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Home of Howard Limmer

On a split vote...

Council sets pay raises for employees

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The third time was the charm Tuesday night as city council members finally voted on a pay raise for city employees.

Following two motions that failed for a lack of a second, the council voted 3-2 for the original plan proposed by the staff.

The motion was made by James Ashley and seconded by Vernest Tippens.

The adopted plan provides for a 2.7 percent across the board increase for all employees and will have a budgetary impact of some $60,000.

A failed motion by Terry Martin called for a 1.5 percent increase for all employees plus $400 for each employee.

Ron Shaw made a motion that failed that called for a 2.7 percent increase for the city manager and department heads, plus 3.0 for all other employees.

In the motion that passed, Martin and Stephanie Ducheneaux voted against it.

Martin obviously favored a different plan, while Ducheneaux said the plan as presented, did not give everyone a 2.7 percent increase.

"Some numbers are rounded, while others are not," said the Western Texas College math teacher.

City Manager John Gayle assured the council that if the 2.7 percent increase gained approval, everyone on the staff would get the full increase.

"It appears the computer is rounding off the numbers but if we have to figure each by hand, we will," said Gayle.

The pay raises was the last "i" to be dotted as the council held its second reading on the 2002-2003 budget in the amount of $9.6 million, and the tax rate of 42.36 cents per $100 valuation.

A required public hearing on the budget and tax rate failed to attract any citizens.

Ordinances related to the budget were approved on second reading that sets the tax rate, expenditures and new city utility rates.

Minimum water rates for residential customers will increase from $9.40 to $10.06. Additional usage will increase from $2.72 to $2.91 per 1,000 additional gallons after first 2,000. The base sewer rate will increase from $8.46 to $9.05 per 1,000 gallons and from $2.28 to $2.44 over the minimum usage, and sanitation rates will go up 10 percent, from $14.50 to $15.95 for residential customers and from $28.05 to $30.86 for commercial accounts.

In other business, the council accepted the resignation of Ben Smith as municipal court judge, effective immediately.

Smith has accepted a position in District Attorney Dana Cooley's office as an assistant DA.

The council voted unanimously to appoint Snyder attorney Dan Cotton as the new city judge.

The council also approved three resolutions. One authorizes the city to submit a grant application to the Texas Community Development Program for $250,000 for water line replacement.

The other resolutions are for renewal of the city's investment policy, and authorizing the city to participate in the electric supply agreement for city facilities with the Cities Aggregation Power Project Inc.

The council also appointed Randy Ward as Oncor's representative on the city's electrical board.

An agenda item related to the Lorber Industries' tax abatement was dropped from the agenda as the Canadian firm looking to buy the property has backed out.

Just prior to the meeting being adjourned, Shaw asked Gayle about comments reported in the Snyder Daily News made by Scurry County Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer.

The county voted Tuesday morning on a $5,000 budget amendment to pay Frankie Grimmett for work at Moffett Field.

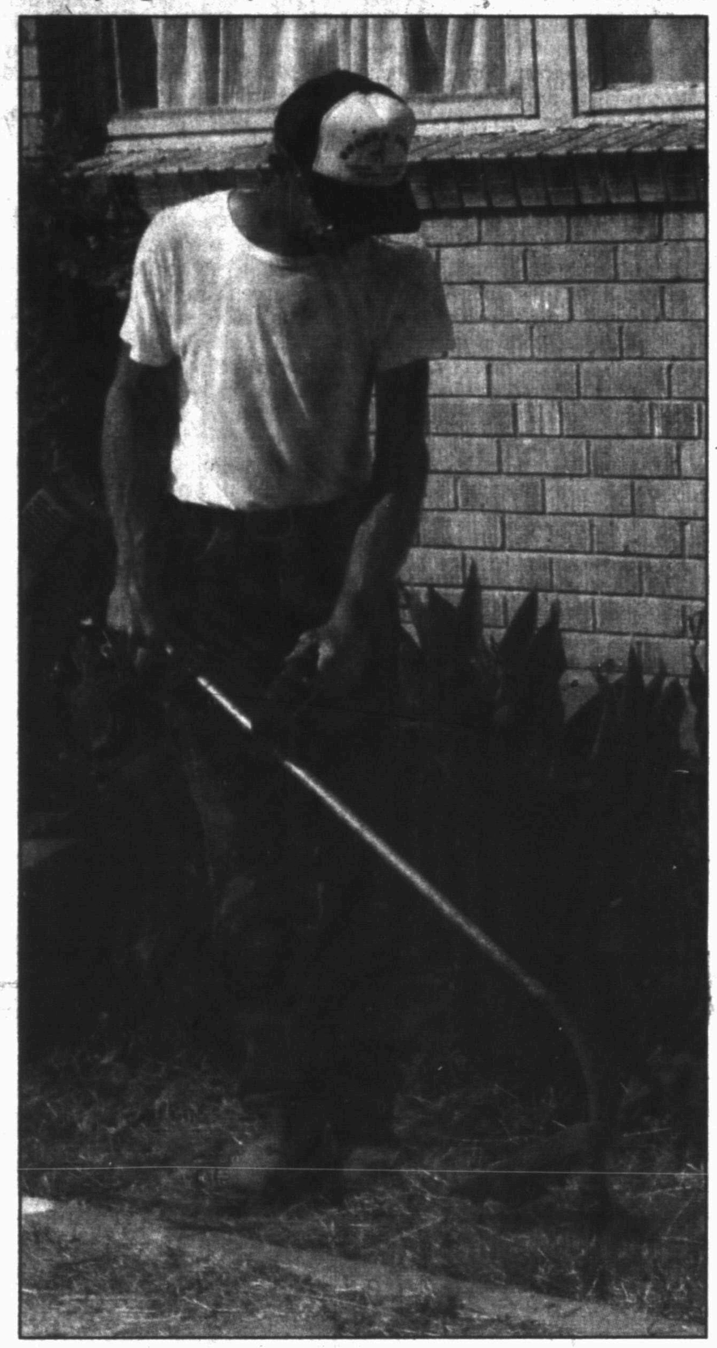
Limmer said the $5,000 was the second installment the county had made because the city didn't pay the amount.

"This $5,000 is what the city didn't pay," Limmer said in the Tuesday court meeting.

Gayle replied to Shaw that if he wanted to know what Limmer was talking about, he would have to ask Limmer.

"The city has fulfilled our obligation at the field," said Gayle.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and council members present were Shaw, Martin, Ducheneaux, Ashley and Tippens. John Reed was absent.



A BIG JOB — Terry Keller works to clear weeds and grass from a flowerbed at West Elementary this morning before temperatures got too high. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dan Cotton named judge for the city

Long-time Snyder attorney Dan Cotton was unanimously appointed municipal court judge during Tuesday night's city council meeting.



Dan Cotton

Cotton will take the place of Ben Smith who will now serve as an assistant district attorney for the 132nd Judicial District.

Cotton is a native of Scurry County and grew up in Dunn. He graduated from Snyder High School and Texas Tech University.

Cotton has served on numerous boards in the community including stints as Snyder school trustee, Cogdell Memorial Hospital board member, and the Development Corporation of Snyder.

He served as president of both the school board and hospital board.

He is currently an elder of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Cotton served as Scurry County clerk for 12 years until going into private law practice in 1966 when he purchased an interest in Snyder Abstract and Title Company.

Cotton, a director of West Texas State Bank, retired from full-time law practice two years ago.

For a number of years, he was the attorney for Midwest Electric Cooperative and is currently the attorney for Taylor County Electric Cooperative.

He and his wife, Jane Ann, have two grown sons, David of Snyder and Alan of Midland.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Snyder is blessed with many fine facilities, one being the Martha Ann Woman's Club located just south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Through the generosity of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cogdell Sr., the Martha Ann Woman's Club was dedicated on Sept. 30, 1956 to the women of Snyder.

The structure was a $150,000 contemporary building consisting of a long foyer, a main lounge, large auditorium with a two story ceiling, a covered patio, two club rooms, kitchen, service rooms and an office, built to serve 20 women's educational, cultural and civic clubs.

Mrs. Cogdell and her daughter, Jonisue, were both active club women and after much planning, Mrs. Cogdell called for a meeting of Snyder women in 1952 and said that she and her husband would donate land and money toward the building of a woman's club. They offered to pay for the building if the club women would pay for the professional decorating and furnishings.

The Cosmorama Club, still meeting in the clubhouse, started the work for a "furnishings fund" in 1953. They planned a Rodeo Queen contest that netted $7,000 the first year. The next year other clubs joined in the queen contest with an additional $17,000 earned. In 1956, the queen contest brought in $3,000 more and at the time of dedication, only $4,750 was needed for full payment of the decorating and furnishings. Founder, life and yearly memberships completed the amount.

The building was named in memory of the Cogdell's daughter, Martha Ann, who died at the age of 13.

Members of the first board of directors were Mrs. C.V. Thompson Jr., president; Mrs. Jack Bowden, vice president; Mrs. E.A. Brooks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jack Gore, recording secretary; and Mrs. J.R. Hicks, treasurer.

Present officers include Margaret Dillaha, president; Jan Harrell, vice president; Wanda Falls, recording secretary; Ann von Roeder, corresponding secretary; and Francene Noah, treasurer.

It takes many hours of women volunteering to keep the building attractive, comfortable and in good condition and financially able to accommodate club meetings, conventions, parties, receptions, recitals, reunions, school functions and other events.

Members of clubs and organizations that meet at and support the woman's club need "new, young blood" to continue the local organizations who for the most part support the youth of Scurry County.

Most clubs' purpose or object is a united effort toward intellectual and civic development and fellowship in doing so.

Within the last year several clubs have disbanded due to declining membership. One club that worked so hard for the woman's club beginning, the Cosmorama Club, has kept its membership up to its limit by immediately replacing a member who has had to resign.

We encourage the young women of Scurry County to make time, we say make time because they are busy working, keeping their children involved in extracurricular activities and making a home for their families, to become a member of an organization for its personal and civic benefits.

Grand jury indicts five persons Tuesday

Six indictments were returned by the Scurry County grand jury meeting Tuesday. One person was indicted twice.

Joe Luis Fuentez, 17, of 1078 Ennis Creek Road was indicted on two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

He is charged with stealing vehicles from Carolyn Stansell and Sebastian Rivera, both on Aug. 15.

Fuentez is out of jail on a $5,000 bond on each charge.

Two persons were indicted for assault concerning family members.

Raymond Medrano Vera Jr., 29, of 1303½ 23rd St. was charged with hitting a family member on Aug. 25. Vera is out of jail on a $5,000 bond. He has a previous conviction in Scurry County for a June 2000 offense of misdemeanor assault.

Baldemar Antonio Gonzales, 28, of 310 20th St. was indicted for the Aug. 5 offense of hitting a family member.

Gonzales remains in jail on a $5,000 bond and he also has a prior family violence conviction. Gonzales was convicted of family violence in Scurry County Court in September, 2000.

Belinda Jo Calloway, 36, of 2212 26th St. was indicted for the July 20 offense of driving while intoxicated.

Calloway, who is out of jail on a $5,000 bond, has previous DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1989 and in Martin County in 2000.

Sid Erick Rodriguez, 22, of 3118 Ave. T was indicted for the July 26 offense of theft. He is accused of stealing video game discs, cartridges and digital videodiscs from Video One on July 26. Rodriguez is in jail with bond set at $5,000.

SISD enrollment jumps

Snyder ISD has gained 67 students since the start of school on Aug. 19.

