave. T, just west of city hall. Anderson will be available at the office during the campaign from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Approval of new interlocal pact expected Monday

Scurry County commissioners' court could end an eight-month debate over shared services if it approves an interlocal agreement during a 10 a.m. meeting Monday.

If an accord is reached, it would come just six days before the contract deadline next Sunday.

At the Snyder city council meeting last Tuesday, members voted to fund the Snyder EMS $50,000 annually if the operation stays with the county. The plan also includes a clause making it easier to change sections of the contract without voiding the entire pact. The agreement would last for two years. The city motion passed five to one.

County Judge Rod Waller said last Wednesday that he feels like an agreement will be reached, and the city vote came after commissioner Chloanne Lindsey called councilman Terry Martin with the settlement proposal.

In new business, the court will consider a resolution for federal grants for airport improvements. The Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division has allocated $160,000 to the county on a 10-percent matching grant. The money will be used to install a new keypad security system and repair the runway, taxiways and apron areas. Commissioners are expected to approve $16,000 for contribution towards the grant.

Line-item transfers, budget amendments and approval of bills are also on the agenda.

The meeting will be held at the Scurry County courtroom.

WTC baseball head skipper calls its quits after one season

After just one season at the helm, Western Texas College announced Friday afternoon that head baseball coach James King had been relieved of his duties.



James King

In a terse one-paragraph statement, it was revealed that assistant coach Billy Hefflinger had been named interim head coach.

The news release read: "After one full season of play, the WTC Westerner baseball team will have a new head coach. Assistant Coach Billy Hefflinger has been named interim head coach for the team following an announcement by WTC officials stating that Coach James King will be leaving the college. As an internal personnel matter, the terms of separation have not yet been disclosed."

The news release came from the college information office and Sandra Hall, who has been information officer, said she did not have any additional information.

When asked if Coach King was leaving on his own, Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said, "That is still up in the air. It is very possible that he is leaving on his own."

Dave Hanes, first-year WTC athletic director, did not return calls from the Snyder News.

WTC was scheduled to play a practice game Friday afternoon, but Dr. Williams said it was called off "due to the situation."

Reached Saturday morning at his home in Abilene, Coach King said his decision to leave WTC was "entirely on my own, the best thing for society."

King said he had no further comment other than he hoped that the college can get support for baseball.

Asked about future plans, King said, "Yes, I have too many things planned."

Last spring, in the Westerners' inaugural season, the team posted an 11-41 season record and was 4-29 in conference play.

King, who commuted to Snyder, began his duties in the spring of 2001. He earned his master's degree in health science and kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin and had served as director of the James King Baseball School in Abilene.

When hired at WTC, he also was the head coach of the Texas Amateur and Select Baseball and with Coast to Coast USA All-Stars.

His coaching background included 14 years of college experience at NAIA and NCAA Division II and III levels. He was head coach at Hardin-Simmons University for three years and spent two seasons at Seymour High School.



NEW RUN-THROUGH SIGN — Sonic Drive In donated a new run-through sign for the Snyder Tigers and it debuted Friday night in the home opener against Abilene Wylie. Tiger Mascot Kelsey Shaw is shown with Sonic owners Michael and Shara Humprey, and son, Sean. (Contributed Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anybody could retire in style if only they could sell experience for what it costs."

We never intended to be in the newspaper business, but in the 8th grade we were looking for a summer job.

All our junior high buddies were working in the oilfield, but our dad, who spent most of his life on a pulling unit, said that wasn't a good idea.

Like most kids, we really weren't looking for work. We wanted to earn a few bucks to finance a date. In our time, they were all cheap dates, out of necessity. Young folks now miss out on the experience of selling pop bottles back to the store in order to have some loose change.

But the newspaper guy in Andrews was looking for a warm body that summer to chase down Little League and Pony League score books.

The deal was that we would write the stories, turn 'em in and they would pay us 10 cents an inch. We did some quick math and figured we could own that newspaper by the end of the summer.

Didn't work. The sharp editing pencil and the short ruler quickly reduced our anticipated income. But one thing led to another, and 45 years later, we're still pecking on keyboard with faint similarity to that manual Underwood typewriter with the "x" key that always stuck.

We really had a dream job that we never attempted. Being a kid, and now an adult, that loves chips, we thought the perfect career would be the guy who delivered potato chips to the grocery store.

It would have probably turned out like the Blue Bell delivery man in the commercial. All the profits would have been gobbled up by the delivery person.

We actually had an earlier introduction to the newspaper business — in the second grade. The Andrews County News, at that time was a weekly.

Each Friday we would walk about four blocks from school to the news office on the square where we would be given 20 copies of that issue on consignment.

Those 20 customers were in our part of town. Come to think of it, the place was so small that every house was in our part of town.

Those 20 customers would pay a dime for the newspaper and we would return half of the proceeds to Mrs. Roberts who was a keeper of all the funds.

Just down the alley was a hardware store owned by Mr. Rhodes. There, we bought our first baseball glove on credit — a dollar down and a dollar a week. That was a long six weeks.

And we were never very good at baseball. Instead we should have bought potato chips. In those days, you could get 10 bags for a buck. Now that's a cheap date.

ASK US

Q—Is it legal for the city of Snyder to add an agenda item 1½ hours before a meeting?

A—A governmental body may add an item up to two hours before a meeting if it is deemed an emergency. City staffers said the interlocal agreement discussion item was added Friday at 5 p.m. for the Tuesday evening meeting.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Kay Cave...

...has lived in Snyder for 17 years. She owns Double Six Barber Shop and is married to Walt Cave who works for the Texas Department of Transportation. They have a son, Chance, 19, who plays baseball for Western Texas College. Hobbies include watching Chance catch and cover first base at his games.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Eagles don't flock. You have to find them one at a time.
—Ross Perot

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Women's ministry video class

The Women's Ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Kathy Troccoli's four-week video series, "Hope for a Woman's Heart." Sunday and Monday session will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday in the Adult 5 classroom at the church. Classes will be led by Trina Rodgers and Betty Thompson. For more information, call 573-8596.

Central Baptist Church revival

Hermleigh's Central Baptist Church will have a revival beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday followed by a 6:30 p.m. service. Services will continue weekdays at 7 p.m. through Wednesday. Evangelist Murlyn Keller and his family will use chalk art and music in the services. Call 863-2305 for transportation.

Trinity children's SS classes

Trinity United Methodist Church begins new children's Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Materials and teachers are all new. They also have a children's library.

United Way board meeting

The United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce office.

Retired teachers meeting

The Retired Teachers Association will have an ice cream supper and meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church.

SHS band booster meeting

The band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon," followed by "A Christian is a Changed Person."

Tiger Pride card

Snyder Junior High is selling Tiger Pride cards through Monday. Cost is $10. Contact any student or call the office at 573-6356.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Barbara Owen is slated from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

4-H horse club meeting

Scurry County 4-H horse club will have its start-up meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

AARP board meeting

AARP board members will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the senior center.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High school pictures will be taken Wednesday and Thursday. Students will receive packets in English classes Monday and Tuesday and must pay for pictures at the time they are taken. Students not wanting to order pictures must still have their picture taken for the yearbook.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

Youth group car wash

First Asembly of God youth group willhave a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at United Supermarkets. Donations are from $5 up.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder next Saturday. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

SHS student council Tiger T-shirts

The SHS student council has Tiger T-shirts, youth and adult sizes, day planners, book socks and lanyards for sale. Contact Christy Smith at the high school at 573-6301.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

Whitmire to voluntarily attend next session

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat Sen. John Whitmire said Friday he will voluntarily fight congressional redistricting on the Senate floor if and when Republican Gov. Rick Perry calls a third special session.

The Houston senator who broke ranks this week with 10 boycotting colleagues in Albuquerque, N.M., would give Republicans the quorum they need to vote on the divisive issue. Perry has indicated he will call another session, but refused to point to a date again Friday.

"I urge Governor Perry not to call another special session," said Whitmire, the longest-serving senator. "It is wasteful, it is a power grab, elections matter. We should not have redistricting just because individuals do not like the names and faces of those who won the last election."

Flanked by his two college-aged daughters, Whitmire conceded that redistricting would ultimately be resolved in the courts. A federal three-judge district panel will hear arguments on pending motions in the case in a Laredo courtroom Thursday.

"We've got to start the process to get to the courts," he said. Whitmire made the comments to a group of reporters on the Senate floor. The news conference had originally been scheduled for the lieutenant governor's press room, but was moved as a result of sanctions against the boycotting Democrats, which denied them use of certain facilities in the Capitol.

"I respect Senator Whitmire, the dean of the Senate, for putting the people of Texas first before national politics," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said. "Our Democrat Senate colleagues have fought a good fight, but now that it is increasingly clear that the law supports our position, and that a quorum of the Senate will be present in the next special session, I urge them to return to the Senate to address the many important issues before us."

Whitmire said his decision to acquiesce in a third special session was influenced by threats to his family, the future of the Senate two-thirds tradition and a desire to return civility and integrity to the lawmaking body.

"The Texas Senate has often been referred to as the greatest legislative body on Earth. Today, I don't think anyone could make that claim," Whitmire said. "It is my goal, my responsibility, to restore civility to this body."

Whitmire said he believes the Senate Republican Caucus has discussed permanently removing the traditional two-thirds rule, which requires two-thirds of the 31-member body to agree to consider any bill on the Senate floor. To ensure that Democrats could not block redistricting, as they did in the first special session, Dewhurst said he intended to do away with the rule to address redistricting.

"My concern as dean of the Senate is the integrity of this body," he said. "I know that there is pressure building in the Republican caucus, pressure to do away with the two-thirds rule forever, for all issues. The worse thing that could happen is to not have the two-thirds rule."

Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, said the caucus has not decided its position on permanently doing away with the two-thirds rule. But, he said, some individual Republican senators do want to eliminate it.

Staples said he favors the two-thirds rule because it enables the Senate to move toward consensus on a given issue. But he said increasingly his constituents wonder why the will of the Senate can be thwarted by a small group.

Whitmire is correct that the two-thirds tradition is in vulnerable, especially with Republicans frustrated over Democratic senators remaining out of the state, Staples said.

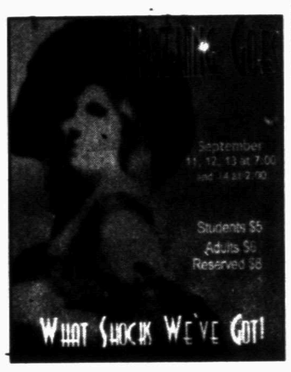
Dewhurst said that if the Democrats return, he's inclined to use the two-thirds rule on issues other than redistricting.

"I think there's been an increased frustration, some bruised feelings over the last month or two," Dewhurst said. "But as long as our Democrat colleagues come back to Austin and they work with us here in the Senate in the same bipartisan way, I'm going to be supportive to holding on to the blocker bill — I'm going to be supportive of holding onto the blocker bill on all issues other than redistricting."

Anything goes

Musical to open Thursday at SHS

The SHS Fine Arts Department will present the musical, *Anything Goes* written by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse with music and lyrics by Cole Porter.



Performances at Worsham Auditorium will be at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. next Sunday. Reserved tickets are on sale for $8 and can be reserved by calling Snyder High School at 573-6301. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $6 for adults and $5 for students.

The setting of the musical is an ocean liner called the USS American, as it sails from New York City to England in the 1930s.

The musical features 14 songs with 7 large chorus selections including well-known tunes such as *Blow, Gabriel, Blow, I Get a Kick Out of You, You're the Top, It's Delovely, Friendship*, and the title song *Anything Goes*.

Several of the large chorus selections have been choreographed by student dancers at the high school. This musical has a cast and crew of over 50 high school students and provides a mix of comedy and romance.

The musical is under the direction of Michael McQuerry, drama director and Ronda Haire, choir director.

Schwarzenegger camp says he was bumped as parade leader

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign said the actor's invitation to be grand marshal of a Mexican Independence Day parade on Sunday was rescinded.

Schwarzenegger spokesman, Sean Walsh, blamed pressure by Democrats who did not want the actor to have a prominent role in the popular annual event. Schwarzenegger is the leading Republican in the Oct. 7 recall election to replace Gray Davis.

California Democratic Party spokesman Bob Mulholland said he was not aware of the situation and that he knew of no such pressure.

Schwarzenegger's campaign on Friday provided an Aug. 5 letter, apparently on the letterhead of the group that puts on the event — the Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico — extending the invitation to lead the parade in East Los Angeles. The actual Mexican Independence Day is Sept. 16.

The committee's president, however, said it had made no formal plans to invite Schwarzenegger to lead the parade. Enedino Aguirre said the overture to Schwarzenegger was made by a volunteer who did not have the official backing of the committee.

"We never agreed to anything," Aguirre said.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-16-25. Bonus Ball: 9.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $500,000.

Number matching four of four: 18. Prize: $1,084.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 45. Prize: $53.

Number matching three of four: 1,536. Prize: $21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,118. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,908. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 12,292. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $675,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-24-28-29-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $54,239.

Winning tickets sold in: Pearland, Kroger No. 343, 8323 Broadway.

Matching four of five: 155. Prize: $157.

Matching three of five: 5,392. Prize: $10.

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Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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Tommy Cole SDN winner

Tommy Cole 2647 Pleasant Hill Road, is the August winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

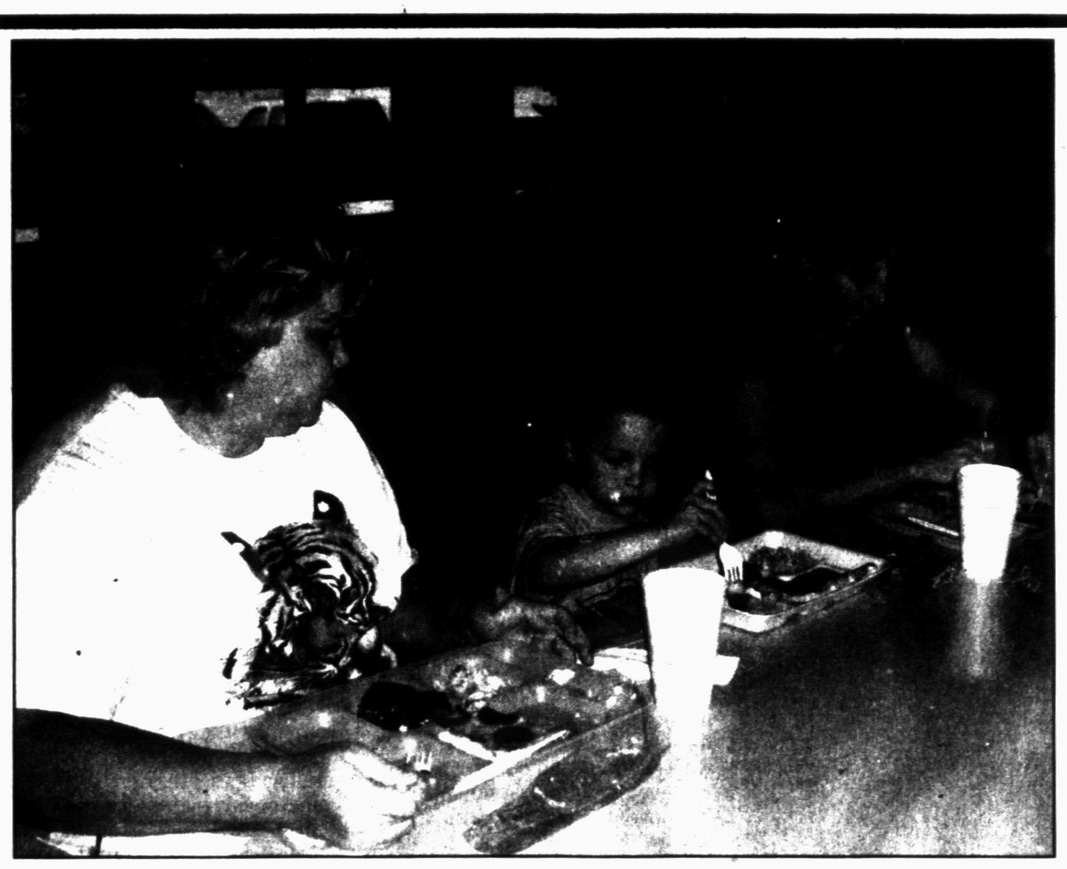
Poem recognized

I Thought, a poem by Tammie Rogers of Snyder received the Editor's Choice Award for outstanding achievement in poetry, presented by poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry.

Duane Allred is on TTU President's List

Duane Allred, a senior at Texas Tech University, has been named to the President's List for the second summer session.

Allred, the son of Morris and Bonnie Allred of Snyder, is majoring in exercise and sports medicine.



GRANDPARENTS VISIT — In observance of Grandparents Day set Sunday, Brooke Mackey invited grandparents of her kindergarten students at East to eat lunch with them in the cafeteria. Keagan Parham had a double treat as two grandmothers, Debra Davis, left, and Ann Greene, enjoyed lunch with him. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Grant money runs out for thousands in scholars program

HOUSTON (AP) — Money for a state grant program targeting high school achievers is running out, leaving thousands of scholars without financial aid for fall college classes.

Although more than 75,000 students qualify as Texas Scholars, the state can cover only 67,500.

That's despite a funding increase from the Legislature this year to $324 million for the grant program from the $261 million allocated in the previous biennium. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board gives returning students first priority, dedicating most of the program's resources to the group.

What's left is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. As a result, those entering for the first time often get left out.

One was Kenneth Williams, who expected the state to help pay for his higher education if he would study and excel in college preparatory courses during high school. He was named a Texas Scholar, but learned of the shortfall just as he started classes at Texas Southern University with a $1,800 tuition bill in hand.

"I got a medal and a certificate. They told us if you take these classes and succeed, you get free money for college," Williams, 18, told the Houston.

The Texas Grant Program, which is administered by the Coordinating Board, awards the college funds. Although the scholar designation makes students eligible for the grant money, they must apply for it.

"I think it's totally unfair to Texas families after the state made promises. What am I supposed to do, pull him out?" said Williams' mother, Sheila Williams. She is former Parent-Teacher Association president at Houston Furr High School, where her son graduated last spring.

The Coordinating Board's assistant commissioner for student services, Lois Hollis, said she sympathizes with the students and their families.

"We're getting calls saying, 'But I'm a Texas Scholar and I'm supposed to get a grant,' " she said, telling students, "Due to the competing budget needs facing the state, there are no more funds available for grants."

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MONDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
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Spinach
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TUESDAY
Braised Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli w/Cheese
Pistachio Salad
White Cake w/Cream Cheese Frosting
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Chicken w/Gravy
Cottage Fries
Golden Carrots
Tossed Salad
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THURSDAY
Taco Salad
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Sopapilla
Chips & Salsa
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Stewed Squash
Creamy Coleslaw
Tropical Pudding

Dalai Lama sets visit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Dalai Lama started a 16-day U.S. tour, presiding over an interfaith service and receiving an honorary degree at a Jesuit-run university.

Flanked by representatives of 25 religions Friday at the University of San Francisco, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader said all faiths have the same basic aim — to breed compassion among their followers.

"I will continue to pursue my struggle, which is to campaign for peace," he told the crowd of about 1,000 faculty, students and members of San Francisco's Tibetan Buddhist community.

Before the Dalai Lama received his honorary doctorate of humane letters, worshippers took turns reading from his writings, and from Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Jewish sacred texts.

Later, he was planning to conduct a public teach-in, hold a private meeting with members of the Tibetan community and attend a sold-out event sponsored by the American Himalayan Foundation at the San Francisco Symphony Hall.

The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet for India in 1959 after a failed revolt against Chinese rule over his country, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 for nonviolent resistance to the Chinese occupation there.

The Chinese government has criticized the United States in the past for its support of the Dalai Lama.

Senior Center News

We have had new participants this week: new retirees, visitors, and newcomers to our community. We invite new citizens to visit our facility. We offer activities and nutritional meals for our 60 plus senior citizens. We encourage citizens under the age of 60 to join us in serving the seniors of our community. Our volunteers include all age levels and are the backbone of many of the activities and services offered by the center.

Senior citizen swimnastics at Western Texas College is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 11 a.m. A senior volunteer leads the group exercise. A lifeguard is on duty during the class. Registration for the class is unnecessary. The class and parking are free. For more information call the center at 573-4035.

The AARP Drivers Safety Education class is scheduled for Sept. 25 and 26th in the conference room in the center located at 2603 Avenue M. The class will be from 1-5 p.m. Participants must be 50 years of age or older, pay $10 for the course, and attend both afternoons.

Those who have registered and been contacted do not need to register again; however, the class is still open for registration. Some auto insurance companies offer a discount on premiums to participants in this course; but seniors should phone their own insurance company to see if this would apply. Call the Scurry County Senior Center to register for the class.

MONDAY

The center is open from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Seniors may participate in dominoes, pool, quilting, eighty/eighty-eight, bridge, and skip-bo during these hours. We do have specific schedules for most of these activities, but there is always room for impromptu games. Party bridge is scheduled for Monday and Friday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning. Our daily meal is served each day at noon.

TUESDAY

Senior citizens may participate in eighty/eighty-eight Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. – noon. The Golden K Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon in the conference room. Newcomers are invited to join them. Seniors can enter a single elimination eighty tournament scheduled for 1 p.m. We play in the bridge and eighty-eight rooms depending on participation. The Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the center from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-2 p.m. The waiting area is the quilting room. Please register when you arrive.

WEDNESDAY

We have scheduled 9 a.m. as a special time for ladies to play pool. If you are new to the game, a volunteer will be available to instruct you. Pool is fun and does provide some mild exercise. Seniors may participate in bingo from 10 – 11:45 a.m. Enjoy lunch at noon and stay for Pinochle at 1 p.m. in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Newcomers are welcome to join the choir — no audition necessary. The center is open from 6 – 9.p.m. for game night. Seniors may participate in cards, dominoes, and pool.

FRIDAY

Senior citizens may have their blood pressure checked from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the quilting area. Volunteers provide this service. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Stay for the noon meal and enjoy our fish.

SATURDAY

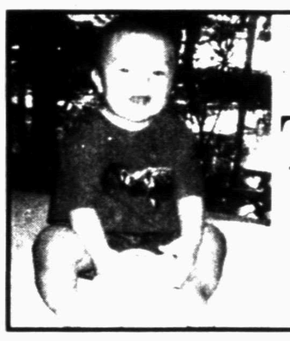
The Community Sing begins at 6 p.m. in the dining room of the Scurry County Senior Center. We are located at 2603 Avenue M. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the music provided by volunteers.

Internet tips given

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents concerned about what their children encounter on the Internet can look for some guidance from the National Academy of Sciences.

The Web site www.netsafekids.org was created by the Academies following its report last year on Youth, Pornography and the Internet.

The site discusses issues surrounding pornography and sexual predators and provides tips to help parents and adults make more informed decisions about how children spend time online.



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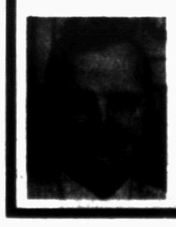
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ON WITH THE SHOW - Parker Christensen and Lee Presswood aren't too sure about the pointy horns on Ray Newton's hat. Newton was Master of Ceremonies at the Taste of Scurry County last week. (SDN Staff Photo)



WINS TICKETS — Ron Gilliland accepts three tickets to this Saturday's Texas Tech football game against New Mexico State from Donna Browning, SDN employee in charge of classified ads. He won the tickets in a classified ads drawing. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Financial Focus

Understanding Fund Classes: Not Always as Easy as A, B, C

Before you buy a mutual fund, you'll want to do some research. What is the fund's investment philosophy? Who manages it? How diversified are its holdings? Then, after you've done your homework, you'll have to use it for the right class. Specifically, you may need to choose which type - or "class" - of mutual fund shares you want to buy.

The most common classes are "A," "B" and "C." Which is right for you? Let's take a look at all three:

Class A shares - When you buy Class A shares, you will pay an upfront sales charge, taken out of your initial investment. These sales charges (or "loads") usually range from 3 percent to 6 percent. So, for example, if you pay $10,000 for a mutual fund that has a 5 percent load, $500 of your money will go for the sales charge, with $9,500 used to buy shares. Class A shares may also impose a "12b-1 fee" to cover marketing and distribution expenses. These 12b-1 fees are fairly low—about 0.25 percent annually. Class A shares traditionally have the lowest ongoing expenses of any class.

Class B shares - If you purchase Class B shares, you don't pay a sales charge right away. Instead, you'll pay a "back-end load" when you sell your shares. Typically, this back-end load decreases over time; for most Class B shares, the load disappears after about six or seven years. Class B shares often charge a higher 12b-1 fee - as much as 1 percent per year. However, Class B shares often convert to Class A shares over time, so you would then start paying the lower 12b-1 fee.

Class C shares - Generally, Class C shares do not charge either front-end or back-end loads if held for more than one year. But if you buy Class C shares, you may pay a 1 percent 12b-1 fee for as long as you own the fund. Class C shares may not convert to Class A shares, so these continually high 12b-1 fees can make Class C shares quite expensive, if you plan on holding them for many years.

Which of these share classes is right for you? The answer depends somewhat on your individual situation. If you plan to hold a mutual fund for many years, then you might be best served by purchasing Class A shares.

How about Class B shares? After all, the vanishing sales load can be an attractive feature - if you are absolutely sure that you will hold your fund long enough to benefit from it. If you sell your shares early, you will have to deal with the back-end charge. Plus, not all Class B shares convert to Class A, so you could be stuck with high 12b-1 fees, as well.

As for Class C shares, we've already mentioned a potential drawback - the inability to convert to Class A shares with lower 12b-1 fees. Still, if you think you may only invest in a particular mutual fund for a few years, you might benefit from Class C's lack of front-end or back-end sales charges. Be careful, though - some Class C shares do carry these charges.

Clearly, you need to be sure of what your share class options are before you invest in a mutual fund. If you are investing in stock mutual funds, they are subject to market risks, including the potential loss of principal invested. Ask your investment representative which mutual funds are right for you and carefully read the prospectus, which should provide complete information, including fees, about any fund. But you also must focus on how a fund can fit into a diversified portfolio, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. If a fund isn't right for you, then it's not a bargain - no matter what it costs.

Plan for aquifer studied

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The agency which helps manage use of the underground water reservoir relied upon by many Central Texans must now decide whether it will regulate development within the groundwater recharge zone for the Edwards Aquifer, which feeds the state's largest springs.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority's board is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a measure that would direct staffers to begin drafting recharge zone protection rules, including limits on how much of the land a developer could cover with rooftops and concrete.

Developing and paving surface land over the aquifer, which covers an 11-county area and supports unique aquatic species, limits the amount of water that replenishes the system. Low aquifer levels have in the past threatened supplies for San Antonio residents and threatened and endangered species at Comal and San Marcos Springs, which rely on the Edwards.

Board Chairman Michael Beldon has proposed naming a committee to recommend how far the board should go in making rules.

"I think we've waited too long already," board member George Rice, an environmentalist and self-employed hydrogeologist, told the San Antonio Express-News in Saturday's editions. "These rules are long overdue.

"They do not want us to have any effective authority over impervious cover on the recharge zone," said Rice, adding that he was referring to state Sen. Ken Armbrister and owners and developers of recharge zone acreage. "I think most board members would agree with me that it is the developers that have gotten Armbrister to do this stuff."

Armbrister, D-Victoria, and others tried during the legislative session this year to strip the agency of any ability to regulate water quality, giving that power instead to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Local representatives blocked most of the efforts.

The agency's strategic plan, adopted by the board in April 2002, calls for it to launch a recharge zone protection program this year and to begin requiring permits for development by April. In Austin, regulations already limit development in aquifer recharge areas.

Rice, who was elected to the board of the 7-year-old agency last year, has proposed that the aquifer authority begin drafting protection rules.

One killed in ride accident at Disneyland

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — An accident on Disneyland's Big Thunder Mountain Railroad roller coaster left a 22-year-old man dead and 10 other riders injured.

The ride's locomotive separated Friday morning from its train inside a tunnel and was slightly derailed, but officials did not know whether that caused the accident or was the result of it.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to those injured and to the family of the deceased," said Michael Eisner, chairman and chief executive of the Walt Disney Co., who came to the park and spoke to reporters.

Marcello Torres of Gardena, who was in the first car behind the locomotive, died inside the ride and his body had to be extricated by paramedics, said John Nicoletti, a city spokesman.

One of the other victims had moderate injuries and the other cases were considered minor. Six were taken to the University of California Irvine Medical Center, two were taken to Western Medical Center and two were treated at the scene and released.

The injured included two boys ages 9 and 15, two men ages 20 and 47, and four women ages 19, 21, 37 and 47. The ages of the two people treated at the scene were not available.

"We are working very closely with local and state authorities."

Whatever happened to...

Vera Newsome, daughter of Eloise and Howard Smith of Snyder, has reached goals in her life that she set early on.

She is a 1968 graduate of Snyder High School where she was involved in many activities including volleyball, Kiser's Hikers, winning second place in UIL technical speaking and was on the honor roll all four years.



Vera Newsome 1968



Vera Newsome 2003

Before Snyder schools integrated in 1965, Vera was the last valedictorian of the Lincoln School where she was Student Council president, head cheerleader, on the honor roll and played basketball.

Vera received a BBA degree in business at Texas Tech where she was a starter on the volleyball team for three years, secretary of the student organization for Black Unity, president of organization for unity leadership and is a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

From 1972-77, she held several positions working for the Lubbock State School. From 1977 she was personnel director for the MHMR Center. She later was named ABWA Jubilee Chapter's Woman of the Year and received special recognition in YMCA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Community Service Award. Vera has been president of several other service organizations.

She became a reservist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1994 and became an independent representative for Excel Communications, a Fortune 500 Co. in 1998. She has traveled throughout 10 states and now resides in Lubbock.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

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Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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Now live in _____

Children _____

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Deputy's home becomes meth lab



WINFIELD, W.Va. (AP) — A Putnam County sheriff's deputy's house has become a crime scene.

But the deputy's not to blame. Authorities are looking for a man they say constructed a methamphetamine lab at the deputy's house while the officer was on vacation. The declined to identify the deputy.

Chief Deputy John Dailey said Wednesday that officers learned that the deputy's relative staying in the house was producing the drug. The deputy, vacationing out of state, allowed authorities to search the house.

"I guess the relative thought 'What better place than this to have a meth lab?'" Dailey said. "He made a victim out of one of our officers."

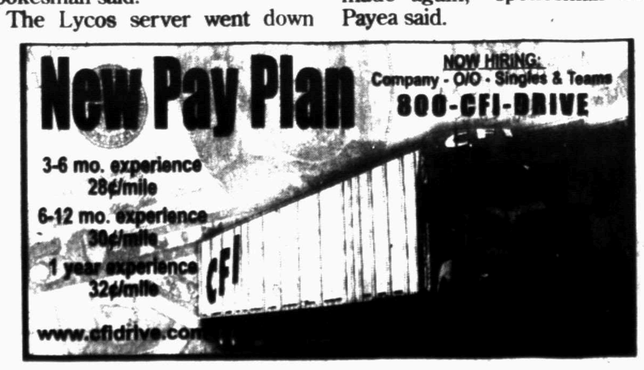
Dailey declined to release the relative's name but said no arrests have been made.

Lycos e-mail recovers from glitch

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Lycos Web portal users shut out of their e-mail for four days were finally able to access their accounts Friday evening, a company spokesman said.

The Lycos server went down Tuesday as the company attempted to upgrade its servers.

"An error was made in loading the new backup software onto the servers and that error will not be made again," spokesman Brian Payea said.



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A&M Consolidated 45, Magnolia 7
Alief Taylor 27, Terry 13
Allen 43, Mesquite 37
Arlington 26, Colleyville Heritage 10
Arlington Lamar 35, Carrollton Creekview 10
Arlington Martin 15, Haltom 7
Austin Westlake 14, Round Rock Westwood 8
Baytown Sterling 35, South Houston 28
Belton 52, Bastrop 28
Brazoswood 33, Columbia 7
Bryan 35, Tomball 23
Buda Hays 21, Austin LBJ 20
Carrollton Smith 29, Richardson 26
CC King 21, Flour Bluff 15
CC Ray 28, Laredo United 0
Cedar Hill 31, The Colony 21
Cinco Ranch 28, Clements 7
Clear Lake 28, Cypress Falls 6
Conroe 18, MacArthur 10
Coppell 52, Dallas Jesuit 12
Copperas Cove 47, Arlington Bowie 20
Cy-Fair 35, Fort Bend Dulles 9
Dallas Carter 31, Dallas Kimball 7
DeSoto 38, Lancaster 0
Donna 21, McAllen 17
Duncanville 31, McKinney 17
Eagle Pass 18, Del Rio 7
Edinburg North 30, Brownsville Lopez 7
EP Montwood 27, Midland High 24
EP Socorro 21, EP Ysleta 14, (2OT)
Euless Trinity 28, Arlington Sam Houston 7
Flower Mound 37, Carrollton Turner 20
Galena Park North Shore 44, Alief Hastings 6
Garland 33, Dallas Skyline 7
Garland Lakeview 37, Dallas Jefferson 0
Garland Naaman Forest 21, Dallas Hillcrest 2
Georgetown 58, Austin High 35
Grand Prairie 48, Abilene Cooper 10
Grapevine 14, Lewisville Hebron 7
Hays 21, Austin LBJ 20
Houston Austin 28, Houston Furr 12
Houston Memorial 7, Sugar Land Hightower 6
Houston Washington 42, Houston Worthing 28
Houston Yates 42, Houston Sterling 6
Hurst Bell 16, Irving Nimitz 0
Irving MacArthur 28, Mansfield 0
Katy 40, Jersey Village 9
Katy Mayde Creek 24, Houston Langham Creek 14
Keller 48, FW Western Hills 14
Klein Collins 21, Fort Bend Bush 7
Klein Forest 24, Cypress Springs 21
La Joya 13, Laredo Alexander 0
Lake Highlands 31, North Garland 6
Laredo Nixon 28, SA South San 0
Laredo United South 33, Uvalde 14
Leander 78, Austin Reagan 18
Longview 35, Neville, La. 12
Lufkin 54, Nacogdoches 12
Mansfield Summit 41, Keller Fossil Ridge 35
McAllen Rowe 10, Harlingen 6
Midland Lee 56, EP Americas 8
Odessa 15, Andrews 17
Odessa Permian 48, Big Spring 19
PA Memorial 39, Clear Creek 7
Pearland 35, Elkins 6
Pflugerville 24, Pflugerville Connally 12
Plano 17, Flower Mound Marcus 14
Plano East 38, North Mesquite 21
Plano West 17, Flower Mound Marcus 14
PSJA North 35, PSJA 14
Richardson Berkner 54, Dallas White 35
Round Rock Stony Point 14, Killeen Shoemaker 13
Round Rock Westwood 21, Austin Westlake 8
Rowlett 14, FW Richland 9
SA Churchill 17, SA Clark 11
SA Clemens 37, SA Holmes 0
SA East Central 42, Laredo Martin 18
SA Harlandale 7, SA McCollum 0
SA Jay 24, Kerrville Tivy 21
SA Lee 29, SA Southwest 20
SA Madison 34, SA O'Connor 29
SA Roosevelt 7, New Braunfels 0
San Benito 9, Harlingen South 0
San Marcos 52, Del Valle 13
Seguin 20, SA Highlands 18
Smithson Valley 37, SA Reagan 12
South Garland 41, Weatherford 7
South Oak Cliff 26, Wilmer-Hutchins 0
Southlake Carroll 31, Irving 14
Spring 28, Pasadena Dobie 7
Spring Woods 27, Pasadena 7
Temple 31, Killeen Ellison 6
The Woodlands 40, Humble Kingwood 14
Waco 13, Converse Judson 7
The Woodlands 40, Kingwood 14

CLASS 4A

Aledo 31, Justin Northwest 10
Alice 27, Miller 6
Andrews 17, Odessa 15
Angleton 33, Pasadena Rayburn 0
Austin McCallum 28, Austin Crockett 21
Azle 42, FW Boswell 0
Bastrop 28, Belton 52
Beaumont Central 39, Houston Sharpstown 6
Beaumont Ozen 22, Beaumont West Brook 20
Birdville 28, McKinney North 21
Boerne 44, SA Sam Houston 22
Brenham 23, El Campo 20, (2OT)
Brownsville Porter 17, Brownsville Rivera 14
Brownwood 28, San Angelo Central 13
Burkburnett 21, Iowa Park 20 (OT)
Canyon Randall 28, Lubbock 13
CC Calallen 28, Beeville 0
CC Tuloso-Midway 24, Lyford 14
Conroe Oak Ridge 28, Channelview 12
Corsicana 31, Jacksonville 17
Dallas Lincoln 54, Dallas Sunset 0
Dallas Roosevelt 19, FW Wyatt 16
Dallas Wilson 44, Dallas Bishop Dunne 2
Dayton 19, Willis 17
Denison 37, Dallas Samuell 0
Denton 35, WF Rider 24
Denton Ryan 41, FW Dunbar 6
Dickinson 40, Houston Smiley 0
Dripping Springs 28, Austin Anderson 21
Edinburg 26, Edcouch-Elsa 21
Ennis 55, Waxahachie 17
Fredericksburg 57, Marble Falls 9
Friendswood 27, Brazosport 24
Frisco 17, Springtown 7
FW Arlington Heights 35, Granbury 3
FW Poly 26, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 6
FW Polytechnic 26, DH-Jarvis 6
FW South Hills 70, FW Carter-Riverside 0
FW Southwest 43, Crowley 30
Galena Park 34, Houston Reagan 0
Greenville 45, Mount Pleasant 18
Gregory-Portland 27, Sinton 7
Harker Heights 21, Cedar Park 20
Hereford 28, Tascosa 21 (OT)
Hewett Midway 10, Round Rock McNeil 0
Highland Park 35, Plano 5
Houston Davis 60, Sam Houston 43
Houston Jones 14, Houston Chavez 7
Houston Kashmere 44, Houston Milby 12
Houston King 30, Houston Wheatley 20
Joshua 23, Red Oak 6
La Marque 35, Galveston Ball 14
Lampasas 44, Lake Travis 34
LC-Mauriceville 44, Beaumont Kelly 0
Borger 35, Sanford-Fritch 0
Liberal, Kan. 16, Dumas 2
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 42, Beaumont Kelly 0
Lockhart 33, Austin Lanier 0
Los Fresnos 42, Brownsville Pace 35
Mabank 24, Brownsboro 22
Marble Falls 9, Fredericksburg 57
Mesquite Horn 31, Forney 10
Midlothian 27, North Crowley 21
Mission 49, Weslaco 21
New Braunfels Canyon 28, Somerset 14
North Lamar 15, Longview Pine Tree 0
Palestine 34, Huntsville 20
Pampa 35, Lubbock Estacado 0
Plainview 51, Lubbock Coronado 21
Pleasanton 23, Devine 12
Port Lavaca Calhoun 45, Ingleside 0
Port Neches-Groves 20, Crosby 14
Randall 28, Lubbock High 13
Richardson Pearce 38, Dallas Spruce 6
Robstown 35, Laredo Cigarroa 15
Rockport-Fulton 34, Aransas Pass 6
SA Alamo Heights 28, Floresville 7
SA Fox Tech 27, SA Holy Cross 3
SA Southside 37, SA Lanier 24
Sharyland 31, Raymondville 16
Sherman 35, Wichita Falls 28
Stephenville 20, Burleson 16
Sulphur Springs 56, Athens 10
Taylor 49, Hillsboro 6
Terrell 24, Mesquite Poteet 0
Texas City 38, Forest Brook 0
Vidor 47, Gulf Shores Academy 18
Waco University 19, Marlin 14
Waller 31, New Caney 15
Weslaco East 6, Roma 0
WF Hirschi 34, El Reno, Okla. 8
Wolfforth Frenship 42, Amarillo Palo Duro 0
Wylie 31, Cleburne 0

CLASS 3A

Abilene Wylie 24, Snyder 7
Anahuac 57, Tarkington 6
Ashdown, Ark. 14, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 7
Atlanta 16, Hallsville 13
Ballinger 51, Bangs 12
Barbers Hill 29, Hamshire-Fannett 7
Bellville 38, Cameron Yoe 21
Bishop 26, Odem 0
Breckenridge 73, Stamford 0
Bridgeport 21, Mineral Wells 14
Bullard 33, Palestine Westwood 23
Burnet 33, Gatesville 14
Canton 43, Tyler T.K. Gorman 6
Carthage 41, Paris 14
CC West Oso 12, Falfurrias 6
Childress 27, Quanah 6
China Spring 52, Glen Rose 6
Cleveland 33, Caney Creek 27
Coldspring 6, Hardin-Jefferson 0
Columbus 20, Luling 3
Comanche 44, Florence 0
Commerce 35, Dallas Pinkston 6
Cotulla 57, SA West Campus 6
Cuero 22, Altair Rice Consolidated 6
Daingerfield 48, Gladewater 6
Decatur 41, Pottsboro 14
Denver City 39, Dimmitt 8
Diboll 17, Splendora 13
Elgin 41, Austin Travis 6
Everman 34, FW Eastern Hills 0
Fort Stockton 25, El Paso Burges 16
FW Castleberry 14, Bowie 7
Gainesville 30, Bonham 0
Giddings 21, Rockdale 15
Gilmer 32, Jefferson 20
Goliad 14, Kenedy 0
Groesbeck 33, Robinson 21
Hallettsville 34, Ganado 10
Huffman 35, Orangefield 6
Hutto 21, Lexington 19
Ingram 34, Sonora 16
Jasper 27, Silsbee 14
Kaufman 17, Seagoville 7
Kemp 21, Muenster Sacred Heart 14
Kennedale 51, Crandall 44
Kermit 35, Brownfield 12
Kirbyville 18, Timpson 7
Kountze 31, Huntington 6
La Feria 26, Mercedes 20
La Grange 20, Gonzales 19
La Vernia 31, Hondo 6
Lake Travis 34, Lampasas, 44
Liberty 31, Bridge City 29
Liberty Hill 56, Smithville 6
Lindale 35, Wills Point 21
Littlefield 47, Abernathy 14
Llano 25, Early 0
Lubbock Cooper 30, Lamesa 0
Lytle 17, Dilley 12
Manor 40, Austin Johnston 6
Medina Valley 34, Bandera 3
Merkel 35, Clyde 6
Midland Greenwood 42, Shallowater 20
Mineola 34, Kemp 21
Muleshoe 40, Caprock 20
Navasota 26, Crockett 24
New Boston 28, Pittsburg 6
Newton 42, Hempstead 0
Orange Grove 33, Taft 14
Paris North Lamar 15, Longview Pine Tree 0
Perryton 50, Guymon, Okla. 0
Port Isabel 30, PSJA Memorial 7
Poteet 43, SA Burbank 6
Quinlan Ford 48, Emory Rains 14
Rio Hondo 35, La Villa 0
Royse City 28, Ferris 21
San Diego 34, SA Memorial 24
Sanger 27, Pilot Point 12
Sealy 34, Needville 7
Seminole 47, Monahans 16
Shepherd 12, Warren 7
Sweeny 15, Van Vleck 12
Sweetwater 28, Graham 7
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 31, Pine Bluff Dollarway, Ark. 14
Trinity 13, Hardin 0
Trinity Fellowship 20, Shamrock 14
Trinity Valley 30, Country Day 28
Troy 20, Little River Academy 14
Tyler Chapel Hill 28, Whitehouse 21
Van 27, Grand Saline 0
Vernon 11, Altus, Okla. 8
Waco Connally 38, Alvarado 14
Waco LaVega 20, Rosebud-Lott 6
West 40, Clifton 12
West Oso 12, Falfurrias 6
White Oak 12, Mt. Vernon 6
Whitesboro 29, Leonard 22
Wimberley 57, Marion 20
Winnsboro 43, Arp 6
Yoakum 27, Edna 14

CLASS 2A

Alpine 13, Pecos 8
Alvord 42, Cumby 0
Amarillo Highland Park 35, Clarendon 7
Anna 38, Argyle 28
Anson 31, Knox City 19
Axtell 28, Bosqusort
Blooming Grove 20, Malakoff Cross Roads 16
Boyd 48, Valley View 14
Boys Ranch 14, Claude 6
Brackett 42, Crystal City 31
Caddo Mills 28, Farmersville 24
Calhoun 45, Ingleside 0
Canadian 28, River Road 25
Cisco 49, Millsap 20
Colorado City 43, Hawley 0
Comfort 28, Carrizo Springs 14
Cooper 20, Van Alstyne 13
Corrigan-Camden 29, Hitchcock 20
Crane 27, McCamey 7
Crawford 49, Riesel 0
DeKalb 39, Clarksville 6
East Bernard 25, Stafford 14
East Chambers 29, Buna 0
Eastland 48, DeLeon 6
Eldorado 0, Mason 34
Elkhart 23, Frankston 13
Floydada 7, Ralls 6
Franklin 45, Bremond 8
Freer 12, Hebbronville 9
Friona 42, Tulia 6
Garrison 27, Elysian Fields 7
Grape Creek 27, Irion County 14
Groveton 42, Shelbyville 7
Hamilton 28, Goldthwaite 21
Hawley 0, Colorado City 43
Hemphill 34, Center 0
Henrietta 35, Paradise 19
Holliday 21, Windthorst 20
Hooks 13, Queen City 7
Howe 15, Princeton 7
Hughes Springs 45, Winona 6
Hull-Daisetta 32, Burkeville 12
Idalou 31, Slaton 0
Italy 38, Chilton 34
Jacksboro 41, Electra 34
Jarrell 14, Bruceville-Eddy 13
Jim Ned 42, Coahoma 21
Johnson City 20, San Saba 7
Junction 38, Leakey 0
Junction 42, Leakey 0
Karnes City 28, Natalia 20
Kerens 41, Eustace 14
Leon 21, Teague 14
Linden-Kildare 32, New Diana 21
Little Elm 21, Prosper 0
Lockney 13, Paducah 6
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Lubbock Roosevelt 26, Hale Center 12
Malakoff 32, Alba Golden 8
Mason 34, Eldorado 0
Mason 34, El Dorado 0
Maypearl 43, Frost 0
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McGregor 46, Hubbard 0
Moody 0, Salado 24
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Navarro 36, D'Hanis 3
New Deal 12, Hart 0
New Waverly 47, Buffalo 0
Nocona 39, Muenster 6
Panhandle 34, Sunray 12
Post 35, Roscoe 0
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Riviera 12, George West 6
Rogers 23, Waco Reicher 7
SA Cole 18, SA St. Anthony 14
Salado 24 Blum 26
San Saba 7, Johnson City 20
Santa Rosa 35, Benavides 6
Seagraves 38, Plains 6
Seymour 21, Hamlin 0
Skidmore-Tynan 22, Woodsboro 21
Spearman 33, White Deer 0
Stockdale 30, Jourdanton 13
Tidehaven 40, Palacios 0
Tom Bean 55, Paris Chisum 12
Troup 43, La Mount Enterprise 0
Vanderbilt Industrial 40, Brazos Consolidated 22
Wall 28, Coleman 2
Weimar 50, Bloomington 12
West Hardin 44, Evadale 9
WF City View 27, Archer City 6
Whitewright 47, Honey Grove 21
Yorktown 43, Pettus 0

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Albany 23, Dublin 6
Anton 33, Nazareth 32
Bovina 30, Lorenzo 0
Bronte 7, Christoval 6
Celeste 13, Como-Pickton 10
Charlotte 55, Sabinal 0
Crosbyton 36, Whiteface 0
Cross Plains 21, Winters 7
Dawson 48, Southland 0
Eden 44, May 19
Evant 13, Texas Christian Academy 12
Falls City 34, Poth 8
Farwell 14, Petersburg 7
Fruitvale 49, Dallas Academy 28
Granger 28, Austin St. Michaels. 21
Granger 28, St. Michael's 21
Gunter 41, Blue Ridge 6
Iraan 21, Rocksprings 13
Kress 68, Holy Cross 0
Lindsay 27, S&S Consolidated 7
Maud 35, Quinlan Boles 14
Menard 37, Robert Lee 8
Meridian 28, Tolar 20
Mildred 21, Grapeland 0
Morton 46, Tahoka 14
Muenster 39, Nocona 6
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O'Donnell 38, Midland Trinity 13
Rice 39, Cayuga 0
Robert Lee 8, Menard 37
Roby 59, Rising Star 12
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Santo 13, Gorman 6
Shiner 41, Schulenburg 27
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Spur 38, Guthrie 8
Sterling City 24, Rankin 21
Stratford 40, Dalhart 0
Sudan 55, Vega 0
Sundown 47, Springlake-Earth 6
Thorndale 19, Flatonia 14
Thrall 25, Round Rock JV 6
Turpin, Okla. 37, Booker 13
Valley Mills 21, Itasca 0
Water Valley 58, Aspermont 39
Wellington 46, Hooker, Okla. Okla. 14
Wheeler 13, West Texas 0
Wink 39, Fort Hancock 13
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Hedley 52, Fort Elliott 34
Highland 45, Blackwell 0
Jonesboro 50, Aquilla 48
Lefors 65, Bible Heritage 16
Lohn 48, Veribest 0
Loraine 60, Paint Rock 0
Meadow 38, Borden County 18
Milford 60, Oglesby 14
New Home 48, Loop 0
Newcastle 48, Chillicothe 0
Novice 60, Star 14
Patton Springs 52, Amherst 30
Rule 59, Harrold 14
Sanderson 68, Floyd 6
Silverton 61, Lazbuddie 14
Strawn 55, Kopperl 7
Trinidad 54, Hill Country Christian 8
Turkey Valley 58, Aspermont 39
Valley 58, Aspermont 39
Vernon Northside 66, Paint Creek 19
Walnut Springs 70, Penelope 25
Whitharral 52, Ira 6

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Abilene Christian 56, Woodson 32
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Arlington Grace Prep 50, Tulsa Victory Christian 13
Arlington Oakridge 31, Grapevine Faith Christian 0
Arlington St. Alban's 68, Savoy 27
Austin St. Andrews 21, Austin Hyde Park 0
Bay Area Christian 41, Fort Bend Baptist 0
Bellaire Episcopal 48, Boling 14
Bishop Lynch 48, FW All Saints 7
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Calvary Academy 42, Dallas Shelton 0
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Dallas Bishop Lynch 48, FW All Saints 7
Dallas Christian 28, Lone Oak 0
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Dallas St. Mark's 44, FW Christian 12
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Agassi, Roddick on collision course

NEW YORK (AP) — Ah, what a little extra rest can do for a 33-year-old.

Andre Agassi was filled with so much pent-up energy, he jogged to the sideline at changeovers while his bedraggled opponent shuffled over, limping.

The oldest man ever ranked No. 1 took advantage of getting two days off during a rainy U.S. Open and reached the semifinals for the ninth time by beating No. 5 Guillermo Coria 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 Friday.

"A lot of things get more difficult as you get older. Opportunities get rarer," said Agassi, whose next opponent is French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero. "It wasn't easy on anybody — the players, the fans, TV. It's been a difficult week."

Less difficult, though, for Agassi and Andy Roddick, who powered into his third Grand Slam semifinal of 2003 with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 win over No. 12 Sjeng Schalken. Roddick, whose season-high winning streak reached 17 matches, will play No. 13 David Nalbandian in the semifinals.

In the women's semifinals Friday night, No. 1-ranked Kim Clijsters beat 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport 6-2, 6-3 and No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne rallied to defeat No. 6 Jennifer Capriati 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Agassi finished his fourth-round match Tuesday when Taylor Dent quit after three sets with a leg injury. And No. 4 Roddick booked his quarterfinal spot Wednesday.

The six other quarterfinalists played Thursday, setting up the possibility of four matches over the final four days at a major for the first time in the 35-year Open era.

"In a Grand Slam, it's always important to have at least one day to rest," the 21-year-old Coria said. "Agassi was kind of more rested."

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2001 Open champion who lost to Ferrero on Friday, said: "It's a huge swing in Andre's favor."

Roddick's response when told some thought it wasn't fair that he and Agassi got time off? "Well, that's too bad for them."

As fresh as Agassi and Roddick looked Friday under a clear sky with temperatures in the high 70s, there was wear and tear all around them. ATP Tour trainers were busy, hustling out to attend to participants in all four quarterfinals.

Hewitt lost nine of the last 11 games against Ferrero after plopping down on the court to have his left hip massaged during a medical timeout. Hewitt also was treated a second time, and Ferrero won 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Schalken needed his right leg massaged, and No. 22 Younes El Aynaoui's left knee was sprayed and taped during his 7-6 (2), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 loss to Malbandian.

Coria was hampered by a sore left hamstring he picked up earlier in the tournament — plus an injury completely unrelated to the weather: He sliced his right thumb Friday morning when he reached into his racket bag and unwittingly grabbed a sharp tool used to cut foot calluses.

He wrapped it himself, found that uncomfortable, and took the tape off — producing specks of red blood on his white shirt until a trainer bandaged it.

Coria had other woes. One shot by Agassi midway through a 21-stroke rally looked long, and when the point ended, Coria walked over to the line judge and applauded, as if to say, "Thanks for helping him."

Coria's biggest problem was presented by Agassi, who dictated points much better than during a quarterfinal loss to the Argentine at the French Open in June.

"I wanted to make the match physical and make him step up and hit big shots consistently, and I did," said Agassi, a two-time Open champion and runner-up to Pete Sampras last year.

"It feels like I hadn't played in a week, to be honest. I don't think I started all that great, but then I managed to get into the match and started playing better."

Hoping to test his older opponent's fitness — or perhaps because little else was working — Coria attempted several drop shots, including on each of the last two points of the first set. Agassi hustled to get both for slick backhands that enabled him to break serve and grab a lead he wouldn't relinquish.

In the second set, Agassi broke for a 5-3 edge with a feathery drop shot that prompted an errant forehand from Coria. Then, in the third, Agassi won 15 straight points on his serve, but a blip came when he allowed Coria to break back to 5-5.

Agassi broke right back, helped by Coria's double-fault.

Women's singles...

All-Belgian finals at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Bring on that all-Belgian final.