The first day of classes saw a total of 2,558 students on campuses, while Tuesday's total was 2,628.

Adding in the 23 students at Hobbs Alternative School, the total enrollment is 2,651.

SHS picked up a total of 38 students while five more enrolled at the junior high.

Current enrollment at the high school is 766 while 389 are enrolled in junior high.

There are 1,473 students enrolled in elementary school now as opposed to the opening day figure of 1,446.

At Hermleigh, the totals have not changed since the first school day as there are 112 students on campus.

Ira's total enrollment has dropped three students to 197 since opening day.

Demo Jeri Sloan...

Representative hopeful in Snyder on Thursday

Jeri Sloan, Democratic candidate for the District 72 state representative's post, will be in Snyder Thursday afternoon.

Sloan will be on the second floor of the Scurry County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m.

She is running against Republican Scott Campbell in the November general election for the state post being vacated by Rep. Rob Junell.

Texas poll: GOP leads statewide

By The Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry has emerged from a brutal TV ad battle well ahead of his wealthy Democratic opponent, but the governor's approval ratings continue to slide as the negative campaigning intensifies, according to a new poll.

The Scripps Howard Texas Poll shows Republicans leading in every major statewide contest.

In the governor's race, the poll gave Perry a 42 percent to 28 percent advantage over Democrat Tony Sanchez, with 25 percent undecided.

Half of those polled approve of the job Perry is doing, while 37 percent disapprove and 13 percent could not answer.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for weed control in the alleys in downtown Snyder?

A—Each individual business is responsible for its property.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 93 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low near 70; SE winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy; high near 90-95; SE winds 10-20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy; low 65-70.



Michael Garza
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.

Of 246 days in 2002, the sun has shone 239 in Snyder.

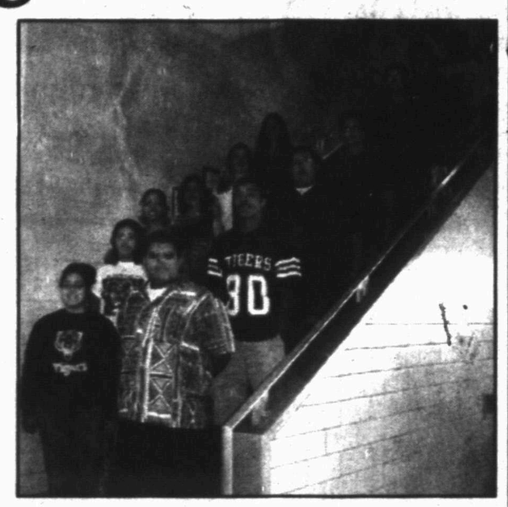
TODAY'S THOUGHT

Today is when everything that's going to happen from now on begins.
—Harvey Firestone Jr.

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Snyder High School





FOLLOWING TRADITION — Last Friday, Snyder High School's a cappella choir followed tradition when it sang the school song on the stairways near the office. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Families of Sept. 11 victims have college education fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton and former Sen. Bob Dole announced Tuesday they've raised $105 million to create a college fund for families whose relatives were killed or injured in the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Any victims' spouses or children — whether or not they're American citizens — can qualify," Clinton said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Several corporations and organizations donated money to the effort, along with 20,000 private contributors. Children of victims can apply for scholarships of up to $28,000, depending on their need.

"It doesn't need to be a four-year college. It can be pilot training, it can be cosmetology," Dole said. "We all thought it would be a good idea if we could do something for the next 25, 30 years. It's going to be a gift that lasts."

Dole said he and Clinton, rivals for the presidency in 1996, have mutual friends who led them to begin raising money for the college fund a few days after the hijacked planes crashed in New York, Washington and Somerset County, Pa., killing more than 3,000 people.

"We've reached our goal and we hope it's going to be a great program for the future," Dole said.

Dole and Clinton had aimed to raise $100 million for the scholarships, which will be distributed for years.

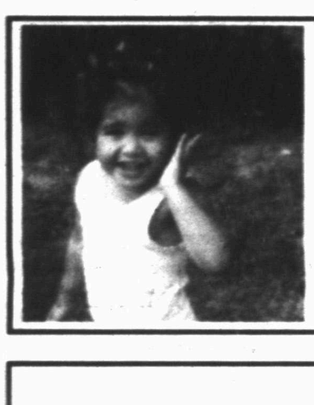
"There were a lot of women who were pregnant at the time, so this is going to go on for a long time," Clinton said.

The federal government has set up a separate compensation fund for victims' relatives. At least nine families have accepted checks averaging $1.36 million, from that fund.

Dole recalls that he was on his way to a Washington hospital when he learned of the attacks.

"It's going to be etched in our memories forever," he said. "You thought about it, you prayed about it. That's about all you could do."

Clinton learned of the events in Australia when a friend called him described watching the World Trade Center collapse. The White House sent a plane to bring him back to New York.



Happy 20th Birthday
Kelly Lynn Jasso
Love,
Mom & Dad
Ray & Jennifer

West Nile virus confirmed in death of one organ recipient

ATLANTA (AP) — The death of a Georgia woman in a car crash last month offered hope for many in the form of healthy organs. But the woman's donations may have proved deadly when the West Nile virus in her blood apparently killed one recipient and sickened others.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday an organ recipient died in Atlanta on Aug. 29 after receiving the Georgia woman's tainted organ.

Three other people also received organs from the woman. The CDC said two of them have the virus and have developed encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. West Nile has not been confirmed in the third person, who is recovering from a milder infection.

Health officials said the organ recipients could have contracted the virus from mosquitos, but it is unlikely. The cases are believed to be the first West Nile infections from a medical procedure.

Until now, the virus had been thought to be transmitted to people only through the bite of an infected mosquito.

The organ donor may already have been infected or may have gotten West Nile through blood transfusions in the emergency room after the crash, the CDC said.

The CDC was tracking about 60 blood donors whose products were used in transfusions to the Georgia organ donor before she died to determine if the blood products gave her West Nile, officials said.

Health officials stopped using the 60 donors' blood and said they were searching for about a dozen people who had already received blood products from those donors.

The news came as six potential West Nile deaths were reported in three states: Tennessee, Illinois and Kentucky. If confirmed by the CDC, the deaths would bring this year's toll to at least 37.

The CDC said a test to screen all blood and organ donations for the virus is not currently in the works. Researchers are still trying to come up with a quick blood test to detect West Nile in people already showing symptoms of it.

Patients now are diagnosed based on their immune response to the virus, a process that takes about 15 days.

CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said the first priority is a quicker test to diagnose West Nile before aiming to test all blood and organ donations for the virus.

"There hopefully will be a test someday, but it's not what we're working on now," he said.

Coming up with a quick blood test is a priority, said Dr. Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates the nation's blood supply.

The risk of catching West Nile through a blood transfusion is so remote some doctors wonder if it's worth screening for at all. If a screening test is developed, the FDA will consider it then, said Dr. Jay Epstein, the FDA's top official for regulating blood products.

"We're getting way, way ahead of ourselves. We don't even know for sure whether it's possible to transmit West Nile through transfusion or organ donation," he said.

Doctors outside the CDC said people in need of blood transfusions or donated organs shouldn't be alarmed by the recent infections.

Mosquito-borne diseases very similar to West Nile have been present in the United States for centuries, but doctors know of no cases where those diseases, such as St. Louis Encephalitis, were spread through medical procedures.

The CDC has documented cases where malaria was spread through blood donations, as many as 93 cases in one year, but blood donors already are turned away if they've recently had malaria or visited an area of the world where it's common.

The real danger in blood transfusions often comes from simple bacterial contamination or mishandling, so that's where the resources go in keeping the nation's blood supply safe, said Dr. Louis Katz, president-elect of America's Blood Centers, an association of independent community blood centers.

"On the list of things I'd be worried about going wrong in a blood transfusion, West Nile's way down at the bottom of the list," Katz said.

Donated blood is currently tested at least 11 times for various diseases, including HIV and two kinds of Hepatitis. Katz said doctors have debated whether screeners should ask donors whether they've been bitten by mosquitoes lately, but decided against it.

"We can't go there. That's been proposed, but we wouldn't have any blood left if we took out anyone had been bitten by a mosquito. That's crazy," he said.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002

Today is the 247th day of 2002 and the 76th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, Felipe de Neve, the Spanish governor of California, founded Los Angeles.

On this day in 1885, the first self-service restaurant in the United States opened in New York City. The restaurant was called the Exchange Buffet.

On this day in 1967, the final episode of "Gilligan's Island" went on the air.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francois Chateaubriand (1768-1848), writer and diplomat; Mary Renault (1905-1983), writer; Richard Wright (1908-1960), writer; Tom Watson (1949-), golfer, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1923, New York Yankee "Sad" Sam Jones hurled a no-hitter against the Philadelphia A's. New York won 2-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Men can starve from a lack of self-respect as much as they can from a lack of bread." — Richard Wright

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 30) and new moon (Sept. 6).

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-12-33-35
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Estimated jackpot: $800,000
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1-9-17-23-37
Pick 3
(Day) 5-2-6
(Night) 1-4-2

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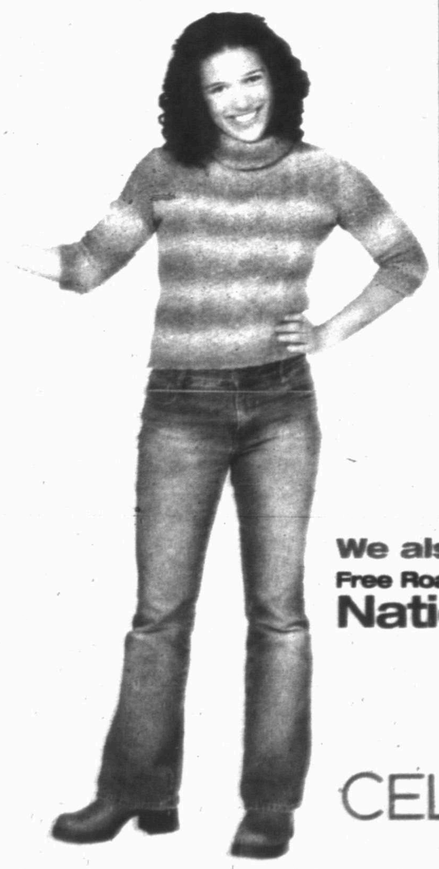
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Wisconsin storm victims face rebuilding

LADYSMITH, Wis. (AP) — The damage estimate from a powerful tornado that tore through this northwestern Wisconsin town topped the $20 million mark as state officials promised immediate funds, loans and National Guard troops to help rebuild the community.

Authorities estimate the tornado damaged between 130 and 150 buildings in Rusk County, destroyed 26 businesses and at least 17 homes. Thirty-seven people were treated for injuries ranging from lacerations to broken legs at area hospitals.

Still, the most amazing figure to some residents was the number of deaths — zero.

"Absolutely amazing," Rusk County Sheriff Dean C. Meyer said.

The Labor Day tornado struck Ladysmith, about 120 miles northeast of Minneapolis-St. Paul, churning a path of destruction about 14 blocks long by four blocks wide, Police Chief Norm Rozak said.

Winds reached speeds between 158 mph to 206 mph in the center of town, the National Weather Service said. The twister was on the ground for about 15 miles and knocked out power to 14,000 electricity customers.

"We're a small little town," resident Mandy Fuchs said. "It's the kind of thing you see in a movie, not in little old Ladysmith."