Justine Henin-Hardenne came back from down and nearly out, fought her cramping left leg and pulled off a feat as close to a tennis miracle as they come.

All that talk of a possible rematch of this year's French Open final between Henin-Hardenne and countrywoman Kim Clijsters is now reality. They will slug it out under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday night — with Henin-Hardenne going for her second Slam of the year and Clijsters aiming for her first ever.

Henin-Hardenne rallied from a 5-2 deficit in the third set to beat American Jennifer Capriati 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) in a semifinal destined to be a classic for years to come. She broke Capriati twice in the final set with the American serving for a spot in the final.

Each player won 127 points, that's how close this one really was. It began Friday night and ended 3 hours, 3 minutes later, on Saturday morning.

"I think I've been very brave today," Henin-Hardenne said. "Today, I should have called the trainers and I didn't. I was cramping."

Why didn't she take a medical timeout?

"Because people talked about me very badly in the last few weeks," she said. "I did a big mistake because I needed the trainer, so I think it's the last time I'm doing this kind of mistake for sure."

The third-ranked Henin-Hardenne was treated for dehydration with intravenous fluids after the match.

"I'll go on the court if I'm able to compete, if I'm able to fight," she said of her date with Clijsters.

Capriati missed five backhands in the tiebreaker — the same shot that had been her weapon all match.

When her backhand volley landed in the net on match point and a hurting Henin-Hardenne fell to her knees in joy and exhaustion, Capriati just leaned on the net waiting to shake hands. When her opponent got there, Capriati just barely shook the Henin-Hardenne's hand. Capriati did the same thing with the chair umpire.

"When I came off the court I felt the whole world was coming down on me and that my heart was being ripped out," Capriati said.

Clijsters likely was in bed resting by the time her opponent was determined. The world's No. 1 player dominated a dispirited Lindsay Davenport 6-2, 6-3 in the first semifinal and hasn't lost a set on the way to the final.

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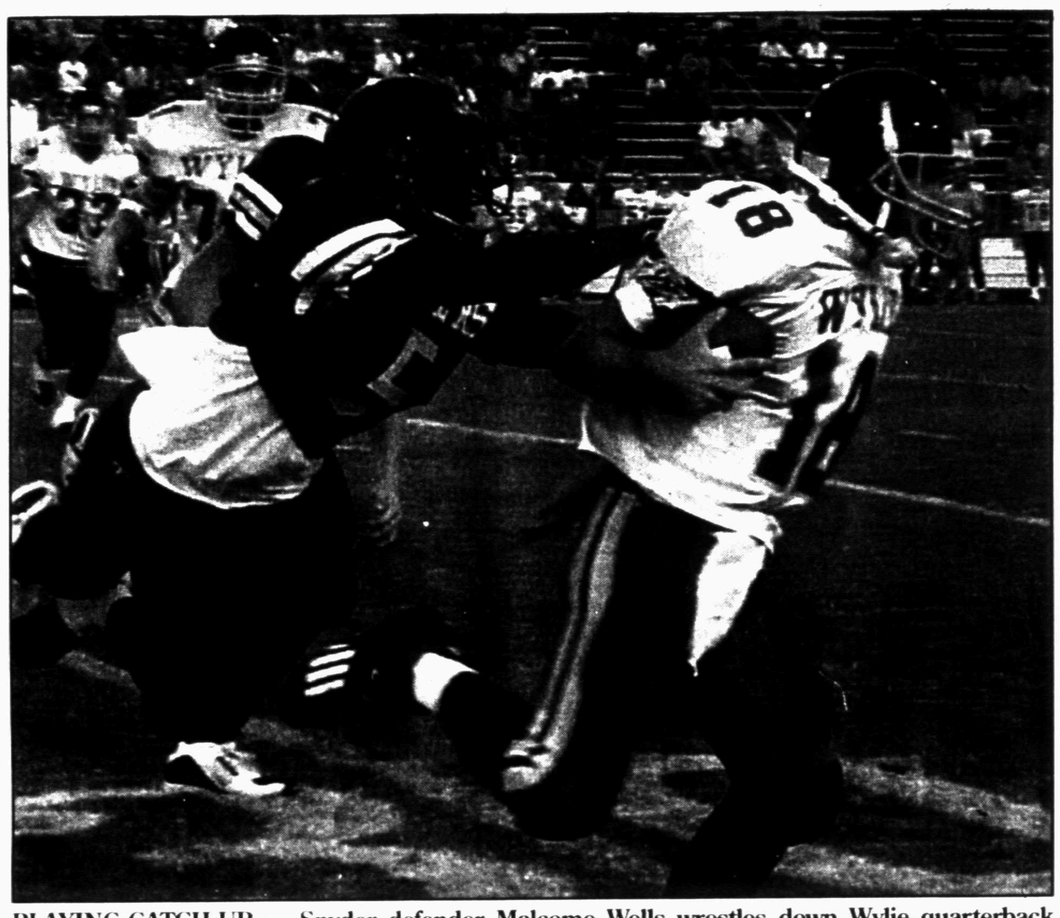
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PLAYING CATCH-UP — Snyder defender Malcome Wells wrestles down Wylie quarterback Case Keenum for a sack in the first half of Friday's contest. Keenum threw for 152 yards and a touchdown in Wylie's 24-7 victory. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Bulldogs roll over Tigers

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Going into Friday's home opener with Abilene Wylie, the Snyder Tigers felt the game would answer some of the questions left from the week one loss to Frenship.

Instead, they were left with more questions.

Wylie sophomore quarterback Case Keenum was 11of 16 for 152 yards and a touchdown, and senior tailback Cody Lawson blistered the Tigers for 121 yards on the ground as the Bulldogs rolled over a flat Snyder squad, 24-7 at Tiger Stadium.

Snyder fumbled seven times, losing the ball four times — including two by Marcus Villarreal on kick returns deep in Snyder territory — as Wylie jumped out to a 14-0 lead midway through the first quarter and never looked back.

"We didn't handle the distractions well, and we weren't ready to play," head coach Chad Rogers said. "It's obviously my responsibility. The turnovers go back to mental preparation, and we weren't mentally prepared."

Wylie reeled off a 10-play, 76-yard drive to open the game, capping the three-minute, 35-second push with a 20-yard run from Lawson.

Things went awry for Snyder early, as Justin Boyd lost the football on Tigers' third play from scrimmage, giving the Bulldogs the ball on the Snyder 31.

Keenum quickly took advantage, hitting Aaron Philpot on a 31-yard strike on the first play, giving Wylie the early, two-touchdown edge.

Rogers said he felt the team needed work on everything if they have any hope of turning around the early 0-2 start.

"We have to get better in all aspects of the game, from lining up to getting the right reads," he said. Searching for a positive, he added, "I thought the kicking games were even."

Snyder's sole score was an encouraging one, as quarterback Boicy Martinez hit Boyd on a hitch pattern, which the receiver turned into a 55-yard touchdown reception.

Martinez shouldered the load for the Snyder offense, tallying 121 of Snyder 226 rushing yards. The signal caller echoed his head coach, saying the team needed to be smarter and tougher mentally going into ball games.

"We knew we had to be mentally prepared to beat a team like Wylie and we weren't," he said. "Now, we'll see if the true character of this team will show up."

Boyd said the team was not together in the game, and let the distractions of this week take away the players' concentration.

"We were focused on individual stuff. We need to play as a team," he said.

Snyder had several players struggle to maintain focus off and on the field last week, including one player quitting the team and two other players having to serve in-school suspensions for disciplinary reasons.

Snyder also lost another player to injury this week, as Hunter Shipp was diagnosed with a torn MCL. He will be out three to six weeks.

"The distractions are ridiculous," Rogers stated. "We have to learn to focus on the situation at hand."

The Snyder defense limited Wylie to 154 yards on the ground, but was repeatedly picked apart in the secondary when Wylie went to the air.

Snyder was undisciplined early, as starting defensive tackle Ricky McNatt was ejected from the game with 7:33 left in the first quarter for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rogers also was forced to abandon the wishbone after giving up the two early touchdowns, taking away Snyder's most effective formation.

He gave due credit to Wylie, which looked more focused and ready than the Tigers.

"They are a good team, and a classy program," Rogers said.

Rogers said the coaches will be putting in more time this week, which, fortunately for the Tigers, is one of two weeks they will have to prepare for Midland Greenwood.

Greenwood devoured Snyder, 35-7, last season, en route to a double overtime loss in the state championship game.

"We have to put Wylie behind us," Rogers said. "We need to remember the feeling, then get

Game Summary

Snyder	07	00	00	00	—07
Wylie	14	10	00	00	—24

First Quarter

Wylie — Cody Lawson 20-yard run(kick blocked), 8:31.

Wylie — Aaron Philpot 31-yard reception from Case Keenum, (Nick La Fave reception), 7:25.

Snyder — Justin Boyd 55-yard reception from Boicy Martinez (Isaac Ramon kick), 2:46.

Second Quarter

Wylie — Bobby Owen 2-yard run (Philpot kick), 11:49.

Wylie — Philpot 40-yard field goal.

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First Downs	9	12
Rushes-yards	41-226	34-154
Passing yards	93	152
Comp-Att-Int	4-12-1	11-16-0
Punts	4-42.5	5-38
Fumbles-lost	7-4	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-20	4-30

RUSHING — Snyder: Martinez, 17-121; Jacon Rodriguez, 7-18; Chad Brown, 6-13; Isaac Ramon, 2-22;Cody Wall, 1-9; Brad English, 2-14, Marcus Villarreal, 1-8; Malcome Wells, 3-(-1); Cade Owen, 2-(-4). **Wylie:** Lawson, 18-121; La Fave, 3-15; Philpot, 2-1; Keenum, 5-8; Owen, 1-2, 29-236; Chad Copeland, 1-8, Michael Kiger, 4-1.

PASSING — Snyder: Martinez 3 of 7 for 78 yards, 1 int; Owen 1 of 5 for 15 yards. **Wylie:** Keenum 11 of 16 for 152 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Boyd, 3-86; Villarreal, 1-15. **Wylie:** Philpot, 3-54; Lawson, 2-24; Jason Reynolds, 2-24; Josh Archer, 1-13; Jordan Light, 1-6; Bennett Simpson, 1-36; Brady Bounds, 1-(-7).

Snyder jr. high gridders play tough against Wylie

The Snyder eighth-grade Gold team thought they had a win.

Instead, they were forced to accept a 6-6 tie against their counterparts from Abilene Wylie Thursday.

Snyder had one touchdown called back on a penalty, then watched as Wylie returned what should have been a dead ball for a touchdown.

Head coach Reagan Key said the call was made on an illegal forward pass, which should have been whistled dead.

"We really outplayed them, and should have won," he said. "The guys played well. They were flying all over the place and hitting like crazy."

Snyder also hurt itself with fumbles, coughing up the pigskin four times in the contest.

"We have to learn to hold on to the ball, but overall they played great," he said.

The Gold team scored its lone touchdown on a 40-yard strike from Dustin Murdock to Ryan Claxton.

The eighth-grade Black team lost a close one, 14-12, and got a solid effort from the whole roster.

"They played good," coach Brock Rumfield said. "There were a couple of little mistakes, but they gave a great effort and played hard."

The Black squad scored on a 65-yard scamper from Will Clay, and a 20-yard gallop from Bobby Escabedo.

The Snyder seventh-grade gridiron squads each scored one touchdown in losses to Abilene Wylie Thursday.

The Gold club fell, 20-6, scoring on a 3-yard run from Joe Rivera.

The Black team fell, 12-6, as Ben Gutierrez scored for the junior Tigers on a 7-yard burst.

Like the varsity club, both the seventh and eighth graders have an open date this week.

District 3-3A will select academic all-district team

Beginning with the 2003-04 school year, athletes participating in District 3-3A will have to the opportunity to be recognized not only for their athletic ability, but also their performance in the classroom.

Traditionally, All-District teams have been named in individual sports. Under a plan proposed by Snyder Supt. Dr. James R. Collins, each sport will continue to name an All-District team as they have in the past, but will also name an Academic All-District team for each sport.

The proposal was approved by the District 3-3A executive committee on Aug. 20 at a meeting of the district schools held at Lamesa.

In presenting the proposal, Dr. Collins indicated his desire to encourage student-athletes to put as much emphasis on being a student, as they do on being an athlete.

Collins also instituted an academic team when he was in Jacksboro.

The eligibility requirements for being named to the Academic All-District team in any sport include being a varsity team member in that sport, having a 90 average in core courses, maintaining the average through the first five six weeks of the school year, and remaining academically eligible throughout the year.

Students being named to the Academic All-District teams will be presented certificates from District 3-3A.

Jr. spikers trounce Big Spring

The Snyder seventh-grade spikers took care of their opponents from Big Spring Thursday, with both recording convincing victories.

The Gold team used nine points — including three aces — from Chassidy Pittman in the first game, to post a 25-14, 25-18 win.

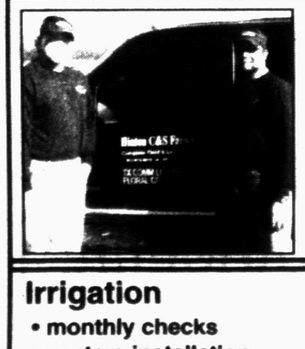
The Gold team also got six service points from Heather Vasquez in the second contest to help secure the sweep.

The Black team also won big Thursday, topping the Big Spring junior ladies, 25-15, 25-16.

Larrisa Blackard had two aces in her 12 service points in the first game, while the consistent Stephanie Rodriguez stayed true to form in recording nine service points in the decisive second game.

The junior high volleyball teams will host Midland Christian Thursday, with games getting underway at 4:30 p.m.

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NEAR MISS — Andrew Bane (28) and Brad English (24) narrowly miss blocking a punt during the second quarter of Friday's game. The Tigers fell behind, 14-0, in the first quarter and never recovered en route to a 24-7 loss. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Hermleigh improvement evident after first game

LUEDERS —The Hermleigh Cardinals came up on the short end of 34-12 score Friday.

But they have come a long way.

Hermleigh racked up over 300 yards of total offense and used big plays to score two touchdowns in falling to Lueders-Avoca.

David Duck scored the first touchdown for the Cards in the third quarter, bulling his way in from 10 yards out, following a 35-yard pass from Jonathon McClure to Robby Anderson.

Keenon Garcia added the second score on a 30-yard sprint early in the fourth quarter.

"We moved the ball really well — between (Duck and Anderson), they had over 200 yards," head coach Don Jones said. "Our offense was not as smooth as our defense, but we are moving the ball and looking better."

The Cardinals trailed, 14-12, heading into the final three minutes of the game, before Lueders scored then recovered two onsides kicks to record 20 points with under two minutes to play.

Jones said the Cardinal defense showed exponential improvement over last season.

"I'm very impressed. There was a lot of gang tackling — the defense was great," he said.

He said defensive starters Joe Yruegas, Justin Williamson, McClure, Anderson, Duck and Garcia all deserved praise for their performance Friday.

"We played some good ball. The kids were excited and they played their hearts out for nearly three hours," he said.

Hermleigh was forced to play additional minutes when confusion by the hometown scorekeeper led to a 15-minute first quarter that the referees did not correct. Jones called the clock management "ridiculous."

Jones said the game, "was a marathon. The extra time really took a toll," he said, adding that there were positives to be gained from the experience. "It was good for us as far as getting into shape, but it hurt us on the scoreboard."

Jones said his team's improvement has been dramatic.

"There is no comparison to where we are now and where we were at the end of last season," the second-year coach said. "We are way ahead. I'm really pleased with the effort. We are looking forward to next week."

Hermleigh hosts Moran at 7:30 Friday at Cardinal Stadium.

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Ira suffers blowout loss to Whitharral in season opener

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs will have to wait at least one more week to celebrate a victory.

Whitharral pounded the host Bulldogs, 52-6, scoring 34 unanswered points in the second half of a game that was called due to the 45-point mercy rule with just under three minutes left to play.

"It was just a frustrating night," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "Things didn't go our way, and we all have to take responsibility for it. It's really disappointing — it just wasn't the night for the Ira Bulldogs."

Ira trailed 18-6 going into halftime, scoring on a 44-yard pass from Wes Kellner to end Jake Barnes, and Goodwin felt the game was in reach as the teams returned to the field to start the second half.

"It was 18-6 and we were not playing well," he said. "I thought if we could just play better, we would be all right, but they jumped on us and things snowballed."

Ira was held to 115 yards on offense, with just 67 yards on the ground. The Bulldogs had 48 yards through the air, but 44 of those came on the Barnes score.

Whitharral posted 270 yards of offense in the game.

Although the Bulldogs turned over the ball twice, it was not penalties and fumbles that hurt so much as poor execution, Goodwin said.

"We didn't tackle well and we didn't block well," he said. "If you don't block and don't tackle, you don't win."

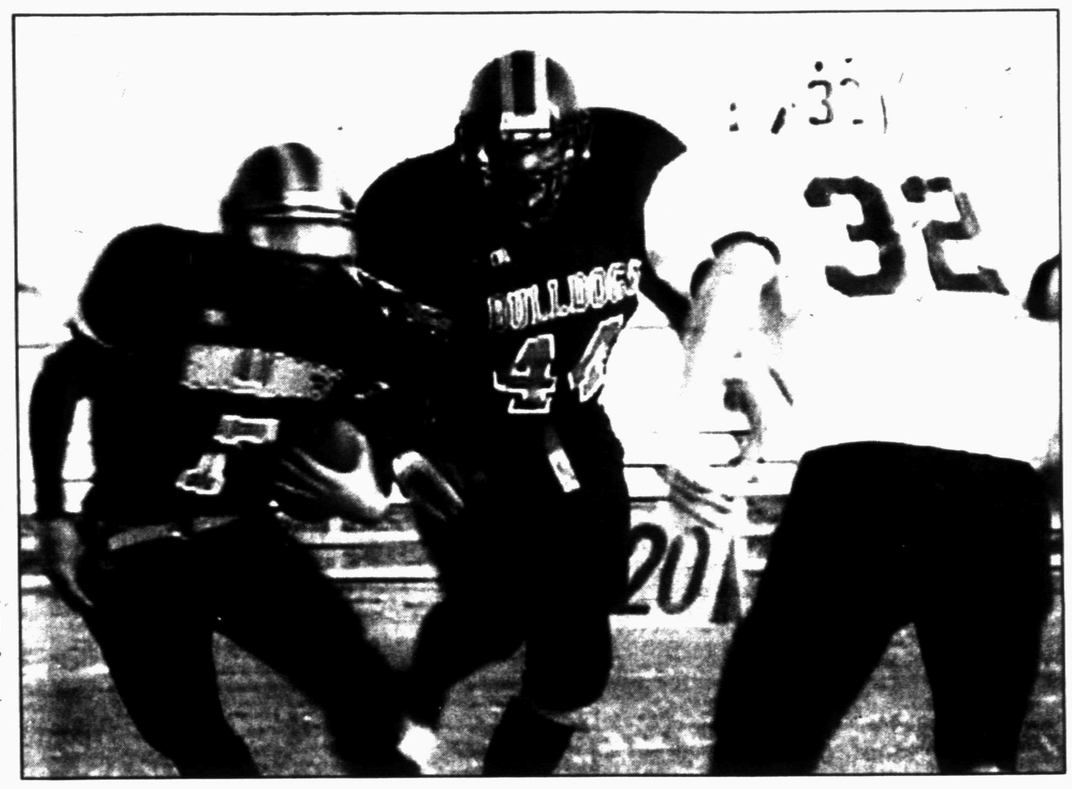
Goodwin said the team did not underestimate Whitharral.

"We knew they were good, but we are, too. We just didn't show it," he stated. "We are going to regroup and rebound."

Goodwin said the coaches and players all need to do some soul-searching over the weekend to correct the problems that led to the surprising blowout loss.

"I told them there was nothing they could do about this game, but each one of us has to look inside and find more," he said. "We need to find something — more enthusiasm in practice and we have to start taking things more seriously."

Ira will travel to Benjamin Friday for a 7:30 contest.



HITTING THE HOLE — Ira running back Joel Lollar (7) cuts back while waiting for a block from Coby Appleton (44) during Friday's season opener against Whitharral. The Bulldogs mustered just 115 yards on offense in the 52-6 loss. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Twins topple Rangers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cristian Guzman hit a three-run triple and Juan Rincon pitched three outstanding innings of relief as Minnesota hung on to beat the Rangers 10-7 Friday night.

Rincon wasn't expecting to pitch with Johann Santana, the AL's pitcher of the month for August, on the mound.

"I said, 'Naw, we got it,'" Rincon said. "But they're good hitters. Santana, he didn't have his best stuff tonight. We're human. We're going to fail once in awhile."

Rincon (4-6) threw three perfect innings after Santana left with an 8-7 lead, and Guzman drove in a career-high four runs to keep the Twins tied with the White Sox atop the AL Central. Minnesota plays a four-game series at Chicago starting Monday.

Michael Young hit his first career grand slam, and Alex Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 41st homer for Texas.

"Anytime you're facing that team over there in the other dugout, you never know what's going to happen," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Those guys can hit it."

The Rangers' bullpen kept it close until the sixth, when Minnesota scored two off Joaquin Benoit. Luis Rivas led off with a triple and came home on Doug Mientkiewicz's second sacrifice fly of the game. Matthew LeCroy made it 10-7 with his 16th homer.

"You can't get too comfortable with these guys," LeCroy said, "just because they're in last place. They battle. They're just not winning games."

LaTroy Hawkins replaced Rincon in the eighth, and Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 35 chances.

"We got into a bit of a hole early against a tough team," Young said.

Bagwell bomb helps Houston keep pace in NL playoff hunt

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer to lead Houston over the San Diego Padres 5-4 Friday night and keep the Astros in first place in the NL Central.

With San Diego leading 3-2 in the fifth inning, Bagwell hit his 32nd homer of the season, a drive on a slow curveball from Adam Eaton (8-10).

Houston remained a half-game ahead of the Chicago Cubs, who won 4-2 at Milwaukee. Third-place St. Louis dropped two games off the pace.

Jared Fernandez (3-3) allowed three runs and five hits in five innings to beat San Diego for the second time in seven days. Billy Wagner escaped a two-on jam in the eighth and got four outs for his 38th save in 40 chances. Houston is 3-1 on a 10-game road trip.

Eaton gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings.

Padres closer Trevor Hoffman pitched a scoreless eighth inning, allowing a double to Richard Hidalgo. It was the second relief appearance for Hoffman, who returned Tuesday from two shoulder operations.

Hidalgo hit an RBI double in the second, and Craig Biggio homered in the third to give Houston a 2-0 lead. but Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer in the bottom half.

After Bagwell put the Astros ahead, San Diego closed in the seventh on Sean Burroughs' two-out RBI single off Brad Lidge.



MAKING A BREAK FOR IT — Bulldog tailback Caleb Gutierrez hits the hole following a lead block from Roy Torres during Friday's contest against Whitharral. Ira was stunned, 52-7, with the game being halted by the mercy rule with under three minutes left to play. (Contributed Photo By Becky Hudgins)

Cowboys tackle Vick-less Falcons

IRVING (AP) — Twenty years ago, coaches from every NFL team stood together for a photo. Bud Grant, an elder statesman in the group, compared them to bomber pilots and suggested everyone take a good look around because next year "there will be a few guys missing."

Bill Parcells never forgot that. He's mentioned it often this summer while preparing for his fourth coaching job, this time with the Dallas Cowboys.

And, every time, he chuckled at the fact he'll open Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons and Dan Reeves, the only coach left from that snapshot.

With seven Super Bowl appearances between them, Parcells and Reeves are steeped in experience and wisdom. Yet both still go into this season more concerned than optimistic.

Parcells has no idea how the Cowboys, a team coming off three straight 5-11 seasons, will respond to his tactics and coaching staff.

He has unproven players in the most pivotal offensive roles and two of their top helpers, offensive lineman Larry Allen and receiver Antonio Bryant, are ailing. Injuries at cornerback and tackle have forced the defensive scheme to be tweaked.

"This is the time of year where apprehension among coaches is prevalent," Parcells said. "You never know what you really got, what you really are going to be good at."

Reeves has little sympathy. After all, Atlanta's Super Bowl hopes still are reeling from the broken leg that knocked out quarterback Michael Vick for at least the first month.

Losing every preseason game for only the second time in team history didn't help either. The Falcons scored just three offensive touchdowns their last 14 quarters.

"I'm not sure if anybody knows exactly where we are as a football team right now," Reeves said.

Before Vick went down, Atlanta was still riding the emotions of becoming the first team to win a playoff game in Green Bay. Then the addition of deep-play threat Peerless Price gave defenses another reason to fear Vick's arm as much as his feet.

Now the focus is on backup quarterback Doug Johnson. Teammates insist they're confident because he led them past the New York Giants when Vick was hurt last season, with Johnson going 19-of-25 for 257 yards with a touchdown pass and a TD run.

But they also know he's no Michael Vick.

"Mike took a lot of the pressure off of us because he's the cover guy of the league," running back Warrick Dunn said.

Major League Baseball

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	55	604	—
Boston	82	58	586	2
Toronto	70	70	500	14
Baltimore	63	77	450	21
Tampa Bay	55	84	396	29
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	74	66	529	—
Minnesota	74	66	529	—
Kansas City	71	67	514	2
Cleveland	62	80	437	13
Detroit	37	103	264	37
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	84	57	596	—
Seattle	82	59	582	2
Anaheim	67	72	482	16
Texas	64	77	454	20

Saturday's Games

Texas (Dickey 8-6) at Minnesota (Radke 10-10), 11:05 a.m.
Cleveland (Stanford 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 18-6), 12:15 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 9-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-8), 12:20 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 6-14) at Toronto (Halladay 18-6), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harden 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Bell 3-3), 5:15 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 17-6) at Baltimore (DuBose 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 8-7) at Anaheim (Shields 4-4), 6:05 p.m., 1st game
Kansas City (Wright 0-0) at Anaheim (Gregg 0-0), 9:05 p.m., 2nd game

Sunday's Games

Detroit (Mears 0-1) at Toronto (Towers 4-1), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Suppan 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 12-6), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 11-11) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 9-8), 12:15 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 11-13) at Baltimore (Hentgen 5-7), 12:35 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 7-9) at Minnesota (Rogers 11-7), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Lee 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 1-5), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Abbott 0-0) at Anaheim (Lackey 9-13), 3:05 p.m.

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	88	53	624	—
Philadelphia	77	64	546	11
Florida	76	65	539	12
Montreal	72	70	507	16½
New York	62	78	443	25½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	74	66	529	—
Chicago	74	67	525	½
St. Louis	73	69	514	2
Pittsburgh	64	75	460	9
Milwaukee	62	78	443	12
Cincinnati	61	79	436	13
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	86	54	612	—
Los Angeles	73	66	525	12
Arizona	72	69	511	14
Colorado	65	77	458	21
San Diego	57	83	407	28

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles (Od Perez 11-10) at Colorado (Oliver 10-10), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 7-8) at San Francisco (Schmidt 14-5), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Serafini 0-2) at St. Louis (W.Williams 14-7), 3:10 p.m.
Florida (Penny 12-10) vs. Montreal (Ohka 8-11) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Amico 8-13) at Atlanta (Maddux 13-10), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 14-5) at Milwaukee (Kinney 10-9), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Griffiths 1-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 12-7), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Villone 6-3) at San Diego (Jarvis 4-7), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Willis 11-6) vs. Montreal (Vazquez 12-9) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wells 7-7) at Atlanta (Hampton 12-7), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-11) at Milwaukee (D.Davis 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Etherton 2-2) at St. Louis (Morris 9-6), 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 3-1) at Colorado (Jimenez 1-7), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Dessens 7-7) at San Francisco (Ponson 3-3), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 12-11) at San Diego (Peavy 10-10), 4 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 14-7) at Philadelphia (Telemaco 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

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Football booster club

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Tiger Moms

The Tiger Moms will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth's. Mothers of all high school players are invited to attend.

Ex-player hats

The SHS football booster club will be selling hats for Snyder exes for $30 for homecoming week. The caps will feature the name, class and number of the ex-player, and all orders should be put in a week before the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

Club championship

The Scurry County Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 20-21. Tee time is 1 p.m. both days with a $20 entry fee. Contact Rick at 573-7101 for more information.

NFL Schedule

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Detroit, noon
Houston at Miami, noon
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, noon
Denver at Cincinnati, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Jacksonville at Carolina, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Atlanta at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen at Midland Lee.

THURSDAY

Football: Lubbock Cooper at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Big Spring.

FRIDAY

Football: Ira at Benjamin, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden County at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Moran at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Lamesa tournament.
Golf: Snyder boys at Ft. Worth
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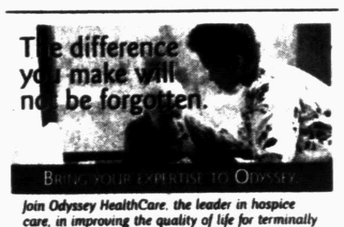
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CAUSE NO. 21700

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COUNTY OF SCURRY

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To **MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ, Respondent,**

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Petition of **JUAN CUELLAR RODRIGUEZ,** Petitioner, was filed in the 132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 2nd Day of September, 2003, against **MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ,** Respondent, numbered 21700, and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of **JUAN CUELLAR RODRIGUEZ** and **MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ,** and in the Interest of **CHILDREN**.

Petitioner is represented by MICHAEL J. BROWN, ATTORNEY, 1823 25TH St. Snyder, TX

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Snyder, Texas, this the 3rd day of September, 2003.

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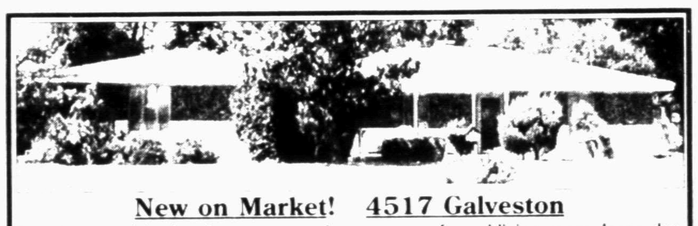
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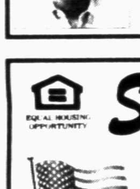
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Forensic scientists to help solve cases

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Some of the nation's best, but little known, forensic scientists will offer free or discounted help to short-staffed police departments faced with mounting cold case loads.

About 200,000 murders have gone unsolved in the United States since 1960, and crime statistics show that each year cold cases grow by about another 6,000.

Max Houck and colleagues with the newly formed Institute for Cold Case Evaluation aim to slow that accumulation, providing police with free or discounted assistance from at least two dozen of the country's top behind-the-scenes forensic scientists.

"They're not publicly known names," Houck said Thursday. "They spend more time in the lab than in front of the camera, but these are the people who really do the work."

Police often get recognition from victims' families, while the lawyers get recognition at trial, Houck said. But it's the scientists who often get what's needed to nail a conviction.

Houck, a forensic anthropologist who worked at the FBI crime lab in Washington, D.C., created the nonprofit ICCE through a business incubator program at West Virginia University, where he now teaches.

The institute will begin seeking clients next week in Las Vegas at a convention of the International Association of Homicide Investigators, eventually pairing them with experts who review cases.

Though more police departments are forming cold case squads, most of the nearly 18,000 nationwide still lack the manpower. Those that have squads have varying resources, Houck said.

In some, several officers work full-time on unsolved cases.

"At other agencies, they just take the last retiree, hire him back as a contractor and give him a desk and a phone because that's all they have," he said.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice of opportunity to make comments at a public meeting is hereby given by South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. 411 Austin Street, Levelland, Texas 79336 on the proposed application for federal funds to provide services to the elderly and persons with disabilities within Mitchell and Scurry counties. Financial assistance is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation under the Section 5310 grant program.

Existing public transportation providers may have subcontracting opportunities. Funds for additional vehicles to provide the service are not being requested in this grant application. The public hearing will be at 3:00 p.m. on September 16th, 2003 at *Texas Savings Bank, Rm. #123, 2619 College Ave., Snyder, Texas.* Written comments can be forwarded to SPCAA, Attn: SPARTAN, P O Box 610, Levelland, Texas 79336.

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Thank You

We want to thank all of our friends and relatives for your prayers, visits, calls, food, flowers, charitable donations and cards of sympathy.

Special thanks to Wright Colonial Funeral Home and First Baptist Church for a beautiful service.

The Doug West Family

As Paul spoke to the saints in Ephesus, our family speaks to you...

Eph 1:16 – I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

The huge outreach from our Snyder, Midland and Abilene Christian families, also Hendrick Medical Center & Hendrick Hospice will never be forgotten. The flowers, food, fellowship, monetary memorial donations to many different charities and especially the heartfelt prayers are literally carrying us through each passing day. Our prayer now is that God never stop blessing you daily.

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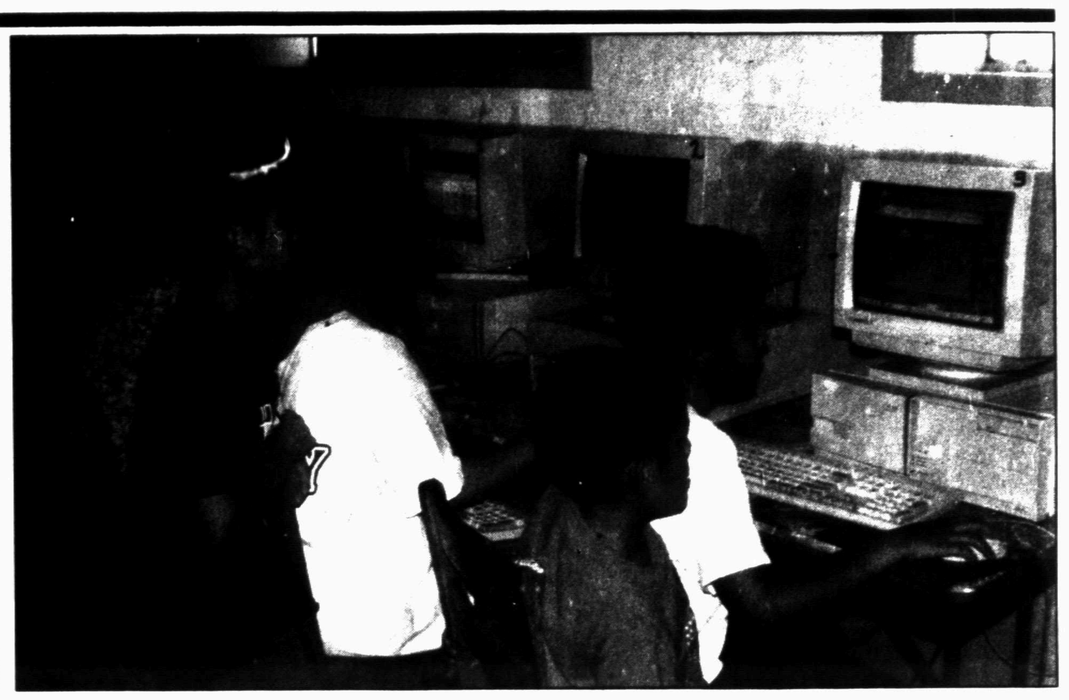
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CHECK IT OUT — Ira High School sophomores Adam Rivera, left, Krissie Roberts and Eugenio Ornelas get in a quick game of checkers during a break between classes. (SDN Staff Photo)



COMPUTER KIDS — From left, Alex Yruega, 11, Bobby Diaz, 9, Jessica Morgan, 12, Anthony Sandoval, 7, and Edward Yruega, 10, explore Web sites at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

More than $13 million raised in Proposition 12 fight

AUSTIN (AP) — Groups on both sides of the battle over a proposed constitutional amendment that would cap some damages on medical malpractice claims have raised more than $13 million, with large corporations and lawyers weighing in for what some say are plans to limit liability in other types of cases.

The primary group supporting Proposition 12, one of 22 proposals before Texas voters on a Sept. 13 ballot, had raised nearly $5.8 million through Wednesday from a wide range of business and medical interests, according to financial disclosure reports filed Friday.

The group, Yes on 12, has benefited from nonmedical businesses, receiving large contributions from Wal-Mart, SBC Communications Inc., Time Warner Cable, Texas Instruments Inc. and TXU Corp.

"It reflects the broad scope of support among individuals, groups and organizations across the state," Yes on 12 spokesman Reggie Bashur told the Austin American-Statesman in Saturday's editions.

Contributions of $3.8 million were also received in the past three weeks from ExxonMobil, Pilgrim's Pride, the H-E-B grocery chain, homebuilder Bob Perry, San Antonio businessman James Leininger and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The primary group opposing the proposed constitutional change to allow the Legislature to set limits on non-economic damages, has raised about $7.1 million, including about $2.8 million in the past three weeks. Save Texas Courts has been raising most of its money from personal injury lawyers.

The high-stakes battle over the amendment, which would give the Legislature wider powers to limit the amount of money injured Texans can win in lawsuits, is shown by the corporate contributions, said Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen, which opposes the amendment.

"The entrance of large companies like H-E-B and Pilgrim's Pride . . . indicates just how important passage of this amendment is to those who might want to limit their liability in future sessions of the Legislature," said Smith.

Proposition 12, if approved, would enact a $750,000 cap on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits and would also empower lawmakers to enact such caps in all types of lawsuits after 2005.

Texans Against Proposition 12 and Texans for Patients' Rights, two smaller groups opposing the amendment, have raised about $200,000 between them.

Former Texas Supreme Court Justice James Baker has said the proposal goes too far and gives lawmakers too much power at the cost of the judiciary branch.

Texas Alliance for Patient Access, which includes contributions from insurance and medical lobbies, was Yes on 12's largest overall donor with $525,000 in the most recent reporting period.

The battle may turn out to be one of the costliest for the fewest votes in state history. Fewer than 1 million Texans, only about 7 percent of registered voters, could decide the constitutional amendments' fates.

Parents agree to chemotherapy if new physician recommends it

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The case of a couple accused of kidnapping their cancer-stricken son to avoid chemotherapy reached a measure of resolution when the parents agreed to get treatment for the boy if a new physician recommends it.

The agreement was made official Friday during a juvenile court hearing. The family has been locked in a battle with the state over government authority to override parents in life-and-death decisions involving their children.

Daren and Barbara Jensen were charged with kidnapping for taking their 12-year-old son, Parker, to Idaho to avoid a Utah court order to start chemotherapy Aug. 8.

At Friday's hearing, which was closed to the public, Juvenile Court Judge Robert Yeates dropped the state's custody warrant for Parker and the arrest warrants against the parents for disobeying the chemotherapy order. The kidnapping charges remain, however.

"Given the situation, what else can we do but get Parker the care he needs," Daren Jensen told The Associated Press by telephone from Idaho, where the family sought exile and next week will consult a new doctor agreed upon by Utah state attorneys.

"I've got to get a job. I've got to get our life back in order. We've been through a lot. We basically have to start over," said Jensen, who said he had to leave his job as a software executive because of the case.

Parker Jensen had a tiny tumor removed from the soft palate of his mouth on June 20. Three hospitals said it tested positive for Ewing's sarcoma, an aggressive and deadly cancer. Although Parker appears healthy, doctors say he could die without an immediate, 49-week regimen of chemotherapy.

The family from Sandy, Utah questioned the initial [illegible] — which was later confirmed by hospitals in St. Louis and Los Angeles — and insisted Parker could just as easily die of chemotherapy. The parents feared the treatment could stunt their son's growth and leave him sterile.

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RETIREMENT RECEPTION – Janie Sullenger, left, regales Joe Jackson, Snyder National Bank president, with memories from her last 40 years of employment at the bank. Friday was Sullenger's last day of work before retiring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four missing as most powerful storm in years hits Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — The most powerful hurricane to hit Bermuda in 50 years pushed away Saturday from the British territory after deadly winds split trees and swept trucks off roads. Four people were missing and feared dead as the storm roared northward into the Atlantic.

As Fabian's 120 mph winds vanished, officials were just beginning to get a picture of the widespread damage and injuries left in its wake.

Two police officers and two civilians were swept into white-capped waters Friday when wind blew their cars off a causeway connecting Bermuda to the airport, Police Commissioner Jonathan Smith said. Search teams and divers were looking for the four.

There were also reports of widespread flooding and looting, government spokesman John Burchall said, but the reports could not be immediately confirmed. Roofs on the four main police stations were also damaged.

"We have experienced a considerable beating," Burchall said.

Fabian's lashing winds shattered part of the airport causeway's wall and it was unclear whether the airport would reopen on Saturday, Burchall said.

Palestinian PM resigns

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, increasingly unpopular and worn out by a power struggle with Yasser Arafat, submitted his resignation Saturday, dealing a serious blow to a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Within hours of the announcement, an Israel missile strike wounded Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin. He was the highest-ranking Hamas figure to be attacked since Israel, frustrated with Abbas' failure to stop terrorism, launched a new hunt for militants.

Hamas officials said Yassin, a quadriplegic, was carried out of a building by his bodyguards after being lightly injured in the hand. Fifteen other people were injured.

Abbas' resignation leaves Israel and the United States without a negotiating partner, at least temporarily. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office warned it would not agree to Arafat heading the Palestinian government, and the Israeli justice minister said Israel may now reconsider sending him into exile.

There was uncertainty about whether his resignation was final. Senior Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rdeineh said Arafat had "not yet" accepted Abbas' resignation. "So far President Arafat is still studying the issue.

Burglary to commit sexual assault trial starts Monday

A 28-year-old Snyder man goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court, charged with burglary of a building with intent to commit sexual assault.

Javier F. Alfaro of 3501 Irving is charged with the offense that allegedly occurred on Sept. 28, 2002.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been called to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case, and defense attorney is Norvert A. Morales of Midland.

Woman arrested for DWI

Arrests

At 4:28 p.m. Thursday, a 27-year-old woman was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at FM 1606 and S.H. 208.

Family violence

Friday at 6:48 p.m., a woman requested officers in reference to her boyfriend refusing to leave her residence. A report for family violence was submitted and the boyfriend was served with a criminal trespass warning.

Rattlesnake

At 12:32 p.m. Friday, a Scurry County sheriff deputy responded to a request from Odell Graham of 1454 east U.S. 180 to help dispose of a rattlesnake.

Loud music

Friday at 7:55 p.m., loud music was reported in the 400 block of 29th. Officers advised subjects of complaint.

Livestock loose

At 7:52 a.m. Friday, Debbie Elder reported a paint and a palomino horse running at large near her residence at 1368 Smith Ave. The horses were secured until the owner could be contacted.

Becky Hale reported Friday at 8:56 p.m. that several cows were loose by the cemetery on Ave. E. The sheriff's department contacted the owner.

Southern California brush fire threatens about 1,500 homes

By The Associated Press

A brush fire fueled by erratic winds threatened about 1,500 homes east of Los Angeles Saturday, while in central Oregon, another wildfire raged in dense, beetle-ravaged pines after jumping firefighters' containment lines.

About 400 of the 1,500 threatened homes along the edge of California's San Bernardino National Forest were evacuated, and firefighters were taking advantage of calmer weather Saturday morning to battle the blaze, said Melody Lardner, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service.

More erratic winds and possible thunderstorms were forecast for later in the day.

The fire, which began Friday afternoon, had burned about 1,400 acres by evening. It was threatening the communities of Smiley Park, Fredalba, Knob Hill and Enchanted Forest, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

In Northern California, firefighters continued to battle a midweek siege of lightning-sparked wildfires, with at least 40 new ones spotted.

Of 228 known wildfires sparked by lightning in the area Wednesday, 51 still burned Friday. The largest — 2,600-acre in Lake County — was 85 percent contained.

California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Karen Terrill said some fires were not being fought because there were too few firefighters. About 4,000 were deployed after the lightning storm swept through.

Obituaries

Alvaro Baeza

1919-2003

Alvaro Baeza, 83, died Friday, Sept. 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Rosary for Mr. Baeza is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Deacon Frank Ortegon will officiate.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Edward Teo officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Oct. 2, 1919 in Texas, he married Nicolasa Estrella in 1961 in Presidio.

A resident of Snyder the past 12 years, Mr. Baeza was a retired farm and ranch worker and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Nicolasa Baeza of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Baeza of Snyder; a son, Javier Baeza of Snyder; five sisters, Delores Cuniga and Carmen Medrano, both of Odessa, Emma Vallanueva, Hortencia Ramirez and Anna Garcia, all of Presidio.

Dayton McCarter

1919-2003

Joseph Dayton McCarter, longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, Sept. 6, in Luman-Lusk-Sanchez VA Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. McCarter, 83, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 30, 1919 in Slaton, he married Mary Ella Pherigo on Dec. 31, 1939 in the Canyon community in Scurry County.

A resident of the area since 1927, Mr. McCarter served in the Armored Cavalry in World War II and attained the rank of master sergeant.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, he was a mechanic for the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ella McCarter of Snyder; and a son, David M. McCarter of Odessa.

Dick Teague

1917-2003

MIDLAND — Richard "Dick" Teague, a native of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the Mabee Center in Manor Park.

Funeral service for Mr. Teague, 85, was held Saturday afternoon in the Resthaven North Cemetery in the Mausoleum with Skip Hedgepath of Home Hospice officiating.

Born May 15, 1918 in Snyder to Wilson and Viola Teague, his mother died when he was two years old and he was reared by his aunts.

A graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. Teague joined the U.S. Navy and served six years as a radioman.

He then worked as a lineman for Southwestern Bell and then went to work for Texaco as a draftsman, retiring after 33 years. He was a Methodist and a member of the Midland VFW Post.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lucy Louise Raney Teague; a stepson, Robert Thurman Bryant; and one brother, Royce Teague.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Lillie Mae Allen of Midland; a brother-in-law, Cotton Raney of Graham; and several nieces and nephews.

Jake Bullard

1927-2003

THE WOODLANDS — James C. "Jake" Bullard, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Aug. 31, following a brief illness.

Service for Mr. Bullard, 75, was held Wednesday in Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home. The Rev. Stew Grant officiated. Burial followed in Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery.

Born Dec. 13, 1927 in Lawton, Okla., to Rena and Claude Bullard, he served as a Marine Corps drill sergeant in the Korean War. While serving in the Marines, he married Patsy M. Carr on May 5, 1950.

He worked for Standard Oil of Texas and was assistant production foreman for SACROC in Snyder. He was promoted by Chevron to production superintendent of the Redwash-Bluebell fields near Vernal, Utah.

After 32 years service, Mr. Bullard retired from Chevron in 1980. He then accepted the position of production superintendent with IIAPCO in Jakarta, Indonesia overseeing operations in the Java Sea. He retired in 1989 and relocated to Granbury and moved to Conroe 12 years later.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Bullard of The Woodlands; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jana and Dennis Evans of Branson, Mo., and Sheri and Brandy Daugherty of Magnolia; a son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Heidi Bullard of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Ruby Bullard of Redding, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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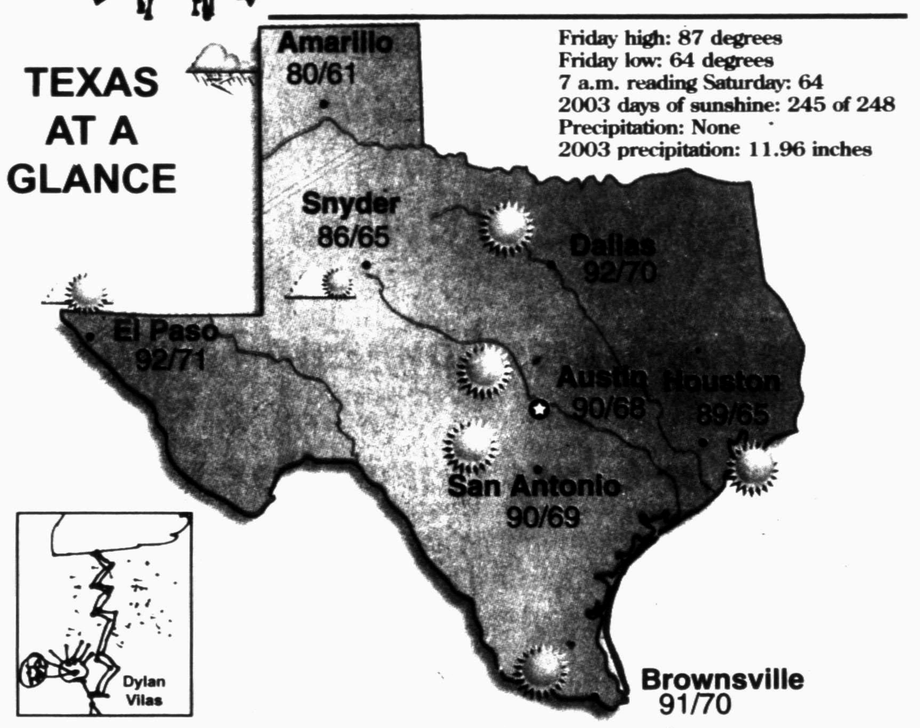
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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86/65	85/63	87/64
Partly cloudy skies. High 86F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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2003 days of sunshine: 245 of 248
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 11.96 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	69	mst sunny	El Paso	92	71	mst sunny	Midland	89	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	80	61	t-storm	Fort Stockton	89	66	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	68	sunny
Austin	90	68	sunny	Gainesville	90	65	sunny	Rosenberg	89	64	sunny
Beaumont	87	67	sunny	Greenville	90	62	sunny	San Antonio	90	69	sunny
Brownsville	91	70	sunny	Houston	89	65	sunny	San Marcos	92	66	sunny
Brownwood	91	67	mst sunny	Kingsville	89	68	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	62	sunny
Corpus Christi	88	69	sunny	Livingston	88	64	sunny	Sweetwater	87	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	88	65	sunny	Longview	88	64	sunny	Tyler	89	65	sunny
Dallas	92	70	sunny	Lubbock	84	64	t-storm	Weatherford	91	65	sunny
Del Rio	93	71	sunny	Lufkin	89	66	sunny	Wichita Falls	88	66	mst sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	76	61	rain	Houston	89	65	sunny	Phoenix	104	82	sunny
Boston	79	62	mst sunny	Los Angeles	81	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	70	56	windy
Chicago	85	63	sunny	Miami	88	76	t-storm	Seattle	63	51	rain
Dallas	92	70	sunny	Minneapolis	89	62	mst sunny	St. Louis	83	62	sunny
Denver	72	54	t-storm	New York	81	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	65	pt sunny

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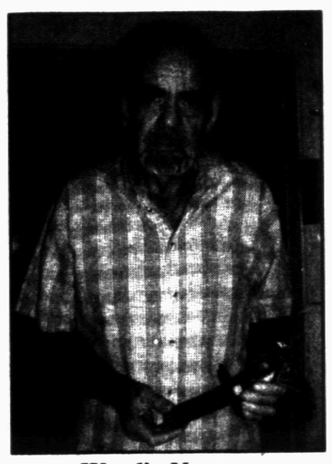
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Local invents tool

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Woodie Newton knows his invention is a worthwhile tool, but getting that point across to executives of companies that manufacture tools is another matter.

Newton, who has lived in

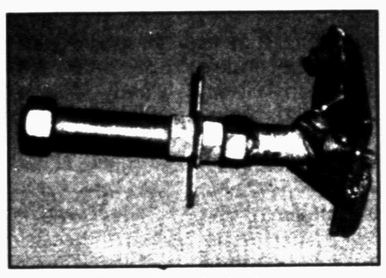


Woodie Newton

Snyder since the age of two, spent 34 years in the pipe fitter and fabrication fields before pancreatic cancer disabled him.

He was operated on Feb. 22, 1993 and today is considered the oldest living survivor of that type of cancer.

Newton said he first put together his tool several years ago and used it when he was working. Over the years, he made similar tools for other welders.



Pipe fitter's helper

It weighs less than two pounds and the tool, called a pipe fitter's helper, was created with about $10 in material.

The patent, issued on May 15, 2001, described the invention. "A tool for supporting a fitting adjacent the end of a pipe during welding.... It is a tool that can be used to quickly, easily and safely position pipe fittings at pipe ends for welding...."

Joining elbows, tees, flanges and other fittings to the ends of pipes by welding is no easy task. Newton's tool can be used instead of other cumbersome lifting and clamping devices for holding the fitting in place during welding.

Newton said welders don't want to use clamps to brace things. etc. He noted his tool speeds up the welding process and one person instead of three can do a job.

Newton first applied for a patent in 1999. A patent lawyer, a former Lubbock resident, took care of all the paperwork. The patent search cost $400 and the patent fee was almost $1,500. The patent is good for 20 years.

Newton's search for someone to market his tool has brought him in contact with executives from toolmakers. He noted that he wasted about 18 months talking with one company that ultimately decided to market a fitting clamp rather than his tool.

Newton noted that he spends a fair amount of time talking to executives about what pipefitting is, rather than what his tool can do.

Raised in the oilfield, Newton said he remembers when Snyder had muddy streets and was a sea of tents. He began servicing wells when he was 12 years old. He attended Snyder schools but did not graduate from high school. He was inducted into military service at the age of 17.

World has changed in many ways

NEW YORK (AP) — Yellow is still yellow, orange is still orange, red still red.

But these colors now have other, ominous meanings — just as a cloudless blue sky, once an uncomplicated pleasure, now suggests to many in New York and Washington a morning two years ago when a clear sky gave way to an unimaginable horror.

In so very many ways, the world has changed since Sept. 11, 2001.

There are obvious, dreadful differences: There are gaps in creation where the more than 3,000 victims of the attacks once lived and breathed, and thousands of others have died in Afghanistan and Iraq.

But the changes are not all so momentous.

Because of Sept. 11, thousands rise each Sunday at the seventh-inning stretch of Major League Baseball games to sing "God Bless America." Because of Sept. 11, duct tape has found unimagined uses. Because of Sept. 11, one of the modern age's most prosaic sounds — the drone of a low-flying airplane — can startle and alarm.

Whenever something happens — a shooting at New York's City Hall, the breakup of the shuttle Columbia, a blackout in the Northeast and Midwest — we ask: Have terrorists struck again?

For answers, we look to the Department of Homeland Security, a massive federal agency (170,000 employees, a projected 1994 budget of $26.7 billion) that raises the nation's anxiety level with color-coded alerts, but did not even exist two years ago.