The tornado leveled a Baptist church and bent flag poles at 90-degree angles. Mounds of lumber and glass clogged the sidewalks and telephone phones hung suspended in their own wires. Along the Flambeau River, the twister overturned Jet-Skis and ruined docks.

On a crushed cherry red convertible with two two-by-fours driven through the windshield, someone had scrawled a message in the dust on the driver's window:

"For sale. Cheap."

City officials estimated the damage at $20.8 million.

"You just thank God nobody was killed," said Gov. Scott McCallum, who toured the area by helicopter Tuesday after declaring Rusk County a state disaster area. He made the same declaration for nearby Taylor County, where a school was badly damaged.

The governor plans to ask President Bush to declare Rusk County a federal disaster site, making the area eligible for federal assistance. Federal Emergency Management Agency inspectors are expected to tour the town by Thursday, a preliminary step before requesting federal aid.

McCallum said the county would receive $1.5 million in low-interest home loans, $1 million in low-rate financing for small businesses and $35,000 in immediate emergency assistance. He also promised grants for paint and other repairs should county officials request them.

Residents and business owners started picking at the rubble Tuesday and continued until the city-imposed curfew at 8 p.m. Rescue workers searched every building for victims but found none.

The buzz of chain saws filled the air after busloads of volunteers arrived to help residents board up windows, shore up awnings and cover holes in roofs with tarps.

Thirty-eight National Guardsmen were expected to arrive today to help with cleanup.

Krista Diedrich helped her parents pick through the debris in the front yard of their home, where the tornado blew out windows and overturned furniture.

"It's depressing," she said. "This is your hometown. You know that guy who lives there. You've been in that library. It's sickening."

Thompson recommends smallpox vaccinations for front-line workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services officials are recommending that smallpox vaccinations be given to about 250,000 to 500,000 people, including hospital and emergency workers most likely to see smallpox patients and special response teams in each state, officials said.

HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said he has sent his recommendation to the White House and is awaiting a decision from President Bush.

At issue is the likelihood that certain groups of workers would see an infectious smallpox patient versus the likelihood they would get sick, or possibly die, from the vaccine itself.

Officials caution that the numbers are still in flux and could change before a final decision is announced. The 250,000 to 500,000 figure was disclosed over the summer, and officials said Tuesday that it had not changed.

A final decision is expected this month, Thompson said.

Smallpox, a highly contagious and fatal disease, has been wiped out worldwide expect for specimens kept in laboratories. Experts fear terrorists could unleash the virus in an attack.

The proposed number of vaccinations is significantly more than the 10,000 to 20,000 recommended earlier this year by an advisory committee, which was worried by the vaccine's side effects. In its deliberations, the committee assumed that the risk of a smallpox attack is very low. A host of mathematical models made it clear that any one person faces a much higher risk of being hurt by the vaccine than being hurt by smallpox.

But Thompson said he has to assume that it's possible.

"My gut tells me you have to assume the worst right now with bioterrorism," he said Tuesday. He added that there has been considerable speculation that North Korea, Iraq and other hostile nations may have the virus.

At a bioterrorism advisory council meeting last month, Dr. Michael Osterholm, a close Thompson adviser, made a similar point. He said that last Sept. 10, experts would have said the risk of airplanes hitting skyscrapers was incredibly low.

Routine smallpox vaccinations ended in 1971, though some studies suggest that people who were vaccinated decades ago may still have some protection against the disease. Some have said all Americans should be given the chance to assess the risk of smallpox on their own and get the shot if they want it. But there appears to be little appetite among federal officials for that course.

Asked about that option in July, Bush said: "I worry about calling for a national vaccination program and that it could cause a loss of life."

Experts believe that one to two people will die for every million who get vaccinated.

Thompson also said he was worried that the nation still is vulnerable to an attack on its food supply.

"I still believe that is the area we are subject to a terrorist attack in the future and one that could cause problems," he said.

Overall, the nation is significantly better prepared for bioterrorism today than it was last fall, when the anthrax attacks hit, Thompson said.

"We are better prepared than we've ever been. We're getting stronger each and every day," he said.

But he singled out food inspections as an area of particular concern.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man's virtual cheating does real damage to his marriage

DEAR ABBY: I recently tried to retrieve my e-mail when my husband's e-mail account popped up. I noticed a few messages from one particular woman, and curiosity got the better of me. I opened them and discovered she and my husband have been chatting online. (His e-mail to her indicates they have "hot" conversations.)

When I confronted my husband, he said it only happened a few times. I told him it's a form of cheating. He insists it has nothing to do with his love for me — that it is a fantasy thing. I don't care for his explanation, and I'm taking it personally.

I can't forget the things I read and I'm considering ending our marriage. Because he is not carrying on a physical relationship with someone doesn't mean his online relationship isn't as damaging. Do you agree? — **BETRAYED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BETRAYED: Yes, I do. If your spouse is getting more off the Internet than information, you have every right to be upset. Your husband should be confiding his sexual fantasies to you — not to some stranger on the Internet. Before ending your marriage, first try marriage counseling to see if it can be saved.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Hank," and I are thinking about being married next year. I am currently 20 pounds overweight. Last night, Hank said he wants me to gain more weight after we are married. He said if I weigh 300 pounds, it will turn him on sexually.

Abby, I have never weighed that much in my life and I don't intend to start now. I think it would be very uncomfortable to be that heavy. Do you think I should end it with Hank before I get talked into something I don't want to do? — **SCALING BACK IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR SCALING BACK: Recent medical studies have shown that a weight gain of even a few pounds can negatively affect one's health. Bearing that in mind, I think you should accept the fact that Hank does not have your best interests at heart — and move on.

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DEAR ABBY: My family never had much money, so when I turned 16 I started working — giving up my holidays and summers. After graduating from high school, I decided to continue working full-time so I could live on my own and buy a car, rather than go to college.

I am now 22 and recently got laid off from my job of five years. The time feels right to finally complete my education.

My parents have been divorced since I was a baby, and my mother lives four hours away by plane. We talk on the phone once a week and are very close. Mom just got a job that pays well, and she's about to marry an extremely wealthy man who is also loving and kind.

When Mom and her fiance heard about my job layoff, he said he was more than willing to put me through college — and the two of them offered to support me financially while I attend school full-time. I feel deep gratitude for their generosity.

Abby, what is the proper way to thank someone who is being so generous? Sign me ... **THANKFUL IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR THANKFUL: Study hard and make them proud. And if they don't need to be repaid, extend that kindness and generosity to someone else in the future when you're well-established. Best of luck to you!

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Bridge

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	North 09-04-02	
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West		**East**
♠ 9 7 ♥ Q J 10 8 5 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ 8 3 2		♠ Q 10 8 6 4 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ K 4
	South ♠ A K 5 2 ♥ A K 7 ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ J 7	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002

Ducking is sometimes ideal

By Phillip Alder

Henrik Ibsen, in "The Wild Duck," wrote: "Don't use that foreign word 'ideals.' We have that excellent native word 'lies.'"

I suppose playwrights can get away with comments like that because no one from the audience is going to leap from her or his seat and provide evidence to the contrary.

In this deal, suppose you are sitting East. South is in three no-trump. Your partner leads the heart queen, and the North hand is tabled. Declarer wins with the heart king and immediately runs the club jack: two, five. How would you plan the defense?

North's jump to game is ambitious, but reasonable. If South has the courtesy to hold the club king, that is probably six tricks to the good guys. And surely — hopefully! — he can come up with three more winners from somewhere.

If West has led from ace-queen-jack-fifth of hearts, you should win with the club king and shoot back a heart. If West has king-jack-fourth of diamonds, a shift to that suit would be best. Here, though, as you can see, neither of these defenses works. Declarer has nine tricks.

West's club two ought to signal an odd number of clubs. If he has three, declarer began with only a doubleton. So, you should smoothly duck your king. True, if your partner discards when South continues with another club,, you will regret ducking — but that scenario is way against the odds. Here, though, if you duck at trick two, declarer will surely take a second club finesse and finish four down.

East's wild duck is the ideal defense — and that's no lie.

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Fire damages bridge in movie

WINTERSET, Iowa (AP) — The covered wooden bridge made famous by the movie "The Bridges of Madison County" was severely damaged in a fire, and authorities were investigating whether the blaze was intentionally set.

Only a charred shell of the Cedar Bridge remained after the Tuesday night fire. The decking collapsed into the creek below.

"There is no electricity to the bridge, there is no furnace, so yeah, it's suspicious," Madison County Sheriff Paul Welch said. "There is nothing there that would have initiated any fire on its own."

A passer-by had called the sheriff's office after seeing the bridge in flames. The state fire marshal's office is investigating.

Madison County has just five covered bridges remaining, all on the National Register of Historic Places, Welch said. Cedar Bridge, a 76-foot-long span built in 1883, was the last of the historic bridges open to traffic.

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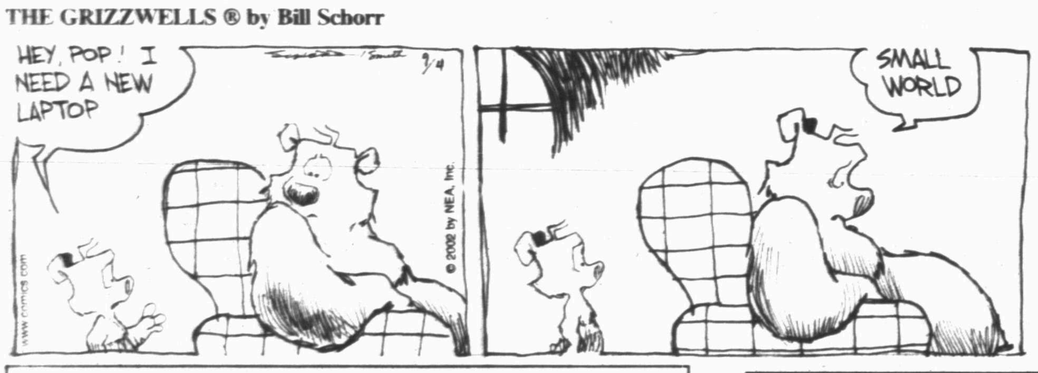
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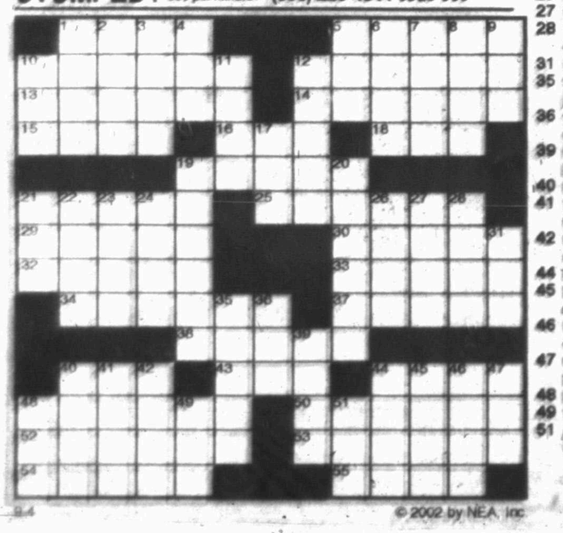
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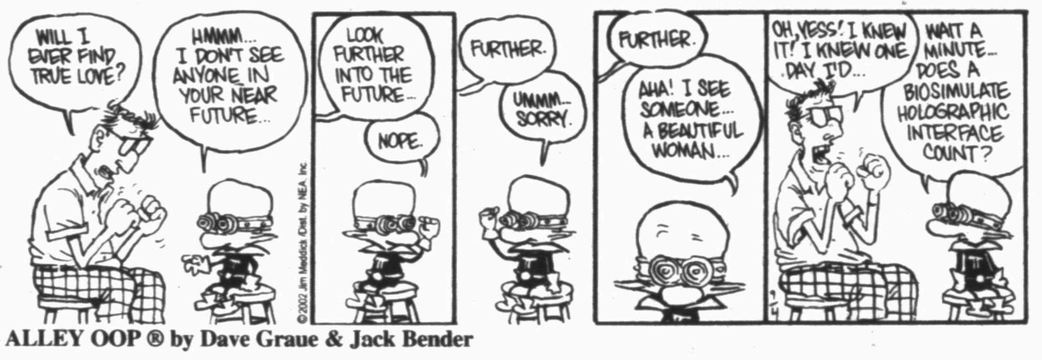
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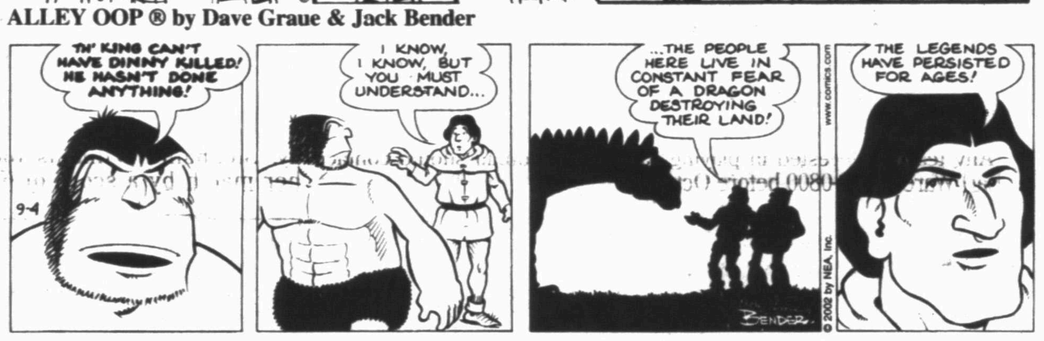
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SPORTS