Even the phrase "homeland security" meant little on Sept. 10, 2001.

Now, though, it seems like it has been with us forever; it is growing harder to remember a time when the federal government could not force universities to divulge the grades and other records of foreign students, or detain people as material witnesses without charges, or hold Americans as "enemy combatants" without access to lawyers.

Mostly, Americans seem to have accepted these things as regrettable, collateral damage from a shifting war against a shadowy foe.

Librarians have been among the USA Patriot Act's fiercest critics. They have posted signs warning patrons that the FBI has the right to see records of what they have been reading, and some have taken to shredding sheets patrons sign to reserve computers for Internet access.

But major academic journals now monitor research papers, deleting anything that might help would-be terrorists devise weapons of mass destruction. At George Mason University in Virginia, Sean Gorman's doctoral dissertation will not be published; he mapped America's fiber-optic network, and no one wants his findings to fall into the wrong hands.

New York has suffered greatly in the past two years. It has lost 162,900 jobs since the attack, and last year 152,278 more people left New York for other places in the United States than came here from elsewhere in America.

The landscape is littered with security barriers that weren't there in 2001. Ralph Nasatka says the active barriers his Clinton, Md., company sells — the kind that flip up to prevent a car from entering a secure area — send an important message.

"Let people know they can no longer have a free hand. The door is closed," he says.

And two years into the war on terror, Americans accept that shoes can be weapons. So they line up, shoes in hand, to pass through airport security.

Or they adapt. Come this fall, Rockport shoes will have plastic shanks, and will not trigger alarms. At O'Hare Airport in Chicago, passengers can check shoes for metal by sticking their feet in special cardboard boxes (made by Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout project).

Knitting needles are allowed on planes; sharp files on nail clippers are not. And on the New York-Washington shuttle no passengers are allowed to leave their seats.

Americans have come to accept that strangers have the right to go through their belongings as they file into a concert at Carnegie Hall or an outing at Great Adventure amusement park.

Not all the changes America has seen are a result of efforts to prevent another terrorist attack; some are spurred by efforts to survive one.

Managers of the 110-story Sears Tower, the tallest building in America, have installed chairs that can be used to wheel disabled or injured occupants down stairways.

Skyscrapers have improved emergency lighting, added X-ray screening for bags as visitors enter, improved fireproofing and conducted fire drills with a renewed seriousness. Some offices, especially in New York, have placed first-aid kits and escape hoods on desks.

Families — again, especially those close to New York and Washington — have gathered to discuss where they would meet in the event of an emergency that forced their evacuation. Bob Ezrol, director of Camp Taconic in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts, says parents have been more insistent on staying in touch with their children by telephone since Sept. 11.

Schools — when they aren't announcing evacuation points, where their students would be brought in an emergency — are trying to find a teaching moment in it all. Sept. 11 (and its aftermath) has found a place between reading, writing and arithmetic.

"What is a terrorist? How does a terrorist differ from a freedom fighter? Who decides?" asks a curriculum designed by Brown University's Choices for the 21st Century Education Program.

Students engage in role-playing discussions, arguing the cases for the Irish Republican Army, Chechen rebels and the Weather Underground.

"I think that a lot of them learn that sometimes the United States makes decisions based solely on what is best for the United States," says Nicolle Robinson, who teaches 11th grade American history at Granite High School in Salt Lake City.

Younger children, too, are learning about the attacks. In "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers," a new picture book, Mordicai Gerstein tells the story of Philippe Petit, the daredevil who walked a tightrope between the World Trade Center towers in 1974.

The last page shows today's Manhattan skyline.

The last line is "Now the towers are gone."

And they are.

Eventually, something new and extraordinary will arise at ground zero; for now, people in the narrow streets of lower Manhattan are disoriented when they climb out of the subways, for lack of a colossal landmark.

New York has suffered greatly in the past two years. It has lost 162,900 jobs since the attack, and last year 152,278 more people left New York for other places in the United States than came here from elsewhere in America.

Elana Boses, 27, is one of them. A fashion trends forecaster, she lived four blocks from the World Trade Center.

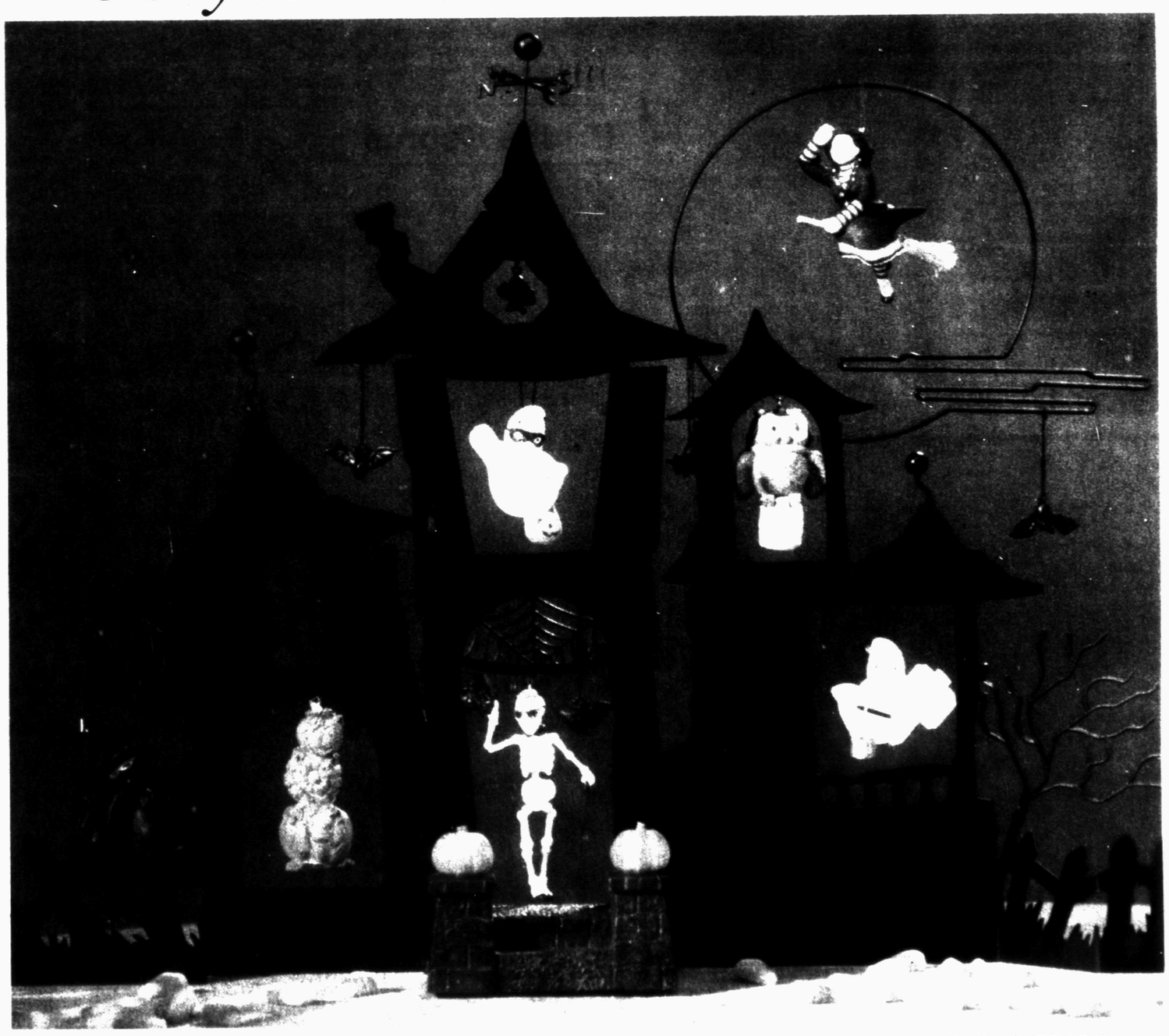
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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wilson
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Tonny Villafuerte and Rusty Wilson repeat solemn vows in Lubbock

Gwen Wilson of Midland and Rusty Wilson of Katy announce the marriage of their son, Kevin Wilson, formerly of Snyder, to Tonny Villafuerte. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Esteban Villafuerte of Andrews.

Kevin and Tonny were married Jan. 16 in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of McMurry University in Abilene and the groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station. Both are third year medical students at Texas Tech School of Medicine.

The bride is the granddaughter of Luis Villafuerte of Guanato, Mexico and the late Domingo and Dominga Galindo of Andrews.

The groom is the grandson of Bernie and Kenneth Wilson of Snyder and Bill and Wanda Stansell of Fluvanna.

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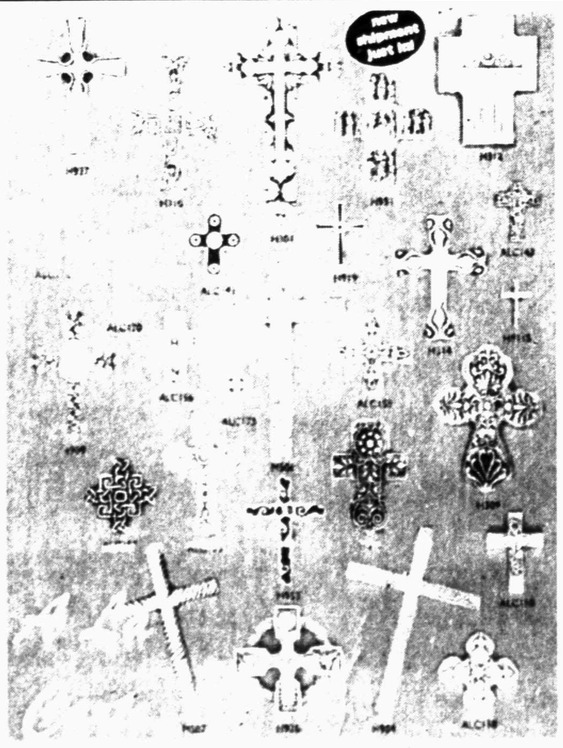
Melissa Maldonado and Dewayne Fisk announce the birth of their son, Addison Drake Fisk, at 4:10 p.m. on Aug. 31 in Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. Addison weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Andy and Lynn Maldonado and Ronnie and Diane Fisk, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Ben and Loretta Mosher of Loraine and Rosa Fisk of Snyder.

Kyle and Jacey Long of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, McKenna Brooke Long. McKenna was born at 7:34 p.m. on Aug. 4 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Kim Long of Andrews and maternal grandparents are Kelli McCright of Lubbock and Terry McCright of Snyder.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 09-06-03 ♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ A 8 6	
West ♠ 6 ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ A K 10 ♣ Q 10 9 7 2		East ♠ J 5 4 ♥ A K 10 9 6 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ 4 3
	South ♠ K 10 8 7 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K J 5	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

A tie of painful love

By Phillip Alder

What was the closest losing margin in a knockout bridge team match?

Matches have been lost by fractions of a point because of carryover formulas. However, an Australian women's team just lost a tie match! It was held to select that country's team to play against New Zealand, the winners to represent the South Pacific in this year's Venice Cup women's world team championship.

How do you lose by zero? Normally, extra boards are played to decide the winner; but not this time. The carryover was subtracted from the final score, so Berri Folkard - Rena Kaplan, Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder and Lynn Kalmin - Elli Urbach won (and did defeat NZ).

This deal could have reversed the result. Look at the East and North hands. Defending against four spades doubled, your partner (West) leads the heart queen. What four tricks do you hope to take?

North does not have an opening bid to our eyes, but Australians look at cards more optimistically than we. After that, South judged well to "sacrifice" in four spades over a making four hearts.

If you overtake with the heart king and shift to the club four, you have a chance to defeat the contract. You must also win the first round of diamonds and push through your second club, establishing four tricks (one heart, two diamonds and one club) for the defense. For the losing team, East did not overtake, so declarer had time to establish two diamond winners in the dummy and register plus 590.

In the other room, North-South didn't bid. East made four hearts for plus 620 and a net gain of 1,210.

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Bridge Scores

Bridge was played at the Snyder Country Club with Coleen Palmer directing.

Friday, Aug. 29
North-South

1. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
2. Betty Courtney, Margaret Presswood.
3. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.

East-West

1. Gracie Craig, Dorothy King.
2. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
3. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.

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In First Christian Church...

Billips, Heustis pledge vows

Alisha Dawn Billips and Robby Gene Huestis were married at 7 p.m., June 21 in the First Christian Church in Snyder. David Cozart, cousin of the groom, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride's mother is Kathy Billips of Tulsa, Okla. The groom's parents are Terry and Linda Huestis of Snyder. The bride's grandparents are Sam and Jeanine Kintner of Tulsa and Jeanie Billips of Pocahontas, Ark. The groom's grandparents are Gene and Fay Huestis of Snyder, Bobby Josey of Post and R.E. Josey of Karnack.

They pledged their vows in a setting decorated with columns draped with tulle and greenery. Black and white bows and rose petals decorated the pews and the center aisle.

Carla Thompson of Snyder played wedding music. Claire Osborn, best friend of the bride, sang "Can't Imagine Me." Matthew Nelson, cousin of the groom, sang "I Will Be Here" during the lighting of the unity candle. Sam Kinter, grandfather of the bride, sang "The Lord's Prayer" to the couple.

The bride's mother presented her in marriage as she wore a strapless white gown by Morilee. The two-piece gown and cathedral-length train featured lace roses beaded with pearls. The bride's veil of tulle, handmade by her grandmother, was attached to a tiara. She carried a bouquet of red roses wrapped in black satin ribbon made by Kathy Easley, the bride's aunt.

Maid of honor was Claire Osborn from Jonesboro, Ark. Bridesmaids were Melissa Billips, sister of the bride, and Amber and Nicole Easley, cousins of the bride. All wore black sleeveless knee-length dresses from The Limited, and each carried a sphere-shaped bouquet of red roses.

Flower girl Bethany Mackey, cousin of the groom from Snyder, was escorted down the aisle by ring bearer Tyler Billips, nephew of the bride from Tulsa.

Best man was Terry Huestis, father of the groom. Mat Powell of Snyder, Tim Moore of Roby and Page Patterson of San Angelo were groomsmen. Ushers were Sam Kintner, the bride's grandfather, and Heath Wilson, the groom's cousin from Monahans. Male attendants wore black tuxedos with black vests and New Balance athletic shoes.



Mr. and Mrs. Robby Gene Huestis
(Contributed Photo)

Lauren Dorn, cousin of the groom from Big Spring, registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth and a white lace overlay.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The wedding cake was made and presented as a gift from Jeannie McKinney, aunt of the groom from Denver City. The three-tiered cake was adorned with red rose petals and roses with greenery cascading over the two bottom tiers.

Serving were Halea Huestis, sister of the groom from Snyder, Dawnita Nelson, cousin of the groom from Arlington, and Mandy Wilson, cousin of the groom from Monahans.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas at The Aladdin Resort.

They reside in Lubbock where the bride is currently employed by Trim Laboratories. She is a 2001 graduate of Union High School in Tulsa.

The groom graduated from Snyder High School in 1996. He received an associate's degree from Western Texas College, an associate's degree from Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, and a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University. He is currently a flight instructor for Hub City Aviation in Lubbock and also is providing flight instruction in Snyder.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Jane Romine, director

Teachers are invited to arrange tours of the library for their students.

The library has a reference section and Internet computers that can be useful tools for doing research. We can also do a "Storytime" type program with books, flannelgraphs and activities.

Teachers who would like a tour or a program should contact Linda Jones, children's librarian, or Jane Romine, library director. With sufficient notice, books for class use on a particular subject can even be pulled and set aside.

BOOK FEATURE

The Smile of a Dolphin, Edited by Marc Beckoff.

In this unforgettable collection of stories, compelling evidence is offered that many animals seem to have an emotional response strikingly similar to our own.

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Combining keen observational skills with a genuine fascination with their subjects, these scientists offer convincing evidence that also manages to captivate animal lovers.

NEW NON-FICTION

Lonesome Plains: Death and Revival on an American Frontier, by Louis Fairchild.

When We're in Public, Pretend You Don't Know Me, by Susan Borowitz.

Complete Guide to Easy Woodworking Projects.

NEW FICTION

Teeth of the Tiger, by Tom Clancy

Master Butchers Singing Club, by Louise Erdrich.

Sphere of Influence, by Kyle Mills.

Quantico Rules, by Gene Riehl

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., & Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

91-year-old falls off roof to get rescued

EDGEWATER, Fla. (AP) — A 91-year-old man grew weak while cleaning his roof last weekend and lay there for two days before purposely rolling off, falling 8 feet into his back yard where he was rescued.

The man, whose name was not released, cried for help while in his yard for several hours Monday until a neighbor heard him and called 911, said Mark O'Keefe, spokesman for EVAC ambulance service.

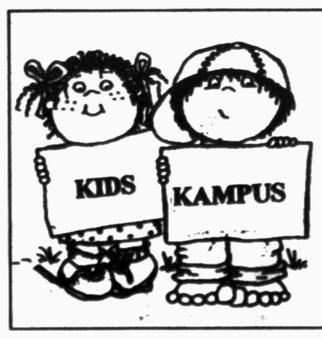
Paramedics treated the man for dehydration, exposure, including a sunburn and bug bites, and minor scrapes and bruises, O'Keefe said. He was taken to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach and released later Monday.

The man told paramedics he climbed onto the roof — as he does every Saturday — to clean it off, but this time he experienced an episode of weakness and could not get back to the ladder to come down, O'Keefe said.

He called for help for two days, but no one heard him.

The man told paramedics he rolled off the roof as a last resort, hoping someone would see or hear him from the ground, O'Keefe said.

Over 200 years ago, American Colonists sacrificed and died to establish the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States of America. These farsighted citizens provided a Republic that established laws to protect the Rights of all citizens. Today we watch as people throughout the world battle for the rights many of us take for granted. Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23; make time to appreciate these much coveted rights.



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Krop, Castillo are wed in double-ring ceremony

Kendra Suzann Krop became the bride of Jose Fernando Castillo in a 4 p.m. ceremony on Aug. 23 in Snyder.

Antony Wofford, pastor of Word Is Life Deliverance Church, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride's parents are Billy and Nola Krop of Snyder and the groom's parents are Feliciano Castillo Sr. of Midland and Arthur and Josefina Haubert of Snyder.

An arch, along with floral arrangements of pastel colors and ivy, decorated the altar area.

"Home to You," by John Michael Montgomery, and "To Make You Feel My Love," by Garth Brooks, were played during the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Ron Nobles of San Angelo. She wore a sleeveless, beaded ivory colored gown with a long train. Her veil was attached to a beaded crown and she carried a bouquet of white flowers interspersed with lace and beads.

Holding the bride's train was Jaime Joshua Salazar III, nephew of the groom.

Matron of honor was Marie Carrillo, cousin of the bride from San Angelo. Bridesmaids included Kayla Carreon, sister of the bride, wearing a mint green gown; Angelina Salazar, sister of the groom, wearing a baby blue gown; and Melissa Rodriguez, wearing a soft yellow gown.

Flower girl was Sabrina Castillo and ring bearer was Hunter Glenn, both of Snyder.

The groom's brother, Feliciano Castillo Jr. of Odessa, was best man. Groomsmen were John Dominguez and Joe Gutierrez, both of Snyder, and Javier DeLeon, cousin of the groom from Dallas.

The groom wore a white tuxedo and the best man and groomsmen wore black tuxedos with vests.

Guest tables, covered with white tablecloths, were decorated with a porcelain bride doll with peach flowers and matching mirrors.

The reception was held at the coliseum and catered by Fabela's. The DJ was Diamond Dog and music was by Decen-



Mr. and Mrs. Jose F. Castillo
(Contributed Photo)

dencia Nortena. All are from Odessa.

The bride's table held the four-tiered wedding cake decorated with ivy and green daisies. Hourglass vases with ivy, floating candles and mirrors and a fountain adorned the table. Slippers matching the ivory bride and groom set beside toasting glasses on a matching mirror tray and a green fountain. Debbie Parks served guests.

The groom's table held a basket-weave decorated chocolate cake with chocolate dipped strawberries. Serving were DeAnn Brady of Fluvanna and Dana Wambach of Munich, Germany.

The couple will reside in Snyder where the bride is employed at Barbee Medical Supply and the groom is employed with Patterson UTI.

The bride was born in Snyder and attended Ira schools, graduating valedictorian of Ira High School in 2002. She attends Western Texas College.

The groom was born in Del Rio and attended Snyder High School.

Out-of-town guests attended from Midland, Brackettville, Gainsville, Ga., Dallas, Fluvanna, Munich, Germany, San Angelo, San Carlos, Coahuilla, Mexico, Odessa and Waco.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfast offers a choice of juice, assorted dry cereal and toast w/jelly.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes w/Sausage
Tuesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Wednesday
Sausage Topped Muffin
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Waffles w/Syrup & Fruit

LUNCH
Monday
Salisbury Steak or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Beef Parmesan or
Barbecue Chicken
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Peach Cup
Wednesday
All American Chili Dog or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Tater Tots
Golden Kernel Corn
Dinner Rolls
Thursday
Turkey & Noodles or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Potato
Bread Stick
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich or
Chicken Quesadilla
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Blueberry Muffin Square

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast has a choice of juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast
Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday
Breakfast Taco
Thursday
Pancakes
Bacon
Friday
Biscuit Sausage Wraps

LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger Steak & Brown Gravy or
Corn Dogs
Corn on the Cobb
Black-eyed Peas
Cornbread
Chocolate Pudding
Tuesday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Chicken Patties
Salad
Peas
Garlic Toast
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday
Fish Sticks or Chicken Fried Steak
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Bread
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Beef Enchilada
Salad
Refried Beans
Sopapillas
Friday
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
or
Grilled Cheese
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Spice Cake

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday–Friday
Doughnut
Biscuit/Sausage
Dry Cereal

LUNCH
Monday
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Sandwiches
Tomato Wedge
Vanilla Pudding
Tuesday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Banana Pudding
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Stromboli
Corn
Mixed Fruit/Topping
Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
No Bake Cookies

Penguin off the hook for now

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J. (AP) — A man once sentenced to three years in prison for stealing a rare penguin is off the hook, for now, on charges he netted two koi from a neighbor's pond.

A judge dismissed an indictment against C. Thomas Caucci III, saying no one had proven the fish were worth $600, as claimed by the prosecution. At that value, Caucci and Michael Petitt faced charges of third degree theft, which carries a one- to three-year prison sentence.

Caucci, 32, maintained his innocence — and said he the fish weren't worth $600 anyway.

"I paid 30 bucks for them," he told The Press of Atlantic City last week.

Prosecutor James Herlihy said the value of the koi grew as the fish did, and their color and type also were factors. He planned to reindict the men and provide the documentation requested by the judge.

In 1991, a Humboldt penguin and two geese disappeared from the Philadelphia Zoo. Caucci's uncle found the penguin in his outdoor pond, and Caucci was sentenced to prison the next year.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Defensive Driving Classes (Monday and Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at the Texas Savings Bank. Reservations not necessary, for more information call Charles Darlin at 573-2850.

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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Colleges toughen rules to prevent Internet infections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still recovering from a summer of Internet infections, colleges are taking unusually aggressive steps to protect campus computer networks from virus outbreaks.

Students returning to classes are finding themselves summarily unplugged if their computers are infected. Oberlin College in Ohio is threatening to fine students $25 for inadvertently spreading a virus.

"When you're drowning you try to do something quick," said John Bucher, Oberlin's director of information technology. "We're really stressed by this whole thing." Bucher said the network suffered "near meltdown" on Aug. 21, when the first returning students arrived on campus with badly infected computers.

Back-to-back waves of devastating infections that spread quickly across the Internet during August crippled some college and high school networks just before the start of the fall semester. The attacks overwhelmed many technology departments already starved for employees and money.

At the University of North Texas, technicians are removing viruses from roughly 16 computers every 90 minutes — plus assessing a mandatory $30 cleaning fee. Students who have infections cleaned from their computers off campus must show proof before they're allowed to log back onto the school network.

Vanderbilt University found infections in computers of roughly one-fourth its returning 5,000 students. Stunned technicians shut off connections to nearly 1,200 computers they determined were infected and gradually restored service over the next several days after ensuring each machine was clean.

Salisbury University in Maryland shut down its entire network for students in residence halls for one day, even after employees spent two weeks cleaning 500 school computers. The shutdown stranded students who use the network to check class schedules and order meal tickets.

"It just starts firing all this traffic across your network so it slows everybody down," said Jerry Waldron, the school's chief information officer. "If we didn't do anything at all, it would slow our entire network down to a crawl."

It's never been a more challenging time to run a computer network on campus. Unlike managers in corporations, college officials provide Internet connections for student computers over which they have little direct control. These high-speed networks are powerful, widely distributed across campuses and purposely left open to help in the sharing of data.

"Universities don't own a number of the systems that are attached to their networks," said Ryan McGee of Network Associates Inc., a leading antivirus vendor. "They don't have as much control as corporate America."

Technology departments complain they aren't given enough employees, money or respect — yet they're the first ones called when the networks fail. Many rely on student volunteers, because federal or state money available to buy equipment often can't be spent to pay employees to maintain it.

"They really have their work cut out for them," said Rich Harpel of the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges. "There are so many issues that go along with being the steward of some of the most powerful computers and networks."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology shuts off Internet service to computers it determines are infected, said Kirky DeLong, a manager at one of MIT's research labs. In extreme cases, officials will block all traffic to and from a suspect computer based on its digital fingerprint.

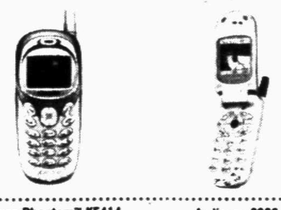
Oberlin, which began requiring all students to have their computers checked for viruses when they arrive on campus, found infections in nine out of every 10 running Windows software, Bucher said.

The wait at the school's computer lab stretched one hour, and scans of some computers loaded with music files took 90 minutes. But students largely took the delay in stride, Bucher said.

In Palm Beach County, the nation's 14th-largest school district shut down its computers for more than two days last week, said Larry Padgett, its director of network services. The district had to delay a head count that helps assign teachers based on school population.



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Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

DENIAL

The American Heritage Dictionary defines denial as: "A refusal to grant the truth of a statement." Let's add a little more to that definition: Refusal to accept the fact or even acknowledge what is going on around us.

It is quite possible that as you are sitting reading this column, your child has already been offered some form of alcohol or drug. Just because we choose not to accept what is going on around us, doesn't mean that it isn't going on. Denial can bring lots of undue hurt and heartaches.

When parents find out their children have tried drugs they often ask – where did they learn this behavior? Did I teach my child this? Maybe before we find out our kids are using we should also ask ourselves, "Did we teach them about the negative consequences of drug use?"

If we want to see success in the lives of our children, we need to be more involved with them. A child is the most precious gift that we have been given. We must take pride in ourselves and in our children. It's hard to try to talk to a child about the dangers of drugs when they are lying in a casket.

This may sound harsh, but it is time that we take a stand and reclaim our lives and the lives of our children. We have lived in denial and refusal long enough, it is time we come to reality and acknowledge what is going on in the lives of our children. The only way we are going to win the war on drugs it to step out of denial and into reality.