Bulldogs ready for big season

Coming off an 11-1 season, the Ira Bulldogs won't have to wait long to see how they stack up against the best in the state.

"We had a lot of fun last year," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "But we need to think about this season."

Ira opens its season at defending state champion Whitharral Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Goodwin thinks the team is ready to compete against the reigning kings of Texas six-man football.

"With success comes high goals," he said. "With all the changes we've made, we think we can compete (with the best)."

Those changes include moving senior Eric Dickerhoff — the Bulldogs starting quarterback the last two seasons — to running back, and replacing him under center with freshman Wes Kellner.

"Wes is doing well," Goodwin said. "He makes some freshman mistakes, but he's doing a good job."

Ira has plenty of help returning this year in all-district running back and second-team all-state linebacker Josh Gutierrez and Dickerhoff, who led the state in interceptions last season.

"Both of these guys are playmakers," Goodwin said. "Josh is a force on both sides of the ball."

Joining Gutierrez and Dickerhoff is junior Jake Barnes, who Goodwin said is a wall as a blocker and is a threat going out on receiving routes.

Whitharral brings its own playmakers to the table, including co-offensive player of the year Brandon Hoskins. Goodwin said Whitharral is loaded on both sides of the ball, and are as strong as last year, having only lost three starters.

Whatever the outcome of the game, Goodwin said the opener would not decide the season for the Bulldogs. "We know it's early," he said. "And we know they are a good ball club."

Ira's junior varsity will see its first action when it heads to Blackwell Thursday at 6 p.m.



IRA BULLDOGS — The 2002 Ira football squad are, from left, front — Jordan Lollar, Kerry Jamison, Chris Dobbs, Caleb Gutierrez, Bubba Walker and Justin Taylor. Middle — Cody Lomax, Manny Garcia, Joel Lollar, Jess Wall, Roy Torres, Kevin Graves, Josh Gutierrez and Brandon Graves. Back — Head Coach Toby Goodwin, Michael Allen, Coby Appleton, Wes Kellner, Eric Dickerhoff, Jake Barnes, Tim Huddleston, Brandon Crane, Jeff Fine and coach Randy Jones. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rangers no-hit bid lost in ninth

BALTIMORE (AP) — This would have been one of the strangest no-hitters in baseball history.

Instead, it was just another near-miss for the Texas Rangers and another loss for the Baltimore Orioles.

Jerry Hairston hit a leadoff triple in the ninth inning Tuesday night, ruining Joaquin Benoit's bid to complete a combined no-hitter. Benoit came away with the longest save in major league history as the Rangers won 7-1 for the Orioles' 10th straight defeat.

Rangers starter Aaron Myette was ejected after throwing two pitches, and Todd Van Poppel followed with two sharp innings. Benoit then extended the no-hitter through the eighth before allowing the Orioles' lone hit.

"It would have been a very unusual no-hitter," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "I'm not sure a lot of guys knew there was a no-hitter until about the eighth inning."

Benoit knew but tried to shove the thought to the back of his mind.

"I really didn't think about it. If it's going to happen, it's going to happen," the rookie said.

This was longest outing resulting in a save — seven innings. The previous record was six, by Horatio Pina of the Rangers in 1972. Saves were first kept as a stat in 1969.

Benoit struck out four, walked none and hit two batters to earn his first big-league save. But it's Hairston's hit he will remember the most.

On a 1-2 count, Hairston hit a sinking liner that dropped in front of right fielder Carl Everett and rolled to the wall.

"I just wanted to have a good at-bat — put the ball in play, and hopefully it finds land," Hairston said.

It's the 21st one-hitter in Rangers history and the third time a Texas pitcher has lost a no-hit bid in the ninth.

Hermleigh team 'excited' for opener

The Hermleigh Cardinals football team gets its first test of the season when it heads to Lueders-Avoca for the season opener Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh will field only one senior this season, and Cardinals' head coach Don Jones said the young team is working hard to strengthen its fundamentals.

"We are improving," he said. "We aren't there yet, but we've improved over the first scrimmage."

Jones said the team is excited about getting onto the field, after suffering through a rough campaign in 2001.

"They are excited about playing. They were not very successful last year, and they want to make it better."

Sports Briefs

Snyder softball tournament

The Jesters will hold their inaugural U.S.S.S.A.-sanctioned softball tournament Sept. 20-22 at Winston Park. Entry fee is $125 per team. Contact David at 574-1729 or Henry at 573-4199.

Softball tournament

A softball tournament will be held in Stanton Sept. 20-22 at Tommy Walker Field. Entry fee is $110 per team. Contact Joe Reyes at (915)756-2126 or Jesse Montez at (915)756-3763 for details.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Sampras not done yet

NEW YORK (AP) — A sweat-soaked Pete Sampras seemed barely able to muster the strength to wave to the crowd after his victory. The 31-year-old Sampras powered 27 aces, was aided by his opponent's late double faults, and got past third-seeded Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5. It was Sampras' 200th Grand Slam tournament match victory.

Shaq schedules foot surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will have surgery on his right foot on Sept. 11, and could miss the start of the season.

UW gives coach extension, loan

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington and football coach Rick Neuheisel agreed on to a six-year contract extension, keeping him with the Huskies through 2008.

The university also gave him a $1.5 million loan, in addition to his annual university compensation of $1.2 million, athletic director Barbara Hedges said.

Mets end home-losing skid

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets ended their NL-record home losing streak at 15 by beating the Florida Marlins 11-5 in the second game of a doubleheader.

The Mets won for the first time at Shea Stadium since beating the Houston Astros 10-0 on July 31. Their 3-2 loss in 12 innings in the first game set the record for ineptitude at home, surpassing Boston's 14 in a row in 1911.

SHS tennis crushes Sweetwater Tuesday

Snyder netters dominated Sweetwater at Tuesday's dual meet, 17-2.

The Snyder girls swept the singles competition with Pat Vargas, Andra Dunham, and Kara Brumley holding their Sweetwater opponents without a point in their straight set victories. Afton Sutter won 6-3, 6-1, and Jackie Beccue cruised toa 6-1, 6-1 victory. Stephanie Williams took her match by a score of 6-2, 6-4.

The boys took five of six matches. Tanner Reed shut out his Sweetwater nemesis, and Horatio DePaz and Curt Phillips each lost only one set on their way to 6-1,6-0 wins. Matt Hale coasted to a 6-2, 6-1 victory, while Adam Rogers won 6-2, 6-2.

Snyder swept the girls' doubles matches, with Vargas and Dunham teaming up to take a 6-2, 6-0 win, and Jones and Brumley handling their oppoenets for a 6-1, 6-2 win. Beccue and Tiffany Sutter combined for a 6-2, 6-3 win.

Snyder also won the mixed-doubles competetion, with Hale and Williams splitting the first two sets with Sweetwater 6-3, 2-6, before polishing things off in the third set, 6-1.

Snyder will host Big Spring Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Chiefs QT will not face discipline

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs tackle Willie Roaf, who was arrested over the weekend for driving under the influence, will face no disciplinary action from the team.

Roaf was a key acquistion for the Chiefs this offseason. He had spent his entire career with the New Orleans Saints.

Scramble results

The team of Ben Greene, Eddie Benitez, Mark Glass and Shirley Hines shot a 58 to take first place in the Labor Day scramble at the Snyder Country Club.

Close behind in second place with a 59 were Elliot Cox, Carolyn Greene, Clayton Riley and Mike Tyrrell.

Volleyball team has tough day at Midland

The Snyder varsity volleyball team had a rocky day at Midland Tuesday, losing to Andrews 4-15 and 4-15 and dropping both games to Midland 6-15 and 5-15.

Head Coach Laura Moses said the first game started off with bad passing, and the mistakes snowballed into a rough evening.

"We had good hits and a decent defense," she said. "A mental error here and there and they all added up."

Moses said both Andrews and Midland had big front lines, and the team "got a little outplayed" in both matches. "We're not strong enough on top yet," she said. "But we did a lot of good things."

Next up for the spikers is a dual meet in Midland against Midland Lee and Monahans on Sept. 10.

MLB Standings

National League At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	87	50	.635	—
Philadelphia	69	68	.504	18
Florida	69	69	.500	18½
Montreal	68	70	.493	19½
New York	62	74	.456	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	77	61	.558	—
Houston	73	65	.529	4
Cincinnati	67	71	.486	10
Pittsburgh	61	78	.439	16½
Chicago	59	80	.424	18½
Milwaukee	50	89	.360	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	85	53	.616	—
Los Angeles	81	57	.587	4
San Francisco	78	59	.569	6½
Colorado	62	77	.446	23½
San Diego	59	79	.428	26

Tuesday's Games

Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 12 innings, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 5, 2nd game
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2
Houston 6, San Diego 2
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee (Figueroa 1-5) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 2-6), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 9-10) at Arizona (Johnson 19-5), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 12-12) at Atlanta (Moss 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 14-8) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 6-12), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 10-10) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 7-13) at St. Louis (Jam.Wright 6-13), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (Munro 5-2) at San Diego (Tomko 8-8), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 7-9) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 9-14), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Wolf 10-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-12), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Miller 8-3) at San Diego (Peavy 5-6), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 21-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 10-6), 10:15 p.m.