Lets choose to take a stand and change the lives of our children, one child at a time.

How do we come out of denial?

There are several ways to overcome this. The two that come to mind first are involvement and communication. Just to know that you are there and that you care is the beginning of what they need to know. A guest on the *Jerry Springer Show* said "Instead of just throwing money at me I would much rather them stop just long enough to say "Hi" or to see how I am doing."

Lack of communication sometimes is what puts us in the situations that we are facing and may face in the future. Talk to your children about what is going on in their lives. How long has it been since you asked your child how things are going? Just because they don't say anything doesn't mean that nothing is wrong.

Your child may be battling with some issues that seem trivial to you, but take the time to listen to their concerns — you may prevent them from finding their answers in beer bottles or other drugs. Let them know that you care and want to be there for them.

Let's begin now and prepare them for what lies ahead. The problems of drugs and alcohol are very present in this day and time and in our community. Communication can make the difference in the lives of our children.

Its time we get involved and take a stand for our children. We have thought long enough. If you have ever sat around and thought, What Snyder needs is .... You might be right on target with your idea. Our community is full of people with good ideas. If you would like to share your idea contact our office and keep an eye on the newspaper for opportunities to get involved. It is time to put action to our thoughts. The time is now to get involved and become more aware of what is going on in our community and in the lives of our children.

Whitney Houston sums it up well with the lyrics from one of her songs *"I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them a sense of pride to make it easier. Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be. Everybody's searching for a hero; people need someone to look up to."* Will you be the one that they look up to?

Our new office is located at 1904 37th Street.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Father ambushes jogging son

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 14-year-old boy jogging with his high school cross-country team was shot and killed in an ambush by his father, who later killed himself after a standoff with police, authorities said.

The shooter stepped out from behind a parked van Thursday afternoon to fire the first of several shots at the boy, then reloaded his pistol and fired again as pedestrians and the running team fled, witnesses and police said.

No one else was injured, but the gunman, identified by police as the boy's father, fled by car into a home about a mile away where he spent nearly 10 hours in on-and-off negotiations with police.

The 53-year-old man, whose name was not released, shot himself once in the head at 1:40 a.m. Friday and was pronounced dead, said Sgt. Richard Nemetz.

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Fast food lawsuit is dismissed

NEW YORK (AP) — For a second time this year, a federal judge threw out a class-action lawsuit Thursday that blamed McDonald's for making its customers fat.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Sweet said the plaintiffs failed to show that the fast-food chain misled consumers into believing its food was nutritious and part of a healthy diet.

Sweet tossed out an earlier version of the lawsuit in January that claimed McDonald's food caused health problems in children.

On Thursday he rejected a request that the plaintiffs be permitted to file a new version, which claimed that McDonald's violated New York's consumer protection laws and engaged in deceptive advertising.

The Manhattan judge said the lawsuit failed to back allegations that any injuries resulted from McDonald's representations about its french fries or hash browns.

In his earlier ruling, Sweet said consumers cannot blame McDonald's if they choose to eat there.

"If a person knows or should know that eating copious orders of supersized McDonald's products is unhealthy and may result in weight gain ... it is not the place of the law to protect them from their own excesses," Sweet wrote at the time.

Treatment center for rapper OK

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jailed rapper Beanie Sigel can attend a residential treatment program for substance abuse and anger management while awaiting his federal drug and weapons trial, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge R. Barclay Surrick granted Sigel's request Thursday after the rapper, born Dwight Grant, agreed to post a $1 million bond, including $150,000 in cash, his $400,000 suburban Philadelphia home and four other properties.

"I don't see how 28 days of treatment in the life of Beanie Sigel is enough to stamp out 29 years of being Dwight Grant," Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Douglas argued in court against Sigel's release.

Sigel hopes to go home after the four-week program to finish up work on a third solo album, "The B-Coming," which had been scheduled for release this month, as well as on film and cartoon projects.

Prosecutors called Sigel a flight risk and danger to the community.

Sigel's rap sheet includes nine arrests as an adult but just one conviction, for simple drug possession, and two juvenile assault convictions.

The federal charges stem from an April 20 traffic stop in which Sigel allegedly tossed a semiautomatic pistol from a black Cadillac Escalade.

He was caught with two large bottles of cough medicine, about 50 Xanax, Percocet and other pills, and a small bag of marijuana, Philadelphia police said.

Surrick plans to revisit Sigel's request for bail if he completes the program.

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Deed Records

Jack Lee West to Guo Huilin, Lot 4 in Block 6 of the Replat of the Highlands Addition, 2nd Section.

Ellis Mack and Jane Browning to Theleca Herring, Lot 19 in Block C of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Gladys E. Wall, et al, to Kinder Morgan, 2.0 acres out of the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Production Pump Systems Inc. to E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc., a 109 x 182-foot tract out of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

June A. McNeil to Jackie Dewayne Batchelor, Lot 2 in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Citifinancial Inc. to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Michael D. Roberts to James Garcia and Magali Sanchez Bernal, the east 140 feet of the south one-half of Lot 2, Block 19 of the Blankenship Addition.

James R. Patterson Jr. to Mike and Lisa Jones, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 1 of the Casstevens Subdivision of Block 50 of the Cody Addition.

Max Stephens to Stetson Luke Merritt, tract one being Lot 16 in Block 11 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and all of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition; tract two being the west 93 feet of Lot 3 and the west 93 feet of the north 40 feet of Lot 4 and the north 20 feet of the south 110 feet of the west 110 feet of Lot 4, Block 2 of the Blankenship Addition.

Julia Deanne Hamilton to Dusty and Katrina Burney, 31.625 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 99, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Christy Lynn Pratt Elders to Molly A. Wilson, the south 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Blankenship Addition.

Melinda Moss Murrell Grace, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Pauline Watson Wilkirson, to Kinder Morgan, 298.2 acres in Sections 40 and 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to James W. Wesson, 43.736 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 173, Block 97, H&TC survey.

B.J. Seale, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Edith Seale, to the Seale Family Limited Partnership, Lot 6 in Block 2 of the Colonial Hill East Addition.

Joe Craig Longbotham, independent executor of the estate of Estelle Pierce, to Billy Ray Browning, guardian of Stacy James Browning, Lots 1 and 2 in Bock 8 of the Warren Crest Addition.

George C. and Alice Alderete to Isreal Ortegon, Lot 11 in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Gary Monroe Martin to John and Tracy Hunter, Lot 19 and the west 17.5 feet of Lot 18 in Block 7 of the Highlands Addition.

Brian Lynn and Susan Lynn Brisendine to Richard F. and Karen D. Gregory, Lot 10 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Gary Leroy and Dianne Lou Harrison to Arthur Hettler, 62.983 acres in the north one-half of Section 666, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Emotionally abusive mom is being willful to the end

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jack," grew up with an emotionally abusive mother. He's had limited contact with her for the past seven years. A few months ago, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given less than a year to live. Jack has tried to let go of his past anger in order to emotionally support her and spend quality time with her during her final months. He has paid some of her doctor's bills and made sure her cupboards are stocked with nutritious food.

Last week, she announced that she is marrying her boyfriend. She plans to leave him the family heirlooms and a large inheritance from her mother that was meant to be shared by my husband, his siblings and the grandchildren.

Jack doesn't want to attend his mother's wedding, but he feels guilty not going. What do you think? — **SHOCKED IN SYRACUSE**

DEAR SHOCKED: Your husband's mother is consistent. She's remained emotionally abusive to the end. In her warped mind, this is the next best thing to "taking it with her."

Your husband and his siblings would benefit from family counseling. They did not get the mother they deserve and should not feel guilty limiting their — albeit brief — future interaction with her.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Bob," and I were married in Las Vegas. It was a second marriage for both of us. We had planned on a small, quiet wedding with only his brother and sister-in-law as witnesses.

Without consulting Bob or me, his sister-in-law "surprised" us by upgrading our hotel room to a suite that adjoined theirs. In addition, she invited several surprise guests — one of whom was "Anna," my husband's former high school sweetheart. (She had been a foreign exchange student from Germany and happened to be visiting the U.S. at the time.)

Anna has been married for many years and has two grown sons. I had always known that Bob's family was fond of her and had remained in touch over the years. They even visited Anna and her family in Europe twice.

I did my best not to overreact, but Anna's surprise appearance completely ruined my wedding — not to mention the honeymoon. (My husband and I hardly had a minute to ourselves.)

We have now been married three years. Bob adopted my little boy and is a wonderful husband and father. I feel truly blessed to have such a happy home.

The problem? Anna is once again planning a trip to the U.S. to see Bob and the family. I see red every time I hear them singing her praises. (Not since Mother Teresa has there been such a saint!) I am filled with anger and dread over her impending visit and cannot imagine how I'll get through it. Bob knows how I feel. He says he loves me and there's absolutely nothing to worry about.

Am I being unreasonable — or is this an unreasonable situation? — **HAPPY/UNHAPPY WIFE IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR HAPPY/UNHAPPY: I wouldn't call you unreasonable. Unrealistic is more like it. There is an old saying, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Anna is an old family friend from the past. Her romance with your husband is long over — and there is our whole country and the Atlantic Ocean between them. Please don't put yourself in the middle. Give her a hearty welcome. She won't be here long — and you might even grow to like her.

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DEAR ABBY: I have finally met the man I have been waiting for. I began working here 10 months ago, and from the day I walked in and saw my boss, I knew he and I were meant to be together.

We began an intense physical relationship two weeks after I was hired. We had lunch and talked on the phone every day. Then suddenly, about a month later, he stopped having anything to do with me personally and started keeping his distance at work.

I still believed with all my heart that he was the man for me. I waited and waited. I knew he would come back to me — and after six months he did! For the last four months he has been showering me with attention. I am completely in love with this man, but there are days at work when he doesn't speak to me. He contends that all is still good between us.

I am an attractive woman and almost every man at work has asked me out. Could my boss be stringing me along just to have bragging rights with the guys? Am I just a toy for him? A trophy, if you will. Could he be using me?

Please don't print my name or location. This is a small town, and anyone who sees my letter would know it is me. — **JANE DOE, ANYWHERE, U.S.A.**

DEAR JANE: The kind of attraction you have described is hard to conceal, and the men at work may have picked up on the "electricity" between you and your boss. That might also account for the fact that almost every one of your male co-workers has asked you out.

Let me suggest this: One of you may have confused advances with advancement. If you're not the love of HIS life, and he has, indeed, been using you — you may have one heck of a harassment claim. I'm holding a good thought for the both of you, but whether you're a toy, a trophy, a convenience, or the love of your boss's life remains to be seen.

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DEAR ABBY: I was married for 18 years when my niece, "Gwen," announced at a family cookout on Mother's Day that she and my husband, "Budd," were having an affair. We have since divorced and they have married.

I have done all I can to accept this; however, it is very hard to do. I am very angry. I hate the fact that Gwen comes to my home every day to pick up my four children. I have asked Budd to make other arrangements so I don't have to have contact with Gwen, but they refuse to cooperate. They say I am being childish and unreasonable.

I have been going to counseling and was told to "let it go" and "get over it." Please tell me how. — **HAD IT IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR HAD IT: What happened was a betrayal — and the way you found out was brutal, ugly and humiliating. However, for your children's sake, you must take the high road and move on with your life. The alternative is to cut yourself off from the rest of your family at the time you most need their support. When your children are older, they will understand the terrible situation you were placed in and how courageously you handled it.

It is also important that you take time for yourself and become socially involved again. It will distract you from your problems. You deserve to be happy, too.

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Death sentence vacated due to jury not deciding eligibility

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday vacated the death sentence of a convicted murderer because a panel of judges, not a jury, determined whether he was eligible for the death penalty.

The ruling, which deals only with the case of Raymond Mata Jr., follows a federal appeals court ruling Tuesday that threw out more than 100 death sentences in Arizona, Montana and Idaho because the inmates had been sent to death row by judges instead of juries.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that juries, not judges must decide if circumstances exist to merit the death penalty.

Nebraska also allowed judges to make that determination before the 2002 ruling; the federal appeals court that oversees the state hasn't yet to ruled on whether the 2002 decision should be made retroactive, as the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled.

Mata was convicted for the 1999 killing and dismembering of 3-year-old Adam Gomez, son of his former girlfriend, in Scottsbluff.

When he was sentenced in 2000, a three-judge panel decided if aggravating circumstances existed in his case to merit a death sentence, a decision the U.S. Supreme Court said two years later should be made by a jury instead.

The state had argued that Mata should have raised the issue at his trial instead. The state Supreme Court rejected that argument because Mata had a pending appeal at the time the U.S. Supreme Court ruled.

Attorney General Jon Bruning was not immediately available for comment Friday.

Deputy Scotts Bluff County Attorney Doug Warner said he expected Mata would be sentenced to death again. "I think there's pretty strong facts that would merit a death sentence," he said.

Mata's attorney, Jim Mowbray, said he was not surprised by the opinion since it mirrored a similar case in March involving another death row inmate.

In Nebraska, judges had made the determination on aggravating circumstances since the Legislature decided in the 1970s that there was the potential of bias.

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VNS data from last November's vote cleared for release

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten months late, exit poll data that shed light on why Republicans scored their unusual 2002 midterm election victory are finally becoming available.

Voter News Service collected the information but couldn't deliver it on election night because computer systems designed for VNS by an outside contractor failed.

That failure, coupled with data problems in 2000 that led television networks to prematurely declare George W. Bush the presidential winner, prompted the news organizations to shutter VNS. The consortium included ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox and The Associated Press.

After a delay caused by having to manually input results from more than 16,000 paper questionnaires into a computer system, VNS members set the material aside as they decided the consortium's fate. Then they asked four independent survey research experts from academia to review the data.

The panel concluded the information is "of comparable utility and quality to past VNS exit polls, and we recommend that it be released for public use."

Among the exit poll's highlights: More voters identified themselves as Republican and fewer as political independents than in 1998 and 1994. Women leaned more Republican than usual, as did Jews. And twice as many respondents said their House vote was intended to express support for President Bush as said it was to oppose him.

The panel reviewed only the national exit poll, which is geared toward whether respondents reported voting for a Democrat or Republican for U.S. House. VNS also conducted state exit polls in U.S. Senate and governor's races in 2002 but those data have not been reviewed or released.

Four of the former consortium members decided to donate the information to survey data archives at the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Connecticut and the University of Michigan.

"We're not pushing it on anyone," said Sandra Genelius, CBS News spokeswoman. "We're making it available because this independent panel determined it was valid information."

This long after the elections, the news value of the data has diminished, although reporters could use the poll in looking ahead to 2004 campaigns and for comparison purposes in midterm elections in 2006 and beyond. The data also would be of value to political scientists researching how the GOP bucked a historical trend of the party that controls the White House losing in midterm elections.

"The VNS participants had considerable effort and money invested in gathering those numbers, and it made sense to us to do all we could to salvage as much of their value as possible," said David Tomlin, assistant general counsel at AP.

The data will be available on CD-ROM for $95, said Richard Rockwell, executive director of the Roper Center. It may be ready as early as next week.

"Everyone unfortunately looks at exit polls as a means for calling elections before the polls have closed," he said. "That is how the networks use them. But that is not what they were designed to do. They were designed to tell you the characteristics of why people voted the way they did."

Rockwell said he's confident in the data, but isn't sure whether they will be tainted in some researchers' minds because of the election night problems.

Two former members of the consortium — ABC and Fox News Channel — decided to have nothing to do with the data and weren't listed as donors when the information went to the data archives.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003

Your greatest successes are likely to come as a result of past failures. What you have learned from them will prove to be invaluable in bringing about success in the year ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If at first you don't succeed, try again on that project that is giving you fits. You will make that breakthrough today, and once you do the results will turn out to be better than you had hoped.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something of special social significance may develop today and turn what was a boring day into one of surprises. It will have peripheral benefits and favorably affect your popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There are indications that a relationship from the past might be desirously terminated today. Even if you don't trigger the breakage, it will be something you'll welcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might take you a bit of time to figure out that muscle power should be left to another day. Assignments or projects that are purely of a mental nature are your cup of tea today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you may believe yourself to be broke, you're in a better cycle than you realize for generating funds. Today may give you the first signals of this beneficial turnabout.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Stop trying to please those who refuse to be pleased today and start doing things that can advance your own self-interests. Your desires can be substantially advanced at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A secret ambition you've been harboring that has seemed impossible has excellent chances of being fulfilled today. For best results, however, keep your desire to yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What starts out as a bummer day could swiftly turn into something fun and hopeful when a friend introduces you to someone new and interesting. This person could possibly fit into your future plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — More focus than usual might be centered on you today, so be sure that what you say and how you behave makes the type of impression you want to leave. It will carry a lot of weight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone who you didn't think was listening to you has actually, albeit unwillingly, taken all you've said to heart. Today you may see several examples of a desirable change in this person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A situation that needs revision, but for which you've lacked the power to transform, may begin to shift in a much-needed direction today of its own volition. Keep the faith and be of good heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — People in general are more receptive than usual today. Take advantage of this and make your thoughts known to those whose cooperation you lacked so that they'll understand your position.

Monday, Sept. 8, 2003

Greater emphasis could be placed upon your leadership qualities in the year ahead. You may be put in positions where you will be expected to give directives rather than following someone else's orders.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your critical, acute faculties easily spot imperfections and flaws, but that doesn't mean others want to hear about them. If something disturbs you, you'd be wise to keep your comments to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A love for taking chances could be your undoing today if you foolishly put your chips on something without considering the odds. Money is too hard to come by to take outlandish risks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be doubly sure that the motives for what you do today are constructive and noble, because the consequences of rude behavior could deleteriously affect others as well as yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Under most conditions you're an easygoing person who gives lots of room for others to operate, but today this fine quality could be sorely missing. Don't be demanding or critical of associates.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Financial conditions aren't bad today, but there will be no free rides, either. If you end the day empty handed, it'll be your own fault for not cultivating good money-making conditions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By failing to establish realistic objectives today, you invite severe frustration by striving for something that, practically speaking, is unattainable. Lay out a feasible blueprint.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You know from past personal experiences what causes problems for you, so don't ignore your better judgment today when your memory attempts to warn you about impending trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A pushy person could involve you in something today in which you truly don't wish to participate. If you lack the necessary resolve, she or he will win out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — By being complacent, chances are you might commit a grievous error and underestimate your competition today. Give everybody credit for at least being able to match your capabilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If your heart isn't in your work today, you could easily ignore reviewing the details involved in your assigned tasks and unconsciously create problems that shouldn't have existed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Hard feelings could result today if you or your cohorts expect too much from one another concerning a joint project or venture. Set the example for all to follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Once you open Pandora's box, it is impossible to close it again, so be careful about finding fault with others today. You can expect them to counter you by pointing out your unworthy traits.

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Couple fighting to regain custody of daughter

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Chinese couple facing possible deportation as they try to regain custody of their 4-year-old daughter face a trial to keep their parental rights.

Shaoqiang He and Qin Luo are fighting an attempt by an American couple to adopt their daughter Anna Mae. Jerry and Louise Baker have cared for Anna Mae since the Hes put her in foster care shortly after her birth in 1999, when they were out of work and could not afford to support her.

As a step toward adoption, the Bakers are trying to terminate the Hes' parental rights, claiming they have abandoned Anna Mae.

On Thursday, State Chancery Court Judge D.J. Alissandratos denied the Hes' request for summary judgment against termination of their rights. The Hes must now defend their rights in a trial scheduled for Sept. 29.

The couple face an immigration hearing in December, and could be deported because He's student visa expired years ago. If they are deported before the custody case is decided, they may have to leave Anna Mae behind.

The dispute has drawn the interest of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C. Two embassy representatives attended the Hes' hearing.

"We are not specialists on law, but still we hope to see the rights and interests of our citizens protected by the court," said Wang Yigong, first secretary of the embassy.

Shaoqiang He was working toward a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Memphis on a student visa when a female student accused him of fondling her in October 1998. Charged with sexual assault, he lost his scholarship and student stipend, and the couple said they decided to give up what they thought was temporary custody of Anna Mae.

He finally went to trial in February and was acquitted.

David Siegel, lawyer for the Hes, said his clients knew little about American law when they went to juvenile court and gave up custody.

"They have done everything in their power to get this child back," Siegel said.

Sweden's king and queen reign supreme

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The king and queen have no power to rule, but they reign supreme in the hearts of Swedes.

King Carl XVI Gustaf edged Prime Minister Goeran Persson in an annual survey of the most popular men in the Scandinavian country of 9 million.

The figurehead monarch is Sweden's head of state, but lacks any decision-making powers. One of his most high-profile duties is awarding the Nobel Prizes in a lavish ceremony at Stockholm's blue-hued concert hall on Dec. 10 each year.

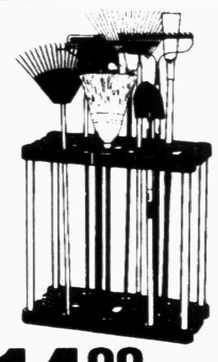
Hockey star Peter Forsberg was fifth and Ingvar Kamprad, founder of furniture giant Ikea, was No. 8 in the Sifo poll.

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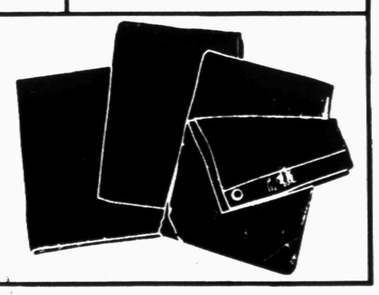


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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Terminal starvation does not appear to be painful

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 90-year-old grandmother is terminally ill with dementia and cancer. She currently resides in a skilled nursing facility, refuses to eat and has an advanced directive indicated that she doesn't want heroic measures, including a feeding tube, when the time comes for her to die.

I and the family have every intention of following her instructions, but we are concerned that a program of starvation would give her pain and discomfort. Can you help us in this predicament?

DEAR READER: You raise several crucial issues — not the least of which is self-imposed starvation — that families have to deal with, as loved ones reach terminal status. We all want to exert some control over our lives and wish to have our end-of-life decisions honored. Nonetheless, such decisions can be traumatic for family and loved ones. Unfortunately, decisions about life support are easily made in the beginning (do we start artificial nutrition?), but are much more difficult later (when do we stop?).

I recommend that you and your family read the article "Withholding Nutrition at the End of Life: Clinical and Ethical Issues" from the Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine, June 2003. I was surprised to learn that starvation in terminally ill patients can actually be more comfortable than force-feeding. Numerous case reports confirm that withholding nutrition and hydration near the end of life "leads to greater patient comfort, while providing it may increase edema (congestion), secretions and dyspnea (difficulty breathing)." In addition, many terminally ill patients require only small amounts of food or liquid; those who "ate to please their families experienced nausea and abdominal discomfort."

Therefore, I recommend that you allow your grandmother to choose her own course. If she is thirsty, she will drink; if hungry, she will eat. More aggressive therapy may serve only to increase her level of discomfort. She has had a long and, I suspect, interesting life. While many well-meaning physicians might disagree with me, I urge you to let your grandmother make her own choices.

At this stage, were I her doctor, I would do whatever it takes to keep her comfortable: encouraging family members and friends to visit her, ensuring competent nursing care, and prescribing whatever medications are necessary to reduce pain and suffering.

This is exactly what I would choose when my time comes. And, I suspect, most people would agree.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument. My friend would rather see a doctor who reads novels. I prefer a physician who reads medical journals. Who is right?

DEAR READER: Every patient is entitled to a physician who keeps abreast of medical advances. Remaining "current" is each practitioner's goal and duty. Therefore, it's important to choose a doctor who engages in continuing medical education, be it through lectures, seminars, conferences, video or audio tapes, journals or other methods of continuing education.

On the other hand, caring for sick patients requires a broader view than mere technological advances. The good doctor takes into account many aspects of a patient, including psychological, ethical, humanitarian, and socioeconomic factors. In dealing with people, the capable and competent physician must consider far more than the basic disease process itself.

Consequently, in answer to your question, I'd have to conclude that you and your friend are right — and wrong. What you both need to find is a doctor with balance, someone with technical skills who is more than an automaton.

Most well-rounded physicians eagerly assimilate new advances and therapies. But they will be equally committed to broadening their horizons by reading novels, seeing plays, going to concerts and the opera, and participating in other non-medical activities that are intellectually stimulating. The "complete" doctor also values time spent with his family, in recreation and sports, in spiritual pursuits, and in community service.

In my opinion, patients are best served by a practitioner with varied interests. I am not unique in this view. Many medical school admissions committees have come to realize the value of a liberal arts education, and often give preference to applicants who have non-scientific backgrounds, in contrast to the previous emphasis on biology, physics and chemistry. In short, the pre-med who is familiar with Faust may turn into a better doctor than the young person who spends all his or her time unraveling the mysteries of DNA synthesis.

You and your friend have raised an important issue. The most skilled doctor must, of course, keep up with medical advances in journals. However, a concomitant emphasis on non-medical topics will also serve to enrich the physician and those he serves.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Three months ago, I pulled a hamstring muscle in a karate class. What can be done to speed recovery? I've continued karate, jogging and aerobics. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Pulled or torn muscles should be rested for at least four weeks, to allow healing to take place. Gentle stretching exercises and heat may assist the process, as may special treatment, such as ultrasound therapy, administered by a physical therapist. I don't consider karate and jogging to be appropriate under the circumstances.

In my opinion, you should be under the care of an orthopedic surgeon or sports-injury specialist, who can order and monitor your rehabilitation program.

DEAR DR. GOTT: We just received an offer to subscribe to a wellness and health publication at a cost of $39.95. This sounds too good to be true. Because my wife and I are 65 and 67 respectively, walk five miles a day, watch our diet, avoid tobacco products and take a one-a-day vitamin, we wonder if this publication is a good investment — or if we even need it.

DEAR READER: Many promoters are riding what I call the "Wellness Wave," Americans' increasing interest in maintaining good health by employing certain dietary programs and using organic food and "natural" vitamins. In most cases, the health letters sold by reputable organizations are appropriate sources of information.

In my experience, however, these promoters often make fantastically absurd claims about the benefits of their programs. Therefore, if you choose to subscribe to such resources, read them with a grain of salt. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Judging from your brief description, you and your spouse appear to be following a healthful lifestyle of exercise and moderation. Keep it up. And if the publications you mentioned suggest unusual alternatives, such as megadose vitamin therapy, check them out with your family physician before committing to an expensive program that could do more harm than good. For example, vitamin toxicity can lead to liver damage and other complications.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Second son of former Iraqi diplomat charged

NEW YORK (AP) — A second son of a former Iraqi diplomat was charged Friday with providing information to Iraqi agents about Iraqi dissidents living in the United States, prosecutors said.

Wisam Noman Al-Anbuge, 24, pleaded innocent in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. He appeared before Judge Michael Mukasey along with his brother, Raed Rokan Al-Anbuge, who was arrested earlier this year on the same charge.

Both men are sons of Rokan Al-Anbuge, Iraq's former liaison with United Nations weapons inspectors who has assumed a high-level diplomatic post with the new government in Iraq.

Lawyers for both men said the brothers deny the charges.