American League At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	50	.632	—
Boston	77	59	.566	7½
Baltimore	63	73	.463	21½
Toronto	60	78	.435	25½
Tampa Bay	47	90	.343	38

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	80	59	.576	—
Chicago	66	70	.485	11½
Cleveland	60	77	.438	19
Kansas City	55	83	.399	24½
Detroit	51	87	.370	28½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	87	51	.630	—
Anaheim	83	54	.606	3½
Seattle	81	57	.587	6
Texas	62	75	.453	24½

Tuesday's Games

Texas 7, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Detroit 4, Cleveland 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 4
Anaheim 10, Tampa Bay 2

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (Reed 12-7) at Seattle (Moyer 13-6), 6:35 p.m.
Texas (Myette 2-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 18-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 10-11) at Toronto (Walker 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Jar.Wright 0-3) at Detroit (Maroth 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 13-9) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-14), 7:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 15-10) at Oakland (Hudson 12-9), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas (Rogers 12-7) at Baltimore (Johnson 4-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Miller 6-4) at Boston (Wakefield 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 8-14) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-9), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

Thursday: Abilene Wylie vs. Frosh football, 5 p.m.
Abilene Wylie vs. JV football, 7 p.m.

Friday: WTC baseball at Odessa College, 2 p.m.
Tigers at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Six-man — Ira at Whitharral, 7:30 p.m.
Lueders-Avoca at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m.
Borden Co. at Meadow, 7:30 p.m.
JV Volleyball at Midland High Tourney, TBA
Varsity volleyball at Trinity Christian Tourney, Lubbock, TBA

Saturday: Vernon JC at WTC baseball, Scrimmage, 1 p.m.
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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bob Knight will pay $25,000 to a former assistant coach after signing an agreement in which he admitted to shoving Ron Felling in anger, Felling's attorney said Tuesday.

William Potter, Felling's attorney, said Knight agreed to the conditions last Friday after coming to Indianapolis for a mediation hearing.

"I think it was clear when we walked out that we had called his bluff," Potter told The Associated Press. "It harkens back to the playground, and when we called his bluff, he backed out."

Knight's attorney, Russell Yates of Denver, said late Tuesday that Knight agreed to the deal because it was a business decision.

Felling originally asked for $1 million, but Yates said their request continued to decline throughout the day. When the sum of $25,000 was proposed, Yates said he convinced Knight it would make more sense to accept the deal.

"By my estimate, it would have cost us about $100,000 to defend him in trial and win," Yates said. "So my position was how could you turn it down?"

Potter said Knight also agreed to cooperate with Felling in a lawsuit against Indiana, while Yates said he agreed only to give a deposition. Yates said he agreed to that because Knight could choose the time and place of the deposition so it would not conflict with his coaching at Texas Tech.

The suit, citing battery by Knight, alleges that the university was negligent in supervising its former coach.

University spokesman Bill Stephan said he was unaware of the details of the settlement. A message left at the Baker & Daniels law firm in Indianapolis, which is representing the university against Felling, was not returned.

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French scientist rediscovers skeleton

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An anthropologist has found the nearly complete skeleton of a Neanderthal infant in a French museum, where it was filed away in a drawer and forgotten after its discovery 88 years ago.

The skeleton is of a child thought to be 4 months old or younger who died 40,300 years ago. The fossil is missing only the shoulder blades and pubic bone, making it one of the most complete sets of Neanderthal remains.

The find, detailed in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, is important because it will allow scientists to further trace how Neanderthals developed as individuals, said Bruno Maureille of France's Universite Bordeaux.

Only a few hundred sets of Neanderthal remains are known and skeletons of juveniles are especially rare.

"It's not like finding a Renoir, but it's pretty important in terms of studying evolution," said anthropologist Clark Howell of the University of California at Berkeley, who is unconnected with the find.

Neanderthals originated in Africa and spread through Europe and Asia, only to vanish about 25,000 years ago. Scientists are unsure whether the primitive hominids were an evolutionary dead end or their line ended when they interbred with direct ancestors of modern Homo sapiens.

The bones were found in 1914 in sediments under a rock overhang along the Vezere river in an area of southwestern France rich in prehistoric sites. A 1921 study detailed the find, but the bones later vanished after they supposedly were sent to Paris.

Only two of the bones ended up in Paris. The rest, some still encased in sediment, remained at the National Museum of Prehistory in the town of Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac-Sireuil, where they sat until Maureille rediscovered them in 1996 while cataloging the museum's archives.

"They were not labeled. They were not identified. They were just in a drawer," Maureille said.

He identified the infant's remains by matching the sediments entombing part of the skeleton to those found at the site, known as Le Moustier.

Flint flakes and fossilized caribou, deer and other animal remains found with the bones were similar to those found at Le Moustier, Maureille said.

He later tracked down in Paris the arm and leg bone previously separated from the skeleton. Those bones had been misattributed to another site and mistakenly believed to make up half of the only known Neanderthal double burial.

They matched the Le Moustier remains perfectly, Maureille said.

Maureille still awaits carbon-dating results to confirm the age of the skeleton but said he is certain it is of Neanderthal origin.

Previously, scientists have extracted DNA from the 29,000-year-old remains of a Neanderthal baby to gauge how the hominid species differs genetically from modern humans. Maureille said he hopes to do the same with the rediscovered skeleton.

Lawsuit claims sex abuse occurred in Haltom City jail

HALTOM CITY (AP) — A former North Texas police employee is accused in a federal civil rights lawsuit of promising female inmates early release from jail in exchange for sexual favors.

Two complaints by female inmates against the ex-jailer could result in more criminal charges against the former Haltom City Police Department worker, authorities say.

Clint Wade Weaver of Azle, who was named in the lawsuit, is on probation after pleading guilty this year to a criminal charge of official oppression involving one of the women.

Papers filed in the lawsuit also name Haltom City, which is accused of negligence in hiring and training the 22-year-old Weaver as a jailer.

Two women from Tarrant County and another from Dallas County filed the lawsuit Friday, contending that they complied with the demands because they were intimidated.

The women are referred to in the lawsuit as Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3. The attacks occurred between September 2000 and March 2001, according to the lawsuit.

In the first, a woman who was in the Haltom City Jail for unpaid traffic violations contended that Weaver watched her undress in a jail restroom, then later ordered her to perform a sexual act on him in a break room. The lawsuit says Weaver threatened the woman if she told anyone.

A 25-year-old Weatherford woman at the Haltom City Jail in November 2000 on an outstanding traffic warrant says she was ordered to perform a sex act on the jailer in exchange for getting out of jail early, according to the lawsuit.

Twists of fate bring murder suspect and victims together

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — If not for a twist of fate, itinerant laborer Maximiliano Silerio Esparza's path might never have crossed with two orthodox Catholic nuns traveling around the Northwest.

Shortly after midnight Saturday, authorities said the three happened to collide. When it was over, Sister Lynn Chaska lay raped and dead on an asphalt bike path, strangled with her own rosary beads, and her colleague survived to wonder what God intended.

At the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission, night desk clerk Richard Arellano can't help thinking what might have happened if he hadn't told Esparza to leave that night.

"I feel kind of responsible, a little bit, because I feel if I let him spend the night here, it wouldn't have happened," Arellano said Tuesday. "But if I let him stay here, maybe he would have done it to my wife, or somebody else here. Believe me, I think about it. I lost quite a bit of sleep."

Now Esparza sleeps in the county jail, facing charges that could send him to death row. He is accused of murder, attempted aggravated murder, attempted murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse and assault.

Esparza checked in at the rescue mission Thursday afternoon, telling Arellano that he had come in on the train from Portland.

He signed in as Jesus Flores, but refused to show ID. The first night at the mission is free, so Esparza went to chapel, had dinner, took a shower and went to bed in the men's dormitory.

"He was very friendly and polite," Arellano recalled. "When he was out on the wall the first night he had cigarettes, and he was giving everybody cigarettes."

On Friday and Saturday, Esparza hit the streets looking for work. On Saturday, he returned to the mission after helping refurbish the bleachers at Lost River High School.

He asked to stay the night, but Arellano had to turn him down. Mission policy requires residents do four hours of kitchen work — and there was not enough time before lights out.

Arellano said he took a shower and left on foot. That was about 8 p.m., just as it was getting dark.

At around 10 p.m., exotic dancer Brooke Barry was doing her set at Cowgirls 3, a strip club, and noticed a man she later realized was Esparza sitting by himself.

"He came up to the stage, put up a couple of bucks, and sat down," she recalled Tuesday. "I get off the stage, collect my money, and go over to the bar. He offered to buy me a beer. I said, 'Sure, OK.'

"I tried talking to him a little bit, but it was hard to do," because Esparza's English was not very good. "I didn't want to talk to that guy again," she said. "I felt strange."

About that time, Sister Chaska and her colleague, members of the orthodox Catholic Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Bellevue, Wash., decided to take a walk down a canal bike path before bed, said prosecutor Ed Caleb.

They had spent the day at the Albertson's supermarket parking lot, raising money for their order by selling religious books, statuettes and rosaries. The pair are self-described traditionalist orthodox Catholics, and are unaffiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

"They told me they always liked coming to this store and this was one of their best stops where they made the most money," store manager Robon Evans said. "They loved Klamath Falls and loved the people."

From what the surviving nun later told detectives, Esparza was riding a bicycle when he came upon the two nuns. Police said he immediately head-butted one of them, and beat them both with his fists, knocking them to the ground where he held them by their rosaries, raped them both, then rode away.

Both nuns were wearing their blue habits when they were attacked.

From the surviving nun's description, police put together a sketch that they put on television and showed around town. Both Barry and Arellano identified Esparza.

"We don't understand why what happened happened, but it's all in His plan," the surviving sister told The Oregonian newspaper.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Rehab may lead to muscle pain

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having had open-heart surgery three years ago, I joined a local wellness group for rehabilitation. Everything went well until about a year ago when, while lifting weights, I suffered severe upper-arm pain, making it impossible for me to continue curls or any upper-body conditioning. My cardiologist prescribed physical therapy, which I enthusiastically followed — without benefit. My arms are still a problem. Why would the pain remain and what can I do?

DEAR READER: Weight lifting often leads to tendon inflammation (and other muscle abnormalities) that can be chronic, distressing and difficult to cure. Such a scenario is especially common in older adults whose muscles may easily be injured, stretched or inflamed by an aggressive rehab program.

For example, I know several cardiac patients who developed bicepital tendonitis (inflammation of the arms' biceps tendons) from weight training and, in some cases, the pain lasted more than a year despite physical therapy. In such instances, I worry that the tendons may have been torn.

Therefore, I suggest that you be checked by an orthopedic surgeon; you need a diagnosis and advice. If you have torn tendons, intensive therapy (perhaps surgery) may be necessary. On the other hand, if the tendons have merely been over-used and are inflamed, the specialist may prescribe ultrasound therapy with cortisone cream, a method that I have found to be enormously successful in treating bicepital tendonitis.

While you await resolution of your arm problem, don't forget to continue a regular exercise program. Lower-body weight training, swimming, brisk walking and cycling are excellent substitutes for an upper-body workout.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you recommend Monistat cream for treatment of vaginal infections?

DEAR READER: Only if the infection is caused by a yeast. Monistat (miconazole) cream and vaginal suppositories are an effective treatment for yeast (candida) vaginitis. However, Monistat and similar anti-fungal agents are not appropriate therapy for other types of vaginal infection, such as bacterial vaginitis. Therefore, before beginning treatment, doctors usually attempt to identify the source of the infection by examination and smears/cultures of the discharge, which always characterizes the disorder. Once the offending agent has been identified, appropriate therapy can be prescribed.

That's the standard medical approach. Let me suggest an alternative, which may be more useful for you.

If you have a history of yeast vaginitis, are a diabetic or are overweight, have been using antibiotics, or note that your vaginal discharge is painful, "cheesy" and malodorous, you probably have candida. In such circumstances, I recommend Monistat. This is available without a prescription.

On the other hand, if your answers to the above questions are "no," you should check with your family physician or gynecologist.

Here's why. Several years ago, a lovely woman consulted me about a foul-smelling vaginal discharge. She had none of the risk factors for yeast that I mentioned above. During the examination, I removed an old tampon that had been present for weeks. The problem was solved. Obviously, it would have been inappropriate for her (or for me) to recommend Monistat. Yeast wasn't the problem; a lapse in personal hygiene was.

So, again, Monistat is great therapy for yeast vaginitis — but not for other gynecological disorders.

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

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BellSouth	22.79	21.90	22.75	+1.00
BurlNoSFe	28.36	27.80	27.92	—.02
Caterpillar	42.83	42.26	42.47	—.16
ChevronTex	73.00	70.20	70.99	—1.41
Citigroup	30.25	29.24	29.58	+.19
CocaCola	50.75	50.00	50.65	+.73
ColgatePal	53.48	52.86	53.36	+.68
CmclMetals s	18.85	18.73	18.73	—.12
ConocoPhill	52.95	50.80	50.95	—1.75
Cooper Inds	31.68	31.25	31.51	+.17
DaimlrChry	41.20	40.30	40.73	+.86
DeltaAirl	17.05	16.71	16.82	—.23
Dillards Inc	24.32	23.76	23.91	+.31
DowChem	29.88	29.54	29.60	+.09
DuPont	39.38	38.54	38.82	—.06
EastmanChem	44.65	43.89	43.89	—.15
EstlKodak	29.15	28.52	28.85	—.30
EDS Corp	38.50	37.67	37.93	—.58
Entergy	41.90	40.64	40.98	—.60
ExxonMobil	33.96	32.52	32.94	—.68
FootLocker	9.30	9.15	9.18	—.07
GenDynam	76.80	74.06	75.83	+1.26
GenElec	28.96	28.42	28.60	+.14
GenMills	41.25	40.90	41.04	—.07
GenMotors	46.15	45.29	45.72	+.17
GaPacific	20.55	20.11	20.30	—.16
Goodrich	20.10	19.55	19.76	—.08
Goodyear	12.80	12.52	12.61	
GtAtlPac	10.33	9.98	9.98	—.03
Halliburtn	14.10	13.30	13.55	—.25
Hanson ADS	29.75	29.56	29.69	+.05
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KinderMorg	40.48	39.82	39.95	+.10
Kroger Co	18.24	17.72	17.88	—.03
LockheedM	63.75	62.40	62.78	+.40
Lowes Cos	41.34	40.75	41.05	+.02
Lucent				
LucentTech	1.90	1.81	1.83	+.04
MarathonOil	24.08	23.51	23.61	—.38
MayDeptStr	28.72	28.15	28.27	—.56
Medtronic	40.24	39.70	39.91	+.08
Mirant				
NCR Corp	27.55	26.80	27.17	+.09
Navistar	24.24	23.55	23.56	—.20
PNM Rescs	21.28	20.76	20.80	—.32
Penney JC	17.00	16.60	16.65	—.35
PepBoys	13.90	13.70	13.80	—.05
PepsiCo	39.18	38.40	38.88	+.61
Pharmacia	42.90	41.65	42.12	+.72
PhelpDodge	30.20	29.55	29.69	—.37
PilgrmPrd B	9.54	9.40	9.40	—.08
Praxair	54.80	53.55	54.12	+.47
ProctGamb	87.32	86.52	86.91	+.37
RadioShack	21.35	20.87	20.87	—.27
ReliantEngy	11.75	11.10	11.27	—.08
RoyalDut	42.20	41.51	41.81	—.85
SBC Comm	24.20	23.40	23.99	+.89
SaraLee	18.28	17.98	18.24	+.32
Scripps EW	69.68	68.95	69.15	+.08
SearsRoeb	44.18	43.35	43.74	—.16
SherwinW	27.10	26.35	26.71	+.32
SouthernCo	28.55	27.83	27.91	—.36
SwstAirl	13.90	13.42	13.69	—.25
SprintFON	10.93	10.73	10.85	+.25
SprintPCS	3.93	3.68	3.70	—.06
Sunoco Inc	34.52	33.16	33.22	—1.11
TXU Corp	46.54	45.18	45.51	—.80
Templeinland	50.29	49.30	49.71	+.32
Texind	27.43	26.95	27.34	+.29
Texasinst	19.31	18.71	19.00	+.48
Textron	37.77	36.76	37.34	+.08
Trinityinds	17.56	17.26	17.29	—.02
TylerTech	3.71	3.55	3.70	
UnionPacf	60.98	60.01	60.06	—.29
USSteel	13.20	12.90	12.98	+.03
UnitedTech	57.25	55.65	57.18	+.50
Unocal	32.33	31.51	31.80	—.42
VerizonComm	30.07	29.36	29.91	+.55
WalMart	52.16	51.04	51.19	—.68
WellsFargo	51.45	50.85	50.93	—.17
WstnGasRs	33.05	32.19	32.30	—.37
WinnDixie	15.25	15.01	15.10	—.03
Xerox Cp	6.74	6.63	6.66	—.10
YumBrands s	29.95	29.53	29.85	

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Bush administration rewriting regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has yet to approve President Bush's "faith-based initiative," but the administration is preparing to rewrite federal regulations and hand out millions of dollars for social services to religious groups.

At the Department of Health and Human Services, a new pot of money is aimed at helping small churches and other religious groups break into government grants. Officials say there's no problem using tax dollars for a program in which prayer is central, a point that Congress has refused to endorse.

The administration takes a broad view of the constitutional separation between church and state. If tax dollars are used for secular elements of the program — like a computer or a van — the rest can have a religious base, said Robert Polito, director of the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

"We wouldn't be called the faith-based office if we weren't trying to see how we can partner with the faith community," he said. "We don't have to take the temperature of the religiosity of the program."

At the same time, the director of the White House faith-based office, Jim Towey, said no decisions have been made about the guidelines. No matter what, the government will not pay for prayer, he said.

"We are going to comply with federal law," Towey said Tuesday. He allowed that there are gray areas about the law but added, "We are certainly going to be very zealous to make sure people aren't preaching on Uncle Sam's dollar."

Congressional action on Bush's effort is stalled over these questions: How much religion is too much when government money is involved? Can government pay for secular elements of a program that also includes religion? Should government-funded religious groups be able to consider religion in hiring?

The House approved a bill with most of what Bush wanted. In the Senate, however, supporters have failed to get a vote on even the watered-down version of the bill they introduced.

In the meantime, HHS is writing rules on its own, and other agencies are preparing to do the same.

"It would be great to have legislation, but there's a ton of stuff I can do without it," Polito said.

Critics are upset.

"The administration seems to say, 'We couldn't get the votes in Congress, so we're going to hijack every dollar we can and move it into faith-based ministries,'" said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

At the Department of Housing and Urban Development, officials are set to rewrite regulations governing eight grant programs that now bar religious groups if they are unwilling to hire people of all faiths. "That creates an impediment to faith-based organizations that's unnecessary," said Steven Wagner, director of HUD's "faith-based" office.

Education Department officials say a new federal law on after-school programs allows groups to use religion in their hiring decisions. That prompted protests from Democrats who say they specifically barred this discrimination under a carefully negotiated compromise.

"Unfortunately, the department's draft guidance interpretation ... effectively nullifies this compromise language," Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. George Miller of California, top Democrats on the Senate and House education committees, wrote to Education Secretary Rod Paige.

Initiatives also are advancing at the Justice and Labor departments. However, the effort is moving most dramatically at HHS, where there is new money to spend.

Last year, Congress allocated $30 million for technical assistance to help religious groups learn how to apply for government money.

HHS added a twist when it invited applications for the money. The groups that win large grants can pass unlimited amounts of them to small religious groups, which may use the money for startup costs and "operations" — in essence, running programs to address a wide range of social problems with no congressional guidance on the church vs. state issue.

Even the House bill, which included much of what Bush wanted, would require that programs separate their religious elements, so those who wish to participate in the secular part alone can do so.

HHS is making no such requirement, said Polito, who ran an urban ministry in New York before coming to the agency. He said that without congressional permission, HHS may not have the power to require a separation.

Further, Polito said, programs need not open their work force to people of all faiths and they need not set up separate corporations to handle the government money, although the department recommends it.

He said HHS plans to award 25 grants out of 562 applicants by the end of September.

It all makes for a "giant faith-based slush fund," Lynn said. The program was never supposed to be funding individual churches, he said. "I think that's a real scandal."

Some prison programs are now treating female rapists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tonya Payne got four years in jail for luring a 15-year-old boy into her trailer and raping him, exposing him to the AIDS virus.

When she gets out this week, she says, she will be a changed woman — thanks to a sex offender treatment program Tennessee recently began offering to female inmates.

"If I hadn't had the treatment, I would definitely classify myself as being at high risk to do it again," Payne said.

Payne is among five inmates at the Tennessee Prison for Women to graduate from the prison's first therapy program for female sex offenders, a two-year program that ended in July.

Such programs are widely offered to men who commit sex crimes, but they have been almost unheard of for women. Texas and Kentucky are among the few states that provide counseling for female rapists.

Payne went through two-hour sessions five days a week that included group therapy on topics such as anger management and victim empathy. She also received help with her history of sexual abuse and drug and alcohol addiction.

Payne said counseling helped her come to terms with being sexually abused as a child by her stepfather, getting married at 13 and contracting HIV through casual sex.

"I started looking at what in life made me who I was. I hadn't dealt with it," Payne said. "I'm not going to say my old issues are what caused me to rape my victim. I just didn't like me."

"Our goal is no more victims," said Genella Phillips, an instructor of the Tennessee prison. "We work to identify their belief systems, the consequences and strategies to help them change their behavior."

Between 35 and 40 female sex offenders are held in Tennessee prisons at any given time. Some 3,000 men are imprisoned for sex crimes in the state.

Nationally, there were 300 women serving time for rape in 2000 and 900 more for other sexual assaults, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

The state of Texas recently completed its first 18-month program, treating 15 female sex offenders. Kentucky began its program in 1986 after legislators passed a law requiring treatment for sex offenders.

Montgomery County added to 'killer bee' quarantine list

CONROE (AP) — Montgomery County has become the 144th county in the state to be added to the so-called "killer bee" quarantine list.

The quarantine, announced Tuesday, restricts the movement of commercial bee operations following the detection of Africanized honey bees in the southeast Texas county just north of Houston.

The Africanized honey bees were discovered after a worker was stung at Cedar Break Park in Montgomery, about 15 miles west of Conroe. The worker recovered and park officials removed the wild bee colony from a hollow tree at the park. A sample from the colony was sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station, where the sample was positively identified.

The quarantine allows beekeepers to move hives within but not out of the zone, which includes more than half of Texas' 254 counties.

The Africanized bee was first detected in the United States near Brownsville in October 1990. Since then, the bee has spread, through much of the state.