The indictment accuses Wisam Al-Anbuge of providing information in October and November 2001 to the Iraqi Intelligence Service about two Iraqi dissidents living in the United States, then lying about it to the FBI.

Raed Al-Anbuge was accused of giving the foreign intelligence arm of the Iraqi government the location, employment and family status of Iraqi expatriates in the United States.

If convicted, the men could face 10 years in prison on the most serious charge.

Prosecutors say the Iraqi Intelligence Service has played a role in terrorist operations, including the attempted assassination of former President George Bush and attempted bombings during Operation Desert Storm. It also has located, intimidated and killed Iraqi defectors and dissidents living abroad, the government said.

Olivia Cassin, a lawyer for Wisam Al-Anbuge, said her client, a shoe salesman in Manhattan, has been in custody since March and wants to join a 20-year-old brother and 26-year-old sister who left the country several days ago to join their father in Iraq.

Thomas H. Nooter, a lawyer for Raed Al-Anbuge, said his client wants to stay in the United States and is "extremely confident about being exonerated when this comes to light."

He said both brothers "are baffled and angry." He said he had spoken to their father.

"He's angry. I don't think he knows what he can do or can't do. He would like to help," Nooter said.

The father left the United States on Aug. 1, 2000, and was detained by the Iraqi government for eight months in 2002, Nooter said. Nooter said the detention of the father shows that the family was not supporting the Iraqi government in the way prosecutors have alleged.

Nooter told Mukasey that he will submit written arguments to show that the brothers were protected by diplomatic immunity during the period when prosecutors allege they were conspiring to help Iraqi agents.

CIA seeking to recruit more linguists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA is beginning a recruitment drive aimed at attracting linguists to teach Arabic, Chinese and other languages.

Ads will begin appearing in major newspapers this weekend, agency spokesman Mark Mansfield said Thursday. The campaign will continue for at least a month. The ads bear the headline "Intelligence speaks many languages."

"Improving the foreign language capabilities of our employees, whether they are operations officers, analysts or support personnel, is a top priority and will enhance our ability to carry out the agency's mission," Mansfield said. "We hope this new advertisement will reach people who are fluent in foreign languages.

Date Book

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

Today is the 249th day of 2003 and the 78th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1522, Magellan's expedition completed its circumnavigation of the globe.

On this day in 1901, President McKinley was shot at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. He lived for another week before succumbing to a gangrene infection on Sept. 14.

On this day in 1899, Carnation processed its first can of evaporated milk.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834), French general; Jane Addams (1860-1935), social reformer; Roger Waters (1945-), musician, is 58; Jane Curtain (1947-), actress, is 56; Rosie Perez (1964-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, major league baseball's 100,000th game was played.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When the government violates the people's rights, insurrection is ... the most sacred of the rights and the most indispensable of duties." — Marquis de Lafayette

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 3) and full moon (Sept. 10).

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003

Today is the 250th day of 2003 and the 79th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1936, the Boulder Dam, now called the Hoover Dam, began operation.

On this day in 1977, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian dictator Omar Torrijos signed a treaty agreeing to transfer control of the Panama Canal from the U.S. to Panama at the end of the 20th century.

On this day in 1981, "The People's Court," starring Judge Wapner, premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth I (1533-1603), Queen of England; Elia Kazan (1909-), director, is 94; Peter Lawford (1923-1984), actor; Buddy Holly (1936-1959), musician; Eric "Eazy E" Wright (1964-1995), rapper.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, was dedicated.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The writer, when he is also an artist, is someone who admits what others don't dare reveal." — Elia Kazan

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 3) and full moon (Sept. 10).

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Janklow had joked about speeding

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Two months before Rep. Bill Janklow was involved in a fatal crash in South Dakota, allegedly running a stop sign at more than 70 mph, he publicly joked about being stopped for speeding in Nebraska.

"I got to meet two of the Nebraska Highway Patrolmen yesterday — very polite gentlemen who cut me a little bit of slack and so I appreciate that," Janklow said at a House subcommittee hearing.

The comment was included in an official transcript of the hearing obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The hearing on livestock ownership was held in Grand Island on June 21, the day after Janklow was pulled over in northeast Nebraska and received a written warning.

Janklow, 63, now faces second-degree manslaughter and three other charges for a crash Aug. 16 in his home state that killed a motorcyclist. A hearing is scheduled Sept. 25 to determine if there is enough evidence to bring the congressman to trial.

A copy of Janklow's written warning from the June incident, obtained by the AP, did not indicate how fast he was clocked when stopped outside Norfolk, about 60 miles south of the South Dakota border.

According to the hearing transcripts, Janklow had boasted to the audience that he was attempting to drive 1,100 miles in one weekend to attend events in Iowa and South Dakota in addition to the hearing in Nebraska.

"Bill Janklow deserves a Purple Heart for doing what he is doing," Rep. Tom Osborne of Nebraska, a fellow Republican, is quoted as saying at the hearing. "I do a lot of driving, but I have never tried anything like that in less than 48 hours, so we really appreciate his coming."

Through his attorney, Janklow declined to comment about the warning.

The Nebraska State Patrol disclosed the incident after a request by the AP.

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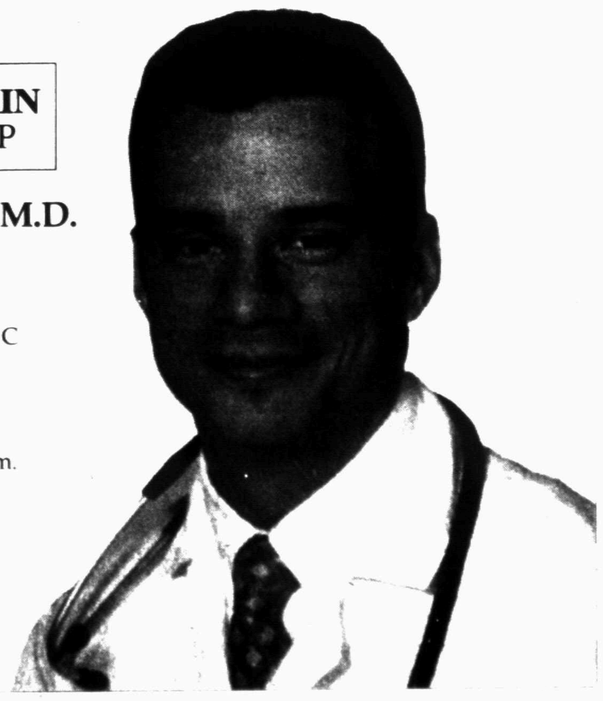
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Letters to the editor

Where is the equipment?

Deare Editor:

What happened to all the rodeo equipment at Scurry County Coliseum after losing the AJRA National Finals to Sweetwater?

Has the special rodeo equipment been kept at Scurry County Coliseum in hopes of attracting another rodeo to Snyder? If the coliseum still has all the special rodeo equipment, why doesn't the Rodeo Association keep that as an option in case the facilities at the old Rodeo Grounds on Gary Brewer Road or West 30th cannot be renovated in time to stage a rodeo in 2004? That would give additional time to raise funds or complete renovations.

Just a suggestion from one who no longer lives in Scurry County but is very interested in what happens there. For instance, new industry, betterment of facilities, etc. I am interested in whatever happens at Hermleigh First United Methodist Church. I took an active part before February 1995 when I suffered that stroke. You know that put an end to my attendance at Snyder Lions Club. I have been twice to First UMC here in San Angelo and once to San Angelo Downtown Lions Club.

Things will change soon if my application for Special Transportation Service is approved. I think it will be, but I don't want to count my chickens before they hatch.

Jerry Clift

Concerning Ask Us?

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter in reference to the "Ask Us" question of Tuesday, Aug. 26. "Where in the U.S. Constitution is the separation of church and state addressed? Answer — In the First Amendment.

It is not surprising the answer would be as it was, but it is very distressing to see us allowing history to be changed; specially us participating in that change. Our media yes our small-town newspapers, need to research and report truth, not just regurgitate the politically correct answer of our day.

It might do us some good to actually read the First Amendment to our U.S. Constitution.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Am I the only one who doesn't see the phrase "separation of church and state" anywhere in the first amendment? This phrase first appeared in a private letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1901. This association was concerned that Congress was in the process of choosing one denomination of Christianity over another as the states' denomination. This was 13 years after the Constitutional Convention, where the phrase" separation of church and state was never uttered." Why not check our historical records, as all discussions in committee and before the assembly were recorded.

As far as interest is concerned (that is our current popular non-Christian argument). Thomas Jefferson was not present when the First Amendment was debated in 1789 —he was a U.S. minister in France — nor did he sign the U.S. Constitution, so his personal letter could not be considered as a first-hand reflection of intent.

On the other hand, 19th century U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story succinctly stated, "The real object of the First Amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance Mohammedanism or Judaism or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects to prevent any national ecclesiastical patronage of the national government."

Personally that seems very clear. The same week that members of the First Congress voted to appoint and pay a chaplain for each House, they also voted to approve the draft of the First Amendment; it seems doubtful to me that they intended to forbid what they just declared acceptable.

There are many examples of intent, but even Thomas Jefferson signed the enabling act for Ohio to become a state, which stated that this new state "may not be repugnant to the Northwest Ordinance." In article III of the Northwest Ordinance, "Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall be forever encouraged."

Even an agnostic such as Thomas Jefferson, didn't believe in the extremes of our current-day separation of church and state ideas.

My biggest concern is that by our silence, we allow ourselves to be slowly duped into accepting the politically correct notions of those with an agenda, as if it really existed in the first place. Ignorance and lack of research is not a good excuse, but neither is silence.

Greg Gafford

Proposition 12

Dear Editor:

This proposition would help rein in excessive non-economic damages in healthcare cases and would place limits on hard-to-quantify non-economic damages, which account for more than 65 percent of jury verdicts in healthcare liability cases.

Proposition 12 would keep medical care affordable and accessible for all Texans by giving doctors, hospitals and nursing homes much-needed insurance rate of relief. In Texas, and other states without non-economic damage caps, doctors pay higher rates for medical liability insurance, which is passed along to patients in the form of higher medical bills also forcing some physicians to close or cut back their practices. A recent statewide survey of physicians found the current liability climate has caused nearly two-thirds to deny or refer high-risk cases and about half to stop providing certain services to their patients.

Trial lawyers are advertising heavily in opposition to proposition 12. Their claim that Proposition 12 would interfere with a patients' ability to seek recourse for damages is misleading. Proposition 12 had no effect on a patient's ability to sue (for economic damages), it merely places a ceiling on awards for non-economic damages (pain and suffering) which are nearly impossible to measure accurately and ripe for abuse.

Proposition 12 has the broad-based, diverse support of organizations such as the Texas Medical Association, Texas Alliance for Patient Access, National Federation of Independent Business, Texas Hospital Association, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Texas Civil Justice League and the Medical Staff of D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The physicians' signatures below indicate support of Proposition 12 and serve as encouragement to every registered voter to vote "Yes" on 12 to assist the medical staff assuring the Mission Statement of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to provide the highest level of quality services to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Early voting will continue through Sept. 9.

Respectfully
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Regarding column

Dear Editor:

In Mr. Warren's article about Mrs. Tippens' house it is stated that John Gayle was not present at the closed session. It is my opinion that more often than not Mr. Gayle is not present at his job.

Perhaps a change in guard is due. Maybe we could hire an enthusiastic city manager fresh out of college that would want to use Snyder as a stepping stone to a larger city, a manager who would have several city improvements in mind.

Richard Dupree

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	9
Hermleigh ISD	7
Ira ISD	7
City of Snyder	5
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	1
Scurry County	0





Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

We have been "proverbed" by the Chinese to light candles instead of curse the darkness. Alas, the world seems to be too often at midnight, and where are the candles when we need them?

One person, though, still buys them in bulk. He is Dr. Bill Cosby, a man known for going millions of extra miles, lightening loads and lighting the way.

The heavy-duty load of being president of Baylor University in these days was lightened a few days back when the BU prexy received a phone call from Dr. Cosby York.

Dr. Robert Sloan, quick to sense it was the "real Bill Cosby," asked three times if he understood the offer — the one Dr. Cosby was making to lead a rally in Waco — at no charge.

What a deal! The event was set for Sept. 4 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The facility seats 50,00, and the biggest crowd since the golden days of Coach Grant Teaff was assured.

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At a hastily-arranged news conference about Dr. Cosby's appearance, a call was made to New York. Dr. Cosby answered. "This is Robert Sloan at Baylor," the president said, and the benefactor, always "on stage," retorted, "Robert who?" That, of course, was Bill Cosby being Bill Cosby. He's the real deal.

"I want to let the world know what a great place Baylor is," Dr. Cosby said.

There's a certain irony that a world-renowned entertainer well known for his "dental chair bit" will appear on the same field where 25 years ago, Teaff inspired his team with a graphic illustration of preparedness.

He told of two Eskimo fishermen, one of whom caught many fish and the other caught none. Asked how he caught so many, the fisherman mumbled. "You have to keep the bait warm," he said. "I'll do my part, fellas," Teaff said, placing a four-inch night crawler into his mouth. Walter Abercrombie, a star player just a few feet away, says he remembers seeing the worm's tail wiggling outside coach's mouth, or was it the head?*

Whatever, the Bears proceeded to beat the University of Texas, 38-14, costing the 'Horns a Cotton Bowl berth. At about the same time, Cosby was perfecting his "visit to the dentist" routine — one reprised thousands of times in the past quarter-century. Both men are proven candle lighters, and both can mumble effectively.

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Perhaps few people know that Cosby's the son of an $8-a-day maid and an absentee father. He was a "late bloomer" academically but now holds a bachelor's degree from Temple University and both master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts. (His wife also has an earned doctorate.)

Many may not know that his brother was claimed by rheumatic fever at age seven, or that the Cosby family has provided multi-million dollar gifts to at least three higher education institutions, including $20 million to Spelman College. He's received dozens of honorary doctoral degrees, and holds about all the national and international honors available. Some you'd recognize; some you wouldn't.

This spring, he was named recipient of the first honorary degree granted by tiny Sisseton Wahpeton College in Sisseton, S.D. — one of 34 tribal colleges in the nation. A few hundred native Americans attend the two-year school where "language is the glue that holds our culture together."

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Back in 2000, they awarded Cosby an honorary doctorate at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Dr. Cosby, addressing the 458 graduates, urged them to "write letters to professors whose class you didn't really study for" and "tell them you're sorry." He also told them not to cook any more macaroni and cheese as long as they live.

Not present that day was a young man who held a master's degree from the school, and who was a doctoral student there in 1997 — the year he was fatally shot in a roadside homicide. That young man was Ennis Cosby — only son of Dr. and Mrs. Cosby. He was 25, and claimed by his dad as "my hero."

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No matter what else happens at Casey Stadium this year, I'll remember that in a year America lost both Bob Hope and Fred Rogers, Dr. Cosby brought a boatload of candles to "fire up the faithful" in Waco. He is, by every definition, a "class act." I wish he'd run for a national office. He'd get my vote. He became 66 years of age a few weeks ago. May this national hero continue to light the way, holding our culture together. Dr. Bill Cosby speaks our language.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Needy children lose state funds

If the federal government had put up $618 million in matching funds for highways, bridges or airports, you betcha Texas legislators would have fallen all over themselves finding ways not to leave those dollars sitting on the table unused. But allocate that money for poor children's health insurance needs, and suddenly

Texas is too cash-strapped to accept Uncle Sam's largess — even if every $1 from the state treasury would draw down $2 in federal funds.

When it comes to the Children's Health Insurance Program, Texas always has managed to look a gift horse in the mouth — right down to the tonsils.

CHIP provides affordable insurance for children whose families can't afford private premiums but earn too much to qualify for Medicaid. The program helps reduce emergency room visits for standard health problems and provide children with vision and dental care that cuts down on missed school days.

After President Clinton signed the CHIP law in 1997, then-Gov. George W. Bush didn't consider health care access for low-income children to be special session material.

So the Legislature waited until 1999 to fund CHIP, meaning that it didn't get going until 2000.

Every year, the federal budget contains a specific amount of CHIP money for each state. States have three years to exhaust each allocation; after the deadline, unused funds are divvied up among states that spent their share and need more. Because some states have been slow to use their funds, Congress has given them more time so they don't lose vital resources.

But the Texas Legislature never has put up enough state funds to qualify for the full federal allocation, thus forgoing a potential $618 million.

This year, the Legislature cut back on CHIP and eliminated vision and dental coverage. Leaders patted themselves on the back for not wiping out the program altogether — something contemplated by House members who favored a slash-and-burn approach to shrinking government.

Congress has given Texas until 2004 to spend half of its $248 million 2000 allotment. But that's unlikely because expanding CHIP doesn't jibe with Gov. Rick Perry's key special session goal.

Given that redistricting is so important, perhaps the next time a child is sick, the parents can call a legislator.

Austin American-Statesman

North Korea

About the best that can be said for the six-nation summit convened to persuade North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program is that it did no harm and the talks may continue.

While the stakes are high for the world and the Far East in particular as North Korea pursues its policy of nuclear brinkmanship, expectations are low. Leaders of the schizophrenic regime in Pyongyang angled for a peaceful compromise in one breath while threatening to test a nuclear weapon with the next.

No one really knows what the North Koreans will do. But they apparently have at least one nuclear weapon and are capable of quickly building more and delivering them via missile. A greater threat is their ability to sell a nuclear weapon to any terrorist group with the means to pay for it. That's what puts the world on edge about the Hermit Kingdom.

The North has said it will terminate its weapons program only if the United States agrees to a nonaggression pact, humanitarian aid and the resumption of oil shipments. The Bush administration says that will only happen once there is "complete, verifiable and irreversible elimination" of the North's nuclear weapons program.

That's the definition of a stalemate.

But Bush is not the biggest stakeholder in this game of nuclear poker. That's China, a nation emerging as a huge trading partner with the West and wanting more. China needs a calm and nuclear-free Korean peninsula. North Korea, though, represents fear, chaos and instability, which threatens the entire Far East and doesn't help China's aspirations as a leader in world trade.

South Korea, Japan and even Taiwan also have an enormous stake in what Pyongyang does. If the North goes nuclear, they will have to as well to counter the North's arsenal. And that would leave the Far East a nuclear cauldron at the mercy of a deranged regime verging on economic collapse.

That's not a pretty picture, but it is a reality. All the nations at the table in Beijing — both Koreas, China, the United States, Japan and Russia — have much to lose if the North goes nuclear.

The collective desire must be what the Bush administration is demanding — not only nuclear disarmament but complete verification. That has to be the agenda for the next round of talks as the Asian powers try to coax the North Koreans back from the ledge.

The most that can be hoped for in dealing with the deranged regime in the North is continuing talks that inch toward progress in eliminating its nuclear weapons program. It's a delicate balance that must be maintained to avoid a potential catastrophe.

El Paso Times

New law hits pocketbooks

New rules of the road necessary Texas motorists convicted of driving drunk are going to wake up with more than a hangover starting Sept. 1.

The Driver Responsibility Program, passed in House Bill 3588 — a transportation measure — was "stealth" legislation that caught a lot of people by surprise.

But it's exactly what's needed to convince a lot of hardheaded drivers that they, too, must obey driving laws.

In addition to the existing fines, penalties and costs associated with a drunken-driving conviction, first offenders will now get hit with a $1,000 surcharge, payable every year for three years. A second conviction will mean a $1,500 assessment per year for three years.

If the surcharges aren't paid, drivers will lose their licenses.

There was an immediate outcry from various quarters that the program was heavy-handed. Good. It needs to be.

Drunken driving should be one of those offenses for which there is zero tolerance.

The tragedy, pain, anguish, grief and death caused every year in Texas and the rest of the country when drunks get behind the wheel is immeasurable. Harsh penalties are called for and no excuse needs to be made.

Other scofflaws should also pay attention to other parts of the new legislation, and one that might be of particular interest in El Paso.

It's estimated that between 30 percent and 40 percent of El Paso drivers don't even have basic liability insurance. Among other things, that helps keep insurance rates high for those who observe the law.

Starting Monday, if you're caught without proper insurance, you'll fork over $250 a year for three years. Driving without a valid license could mean $100 per year for three years.

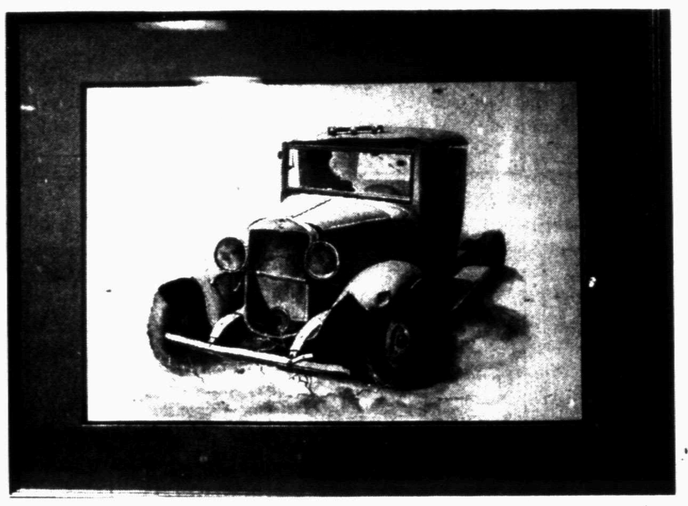
And a point system goes into effect, including three points against your license for a violation resulting in a crash and two points for any Class C misdemeanor moving violation in Texas or any other state. If you manage to collect six points or more in three years, it'll cost you $100 for the first six points and $25 for each point thereafter.

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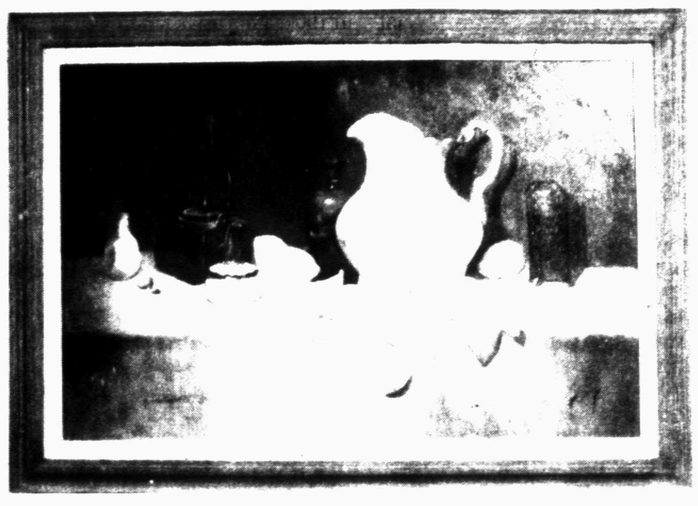


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Western Texas College
Student Government Association
Golf Tournament
Four Person Scramble
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday, October 3, 2003 5:00 p.m.
Hamburger Lunch with proceeds going to Student Government Association

Scurry County Museum displays works of Barbara Ainsworth







Thirty paintings by Barbara Stewart Ainsworth are currently on display at the Scurry County Museum located on the WTC campus. The exhibit will be featured through October 24.

Mrs. Ainsworth grew up in Scurry County. Upon marrying, she moved with her military husband to various places, including Germany. While in Germany, Mrs. Ainsworth began studying art at a private school operated by Andre Schinkovich and later took lessons from Earnest Krupp and A.C. Mang.

After returning to the United States and settling in Oklahoma, Mrs. Ainsworth took lessons from R.V. Goetz, Robert Gartland, and Ken Kois.

Mrs. Ainsworth has won numerous trophies and ribbons, had private showings, and served as a judge for shows. Her paintings hang in businesses and private homes throughout the nation, especially in Oklahoma and Texas.

The museum's Christmas exhibit for this year will be titled 'Grand Ole Opry Christmas 2003.' The exhibit will feature thirty photographs taken by Gordon Gillingham during the 1950s.

The museum is asking anyone who has radios, record players, and records from the 1950s to please consider lending them for the exhibit. Also, vintage musical instruments, especially a dobro, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and banjo are needed to complement the traveling exhibit.

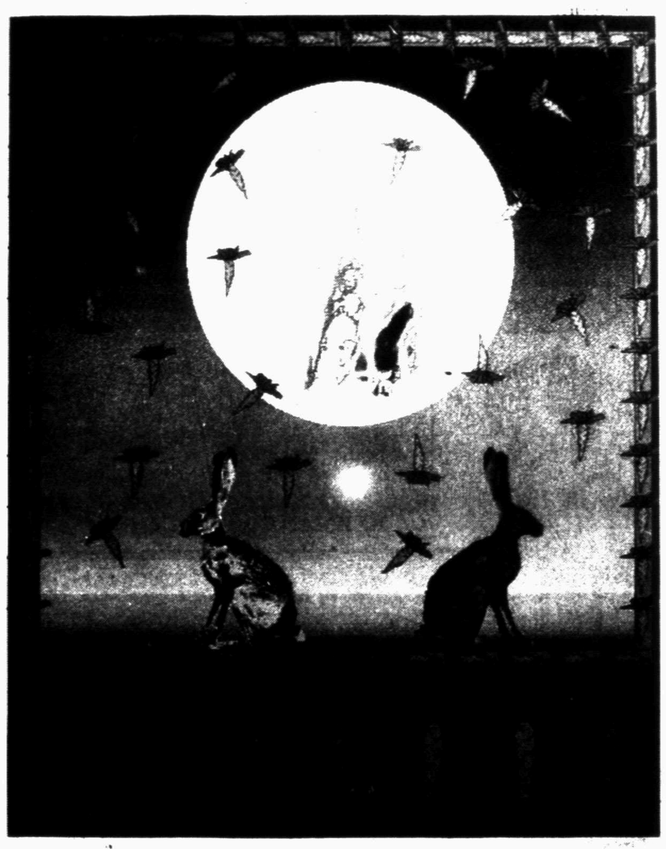
Anyone who has attended a Grand Ole Opry performance and collected memorabilia is also asked to consider allowing the museum to display them in a secure locked case during this special exhibit.

In addition, the museum is requesting donated items from individuals who are moving or cleaning out this semester for the annual SCM Rummage Sale. Regional history books, old photographs, and letters are always appreciated, either as possible additions to the permanent or educational collections.

Other donations of miscellaneous household items are welcome for the rummage sale. The museum is planning a different type of sale this fall and needs a lot of 'can't do without' things.

For more information, contact the Scurry County Museum at 573-8511 ext 210.

Fine Arts Gallery features Pamela Price







Selection of computer prints on display by UTPB Fine Arts Instructor

Currently on exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery through September 30 are computer prints by Pam Price, Professor in Fine Arts, UTPB. Ms. Price will be giving a gallery talk at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, the 30th.

The Fine Arts Department would like to encourage the community to come out and view the exhibit and continues to encourage support of the WTC Applaud the Arts program.

The purpose and mission of *Applaud the Arts* is to support, facilitate, and promote the Art and Drama programs at WTC. The goals of *Applaud the Arts* include the following:

- create awareness of the visual and performing arts
- increase attendance at fine arts exhibitions and performances
- collaborate with area organizations in the promotion of the arts
- increase scholarship funds, assist in recruiting, and provide financial assistance for special projects.