Africanized honey bees also have been found in Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/2/01	LAST WEEK 8/26/02	THIS WEEK 9/2/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	13.92	17.26	17.02
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	12,484	18,228	17,763
PERCENT FULL	6.22	9.09	8.85
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		1.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/2/01	LAST WEEK 8/26/02	THIS WEEK 9/2/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	44.50	40.40	40.06
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	56,537	42,916	41,900
PERCENT FULL	10.93	8.30	8.10
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.20

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/2/01	LAST WEEK 8/26/02	THIS WEEK 9/2/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.97	29.11	28.80
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	269,980	227,414	224,224
PERCENT FULL	48.70	41.02	40.45
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8/26/02 8/20/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 9/2/02 8/270/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 9/2/02 8/27/02
BIG SPRING	6,285,714	6,542,857	7,400,000
ODESSA	27,571,857	29,474,143	32,490,000
SNYDER	3,330,000	3,549,000	4,006,000
SAN ANGELO	17,611,857	17,528,714	18,658,000
STANTON	64,714	101,286	147,000

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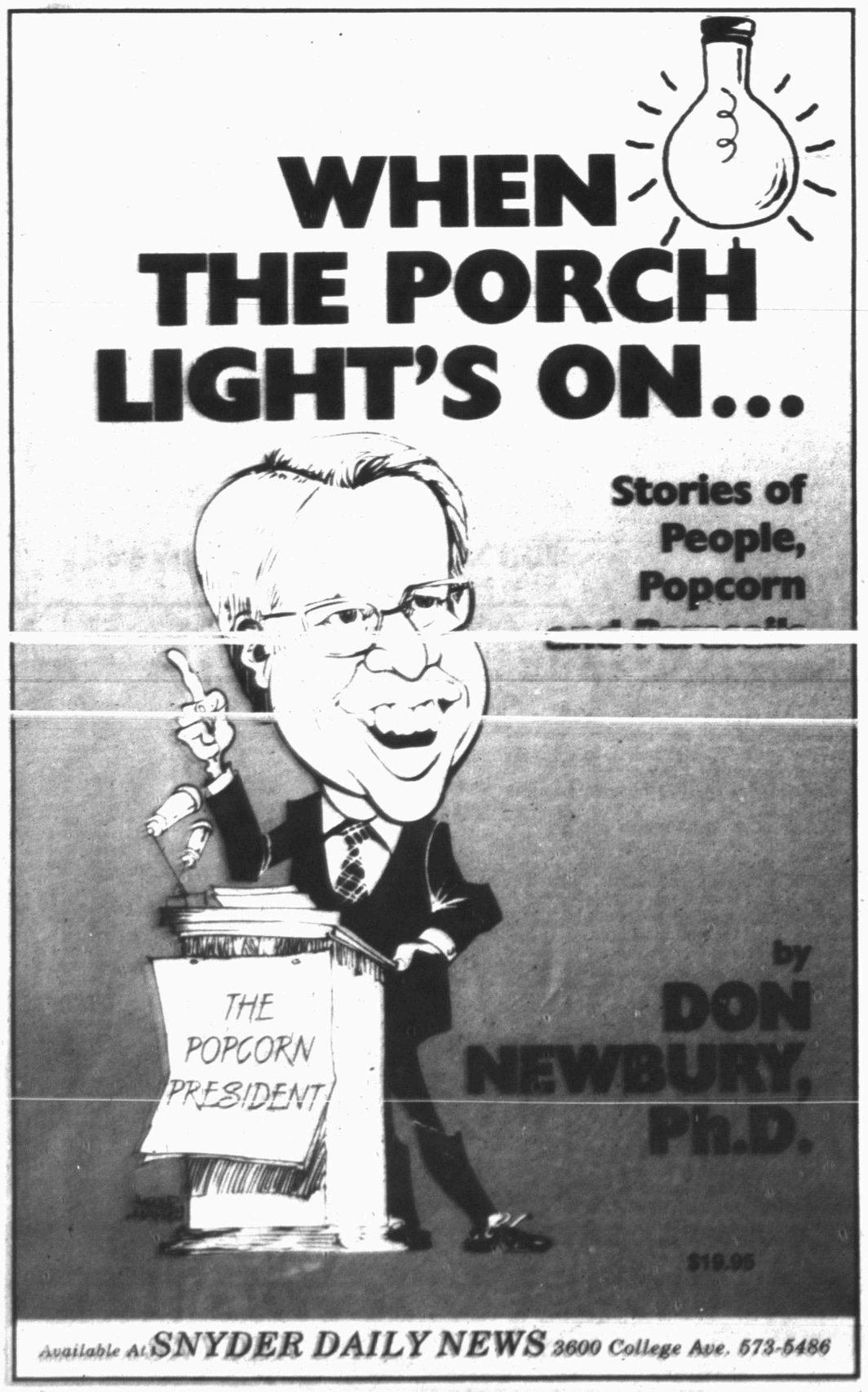
The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 757 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 29, sale. Cows were $1-$2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 32-40
Canner and low cutters: 28-33
Slaughter bulls: 40-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 78-88
600-700: 73-78
700-800: 70-77.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-100
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 72-80
600-700: 70-75
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-82
700-800: 64-73
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 675-775
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 400-675
Baby calves: 75-175
Doodlers: 200-290

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 813 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Aug. 28, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers were steady to $2 higher. Feeder heifers were steady to $1 lower. Slaughter cows were steady to $20 higher. Slaughter bulls were steady. Cow and calf pairs were steady to $40 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 104-109
400-500: 85-94
500-575: 80-84
600-700: 78-80
700-750: 75-79
800-850: 71-74.50
Feeder heifers:
575: 78-79
600-700: 72
700-800: 73-75
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 2-8 months: 430-635
2-5 months: 250-420
Cow & calf pairs: 625-790
4-6 years old: 400-620
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 33-35
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 36-38.50
1150-1350 Lbs.: 40-42.50
1000-1250 Lbs.: 33-36.50
800-1000 Lbs.: 31-35.50
Under 750 Lbs.: 26-30.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1010-1650; 40-44
High Dressing: 48-50.50
Low Dressing: 40-40.50



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Texas community roots for finalist on 'American Idol'

BURLESON (AP) — One name has been buzzing around town for weeks, showing up on marquees outside businesses, posters at the high school and even on cars across town.

"Kelly! Kelly!" was the chant Tuesday night at Burleson Pizza Co., where a sign in front reads: "Kelly, our hometown idol."

"Everyone around here knows who Kelly is, so they don't have to use her last name," said Pete Smith, the pizzeria's owner.

But this town of about 27,000 residents some 10 miles south of Fort Worth isn't alone in knowing about 20-year-old Kelly Clarkson.

The Burleson High School graduate was voted by Fox television viewers as one of the top two finalists in the summer series "American Idol: Search for a Superstar."

Some 10,000 hopefuls flocked to tryouts across the nation earlier this year and only a small percentage got to compete in California. The field was narrowed to three groups of 10 competitors, and viewers eliminated a performer each week.

The winner, who will receive a $1 million recording contract, was to be announced in the show's finale today from 7-9 p.m. CDT.

Burleson High School — where Clarkson performed the lead in the production of "Brigadoon" her senior year — was planning to hold a party in the gym for hundreds to watch the show.

The doe-eyed power vocalist Clarkson and heartthrob Justin Guarini, 23, of Doylestown, Pa., each performed three songs Tuesday night, and television viewers were to call in and vote for their favorite performer after the broadcast.

"Everybody's pretty confident she's going to take it all the way," Smith said. "Now that it's down to the wire, everybody's really excited and getting into it that a young, small town girl from Burleson is going to be a national symbol."

Even if Clarkson doesn't win the competition, she will remain an inspiration to many in Burleson and is likely to have a successful career from this exposure, residents said.

"It doesn't make any difference to anybody in the community, her family or friends if she doesn't win," said Burleson High Principal Richard Crummel. "She will have all kinds of independent (record) offers and will have to sit back and decide what to do next."

Marine's family told she has slim chance to survive storm

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — South Texas family members of a Marine missing after a typhoon in the Pacific are holding out hope that she is alive.

Maria Rising of Ben Bolt, cousin of Lance Cpl. Beatriz Rodriguez, said Tuesday that officials told a family member that Rodriguez has about a 5 percent chance of surviving.

Her family said Rodriguez, a 20-year-old former Ben Bolt resident, is in excellent condition and a good swimmer.

"She had just told us they were teaching her water survival skills," Rising said in a story in today's Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "That's why we are still hoping."

Rodriguez was with her boyfriend, Lance Cpl. Thomas Gordinier, 22, and friend Lance Cpl. Richard Moore, 24, when they were pulled under by waves in Okinawa, Japan, on Friday. Gordiner washed to shore alive, and the other two were missing.

The missing Marines were presumed dead, Japan Coast Guard official Masayoshi Iranima said Monday.

South Korea's National Disaster Prevention and Countermeasures Headquarters said at least 88 people were killed and 70 missing in flash floods and landslides caused by Typhoon Rusa over the weekend.

It was the worst typhoon to hit South Korea in 40 years.

Rodriguez has been stationed in Okinawa for more than a year along with her brother, Jose Alejandro Rodriguez. Rising said Rodriguez's job with the Marines was learning water purification.

Ben Bolt is 43 miles southwest of Corpus Christi in deep South Texas.

Man dies after whale jumps into boat

PORT SAN LUIS, Calif. (AP) — A whale suddenly breached and crashed into the bow of a fishing boat, killing a restaurant owner on board.

Jerry Tibbs, 51, owner of Mr. Tibb's Ribs in Bakersfield, was aboard his boat The BBQ on Sunday when the whale hit and tossed him into the sea five miles off Port San Luis. Three other fishermen stayed aboard the damaged boat, which was towed to shore by the Coast Guard.

Tibbs and his three friends were just ending a day fishing for albacore when the accident occurred.

After more than 18 hours of searching, Tibbs' body was found Monday afternoon.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002

There is a strong possibility that in the year ahead you will take on some kind of teetering enterprise and transform it into a profitable venture. It will involve something that has considerable interests for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Make performing first and talking later your motto today. You will be successful at fulfilling your worthy ambitions, because you won't be prematurely tipping your hand to competitors. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even if you are undergoing a situation that is challenging your lifestyle, you are up to the task of taking it on and rendering it harmless today. The results are all that matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The magic potion for curing what's troubling you is to think victory and then behave accordingly. Drink of this and your chances for achieving your objectives are excellent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today, heed the counsel of someone who likes you. Although it might be a tough pill to swallow, it will be quite beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A situation at work that has been bugging you will start to change for the better today. However, you still have to be a bit patient, because it may take time to appreciate all its advantages.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take positive measures today to shore up and strengthen a relationship that needs some tending. Any action on your part to do so will be welcomed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Mainly because of your tenacity and determination today in overcoming the difficulties you've been encountering, it looks like everything will work out as you'd like.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A blend of a firm hand and a soft touch will be needed in management situations today. Assert your authority in a way that doesn't get everyone riled up in the process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's important to utilize your fundamental business instincts today, even when dealing with family finances. How well you handle them will reflect on the welfare of the clan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The dependable, responsible attitude you emit in all your undertakings today will serve as an inspiration to your companions, as well as to your loved ones. You'll be their role model.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not fret over anything today, especially finances. Those clouds on the horizon are merely obscuring your view of the rainbow and pot of gold that exist behind them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't be surprised if friends and associates seek you out as the one to lean on today when they have a problem. They see you as the strong one who has answers beyond their scope.