For more information, contact the Fine Arts Department at 573-8511 ext. 234.

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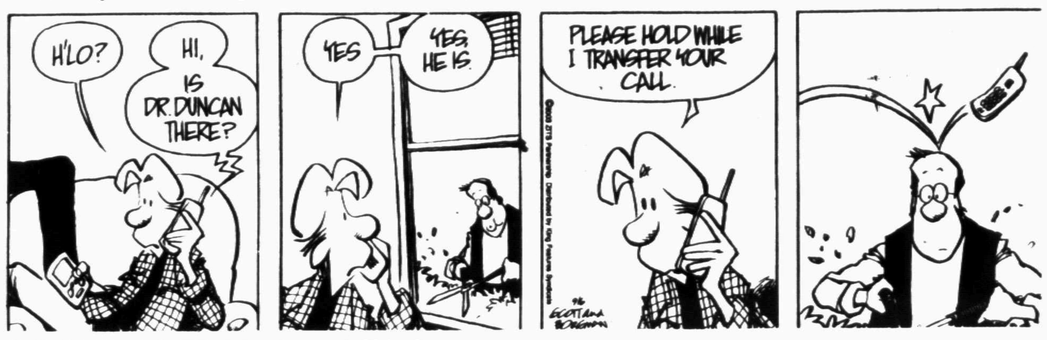
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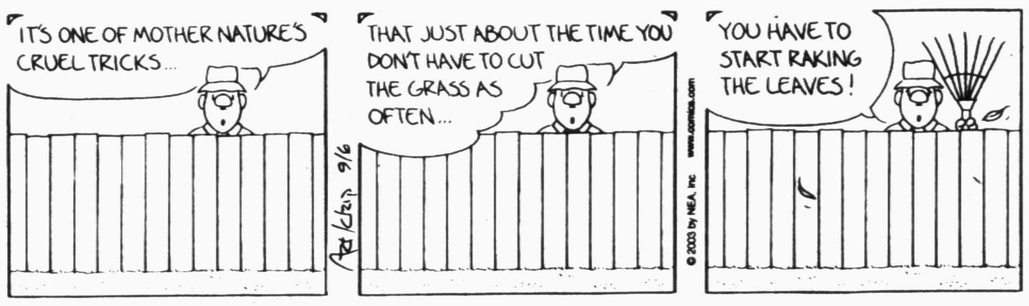
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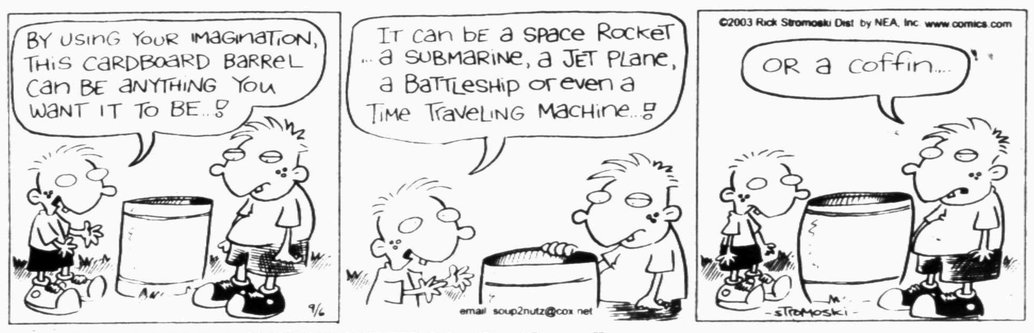
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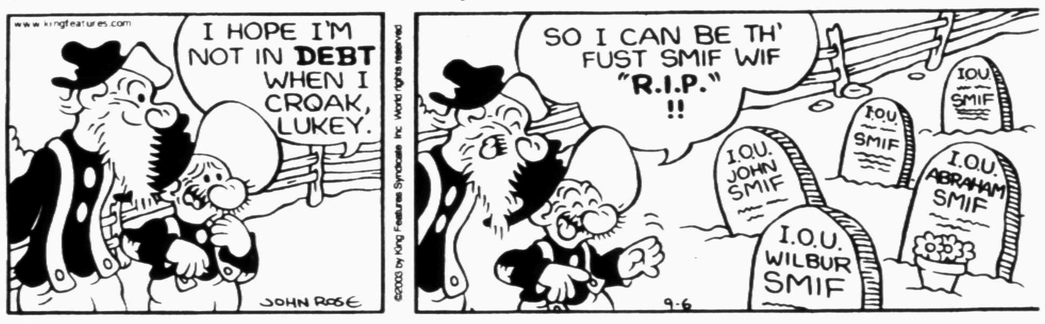
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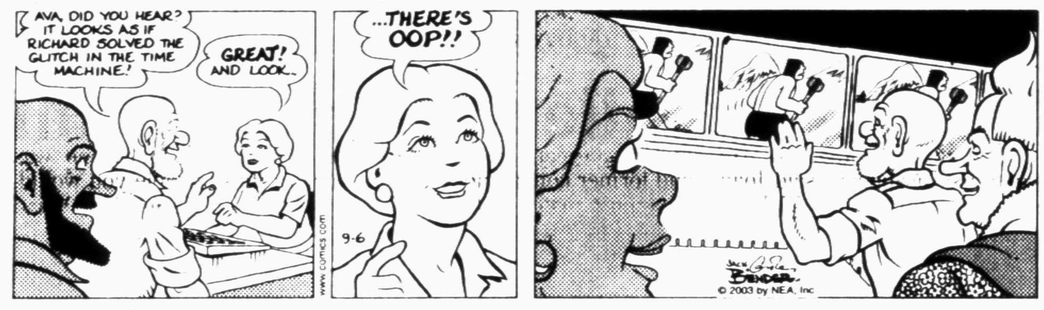
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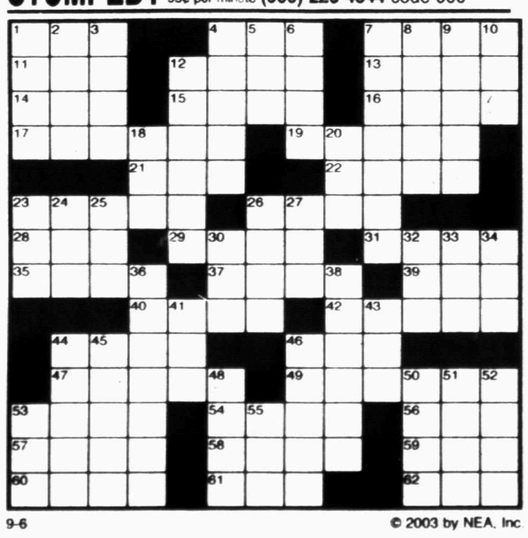
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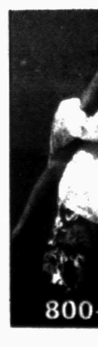
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Sorrow, hope in single day at ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — In the quiet before dawn, before it becomes a buzzing construction zone, tourist magnet and 16-acre plain of mourning and reflection, there is only the glow at ground zero.

The patch of land that for years held the World Trade Center, then for months its mangled ruins, is bathed before sunrise by the soft white aura of dozens of stadium lights.

It is just yards from this peaceful place, from the glow, that Frank Hidrio starts work at 6 a.m. He guards a loading dock for One Liberty Plaza, and every morning he looks across Church Street and waits for the people to come.

"They're going to work, and they stop for a moment, maybe say a prayer," he says. "You can see the tears in their eyes. So much time later, they still have tears in their eyes."

So much time later. Two years later and ground zero is still a place teeming with emotions. Watch for just one day, sunrise to sunset, and the sorrow and hope of the place unfold.

Morning brings the pit to life. Trucks chug around, up and down the ramp that connects the floor of the site to the rest of the world, linking ground zero to ground level.

Renewal and progress are clear: Workers mill around in the pit's northwest corner, planned home for a soaring, 1,776-foot tower. Along the east wall is a skeletal shed that will house a PATH commuter train terminal.

By 9 a.m., the workers are watched by hundreds of people. Some are lower Manhattan workers who are on their way to their offices and still find it difficult to turn away, or who just refuse to.

Most are tourists who congregate along two sides of the site.

It is along Liberty Street that Bill Brand, who visits New York often from California, stands behind his 11-year-old son, Alex, who is seeing the site for the first time. Alex wants to know what part of it was the World Trade Center.

So the father places one hand on each side of his son's head and gently turns it in a sweeping motion, left to right. He wants to explain to the boy that the whole panorama, all of it, represents destruction.

"It's so difficult to explain to your children what isn't there," the father says later. "Politics, history and compassion all come into it. But they can't get past why this happened."

Behind them is a long, gray wall that has become a World Trade Center bulletin board. Visitors have nearly filled it up with messages to the dead, words of encouragement for victims' families and for the nation, profanity directed at terrorists.

In almost the same spot, just after lunch, Juan Fonseca of Fort Washington, Md., kneels with his 11-year-old daughter, Sandra Maria, and finds a square foot of precious open space on the wall. He traces around her outstretched left hand.

He hands his daughter the pen. Inside the outline she writes the date, then a message: "I love New York City very much."

Every day, the perimeter of what once was the trade center connects hundreds of people who work nearby.

Some are the vendors who set up tables each day on Dey Street, just off the east side of the site. They do not give their names. They are here to make money.

One sells videotapes of the attack. Another sells postcard images from Sept. 11. You can buy a shot of the second plane nearing its target, or the resulting fireball, or the collapse of either tower.

Another is Harry Roland, 49, who says he was a World Trade Center tour guide. Now he spends his days wandering the streets around the site, clutching pictures of the towers and a black plastic bag to take donations.

He is something of a professor of ground zero, and draws crowds of dozens of people while he recites World Trade Center facts.

"Know the facts, know the facts," he says this afternoon, and every afternoon. "This is history. Don't let it be a mystery."

And another is Claire Ramirez, who tends bar at the Millenium Hilton Hotel. Behind her, behind the neatly arranged bottles of gin and vodka and bourbon, is a huge window, floor to ceiling, looking directly into ground zero.

It is here, in the hotel bar on the third floor, that Ramirez's customers sip drinks in the early afternoon and stare out at the pit. Sometimes they tell her what they are thinking.

"They sometimes don't believe it, what's out there," she says. "It's so many different feelings. But I think when something new goes up there, that will take away a lot of the hurt. People will finally move on."

Clear across the site, past its western face, is the World Financial Center. In its Winter Garden, heavily damaged in the attack but since restored, people line up along a glass wall, in air-conditioned comfort, to watch ground zero.

It is here that Annemarie Maley finds herself in the late afternoon. She is a 35-year-old computer trainer from Hoboken, N.J., just across the Hudson River, and she watched the towers fall from there on Sept. 11, 2001.

She saw the site up close once that autumn, "when the jagged building pieces were up." She has stayed away since then, but she had business in downtown Manhattan today, and figured she would have a look.

Now she spends long minutes motionless, just staring out, sunglasses pushed up on her red hair and a blue umbrella tucked under her left arm. She opens her mouth to explain what she is feeling, then pauses and starts to softly cry.

"I wonder if the people who work down here are used to this yet," she says. "Because I'm not."

The visitors and the tourists and the people with offices nearby come and go. The dwellers of 125 Cedar St., the closest residential building to the World Trade Center site, cannot look away.

The force of the towers' collapse shattered the north-facing windows of the modest 12-story building. It turned residents into nomads, loft apartments into toxin-filled chemistry labs.

Andy Jurinko was one of those residents, and moved back months later. And it is here, inside his renovated Apartment 3-N, that he stands at dusk, looking out a window with northern exposure.

In the background, not far away and in full view, is the site. In the foreground are the tourists on Liberty Street.

Jurinko curses. "All the remorse has faded," he says. "It faded six, nine months ago. Those are just a bunch of morbid curiosity-seekers. It's the lowest common denominator. It's a carnival."

He lowers his blinds. He had them installed several months ago as a barrier between himself and the crowds he detests and as a filter to keep out the lights that go up at night around what used to be the World Trade Center.

The sun is setting. Gradually, the tourists leave their last somber notes, and one sets a single flower in the fence along Church Street.

Before long, the 16 acres will be engaged to [illegible] workers and security [illegible] work the late shift. Some will gaze into the pit and think, the way thousands of visitors have since sunrise.

It is here, at the close of another day between the horrible destruction and the slow rebirth, that the stadium lights begin to burn. Soon, the glow will return to ground zero.

9-11 victims are still being identified

NEW YORK (AP) — Grass grows over the plots where families buried empty coffins after memorials long ago. No trace of a body has been found for nearly 1,300 victims of the World Trade Center attack.

Even now, forensic scientists are matching victims' DNA from specks of tissue and slivers of bone. And once or twice a week, the city medical examiner delivers news of an identification to another family.

For some families of the recently identified, it's the granting of a wish almost abandoned.

"Now, there's something. He didn't just disappear," said Joan Stewart, whose son, Richard Stewart Jr., was identified in July. "It's the missing link to the puzzle."

Stewart and her husband were walking out the door to their backyard when the state trooper arrived. She had played the scene many times in her head, but she had no idea how she would feel.

They sat on a bench in a courtyard outside the Stewarts' Wilmington, Del., condominium. DNA from Richard's forearm, the trooper told her, had been identified.

"It's bringing it all back. It's all new again," she said, in tears, a week later.

After his remains are cremated, the family plans to bury some in Wilmington and take some to Maui, where Richard vacationed once, later gushing to his parents that it was the most beautiful place he had ever seen.

The Stewarts will wait to see if the medical examiner matches more remains for their son, a hulking 35-year-old bond broker and former college hockey star. The most matched to one person, a man who worked in the south tower, is more than 200 pieces.

Shortly after the attacks, the victims' families were given a form to sign, asking whether they wanted to be notified each time remains were found, and what they wanted done with the parts. Nearly 20,000 pieces were collected from the trade center site in a massive nine-month excavation.

In July, more than a year after workers stopped searching for remains, the medical examiner identified Peter Frank, who worked in the north tower as a vice president and financial analyst for Fred Alger & Co.

Frank's sister called his fiancee, Karen Carlucci, with the news. Like others who lost loved ones, she had mixed emotions. In their grief, many have had to find a peaceful resolution to the horror.

"There was something mysterious about him not being identified ... he was just instantly eliminated physically, and was one of those people you wouldn't find," said Carlucci, who had planned to marry Frank on Oct. 19, 2001. "But that also leaves things in limbo and hanging, and there's enough hanging as it is."

About 54 percent of the nearly 2,800 trade center victims have been identified. Two hijackers have been identified.

Some victims' remains were burned or otherwise damaged so badly that their DNA may never yield results. Others were essentially vaporized in the collapse, and likely won't be found.

The city's top forensic biologist, Robert Shaler, once hoped to reach 2,000 identifications. In a recent interview Shaler said he no longer thinks that's a realistic expectation, and hopes instead for 1,700 to 1,800 identifications.

"We're pushing the envelope with science, with reliable science," Shaler said. "As long as there's something we can do, we'll do it. But right now, the technology we're using is going to run out of gas."

The identifications went quickly at first: more than 400 in the first six weeks after the attack, with only a handful by DNA. By September 2002, the remains of 1,400 people had been matched. Slightly more than 100 have been identified in the year since then.

The process slowed as technicians struggled with the severely damaged DNA, finding new processes and applications and even creating new software for the effort, which is considered to be the largest DNA identification project in history.

Shaler and Chief Medical Examiner Charles Hirsch hope that an adapted version of a DNA process normally used for disease research will soon yield a burst of new identifications. It enables them to examine unusually short pieces of DNA, which shrinks as it degrades.

The DNA in about 61 percent of the remains recovered at the trade center was so damaged that it did not yield workable results in initial tests. Just 291 bodies were found whole.

Some victims' relatives say they have focused less on remains over time.

Frederick Varacchi, Cantor Fitzgerald's chief operating officer and father of three, was identified just weeks ago. It was a tough day for his family, but that's life now, said Carolyn Marschean, one of Varacchi's six older sisters.

"The hardest thing is that we no longer have our brother and the children don't have a father — two years later we're still dealing with that," Marschean said. "Because he was identified, it doesn't change anything. It's still the same tragedy."

Firefighter Brian Hickey's remains were identified on June 11, what would have been his 49th birthday. It was exactly a year after his family buried a coffin that held his crushed, dirt-caked helmet — then, the only sign of him found in the ruins.

This summer, his wife, Donna Hickey, replaced the helmet with a box holding a 1-by-1-inch bone fragment.

"Some of us even felt it was more emotional than the first time around — it felt right, it felt good, we have him home now," Hickey said. "It really eases the burden just a little bit."

Hickey said she fell to the floor when the chief of the F[illegible] department, two priests and three men from her husband's fire company came to her home to tell her his remains had been found.

"It opens up some wounds — it's not all positive — but the point is that as a widow, you got to a point where you had to accept this," she said. "He came home. He's where he should be."

Would married priests add to clerical ranks?

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops rejected a plea from priests to allow married men to join the priesthood, questioning whether such a move would increase the number of priests.

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the conference, affirmed his support for celibacy Thursday in a letter sent to Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan, in answer to a request from about 160 local priests.

The group, more than a quarter of the archdiocese's clerics, called last month for opening the priesthood to married men.

Gregory said he is convinced the church must continue to follow centuries-old dictates upheld by Pope John Paul II, including the requirement that candidates for priesthood remain celibate.

"It is by no means clear that, as their letter states, a change in the discipline of clerical celibacy would necessarily bring about an increase in the numbers of candidates for priesthood," Gregory wrote.

While the number of American priests has dwindled, Gregory noted that several mainline Protestant denominations and branches of Judaism have suffered shortages of clergy even though their ministers and rabbis can marry. The bishop suggested the problem across faiths may be that the role of religion in U.S culture has declined and must be restored.

In a column published Thursday in the Catholic Herald newspaper, Dolan also said he fully supports the celibacy rule.

"I enthusiastically and confidently embrace my own celibate commitment, and believe it a providential blessing for priests and for the church," Dolan wrote.

Dolan met Tuesday with the three priests who initiated the letter campaign. They went through church channels first as they exercised their rights under canon law.

The Rev. Joe Aufdermauer, who helped craft the letter, said he wants the church to formally discuss the priest shortage.

"I just respectfully suggest that we have to keep talking about the fact that we have a shortage of priests, and the Catholic people are increasingly unable to receive the sacraments," he said. "Without priests, we would lose the heart of our faith."



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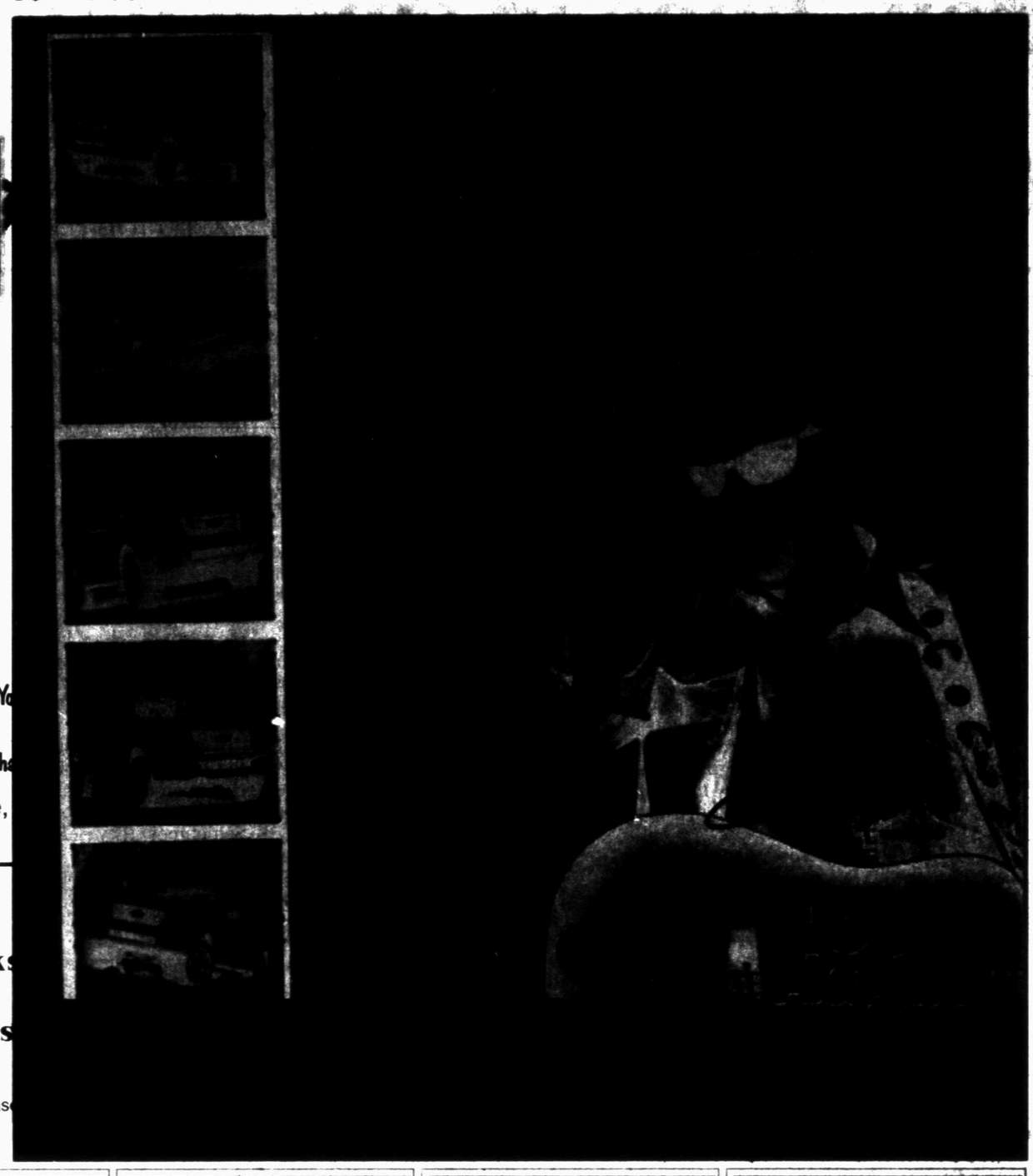
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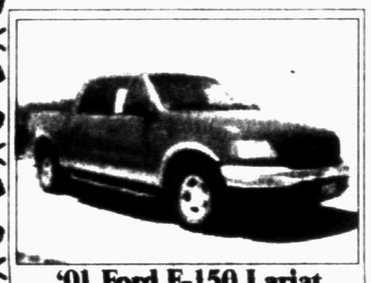
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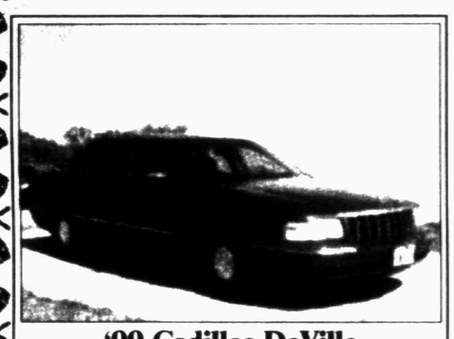
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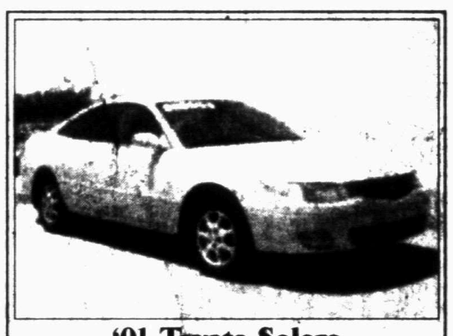
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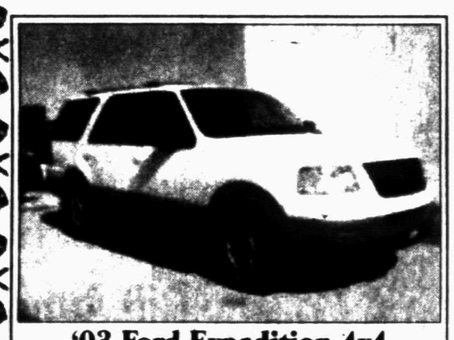
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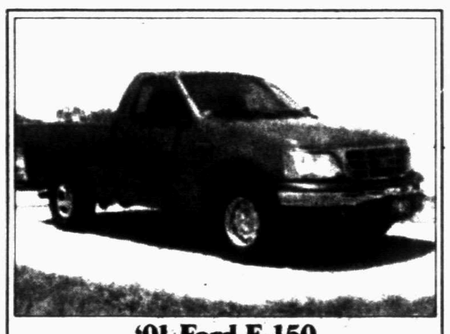
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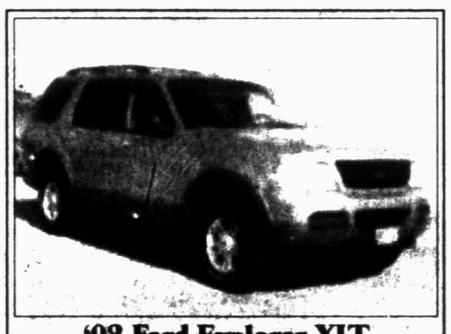
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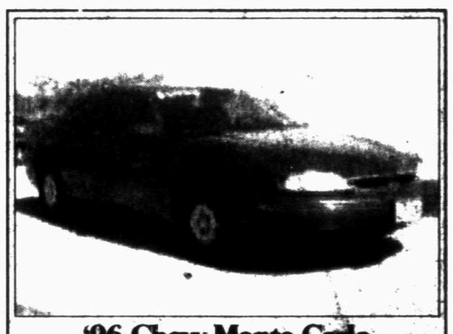
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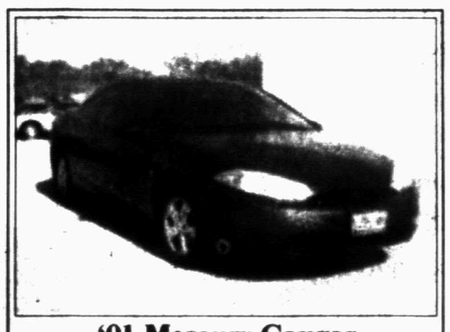
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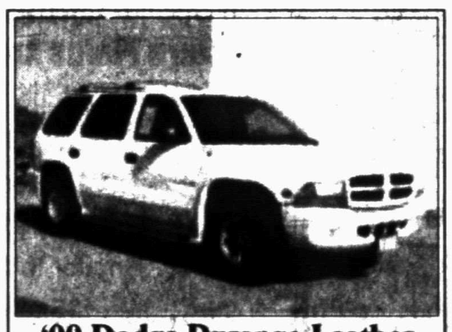
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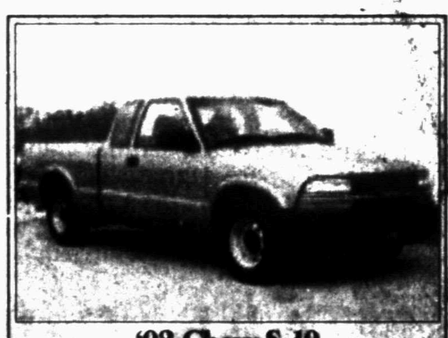
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