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Student in trouble for taking photographs of police cars

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — College student Mohammed Budeir says he enjoys taking photographs of police cars. An FBI warning and Sept. 11 sensitivities may soon put an end to his hobby.

Budeir, 21, a U.S. citizen of Syrian descent, was charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct after Willistown Township police said they found him in their parking lot taking photos without permission on two days in August.

Willistown Police Chief Hugh Murray said the FBI issued a warning in late July to watch for people taking photos of emergency vehicles. Murray said Budeir "made no attempt either day to come to our station and talk to me or anybody else and say, 'This is my hobby, do you guys mind?'"

Budeir, a Villanova University student, did not return a phone call Tuesday, but his attorney, Richard Meanix, said the student merely wanted the photos for his collection.

There is a thriving online community of former officers and civilians who are interested in police vehicles. Thousands of photos of police cars, both vintage and late-model, are posted on the Internet on dozens of Web sites.

Ed Sanow, author of "Encyclopedia of American Police Cars" and numerous other books on the subject, said he does not know of any other hobbyist getting arrested for taking photos.

Nevertheless, Sanow said he always asks for permission, even if the police car is on a public street.

In Budeir's case, "common sense would tell you, stop at the front gate. I've done that and have been granted immediate access to the fleet, as have dozens of my fellow police car enthusiasts," said Sanow, editorial director of Law and Order Magazine.

Others say police are being heavy-handed.

Dave Arnold, a former Colorado police officer and proprietor of www.copcar.com, an Internet site with 6,000 police car photos, said a hobbyist should have to ask permission only if the car is parked in a police garage, a fenced-in lot or some other secured place.

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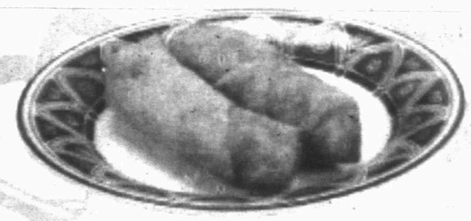
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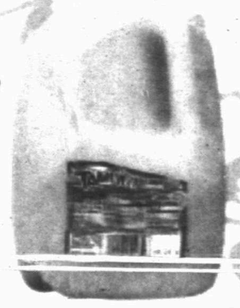
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Israel expels relatives of terror suspect

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel expelled two Palestinians from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip on today — a court-sanctioned step hailed by the military as a powerful deterrent against suicide bombings and condemned by human rights groups as a violation of international law.

It marked the first time Israel uprooted relatives of Palestinian terror suspects.

Intisar and Kifah Ajouri — brother and sister of an explosives expert who had dispatched two suicide bombers to Tel Aviv — said they were blindfolded by Israeli troops and driven in two armored vehicles into Palestinian territory.

Troops used back roads to avoid a large group of journalists waiting at the main crossing into Gaza. The armored vehicles dropped the pair in an orchard — an area where four Palestinian civilians were killed by army fire last week.

Intisar Ajouri said that inside the armored vehicle, soldiers asked her to keep her head down. "They drove us for about 20 minutes," she told a news conference in Gaza City. "Suddenly they took us out of the tanks and freed our hands and we found ourselves in the middle of a farm planted with figs and grapes."

"We walked until we saw a farmer," Intisar Ajouri said. "We asked him where we are. He told us that we are in a very dangerous place where four Palestinians were killed last week. The farmer told us, 'hurry, hurry before they (soldiers) shoot you,' " the woman said.

The Israeli military said the two had each been given $212 as an "adjustment grant" for their two-year exile in Gaza.

Israel's Supreme Court paved the way for the expulsions when it decided in a landmark ruling Tuesday that the military can force relatives of Palestinian terror suspects out of the West Bank, as long as it proves they pose a security threat.

Expulsion are seen by the Palestinians as severe punishment. Palestinians live in extended families, are deeply rooted in their communities and are much less mobile than people in Western societies.

Human rights lawyers say they fear the expulsions are the beginning of a creeping population transfer to Gaza, which is fenced in and much easier for Israel to control. All suicide bombers in the past two years have come from the West Bank, where Palestinians can still reach Israel on back roads despite closures.

The court ruled that Intisar and Kifah Ajouri helped their brother, Ali Ajouri, dispatch two suicide bombers to Tel Aviv on July 17. Three foreign workers and two Israelis were killed in the attack. The judges said Intisar sewed the bomb belts and Kifah stood watch as his brother moved explosives between hiding places. Ali Ajouri was killed in an Israeli military strike Aug. 6.

Bush to consult leaders in Congress about Iraq action

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged today to seek congressional approval before taking action against Saddam Hussein, and told wary U.S. allies their "credibility is at stake" as they decide whether to back his plans.

The president said he would huddle at Camp David this weekend with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, virtually alone among overseas leaders in supporting Bush's intent to see Saddam overthrown.

"Saddam Hussein is a serious threat. He is a significant problem and something the country must deal with," Bush said after meeting with congressional leaders at the White House. "Doing nothing about that serious threat is not an option for the United States."

Congressional leaders said they would vote before the Nov. 5 elections on a resolution about what to do about Iraq. Military action is not a done deal, they said.

One of the things Congress and the administration will discuss, said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, are "ways of dealing with this short of military power."

"We're hoping for more information and greater clarity in the days and weeks ahead," said Daschle, D-S.D.

Fresh off a monthlong working vacation in Crawford, Texas, Bush opened what he said would be a series of consultations with lawmakers and U.S. allies, including a speech to the United Nations next week that he said would build on his case against Saddam.

"Today, the process starts," Bush said.

"At the appropriate time, the administration will go to the Congress and seek approval for the necessary (steps) to deal with the threat," Bush said.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said she told Bush he had to be honest about the prospects for a prolonged U.S. occupation of Iraq. "We have to level with the American people that, in addition to everything else, we are talking about a long occupation of Iraq," she said.

Asked if he was giving Congress veto authority, Bush said he was confident he could work with lawmakers on the issue.

Though he billed next week's U.N. speech as an important outline of his intentions, Bush would not say whether he would issue Iraq an ultimatum or whether he would demand weapons inspectors be admitted to the nation.

"This issue is not inspectors. The issue is disarmament," Bush said.

Obituaries

Roy Hallman

1914-2002

Andrew Roy Hallman of the Inadale community died Tuesday, Sept. 3, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. Hallman, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Blake Westbrook, grandson-in-law of Fritz, Tex., will officiate. Interment will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born Feb. 23, 1914 in Mitchell County, he married Loreta Williams on Jan. 19, 1946 in Scurry County.

Mr. Hallman was a lifelong resident of the Inadale area and a retired farmer.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Max Hallman; and a sister, Mae Wheeler.

Survivors include his wife, Loreta Hallman of Inadale; a daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie Joyce and John Dever of Coahoma; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Royce Walker of Sweetwater, Billy and Kay Hallman of Sweetwater, Rodney and [illegible] of [illegible] Ariz., and Jerry and Mary Hallman of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Robin Hallman, Kyle Hallman, Scott Hallman, Gregg Hallman, Jeff Dever, Johnny Dever and James Dever.

Reporters smuggle knives on airlines

NEW YORK (AP) — Reporters investigating airport security were able to smuggle small knives and pepper spray through checkpoints at 11 U.S. airports during the Labor Day weekend, the Daily News reported today,

The reporters carried utility knives, rubber-handled razor knives, a pocket knife, a corkscrew, razor blades and pepper spray through every airport security checkpoint they encountered, the newspaper said.

CBS News crews also tested security screeners last week, although they did not attempt to smuggle banned items through checkpoints. They carried bags lined with lead to block X-rays and sailed past about 70 percent of screeners at several airports nationwide.

The Daily News said guards X-rayed and hand-searched its reporters' bags, asked them to remove their shoes and checked photo identifications, but did not find the banned items.

The airports included the four at which the terrorists boarded flights on Sept. 11 last year: Newark International, Boston's Logan International, Washington Dulles International and Portland International Jetport in Maine, the News said.

The other airports were New York's La Guardia and Kennedy airports, Chicago's O'Hare, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Santa Barbara, Calif.

"We have a lot of work to do," Leonardo Alcivar, a spokesman for Transportation Secretary.

Deranged man stabs children in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A deranged man attacked kindergarten children with knives at a church cafeteria today, wounding 10 of them in a half-hour rampage that ended only after police moved in with tear gas.

Television reports showed blood spattered over the tables, dishes and floor of the cafeteria. Chairs were tossed about. Half-eaten dishes were stained red.

"In my dreams, I heard a voice saying that my wish will be fulfilled and I will live only if I kill many people," the man — identified only by his last name, Hwang — later told police. "I kept hearing the voice even when I was awake."

M&M Electronics hit by burglars Tuesday

• ***Burglary***

Snyder police are investigating a burglary that occurred at M&M Electronics early Tuesday. Leroy Thrower reported the break-in just before 1 p.m. Tuesday.

A police spokesman said the burglars pried a side window open to gain entry and took electronic equipment.

• ***Arrest***

A 32-year-old man was arrested just before 1 a.m. today in the 2400 block of Ave. R for driving while intoxicated, his second such offense, and for carrying a prohibited switchblade knife.

• ***Accident***

Officers responded to the scene of an accident at Coliseum Dr. and Ave. E at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday. Involved in the mishap was a 1993 Fleetwood Bounder RV driven by Billy Burnitt, 64, of Orange and 1989 Ford Ranger driven by Minas Burditt, 78, of 3406 Ave. E. No injuries were reported.

• ***Theft***

Lila Cantrell requested a deputy at 1546 Dorsey Ave. Tuesday morning and reported someone stealing two flags from the location. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

• ***Grass fires***

Snyder firefighters responded to two grass fires Tuesday and both were contained quickly. The first was reported at 9:37 a.m. at the Covered S Ranch on U.S. 84 with eight firefighters responding [illegible]

At 7:47 p.m. another small fire was reported in the ditch at the intersection of Ave. E and U.S. 84. Thirteen firefighters responded with one fire truck and quickly extinguished the flames.

• ***Criminal trespass***

Officers issued a woman with a criminal trespass warning Tuesday to stay away from another female, who requested the warning.

• ***Close patrol***

A woman reported someone knocking on and hitting her front door at 12:46 a.m. today in the 2400 block of 40th Street and officers initiated a close patrol of the area.

• ***Gas drive off***

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off at 3:40 Tuesday afternoon but had no description.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office has rescheduled regular trips to Snyder. Reps will next be at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 p.m. Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Golf team car wash

SJHS golf team will have a car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is a donation.

PDU car wash

The Price Daniel Unit will sponsor a car wash from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at United. The car wash will benefit the State Employees Charities Campaign.

Word Is Life revival

The Word is Life Deliverance Church will have a revival Sunday through Tuesday. Sunday times: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekdays at 7 p.m. Isaiah Reed is the evangelist.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Annual fall round-up

First Christian Church, 2701 37th Street, will have its annual fall round-up from 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 through Monday. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the lounge in the front hallway. All parents are invited.

Retired teachers fellowship

Scurry County Retired Teachers will have an ice cream fellowship at 7 p.m. Monday in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will a second CPR course, CPR for Health Care Providers, Tuesday and next Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Alzheimer's support group

An Alzheimer's meeting for caretakers, family members and interested persons will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold its Jamaica celebration Sunday, Sept. 22. The event will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. There will be food, volleyball, live music and the event is a fundraiser for the church.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext 290.

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